

Descendants of Richard Ward

Generation No. 1

1. RICHARD¹ WARD died 1762 in Lunenburg County, VA. He married MARY JOHNS 02 May 1759 in Lunenburg Co, VA.

Notes for RICHARD WARD:

Richard Ward of Lunenburg County, VA wrote his will on 17 Nov 1759. In it, he names his son, Benjamin, and daughter Tahpenah(?). His wife, Mary, received 350 acres of land in Lunenburg between William Fuqua and Lennard Ward, six slaves (Bowser, Harry, Modesty, Dick, Annis, Moll) and personal property. He mentions an unborn child and bequeaths to that child land in Chesterfield and Lunenburg and slaves, and the slaves left to his wife after her death. Executors were Seth Ward and Perrin Allday. This will was recorded 2 July 1762. (1)

Perrin Allday was appointed guardian to Richard Ward, orphan of Richard Ward, 1 Jun 1767. (3)

On 2 July 1781, Richard Ward for natural love and affection, gave Catherine Ward six slaves (James, Will, Ben, Rachel, Sukey and Ann). (4) On the same date, Richard Ward of Charlotte, unable to transact his own business due to weakness of understanding, placed his property in trust with John Ward and William Ward. This included a two hundred acre tract adjoining Samuel Fuqua and Joseph Ward, another tract of 159 acres adjoining Sackville Brewer and Paschal Greenhill and slaves (Harry, Fill, George, Shadrack, Moll, Modesty, Sall, Lilla, and Modesty's child). If Richard died without issue, the estate to go to his only sister, Catherine Ward. (5) The date of this instrument places Richard's birth as 1760, with his sister Catherine born later.

On 18 Feb 1820, William Brown and Catherine, his wife, of Person County, NC sell to Francis Vaughan of Charlotte County the smaller tract of land "conveyed by Richard Ward dec'd to the said Catherine who was Catherine Ward." (6) A second tract was sold 14 Nov 1825.

(1) Lunenburg County VA Will Book 1:341. Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lunenburg, Virginia

(2) E.R. Matheny, Marriage of Lunenburg County, VA 1746-1853 (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979) 128

(3) Charlotte County VA Order Book 1:250 in Magazine of Virginia Genealogy Vol. 25, No. 3, p. 14.

(4) Charlotte County VA Deed Book 4:252. Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Charlotte Court House, Virginia.

(5) Charlotte County VA Deed Book 4:253-255.

(6) Charlotte County VA Deed Book 15:294-295.

Children of RICHARD WARD and MARY JOHNS are:

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 - i. CATHERINE² WARD, b. Abt. 1761, Lunenburg County, VA; d. 1836, Person County, NC.
 - ii. RICHARD WARD, b. Abt. 1760, Lunenburg County, VA; d. Charlotte County, VA.

Generation No. 2

2. CATHERINE² WARD (RICHARD¹) was born Abt. 1761 in Lunenburg County, VA, and died 1836 in Person County, NC. She married WILLIAM BROWN 02 Dec 1782 in Charlotte County, VA. He was born Abt. 1758, and died 23 Feb 1828 in Person County, NC.

Notes for WILLIAM BROWN:

William Brown bought a tract of 500 acres in Caswell County, NC for 50 shillings per hundred acres in 1779 "on both sides of Harts Hillsborough Road and on the waters of Stony Creek, Tom's and Country Line Creek" adjoining Henry Williams. (1) On 18 Aug 1787 William was granted 504 acres in Caswell County "on both sides of Tom's Creek" adjoining his first land, Henry Williams and Morton. (2)

The will of William Brown, filed in Person County in 1828, names his wife Catherine, sons William and Samuel and daughters Polley Pleasant, Patsey Huston, Salley Yarbrough, and Frances Lipscomb. (2)

(1) Land Grant #82, Caswell County, NC

(2) Final Grant, Book 68, page 82, File #884, Caswell County, NC

(3) Person County NC Wills and Inventories Book 11:64. County Clerk's Office, Roxboro, NC

Person County Heritage, Vol I, p. 72. Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church is located in west central Person County, a short distance to the north of Highway 158 near Leasburg and the Caswell County line. Records show that William Brown, a minister, was connected with this church from 1793 to 1828. In all probability he was her first pastor. In the Register of Deeds office, Person County, Book D, p. 27, is recorded a land grant for 7 acres of land, dated Dec 20, 1805, and issued to James Jay, George Huston and Barnett Lea, "trustees for the Rev William Brown's church. In earlier days, a church or meeting house was often called by the name of its pastor.....

Other early ministers listed in association records as connected with this church and who probably served as pastors there, are Stephen Pleasant 1828-1832.

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Person County Heritage, Vol I, p. 99. Wheeley's Primitive Baptist Church, first service July 3, 1791. This property is located on SR 1102 about one mile south of Gordonton, 12 miles south of Roxboro on Hwy 49 South.....Elder Brown was the first Pastor mentioned in the minutes of September 1806. On April 1828, Stephen Pleasant of Ebenezer Church was called as pastor and accepted until he withdrew and formed a church at Clement about 1832.

Children of CATHERINE WARD and WILLIAM BROWN are:

- 3. i. MARY "POLLY"³ BROWN, b. 24 Apr 1785; d. 17 Apr 1867, Person County, NC.
- ii. SAMUEL BROWN.
- iii. MARTHA BROWN, m. ZARA HOUSTON, 06 Sep 1814, Person County, NC.

- iv. SARAH BROWN, m. JOHN YARBROUGH, 23 Feb 1819, Person County, NC.
- v. WILLIAM BROWN.

Generation No. 3

3. MARY "POLLY"³ BROWN (CATHERINE² WARD, RICHARD¹) was born 24 Apr 1785, and died 17 Apr 1867 in Person County, NC. She married STEPHEN PLEASANT 14 Sep 1799 in Person County, NC, son of SARAH PLEASANT. He was born 12 Jan 1779 in Surry Co, VA ?, and died 28 Nov 1852 in Person County, NC.

Notes for MARY "POLLY" BROWN:

Mary Brown Pleasant's estate was administered by a son-in-law, John J. Ellison. The bond was filed in Person County, 17 Sep 1867. ?? Reade and E.S. Winstead were securities. (1)

(1) Person County NC Wills and Estate Papers 1663-1978. US/CAN Film 1977407

More About MARY "POLLY" BROWN:

Burial: Clement Baptist Church Cem, Person County, NC

Notes for STEPHEN PLEASANT:

Although much research has been done on the Pleasant family by many people, the father of Stephen Pleasant is unknown, as are any details of his early life. No guardian records were found in Caswell or Orange County by the NC Archives staff. (per Christine C. Sanders, Dallas, TX)

Stephen Pleasant joined the Baptist Church in 1799 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Person County, NC. He married Mary Brown about this time, daughter of a Baptist minister. Stephen seems to have been a planter until 1824 when he engaged in the ministry. (1)

Stephen is on the 1810 census of Person County, NC, p. 685 with 1WM 10-16, 1 WM 26-45, 1 WF -10, 1 WF 26-45 and 1 slave. He is on the 1820 census of Person County, NC, p. 136 with 2 WM -10, 2 WM 10-15, 1 WM 26-44, 1 WF - 10, 1 WF 10-15, 1 WF 26-45 and 2 slaves. On the 1830 census of Person County, NC, p. 29, he has 1 WM -4, 2 WM 10-14, 1 WM 50-59, 1 WF -4, 1 WF 5-9, 1 WF 15-20, 1 WF 40-49 and 7 slaves. In 1840 in Person County, p. 277, he has 1 WM 10-14, 1 WM 20-29, 1 WM 60-69, 1 WF 5-9, 1 WF 10-14, 2 WF 15-19, 1 WF 50-59 and 13 slaves. Stephen is on the 1850 census of Person County, p. 434/268 with the following:

Stephen Pleasant/71/M/W/Baptist Clergyman/4500/Born NC

Mary Pleasant/65/F/W/Born NC

Frances Pleasant/23/F/W/Born NC

John L. Pleasant/22/M/W/Overseer/Born NC

Stephen Pleasant died intestate (without a will) in the fall of 1852. His estate was probated, and the surviving children were named in the estate records. They are William B.(rown) Pleasant, Willis Pleasant, John Ellison and wife Martha, Thomas K.(ilgo) Glenn and wife Catherine, Ruffin G.(olson) Pleasant, Stephen B. Pleasant, Romulus Woods and wife Mary, Joseph Abbott and wife Frances, John L.(andis) Pleasant. (3) In 1853, Willis and Stephen B. were living in Perry County, Alabama, the

Woods in Greene County, Alabama, Ruffin in Union County, Louisiana, and the Abbotts in Union County, Arkansas. (4) John Landis Pleasant later moved to Asheville, NC.

- (1) Gravestones, Clement Baptist Church, Highway 49 South, Person County, NC
- (2) Brief History of Clement Baptist Church, 135th Anniversary Yearbook Directory, Hurdle Mills, NC, 1965
- (3) Person County estate records, 1795-1920, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina
- (4) Person County NC Deed Book S:215-216, County Clerk's Office, Roxboro, North Carolina

Until 1830, the only church in the community was Wheeler's/Wheeley's Primitive Baptist Church. The missionary belief was being discussed, and this resulted in a division of the church. Stephen Pleasant led the movement to organize a missionary church separate and apart from Wheeler's/Wheeley's. Through his influence, Nathaniel Norfleet donated three acres of land for the purpose of erecting Clement Church near the present village of Bushy Fork. The Rev. Stephen Pleasant became the first pastor. Under his leadership, the church grew and prospered and became a member of the Beulah Baptist Association of which Stephen Pleasant was the founder. A monument was erected at his grave at Clement Cemetery by Bethel, Mill Creek, and Clement churches. (2)

Person County Heritage, Vol I, p. 68. Stephen Pleasant was the founder of our Beulah Baptist Association. He was born in 1779 and entered the ministry in 1824. He received some literature concerning missions and sought to distribute it, only to find much opposition. In fact, it was so severe that he had to leave the Primitive Baptist Church or denounce his belief in missions.

With strong convictions and deep faith, he left the Primitive Baptist Church and led in the formation of the Clement (Missionary) Baptist Church in 1830. He was enabled to gather three small churches which sympathized with him in his doctrines, and was able to organize the Beulah Association. He served as Moderator until his death in 1852.

A stone has been erected at his grave in the Clement Baptist Church cemetery.

Person County Heritage, Vol I, p. 70. Clement Baptist Church was founded in 1830 by Rev. Stephen Pleasant. About this time, some tracts and pamphlets concerning the missionary belief were distributed among the members of Wheeley's Primitive Baptist Church. This resulted in a division in the church. Through the influence of Mr. Pleasant, on March 21, 1830 a deed for three acres of land was donated by Nathaniel Norfleet (see notes for the Norfleet family as they pertain to the Milner's) for the purpose of erecting Clement Church.

The 50 year old Mr. Pleasant became the first pastor, and the church grew under his leadership. A few years later, Rev. Pleasant founded the Beulah Baptist Association, an organization of some 33 churches today. Clement has been a member of that association since its beginning. A lasting tribute was rendered Rev. Pleasant a few years ago in the erection of a monument at his grave site in the Clement cemetery by

the Beulah Baptist Association.

The first building was on the opposite side of Highway 49 south from the present structure, where the cemetery is now. In 1887 land of the present building site was acquired and a new sanctuary was built. Then in 1938, the present structure was moved back from the highway 160 ft and a basement was put under the building for Sunday School rooms. A wing was added in the 1950's to house the educational plant, library and offices, with kitchen and recreational facilities in the basement.

Discipline played a very important part in the early life.....

More About STEPHEN PLEASANT:

Burial: Clement Baptist Church Cem, Person County, NC

Children of MARY BROWN and STEPHEN PLEASANT are:

4. i. WILLIAM BROWN "BILLIE"⁴ PLEASANT, b. 11 Aug 1804, Caswell County, NC; d. Aft. 1870, Caswell County, NC.
- ii. MARTHA B. PLEASANT, b. Abt. 1809; m. JOHN ELLISON, 24 Mar 1829.
- iii. WILLIS MONROE PLEASANT, b. Abt. 1810; m. PIETY PARRISH; b. Marion, Alabama.
5. iv. KATHERINE W. PLEASANT, b. Abt. 1813.
- v. JOHN M. PLEASANT.
- vi. SARAH PLEASANT.
- vii. RUFFIN GOLSON PLEASANT, b. 1817, Person County, NC; d. 1865, Louisiana; m. ROSANNA MOORE, Perry County, AL.
- viii. STEPHEN B. PLEASANT.
- ix. MARY A. PLEASANT, m. POMULUS WOODS.
- x. SOPHIA PLEASANT.
- xi. JOHN LANDIS PLEASANT, m. CORNELIA LAWRENCE.
- xii. FRANCES PLEASANT, m. JOSEPH ABBOTT.

Generation No. 4

4. WILLIAM BROWN "BILLIE"⁴ PLEASANT (MARY "POLLY"³ BROWN, CATHERINE² WARD, RICHARD¹) was born 11 Aug 1804 in Caswell County, NC, and died Aft. 1870 in Caswell County, NC. He married NANCY ANN MILNER 22 Nov 1825 in Person County, NC, Witness William W. Brown, daughter of ALLEN MILNER and PRISCILLA NORFLEET. She was born Abt. 1808 in Nansemond County, VA, and died 11 May 1847 in Caswell County, NC.

Notes for WILLIAM BROWN "BILLIE" PLEASANT:

Son of Rev. Stephen Pleasant and Mary Bown.

More About WILLIAM BROWN "BILLIE" PLEASANT:

Burial: Caswell County, NC

More About NANCY ANN MILNER:

Burial: Caswell County, NC

Children of WILLIAM PLEASANT and NANCY MILNER are:

- i. WILLIS A⁵ PLEASANT, b. Nov 1827, Person County, NC; d. 1895, Milam County, TX; m. ? MARY C. SMALL, 1878.
- ii. PRISCILLA PLEASANT, b. 1829, Person County, NC.
- iii. JACOBINA EUNICE "BINNIE" PLEASANT, b. 24 Dec 1830, Person County, NC; d. 1893, Henderson, Vance

- County, NC; m. WILLIAM ALONZA HARRIS¹, 25 Apr 1853.
- iv. CATHERINE WAITE "KATIE" PLEASANT², b. 13 Mar 1832, Person County, NC; d. 16 Jun 1908, Person County, NC; m. GEORGE (THOMAS) VILLINES³, 18 Dec 1851, Person County, NC; b. 05 Aug 1832, Person County, NC; d. 29 Oct 1862.

Notes for CATHERINE WAITE "KATIE" PLEASANT:
Twin to Jennett/Janett Pleasant married William Warren Wrenn (1)

(1) 1850 Census Person County NC, family #1057

More About CATHERINE WAITE "KATIE" PLEASANT:
Burial: Berry's Grove Baptist Church, Hurdle Mills, NC

- v. JENETT PLEASANT, b. 13 Mar 1832, Person County, NC; d. 05 Apr 1899, Person County, NC; m. WILLIAM WARREN WRENN⁴, 15 Oct 1853, Person County, NC; b. 05 May 1812, Came to Virginia in 1824 from Ireland; d. 10 Dec 1889, Person County, Roxboro, NC.

Notes for JENETT PLEASANT:
2nd wife of William Warren Wrenn
Twin to Catherine Waite Pleasant Villines
Granddaughter of Rev. Stephen Pleasant

More About JENETT PLEASANT:
Burial: Wrenn Cemetery, Roxboro, Person County, NC

Notes for WILLIAM WARREN WRENN:
William Warren Wrenn was born in Ireland and came to Virginia in 1824 when he was 12 years old. His father, an Englishman, left England and travelled to Ireland where he married ?Elizabeth. After the Irish Elizabeth died, William Warren Wrenn's father, brother and himself left Ireland and came to America. Warren Wrenn settled in Person County two miles south of Roxboro near NC 49. It is speculated that Warren's father may have been Francis or James Wren/Wrenn and his brother, John Franklin Wren/Wrenn (1798-1869) who moved to Wrens, GA.

William Warren Wrenn owned land which was later given by his son, Samuel Younger Wrenn, for a church and school. The church was named after Warren and is presently called Warren's Grove UMC. His home was located approximately three hundred yards behind the church and is still in existence today. He also provided for the Wrenn cemetery located in front of his home and is maintained today by the Wrenn family.

Sybil Wrenn Jackson of Sanford, NC, great-granddaughter of William Warren Wrenn, has in her possession a printed tribute to Warren Wrenn dated December 1889 as follows:

"In loving remembrance of Warren Wrenn. There is no death! What seems so is transition; this life of mortal breath is not a suburb of life elysian, whose portal we call death. A precious one from us has gone, a voice we heard is stilled. A place is vacant in our home which never can be filled. God in his wisdom has recalled the boon his love had given; and though the body moulders here; the soul is safe in heaven."

William Warren Wrenn began to spell his name "Wrenn." His last name has been spelled both ways, Wrenn and Wren in recorded documents in the Person County Courthouse and in the Archives of history, Raleigh, NC. It is not known how or why "Wrenn" has become the accepted way of spelling in this area. -- Vance W. Wrenn, Jr.

The history of Warren's Grove UMC begins near the year 1900 when religious services were held at Warren's Grove school; a one room house built at the home of William Warren Wrenn as a school for his and neighboring children. Later this school came under the jurisdiction of the Terrell school system, was closed in 1929, with the property being deeded to the church, which continued to use the name of the original owner.

The first meetings in the school were composed of people of four denominations - Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, and Primitive Baptist. How often any one preacher was in charge of the services is not known, but it seems from the beginning that the Presbyterians and Methodists were more prevalent than the others.

At one time, it was thought that the school house congregation might become Presbyterian because of the influence of James Caroway Wrenn (son of William Warren Wrenn, b. 1812) who was a splendid musician and a Presbyterian. This did not happen, the Presbyterians concluded their ministry and participation in 1930.

Two men names "Arch" figure prominently in the church history, both men loved and respected for their leadership and devotion to duty. One "Arch" is Arch Hamlin, the first steward and first trustee. The second "Arch" is Arch Wrenn who was also steward until the 1930's. He was succeeded by Ralph Long who became

Sunday School superintendent and served in that capacity for 30 years..... Samuel Arch Wrenn was the grandson of William Warren Wrenn.

More About WILLIAM WARREN WRENN:
Burial: Wrenn Cemetery, Roxboro, Person County, NC

- vi. EMILY PLEASANT, b. 18 May 1835.
- vii. ELIZABETH JUSTINE PLEASANT, b. 1837.
- viii. STEPHEN W PLEASANT, b. Abt. 1839, Person County, NC; d. 1899; m. SARAH ELIZABETH LUNSFORD, 13 Jan 1868.
- ix. ALVIS LEA PLEASANT⁵, b. 03 Jan 1842, Person County, NC; d. 25 Feb 1926, Milam County, TX; m. SARAH BETT "SALLIE" PATTERSON, 28 Dec 1873, Germantown, Shelby, TN; b. 23 Sep 1856, Tennessee.

Notes for ALVIS LEA PLEASANT:
Served 13th NC Regiment, Co D, Confederate, enlisted 1 May 1861, captured at Farmersville, VA in April 1865, released at Norfolk, VA on 25 June 1865.

- x. JOHN (?THOMAS) PLEASANT, b. 1844; d. 12 Jun 1847.
- xi. WILLIAM HAYWOOD PLEASANT⁶, b. 18 Sep 1846, Caswell County, NC; d. 1910; m. GEORGIA ANN HUBBARD, 1876, Caswell County, NC; b. 15 Dec 1857; d. 1931.

5. KATHERINE W.⁴ PLEASANT (MARY "POLLY"³ BROWN, CATHERINE² WARD, RICHARD¹) was born Abt. 1813. She married THOMAS KILGO GLENN.

Children of KATHERINE PLEASANT and THOMAS GLENN are:

- i. STEPHEN⁵ GLENN.
- ii. PATTIE GLENN.

Endnotes

1. Person County Heritage, Vol I, p. 257.
2. 1850 Census, Person County NC, Family # 1057.
3. [Http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=37987491](http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=37987491).
4. Person County Heritage, Vol I, p. 463, Vance W. Wrenn, Jr..
5. Christine (Chili) Sanders
6. Ruby Pleasant Chandler