

CHAPTER 11

Hiram Jordan Gardner

Hiram Jordan Gardner was the son of George Nelson and Ella Jordan Johnson Gardner. He was born Feb. 20, 1893 and died Jan. 1, 1970. He was born at home on his father's farm in Nansemond County, Virginia. He married Verna Hobbs. I do not have the date of their marriage. Verna Hobbs was born Nov. 2, 1893 in Nansemond County and died April 17, 1939. See chart 7A10F.

Hiram J. and Verna H. Gardner raised a large family of eight children. Their names are: Hiram Jordan Gardner, Jr. (born Sept. 16, 1915), Rochelle W. Gardner (born Nov. 25, 1916), Thomas Gardner (born Dec. 14, 1917), Broadus Gardner (born Dec. 10, 1919), Lottie May Gardner (born Dec. 18, 1926), Ferderick Gardner (born June 10, 1929), Charles Hudson Gardner (born March 28, 1930), and Lucy Gardner (born Sept. 8, 1931). He and Verna lived on Exeter Rd. in Nansemond County and he farmed as did his father before him. I will relate what information I have on these children and their families. I have tried to obtain information on all of them but as yet have not been able to do so. Therefore I will start with the ones which I have the least information about.

1. Lucy Gardner is the daughter of Hiram J. and Verna H. Gardner. She was born Sept. 8, 1931. She is married to Allen Richwine. They were married Dec. 23, 1966 and live in Richmond, Virginia. I have no other information on her and her family.

2. Charles Hudson Gardner is the son of Hiram J. and Verna H.

Gardner. He was born March 28, 1930. He married Marcille Charles and they live in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

3. Frederick Gardner is the son of Hiram J. and Verna H. Gardner. He was born June 10, 1929 and married Margaret Sherrill. They had one son, Frederick Gardner, Jr., who was born Sept. 24, 1951 and died Dec. 22, 1985. He and Margaret live in Suffolk, Virginia.

4. Rochelle W. Gardner is the son of Hiram J. and Verna H. Gardner. He was born Nov. 25, 1916. He never married and lives in Windsor, Virginia.

5. Broadus Gardner was born Dec. 10, 1919. His wife's name is Antoinette and they live in Norfolk, Virginia. They have no children.

6. Lottie May Gardner was the daughter of Hiram J. and Verna H. Gardner. She was born Dec. 18, 1926 and died June 15, 1961. She was married to Garland Edward Duke and they had one child: Garland Edward Duke, Jr. I do not have a birth date for him. He and his mother were killed in an auto accident June 15, 1961.

7. Thomas Gardner is the son of Hiram J. and Verna H. Gardner. He was born Dec. 14, 1917 and lives on Five Forks Rd. in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He married Hellen Williams Feb. 6, 1943. Hellen was born Nov. 29, 1926, the daughter of Moses and Lester Williams. Thomas and Hellen live on and cultivate a farm which is just down the road from where he grew up. Exeter Rd. becomes Five Forks Rd. at the County line of Isle of Wight County. They have four children.

CHART 7A10F

Hiram Jordan Gardner - Feb. 20, 1893 - Jan. 1, 1970

Wife: Verna Hobbs - Nov. 2, 1893 - Apr. 17, 1939

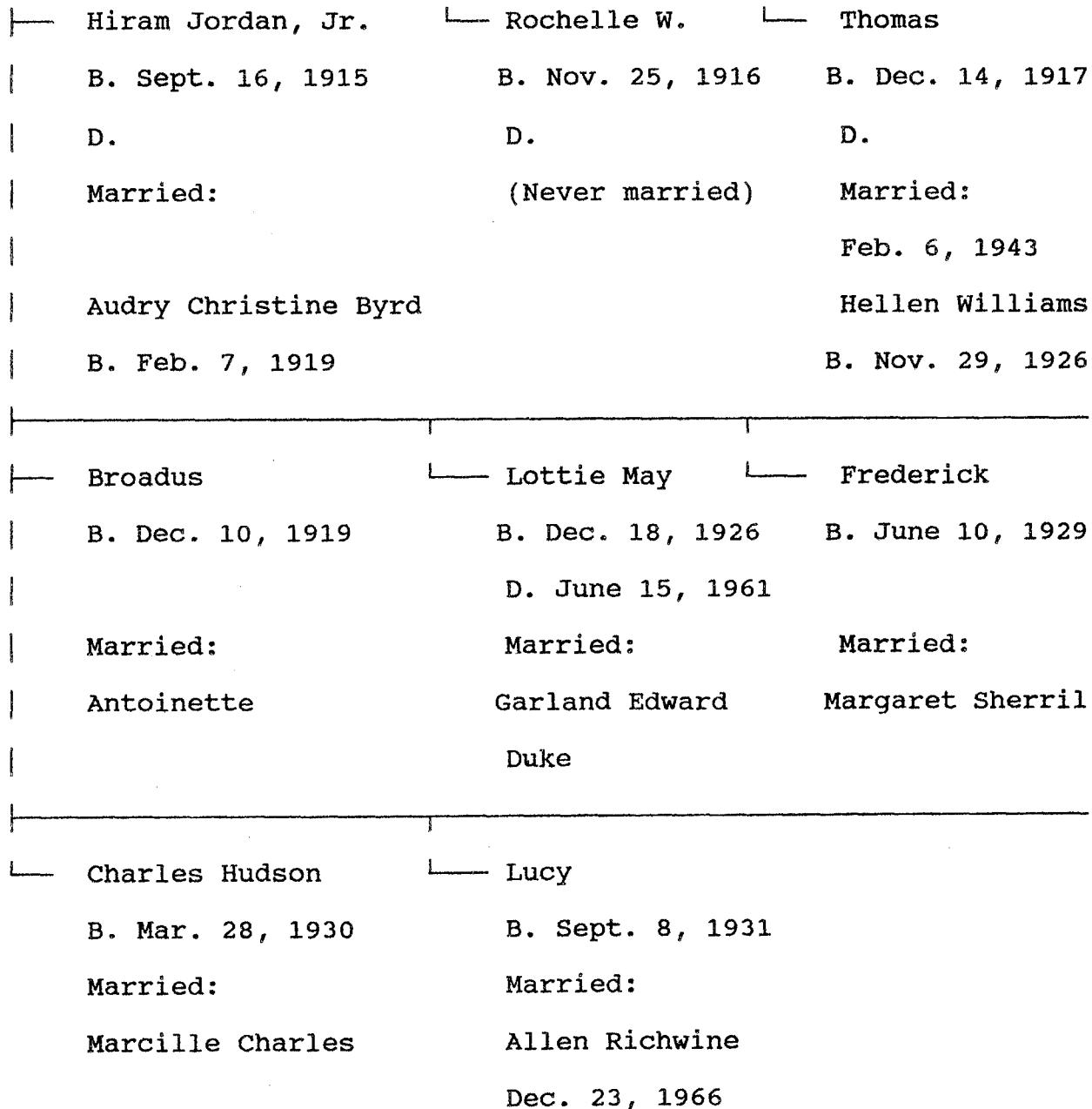


CHART 7A10F1

Frederick Gardner - June 10, 1929

Wife: Margaret Sherril

— Frederick Gardner, Jr.

B. Sept. 24, 1957

D. Dec. 23, 1985

CHART 7A10F2

Lottie May Gardner - Dec. 18, 1926 - June 15, 1961

Husband: Garland Edward Duke -

— Garland Edward Duke, Jr.

B.

D. June 15, 1961

CHART 7A10F3

Thomas Gardner - Dec. 14, 1917

Wife: Hellen Williams - Nov. 29, 1926

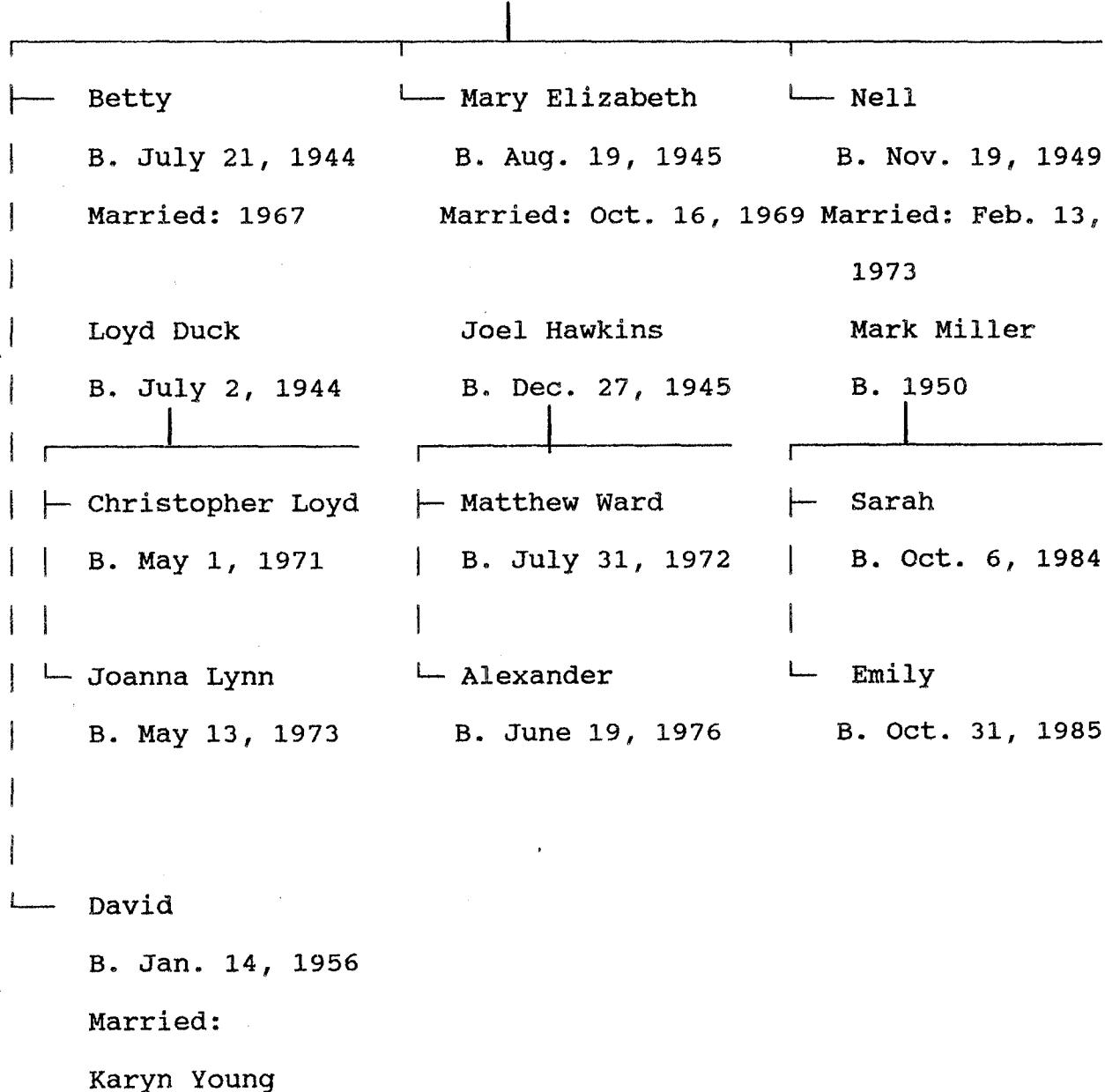
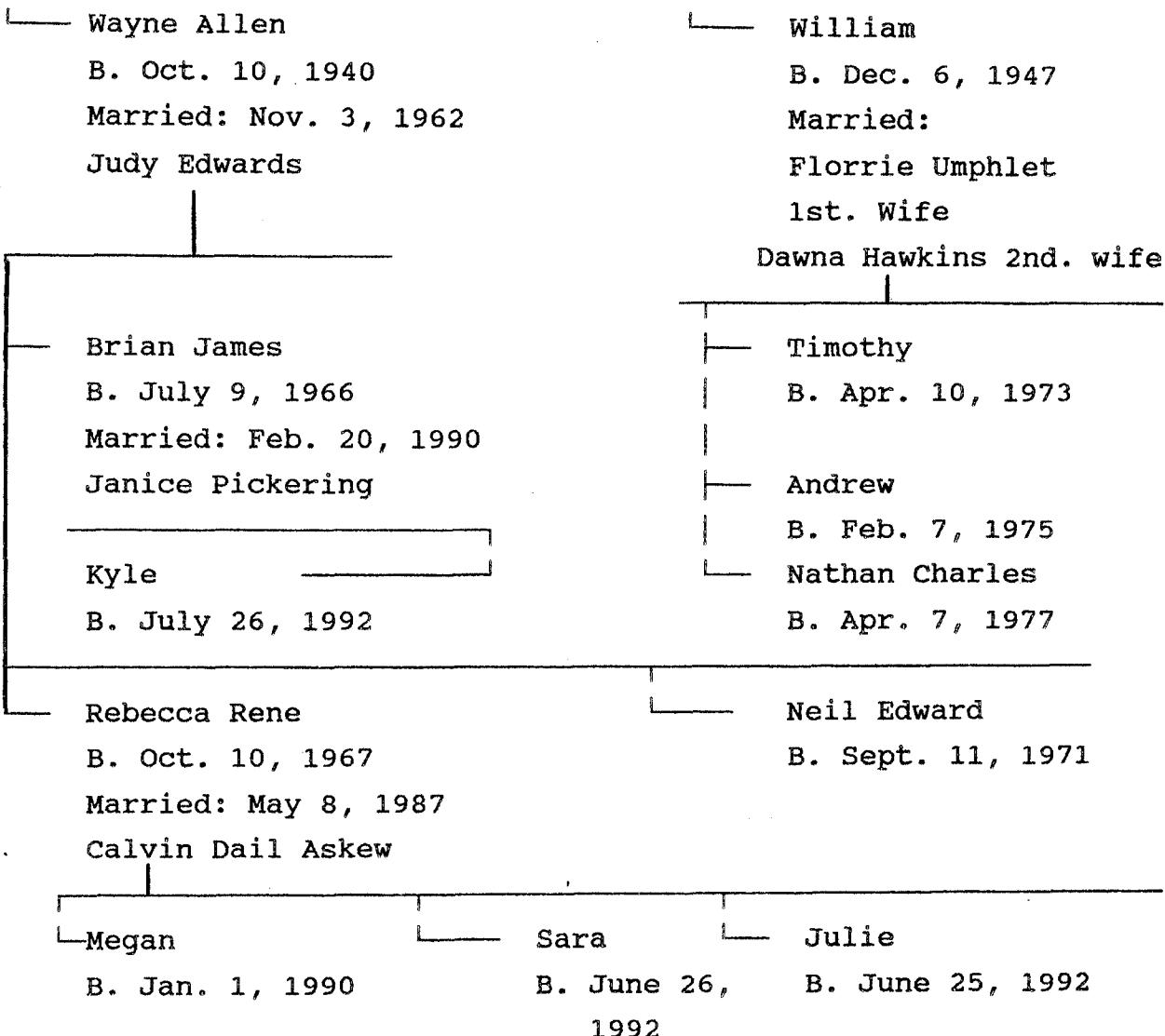


CHART 7A10F4

Hiram Jordan Gardner, Jr. - Sept. 16, 1915

Wife: Audry Christine Byrd - Feb. 7, 1919



The names of the four children are Betty Gardner (born July 21, 1944), Mary Elizabeth Gardner (born Aug. 19, 1945), Nell Gardner (born Nov. 19, 1949), and David Gardner (born Jan. 14, 1956).

A. Betty Gardner married Loyd Duck in 1967. Loyd was born July 2, 1944. They have two children: Christopher Loyd Duck (born May 1, 1971) and Joanna Lynn Duck (born May 13, 1973). They live in Herdon, Virginia.

B. Mary Elizabeth Gardner married Joel Hawkins Oct 16, 1969. Joel was born Dec. 27, 1945. They have two children: Matthew Ward Hawkins (born July 31, 1972) and Alexander Hawkins (born June 19, 1976). They live in Richmond, Virginia.

C. Nell Gardner married Mark Miller Feb. 13, 1973. Mark was born in 1950. They have two children: Sarah Miller (born Oct. 6, 1984) and Emily Miller (born Oct. 31, 1985). They live in Richmond, Virginia.

D. David Gardner married Karyn Young. Karyn was born March, 1952. They live in Richmond, Virginia and have no children.

8. Hiram Jordan Gardner, Jr. is also a son of Hiram Jordan and Verna Hobbs Gardner. He was born Sept. 16, 1915 and married Audry Christine Byrd. Audry was born Feb. 7, 1919. Hiram and Audry live in the Matthew Gardner home on Exeter Rd. in Suffolk, Virginia. Matthew was his great grandfather.

Hiram and Audry Gardner have two sons: Wayne Allen Gardner (born Oct. 10, 1940) and William Gardner (born Dec. 6, 1947).

A. Rev. Wayne Allen Gardner is a minister in the United Church Of Christ and resides in Gates County, North Carolina. He married

Judy Edwards. Judy was born June 11, 1959. They have three children: Brian James Gardner (born July 9, 1966), Rebecca Rene Gardner (born Oct. 10, 1967), and Neil Edward Gardner (born Sept. 11, 1971).

(1). Brian James Gardner married Janice Pickering Feb. 20, 1990. They have one child: Kyle Gardner (born July 26, 1992).

(2). Rebecca Rene Gardner married Calvin Dail Askew May 8, 1987. They have three children: Megan Askew (born Jan. 1, 1990), Sara Askew (born June 26, 1992), and Julie Askew (born June 25, 1992). Sara and Julie are twins.

(3). Neil Gardner is not married.

B. William Gardner married Florrie Umphlet. They had three children: Timothy Gardner (born Apr. 10, 1973), Andrew Gardner (born Feb. 7, 1975), and Nathan Gardner (born Apr. 7, 1977). William and Florrie are now divorced. William's second wife was Dawna Hawkins. There were no children born to this union. He and Dawna are also divorced.

(1). Timothy Gardner lives in Midlothian, Virginia.

(2). Andrew Gardner lives in Gallop, New Mexico.

(3). Nathan Gardner lives in Midlothian, Virginia.

This completes the information which I have on Nelson Bennett Gardner and his descendants. Remember he was the son of Matthew Gardner, Jr. and Margaret V. Gardner. He also had a sister, Barbara Ellen Gardner, and two brothers, Uriah V. Gardner and Lemuel R. Gardner. The following chapters of this book will be devoted to Lemuel R. Gardner and his descendants.

CHAPTER 12

LEMUEL R. GARDNER

Lemuel R. Gardner was the son of Matthew Gardner, Jr. I do not know when he was born, but it must have been around 1802 because he was around 40 years old when he died in 1842. He lived on a plantation which his father, Matthew Gardner, Jr., had given him and totaled 233 acres (Refer back to page 179 of this book for the Will of Matthew Gardner, Jr.). He was the brother of Uriah V. Gardner, Barbara Ellen Gardner, and Nelson B. Gardner (see the family chart on page 277).

Lemuel R. Gardner married Nancy Daughtrey April 29, 1824. I do not know who her parents were. I have not been able to find anything on this in the records in Southampton County. She was born September 23, 1801 and died December 27, 1890. She is buried in the cemetery at Beaver Dam Baptist Church and these dates are on her head stone.

There were three children born to Lemuel and Nancy and are as follows:

A.- James M. Gardner

B.- Margaret Ann Gardner

C. - Lemuel Gardner

I found these names listed in court papers in Southampton County when the farm was sold after the death of Lemuel R. Gardner (for family chart see page 278).

Lemuel R. Gardner was a planter and I believe his farm was located just off what is now Pretlow Street on the outskirts of Franklin, Virginia. There is a farm there which is known as the Jimmy Gardner farm. I believe this Jimmy Gardner to have been James M. Gardner (son of Lemuel and Nancy Gardner). I will get back to why I believe this latter in this chapter.

Lemuel R. Gardner died October 11, 1842. This was just two months after their third child

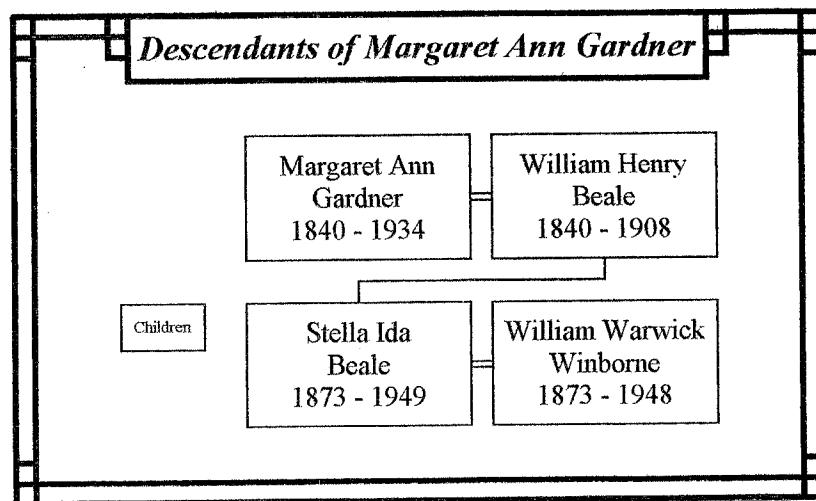
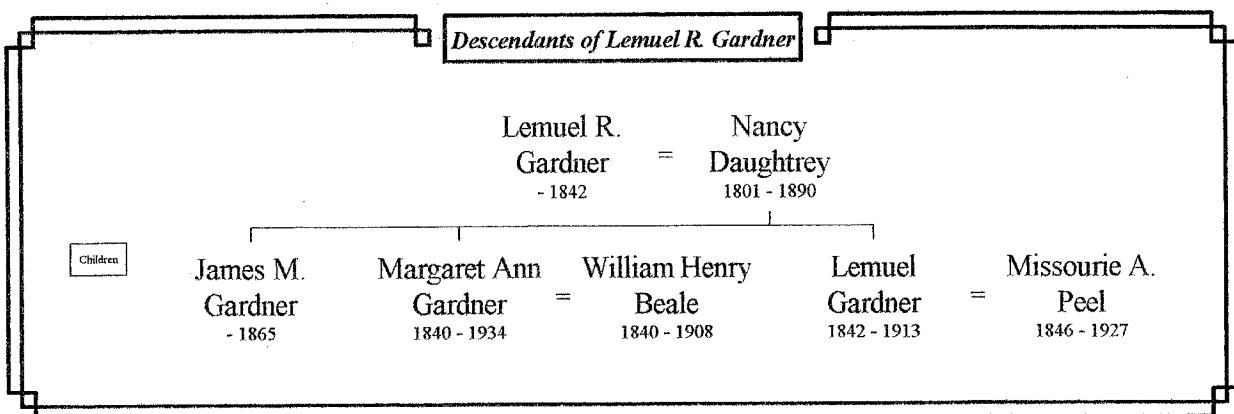
was born (Lemuel Gardner who was born August 20, 1842). Lemuel R. Gardner's wife Nancy met and married William H. Saunders of Nansemond County, Virginia around 1846. Nancy sold the farm in 1846 to pay off debts. The farm was bought by Simon Murfee. He was the pastor of South Quay Baptist Church at the time and was appointed assignee of James M. Gardner.

A.- James M. Gardner was the oldest son of Lemuel R. and Nancy Gardner (about 20 years old at the time). I do not know who James M. Gardner was married to and have not been able to find out very much about him.

Lets get back to the Jimmy Gardner farm. This farm was located just west of the Blackwater River and across the river from the Nelson B. Gardner farm. This would put it in the same location as the Lemuel R. Gardner farm should have been. I know this because it was referred to in a writing which I read concerning the Nelson B. Gardner family by a Whitfield. Therefore I believe that Simon Murfee bought the farm and then sold it to James M. Gardner so James could hold on to the family land. James would have been around 20 years old at the time of the sale and I doubt if he had the money or credit to buy the farm without the help of a third party. However, I cannot prove any of this. You will have to decide if you do or do not believe the same as I.

B. Margaret Ann Gardner was born December 14, 1840 and was the second child of Lemuel R. and Nancy Gardner. She was raised by her step father (William H. Saunders) and grew up in Nansemond County, Virginia. She married William H. Beale March 4, 1869. She and her husband lived near Carrsville, Virginia and were members of Beaver Dam Baptist Church. I do not know when her mother (Nancy) went to live with her but I do know that Nancy was living there when she died. Nancy is buried in the same plot as are Margaret and William Beale.

William Beale served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He and Margaret were married several years after the war ended. They had only one child (Stella Ida Beale). She was born



December 10, 1873. The farm on which she grew up is located about a mile north of Carrsville, Virginia. To get there you turn off of St. Rt. 58 beside the school. About half a mile this road goes through the run of a swamp and just the other side of the swamp will be the farm on the left hand side of the road.



William H. Beale, Margaret Ann Gardner Beale, and their daughter Stella Ida Beale

I am sure that some of you have heard the same story which I am about to relate. All the years I was growing up, I was told that the Lemuel R. Gardner farm was not sold. It was leased for 100 years according to the storey. The following are three records which I found in the Southampton County Court House:

Virginia: At a Court of Quarterly Session held for the County of Southampton at the Courthouse thereof on the 17 day of August, 1846.

Nancy Gardner & Simon Murfee

Pltffs.

Against

In Chancery

Margaret & Lemuel Gardner infants
by L. R. Edwards their guardian ad
litem.

Defts

The Commissioner in this cause this day made a report, which is in these words and figures to-wit: "Agreeably to the decree returned with the Comrs. Report upon the division of the tract and parcel of land belonging to the estate of Lemuel R. Gardner decd. I proceeded to sell on 14 th. February last the said tract and parcel of land of which the said Lemuel R. Gardner, died, seized and possessed subject to widows dower upon a credit of six months, excepting the expenses, and have taken a bond for the balance of the sale of Simon Murfee the purchaser and have settled the sales as follows, viz:

The tract of land to Simon Murfee for	\$525.35
Expenses	

Lawyers fee, paid,	\$10.00
Clerks do paid	2.38
Jas. D. Massenburg, fee for division pd.	3.00
Henning T. Smith " " " "	3.00
Chain Carriers each 1.50 Pd.	3.00
Coms. On \$300.00 at 5 pct.	15.00
Do " 225.35 " 2 ½ pct.	5.63

Simon Murfee bond	477.34
Total Sale	\$525.35
	Act. Balance
	\$477.34

And agreeably to the said decree before mentioned I have paid the debt due Elisha Darden and the cost of the sum of 206.31

Which leaves a balance of 271.03

Agreeably to the annexed the decrees of March and April Courts 1846 I proceeded to take a list of the debts for which the real estate — Lemuel R. Gardner is bound and herewith submit a list of all that have been produced, viz. A judgement on a note binding the heirs of Lemuel R. Gardner, decd.

In favor of Wm. V. Edwards for ten dollars with int. From the 6 th. Sept. 1839 till paid.
Cost and Coms. 1.33

A judgement on a note binding the heirs of Lemuel R. Gardner decd.
in favor of Mrs. Mary A. Daughtrey for eleven dollars and 67 cts
with int. From 1 st. Dec. 1841 till paid - costs & coms..... 1.38

A judgement in favor of Elbert Vaughan assignee of Wm. Vaughan
on note binding the heirs of Lemuel R. Gardner, decd. For Six and .75 cts.
With int. From 20 th April 1840 till paid. Costs .30 Coms .48 78

A judgement on bond binding the heirs of Lemuel R. Gardner in favor
of A. L. Gardner for the sum of nineteen dollars and 78 cts. with Int.
From 16 th. Day of Sept. 1844 till paid. Costs & Coms. 1.73

Jas. W. Murfee, Comm.

Order Book County Court 20, Page 426

Virginia: "At a Court of Monthly Sessions held for the County of Southampton at the Courthouse thereof on the 19th. Day of January, 1846.

Nancy Gardner and Simon Murfee Pltf.

Against In Chancery

Margaret and Lemuel Gardner infants
by L. R. Edwards their Guardian ad litem
Defts

By consent of parties this cause came on this day to be heard on the bill and answer and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that James Massenburg, James Murfee, and Henning T. Smith be appointed Commissioners any two of whom may act that they assign to Nancy Gardner as her dower one third in value of the tract of land lying in the County of Southampton containing one hundred and fifty acres whereof Lemuel R. Gardner died seized and possessed and that James W. Murfee be appointed Special Commissioner who after giving due notice of the time and place of sale by advertisement at the Courthouse door and other public places in the County shall sell the remainder of the said Tract of land including the

reversionary interest in the widow's dower for enough cash to pay the expenses of sale and this dower and the remainder of the purchase money on a credit of months the Commissioner reserving the title to the said land until the whole purchase money shall have been paid and out of the money arising from the sale of the said land first the judgement together with interest and cost thereon which Elisha Darden has recovered against the estate of Lemuel R. Gardner decd., the said judgement binding the heirs as well as administratrix and divide the remainder if any into three equal parts and assign one part to Simon Murfee assignee of James M. Gardner, one part to Margaret Gardner, and one part to Lemuel Gardner and make report to the Court in order to a final decree.

Order Book County Court 20, Page 350.

Virginia: At a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for the County of Southampton at the Courthouse thereof on the 20 th. Day of November, 1848.

Nancy Gardner and Simon Murfee

Pltffs.

Against

In Chy.

Margaret & Lemuel Gardner infants
& c by L. R. Edwards their guardian
ad litem

Dfts.

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, together with the report of the Commissioner made at the last term to which no exception has been filed and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order, and decree that the said report be held firm and stable and binding between the parties forever, liberty being reserved to the infant defendants to show cause, if any they can, against this decree within six months after they arrive to the age of twenty one years.

Order Book County Court # 20, Page 674.

These above court records should prove that the Lemuel R. Gardner farm was sold out right and that no member of the Gardner family has any claim on it.

CHAPTER 13

STELLA IDA BEALE

This section will be on Stella Ida Beale and her decedents. Stella was the daughter of Margaret Ann Gardner Beale and William Henry Beale. Margaret Ann was the sister of Lemuel Gardner and James M. Gardner. Stella inherited the farm from her mother and father when they passed away. Stella was born December 10, 1873. She married William Warwick Winborne June 16, 1897. They had six children who are as follows:

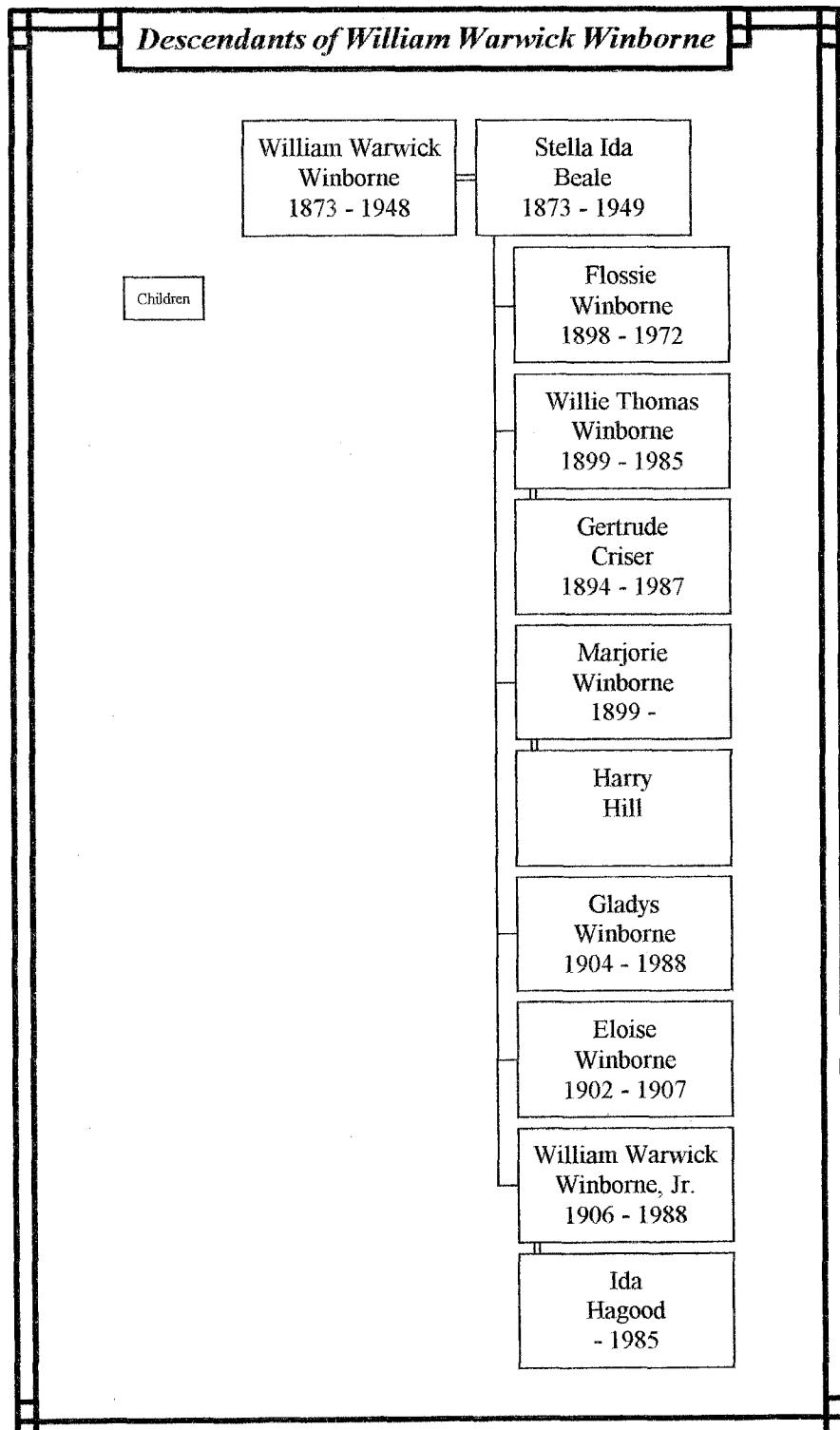
1. Flossie Winborne - born March 24, 1898 - died about 1989.
2. Willie Thomas Winborne - born January 29, 1899
3. Marjorie Winborne - born January 29, 1899 (she and Willie were twins).
4. Gladys Winborne - born February 17, 1904 - died about 1989.
5. Eloise Winborne - born July 3, 1902 - died December 7, 1907.
6. William Warwick Winborne, Jr. - born August 24, 1906 - died March 1988.

(See the family chart on page 283)

Stella and her husband lived on and cultivated the family farm as long as they lived. I do not ever remember visiting there although I do remember my father saying that he had an Aunt Peggy who lived near Carrsville.

1 & 4. Flossie and Gladys Winborne never married. They were both school teachers and taught in the public schools in Franklin, Carrsville, and Holland, Virginia. My brother (A. L. Gardner, Jr.) Had one of them for a teacher when he was in school in Franklin. Emma (my wife) taught school in Holland and Flossie was teaching there at the same time. Emma and I did not know at that time that Flossie was kin to me. However, I believe that Flossie knew this but never said anything.

Descendants of William Warwick Winborne



about the fact that we were kin.

2. Willie Thomas Winborne lived in Holland, Virginia and did not marry until late in life. He married Gertrude Criser. They did not have any children.

6. William Warwick Winborne, Jr. married Ida Hagood. They had one child (William Warwick Winborne III) born May 26, 1933. He lives in Wytheville, Virginia. He is the one who gave me the picture of William H. Beale, Margaret Ann Gardner Beale, and Stella Ida Beale (their daughter). William W. Winborne III married Chloe Ward July 12, 1959. They have two children:

A. William Warwick Winborne IV - born February 21, 1962.

B. David Charles Winborne - born September 3, 1966.

William Warwick Winborne IV married Rita Summers June 11, 1988. They have one child - William Jordan Winborne - born July 3, 1990.

This all I have on this family (see the family chart on page 285).

3. Marjorie Winborne was born January 29, 1899. She married Harry Hill February 1, 1919 and lived in Murfreesboro, North Carolina. They had three children as follows:

A. Harry W. Hill - born November 1, 1919.

B. William Warwick Hill - born July 23, 1922.

C. Thomas Wells Hill - born July 23, 1922.

(See family chart on page 286)

A. Harry W. Hill married Hellen Outland. They had three children and they are as follows:

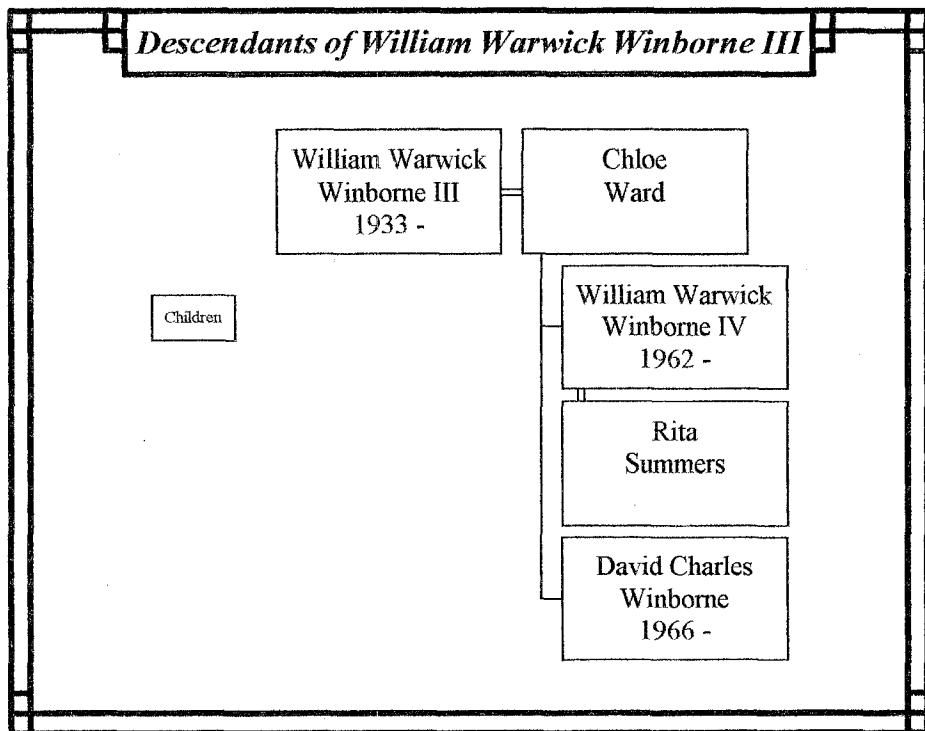
1A. Mary Lee Hill - born February 22, 1947.

2A. Martha Hill - born September 6, 1949.

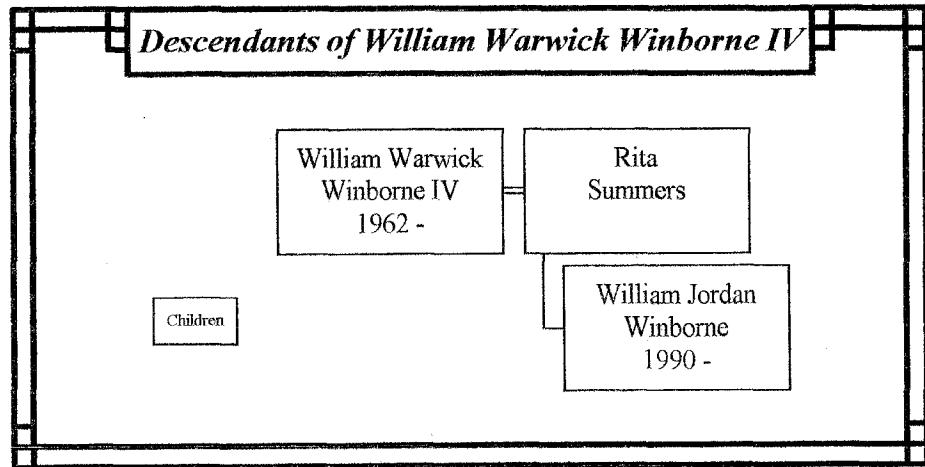
3A. Betsey Hill - born February 18, 1951.

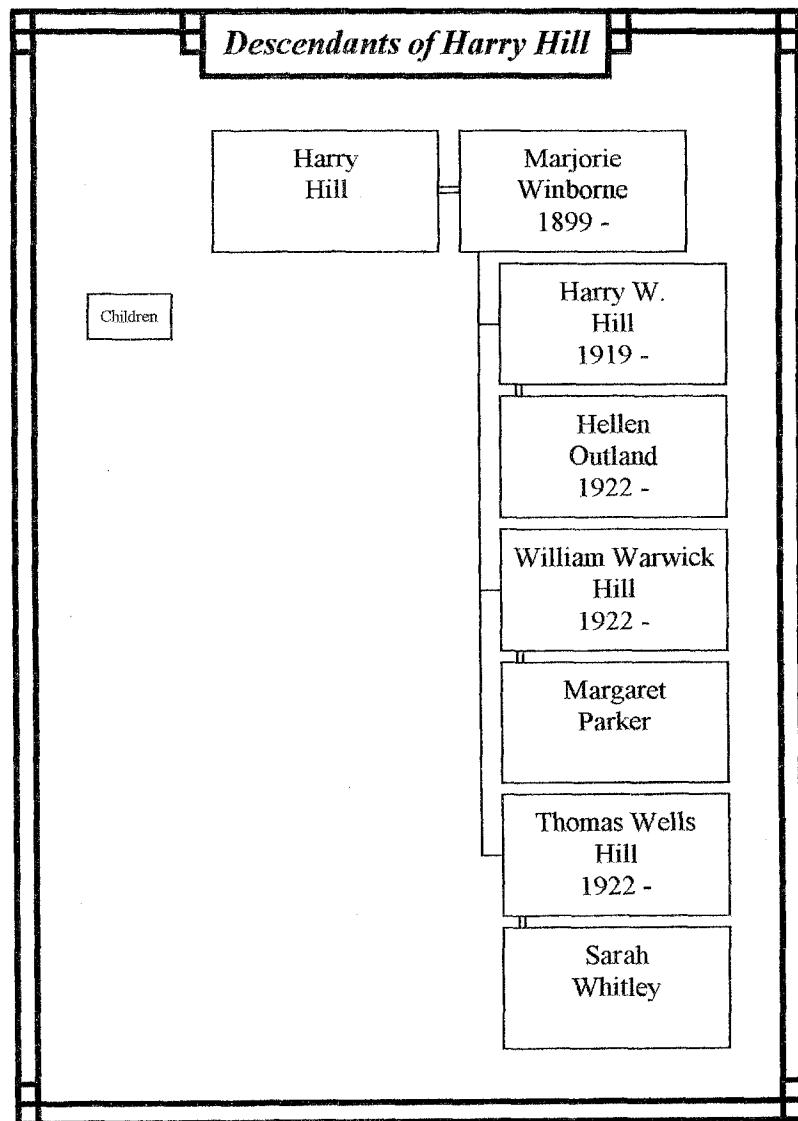
They live in Murfreesboro, North Carolina. (See family chart on page 288).

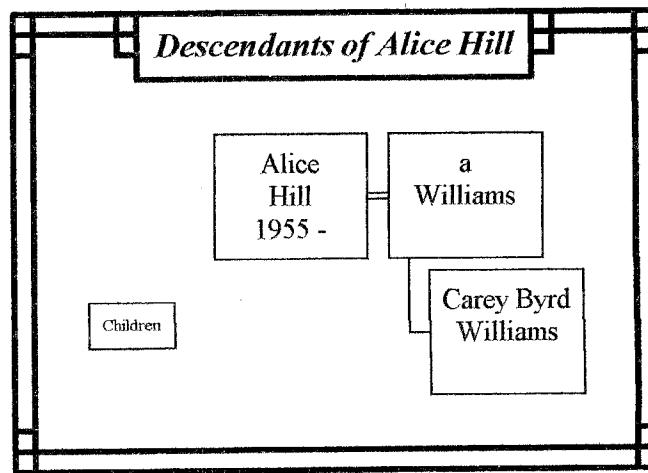
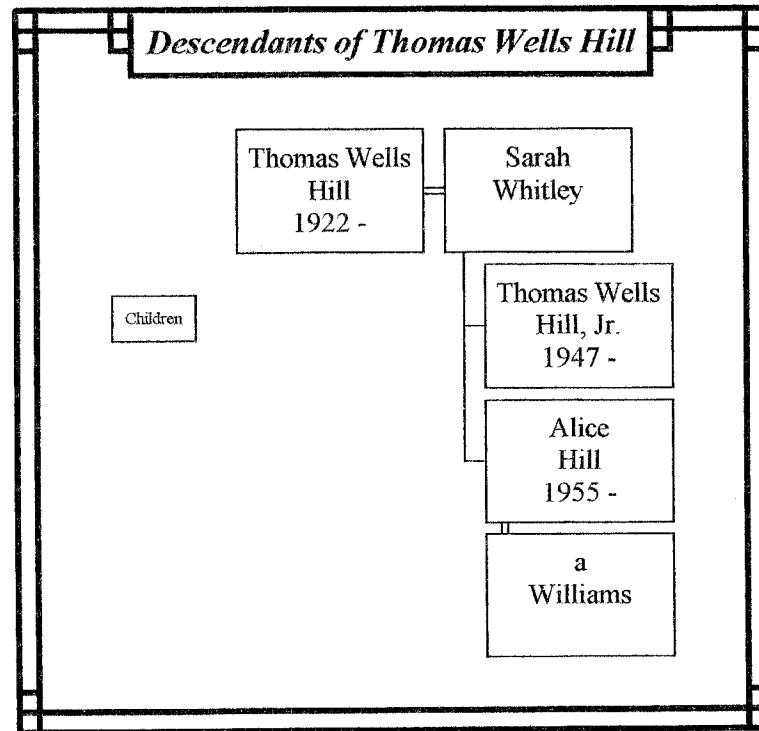
Descendants of William Warwick Winborne III



Descendants of William Warwick Winborne IV







Descendants of Harry W. Hill

Children

Harry W.
Hill
1919 -

Hellen
Outland
1922 -

Mary Lee
Hill
1947 -

William S.
Brown

Martha
Hill
1949 -

a
Trader

Betsey
Hill
1951 -

a
Coltrain

Descendants of Thomas Wells Hill, Jr.

Children

Thomas Wells
Hill, Jr.
1947 -

Sarah Jane
Hill

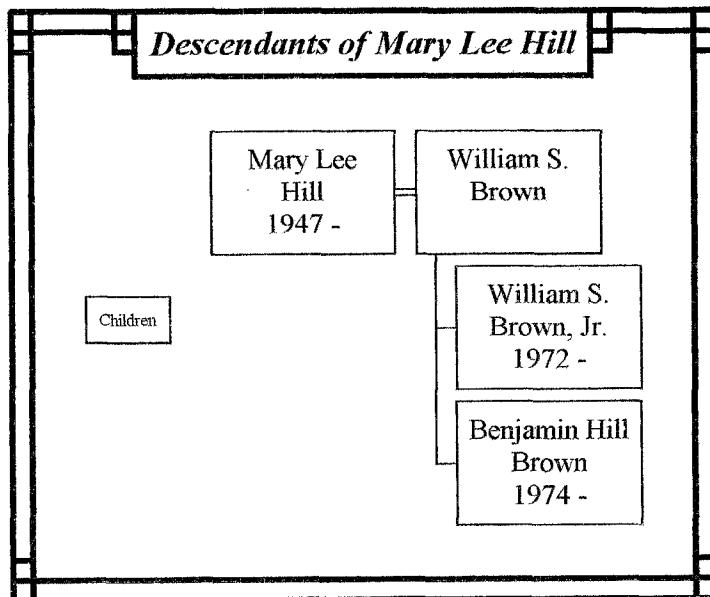
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Hill III

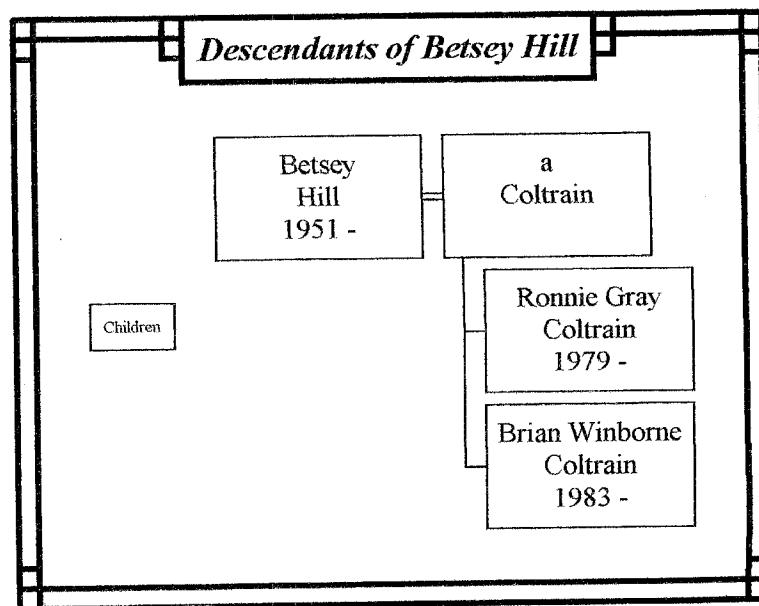
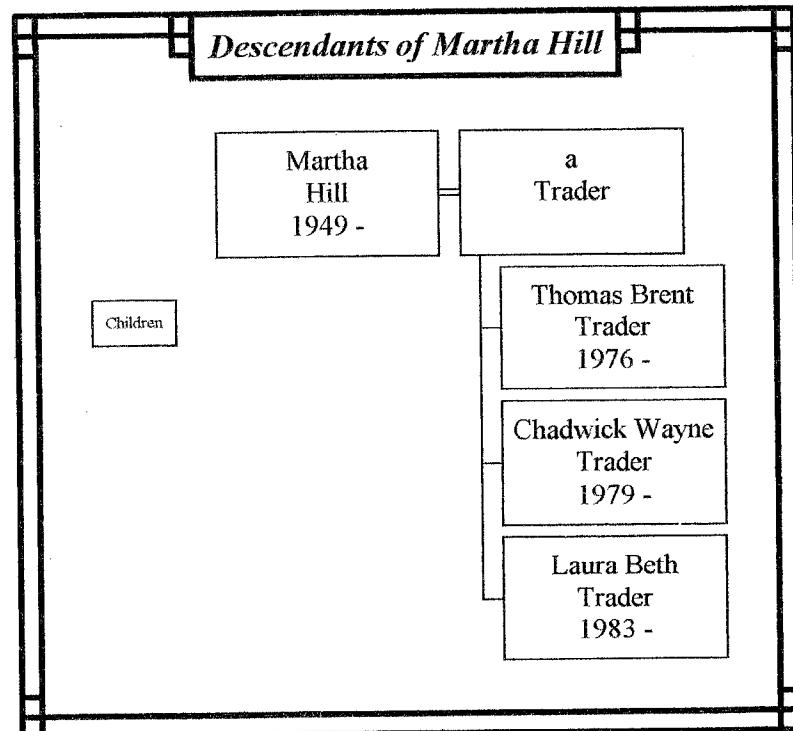
1A. Mary Lee Hill was born February 22, 1947. She married William S. Brown. They have three children who are as follows: William S. Brown, Jr. - born October 2, 1972 and Benjamin Hill Brown - born April 27, 1974. I have no other information on this family.

2A. Martha Hill was born September 6, 1949. She married a Trader. They have three children: Thomas Brent Trader - born September 24, 1976, Chadwick Wayne Trader - born April 22, 1979, and Laura Beth Trader - born March 2, 1983.

3A. Betsey Hill was born February 18, 1951. She married a Coltrain. They have two children: Ronnie Gray Coltrain - born October 31, 1979 and Brian Winborne Coltrain - born February 10, 1983.

(This is all the information I have on this family see the family charts on page 289 & 290)





B. William Warwick Hill was born July 23, 1922. He married Margaret Parker. They had two children:

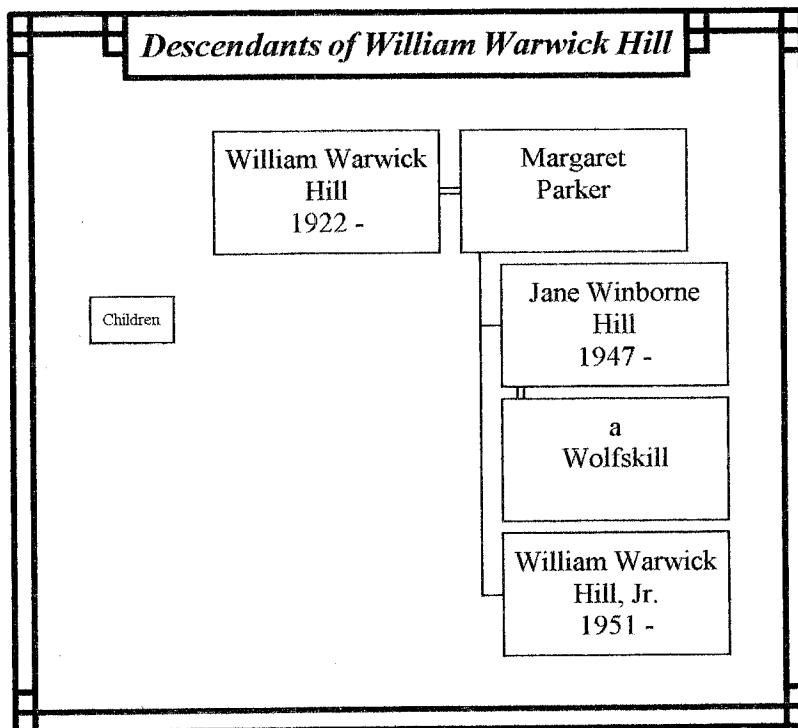
1B. Jane Winborne Hill - born March 27, 1947.

2B. William Warwick Hill, Jr. - born May 28, 1951.

They lived in Murfreesboro, North Carolina.

1B. Jane Winborne Hill Married a Wolfskill.

I have no other information on this family - see the family chart on this page.



C. Thomas Wells Hill was the son of Harry and Marjorie Winborne Hill. He was born July 23, 1922 in Murfreesboro, North Carolina (See the family chart on page 287). He married Sarah Whitley and they had two children:

1C. Thomas Wells Hill, Jr. - born April 14, 1947.

2C. Alice Hill - born November 14, 1955.

I have no other information on this family - see the family chart on page 288.

CHAPTER 14

LEMUEL GARDNER

C. Lemuel Gardner was the son of Lemuel R. and Nancy Gardner (see the Lemuel R. Gardner family chart on page 277). He was born August 20, 1842. He was the brother of Margaret Ann Gardner and James M. Gardner. His father (Lemuel R. Gardner) died when he was two months old. His mother, Nancy Gardner, then married William H. Saunders of Nansemond County, Virginia. His mother and step father were members of South Quay Baptist Church and he became a member also. He remained a member of this church the rest of his life. His mother sold the family farm (in Southampton County, Virginia) when she married William Saunders. They lived at Elwood, Virginia. Elwood was a railroad crossing and it was located between Carrsville, Virginia and South Quay Baptist Church. This railroad crossing is still known as Elwood.

Lemuel enlisted in Co. C 13 th. Virginia Cavalry March 1, 1862 in Suffolk, Virginia in the Confederate States Army. This was soon after the Civil War started. He served with honor until captured April 11, 1865 at Wellville, Virginia. Wellville, Virginia is located between Petersburg and Blackstone, Virginia on State Rt. 460. He was at Appomattox, Virginia when Gen. Lee surrendered but apparently did not get a pass before he left for home. His capture was two days after Gen. Lee surrendered and I believe he was following the N. & W. Railroad tracks which would take him back to Suffolk, Virginia when he was captured. He was transported to a P O W camp near Newport News, Virginia. He took the oath of allegiance July 1, 1865 and was released to return home. The following are two stories which my father said that his grand father, Lemuel, told him.

The horse which he started his service with became weak and worn out. Lemuel asked his commanding officer's permission to go home to get a young mare which he knew was there. Permission was granted and he proceeded home. This was the only time he got home during the war. He left

home on the mare and as he was crossing the Blackwater River two Union soldiers started firing at him from the river bank he had just departed. He turned in the saddle and fired back twice, killing one soldier and wounding the other. He said this was the only person he knew for sure that he killed during the entire war.

When he was released as a P. O. W., he had to make his own way home. This he did by following the Seaboard Railroads tracks back to Elwood. When he arrived home his father, William Saunders, was in the yard. Lemuel asked him if he could get something to eat and spend the night? His father did not recognize him and told him he would have to ask the lady of the house. Lemeul proceeded to the back door and knocked. His mother came to the door and he asked her the same question. At which point his mother asked "Lem is that you"? He answered yes. He had a long beard, was dirty, with ragged cloths, and full of lice. The family immediately filled the wash pot and heated the water. They then set up a screen of bed sheets around the wash pot so he could take a bath with lye soap. This was to get rid of the lice. His cloths were burned and he was given clean cloths to put on.

He latter met and married Missourie A. Peel. The wedding was held Jan. 3, 1866. He and Missourie first lived on a farm near South Quay Baptist Church. He was a tennent farmer while living there. He was able in a few years to buy a farm near Holland, Virginia. This farm is located on Hare Road in Suffolk, Virginia. This location is about 1 ½ miles from were I now live. It is no longer in the Gardner family. It was sold when I was a child and still in school. They lived there and farmed the land the rest of their life. There were ten children born to Lemuel and Missourie and are listed as follows:

1. William Nelson Gardner - born August 20, 1868
2. James T. Gardner - born April 29, 1870
3. Bettie Gardner - born August 13, 1871

4. Joseph C. Gardner - born July 12, 1873
5. India Nora Gardner - born November 4, 1877
6. Putmon D. Gardner - born March 18, 1879
7. Hudson J. Gardner - born August 18, 1881
8. Lemuel Randolph Gardner - born September 20, 1884
9. Oscar Lee Gardner - born November 27, 1887
10. Annie Mae Gardner - born March 18, 1890

(See the family chart on the following page).

Lemuel and Missourie were members of South Quay Baptist Church and are buried in the church cemetery as are several of their children.

I have been told that Missourie smoked a clay pipe and drank a lot of coffee. During her latter years she could not sleep well and would often get up and wonder around the farm at night. A neighbor once asked her if she ever saw anyone while wondering around at night? She replied that one night as she was crossing the colonaid she came face to face with a man. The neighbor asked "what did you do"? Missourie replied that she kept going the way she had started and the man kept going the way he was headed. My wife's aunt told me that Missourie was nearly deaf in her latter years. She said that once in a while there would be a party at Mrs. Missourie's and on one such occasion she went to the kitchen with a young man, whose name was Mr. Lynch. When Aunt Allie Lee and Mr. Lynch entered the kitchen Mrs. Missourie was sitting by the fire place drinking coffee. Aunt Allie Lee said "Mrs. Gardner I would like to introduce you to Mr. Lynch". Mrs. Missourie looked up and said "what in the name of God do you want with my bench". My wife's aunt said that she and Mr. Lynch had to leave the kitchen because they were about to burst with laughter.

