

## Research Objectives:

- (3) The will of Pierce Godwin was dated 25 April, 1845 in Columbus County, NC (will book A, pg 55). He named daughters Alcy Williamson, Nancy Williamson, Susan Floyd, and Emily Powell. He named the following individuals but did not state the relationship: Maranza Ann Williamson, the heirs of Elias Godwin, Ireny Moncrieff, and Ithamar Tatum. He also named grandson N. L. Williamson. Laban Williamson and Dennis Williamson signed the will. The following children and relationships need to be proven:
- Clarissa Godwin married Richard Tatom (presumed to be Richard II named in objective 1). Was she the daughter of Pierce Godwin? Some genealogies identify her as Clarissa Green.
  - Elias Godwin. Was he the son of Pierce Godwin?
  - Nancy Godwin Williamson. Did she marry Joshua Williamson, son of Lewis and Mary Williamson?
  - Alcy Godwin Williamson. Did she marry Richard Williamson, son of Lewis and Mary Williamson?
  - Susan Godwin Floyd. Who was her husband?
  - Emily Godwin Powell. Who was her husband?
- (4) Who was the wife of Pierce Godwin (ca 1760 - after 1845) of Johnston/Bladen/Columbus? Was she a Green?

## Answers to Objectives:

- (3)
- Claracy/Clary Green was the daughter of Simon Green, Sr. whose will was dated 22 January, 1824.  
  
She was the daughter of Ann, wife of Simon Green, Sr.  
  
She was the sister of Ann Stephens, wife of Levi Stephens, Mary Kelly, wife of Archibald Kelly, Elizabeth McMillan, wife of Iver McMillan, Simon Green, Jr., and William Green.  
  
Her brother William Green died in 1826 and she was an heir to 1/5 of the estate.  
  
Her mother Ann, and most of her living siblings had moved to Early County, GA by 1828.  
  
Clary married Richard Tatom, Jr., son of Richard Tatom, Sr. Richard Tatom, Jr. died intestate in 1829 in Columbus County, NC. They had 2 children, Ireny Jane Tatom Moncrief, wife of Guilford Moncrief, and Ithamar Tatom.  
  
Given that her 2 children were named in the will of Pierce Godwin in 1845, Clary Green Tatom probably married Pierce Godwin after 1829.
  - Elias Godwin was the son of Pierce Godwin.  
  
Pierce Godwin sold 550 acres, 2 horses, 30 head of cattle, 100 hogs, beds and furniture

to Elias Godwin in 1804. Based on other records, this appears to have occurred when Elias Godwin came of age. One of the tracts, 160 acres, was the first tract of land that Pierce Godwin owned in Bladen County. He was taxed for it in 1779. The land previously belonged to David Godwin, Sr. Marvin D. Godwin inherited it from Elias Godwin.

In his 1845 will, Pierce Godwin named "the heirs of Elias Godwin" because Elias had died intestate about 1841. Elias Godwin's estate record named heirs Guy W. Godwin, Marvin D. Godwin, and Orpha Williamson.

Elias Godwin purchased 1/5 of the William Green estate in 1827 from Iver and Elizabeth McMillan. The deed made it clear that Elizabeth McMillan was the heir of William Green. In 1829, Elias Godwin made a joint sale with Richard and Clary Tatom of 2/5 of the William Green estate. The deed makes it clear that Clary Tatom was an heir but does not mention Elias Godwin as such. Elias Godwin was simply selling the share he had purchased from Elizabeth McMillan. Multiple other Columbus County deeds establish the 5 heirs of William Green as noted in section 3a.

- c. Joshua Williamson and David Godwin (Jr.) witnessed a deed from Coleman Nichols to his stepson Pierce Godwin in 1818.

Joshua Williamson, E. Nichols, Branton, and Mary Williamson were mentioned as adjoining land owners to Elias Godwin in 1817.

Joshua Williamson and Nathan L. Williamson sold multiple tracts of land for the heirs of Richard Tatom, in 1839. The heirs were Ithamar Tatom and Guilford Moncrief. Joshua Williamson was identified as guardian. According to information from John Williamson (Descendants of Joshua B. Williamson), Nathan L. Williamson was the son of Joshua Williamson.

Pierce Godwin named grandson N. L. Williamson in his 1845 will. Laban Williamson and Dennis Williamson signed the will as witnesses. According to information from John Williamson (Descendants of Joshua B. Williamson), Laban and Dennis were sons of Joshua Williamson.

To be further established in the study of Lewis Williamson.

- d. Richard Williamson's name was not found in the study of Pierce Godwin. He was referenced in an 1814 deed with Richard Tatom and an 1817 deed with Jesse Tatom.

To be further established in the study of Lewis Williamson.

- e. The family of Susan Godwin Floyd has not been found.
- f. Emily Godwin Powell was born about 1799 or 1800 and was probably the wife of Restore/Restor/Reston Powell. No children have been identified.

- (4) An exhaustive study of Pierce Godwin has not revealed the name of his wife and the mother of his children. Nor has it offered any speculation as to who she may have been.

The records do indicate that Pierce Godwin probably married later in life to Clary Green Tatom, widow of Richard Tatom, Jr. who died in 1829. Pierce Godwin named Clary's children, Ireney Moncrief and Ithamar Tatom in his 1845 will, but he did not name Clary. Was she deceased in 1845?

N. L. Williamson, grandson of Pierce Godwin via Joshua and Nancy Godwin Williamson, and D. F. Williamson, son-in-law of Elias Godwin, witnessed a deed from Ithamar Tatom to Guilford Moncrief in 1838.

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N. L. Williamson witnessed 2 deeds from Guilford Moncrief to John Hill in 1840.

Ithamar Tatom moved to Randolph County, GA by 1840. According to that census record, he was born between 1810 and 1819. According to the 1850 Randolph County, GA census, he was born about 1819.

Guilford Moncrief, husband of Ireney Jane Tatom Moncrief, stated he was moving in a March, 1840 Columbus County, NC deed. He granted power of attorney to Nathan L. Williamson to represent his interests. Again, Nathan L. Williamson was a grandson of Pierce Godwin. Where did Guildford Moncrief move to?

A couple of confusing facts enter into this study:

In 1830, Pierce Godwin had a female age 50-59 in his household.

Clarissa Tatom, age 50-59 was enumerated on the 1830 Bladen County, NC census in the NE part of Bladen near the sons of Jesse Tatom (*not Jesse D. Tatom*), brother of Richard Tatom, Sr. Also enumerated in her household were 1 male 20-29, 1 female 10-14, and 1 female 15-19.

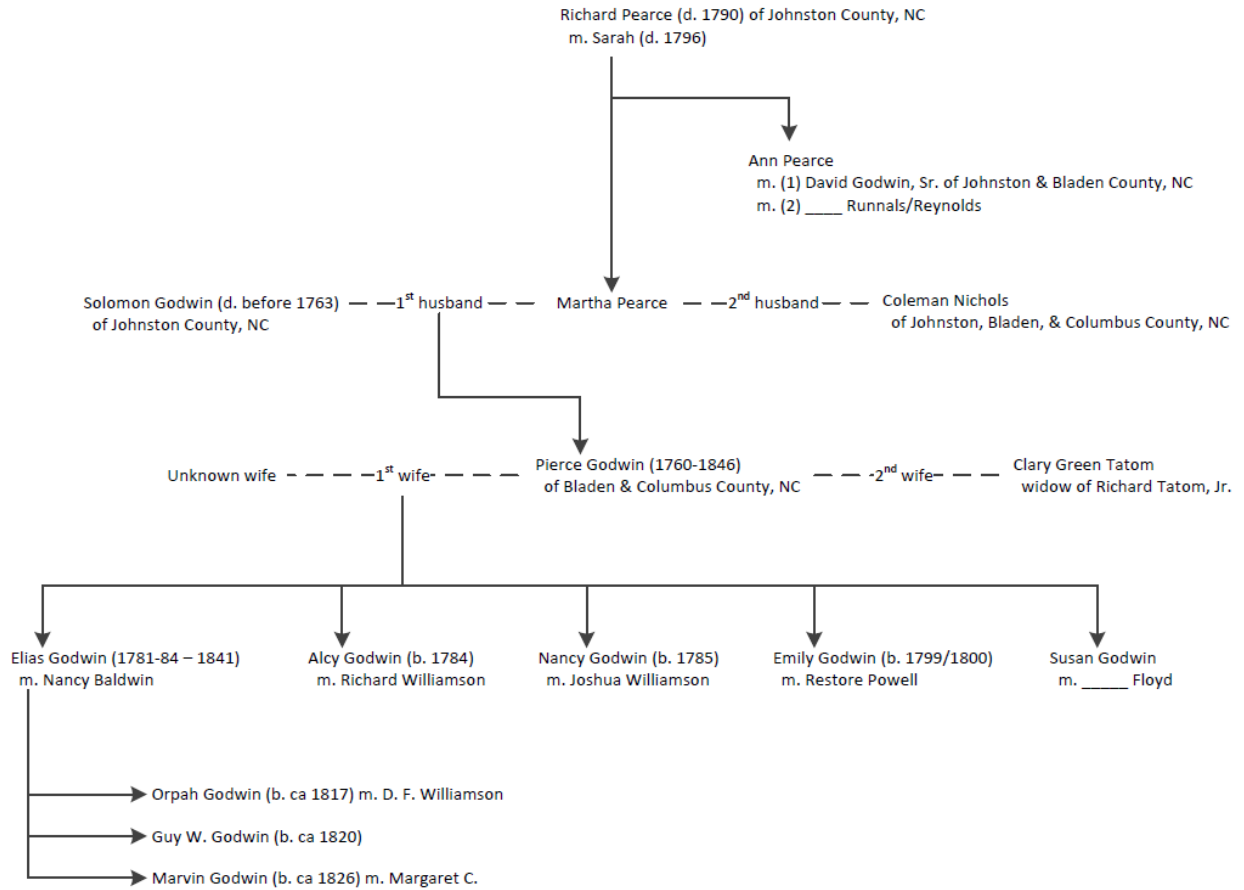
The Bladen County enumeration does not fit with the Columbus County family of Richard Tatom, Jr. Clary Green Tatom was never referenced in Columbus County records as Clarissa. Who was Clarissa Tatom of Bladen?

The location in Bladen County where Clarissa Tatom was found is almost 50 miles from where the Richard Tatom, Jr. family lived in Columbus County. I don't think Clarissa Tatom is the same person as Clary Green Tatom.

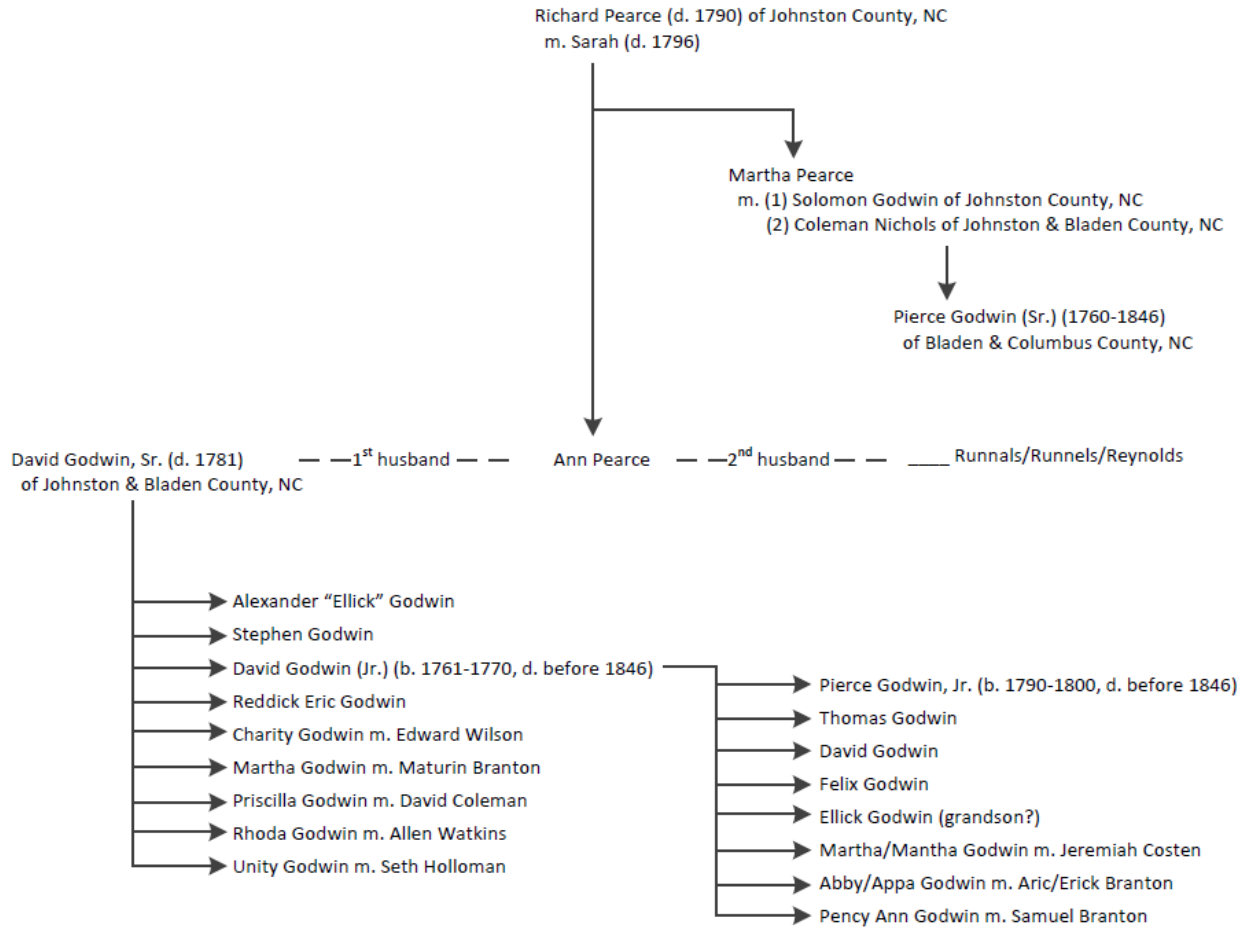
Was the female in Pierce Godwin's 1830 enumeration Clary Green Tatom? Unfortunately, an 1840 census record for Pierce Godwin has not been found.

Pierce Godwin's 1830 enumeration does have children of the right age to be Ithamar Tatom and Ireny Jane Tatom. There was a male 10-14 and a female 10-14. There was also a male 30-39 and a female 20-29.

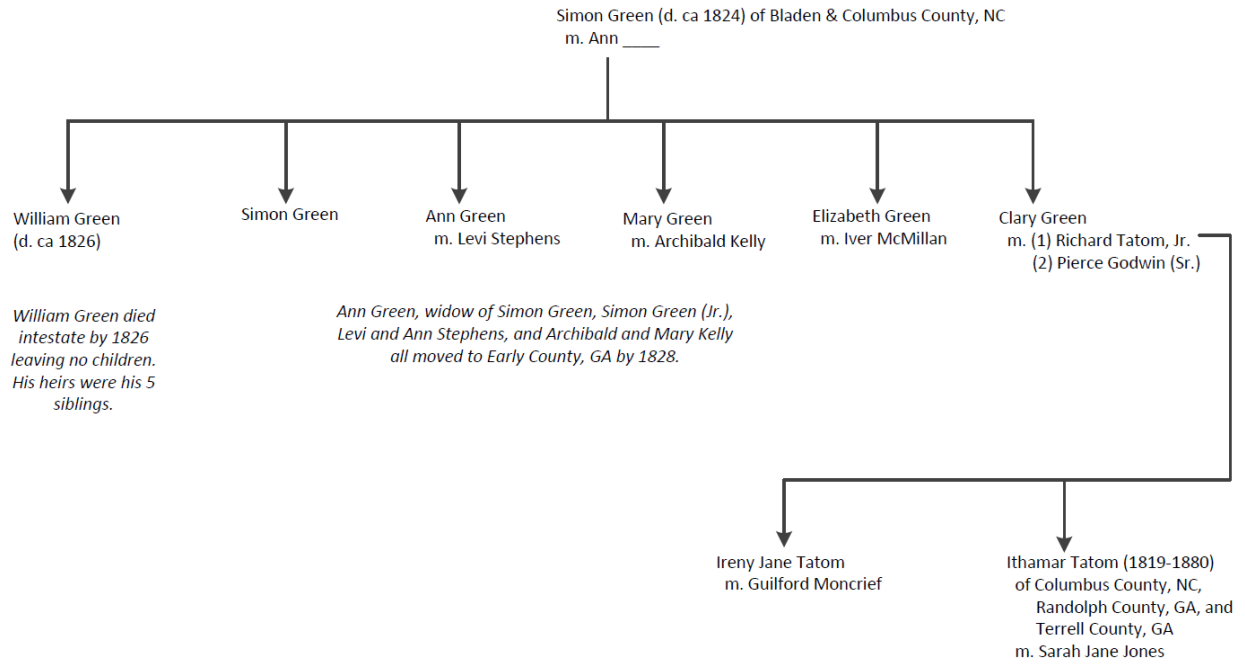
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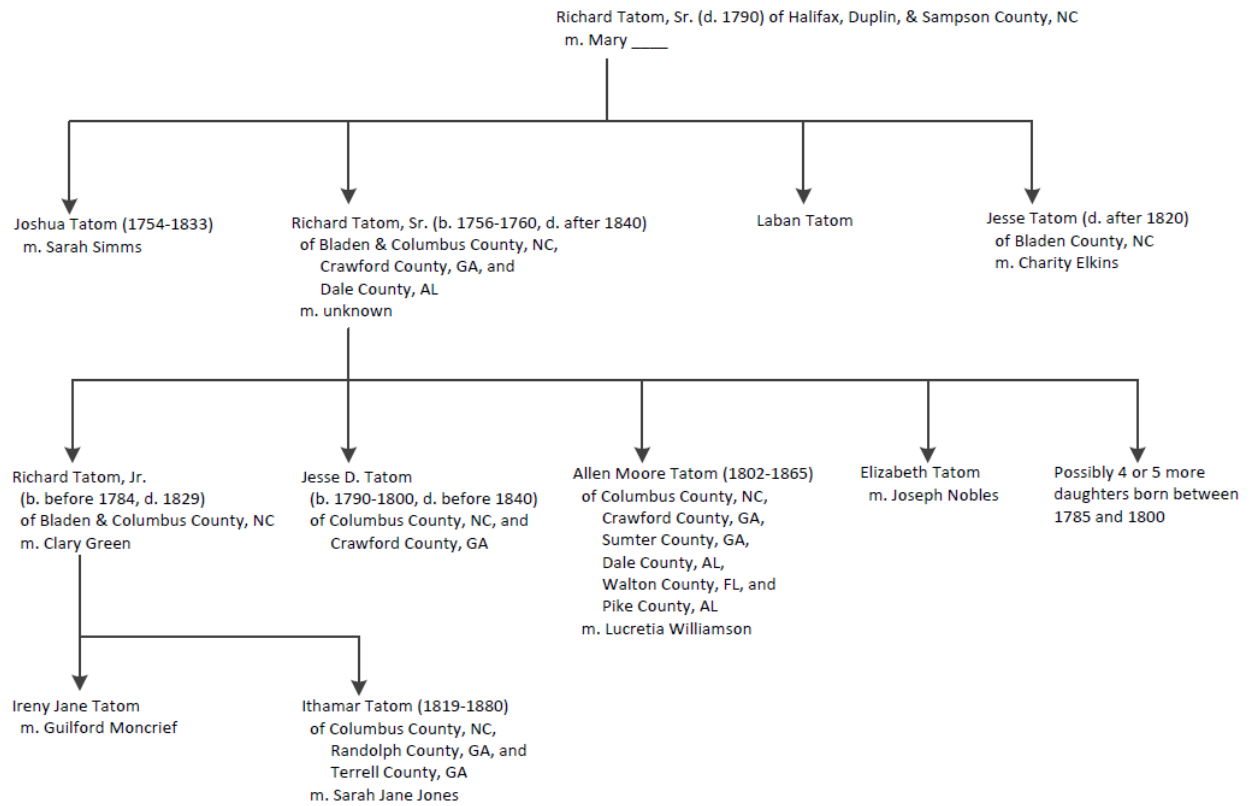
**Family Tree of David Godwin (Sr.):**



**Family Tree of Simon Green:**



## Family Tree of Richard Tatom, Sr. & Richard Tatom, Jr.:





## **Information on the Godwin family of Johnston County, NC:**

During the January, 1763 term of Johnston County, NC court, Richard Pearce, as nearest of kin, asked to be appointed administrator of the estate of Solomon Godwin, deceased ([Johnston County, NC County Court Minutes, 1759-1766, Book 1](#), Haun). The name Martha Godwin was written but marked through and replaced with Solomon Godwin. Samuel Holliman and David Holliman gave securities in the amount of 200 pounds.

In 1775, David and Ann Godwin of Bladen County, NC sold to William Horn of Bladen 180 acres in Johnston County, NC on the north side of Poplar Branch (Johnston County, NC deed book H-1, page 287).

In 1775, Coleman Nickols of Johnston County, NC sold 160 acres on Little River to Richard Pearce of Johnston County, NC (Johnston County deed book H-1, page 276). Averett Pearce and Richard Pearce witnessed.

A 1775 Bladen County, NC deed referenced Coleman Nichols and Martha his wife selling land to Thomas Amis (Bladen County deed book 23, page 551).

About 1783 or 1784, Richard Pearce, Sr. made a deed of gift to son John Pearce (Johnston County deed book O-1, page 28). The date of the deed was not given, but other deeds immediately previous to and immediately following this deed have dates of 1783 and 1784. The gift was the 160 acres that he had purchased from Coleman Nichols. William Spivey and Unity Pearce witnessed.

Richard Pearce wrote his will in Johnston County, NC on 20 November, 1790. He named wife Sarah Pearce. He named sons Simon, Everitt, Ephraim, Richard, Phillip, and John Pearce. He named daughters Martha Nichols, Ann Runnels, and Unity Pearce. He named grandson Alexander Godwin. James Watkins, James Johnson, and Wilet Watkins witnessed. The will was probated in November, 1790.

Sarah Pearce wrote her will in Johnston County, NC on 20 May, 1795. She named sons Simon, John, Everett, and Phillip Pearce. Ephraim Pearce was an equal devisee but was not named as a son. She named daughters Unity Talton, Martha Nichols, and Ann Runnals. She named granddaughter Ann Pearce, daughter of John Pearce. She named grandsons Ely Pearce, Lemmon Pearce, West Pearce, Alex Godwin, and Stephen Godwin. Thomas, James, and Nicholas Faulk witnessed. The will was probated in April, 1796.

A transcribed document references a case during the May term \_\_\_ Court of Equity for the District of Wilmington in NC concerning the family of David Godwin. The source of the document is unknown and a copy of the original was not available. The document was sent to me by Lori Godwin ([lorihgodwin@gmail.com](mailto:lorihgodwin@gmail.com)). The original document was said to be in possession of James T. Godwin of Ft. Walton Beach, FL. It was stated that the document might be found in "Wilmington District Superior Court Minutes, 1760-1783, 1785-1806". There are 4 volumes of these minutes on 1 reel of microfilm under call number C.208.30001 at the NC Archives. The microfilm has not been checked. I very briefly checked 2 boxes of NC General Assembly Records (April-May, 1782 and Nov-Dec, 1803) based on dates found in this document, but nothing was found. I also looked for a NC Supreme Court case for David Godwin's family in the NC Archives card catalog, but found nothing.

The court of equity document mentioned that David Godwin of Bladen County, NC died sometime in the year 1781 intestate. The document named his widow Ann Godwin and heirs as Ellick Godwin, Stephen Godwin, David Godwin, Reddick Godwin, Edward Wilson and Charity his wife, Maturin Branton and Martha his wife, David Coleman and Priscilla his wife, Allen Watkins and Rhoda his wife, and Seth Holloman and Unity his wife. John Yates and Ann Godwin were administrators. Various dates in the document cover years from 1781 to 1803.

Ellick Godwin is presumed to be Alexander/Elexander Godwin. A 1789 Johnston County, NC deed referenced Elexander Godwin of Bladen County, NC selling to Patrick Oneal of Johnston County, NC (Johnston County, NC deed book W-1, page 387). Two Bladen County, NC deeds prove that Alexander was a brother of David Godwin and Reddick Godwin (Bladen County deed book 27, page 532 and 533).

Two Bladen County, NC deeds reference Reddick Godwin as Reddick/Redwick Eric Godwin (Bladen County deed book 27, page 526 and 531).

The following Columbus County deed proves 4 of the children mentioned in the Wilmington Court of Equity document.

On 14 December, 1816, Edward Wilson, David Godwin, Maturin Branton, and Allen Watkins, all heirs of David Godwin, sold 105 acres on the west side of Porter Swamp to Reddick Godwin (Columbus County, NC deed book E, page 280). The land was "laid off by the court of Bladen for the support of the widow and children of David Godwin agreeable to an Act of Assembly". Jarret (sic) Godwin and Thomas Godwin witnessed. The deed was proven during the August term of court 1833 by Jarrit (sic) Godwin.

On 19 March, 1818, Coleman Nickolds (sic) gifted a slave named Robin to his "beloved stepson" Pierse (sic) Godwin (Columbus County, NC deed book C, page 119). Joshua Williamson and David Godwin witnessed.

This information as a whole shows that Pierce Godwin was the son of Solomon Godwin and Martha Pearce and the stepson of Coleman Nichols. As shown in the following analysis, he was very involved in the affairs of his cousins, children of David Godwin, Sr., who had also moved to Bladen County, NC.

Ann Runnals/Runnels (also Reynolds) was found in numerous Bladen and Columbus County records after the death of David Godwin. The identity of her second husband, Mr. Runnals, is unknown.

**Pierce Godwin (Sr.) of Edgecombe, Johnston, Bladen & Columbus County, NC:**

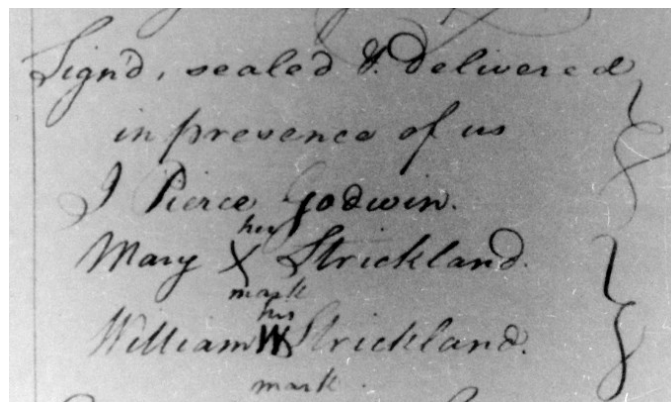
Pierce Godwin was listed on the 1779 Bladen County, NC tax list in Capt. Yates district (Bladen County, NC Tax Lists, 1775-1789, Volume 2, Byrd). He had 160 acres of land, one horse, and 5 cows. His land was valued at 160 pounds. Given a taxable age of 21, he was born before 1758. Pierce Godwin was listed between Ignatious Flowers and Thomas Amis. Others in this district were David Godwin, Dempsey Dawson, Moses Coleman, William Strickland, Coleman Nickols, Alexander Gowdin, Stephen Godwin, James Money, Benjamin Money, Thomas Sanders, William Long, John Baldwin, Jr. John Flinn, John Yates, Simon Green, Solomon Dyson, Mary Amis, William Buffalow, Joseph Noble, Elias Strickland, Stephen Glear, James McColskey, Archibald McColskey, Henry Bosswell, and John Bargwin.

On 18 March, 1779, Pearceby Goddin (sic) and Everitt Nichols were chain carriers on a land warrant for Coleman Nickols (Abstracts of Land Warrants, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1803, Pruitt, #595). Warrant #666 was issued 1 March, 1779 for 75 acres on the south side of Porters Swamp. Coleman Nickols stated the warrant was "between my own upper line where I live and John Godfrey". The entry was made 26 November, 1778. Grant #650 was issued 23 October, 1782.

On 18 March, 1779, Pearuby Goddin (sic) and Everitt Nichols were chain carriers on a land warrant for Coleman Nickals (sic) (Abstracts of Land Warrants, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1803, Pruitt, #708). Warrant #605 was issued 10 February, 1779 for 100 acres "beginning near the school house, running on both sides of the road and including both sides of Wolf Trap Branch". The entry was made 4 November, 1778. Grant #518 was issued 23 October, 1782.

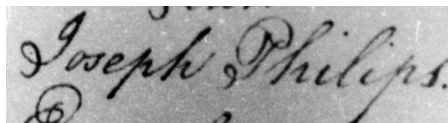
On 20 October, 1779, Pierce Godwin witnessed a deed from David Godwin of Bladen County, NC to Alexander Godwin of Bladen County, NC (Edgecombe County, NC deed book 4, page 399). The land was described as a Granville grant of 355 acres to William Godwin on the south side of Tosnot. William and Mary Strickland also witnessed the deed. The deed was proven by William Strickland during the May term of court 1786 in Edgecombe County, NC.

On 20 October, 1779, J. Pierce Godwin witnessed a deed from David Godwin of Bladen County, NC to Alexander Godwin of Bladen County, NC (Edgecombe County, NC deed book 4, page 400). The land was described as a Granville grant of 225 acres to David Godwin on both sides of Homminey Swamp. William and Mary Strickland also witnessed the deed. The deed was proven by William Strickland during the May term of court 1786 in Edgecombe County, NC. The clerk of court was Edward Hall.



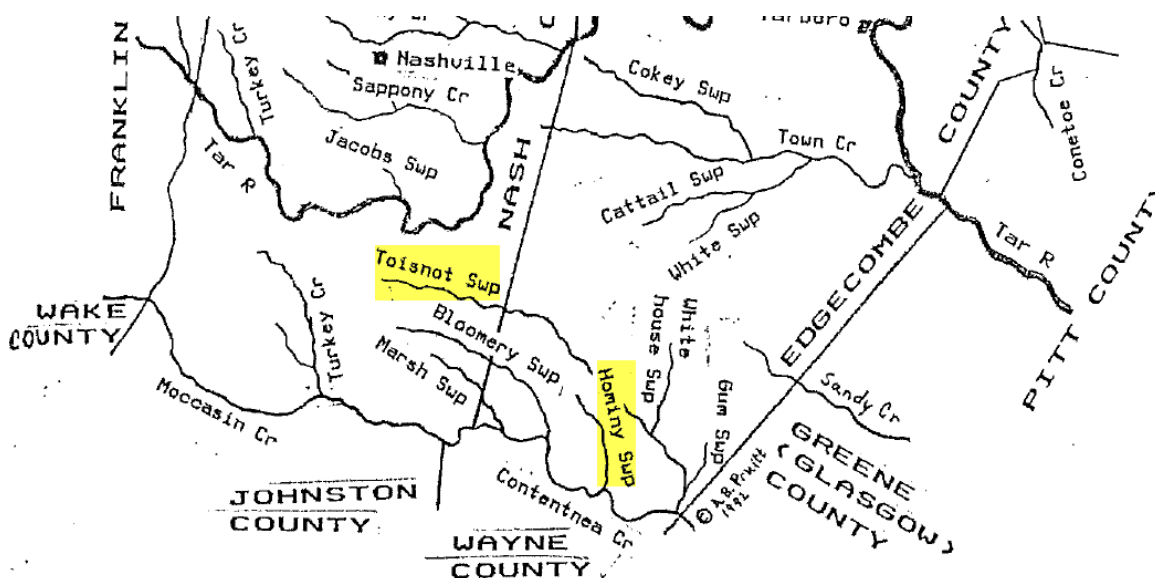
Signd, sealed & delivered  
in presence of us  
I Pierce Godwin.  
Mary <sup>his</sup> Strickland.  
William <sup>mark</sup> Strickland.  
mark

The clerk copy of the deed was examined to verify that J. Pierce Godwin was a witness. The writing is clear and there is no mistaking the translation. An unrelated deed found a few pages afterwards in deed book 4 was examined to verify the “J”. As shown, the clerk signature for Joseph Philips confirms his handwriting for “J”.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Philips". The ink is dark and the handwriting is clear and legible.

The term Jurat or the abbreviation Jur was often used in deeds or wills to represent that a person was proving the transaction. However, the term almost always follows the name and does not precede it. Again, it is clear that the name of the witness shown above is J. Pierce Godwin.

Toisnot Swamp was north of the Johnston County line in 1779. It bordered Nash and Edgecombe County. Hominy Swamp was next to Toisnot in southern Edgecombe County north of the Johnston County line.



Location of Toisnot and Hominy Swamp in old Edgecombe County north of the Johnston County line

On 5 November, 1779, John Yates surveyed a land warrant for Daniel Godwin (*David Godwin*) ([Abstracts of Land Warrants, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1803, Pruitt, #620](#)). The land was 50 acres beginning near Parker’s Swamp (*Porter’s Swamp*), running up both sides of the swamp, and including Pearse (sic) Godwin’s improvements. Hardy Horn and David Godwin were chain carriers. This is the only mention of Daniel Godwin in Bladen land warrants or deeds. It is very likely that the name on the original warrant was David Godwin. The warrant has not been reviewed; only the abstract. It is easy to confuse the 2 names when reading the old handwriting.

The land entry, dated 4 November, 1778, for the previous warrant confirms that it was for David Godwin (Abstracts of Land Entries, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1781, Pruitt, #606). The entry also confirms the name of the swamp as Porter's Swamp.

On 22 March, 1783, Pierce Godwin witnessed a deed from Alexander Godwin of Johnston County, NC to his brother David Godwin (Bladen County, NC deed book 27, page 532). Alexander Godwin transferred 300 acres "north of Cow Branch or Drowning Creek" to his "well beloved brother David Godwin". Alexander Godwin stated that he was moving. In fact, he later moved from Johnston to Bladen. Pierce Godwin signed his name as witness along with John Pearce. Pierce Godwin proved the deed during the December term of court in 1806. That is a 23 year time span from the time the deed was written until it was proven.

On 22 March, 1783, Pierceabee (sic) Godwin witnessed a deed from Alexander Godwin of Johnston County, NC to his brother Redick Godwin (Bladen County NC deed book 27, page 533). Alexander Godwin transferred 86 acres "in the fork of Porter's Swamp above Stark's plantation beginning by John Stark's line" to his "well beloved brother Redick Godwin". Alexander Godwin stated that he was moving. Pierceabee Godwin signed his name as witness along with John Pearce. Pierce C. Godwin proved the deed during the December term of court 1806. There is no doubt that this is the same man as Pierce Godwin.

Pierce Godwin was listed on the 1784 Bladen County tax list with 160 acres of land and 1 white poll (1784 Tax List, Bladen County, NC, Campbell). He was listed in Captain Yates District between John Green and Simon Green.

On 15 November, 1787, Richard Brown was issued a land grant for 50 acres on the east side of Porter's Swamp (Abstracts of Land Warrants, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1803, Pruitt, #773). The land description mentioned a "small improvement made by Pearce (sic) Godwin". It was also mentioned that the land had been sold as confiscated property of the estate of David Godwin.

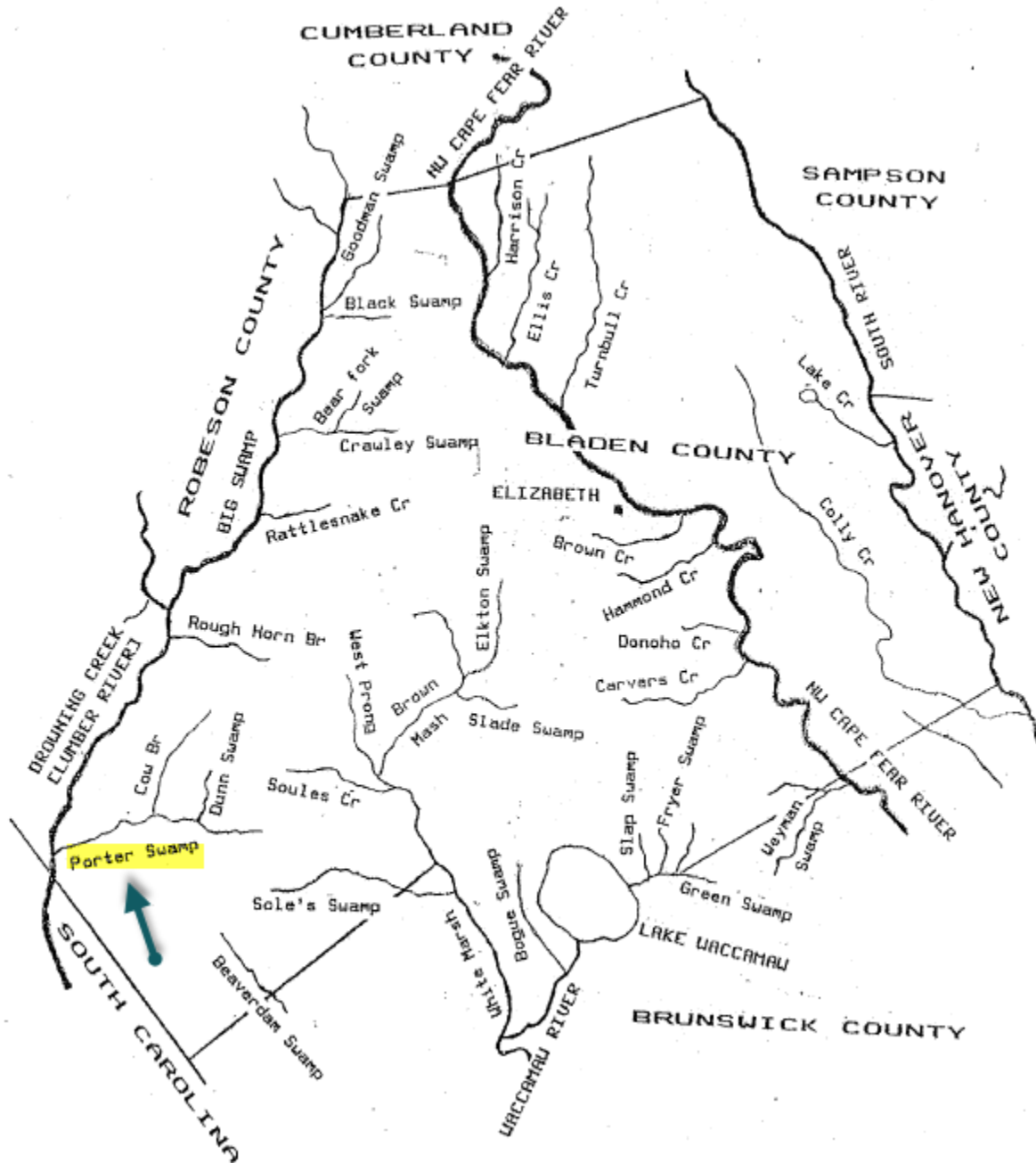
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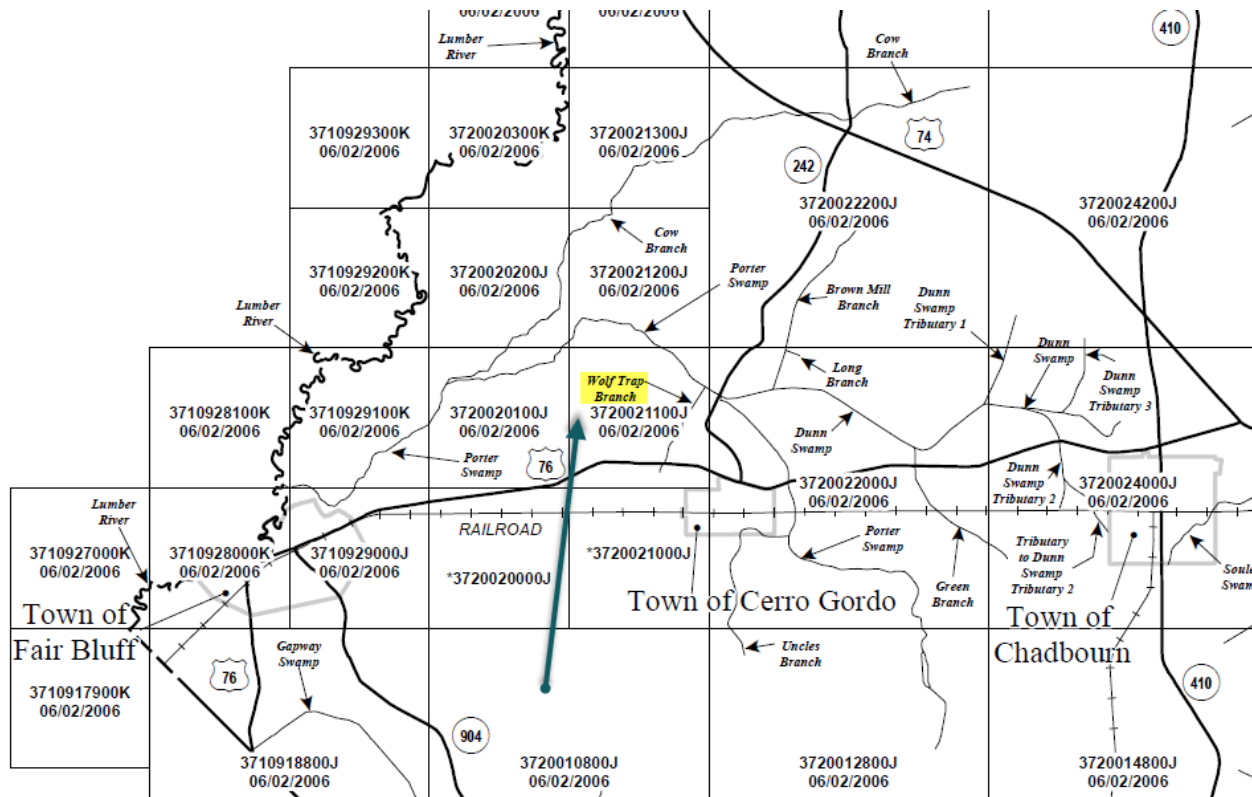
Pearce (sic) Godwin was enumerated on the 1790 Bladen County, NC census with one male over 16, one male under 16, and 4 females in his household. He was enumerated between Averet Niles (Nichols?) and Priscilla Herring. Other close neighbors included Mathew Branton, William Peters, Coleman Niles (Nichols?), Mary Hays, John Yates, John Coalsman (sic), and Moses Coalsman (sic). Richard Tatom and Lewis Williamson were nearby and enumerated in the previous column.

On 4 August, 1794, Pierce Godwin entered 75 acres on the south side of Porter's Swamp joining Stevens and his own line (Abstracts of Land Warrants, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1803, Pruitt, #2211). The land was surveyed 2 December, 1794 by John Yates, but no chain carriers were mentioned. The warrant was issued 20 July, 1795 and the grant was made on 17 December, 1796.

Pierce Godwin was found on a list of land entries and surveys returned from Bladen County to the Secretary's office on 6 November, 1795 by John Yates. Pierce had entry #1117 for 15 acres (Abstracts of Land Warrants, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1803, Pruitt, #4275G). This is a list only and no descriptions are given.



*Location of Porter Swamp in Bladen County prior to the formation of Columbus County*



*Columbus County flood plain map (modern day) showing location of Wolf Trap Branch*  
[http://www.ncfloodmaps.com/firm\\_indexes/pdf/effective/columbus\\_index\\_map.pdf](http://www.ncfloodmaps.com/firm_indexes/pdf/effective/columbus_index_map.pdf)

Pearce (sic) Godwin was enumerated on the 1800 Bladen County, NC census in Capt. Greenes' District with one male between 16-25, one male 26-44, two females < 10, one female 10-15, one female 16-25, and one female 26-44. He was enumerated between Whitmil Jorngigan (sic) and Dempsey Coleman. Other close neighbors included Coleman Nichols, William Stevens, Elisha Tylman, Amos King, James Rising, Samuel Elkins, Jr., and Stephen Godwin.

If Pearce Godwin is the male between 26 and 44 in the 1800 record, then he was born between 1756 and 1774. The female of the same age was probably his wife.

On 2 January, 1798, Prince (sic) Godwin, Ephraim Nichols, and William Faulk witnessed a deed from John Coleman to Elias Nickols for 300 acres of land on the south side of Porter's Swamp (Bladen County, NC deed book 7, page 45). The clerk copy of the deed was consulted and it indeed reflects Prince Godwin. Given the associated names and land location this is undoubtedly Pierce Godwin.

On 2 August, 1803, Perce (sic) Godwin purchased 140 acres from Jacob Rhodes for 17 pounds (Bladen County, NC deed book 27, page 216). The land was on the south side of Porter's Swamp. The Big Bay, Coleman Nichole's (sic) line, and Elias Nichole's (sic) line were mentioned. The land was part of a granted to John G. Blount dated 26 December, 1794. The land had been sold for taxes due and purchased at Sheriff's auction by Jacob Rhodes on 26 February, 1799. Jacob Rhodes signed the deed. Owen Clinton and Benjamin Lewis (sic) witnessed.

On 1 December, 1804, Pierce Godwin sold five tracts of land totaling 550 acres to Elias Godwin for 500 pounds specie (Bladen County, NC deed book 27, page 173). Pierce Godwin signed his name. Joshua Williams and Ephraim Nickols (sic) witnessed. Joshua Williams proved the deed during the December term of court in 1804. A description of each tract follows.

The first tract (Pierce Godwin to Elias Godwin, 1804) was 160 acres on the SW side of Porter's Swamp and east side of Drowning Creek beginning at a maple on John Yates' corner. Oliver Steven's line was mentioned. The metes and bounds of the land match the 160 acre tract that David Godwin purchased from William and Jane Horn on 21 December, 1774 (Bladen County deed book 23, page 471). The 1774 deed gives the additional description "where Wolf Pit Branch joins on the upper side of John Yates' beginning corner". The 160 acres had been granted to William Horn in 1772. How did Pierce Godwin obtain this land?

The second tract (Pierce Godwin to Elias Godwin, 1804) was 100 acres on both side of Watery Branch. A deed showing Pierce Godwin purchasing this land has not been found. However, Elias Godwin sold this land in 1810 and that transaction gives the history (Columbus County, NC deed book A, page 46). Archibald Cannon patented the land on 16 July, 1795 and later sold to Pierce Godwin.

The third tract (Pierce Godwin to Elias Godwin, 1804) was 100 acres on the east side of Porter Swamp patented by David Duncan. A deed showing Pierce Godwin purchasing this land has not been found. However, Elias Godwin sold this land in 1810 and that transaction gives the history (Columbus County, NC deed book A, page 46). Pierce Godwin purchased the land from Archibald Cannon. Cannon purchased the land from Phillip Perry. Perry purchased the land from David Duncan who had obtained a patent on 25 November, 1779.

The fourth tract (Pierce Godwin to Elias Godwin, 1804) was 100 acres on the SW side of Porter's Swamp beginning at a pine in Wm. Horn's line running to a white oak in Wolftrap Branch. A deed showing Pierce Godwin purchasing this land has not been found. Is this possibly David Godwin or Coleman Nichols land? David Godwin purchased several tracts from William and Jane Horn. As shown previously, Pierce Godwin was a chain carrier for a 100 acre land warrant issued to Coleman Nichols in 1779 on both sides of Wolf Trap Branch.

The fifth tract (Pierce Godwin to Elias Godwin, 1804) was 95 acres joining the 4<sup>th</sup> tract. A deed showing Pierce Godwin purchasing this land has not been found.

On 1 December, 1804, Pierce Godwin sold several items to Elias Godwin for \$500 (Bladen County, NC deed book 27, page 174). The sale included 2 branded horses. One horse was branded with initials C.N. The horse very likely had belonged to Coleman Nichols, stepfather of Pierce Godwin. Also included were 30 head of cattle "marked with a swallow fork in the right ear and an under square in the left ear". Also 100 head of hogs marked the same way. Also 4 feather beds and furniture. Pierce Godwin signed his name. Ephraim Nickols (sic) and Joshua Williams witnessed. Joshua Williams proved the deed during the December term of court in 1804.

On 1 June, 1810, Pierce Godwin was referenced in a deed from Elias Godwin to Maturin Branton (Columbus County, NC deed book A, page 46). The sale was for two tracts of land on the east side of Porter Swamp. The first tract had been granted to David Duncan in 1779 and sold by Duncan to Philip



Perry and conveyed by Perry to Archibald Cannon and from Cannon to Pierce Godwin and from Pierce Godwin to Elias Godwin. The second tract was patented by Archibald Cannon in 1795. W. Nance and Ephraim Nicholds (sic) witnessed.

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On 10 August, 1820, Joshua Williamson, Sheriff, sold three tracts of land at public auction to Jacob Strickland (Columbus County, NC deed book E, page 411). The sale was to satisfy a debt of \$25.80 owed by James Crowson to Uriah Flowers. Three tracts of land were sold. Richard Tatom and Pierce Godwin both signed as witnesses. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 10 January, 1825, Joshua Williamson, Sheriff, sold 49 acres on the east side of Porter Swamp, adjacent P. Godwin, to Ephraim Branton for \$2.90 (Columbus County, NC deed book E, page 150). The sale was for taxes due for the year 1823, but it does not mention who owed the tax. Archibald McKay and Reddick Godwin witnessed.

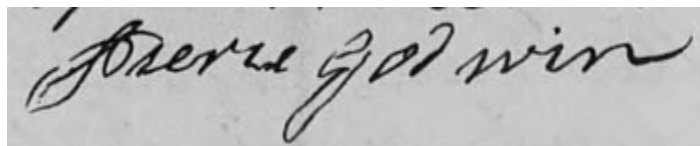
In April, 1825, Pierse (sic) Godwin served on a jury for the case of Rachel Rouse vs. William Holms (sic) & Gabriel Holmes. The case was heard during the Spring Term of Columbus County Superior Court in Whiteville. Others on the jury were William Stubs, Simon Jones, Armilain Bryan, Neel Maultsby, George Hooks, Joseph D. Grisset, John Gore, Aron Fowler, Duncan Sikes, John Chancy, and William Lewis. They ruled in favor of the defendants. Does this record belong to Pierce Godwin (Sr.) or Pierce Godwin, Jr.?

Pierce Godwin was enumerated on the 1830 Columbus County, NC census with one male 10-14, one male 30-39, one male 60-69, one female 10-14, one female 20-29, and one female 50-59. He had one female slave 10-23. According to this record, Pierce Godwin was born between 1761 and 1770. The older woman in his household was born between 1771 and 1780.

Pierce Godwin, Jr. was enumerated on the 1830 Columbus County, NC census with one male < 5, one male 30-40, one female < 5, and one female 20-30. He was enumerated between Bryant Coleman and John Godwin. Other close neighbors included Archilus Hammons, Noah Strickland, Abraham Jernigan, Philip Watts, and Henry Sterling. Pierce Godwin, Jr. was born between 1790 and 1800. He was the son of David Godwin as cited in the next section of this report.

On 9 February, 1832, Hinant Faulk sold two tracts totaling 90 acres on the south side of Button Branch to Pierce Godwin for \$125 (Columbus County, NC deed book F, page 26). The first tract was 45 acres conveyed from Jacob Rhodes to Ebenezer Ellis, then from Ellis to Leau and Germuel. The second tract was 45 acres adjacent the previous tract and adjacent the land of Thomas N. Gautier. Samuel Green and Elias Godwin witnessed.

On 12 November, 1832, Pearce Godwin appeared before the Columbus County, NC court to testify for the pension application of Absalom Powell (fold3.com, pension R8401). Godwin stated that Powell was a Captain of a Company of Bladen militia for 2 or 3 years before the close of the Revolutionary War.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Pierce Godwin". The ink is dark and the background is light-colored paper.

*Signature of Pierce Godwin from pension application of Absalom Powell*

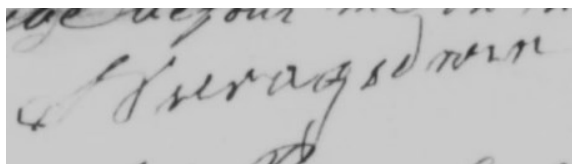
On 12 February, 1833, Pierce Godwin of Columbus County, NC, aged 73, applied for a pension before the Columbus County court (fold3.com, pension S6902). He stated that he was born in Johnston County, NC on 17 February, 1760 and that he had resided in Bladen County since he was 10 years old.

No records of Pierce Godwin were found in Revolutionary War Army Accounts (NC Archives microfilm) or Revolutionary War Pay Vouchers (NC Archives microfilm).

On 28 September, 1839, Pierce Godwin and John Harrison witnessed a deed from Susannah and Fanny Wells to Nathan L. Williamson for 50 acres on the east side of Cow Branch (Columbus County, NC deed book G, page 20). The land was part of a 250 acre tract known as the John Wells tract "agreeable to the first deed given from John Padgett from the patent to William Boice bearing date 4 April, 1786". Seven acres was excepted. It had been previously conveyed by Joel Wells to Susannah Wells.

On 25 April, 1845, Pierce Godwin of Columbus County, NC wrote his will and signed his name. Pierce named 4 daughters: Alcy Williamson, Nancy Williamson, Susan Floyd, and Emily Powell. The 4 daughters were given a slave named Robin and they were to receive the residue of the estate once all debts were settled. Pierce named Maranza Ann Williamson, but did not state the relationship. Maranza received Pierce's bed and furniture. Pierce named the heirs of Elias Godwin, but did not state the relationship. They received two dollars. Pierce named Ireny Moncrieff and Ithamar Tatum together, but did not state the relationship. They each received one dollar. He named his grandson N. L. Williamson as executor. Laban Williamson and Dennis Williamson witnessed.

On 20 January, 1846, Pierce Godwin, a pensioner aged 85, went before the Columbus County, NC court to testify for the pension application of John Wingate (fold3.com, pension R11712). Godwin stated that he was well acquainted with John Wingate of Bladen County, NC. Godwin said he served with Wingate under Captain Thomas Amy.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Pierce Godwin". The ink is dark and the background is light-colored paper.

*Signature of Pierce Godwin from pension application of John Wingate*

The final payment to Pierce Godwin's pension was made during the second quarter of 1847. This payment may have been made after his death. However, no date of death was given on the record. Records for other soldiers were examined and it was common for a final payment to be made months or years after the death of a soldier or spouse.

In 1847, during the November term of Columbus County court, the will of Pierce Godwin was proven by the oaths of Laban Williamson and Denis Williamson. Nathan L. Williamson was qualified as executor of the will. It was ordered that he be allowed to sell the personal property of Pierce Godwin, deceased, including one slave named Robin.

In 1849, during the November term of Columbus County court, Lott B. Lennon, James K. Fields, and G. L. Brown appointed a committee to audit the account of N. L. Williamson, executor of the will of Pierce Godwin, deceased.

### **David Godwin (Jr.) & Pierce Godwin, Jr. of Columbus County, NC:**

On 7 March, 1811, Elias Nickols, planter, sold 53 ½ acres to David Godwin for \$50 (Columbus County, NC deed book A, page 74). The land was on the SW side of Porter Swamp adjacent Maturin Branton and Ephraim Nickols and was part of a tract patented by Coleman Nichols. Ephraim Nickols and Maturin Branton witnessed.

On 22 May, 1812, Elias Nikols sold 8 acres on the west side of Porter Swamp adjacent David Godwin to Maturin Branton (Columbus County, NC deed book A, page 202). The land was part of a 300 acre grant to Coleman Nickols in 1784. The land had been given to Elias by Coleman Nikols. Ephraim Nickols and Unity Branton witnessed.

On 14 December, 1816, Edward Wilson, David Godwin, Maturin Branton, and Allen Watkins, all heirs of David Godwin, sold 105 acres on the west side of Porter Swamp to Reddick Godwin (Columbus County, NC deed book E, page 280). The land was "laid off by the court of Bladen for the support of the widow and children of David Godwin agreeable to an Act of Assembly". Jarret (sic) Godwin and Thomas Godwin witnessed. The deed was proven during the August term of court 1833 by Jarrit (sic) Godwin.

The 1816 deed references David Godwin (Sr.), who died about 1781, and his wife Ann. The heirs referenced were children of David (Sr.) and Ann Godwin.

On 19 March, 1818, Coleman Nickolds (sic) gifted a slave named Robin to his "beloved stepson" Pierse (sic) Godwin (Columbus County, NC deed book C, page 119). Joshua Williamson and David Godwin witnessed.

The 1845 will of Pierce Godwin (Sr.) proves that he owned the slave named Robin. Pierce (Sr.) was the stepson cited in the 1818 deed.

In February, 1825, Pierse (sic) Godwin was ordered to work on the road from John Green to the State Line to Conway Borough. Ephraim Branton was appointed overseer. Other hands were Thomas Godwin, Simon Godwin, William Edwards, Aaron Edwards, Henry Sterling, Solomon Sterling, James Crowson, Neaham Foley, and Jacob Strickland.

The 1825 record cited above likely belongs to Pierce Godwin, Jr. Thomas Godwin was appointed at the same time. Pierce Godwin (Sr.) would have been about 65 years old at this time.

On 30 May, 1828, J. Stephens sold a slave named Frank to David Godwin (Columbus County, NC deed book D, page 453). Caleb Stephens and Pearce (sic) Godwin signed their name as witnesses. Given Caleb Stephens association with the family of David Godwin and the records of Elias Gowan, this is very likely Pierce Godwin, Jr.

Pierce Godwin, Jr. was enumerated on the 1830 Columbus County, NC census with one male < 5, one male 30-40, one female < 5, and one female 20-30. He was enumerated between Bryant Coleman and John Godwin. Other close neighbors included Archilus Hammons, Noah Strickland, Abraham Jernigan, Philip Watts, and Henry Sterling. Pierce Godwin, Jr. was born between 1790 and 1800.

On 18 June, 1832, David Godwin, Sr. sold 150 acres to “his son” Thomas Godwin for \$50 (Columbus County, NC deed book E, page 211). The land was on the west side of Porter Swamp and south side of Uncles Branch. It was part of 300 acres granted to John Yates and conveyed by Yates to David Godwin on 27 March, 1791. Caleb Stephens and Erick Branton witnessed. [*David Godwin (Jr.), son of David & Ann Godwin*]

In February, 1831, Lott Williamson petitioned the Columbus County court to “turn the road”. Pirse (sic) Godwin served on the appointed jury which also included Richard Williamson, William W. Brown, J. Flowers, G. Flowers, Benjamin Bright, John Harrison, Jas. McColskey, H. Hilburn, Owen Harrison, Jesse Phillips, and Charles Powers.

The 1831 road record almost certainly belongs to Pierce Godwin, Jr. Pierce Godwin (Sr.) would have been over 70 at this time.

On 13 September, 1844, David Godwin made a deed of gift to his son Thomas Godwin for 200 acres on the west side of Porter Swamp adjacent his own lands, Reddick Godwin, and Averitt Nichols (Columbus County, NC deed book H, page 118). Jarret (sic) Godwin and Felix Godwin witnessed.

On 17 September, 1844, David Godwin made a deed of gift to his son Felix Godwin for 87 acres on the west side of Porter Swamp and both sides of “Uncles” adjacent Joshua Peavey. Garrett (sic) Godwin and Thomas Godwin witnessed.

On 9 December, 1846, an announcement concerning the estate of David Godwin was made in the Wilmington Chronicle. A petition for sale of slaves of the estate of David Godwin, deceased, had been made by the November term of court in Columbus County in 1846. Martha, wife of Jeremiah Costen, Abby, wife of Errick Branton, Pency Ann, wife of Samuel Branton, Thomas Godwin, a minor, and Ellick Godwin, a minor, were defendants in the petition. It was stated that they resided “beyond the limits of this state”.

On 14 February, 1848, the account of David Godwin, deceased, was returned to Columbus County, NC court. The commissioners assigned to divide the estate were A. F. Powell, Elias Nicholds, Joel Suggs, and Lott Williamson. The heirs of David Godwin were named as Thomas Godwin, Pierce Godwin (heirs), Arick (sic) Branton in right of wife Appa, David Godwin, Jeremiah Coston in right of wife Mantha, Samuel Branton in right of wife Pency (sic), and Phelis (sic) Godwin (*Felix Godwin*). Lot number 4 was assigned to the heirs of Pierce Godwin. The lot was 30 acres, the “mill tract”.

Pierce Godwin, son of David Godwin, is probably Pierce Godwin, Jr. who was enumerated on the 1830 Columbus County, NC census. Pierce, Jr. was born between 1790 and 1800 and died prior to 1848. He was not found on the 1840 census.

Samuel Branton, age 37, and Pency Ann Branton, age 32, were enumerated on the 1850 census of Dale County, AL in household 119. They had 9 children. In 1860, Pennie A. Branton was age 45. In 1870, Pincy A. Branton was age 63 and living in Geneva County, AL.

Thomas Godwin, age 54, and Anna Godwin, age 40, were enumerated on the 1850 census of Dale County, AL in household 148. They had 5 children.

David Godden, age 44, was enumerated on the 1850 census of Dale County, AL in household 887. He had 2 children and no wife. *[David Godwin, son of David Godwin (Jr.), and grandson of David Godwin (Sr.)]*

Jeremiah Costen, age 42, and Mantha Costen, age 43, were enumerated on the 1850 census of Smith County, MS. They had 4 children.

Pencey Branton was born between 1807 and 1818. Mantha Costen was born about 1807. Thomas Godwin was born about 1796. David Godwin was born about 1806.

According to the 1840 Columbus County, NC census, David Godwin was between 70 and 79 years of age. He was born between 1761 and 1770. An older female in his household was between 60 and 69 years of age, born between 1771 and 1780. *[David Godwin (Jr.), son of David (Sr.) & Ann Godwin]*

### **Elias Godwin, son of Pierce Godwin (Sr.), of Bladen & Columbus County, NC:**

As shown in the section on Pierce Godwin (Sr.), Elias Godwin was his only identified son. Please refer to that section of the report for other information on Elias Godwin.

Elias Godwin was not old enough to be taxable prior to 1790. Pierce Godwin was always listed with one poll on tax lists before 1790. The 1790 census of Bladen County showed one male under 16 in Pierce Godwin's household. The 1800 census of Bladen County showed a male age 16 to 25 in Pierce Godwin's household.

If Elias Godwin was under 16 in 1790, he was born after 1774. If age 16 to 25 in 1800, he was born between 1775 and 1784.

Pierce Godwin sold five tracts of land to his son Elias Godwin in 1804. See previous section on Pierce Godwin (Sr.). Elias Godwin sold one of these tracts in 1810 to Maturin Branton, a son-in-law of David Godwin (Sr.).

On 25 March, 1805, Elias Godwin of Bladen purchased 220 acres for \$55 from Jacob Rhodes of Robeson (Bladen County, NC deed book 27, page 328). The land was on the east side of Drowning Creek and the south side of Porter's Swamp and began at a post oak on Elias Nichol's corner. David Legett witnessed the deed. The land was part of a 4480 acre patent granted to Rhodes on 16 July, 1795. *This size of this patent may be in error.*

Given the legal age of 21 to purchase land, Elias Godwin was born before 1784.

On 1 January, 1811, Elias Godwin and Amos Coleman witnessed a deed from Ebenezer Ellis of Columbus to Joab Mears of Bladen for 387.5 acres on both sides of Porter Swamp (Columbus County, NC deed book B, page 72). The deed mentioned the land ran to Drowning Creek and that it was adjacent William Horn, Richard Faulk, and William Stevens. It was one half of 765 acres "whereon Joel Ellis now lives".

On 2 January, 1811, Elias Godwin and Amos Coleman witnessed a deed from Ebenezer Ellis of Columbus to Joab Mears for four tracts of land on Porter Swamp and Cypress Bay totaling 364 acres (Columbus County, NC deed book B, page 73). Adjoining land owners were James Smith, Mary Amis, Samuel Pope, and Thomas N. Gautier.

On 25 November, 1811, Elias Godwin and Seth Hollaman witnessed a deed of gift "for natural affection" from Ann Reynolds of Columbus to Winney Godwin of Columbus (Columbus County, NC deed book A, page 183). Ann Reynolds conveyed "all my good and chattels". The deed mentioned Philip Coleman Godwin. Ann Reynolds was the widow of David Godwin (Sr.). Seth Hollaman was the son-in-law of David Godwin (Sr.).

On 25 November, 1811, Elias Godwin and Seth Hollaman witnessed a deed of gift "for natural affection" from Ann Reynolds of Columbus to Francis Laurence of Columbus (Columbus County, NC deed book A, page 183). The deed stated "for natural affection which I bear to my slave Francis Laurence".

On 1 December, 1812, Elias Godwin and Uriah G. Yates witnessed a deed from Henry Wooten to James Stevens for a lot in the town of Alexander, fronting White Street (Columbus County, NC deed book A, page 276).

On 12 July, 1817, Elias Godwin was mentioned as an adjoining land owner with Joshua Williamson, E. Nickols, Branton, and Mary Williamson. This was found in a deed from Uriah Flowers to Isom Williamson for multiple tracts of land (Columbus County deed book C, page 162).

Elias Godwin was a party to multiple deed transactions with the heirs of John Baldwin, Sr., deceased. The transactions occurred in 1818, 1825, 1826, and 1827. The heirs of John Baldwin, Sr. were William Baldwin, Sr., Edward and Betty Simpson, Elias and Nancy Godwin, Canada and Amy Rouse, Rebecca Graham Jordan, Sallie Baldwin Bryan, and Warren Baldwin.

Elias Godwin was enumerated on the 1820 Columbus County, NC census with one male under 10, one male 26-44, one female under 10, one female 26-44, and two slaves. According to this record, Elias was born between 1776 and 1794.

On 12 January, 1825, Elias Godwin and James Hammonds witnessed a deed from Eli Nickols and Clark Haynes to John A. Pearson and Hinant Faulk for 2 lots in the town of Alexander and 25 acres of land (Columbus County, NC deed book D, page 269).

On 14 February, 1827, Elias Godwin, esquire, purchased 105 acres from Iver McMillan and his wife Elizabeth McMillan of Bladen County for \$85 (Columbus County deed book D, page 499). The land was one fifth of the land which William Green "died possessed of". The deed stated that the wife of Iver McMillan was one of the legal heirs of William Green, deceased. Ralph Hester and James Brown witnessed.

On 14 November, 1827, Elias Godwin, Demsey Coleman, and C. Stephens witnessed a deed from Levi Stevens to Cuzziah Coleman (Columbus County, NC deed book D, page 352). Levi Stevens was the executor of the estate of Dempsey Coleman, deceased. The deed was a receipt for "all the residue remaining from accounts in compliance with inventory and will of the deceased". Given Caleb Stephens' association with the family of David Godwin and the records of Elias Gowan, this is very likely Elias Gowan. See next page for more details.

On 22 November, 1828, Elias Godwin, P. Coleman, George Park, James McKolsky, and Richard Tatom were directed by the November Term of Court 1828 to value and divide the lands of Joel Wells, deceased, among his legal heirs (Columbus County, NC deed book J, page 487). They met at the house of Lott Williamson.

On 9 February, 1829, Richard Tatom and wife Claracy (sic) Tatom and Elias Godwin sold 2 tracts of land to Marmaduke Powell for \$255 (Columbus County, NC deed book D, page 508). The land was two fifths of all lands which William Green, deceased, possessed including one grist mill and saw mill. The deed mentioned that one of the said lots had fell to Richard Tatom and his wife Clary as legal heirs of William Green, deceased. The deed did not mention Elias Godwin as an heir. No witnesses were named.

The 1829 transaction gives the false impression that Elias Godwin may be an heir of William Green. However, it is clear that the deed specifically mentioned Clary Tatom as an heir. Elias Godwin had



previously purchased Elizabeth McMillan's 1/5 share in 1827. Elias Godwin was simply selling his purchase at the same time with Richard Tatom.

Elias Godwin was enumerated on the 1830 Columbus County, NC census with one male 5-9, one male 10-14, one male 40-49, one female 10-14, 1 female 40-49, and six slaves. According to this record, Elias was born between 1781 and 1790. Elias was enumerated between Susannah Worley and Alfred Mears. Other close neighbors included Arich Branton, Reddick Godwin, David Godwin, Thomas Godwin, Amos Coleman, Jarrot Godwin, Theophilus Coleman, etc.

Given the previous data, we can estimate that Elias Godwin was born between 1781 and 1784.

On 27 August, 1830, Elias Godwin and Caleb Stephens were named executors of the will of John Godwin of Columbus County, NC. John Godwin referenced them as "friends". John Godwin named wife Martha and daughters Rosey Caroline Godwin and Alice Mae Catherine Godwin. John Godwin mentioned "his part of the legacy of the estate of Richard Faulk, deceased, willed to heirs of Elizabeth Godwin and Edith Gowans (sic). The will was witnessed by Archibald McKay and Alfred Mears. It was probated during the November term of court 1830.

The above reference belongs to Elias Gowan. He is certainly related, but is a different man than Elias Godwin, son of Pierce Godwin (Sr.). He was a grandson or great-grandson of David Godwin (Sr.). According to the 1850 Columbus County, NC census record, he was born about 1804. According to the 1870 Columbus County, NC census record, he was born about 1799.

On 6 April, 1831, Elias Godwin and John H. White witnessed a deed from Joshua Williamson, Sheriff, to Frederick Sasser for 199 acres on Long Branch adjacent Joel Hill and Rachel Coley (Columbus County, NC deed book E, page 252). This was a Sheriff's sale for taxes owed by James K. Holomon.

On 8 July, 1831, Elias Godwin and D. Baldwin witnessed a deed from Harmon C. Williams and wife Sarah Williams to Samuel Chancey for 106 2/3 acres on the east side of White Marsh (Columbus County, NC deed book E, page 128).

On 16 May, 1835, Elias Godwin and Enoch Daniel witnessed a deed from Joshua Williamson, Sheriff, to Richard L. Byrne (Columbus County, NC deed book F, page 66). This was a Sheriff's sale of multiple tracts of land on Sweet Water Branch and Beaver Dam Swamp to satisfy four executions issued against Elisha Sellars.

On 19 December, 1835, Bradley F. Yates and wife Mary Ann Yates sold 250 acres to Doctor F. Williamson (Columbus County deed book F, page 73). The land was "adjacent Margaret Williamson's dowry across Porter Swamp, Caleb Stephens, Elias Godwin, Joshua Williamson, Mary Williamson, and Bythel Haynes lines".

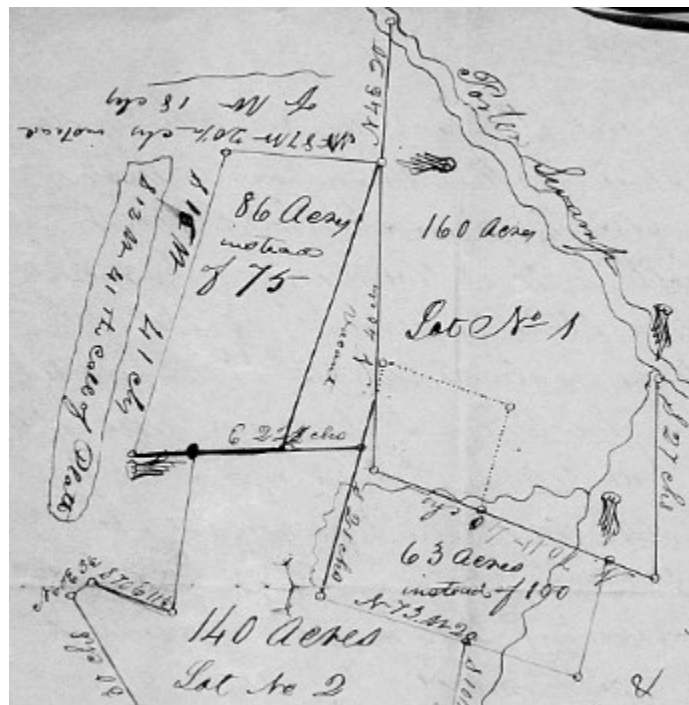
Elias Godwin was referenced as a Justice of the Peace in an 1836 and 1838 deed.

Elias Godwin was enumerated on the 1840 Columbus County, NC census with one male 15-19, one male 20-29, one male 50-59, and one female 50-59. He had 3 male slaves and 3 female slaves. Elias was enumerated between David Godwin and Augustus Smith. Other close neighbors included Maturin Branton, Winnie Godwin, and Absalom Powell.

During the February term of court, 1842, Moore Lennon, George Parker, Absalom Powell, and James Branton were appointed commissioners to lay off and allot the dower of Nancy Godwin. D.F. Williamson was administrator of Elias Godwin, deceased.

The estate of Elias Godwin was handled by the May term of court in 1849 in Columbus County, NC. A. F. Powell, Alver Smith, W. H. Coleman, Daniel Coleman, and Josiah Maulsby were appointed commissioners to divide the estate. The heirs were named as Guy W. Godwin, Marvin D. Godwin, and Orpha Williamson.

Lot number one of 160 acres was assigned to Marvin D. Godwin. The land description given identifies it as the same tract that Pierce Godwin (Sr.) originally owned in 1779. Pierce had somehow obtained the land from David Godwin (Sr.). Pierce sold the tract to Elias Godwin in 1804. The lot was described as "beginning at a stake in place of a maple on the side of Porter Swamp and on the edge of the mouth of Wolf Trap Branch".



*Lot number 1 of 160 acres of the Elias Godwin estate, 1849  
The tract was granted to William Horn in 1772  
Sold by William and Jane Horn to David Godwin in 1774  
Somehow obtained by Pierce Godwin (Sr.) who was taxed for it in 1779  
Sold by Pierce Godwin (Sr.) to Elias Godwin in 1804  
Inherited by Marvin D. Godwin, heir of Elias, in 1849*

On 14 October, 1850, Nancy Godwin, age 68, and Guy W. Godwin, age 30 were enumerated in household number 775 in Columbus County, NC by Haynes Lennon, Assistant Marshall.

On 13 September, 1850, D.F. Williamson, age 37, and Orpah Williamson, age 33 were enumerated in household number 507 in Columbus County, NC by Haynes Lennon, Assistant Marshall. Others in the household included Kendrea Williamson, age 10, male, William Williamson, age 9, male, Penelope Williamson, age 7, female, John I./J. Williamson, age 5, male, Benjamin F. Williamson, age 3, male, and Margaret Williamson, age 66, female.

On 14 September, 1850, Marvin Godwin, age 24, and Margaret C. Godwin, age 20 were enumerated in household number 532 in Columbus County, NC by Haynes Lennon, Assistant Marshall.

### **Simon Green and William Green of Bladen & Columbus County, NC:**

On 22 January, 1824, Simon Green of Columbus County, NC wrote his will. He named his wife as Ann Green and left her four slaves named Squire, Jack, Beth, and Rose. He also left her all stock of cattle, hogs, and sheep. Ann also received all household and kitchen furniture. He left his daughter Mary a tract of land by the name of Hobbs. He gave daughter Ann 100 acres lying in the fork of Greens Branch "where there is a small field". He gave daughter Elizabeth 100 acres on Greens Branch near Allen field. He gave daughter Clary 100 acres on Green Branch patented by Simon Green, Jr. He gave sons Simon and William \$1 each. Simon and William Green were named as executors.

Simon Green named four daughters by their first name only. Columbus County deed records show that his daughters were Ann Stephens, wife of Levi Stephens, Mary Kelly, wife of Archibald Kelly, Elizabeth McMillan, wife of Iver McMillan, and Clary Tatom, wife of Richard Tatom, Jr.

On 13 February, 1826, Levi Stephens and wife Ann Stephens sold 100 acres to Harmon Elkins for \$55 (Columbus County deed book D, page 292). The land was described as "the property of the late Simon Green, deceased, and given by will to his daughter Ann". William Green and Fleet Ezzell witnessed.

On 13 May, 1826, Levi Stephens and wife Ann Stephens of Early County, GA gave power of attorney to Marmaduke Powell to represent their rights in the estate of William Green, deceased (Columbus County deed book D, page 323). Simon Green and J. Shipman witnessed.

On 28 September, 1826, Simon Green, administrator of the estate of William Green, deceased, sold a slave named Ben, 20 years old, to Ranald McMillan for \$531 (Columbus County deed book D, page 364). Warren Baldwin witnessed.

On 28 September, 1826, Simon Green, administrator of the estate of William Green, deceased, sold a slave named Squire, 3 years old, to Ranald McMillan for \$171.25 (Columbus County deed book D, page 364). Warren Baldwin witnessed.

On 28 September, 1826, Simon Green, administrator of the estate of William Green, deceased, sold a slave named Gracy and her child, Elizar, one year old, to Ranald McMillan for \$461 (Columbus County deed book D, page 365). Warren Baldwin witnessed.

On 16 October, 1826, Simon Green of Georgia sold a slave named Hannah and her infant child Merilda to Alexander Troy of Columbus County for \$400 (Columbus County deed book D, page 357). William Baldwin, Jr. witnessed.

On 14 February, 1827, Elias Godwin, esquire, purchased 105 acres from Iver McMillan and his wife Elizabeth McMillan of Bladen County for \$85 (Columbus County deed book D, page 499). The land was one fifth of the land which William Green "died possessed of". The deed stated that the wife of Iver McMillan was one of the legal heirs of William Green, deceased. Ralph Hester and James Brown witnessed.

On 27 March, 1827, Marmaduke Powell received a land grant on the Western Prong adjacent William Green, deceased (Columbus County deed book D, page 350).

On 17 May, 1827, Iver McMillan and wife Elizabeth McMillan, both of Bladen County, sold land to Marmaduke Powell of Columbus County for \$20 (Columbus County deed book D, page 382). 100 acres of land was on Green's Branch and had been granted to Simon Green, Sr. on 20 December, 1791 and then bequeathed to Elizabeth McMillan by her father. They also sold their 1/5 part of a lot in the town of Alexander. A. Powel I, Jr. and Samuel Porter witnessed.

On 6 October, 1828, Archibald Kelly and wife Mary Kelly of Early County, GA gave power of attorney to Simon Green, also of Early County, GA (Columbus County deed book D, page 502). Simon Green was to represent them in connection with lands in Columbus County, NC on Western Prong "wheron Simon Green, Sr., deceased, formerly lived adjacent Luke High and Absalom Powell". Edward W. Gill and Othneil Weaver witnessed.

On 16 October, 1828, Ann Green of Early County, GA gave power of attorney to Simon Green, also of Early County, GA, to represent her property in Bladen and Columbus counties (Columbus County deed book D, page 472). Levi Stephens and James Kelly witnessed.

Since Ann Green, daughter of Simon, was already married to Levi Stephens in 1828, we can conclude that the previous record belongs to Ann Green, wife of Simon Green, Sr. Apparently she moved to GA with her children.

On 25 November, 1828, Simon Green, Archibald Kelly, and Mary Kelly, all of Early County, GA sold land to Ranald McMillan for \$40 (Columbus County deed book D, page 503). The land was described as 2 lots in Columbus County. One lot was "2/5 of lands belonging to William Green, deceased, which fell to Simon Green by heirship". The other lot "fell to Archibald Kelly and his wife Mary as legal heirs of William Green, deceased". Richard Wooten and David George witnessed.

On 26 November, 1828, Simon Green of Early County, GA sold 326 acres to Ranald McMillan for \$300 (Columbus County deed book D, page 504). The sale included several tracts of land. 200 acres was granted to Bryan Conner in 1784. 100 acres was granted to Matthew Kelly in 1790. Two other tracts adjacent to these included 7 acres and 19 acres. The entire 326 acres was in Bladen County on Greens Mill Branch adjacent James Brown. Richard Wooten and David George witnessed.

On 27 November, 1828, Simon Green of Early County, GA sold land in Bladen County adjacent Moses Lewis and G. Carter to Ranald McMillan for \$50 (Columbus County deed book D, page 505). Simon relinquished all rights to 100 acres in Columbus County on Greens Mill Branch and also a town lot in Alexander fronting Madison Street and joining the river. Marmaduke Powell and Richard Wooten witnessed. The deed is confusing because it mentions land in Bladen County but then cites land in Columbus County.

On 28 November, 1828, Simon Green, attorney for Archibald Kelly and wife Mary Kelly of Early County, GA, sold 100 acres to Luke High for \$15 (Columbus County deed book D, page 493). The land was on Raccoon Bay, was patented by Thomas Hobbs in 1809, and conveyed by Simon Green, Sr. by will to his daughter Mary Kelly. Charles Baldwin and Marmaduke Powell witnessed.

On 8 January, 1829, Levi Stevens and wife Ann Stevens of Early County, GA sold 1/5 part of land, their share of the estate of William Green, deceased, to Marmaduke Powell for \$50 (Columbus County deed book D, page 512). William Chambers and David D. Smith witnessed.

On 9 February, 1829, Richard Tatom and wife Claracy (sic) Tatom and Elias Godwin sold 2 tracts of land to Marmaduke Powell for \$255 (Columbus County, NC deed book D, page 508). The land was two fifths of all lands which William Green, deceased, possessed including one grist mill and saw mill. The deed mentioned that one of the said lots had fell to Richard Tatom and his wife Clary as legal heirs of William Green, deceased. The deed did not mention Elias Godwin as an heir. No witnesses were named.

*[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 9 November, 1829, Joshua Williamson, Sheriff sold 100 acres to Charles Campbell for \$11 (Columbus County deed book F, page 170). The land was "adjacent Rhodes" and was part of a survey granted to Simon Green, Jr. sold to Simon Green, Sr. and left by him in his will to Clary Tatom, wife of Richard Tatom, deceased. Richard Tatom and wife had previously sold to James Butler who had the land seized from him due to an execution. Clary Tatom was named as relict of Richard Tatom, deceased. She released and quit claimed her rights to the land to Charles Campbell. Lott Williamson, Ephraim Branton, and Bythel Haynes witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

The 1824 will of Simon Green, Sr. and the subsequent deeds previously shown prove that he had 6 children. They were Simon Green, Jr., William Green, Ann Stephens, Mary Kelly, Elizabeth McMillan, and Clary Tatom.

Note that the deeds all reference the estate of William Green as fifths. William Green had five siblings and they inherited his estate. He died between 1824 and 1826.

## **Richard Tatom, Sr. and Richard Tatom, Jr. of Bladen & Columbus County, NC:**

In 1783, Richard Tatom Jr. and Will Vann witnessed a deed from Richard Tatom, Sr. to Laban Tatom for 100 acres on the north side of Great Coheary (Sampson County deed book 7, page 485). The deed also mentioned Spring Branch. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

Richard Tatom, Jr. in the above deed was Richard Tatom, Sr. of Bladen County. He was living in Sampson County in 1783 and moved to Bladen County about 1789.

Richard Tatham (sic) was listed on the 1789 Bladen County tax list in John Yates' District (Bladen County, NC Tax Lists, 1775-1789, Volume 2, Byrd). He was taxed for 200 acres and had 1 white poll. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 14 March, 1789, Richard Tatom purchased 200 acres on the east side of Drowning Creek and the south side of Cow Branch, including improvements by Joseph Sims, from Francis Lawson for 70 pounds specie (Bladen County, NC deed book 1, page 562). Lewis Williamson and Simon Bright witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

Richard Tatom was enumerated on the 1790 Bladen County, NC census with 1 male over 16 and 5 females. He was listed between John Shaw and William Sibbet. Simon Bright, Francis Lawson, Joel Wells, Stephen Godwin, Lewis Williamson, Hamilton Hilbourn, Goldsberry Flowers, and others were nearby. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 16 July, 1795, Richard Tatom received grant number 1941 of 300 acres on Cow Branch adjacent John Shaw (Bladen County deed book 27, page 82). The land entry was made 3 November, 1778 and had been sold to Richard Tatom (Abstracts of Land Warrants, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1803, Pruitt, #2036). Warrant #576 was issued to Sarah Nicholes on 10 February, 1779. The warrant described the 300 acres as being on Crone's Branch and including Sarah Nicholes improvements. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 16 July, 1795, Richard Tatom received grant number 1981 of 200 acres near Cow Branch. The land entry was made 31 January, 1779 and sold to Richard Tatom (Abstracts of Land Warrants, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1803, Pruitt, #2076). Warrant #838 was issued to James Smith on 10 May, 1779. The warrant described the 200 acres as being on the east side of Boot Branch, joining David Russ' line, and including improvements made by Russ. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 13 March, 1797, Richard Tatom and William Sibbett witnessed a deed from Simon Bright, Sr. to Wynne Nance for 100 acres on the east side of Drowning Creek and the west side of Cow Branch (Bladen County, NC deed book 7, page 295). The land had been granted to Simon Bright on 11 November, 1779. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

In December, 1798, Joshua Tatum, Richard Tatum Junior, and Jesse Tatum relinquished their rights to 185 acres of land formerly belonging to Richard Tatum Senior, "our father deceased about 1790" (Sampson County deed book 11, page 96). They gave the land to "our brother Labon Tatum". The land was "about one mile below the mouth of Little Cohara on the east side of Great Cohara". It was patented by Benjamin Blackburn on 26 September, 1766 and purchased by Richard Tatum Senior on 4 February, 1767. Jesse Tatum and Richard Tatum made their mark. Joshua Tatum signed his name. Lott Rich witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

Richard Tatom, Jr. in the above deed was Richard Tatom, Sr. of Bladen County. He relinquished his rights to a tract of his father's land. He relinquished those rights to his brother still in Sampson County. Sampson deed records and census records confirm that Richard was not there after 1789. Jesse, Joshua, and Laban Tatom were found on the 1790 and 1800 census of Sampson County.

Richard Tatom was enumerated on the 1800 Bladen County, NC census in Capt. Greene's District. He had 2 males under 10, 2 males 26-44, 2 females under 10, 3 females 10-15, and 1 female 26-44. According to this record, Richard Tatom was born between 1756 and 1774. He possibly had 2 sons born 1790-1800, 2 daughters born 1790-1800, and 3 daughters born 1785-1790. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

On 16 April, 1800, Richard Tatom purchased 100 acres on the east side of Drowning Creek and the west side of Cow Branch from Wynne Nance for 130 pounds specie (Bladen County, NC deed book 1, page 413). This is the same tract of land that Wynne Nance purchased from Simon Bright in 1797. Joel Wells and Frederick Loftin witnessed. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

On 11 June, 1800, Richard Tatom entered 40 acres of land "being surplus land within my own lines" (Abstracts of Land Warrants, Bladen County, NC, 1778-1803, Pruitt, #2703). Warrant #122 was issued 8 September, 1800. The land was surveyed 3 November, 1801. No chain carriers were mentioned. Grant #2566 was issued 30 August, 1802. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

On 19 September, 1800, Richard Tatom entered 50 acres on the south side of Cow Branch adjacent Joel Wells and Goldsborough Flowers (Columbus County deed book A, page 207). The land was granted on 18 November, 1805. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

On 19 September, 1800, Richard Tatom entered 50 acres "being the surplus line within Uriah Flowers' lines" adjacent Bright and Cow Branch (Columbus County deed book D, page 289). The land was granted on 18 November, 1805. The size of the grant and the dates are the same as the previous grant. However, these were two different tracts. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

On 1 November, 1804, Richard Tatom of Bladen County sold 200 acres on the east side of Drowning Creek and the south side of Cow Branch, including Joseph Sims improvements, to Jessie (sic) Tatom of Sampson County, NC for 200 pounds (Bladen County, NC deed book 27, page 352). The land description mentions "a pine on the side of Cow Branch a little below the mouth of Panter (sic) Branch". Richard Tatom made his mark. James Smith and Robert Bowman witnessed. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

On 12 November, 1804, Richard Tatom of Bladen County, NC sold 100 acres on the east side of Drowning Creek and the west side of Cow Branch to Jesse Tatom of Sampson County, NC for 130 pounds specie (Bladen County deed book 27, page 461). The land had been patented by Simon Bright on 11 November, 1779. It was conveyed by Simon Bright to Wynn Nance and from Wynn Nance to Richard Tatom. Richard Tatom made his mark. James Smith and Robert Bowman witnessed. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

The previous 2 deeds offer further confirmation that Richard Tatom, Sr. of Bladen County was indeed Richard Tatom, Jr. of Sampson County. He was selling land to his brother Jesse Tatom who moved to Bladen County between 1800 and 1810. Jesse ended up settling in the NE part of Bladen County.



Richard had settled in the SW part of Bladen near Drowning Creek near the border of what became Robeson County in 1787. He was absorbed into Columbus County in 1808.

On 4 December, 1804, Richard Tatom purchased 200 acres from Jacob Rhodes and W. R. Dunham (Bladen County deed book 27, page 288). The land began at a stake in the edge of Cow Branch on Misel Lamb's line. It was part of a patent granted to John G. Blount in December, 1794 and had been purchased by Rhodes and Dunham at a Sheriff's sale (Sheriff Travers W. Harvey) for taxes due. J. Rhodes and W. R. Dunham signed the deed. T. W. Harvey and Richard M. Lewis witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 23 October, 1805, Richard Tatom, Jr. purchased 540 acres from Wynne Nance and William Ashley for 20 pounds specie (Bladen County deed book 27, page 355). The land was part of a large survey of 5020 acres that had been granted to John G. Blount. The land had been auctioned for taxes at a Sheriff's sale and Nance and Ashley had purchased it. The land ran "the meanders of Cow Branch". The end of the land description stated that it included 100 acres sold by Nance to Richard Tatom, Sr. Richard Tatom and Barneby Barfield both made their marks as witnesses. Given the legal age of 21, Richard Tatom, Jr. was born before 1784. *[Richard Tatom, Jr. grantee; Richard Tatom, Sr. witness]*

On 6 August, 1806, Richard Tatom sold 50 acres on the north side of Cow Branch to Joel Wells for 20 Spanish milled dollars (Bladen County deed book 34, page 77). The land bordered Joel Wells and Goolsberry Flowers. It had been granted to Richard Tatom by patent bearing date 18 November, 1805. Richard Tatom made his mark. W. Nance and John Wells signed as witnesses. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 13 January, 1807, Richard Tatom, Jr. and Richard Tatom, Sr. witnessed a deed from Restore Powell of Robeson County to Walter Graham Shaw of Bladen County for 150 acres on the north side of Cow Branch (Columbus County deed book A, page 24). *[Richard Tatom, Jr. & Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 14 March, 1807, Richard Tatom sold 200 acres to Joseph R. Gautier and William Richardson (Bladen County deed book 34, page 219). The land began at a stake in the edge of Cow Branch on Misel Lamb's line. It was the same land that Richard Tatom had purchased from Jacob Rhodes and W. R. Dunham in 1804. Richard Tatom made his mark. Robert Lytte/Lytle witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 8 August, 1809, Richard Tatom and Richard Tatom witnessed a deed from Uriah Flowers to Misel Lamb for 8 acres on the south side of Cow Branch adjacent Richard Tatom, Laban Williamson, and Simon Bright (Columbus County deed book B, page 70). One of the Richard Tatom's signed his name and the other made his mark. *[Richard Tatom, Jr. & Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

R. Tatom was enumerated on the 1810 census of Columbus County, NC. He had 1 male under 10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 16-25, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 16-25, and 1 female over 45. He was listed next to B. Bright and W. Sibbet. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

The 1810 census of Columbus did not include an enumeration for the head of household. Research in other counties on other projects has confirmed the numbers on the 1810 US census are often unreliable. Given that the female on R. Tatom's record was over 45, we can assume that the record belongs to Richard Tatom, Sr.

On 9 June, 1811, Richard Tatom, Sr. sold several tracts of land totaling 120 acres to Misael Lamb for \$100 (Columbus County deed book B, page 67). 60 acres included "the plantation whereon him the said

M. Lamb now liveth". 40 acres on Cow Branch had been patented by Richard Tatom on 13 August, 1802. 20 acres adjoined the 40 acre tract and mentioned Panter Branch and Cow Branch. The 20 acre tract also bordered Goldsberry Flowers. Richard Tatom made his mark. W. Nance and Richard Tatom both signed as witnesses. *[Richard Tatom, Sr. grantor; Richard Tatom, Jr. witness]*

On 1 May, 1814 Richard Tatom witnessed a deed for the legal heirs of Laban Williamson, deceased (Columbus County deed book B, page 6). Lott Williamson purchased multiple tracts of land including land on the east side of Drowning Creek. Richard Tatom signed his name as witness. The heirs of Laban Williamson were Richard Williamson, Lewis Williamson, Joshua Williamson, Isom Williamson, Peggy Williamson, Susannah Williamson, Lott Rich, and Ephraim Nichols. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 18 July, 1814, Richard Tatom, Sr. sold 500 acres on the south side of Cow Branch adjacent John Shaw to Andrew Nobles for \$200 (Columbus County deed book B, page 173). Richard Tatom made his mark. Moore Lennon and Dathan Hammons witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 21 September, 1814, Richard Tatom "made over" 100 acres on Cow Branch to Elizabeth Nobles for \$50 (Columbus County deed book B, page 222). The land was "where Richard Tatom formerly lived". The deed further stated Richard Tatom did "leave and make over said premises to said Elizabeth Nobles during her natural life to have to and to hold to her own proper use during her life". Richard Tatom made his mark. W. Nance witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

The previous deed was worded differently from others in the same book. Elizabeth Nobles was probably a daughter of Richard Tatom, Sr.

On 11 February, 1814, Andrew and Elizabeth Nobles sold 50 acres on Horse Branch to Lewis Williamson for \$100 (Columbus County deed book C, page 85). The land had been conveyed to Elizabeth Nobles, relict of Joseph Nobles, deceased. W. Nance and Martin Nobles witnessed. This deed reveals that Elizabeth was the widow of Joseph Nobles, and not Andrew Nobles.

On 10 July, 1814, Richard Tatom and Joshua Williamson witnessed a deed from Walter Graham Shaw to John Shaw for 250 acres on Cow Branch adjacent Tatom, Rhodes, and Dunham (Columbus County deed book D, page 150). Richard Tatom and Joshua Williamson both signed their name. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 21 February, 1815, Richard Tatom, Sr. sold 100 acres on the east side of Drowning Creek and west side of Cow Branch to Richard Tatom, Jr. for \$300 (Columbus County deed book C, page 193). The land had been granted to Simon Bright on 11 November, 1779. Richard Tatom, Sr. made his mark. W. Nance signed as a witness and Quilla Tatom made his mark as a witness. This is the same tract of land that Richard Tatom, Sr. purchased from Wynn Nance in 1800. *[Richard Tatom, Sr. to Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

The above record is the only mention of Quilla Tatom. He is currently unidentified.

On 9 August, 1817, Richard Tatom, Jr. purchased 100 acres on the south side of Long Bay and north side of Rough Horn Swamp from Ezekiel Parker for \$50 (Columbus County deed book B, page 265). *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 27 November, 1817, Jesse Tatom and Joshua Williamson witnessed a deed from Hardy Nobles to Richard Williamson for 50 acres on Horse Branch (Columbus County deed book C, page 30). [*Jesse D. Tatom, son of Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

On 12 September, 1818, John Ward of Robeson County, NC sold multiple tracts of land in Robeson County to Richard Tatham (sic), Jr. of Columbus County, NC for \$400 (Robeson County deed book S, page 200). The 1<sup>st</sup> tract was 50 acres and part of a 100 acre grant to Zachariah Lee in November, 1784 on the west side of Drowning Creek on Flowers Swamp. The 2<sup>nd</sup> tract was 100 acres on the west side of Drowning Creek between the first tract and Flower's Swamp and near the land granted to Thomas Little on 5 November, 1774. The 3<sup>rd</sup> tract was 210 acres, part of 292 acres conveyed by Michael Barnes to W. Ward on 4 January, 1813. John Ward signed his name. James MacColsky and James Suggs witnessed. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 20 October, 1818, Richard Tatom sold a slave named Martha to Absalom Powell, Sr. for \$300 (Columbus County deed book C, page 163). He had purchased Martha from Andrew Nobles. Richard Tatom made his mark. I. Powell and M. Powell witnessed. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

On 17 July, 1819, Richard Tatom, Jr. made a deed of gift to Allen M. Tatom (Columbus County deed book C, page 354). He conveyed 100 acres on the south side of the Long Bay and north side of Ruff Horn. The land was part of a 150 acre survey that had been granted to Ezekiel Parker. The deed stated "for and in consideration of the natural love and good will and affection which I have and do bear unto my brother Allen M. Tatom". Richard Tatom, Jr. signed his name. Charles Power and Hambleton Hilburn witnessed. This is the same land that Richard Tatom, Jr. had purchased from Ezekiel Parker in 1817. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 4 August, 1819, Richard Tatom, Jr. made a deed of gift to Jesse D. Tatom (Robeson County deed book S, page 421). He conveyed the three tracts of land that he purchased from John Ward in 1818. The deed stated "for and in consideration of the natural love good will and affection which I have and do bear unto my \_\_\_ Jesse D. Tatom and for other causes and considerations me thereunto moving..." Richard Tatom, Jr. signed the deed. Charles Powers and Hambleton Hilburn witnessed. The relationship was left blank in the deed. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

The previous deed indicated that Richard Tatom, Jr. was moving. He may have moved a few miles to another piece of land but he certainly did not leave NC. The same man is clearly identified in later records of Columbus County until his death in 1829.

On 20 August, 1819, Richard Tatom, Jr. sold 352 acres on the north side of Cow Branch to Moore Tatom for \$500 (Columbus County deed book C, page 370). The survey began at a stake "below the meeting house near the head of a marsh". It included the place where "Richard Tatom, Sr. now lives". It was also part of a 540 acre and a 100 acre tract purchased by Richard Tatom, Jr. from Wynn Nance. Richard Tatom signed his name. Charles Powers and Hambleton Hilburn witnessed. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

Richard Tatum, Sr. was enumerated on the 1820 census of Columbus County, NC. He had 1 male under 10, 1 male 16-18, 1 male 16-25, 1 male over 45, 1 female 16-25, and 1 female over 45. He was listed between Robert Bowman and Hardy Nobles. Elias Nichols, Pierce Godwin, William Wells, Simon Sibbet, Thomas Powell, Sr., Curtis Fields, Moore Lennon, John Shaw and others were nearby. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

Richard Tatom was enumerated on the 1820 census of Columbus County, NC with 2 males under 10, 1 male 26-44, 1 female under 10, and 1 female 16-25. He was listed between Jordan Willford(?) and Martain(?) Nobles. Goldsberry Flowers and Stephen Godwin were nearby. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

According to the 1820 census record, Richard Tatom, Jr. was born between 1776 and 1794. His first land transaction was dated 1805 and this indicates he was born before 1784. We can estimate he was born between 1776 and 1784.

On 11 January, 1820, Richard Tatom and Jesse Tatom witnessed a deed from Andrew Nobles to Seeley Hilburn for 100 acres on the east side of Cow Branch (Columbus County deed book C, page 261). The land had been patented by John Yates, Sr. on 2 March, 1793. Richard Tatom and Jesse Tatom both signed their name. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 10 August, 1820, Joshua Williamson, Sheriff, sold three tracts of land at public auction to Jacob Strickland (Columbus County, NC deed book E, page 411). The sale was to satisfy a debt of \$25.80 owed by James Crowson to Uriah Flowers. Three tracts of land were sold. Richard Tatom and Pierce Godwin both signed as witnesses. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 19 December, 1820, Richard Tatom, Sr. purchased 100 acres on Ruff Horn Swamp near Bauses Ford from William Wells for \$100 (Columbus County deed book D, page 260). Jesse D. Tatom and Allen M. Tatom signed as witnesses. Allen M. Tatom proved the deed during the August term of court, 1825. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

On 2 November, 1822, Allen Moore Tatom of Columbus County, NC, by his agent Richard Tatom, Jr., became the last and highest bidder on 200 acres of land on the south side of Cow Branch for \$6.65 (Columbus County deed book D, page 182). The land was "a little below the mouth of Panther Branch". Joshua Williamson, Sheriff, had put the land up for sale based on a judgment obtained from \_\_\_ Richardson before M. Lennon, Esq. for the sum of 13 pounds 8 shillings. The levy was against R. Tatom. James Baldwin witnessed the deed. The date of the deed was 9 February, 1824 and it was proven in court in May, 1824. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

The previous deed is confusing in that it mentions a levy against R. Tatom. I carefully examined the metes and bounds of this deed and found that it is the same land that Richard Tatom, Sr. sold to his brother Jesse Tatom of Sampson County in 1804. Jesse may have never taken ownership of the land since he settled in the NE part of Bladen almost 50 miles from where Richard Tatom, Sr. lived on Cow Branch.

On 9 May, 1823, Richard Tatom, Jr. and Lott Williamson witnessed a deed from John Harrison to Goldsborough Flowers for 100 acres on Luke Yates line on the edge of Big Canada Branch (Columbus County deed book E, page 64). The land was part of a J. G. Blount patent. Lott Williamson proved the deed during the May term of court, 1830.

On 5 August, 1823, Jesse D. Tatom, "late of the state of NC", sold land to Ezekial Busby of Robeson County, NC for \$500 (Robeson County deed book T, page 266). He conveyed the three tracts of land given to him by Richard Tatom, Jr. in 1819. Jesse D. Tatom signed his name. Alexander Rowland and

Augustus B\_\_\_y witnessed. The deed was proven during the November term of court, 1823 by Alexander Rowland. [*Jesse D. Tatom, son of Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

Jesse D. Tatom was referenced as "late of the state of NC" in the previous deed. I'm not sure why the deed was worded this way. He did not leave NC until 1827 or 1828.

On 10 January, 1826, Jesse D. Tatom and J. Williamson witnessed a deed from Aaron Hill to Bythel Haynes for 400 acres on Long Branch (Columbus County deed book D, page 327). The land was near the road leading from Griffin's Bridge to Whiteville, adjacent Macajah Hill, Joseph Nobles, and John Sterling.

On 13 January, 1826, Allen Moore Tatom of Columbus County, NC sold 352 acres on Cow Branch below the meeting house to Jesse D. Tatom of Columbus County, NC for \$400 (Columbus County deed book D, page 460). Moore Tatom signed his name. Richard Tatom and Neill Shaw witnessed. Richard Tatom signed as witness and later proved the deed during the August term of court, 1828. This is the same land that Richard Tatom, Jr. sold to Moore Tatom in 1819. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 18 February, 1826, Richard Tatom, Sr. sold 50 acres on the south side of Cow Branch adjacent Flowers to Richard Tatom, Jr. for \$50 (Columbus County deed book D, page 448). Jesse D. Tatom and Thomas Powell witnessed. This was probably one of Richard Tatom, Sr.'s 1805 land grants. [*Richard Tatom, Sr. to Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 18 February, 1826, Allen Moore Tatom of Columbus County, NC sold 200 acres on the south side of Cow Branch, a little below the mouth of Panther Branch, to Jesse D. Tatom of Columbus County, NC for \$200 (Columbus County deed book E, page 117). Moore Tatom signed his name. Richard Tatom, Jr. and Ephraim Branton signed as witnesses. Ephraim Branton proved the deed during the May term of court, 1831. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 21 February, 1826, Richard Tatom, Sr. sold 100 acres on Rough Horn Swamp adjacent Bawses Ford to George Parker for \$100 (Columbus County deed book D, page 451). Richard Tatom made his mark. J. D. Tatom and Joshua Williamson witnessed. This is the same land that Richard Tatom, Sr. purchased from William Wells in 1820. [*Richard Tatom, Sr.*]

On 2 August, 1826, Thomas Powell, Jr. sold 350 acres on the east side of Drowning Creek and south side of Rough Horn to Richard Tatom, Jr. for \$100 (Columbus County deed book E, page 106). The land bordered Ignatious Flowers (formerly William Sibbett's line) and Benjamin Bright. It was part of a 5120 acre survey patented by John G. Blount. The land had been sold for taxes, purchased by Wynn Nance and William Ashley, conveyed to Joseph Griffin, and then conveyed to Thomas Powell, Jr. Charles Powers and William Wells witnessed the deed. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 19 September, 1826, Richard Tatom witnessed a deed from Stephen Wells to William Wells for two tracts of land totaling 560 acres (Columbus County deed book D, page 407). 410 acres was on Western Prong, formerly Rhodes' corner and adjacent A. Powell, Sr. 150 acres was adjacent Williams' old line and was granted to Barnabas Stephens on 3 February, 1786. Richard Tatom signed his name as witness. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 22 September, 1826, Richard Tatom witnessed a deed from Stephen Wells to William Wells for 70 acres on Western Prong (Columbus County deed book D, page 406). The land was adjacent Flower's former corner, Joel Wells, and Powell. Richard Tatom signed his name as witness. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 1 December, 1826, Moore Tatom of Columbus County, NC sold 100 acres on the south side of the long bay and north of Roughorn Branch to Richard Tatom of Columbus County, NC for \$100 (Columbus County deed book E, page 7). The land was the upper part of a 150 acre survey patented by Ezekiel Parker. Moore Tatom signed his name. Joshua Williamson and James McColskey witnessed. Richard Tatom, Jr. had purchased the land from Ezekiel Parker in 1817 and gifted it to Allen Moore Tatom, his brother, in 1819. Moore Tatom sold it back to him in this 1826 deed! *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 15 December, 1826, Jesse D. Tatom of Columbus County, NC sold 352 acres on Cow Branch below the meeting house to Richard Tatom, Jr. of Columbus County, NC for \$300 (Columbus County deed book D, page 459). Jesse D. Tatom signed his name. Thomas Powell and Dickson Nobles witnessed. This is the same land that Richard Tatom, Jr. sold to Moore Tatom in 1819. Allen Moore Tatom sold it to Jesse D. Tatom in January, 1826. Jesse D. Tatom sold it back to Richard Tatom, Jr. in December, 1826! *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 1 January, 1827, Moore Tatom of Columbus County, NC sold 200 acres on Cow Branch to Richard Tatom, Jr. of Columbus County, NC for \$100 (Columbus County deed book D, page 458). Moore Tatom signed his name. Thomas Powell and Dickson Noble witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 10 December, 1827, Richard Tatom and B. Cook witnessed a deed from George Parker, Alfred Parker, Synthia Parker, and Richard Parker to James McColskey for 150 acres of land (Columbus County deed book D, page 461). 100 acres was on Rough Horn Swamp above Bauses Ford. 50 acres was patented by John Parker adjacent the 100 acre tract and Richard Tatom. It formerly bordered Ezekiel Parker's line. Richard Tatom signed as witness and later proved the deed during the August term of court, 1828. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 10 December, 1827, Richard Tatom sold 100 acres on the south side of long bay and the north side of Rough Horn to John Williams for \$135 (Columbus County deed book E, page 8). It was the upper part of a 150 acre tract patented by Ezekiel Parker. Richard Tatom signed his name. George Parker and Simon Sibbett witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 14 December, 1827, George Parker, guardian to William Parker "an insane person", sold 50 acres on the north side of Roughhorn, below the head of the long bay, to John Williams for \$45 (Columbus County deed book E, page 3). The land was part of a 150 acre survey patented by Ezekiel Parker who died intestate. William Parker "idiot" inherited the land and the court ordered George Parker as guardian. The land had been previously put up for sale at which time Jesse D. Tatom became the last and highest bidder for \$50. Jesse D. Tatom relinquished his right of purchase to Richard Tatom "by word" and Richard Tatom relinquished his right to John Williams (book E, page 8). George Parker signed the deed. Moore Lennon and Richard Tatom signed as witnesses. Richard Tatom proved the deed during the May term of court, 1829. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 22 December, 1827, Restore Powell sold 120 acres to Joel Stephens for \$50 (Columbus County deed book D, page 441). The land was part of 640 acres granted by patent to Dennis Lennon, Sr. in 1775. The land was adjacent Moore Lennon, Ezekiel Wall, Powers, and Worrel's Branch. Richard Tatom and

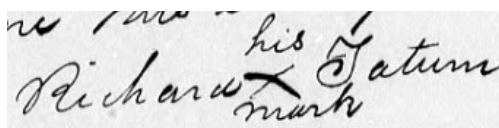
Benjamin F. Stephens witnessed. Richard Tatom signed his name as witness. He proved the deed during the May term of court, 1828. As shown in the next section of this report, Restore Powell was probably the son-in-law of Pierce Godwin. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 12 February, 1828, Richard Tatom purchased 560 acres from William Wells for \$230 (Columbus County deed book D, page 414). It was the same land that Stephen Wells sold to William Wells in 1826 (previously cited in this report). Stephen Wells witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 12 February, 1828, Richard Tatom purchased 70 acres on Western Prong from Williams Wells for \$50 (Columbus County deed book D, page 416). It was the same land that Stephen Wells sold to William Wells in 1826 (previously cited in this report). Stephen Wells witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

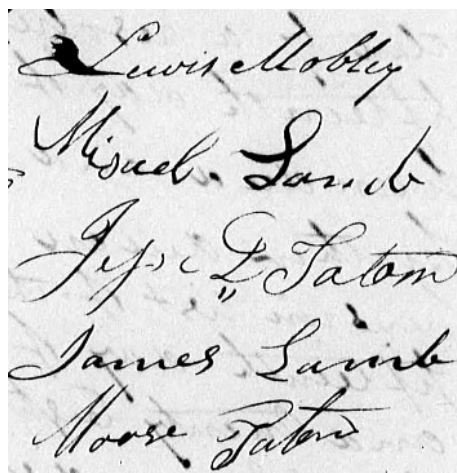
On 5 April, 1828, Richard Tatom and James Griffin witnessed a deed from Fanny Wells to Goldsborough Flowers for 100 acres (Columbus County deed book E, page 104). The 100 acres was inherited by Fanny Wells from her father Joel Wells' estate. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 23 July, 1828, Richard Tatum of Crawford County, GA filed for a Revolutionary War pension (R20437). He said he "enlisted in the continental line of the army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination". He was a private in Capt. Taylor's Company in Col. Brown's Regiment of the continental line. Richard Tatum made his mark. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*



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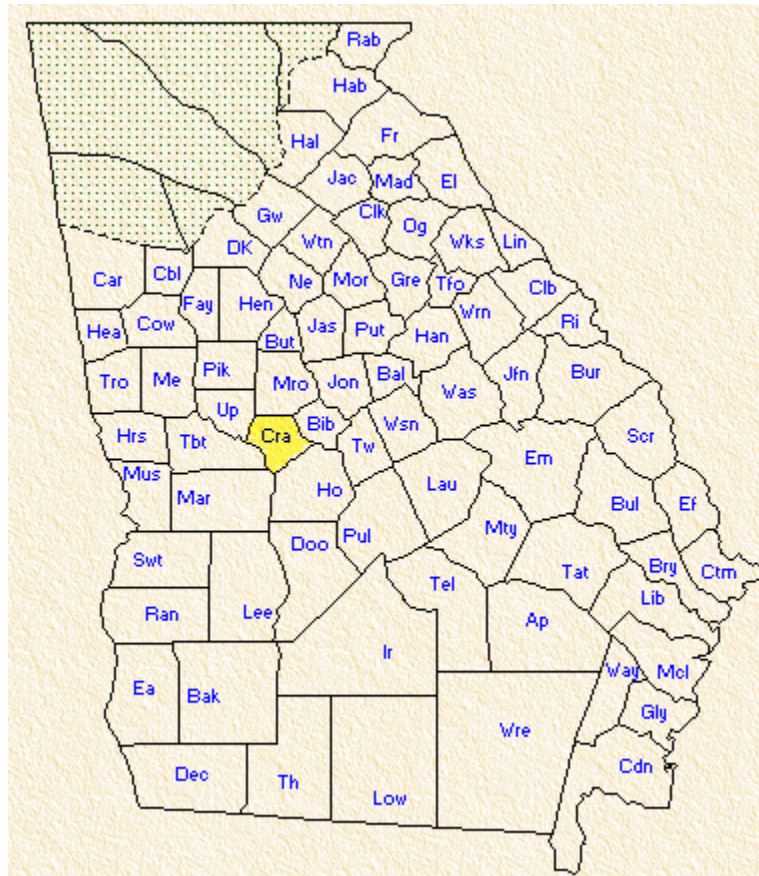
Richard Tatum made the declaration before William H. Brooks, a justice of the peace of Crawford County, GA. Lewis Mobley, Misael Lamb, Jesse D. Tatom, James Lamb, and Moore Tatum all signed the document on their oath that Richard Tatum stated the truth. In April, 1829, Richard Tatom's claim was rejected.



Lewis Mobley  
Misael Lamb  
Jesse D. Tatom  
James Lamb  
Moore Tatum

*Signature of Lewis Mobley, Misael Lamb, Jesse D. Tatom, James Lamb, and Moore Tatum  
from pension application of Richard Tatom, Sr.*

Misael/Misel Lamb was a neighbor of Richard Tatom, Sr. in Columbus County. Richard sold land to him in 1811. Misel Lamb was referenced in border property as early as 1804. As proven by the deeds in this report, Jesse D. Tatom and Moore Tatom were sons of Richard Tatom, Sr. Based on the Columbus County deed records, Richard Tatom, Sr., Jesse D. Tatom, and Moore Tatom probably moved to Crawford County, GA in 1827.



*Crawford County, GA in 1830*

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gatttp/maps/formationmap.htm>

In September, 1828, Dickson Tatom sold 3 slaves named Pheebe, Adam, and Eboline to Jacob High for \$400 (Columbus County deed book D, page 475). Dickson Tatom signed his name. C. Devane witnessed. C. Devane proved the deed in Columbus County and Charles Baldwin, clerk of court, filed it.

The above record is the only mention of Dickson Tatom. He is currently unidentified. Is he possibly Jesse D. Tatom? He may not be since the bill of sale occurred after Jesse D. Tatom's move to GA. Further, the bill of sale was witnessed and filed in Columbus County.

On 9 February, 1829, Richard Tatom and wife Claracy (sic) Tatom and Elias Godwin sold 2 tracts of land to Marmaduke Powell for \$255 (Columbus County, NC deed book D, page 508). The land was two fifths of all lands which William Green, deceased, possessed including one grist mill and saw mill. The deed



mentioned that one of the said lots had fell to Richard Tatom and his wife Clary as legal heirs of William Green, deceased. The deed did not mention Elias Godwin as an heir. Richard Tatom signed his name. Claracy Tatom made her mark. Elias Godwin signed his name. No witnesses were named. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

During the August term of Columbus County court, 1829, Lott Williamson obtained letters of administration on the estate of Richard Taytom (sic), deceased. He gave bond of \$3000 with Joshua Williamson and Joel Stephens as security. Lott Williamson was given permission to "sell on a credit of six months the perishable part of the personal estate of the late Richard Taytom, deceased. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 9 November, 1829, Joshua Williamson, Sheriff sold 100 acres to Charles Campbell for \$11 (Columbus County deed book F, page 170). The land was "adjacent Rhodes" and was part of a survey granted to Simon Green, Jr. sold to Simon Green, Sr. and left by him in his will to Clary Tatom, wife of Richard Tatom, deceased. Richard Tatom and wife had previously sold to James Butler who had the land seized from him due to an execution. Clary Tatom was named as relict of Richard Tatom, deceased. She released and quit claimed her rights to the land to Charles Campbell. Lott Williamson, Ephraim Branton, and Bythel Haynes witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

During the February term of Columbus County court, 1830, the administrator of Richard Taytom, deceased, returned an inventory and an account of sales. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

Moore Tatom, Richard Tatom, and Jesse D. Tatom were enumerated on the 1830 Crawford County, GA census. Moore Tatom had 2 males 20-30, 1 female 20-30, 2 males under 5, and 1 male 5-10. Richard Tatom had 1 male 70-80, 1 female 70-80, 1 male 10-15, and 1 female 30-40. Jesse D. Tatom had 1 male 30-40 and 1 female 20-30. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

The 1830 Crawford County, GA census enumerations show that Richard Tatom was born between 1750 and 1760. It appears his wife of the same age was living with him. Moore Tatom was born between 1800 and 1810. Jesse D. Tatom was born between 1790 and 1800. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

James Lamb was enumerated on the 1830 Crawford County, GA census. He was between 20 and 29 years of age or born between 1800 and 1810. Also enumerated in his household was 1 female 20-29, 1 male under 5, and 1 female under 5.

Misael/Misel Lamb was not enumerated in Crawford County, GA. However, according to the 1820 Columbus County census, he was between 26 and 44 years of age, or born between 1776 and 1794. He was close to the same age as Richard Tatom, Jr.

During the November term of Columbus County court, 1836, Bythel Haynes, James McColeskey, George Parker, G. Flower, and Neill Shaw were appointed to divide the land of Richard Tatom among his heirs. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

The estate papers of Richard Tatom, Jr. did not survive and were not found at the NC archives.

On 10 October, 1837, Lott Williamson sold 100 acres on both sides of Cow Branch to Guilford Creef (sic) for \$50 (Columbus County deed book G, page 11). The land was near George Clark and adjacent Richard

Tatom's line. It had been granted to John Yates, Sr. on 17 December, 1796. One part of the deed shows Moncrief crossed out and replaced with Creef. Felix Williamson and Isham Williamson witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 20 March, 1838, Ithamar Tatom sold 275 acres on the east side of the Fair Bluff road to Guilford Moncrief for \$350 (Columbus County deed book G, page 9). The land had been allotted to Ithamar Tatom "by the commissioners appointed by the court to allot to him and Guilford Moncrief the real estate of Richard Tatom, deceased". N. L. Williamson and D. F. Williamson witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

On 8 January, 1839, Joshua Williamson and Nathan L. Williamson sold multiple tracts of land totaling 630 acres to James Parker for \$150 (Columbus County deed book G, page 202). Joshua Williamson was identified as the guardian to Ithamar Tatom and Guilford Moncrief, heirs of Richard Tatom. J. Williamson, Guilford Moncrief, and Nathan L. Williamson signed the deed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

The first tract was 410 acres on the north side of the Western Prong, formerly Rhodes, adjacent Wells, A. Powell, Sr., and William Wells (formerly Stephen Wells). Joel Wells had conveyed to William Wells who conveyed to Richard Tatom.

The second tract was 150 acres on both sides of Western Prong, adjacent Jacob's Branch and William Wells. It had been granted to Barnabas Stephens on 3 February, 1786. Barnabas Stephens conveyed to Abraham Stephens who conveyed to Joel Wells who conveyed to Stephen Wells who conveyed to William Wells who conveyed to Richard Tatom.

The third tract was 70 acres on the north side of Western Prong adjacent Flower's corner of two tracts. Adjoining lines were Joel Wells and Powell (formerly Price).

All 3 of these tracts were previously cited in this report as referencing Richard Tatom, Jr. See Columbus County deed book D, page 406 and deed book D, page 407.

On 7 November, 1839, Lot Williamson and Lot B. Lennon met at the house of Guilford Moncrief to examine Ireny Jane Moncrief, wife of Guilford Moncrief and "heiress of Richard Tatom, deceased" (Columbus County deed book G, page 202; same deed as above). Ireny Jane Moncrief signed her name. Thomas Powell and Bythel Haynes witnessed. *[Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

Itha\_\_ Tatum was enumerated on the 1840 Randolph County, GA census with one male 20-30, on female 15-20, and 1 female under 5. *[Ithamar Tatom, son of Richard Tatom, Jr.]*

Richard Tatum was enumerated on the 1840 Dale County, AL census with 1 male 80-90 and 1 female 90-100. Allen M. Tatom was enumerated 2 households down with 1 male 30-40, 1 male 10-15, 2 males under 5, 1 female 30-40, 2 females 10-15, and 1 female 5-10. Ephraim Branton was enumerated next to Richard Tatum. As previously shown in this report, Ephraim Branton and Richard Tatom, Jr. had witnessed an 1826 deed from Allen Moore Tatom to Jesse D. Tatom. *[Richard Tatom, Sr.]*

According to the 1840 census record, Richard Tatom, Sr. was born between 1750 and 1760. Allen Moore Tatum was found in Walton County, FL, due south of Dale County, AL, in 1850. Did Richard Tatom, Sr. die between 1840 and 1850?

On 27 January, 1840, Guilford Moncrief of Columbus County, NC sold several tracts of land to John Hill for \$300 (Columbus County deed book G, page 4). The first tract was 350 acres on the north side of Cow Branch "below the meeting house where said Moncrief now lives and part of a 540 acre tract". The second tract was 100 acres which was conveyed to Richard Tatom, Jr. by Wynne Nance. The third tract was 100 acres on both sides of Cow Branch near George Clark and Richard Tatom and was granted to John Yates, Sr. on 17 December, 1796. N. L. Williamson and Rufus Nobles witnessed. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 27 January, 1840, Guilford Moncrief of Columbus County, NC sold two tracts of land to John Hill for \$300 (Columbus County deed book G, page 55). 100 acres was on the west side of Cow Branch and had been patented by Simon Bright 11 November, 1779. 50 acres was adjacent Flowers. Guilford Moncrief and Ireney J. Moncrief signed their names. N. L. Williamson and Rufus Nobles witnessed. [*Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 19 March, 1840, Guilford Moncrief of Columbus County, NC "for divers good causes and considerations me hereunto moving" granted power of attorney to Nathan L. Williamson of Columbus County, NC (Columbus County deed book G, page 110). Lewis Williamson and Mathew Godwin witnessed the transaction.

On 9 November, 1840, Joseph A. Battle and Mary Battle, both of Sumter County, GA, granted power of attorney to Lott Williamson to represent their interest in the estate of Aaron Hill, deceased (Columbus County deed book G, page 258). Joseph Battle authorized "my said attorney to sell the real estate of my wife Mary Battle formerly Mary Hill after ascertaining her proper proportion with the other heirs of Jesse D. Tatom, deceased". Sarah and Moore Lennon witnessed the deed.

On 6 December, 1840, Joseph A. Battle and Mary Battle, both of Sumter County, GA, sold 200 acres on the south side of Cow Branch to Isham Williamson of Columbus County, NC for \$40 (Columbus County deed book G, page 97). D. F. Williamson and Lott Williamson witnessed.

On 27 December, 1842, Ithamar Tatom of Randolph County, GA sold several tracts of land totaling 630 acres to Nathan L. Williamson for \$25 (Columbus County deed book G, page 367). The land description was exactly the same as that sold to James Parker in 1839 (book G, page 202). Ithamar Tatom conveyed "all his right title and interest". Larkin McNeil and John Couch witnessed. [*Ithamar Tatom, son of Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

On 17 October, 1850, Ithamar Taytom (sic), age 31, was enumerated on the 1850 census of Randolph County, GA in household number 80. Also enumerated in his household were Sarah Taytom, age 30, born in NC, Caroline Taytom, age 10, Irene Taytom, age 8, female, Mary Taytom, age 6, Richard Taytom, age 4, Sarah Taytom, age 2, and Reubin Taytom, age 5 months. All children were born in Georgia. [*Ithamar Tatom, son of Richard Tatom, Jr.*]

### **Emily Powell, daughter of Pierce Godwin (Sr.):**

On 19 April, 1823, Restore Powell purchased 210 acres on Worrel's Branch from Thomas Powell, Sr. for \$200 (Columbus County, NC deed book D, page 109). The land was adjacent to Dennis Lennon, Restore Powell, Sr., and Sarah Singletary. Moore Lennon and Benjamin F. Stephens witnessed.

On 22 December, 1827, Restore Powell sold 120 acres to Joel Stephens for \$50 (Columbus County deed book D, page 441). The land was part of 640 acres granted by patent to Dennis Lennon, Sr. in 1775. The land was adjacent Moore Lennon, Ezekiel Wall, Powers, and Worrel's Branch. Richard Tatom and Benjamin F. Stephens witnessed.

On 6 November, 1837, Emily Powell purchased 100 acres of land from Hambleton Hilborn for \$45 (Columbus County deed book F, page 263). The land was on the north side of Cow Branch and both sides of Boggy Branch. It bordered Tatom's line, Butler's line, and Ignatious Flower's line. Guilford Moncreif, Thomas Powell, and \_\_\_y Vo\_\_ witnessed. Hambleton Hilborn made his mark.

Restor Powell was enumerated on the 1840 Columbus County, NC census. He was between 40 and 50 years of age. Also in his household were one female 10-15 one female 40-50.

On 9 December, 1840, Emily Powell sold 100 acres to Curtis Fields for \$45 (Columbus County deed book J, page 126). The land was on the "north side of Cow Branch and on both sides of Boggy Branch, adjacent Tatom's line in Slide Branch". The land also bordered Butler's line and Ignatious Flower's line. This is the same land that Emily purchased from Hambleton Hilborn in 1837. Emily Powell sold the land, but she signed with Restor Powell. They both made their mark to approve the deed. Emily was examined by the court to insure it was her free will to sell the land. Alexander Campbell and Jacob Folks witnessed.

On 1 August, 1850, Restore Powell, age 53, Emmy Powell, age 51, and Jennet Shaw, age 10 were enumerated in household number 32 in Columbus County, NC by Haynes Lennon, Assistant Marshall. Restore Powell was listed as a pauper. Enumerated before and after Restore Powell were Jesse Lawson, age 31, and Robert Powers, age 36.

On 26 June, 1860, Restor Powell, age 63, Emma Powell, age 60, and Jany Powell, age 20 were enumerated in household 210 in Columbus County, NC by John W. Ellis, Assistant Marshall. Restor Powell was listed as a pauper. Enumerated before and after Restor Powell were Rhoda Parker, age 77, and Labon Williamson, age 45. The name Jany Powell appears to have been written as "Pany" and then the "J" was written over the "P" to make "Jany". She is the same age as Jennet Shaw who was recorded in 1850.

This is the only Emily Powell found in early Columbus County, NC deeds and census records. There is no proof that she is the daughter of Pierce Godwin. However, her age and the location where she lived are a match. It appears that Restore Powell may have been disabled and Emily Powell was the acting head of household. Restore Powell was born about 1797 and Emily Powell was born about 1799 or 1800.

The children of Restore and Emily Powell, if any, are unidentified. Early Columbus County, NC and Horry, County, SC death certificates were checked to see if Restore or Emily were listed as parents. No relevant certificates were found.

There was an elder Restore Powell who left records in early Bladen, Robeson, and Columbus County. His relationship is unknown. According to the 1800 Bladen County, NC census, he was born before 1755. His neighbors included Samuel Holliman, Mary Williamson, Elias Nichols, Averit Nichols, John Coleman, and Maturin Branton. In 1773, he witnessed a deed from John Butler to Thomas Amis for 100 acres on the south side of Drowning Creek (Bladen County deed book 23, page 438). In 1800, he purchased 200 acres on Western Prong from Abraham Stevens (Bladen County deed book 7, page 154). In 1807, he sold land on the north side of Cow Branch adjacent Tatom (Columbus County deed book A, page 24). Richard Tatom, Jr. and Richard Tatom, Sr. both witnessed.

There was also a Restore Powell on the 1790 census of Sampson County, NC.

**Susan Floyd, daughter of Pierce Godwin (Sr.):**

No information has been found on Susan Floyd.