

## Descendants of Adam B. Ferguson FERGUSON

### Generation No. 1

1. ADAM B. FERGUSON<sup>2</sup> FERGUSON (JOHN HENRY<sup>1</sup>) was born June 20, 1723 in Ligierait, Perthshire, Scotland, and died February 22, 1816 in Saint Andrew, Edinburgh, Mid Lothian, Scotland. He married KATY CATHERINE BURNETT. She was born in Ulsster, North Ireland.

Children of ADAM FERGUSON and KATY BURNETT are:

- i. JAMES<sup>3</sup> FERGUSON.
2. ii. SAMUEL FERGUSON, b. March 03, 1744, Ulsster, North Ireland; d. February 12, 1825, Cabell Co. Va. (W. Va.).

### Generation No. 2

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Notes for SAMUEL FERGUSON:

he following is from the Ferguson Family Genealogical History of Wayne County, West Virginia (Early Cabell and Kanawha, Virginia), By Evelyn Booth Massie.

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Also see Large File on Samuel Ferguson

Samuel FERGUSON was born 3 March 1744, and died 12 February 1825 in Cabell County, Virginia (now Wayne County, West Virginia). On the pages of the family Bible record of his I son William is written the following, "Samuel Ferguson departed this life February 12 between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock in the afternoon in the year of our Lord 1825, aged 80 years and eleven months and nine days."

Samuel married Mary Jameson, who was born 21 March 1746 (monument reads 27 March). She died 21 September 1827 (monument reads 27, September). From the same Bible pages mentioned above is written, "Mary Ferguson, wife of Samuel Ferguson, departed this life on the 21 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, aged eighty one and a half years." Elizabeth Davidson Harbaugh, who wrote Davidson Genealogy,

stated on page 291 that the Jameson family was of Celtic origin and that they migrated from Scotland to Ireland in 1616. She further writes that James Jameson, the Scotch-Irish progenitor, migrated to North America, with wife Jane and their seven children, settling in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He died prior to 1743, the year his estate was settled. William Jameson, one of their sons, was born 1697 and married Sarah Collins 28 March 1722 (Christ Church, Philadelphia). William and Sarah moved to Augusta County, Virginia, circa 1745, where he qualified for Justice November 1751. His will, written 20 December 1752 and proved 21 March 1753, named his eldest son John, sons George, Andrew and William, and wife Sarah, who was executrix (Augusta Co. Will Book I, page 472). Mrs. Harbaugh, on page 292, also wrote that William Jameson's eldest son John, born circa 1723, came with his parents to Augusta County and married Jean Erwin, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Erwin. Further information on the Erwin family included the Will of Matthew Erwin, dated 19 April 1755, which named Jean Erwin, alias Jameson, as a daughter. (Augusta County Will Book 3, page (78). The writer also asserted that Mary Jameson was the daughter of John and Jean (Erwin) Jameson. John Jameson's Will, written 29 February 1776 and proven 19 March 1776, named his wife Jane (Jean), grandson John Peery, granddaughter Sarah McNabb and nine children--no names given (Augusta County Will Book 5, page 405) .

Homer F. Dean - finds nothing concrete on Mary Jameson's parentage. He has chosen the same John Jameson as a possibility for her father, as did the writer of Davidson. He favored this John Jameson because his Will included a grandson who was a Peery. Our Samuel and Mary seemed to have had a relationship with the Peerys. Homer further reasons that in 1776, when John Jameson wrote his will, he was old enough to have nine children and at least two grandchildren. Our Mary Jameson was married in the 1760's, so John should have been the one generation older. Homer also guessed the William Jameson, who married Sarah and wrote his will in 1752, to be the father of the above John. His will mentioned a son John. However, it is possible that William and John, whose wills are both entered in Augusta County, could be brothers; Mary Jameson could have been a daughter of the William Jameson whose will was written in 1752, although daughters are not mentioned in his will. But it does seem probable that William Jameson's eldest son, John, is the John with wife Jane, and whose will is recorded in 1776.

Jo Ann Whitson Cuddy, - another Jameson researcher, has covered Augusta County records as best she could and states, "Everything ends up in the hands of one lady genealogist who asserts vehemently that she exhausted the records on that problem years ago and there isn't anything else there. John Jameson, believed to be the father of our Mary, mentions his nine children but does not name them in his will."

We find the first recorded evidence of our progenitor -Samuel Ferguson- in the Augusta County records. He bought land 21 August 1765 in that county, being one-fourth acre in Staunton. The deed was delivered 17 August 1772 and recorded in Deed Book 12, page 191. Samuel, along with John Peary, was added to the tithables of that county 17 November 1767. These accounts were written by Chalkey in Volume I, page 141, and Volume II, page 430 of Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlements in Virginia.

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On 17 August 1772, Samuel delivered a deed for record, written by William and Margaret Jameson. (This William Jameson is not to be confused with the older William who married a Sarah, died in 1752/3-and was the father of John.) The William Jameson who wrote this deed may have been a son of the older William. William and Margaret Jameson conveyed 310 acres on Christian Creek to John Jameson. The deed, written 6 November 1769, was not recorded until 1772. The following day, 18 August 1772, Samuel and Mary Ferguson sold their land in Staunton to John Readpath, per Deed Book 18, page 433. These transactions were written by Chalkey in Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlements in Virginia, Volume III, pages 493, 523.

Records indicate that about this time, Samuel moved to the Bluestone Country, which lay successively in Fincastle, Montgomery, Wythe and Tazewell Counties. Lewis Preston Summers stated in Annals of Southwest Virginia 1769-1800, page 1431, that Samuel came from the Virginia Valley and settled on Bluestone Creek in 1772. This account is

also written by William C. Pendleton in History of Tazewell County and Southwest Virginia 1748-1920, pages 515-6; and by David E. Johnston, History of the Middle New River Settlements And Contiguous Territory, page 141. After 1772 it seems that Samuel did not change geographical location until about 1804 when he came to the present Wayne County. His native county name was changed because of the birth of several Virginia counties in that period.

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In 1782 Samuel appears on the Montgomery County, Virginia tax list with one tithe over 21, 11 horses, 15 cattle, and is recorded as having land. This was transcribed by Mary B. Kegley in Tax list of Montgomery County, Virginia 1782. He received land by right of settlement on head of Bluestone, entered in Survey Book D, page 706. He is on the tax list again in Montgomery County in 1789 with two white males 16-21. These two findings were written by Yantis in Montgomery County, Virginia Circa 1790, pages 19, 71. In the same book, page 91, under "Locating Residences of Taxpayers," Samuel appears at Clear Fork, Wolf Creek, heads of Bluestone and Clinch Rivers, Abbs and Wrights Valley, Cove Spring.

In 1793 his name appeared in the tax list of Wythe County, which was carved from Montgomery County in 1789. Samuel was among the inhabitants of Wythe County in the late 1790's who signed the petition to form the new Tazewell County, per Yantis, Archives of the Tazewell County. In 1796 Samuel purchased from Daniel and Nancy Harmon 40 acres on the waters of Clinch, as recorded in Wythe County, Virginia.

On 5 March 1799, Samuel Ferguson purchased from John and Rachel Turman 100 acres on Little River in Montgomery County, per Deed Book C, page 85. From the writings of Pendleton in History of Tazewell County, page 515, Samuel Ferguson was among the first settlers in that section and became one of the conspicuous figures in the history of Tazewell County. Samuel and William Peery deeded the land for the present site of the Court House and Jail in Tazewell County. In the June term, the Tazewell County Court appointed one to lay off the land offered by Samuel Ferguson and William Peery for the use of the county, being 23 acres and 28 square poles from Ferguson and 13 acres of Peery's land. Two acres were to be circumscribed for the purpose of building the public buildings, and the balance of the land was to remain for the benefit of the county. Peery was to have reserved four quarter-acre lots, and Ferguson was to have two quarter-acre lots from the land they conveyed (Order Book I, page 5). The transaction is recorded by Yantis in Archives of the Pioneers of Tazewell County, page 1. An indenture was made 4 June 1800 by Samuel Ferguson and Mary his wife, and William Peery and Sally his wife for the 23 acres plus, and was recorded in Deed Book 1, page 4 of Tazewell County. In August 1800 Samuel made his choice of two lots in the county town, Order Book No. 1, page 10. A monument has been erected in honor of Samuel Ferguson and William Peery for their gift of land.

In November 1802, Samuel was patented 15 acres-surveyed January 1801-located on the waters of Clinch River, adjacent to his own land. He was a member of the Grand Jury in 1801, 1802 and 1803. In 1802 he was on the Personal Property Tax list of Tazewell County with two white males over 16, and 8 horses. (His youngest son Thomas married that same year.) He was also in the Land Tax Record for 1802 with three tracts recorded of 80, 40 and 62 acres. On 28 September 1804, Samuel was a purchaser at the estate sale of Joseph Belshee. In October of that year, two deeds from Samuel and Mary to Thomas Harrison were mentioned in Order Book No 1. This information was gleaned from Yantis' Archives of Pioneers of Tazewell County. Yantis also included an Annotated

Enumeration of all Taxpayers from 1801 through 1820 in that county. Her list included two Samuel Fergusons from 1800 through 1803. In 1804 only one Samuel Ferguson is in the county. Which one-Samuel or his son, Samuel, Jr.-left Tazewell County before the tax list was made in 1804?

Sometime around 1804 Samuel Ferguson, his four sons, and one of his four daughters, came to Kanawha County which lay successively with Cabell and Wayne Counties. The love for new adventure must have played a part in bringing the Fergusons from the Bluestone area of Virginia to explore the hilly and broken surfaces of the frontier land of Twelve Pole Valley. Their settlement, in the western section of the present Wayne County, was about eighteen miles from the Ohio River. Stories were told among the early pioneers of their long and wearisome journey across the mountainous region. Traveling most by foot, they led their pack horses laden with their necessary belongings. Some say they came through the Breaks of Sandy.

Hardesty's West Virginia Counties, Volume 7, page 185, states that in 1802 Samuel Ferguson and Jesse Spurlock were the first settlers in what is now known as the Union District of Wayne County, both of whom built cabins near where the court house now stands. He was described by Hardesty as a distinguished Indian fighter and hunter who took part in several Indian engagements (pages 187-8). Samuel Ferguson, his four sons, and his son-in-law Charles Boothe, appear on the 1806 tax list of Kanawha County. No entries are found in the listings of the early Kanawha County land records for Samuel. Three of his sons-John, Thomas, and William-are, named in the Grantee Index in 1809 in Kanawha.

Samuel and his four sons are listed in the 1810 and 1815 tax lists of Cabell County. Kanawha had given way to the new Cabell County in 1809. The 1820 census of Cabell County listed four Samuel Fergusons. The one with slaves, and over 45, was concluded to be our progenitor; the other one who was over 45 was reasoned to be his son; the third one, 26-45, was believed to be the Sam who was named in the 1815 tax list as a son of John; the fourth one was guessed to be Sam. (III) a son of Samuel, Jr. More will be written on the following pages as to why they were placed in this order.

Samuel Ferguson was named as a juror in early Cabell County in 1809, 1811, and 1813. (Some of these entries could be for Sam, Jr.) On 28 January 1822, Samuel Ferguson, Stephen Spurlock and Abraham Trout entered the court and presented the Will of Samuel's son-in-law Charles Boothe. On 28 February 1825, Burwell Spurlock, Stephen Spurlock, and Abraham Trout entered the court and presented the Will of Samuel Ferguson. William was appointed as administrator of his father's estate. This paragraph was written from Extracts of the County Court of Cabell County, transcribed by Rudenz S. Douthat.

Samuel Ferguson's interesting Will gave his home farm (that is, after his wife's death) to his son Sam, Jr. He made provision, also after the death of his wife, to liberate and free an elderly black slave named Molly. He further provided for Molly a bed and its furnishings, and a cow. He also liberated from slavery a girl known as Seally, and willied to her a bed and its furnishings, plus a title wheel to use for spinning. Samuel continued with thoughtfulness for his slaves and set free (at the end of thirteen years from the date of his Will) a young boy named Sampson. He was to be given "...a good ax at the time of his freedom so he might be able to get his living by honesty and industry."

Samuel's plantation was near the estate of his son-in-law Charles Boothe. In Charles' Will he referred to his property as being, "on the plantation opposite Father Ferguson.. ." Charles, who, preceded Samuel's death approximate three years, owned over 360 acres in the Newtown area or the present Town of Wayne. At Samuel's estate sale, his daughter Elizabeth Booth purchased a canoe for \$3.56 1/4. This was probably her method of transportation across Twelve Pole Creek to visit "Mama Ferguson." In the vicinity of Samuel's old homestead, runs the "little river" which divides a small valley surrounded by hills. On the side of Twelve Pole, where their estate was believed to be located, is now the Creig Road settlement. On the opposite side of the creek is the State Highway 152 and the Newtown section. State Highway 152 crosses over Twelve Pole at the south end of Creig Road and travels up a hill to the present Court House.

The Grantee Index of Cabell County does not give any listings for Samuel, Sr. Therefore, it is not known the acreage that he owned in the present Wayne County. Three entries are made in the Grantor Index of Cabell County for the

following tracts: Samuel and Mary to Thomas Ferguson in 1813, 83 acres on Toms Creek (Deed Book I, page 242); Samuel and Mary to Samuel, Jr. in 1813, 100 acres on Twelve Pole River (Deed Book I, page 244); Samuel and Mary to John Ferguson, Jr. in 1814, 50 acres Main Twelve Pole (Deed Book 2, page 8). Their home plantation which he willied to Sam,. Jr. may have contained 50 acres. In 1828, the year after Mary's death, Samuel and Lucia Ferguson sold to Ferguson Booth 50 acres on Twelve Pole Creek (Deed Book 4, page 560. Apparently this was Sam, Jr. and his wife.

The first day of April in 1825 must have been a sad day for Mary Jameson Ferguson. A widow of only two and one-half months, she was present at the estate sale of her late husband, and no doubt watched as her son William sold the numerous valuables before her eyes. Perhaps she was in favor of this sale, but one is made to wonder why the sale wasn't delayed until after Mary's death. Others of that day had been protected from this misfortune. Which of their children was most interested? Mary had possession of the plantation her lifetime, but wasn't left so much as a bed for her use. However, she seemed to be a woman of faith; for she purchased her Bible and hymn book for 50 cents. She also purchased a cow for \$1.00, a title wheel for 25 cents, all her dresserware for \$1.00, one reel for 12 cents, one pot for 25 cents, one big wheel for \$1.37, and one trunk for 6 1/4 cents. This makes it seem evident that she was able to perform some household duties, certainly not an invalid. Although our heart is made sad for our ancestress, Mary Jameson Ferguson, we are made to remember a scripture which may describe her, "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness' (Proverbs 31:27).

Samuel and Mary had eight known children, although only seven are named in his Will. One daughter, Jane who married William Clark, had preceded him in death. Samuel made no provisison for his grandchildren, per the following declaration, "But and if any of my own children as mentioned in this Will should be dead before the execution of this Will or division of my estate among them, then and in that case I wish to be fully understood that it is my will that my estate be equally divided among the remaining part of my own children that may survive and not among my grandchildren or among my sons' wives that may survive their deceased husbands."

Samuel Ferguson and his sons, among the earliest pioneers of this county, rode horseback to break the trails for the small hamlet of Wayne, early called Fairview and Trouts Hill. A complete listing of Samuel and Mary Ferguson's descendants would fill many volumes. This writing gives only a partial listing of their posterity, and in some instances is merely a reference. Many of their descendants played an important role in the formation of Wayne County and have been conspicuous figures in the history of the county, as well as in other places.. Issue of Samuel and Mary (Jameson) Ferguson:

John - born circa 1766/7

Jane - born circa 1768

Samuel, Jr.- Born circa 1773

Isabel - born circa 1776

William - born 22 September 1777

Sarah - born circa 1779

Elizabeth - born circa 1781

Thomas- born 2 September 1784

#### REFERENCE:

In addition to those in the sketch--Records of the late Charles M. Thompson; Fontella Beitler; Dr. John P. Bing; Milton J. Ferguson of Wayne; Walker Booth of Wayne County; pages from William Ferguson Bible; Charles Boothe and Descendants.

SAMUEL FERGUSON WILL recorded in Cabell County, West Virginia; Will Book I, Page 52

In the name of Almighty God. Amen.

I Samuel Ferguson Senour of the County of Cabell State of Virginia possessing soundness of mind and being of disposing memory, do hereby in the fear of God make ordain & seal this my last. Will & Testament in the following words and figures on this 8th day of November one thousand eight-hundred and twenty four.

In the first place it is my will that all my just and lawful debts be paid.

Secondly I do hereby will and bequeath to my son Samuel my plantation that I do now live upon with all its improvements thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Thirdly it is my will & I do hereby liberate manumit and forever discharge Molly my old black woman from slavery at the death of my wife Mary and at my death that is to say at our deaths the said Molly is to be free from slavery from me, my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns forever. And I do hereby will and bequeath unto the said Molly her bed and its furniture and a Cow to give her milk to live upon in her old age.

Fourthly it is my will & I do hereby liberate manumit and forever discharge Seally my half coloured or mulatto Girl servant from slavery at our deaths that is to say at the death of my wife Mary and at my death the said Seally my yellow Girl is to be free from me my heirs executors administrators and Assigns forever- And I do hereby will and bequeath unto the said Seally her bed and its furniture and a little wheel for spinning on.

Fifthly it is my will & I do hereby liberate manumit and forever discharge Sampson my half coloured or mulatto boy from slavery in thirteen years from the date of this will, and at the expiration of thirteen years from the date of this will is free from me my heirs executors, administrators, and assigns forever. And I do hereby will and bequeath unto the said Sampson a good ax at the time of his freedom that he may be able to get his living by honest industry.

It is my will and I do hereby bequeath unto my son William all my wheelright tools.

Seventhly it is my will that all the remainder or residue of my personal Estate be equally divided among the children as is hereafter named in this Will (to wit) John Ferguson, William Ferguson, Thomas Ferguson, Isabel Bailey, Sally Bailey & Elizabeth Booth. But & if any of my own children as mentioned in this will should be dead before the execution of this will or division of my Estate among them, then and in that case I wish to be fully understood that it is my will, that my Estate be equally divided among the remaining part of my own children that may survive & not among my grandchildren or among my son's wives that may survive their deceased husbands. And be it understood that it is not my will that my son Samuel should possess and enjoy my plantation until my death & the death of my wife Mary only as we permit him to the privilege of living on the plantation-and it is further my will that Sampson my yellow boy after the death of me & my wife may be hired out to some good man that will use him well until the said Sampson is free as stated in this Will and the price of said hire equally divided among all my own children which may be living at that time. Signed sealed & delivered from under my hand this eighth day of November 1824 .  
Samuel Ferguson (Seal)

Burwell Spurlock  
Stephen Spurlock  
Abraham Trout  
Cabe II County Court February 1825.

The last will and testament of Samuel Ferguson deed. was presented in Court & proved by Burwell Spurlock, Stephen Spurlock & Abraham Trout three of the witnesses thereto which is ordered to be recorded.

Teste John Samuel Ck. C. C.

Sale Bill, Book 1, page 57 Cabell County

A sale Bill of all the personal property of SAMUEL FERGUSON SENR. Deceased, sold by William Ferguson executor on the first day of April 1825.

Stephen Spurlock 1 Bib & Collar \$1.06 ¼

Thos Ferguson 1 Matax .81 ¼

Joseph Dean 1 sang hoe .31 ¼  
Thos Napier 1 ax 1.75  
Abraham Trout 1 ditto ". 43 ¾  
Phillip Lambert 1 shovel plough 3.00  
Burwell Spurlock 1 horse collar .56 ¼  
John Witherow 1 horse collar & chains 2.12 ¼  
Jeremiah Lambert chains & hames 2.87 ½  
Burwell Spurlock 2 blind bridles ".56 ¼  
Thos. Napier 1 log chain 2.00  
Joseph Dean 1 pot trammel 1.62 ½  
John Ferguson Jr. 1 shovel ".68 ¾  
Samuel F Clarke one sythe ".62 ½  
Vollentene Bloss one kettle & bale 2.31 ¼  
Benjamin Garrett 1 gun & shot pouch 6.75  
Adam Ferguson Clevis & double tree 1.56 ¼  
Thos Ferguson 1 barshear plough 2.12 ½  
Kelley Ferguson 1 cutting knife & box 1.31 ¼  
James McGinnis Esq. 1 mare 41.00  
Abraham Ferguson 1 table 2.81 ¼  
Pleasant Workman 1 horse 27.50  
Stephen Spurlock 1 cow hide 2.37 ½  
Jacob Workman 1 side ditto 1.50  
Jacob Workman 1 calf skin ".37 ½  
Ferguson Booth 1 calf skin ".37 ½  
Ferguson Booth 1 mare 20.56 ¼  
Philip Lambert 1 hoe ".31 ¼  
MARY FERGUSON 1 title wheel ".25

William Ferguson part in whipsaw 2.75

MARY FERGUSON 1 cow 1.00

Samuel F Clark one cow 8.12  $\frac{1}{2}$

Samuel Ferguson Jr. one cow 8.00

Joseph Garrett 1 cow 6.37  $\frac{1}{2}$

Hugh Bowen 1 cow & calf 9.62  $\frac{1}{2}$

Bird Smith 1 cow & calf 9.00

James P. Bartrum paid ".75

Reuben Booten 1 heifer 4.00

Jesse Blankenship 1 bull l& steer 4.00

Jacob Workman 1 yearling calf 1.75

Abraham Trout 1 yearling ditto 2.18  $\frac{3}{4}$

Zelick Clark two calves 1.63  $\frac{3}{4}$

Asa Booten 1 heifer 5.31  $\frac{1}{4}$

Abraham Trout 2 hogs 2.12  $\frac{1}{2}$

Reuben Booten eight head of hogs 7.00

Abraham Ferguson six pigs 1.50

Abraham Ferguson one Beestand 1.93  $\frac{3}{4}$

Abraham Ferguson ? head Geese 1.37  $\frac{1}{2}$

Joseph Barrett five head sheep 6.50

James McGinnis Esq. 1 bridle ".12  $\frac{1}{2}$

Isaac Bloss 1 sycle ".25

Thos. Ferguson 1 bridle ".31  $\frac{1}{4}$

Abraham Trout one powder keg ".12  $\frac{1}{2}$

William Ferguson Smith tools 2.25

Thos. Ferguson one half bushel ".12  $\frac{1}{2}$

MARY FERGUSON all her dresser ware 1.00



Zelick Clark one bottle ".56 ¼  
Stephen Spurlock one candlestick ".56 ¼  
Elizabeth Booth one canoe 2.56 ¼  
Jesse Blankenship 1 tub & pale 1.18 ¾  
MARY FERGUSON 1 reel ".12 ½  
Reuben Booten One brush ".12 ½  
Abraham Trout One tea canaster ".13.1/2  
Elizabeth Booth 1 pewter dish & plate 1.75  
Elizabeth Booth one bason 1.50  
Elizabeth Booth one pair of stilyards 2.00  
Thos. Ferguson 1 looking glass 2.06 ¼  
Elizabeth Booth one Beauraugh 9.12.1/2  
MARY FERGUSON one bed & stead & furniture 1.00  
Ferguson Booth one bed & furniture 10.75  
MARY FERGUSON 1 Bible & hynm Book ".50  
\*Samuel T. Clark one snuff bottle ".25  
Thos. Ferguson one book ".25  
Samuel Ferguson Jr. one book ".25  
Burwell Spurlock one book ".25  
Abraham Ferguson Book & sun dial ".25  
Elizabeth Booth 1 pair saddle bags 3.50  
Jeremiah Lambert eight chairs 3.00  
MARY FERGUSON one pot ".25  
Abraham Ferguson one oven & lid & hooks 1.50  
Thomas Ferguson one pot 1.37 ½  
MARY FERGUSON one big wheel 1.18 ¾  
MARY FERGUSON one trunk ". 6 ¼

Jesse Blankenship Money weights .63 ½

The above Bill is correct to the best of my knowledge. Wm. Ferguson executor. Cabell County Court May 1825.

The Bill of Sales to the Estate of SAMUEL FERGUSON SNR. Deceased was presented in Court & ordered to be recorded.

Teste. John Samuels Ck. C. C.

\*Also included on the above Bill of Sales:

Samuel T. Clark one book ".25

Abraham Trout one book ".37 ½

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The Davidson Genealogy by Elizabeth Davidson Harbaugh Pages 292-3

MARY JAMESON, b Mar 27, 1746, d Sept. 27, 1827, Cabell Co. W. Va., M ca. 1765 to Capt. SAMUEL FERGUSON, b Mar 3, 1744 in Md. or Pa. They bought a lot in Staunton, Va. in 1655, which they sold in 1772. From there they went to the Tazewell Co. where they remained until 1802, then to Cabell Co., Va. SAMUEL d Feb. 12, 1825, both he and his wife are bur on Burrell Cyrus Farm.

SAMUEL FERGUSON Revolutionary service - Montgomery Co., Va. 1781 Ensign Capt. Moors Co. Annals S. W. Va. PP-750 and 1483.

The following Bible records were copied and furnished to Eunice Proctor Perkins by Lucian Ferguson from his records and the author copied these "Originals" into this book.

Isabel, b 1766, d 1839, m Baily, Mercer, Co. Va..

Jane, b 1768, d ---, m 1-30-1788, Montgomery Co., Va., William Clarke, d 1829, Va.

Samuel, b 1773, d 1834, Va., m 4-30-1793, Mary E. Stokes Wythewille, Va.

John, b 1775, d 8-29-1855, m Margaret McKinney.

William, b 9-2-1777, d 7-28-1848, m Sarah Stokes

Sarah, b. ca 1779, d 1853, m. Bailey, Mercer Co., Va.

Thomas, b 9-2-1784, d 8-28-1838, m Mary Jones, b 7-1-1779, d 7-1-1862.

Elizabeth, b 1785, d 1862, m. Charles Boothe

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Noted events in his life were:

Ø Military: A Major in the military for England

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Ø Military: Revolutionary War: Montgomery County, Virginia

Ø Military: French & Indian War : Battle of Alamance with Bowen's Co.

Ø Burial: Burwell Cyrus Farm.

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Elizabeth, b 1785, d 1862, m. Charles Boothe

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More About SAMUEL FERGUSON:

Education: Rev. Service

Children of SAMUEL FERGUSON and MARY JAMESON are:

- i. WAYNE4 FERGUSON.
- ii. JOHN FERGUSON, b. Abt. 1766; d. August 29, 1855, Wayne Co. (West) Va.; m. MARGARET PEGGY MCKINNEY.
- iii. ISABEL FERGUSON, b. 1766, Tazewell Co, Virginia; d. 1839, Mercer Co, West Virginia.
- iv. MARY JANE FERGUSON, b. Abt. 1768; d. 1829, Cabell Co, (W) Vi. Now Wayne Co. W.Va; m. WILLIAM CLARK, January 30, 1788, Montgomery Co. (Giles), Virginia.
- v. SAMUEL FERGUSON JR., b. Abt. 1773.
- vi. ISABEL FERGUSON, b. Abt. 1776; d. 1839, Mercer Co, West Virginia; m. RICHARD PATON BAILEY, 1791, Mercer Co, West Virginia; b. 1768, Bedford Co., Virginia; d. 1854, Mercer Co, West Virginia.
3. vii. WILLIAM LEONRD FERGUSON, b. September 22, 1777, Virginia, near town of Wytheville.; d. July 28, 1848, Wayne Co., West Virginia.
- viii. SARAH FERGUSON, b. Abt. 1779.
- ix. ELIZABETH FERGUSON, b. Abt. 1781; d. August 01, 1862, Cabell Co, (W) Vi.; m. CHARLES BOOTHE, February 19, 1798.
- x. THOMAS FERGUSON, b. September 02, 1784; d. August 28, 1838, Cabell Co, (W) Vi.; m. MARY A. JONES, June 28, 1802, Kanawah, Va.; b. July 01, 1779; d. July 01, 1862.

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3. WILLIAM LEONRD4 FERGUSON (SAMUEL3, ADAM B. FERGUSON2, JOHN HENRY1) was born September 22, 1777 in Virginia, near town of Wytheville., and died July 28, 1848 in Wayne Co., West Virginia. He married SARAH STOKES February 18, 1799, daughter of JAMES STOKES and MARY. She was born September 27, 1779, and died March 17, 1854 in Wayne Co W.V..

Notes for WILLIAM LEONRD FERGUSON:

He is buried in the Elmwood Cemetry of Wayne County, Virginia.

He was buried in the Elmwood Cemetery of Wayne Co. W. Va. His wife Sarah Stokes, is burried beside him. Sarah

is believed to have been a sister to Sam, Jr.'s wife, and a daughter of James and Mary Stokes.

William was a resident of Wythe Co. when the petitions were made to form the new county of Tazewell. He was a tithable in Tazewell Co. from 1800-1804. William may have been one of a fiery spirit. In May 1803, he was fined 83 cents for profane swearing. (Tazewell Co. Order Book No. 1, page 98). In August of that year the Grand Jury presented William Ferguson and Edward McDonald for fighting on the 12th of May (Tazewell Order Book 1, page 106). In Oct. 1804, William was found guilty by a jury and fined 10 cents (Tazewell Order Book 1, Page 158). Information for this paragraph was found in Yantis' Archives of the pioneers of Tazewell Co.

William, a tithable in Kanawha Co. in 1806, is believed to have left Tazewell Co. sometime around 1804. He purchased 265 acres from Edmund McGinnis in 1809, per Kanawah Co. Deed Book C, page 361. He<sup>3</sup> was enumerated in Cabell Co. in 1810, Oper Yantis' Supplement to the 1810 Census of Virginia. (Cabell Co. was formed from Kanawha in 1809.) He appeared on the Cabell Co. Tax List in 1815. His household was named in Cabell Co. in the 1820-30-40 censuses. In 1850 the census of the newly formed Wayne Co. listed his widow as a resident of their son Milton's household.

William was named the administrator of his father's estate (Cabell Co. Order Book 2, page 314). On 22 Dec 1828, the court ordered that William be allowed 10% on all money arising on the hiring of the negroes from his father's estate (Order Book 3, page 148). In March 1828, William was appointed commissioner of the special election at Frederick Moore's house, located at Forks of Sandy (Cabell Co. Order Book 3, page 94). William was elected constable of the county, gave bond, and took oath 23 Sep 1833 (Book 3, page 434). He is also recorded several times as being a juror in early Cabell County. Information for this paragraph was gleaned from Extracts of the Records of the County Court of Cabell County, Transcribed by Rudenz Douthat.

William and his wife were members of the first church formed in the Union District of Wayne County, located at the Forks of Twelve Pole. Known as the Primitive Baptist Church, it was formed in 1818 and was pastored by Goodwin Lycan. Hardesty's West Virginia Counties, Vol. 7, Page 161, by Comstock, gives this account.

Several entries are made in the Cabell County Grantor and Grantee Indexes for William Ferguson. In 1824 he purchased from James Watson 145 acres on Twelve Pole (Deed Book 4, page 37). In 1827 he again purchased from James Watson another tract of 550 acres on Twelve Pole (Deed Book 4, Page 334). His conveyances included: 17 acres to John Osburn in 1827 (Deed Book 4, page 488); 265 acres to Milton Ferguson in 1833 (Deed Book 5, page 250); 100 acres to Joseph Dean in 1835 (Deed Book 5, page 503); 150 acres to Jameson Ferguson in 1835 (Deed Book 5, page 505); 100 acres to Hiram Pauley in 1834 (Deed Book 6, page 13); 100 acres to Lewis Ferguson in 1839 (Deed Book 7, page 309); 25 acres to Milton Ferguson in 1841 (Deed book 7, page 606); 100 acres to Edmond Osburn in 1841 (Deed Book 8, page 26); 100 acres to Lewis Ferguson in 1841 (Deed Book 8, page 29) and others.

William, who lived to be seventy, suffered the loss of three children -- all married with families. His widow lived to see the fourth one die. His Will, written six days prior to his death, was proven September of that year and is recorded in Will Book 1, page 58. He expressed consideration for his wife by giving her, "...the household furniture as she may want..." Perhaps he recalled the estate sale of his father, when William acted as the administrator, and both he and his mother witnessed the sale of all treasured household items with no provision made for his mother to retain them. His Will is transcribed on pages following this sketch. The settlement account included payment to J. Blankenship for his coffin, in the amount of \$6.00.

William Ferguson's Will  
Book 1, Page 58, Wayne Co. West Virginia

Sept. 6th 1848

In the name of God Amen, I William Ferguson of Wayne County and State of Virginia Being of sound and disposing mind and body do make this to be my last will & testament as follows. That is to say, I do wish that my body may be buried at the discretion of my executor herein after named and I direct that all my just debts be paid out of my estate as soon as after my decease as may be convenient,

First, I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Sarah in testamony of my sincere regard and affection for her the following property, a clay bank mare, saddle, bridle, and martain gils, one cow and calf, beding and bed clothes, as much as she wants to make use of and also such waring clothes and household ferniture as she may want, I also desire that she shall have an equal part with my other children of the proceeds of the other personal property and real estate herin after named.

Secondly, I give desire and bequeath to my executors herein after named their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns such as have been herein before mentioned, all my estate consisting of land & teniments, with the apperatainces thereof together with all the personally property & ferniture of all kind generally used tharon to hold to hem and teir heirs, executors administrator and assigns forever, ne3ver the less in trust with all convenient speed, eithe rby private contract or publick auction in such manner as they shall be best served to sell the same for the most money that can be procured and to convey, release, assure, surrender and assign the same to be the best purchasers when and as soon as the whole of the purchase money is paid and not before by such deed writings instruments as the shall be advised by legal council and that all money arising from such same be alplied by my said executors according to my intent design and desire herein after espressed in this my said last will and testament (that is to say that all the sums of my arising from the sales of the above mentioned property unto my said executors intrust to distribute the same among my several heirs equally and severally in equal shares and proportion and I do hererby nominate an d appoiint Lewis S. Ferguson to be executor of this my last will and testament and I do hererby revoke and make void all former will or wills by me at any time or times thearetofore made and do herereby declare these presents to be and contain my last will and testament. In witness whare of I the said testator William Ferguson have set my hand and this 22nd day of July in the year 1848.

William Ferguson (Seal)

Note: The above Will is copied verbatim from records.

More About WILLIAM LEONRD FERGUSON:

Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, Wayne Co W.V.

Religion: Primitive Baptist Ch., Forks of Twelve Pole, Union District of Wayne

More About SARAH STOKES:

Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, Wayne Co W.V.

Children of WILLIAM FERGUSON and SARAH STOKES are:

- i. REBECCA5 FERGUSON, b. October 29, 1799; d. July 29, 1823; m. JOHN PLYMALE, December 23, 1819.
- ii. MELTON FERGUSON, b. October 03, 1801.
- iii. ELIZABETH FERGUSON, b. November 11, 1803.
- iv. MARY PAULINE (POLLY) FERGUSON, b. April 02, 1805; d. May 13, 1882; m. ANTHONY PLYMALE II, June 10, 1824.
4. v. JOHN WESLEY FERGUSON, b. September 25, 1808; d. 1844, Wayne Co., West Virginia.
- vi. EDMOND FERGUSON, b. February 17, 1811.
- vii. JAMESON FERGUSON, b. October 07, 1812.
- viii. MARGARET ANN FERGUSON, b. September 14, 1816.
- ix. LEWIS S. FERGUSON, b. February 13, 1819.

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4. JOHN WESLEY5 FERGUSON (WILLIAM LEONRD4, SAMUEL3, ADAM B. FERGUSON2, JOHN HENRY1) was born September 25, 1808, and died 1844 in Wayne Co., West Virginia. He married BETTY POLLY (MARY ELIZABETH ?) BOWEN February 12, 1829 in Cabell Co. Va. (W. Va.), daughter of HUGH BOWEN and ELIZABETH OWEN. She was born October 12, 1813, and died October 13, 1894 in Wayne Co., West Virginia.

Notes for JOHN WESLEY FERGUSON:

In October 1828 "Westly" Ferguson was appointed Constable in Cabell Co. In January 1832 he resigned his office as Constable, and in October of that year he took oath as Deputy Sheriff, per Douthat in Extracts from County Court Records of Cabell County.

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In 1842, Jow W. Ferguson was supervisor of the election officers at Buffalo Shoals of Wayne County, and served the same at Wayne Court House. On 10 Oct. 1842, he was named a defendant in a civil case in Wayne Court, per Order Book No. 1, page 60.

More About JOHN WESLEY FERGUSON:

Occupation: Constable, Cable Co. 1828, Deputy Sheriff, Jan 1832

Children of JOHN FERGUSON and BETTY BOWEN are:

- i. AMACETTA6 FERGUSON, m. HANSFORD DAVIS, March 15, 1855, Wayne Co. (West) Va..
- ii. THOMAS JEFFERSON FERGUSON, b. January 28, 1833; d. February 06, 1909; m. CORNELIA SMITH, 1853; b. August 12, 1838; d. September 13, 1877.

Notes for THOMAS JEFFERSON FERGUSON:

Commonly Called "Jefferson", he enlisted in the 8th Virginia Cavalry, Confederate Army, and after two years joined the Horse Artillery in Breckenridge's Division where he served until the end of the Civil war.

More About THOMAS JEFFERSON FERGUSON:

Burial: He is buried on the Francis M. Booth farm on Wildson Ck of Wayne Co.

Occupation: He was a farmer in Union District, and for a time was a Deputy Sheriff

iii. PERCIVAL SMITH (PEARL) FERGUSON, b. January 19, 1836; d. October 11, 1903, Wayne Co. (West) Va.; m. MARY ANN RUTHERFORD, April 09, 1856, Wayne Co. (West) Va.; b. April 30, 1828.

iv. SIMPSON FERGUSON, b. February 1840, Cabell Co. Va. (W. Va.); d. March 15, 1925, West Virginia.; m. REBECCA DAVIS, November 08, 1860, Wayne Co. (West) Va.; b. January 31, 1844, Beech Fork, Wayne Co., West Virginia; d. March 15, 1925, Wayne Co. (West) Va..

More About SIMPSON FERGUSON:

Burial: Bowen Cem., Warren Co. W. V.

More About REBECCA DAVIS:

Burial: Bowen Cem., Warren Co. W. V.