

DIXON FAMILIES of PITT & BEAUFORT COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA

The following is based on the research of Billie D. HARDY, 2911 Kircaldy Court, Arlington, TX 76015. She has made an extensive effort to sort out and explain relationships of the Dixons of Pitt and Beaufort Cos, NC from the mid 1700s to the early 1800s. This is made more difficult as the Pitt Co. courthouse burned in 1857. Some info is based on existing records, some on circumstantial evidence, some is pure guess work. Billie and I would greatly appreciate any additional info on these families, or proof of relationships.

Walter DIXON appears to be the first Dixon in the area. The first reference to him is in 1734 when he witnesses the will of Edward SALTER of Bath Co. Bath Co. was discontinued in 1739. Beaufort Co. was made from Bath Co. in 1712, Pitt Co. from Beaufort Co. in 1760. On 14 Apr 1738 Walter bought 100 acres from Thomas WORSLEY on the upper fork of Bear Creek on the south side of the Pamptio River. Walter is listed as "of Bath Co." He received grants in 1739, 1743 and 1745. In 1750 Edward and Ann SALTER witness a deed from Walter DIXON to James BAKER of the 100 acres on Bear Creek. It is possible Walter married a daughter of either Edward SALTER Sr. or Edward SALTER Jr. Her name may have been Priscilla. Walter DIXON had (at least) the following children:

A. William DIXON, proven son, born c1735/6, died between 1764 and 1770. His wife may have been Elizabeth, possibly a dau of Rev. Alexander STEWART. William may have had:

1. William DIXON. He is difficult to separate from his father and others named William but it may be that he is the husband of Ann DIXON of the 1773 Pitt Co. deed. Ann is a widow in 1775 and is probably the same Ann DIXON with a son Jeremiah DIXON.
2. Thomas DIXON, married Rebecca ____.
3. Draper DIXON, proven son by 1755 & 1764

Pitt Co. tax lists. He seems to have a connection with John PURDUE and William PURDUE, so Draper's mother or wife may have been a Purdue.

4. Benjamin DIXON, possibly a son of William Sr.
- B. Walter DIXON, Jr., proven son, b. c1736/7, 1811. He received land from his father in 1756. Married Frances (Fanny) BOYD, dau of Robert BOYD. They had:
 1. Robert Boyd DIXON, d. by 1790.
 2. John DIXON, d. by 1809, m. Penelope ____ and had:
 - a. Nancy DIXON, m. Uriah EDWARDS.
 - b. John DIXON, b. 1784, d. 1868.
 - c. Betty DIXON
 - d. Joseph DIXON
 - e. Polly DIXON
 - f. Sophia DIXON
 - g. Susannah DIXON, b. 1789, d. 1868, m. James BROWN.
 3. Walter DIXON (III), who may have married the Mary DIXON who d. 1827. Mary may have been the daughter of Joseph GUTEN
 4. Thomas DIXON, proven son of Walter Jr.
 5. Edward DIXON, possible son.
- C. John DIXON, proven son of Walter Sr., born c1737/8. He received land from his father in 1759. John died by 1779, probably even by 1773. His wife may have been a widow by the name of Hodges. She had a daughter by her previous marriage named Beatha. John had:
 1. William DIXON, proven son, b. by 1758, d. 1797 in Pitt Co. He had:
 - a. Jeremiah DIXON
 - b. Walter DIXON
 - c. Absalom DIXON, who was "of age" in 179
 - d. a daughter who married James MOORE.
 - e. Abraham DIXON, possible son.
 2. Thomas DIXON, d. 1780. Named in his will were:
 - a. Martha DIXON, married Joseph DAUGE.

a daughter who married John ROWLAND. Thomas' will also mentioned brother Chosewell DIXON and sister Elizabeth DIXON.

Chosewell DIXON, received grants in Beaufort Co. in 1762, 1767 and 1769. He had (at least):

Elijah DIXON, m. Mary _____.

Elizabeth DIXON.

Sarah DIXON, may have married 1) _____ CAMPEN, and 2) _____ LIVERSAGE.

James DIXON, possible son of John.

Edward DIXON, b. c1740. On the 1762, 1763 and 1764 Pitt Co. tax lists, Married, before 1762, Keziah MUNDINE, dau of Stephen MUNDINE. Children were possibly:

Edward DIXON

Robert DIXON, who married by 1797 Martha (Patsy) GROVES, dau of William GROVES, may be a son of this Edward.

Sally DIXON, married Samuel GOLDEN.

Abraham DIXON

a daughter who married Obediah MOORE.

Roland DIXON

James DIXON, had a son:

John DIXON, d. 1764 in Beaufort Co.

Miscilla DIXON, proven daughter of Walter Sr., married Elisha KING.

Roland DIXON, probable son of Walter Sr., as indicated by the 1762 Pitt Co. tax list.

Roland married Frances _____ and may have had:

Roland DIXON, b. 1765 in Pitt Co.

TE: Frances Lovey (BOYD) DIXON, wife of Walter Jr, deeded land in 1813, just before her death, to Robert DIXON, Nehemiah DIXON, sea BUCK and James BUCK. These may be sons.

Co., TN. He married Nancy _____, b. 1795 in VA. They had (at least):

A. James Bruce DICKSON, b. 21 Jun 1832 in TN, d. 21 Jan 1891, also buried at Maryville, married (1) 7 Jan 1864 Rachel O.

CUMMINGS in Monroe Co., TN. Rachel was a dau of William P. L. and Mary (BOGLE) CUMMINGS. James & Rachel had:

1. Robert H. DICKSON, b. 27 Sep 1864, d. 22 Jul 1913, m. Esther J. _____.
2. David "String" DICKSON, b. 31 Aug 1867, d. 22 Jul 1913, m. Mary Liuna PEARSON. Rachel died in 1867 and James married (2) 2 Dec 1869, Nancy J. CUMMINGS (14 Jun 1842 - 22 May 1930), sister of Rachel. Their children:
3. Samuel DICKSON, b. 5 Mar 1870, d. 25 Feb 1936.
4. Mollie DICKSON, b. 20 Sep 1871, d. 30 Jun 1947.
5. Mary Elizabeth DICKSON, b. 2 Jul 1874, d. 3 Apr 1942.
6. Rachel DICKSON, b. 1874 (twin?)
7. Alexander DICKSON, b. 15 Aug 1875, d. 8 Jul 1944.
8. Monroe (Roe) DICKSON, b. 20 Dec 1876, d. 16 Mar 1943.
9. James DICKSON, b. 1878.
10. Sarah DICKSON, b. 1879.
11. John E. DICKSON, b. 4 Mar 1881, d. 30 Jun 1947.
12. Ed DICKSON

I guess that is about all I can put together for this issue. I am sure looking forward to fall. It has been a long hot dry summer here. Good luck on your research!

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Robert DICKSON, b. 11 Jan 1797 in VA, died Dec 1857, and is buried in Maryville, Blount