



Judge Loverd Bryan and wife
Elizabeth Wyche Bryan

Judge Loverd Bryan, son of Clement Bryan and Edith Smith, was born October 13, 1804; married Elizabeth Wyche, daughter of Littleton Wyche and Susannah Mitchell, of Thomas County, Georgia, June 31, 1826. She was born December 9, 1809. Judge Loverd Bryan was a pioneer settler of Stewart County, Georgia and lived there until his death August 15, 1887. His wife Elizabeth Wyche Bryan died November 29, 1877. They are buried in the Loverd Bryan lot, in the Methodist Cemetery at Lumpkin, Georgia.

THE LOVERD BRYAN FAMILY

The Bryan family dates its ancestry back to William Bryan Marquis of Thomond, Governor of a province of Ulster, Ireland. The first member of the family to come to America was Needham I, born in Ulster in 1690, and died in 1770. He settled in Bertie County, North Carolina in 1732. In 1711 he married Annie Rambeau, who was born in 1695 and died in 1730.

Needham Bryan II, son of the above, born in 1725, died in 1800, was a member of the Colonial Assembly of North Carolina in 1775, and of the Provincial Congress the same year. He was married twice; first to Nancy Smith, daughter of Col. John Smith of Cumberland County, N. C., and second to Elizabeth Whitfield.

Needham III, grandson of Needham I, born in 1750, was Captain of a regiment of soldiers of Johnston County, N. C. He was also a member of the Provincial Congress. In 1768 he married Sarah Hinton of Wake County, N. C. They had four children: Loverd, Clement, Benjamin, and one daughter, Sally.

Of this group, Clement Bryan was the father of Loverd Bryan, who is the subject of the sketch. Clement Bryan, born Oct. 12, 1770, in Johnston County, N. C., married Edith Smith, born Dec. 26, 1772; died Mar. 15, 1841, daughter of Col. David Smith of Cumberland County, N. C., and moved from Johnston County, N. C. to Montgomery County, Ga., in 1805, later moving to Randolph County. He took part in the Indian War of 1836 and was wounded in the battle of Ichawaynochaway. He survived two years and died Jan. 31, 1839, at the age of 69 years.

The children of Clement Bryan and Edith Smith:

I. Sarah Hinton Bryan, born Aug. 8, 1793 in N. C., died in Lumpkin, 1846, married in Jones Co. in 1824 to Anselm Lynch Evans, born 1792 in Ga., died in 1866 in Lumpkin. They settled in Stewart County in the 19th District in 1832, later moving to Lumpkin for the purpose of education. Three children: Sarah Jane married Peyton D. Hill Mar. 15, 1842; Martha A. J. married James Graham of Lumpkin Oct. 21, 1846; Clement Anselm (General Clement A. Evans) married Mary Allen Walton of Lumpkin. (See Evans Sketch).

II. Charity Bryan married Obediah Cheatham of Lumpkin, who was born Sept., 1796, and died April 18, 1880. Children born to this couple were: Clement A. Cheatham married Elizabeth Irwin, daughter of Jared Irwin and Ann Williams Irwin. Children: Loverd B., Thomas, Walter, Ann Belle, Fannie and Clement A. Clement A. Cheatham was a physician. He moved from Stewart to Terrell County where some of his descendants still live. Other children of Obediah and Charity Bryan Cheatham were: George, Sydney, Elizabeth and Charles. This pioneer couple spent their lives in Lumpkin and at death were buried in the Northside Cemetery. Their children moved to other sections.

III. Margaret Smith (Peggie) married George Wyche. One son, James Wyche.

IV. Polly Smith Bryan married John G. Raines. One son and four daughters were born: Thomas, Edith, Ann, Julia and Martha Raines.

V. Edith Bryan married Morton H. Brown. One daughter and four sons: Georgia, Clement C., Loverd B., Morton J. and David Brown.

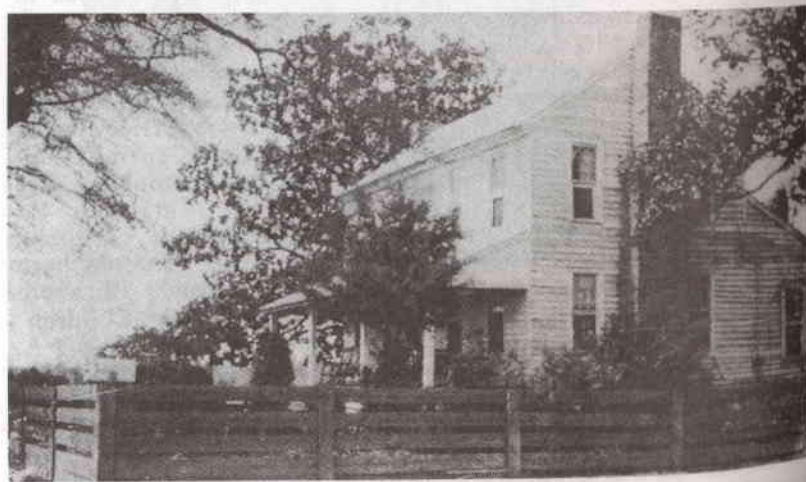
VI. Needham R. Bryan (1804-1841) second son of Clement Bryan, married Martha Battle of Monroe County. Four children were born: Thomas B., Needham R., Josephene and Mary Bryan.

VII. Ann Bryan (b. 1808) married William Ingram of Randolph County. In 1859 they moved to Texas where they both died. Children were: Clementine, James M., Mary, Ann and Lottie Ingram.

VIII. Grizella Bryan (b. 1811) married, first, John Fletcher Watts. No children. Married, second, Thomas Jefferson Hines of Stewart County. Children were: Bryan Randolph Hines who married Sarah Hardwick; Thomas J. Hines, Jr. married Clotilde De Launey, daughter of Gustavus De Launey of Columbus; William and Dewitt who died without issue; Claudia C. Hines married Julius Cade of Stewart County.

IX. Emerline Bryan married Benj. F. Watts of Clay County. Four sons and one daughter were born: John Whitfield, William Benjamin, Thomas, Richard F. and Emerline C. Watts.

X. David C. Bryan (b. 1816) married Nancy Carolyn Battle of Monroe County. Children: James Bryan, who studied for the ministry and was a member of the North Georgia Conference for a number of years; Josephine Carolyn married R. L. Grimes of



Loverd Bryan Home near Florence



Mrs. Whitfield Clement Bryan
and son Edward Walter Bryan.

Margaret Love Guyton Bryan, wife of Whitfield Clement Bryan, was born in Laurens County, Georgia, February 7, 1839. She was a daughter of Moses Guyton II and Mary Love Guyton. She married February 11, 1857; at the home of her parents in Laurens County, Georgia; Whitfield Clement Bryan, of Stewart County, Georgia. She died June 4, 1892.

Chattahoochee County (1843-1900). This couple lived in that county at Jamestown and vicinity where their eight children were born, one of whom, Walter Milton Grimes, married first, Mary Rebecca Kite, married second, Lillian Kathleen Gilbert of Florence, Ga.; Edith Mary married L. C. Randle of Stewart County. Children: Dora, Sidney, Florrie Bell, Ralph and Eloise. Dora and Eloise are residents of Macon; Sidney (a girl) married Dr. Bayne of Macon; Florrie Bell married Mr. Glover of Sumter County; Ralph Randle married Berta Marshall, daughter of B. T. Marshall



Edith Bryan, daughter of Loverd Bryan, who married John Mirabo Lamar Randle, June 11, 1851

and Effie Overby Marshall, and were residents of Stewart County for years.

XI. Loverd Bryan, the subject of this sketch, was a citizen of Stewart County for fifty-seven years. He was born Oct. 13, 1804, and died Nov. 29, 1887. On June 31, 1826, he married Elizabeth Wyche, born Dec. 9, 1809, and died Nov. 29, 1877. He and his wife settled first on the Ft. Gaines Road, near Pleasant Valley, moving many years later to a plantation on the Florence to Lumpkin road. This plantation is owned by a great nephew of Loverd Bryan, Ralph Randle of Birmingham, Alabama. The pioneer home built by Loverd Bryan and moved from the Fort Gaines road to the present location is still standing and in a fine state of preservation. Later in life Loverd Bryan left the plantation home and moved to Lumpkin where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a representative citizen, taking an active part in the affairs of the town and county. Following the death of his wife he married the second

time Mrs. Lucy Williams. In his latter years he served as County School Commissioner. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and gave the land for the Methodist camp meeting grounds located on the old Fort Gaines Road. State Senator 1838-9, 1849.

Children of this couple were: 1. William Benjamin Bryan who married Minerva Root, July 8, 1852; one son, Sidney. This couple moved to Texas. 2. Martha Bryan married Edmond J. Harris of Terrell County, Nov. 19, 1843. 3. Lyttleton Bryan married Sarah Lawhorn. 4. Prentis Stanly Bryan died during the War, wounded at Battle of Griswoldville. 5. Susan E. Bryan married A. T. Newsome Oct. 7, 1846. (See sketch Aladin Newsome). 6. Elizabeth Bryan married Mark L. Everett (See Sketch of Everetts). 7. Edith Bryan married John Mirabo Lamar Randle, son of John Randle and Amelia Lamar, June 11, 1851. Five daughters were born to this couple:

(1). Amelia E. Randle married T. L. Morton. Children: Ernest, Lillian, Lamar, Lemuel, Sarah, and Tommie. (2). Mary Chappell Randle was the second wife of T. L. Morton. Children were: John, U. G., Karl, Oliver, Leila Mae, Nell, and Weltha. John was a World War veteran and died during service. (3). Edith Lillian Randle married George Morton. Children: Emmett, Clifford, Samuel, Mardre, Amelia and Elma. (See Morton Sketch) (4). Lula Corine married Mr. Tatum and moved to Mississippi. Two children. (5). Eva Chloilde married Mack Gable. Lived in Atlanta. No children.

XII. Whitfield Clement Bryan married Margaret Love Guyton of Laurens County. Four children: Walter, moved to Texas; George, a resident of Florida; Emma married Dan Bradley; (See Bradley Sketch) and Minnie Love Bryan, born in Stewart County, Georgia, February 7, 1865, married Joseph David Thornton of Jackson, Ga., on Oct. 14, 1883. She died Nov. 28, 1922, in Macon, Ga. He died Oct. 29, 1927 in Cedartown, Ga. They had seven children: (1). Joseph Douglas Thornton, born Dec. 28, 1885, died May 21, 1887; (2) Margaret Love Thornton, born Apr. 20, 1887, married Dr. Thomas Duhart Walker on Oct. 20, 1910. One daughter. (3). Mary Guyton, Born Sept. 12, 1888, married Randolph Barclay Riley Apr. 14, 1911. One daughter. (4) Loverd Bryan Thornton, born July 15, 1890. (5). Lois Thornton, born Mar. 16, 1892, married Collings Wood Davies on June 1, 1918. They have one daughter. (6). Mildred Thornton, born Feb. 20, 1894, married Charles Jones Vance June 19, 1917. They have two sons and one daughter. (7). Dan Bradley Thornton, born Mar. 9, 1904, died Nov. 14, 1923, in Portsmouth, Va.

Whitfield Bryan and his brothers, Needham L. and Stanley, served in the War Between the States. The latter was mortally wounded at the Battle of Griswoldville.

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Whitfield Clement Bryan

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tery at Lumpkin. Also, Whitfield Bryan and his wife and Stanley Bryan. John Randle and Edith Bryan Randle and one daughter, Eva, are buried in the Eastside Cemetery. Two of their daughters and several grandchildren are buried at Pleasant Valley.

Descendants of Loverd Bryan now living in the county are: Mrs. George Morton of Richland and her daughters Elma and Mrs. Leroy Chappell; E. L. Morton and children; Mrs. E. C. Hobbs, daughter and grandson; the Fort brothers and children of Lumpkin.

Other descendants live in Atlanta, Macon, Columbus, Birmingham, Dawson. Still others in the Carolinas, Texas and California.

THE WILEY BULLARD FAMILY

Wiley Bullard was born in Twiggs County in 1802, moved to Stewart County in early pioneer days and settled on a river plantation in the 22nd District, which is now known as the D. B. Fitzgerald place. His wife was Mary Talbot, born in Pulaski County. There were three children born to them:

1. Susanne married George Washington Williford, Jan. 19, 1851. She died about 1871.

2. Elizabeth (Janie) married John Hodges Jan. 9, 1851.

3. Edward Talbot Bullard married Jane Culpepper. He died of smallpox during the War Between the States, 1863.

Wiley Bullard and his second wife, Mary Fitzgerald Bullard, were married July 23, 1840, and had the following children:

1. Marthenie married Green Williford, Oct. 6, 1859; died of smallpox in 1863.

2. Allen Blewett Bullard born about 1843, died Oct. 8, 1907. Married in 1867 Irene Elizabeth Spence, born Dec. 12, 1882.

3. Cassius Bullard married Eppie Gresham, the daughter of Young H. Gresham and Emmaline Hilliard Gresham.

4. Wiley Bullard, Jr. died of smallpox, 1863, unmarried.

5. Polly Ann Bullard married Green Williford after the War.

6. Georgia Bullard married Matthew Culpepper.

7. Laura Bullard married Mr. Hall. They lived in Florida.

Wiley Bullard moved to Mitchell County in 1858. During the War his son-in-law came home with smallpox. The son-in-law recovered but Wiley Bullard, his sons, Wiley and Edward, and his daughter, Marthenie, contracted the disease and died. They were buried on one of his plantations in Mitchell County. Their graves are unmarked. Wiley Bullard's estate was sold for Confederate money.

Mary Talbot Bullard was buried, presumably, at Summer Hill Cemetery in Stewart County. Mary Fitzgerald Bullard is buried in Mitchell County. Her grave is unmarked.

Wiley Bullard was a citizen of Stewart County for thirty years. The only one of his children who was a lifetime resident of Stewart County was Mrs. George W. Williford.*

THE PRESCOTT BUSH FAMILY

The following information was contributed by Mrs. James Burns, a descendant of Prescott Bush who was a pioneer settler of Stewart County, and a Revolutionary soldier.

"Prescott Bush, my great, great, great, grandfather came over from England about 1775. At the beginning of the War of the Revolution he joined the English forces, being at that time a Royalist

*Data furnished by Lena Fain Rawlins, (Mrs. J. C.), Atlanta, Ga., a great granddaughter of Wiley Bullard.