

(3a) William Troy Richards (10-8-1905 to 9-18-1979) married Rilla Lee Robinson (4-26-1913). William Troy was a teacher, farmer, and owner of the W.T. Richards Store at Spring Place from about 1930 to 1954. It is the building across from the Chief Vann House now known as the Chief Vann Restaurant. He taught school in Murray County school system 42 years. They raised four sons, William Troy, Jr., James Charles, Leach Delano, and Stephen Randall.

(3b) Walter L. Richards (4-3-1908) married Ella O'Neal (11-25-1908 to 11-27-1963). They raised four children: Robert Warren, Walter Lou, Betty Ann, and Lilly Ellen. Walter is now a retired farmer and teacher having taught in the Murray County school system 42 years on an active basis and then as a substitute teacher another 10 years. After Ella passed away Walter married Virginia Singleton Bearden and they now reside on their farm at Eton, Georgia.

(3c) Ralph Richards (10-31-1909) married Jewell Craig (6-28-1911 to 1-7-1974). They raised one son, Marvin Richards, now of Rome, Georgia. Ralph is a retired chemist. After the death of Jewel he married Mildred Smith Stewart and they now reside in Dalton, Ga.

(3d) Kathleen Richards (1-4-1912) married Tom Holland (8-18-1902 to 6-24-1982) a Murray County farmer. They raised one daughter, Sarah Ruth. Kathleen still resides at the farm on Hwy. 2.

(3e) Mary Ruth Richards (10-3-1914) married Tom Parkman of Tifton, Ga., where they now reside. They raised five sons, Tommy, Richard, Larry, Leslie and Glenn.

(3f) Dorothy Richards (8-9-1918) married Tom Howell (now dec'd) of Waycross, Ga. They raised two sons, Philip Howell now of Ellijay, Ga., and Douglas Howell of Chatsworth. Dorothy is a retired school teacher of Murray County.

(3g) John Barrett Richards (11-24-1916) also known as J.B. married Vivian Gregory. J.B. is a retired farmer and Vivian a retired school teacher and they now reside in Comer, Georgia. They raised two sons, Gregory and Barrett.

(3h) Charles Helton Richards (8-15-1921) married Betty Webb (now dec'd). They raised seven children, Mary Theresa, Martha Charlene, Madoline Kathleen, Tammie Lou Ann, Kimberly Joy, Charles Helton, Jr., and Alva Jo.

(3i) Frances Richards (12-8-1923) married Joe Walls of Alabama and they now reside in Arab, Alabama, where Frances is a school teacher. They raised four sons, Johnny, Colin, Mark and Scott.

Submitted by Del Richards

The "Toliver" (Taliaferro) Cady Richardson Family

Richardsons began arriving in America about 1630. By 1750, the name appears in the Colonial records from New England to the Carolinas. Thus far, however, we have been unable to establish a connection between these Colonial families and Charles Richardson of Rutherford County, N.C., the first of our direct line that can be documented.

We have the statements of his daughter Elizabeth (Lynch) to the 1880 census taker (Rutherford County, N.C.) that her father was born in Ireland and that

her mother, Mary, was a native of N.C.

Charles and Mary were our great-great-great-grandparents.

Children of Charles and Mary Richardson: (1) William (Oct. 4, 1781-May 31, 1870) m. 1st Jan. 11, 1803 Polly Bowman; 2nd 1811 Martha b. June 26, 1786, d. Sept. 4, 1863. (2) Charles (Jr.) born 1785, m. Jan. 16, 1813 Polly Marron. (3) Hyman b. 1793, d. 1865, m. Mrs. Martha Crow. ("In the records, the name is Hyman, rather than the Biblical Hymen.") (4) Hiram Lewis (our great-great-grandfather) b. 1793, d. Oct. 10, 1863 Rutherford County, N.C., m. Catherine Bowman 1816, d. 1880. Hiram and Catherine are buried in marked graves in Dawsonville City cemetery. (5) James Miller b. 1797, d. 1870, m. Nov. 7, 1816 Ann Bird. (6) Isabella b. 1780, m. April 28, 1799 John Morgan. (7) Elizabeth b. Feb. 21, 1784, d. Aug. 19, 1880, m. Jan. 1, 1804 Laxton Lynch. (8) Mary (Polly) b. 1787, d. before 1870, m. Oct. 3, 1805 Henry Cochran.

A partial list of the descendants of Hiram Lewis and Catherine Bowman Richardson:

(1) Hyman Toliver Richardson (our great-grandfather) b. Sept. 26, 1820, d. Dec. 18, 1865, m. Dec. 24, 1840 Amanda Lynch b. 1826, d. May 18, 1919. (A) Benjamin Bass Richardson b. July 1841, d. Nov. 27, 1929, m. 1st Cordelia, 2nd Susan. Children: (1) Sarah A., (2) Hymen L., (3) George Thomas, (4) John M., (5) Alfred, (6) Mary, (7) Kate, (8) Alice.

(B) William Richardson b. 1850, d. N/A.

(C) Our grandparents: John Harvey Richardson b. May 14, 1854, d. April 22, 1904, m. Edna Adelaide Cady 3-4-1879, b. Mar. 5, 1863, d. Nov. 12, 1940. Both bur. in Whitfield County. (1) Daisy B. Richardson b. Dec. 14, 1879, d. Dec. 10, 1969, m. John Underwood. (2) Victor C. Richardson b. Sept. 8, 1881, d. Feb. 1, 1977, m. Julia Deverell.

(3) Our parents: Toliver (Taliaferro) Cady Richardson b. Mar. 8, 1883, d. Jan. 7, 1960, m. 12-8-1907 Alberta Davis b. July 17, 1887, d. 12-11-1959. Both bur. in Chatsworth Heights Cemetery. Children of Toliver and Alberta:

(1) Ronald Kenneth Richardson b. 3-21-1909, d. Apr. 8-1985, m. Mary Heartsell, Oct. 18, 1940 (no children).

(2) Reba Elizabeth b. June 13, 1911, m. Charles Eugene Westfield, June 20, 1940. Children of Charles and Reba: (A) Priscilla Westfield b. Aug. 5, 1943, Macon, Ga., m. John Marvin Dollar, Apr. 4, 1964 Decatur, Ga.; children of Priscilla and John Dollar: (a) Carey Fox Dollar b. Feb. 3, 1972 Houston, Tex.; (b) Christopher Steward Dollar b. Dec. 2, 1973 Memphis, Tenn. Other child of Charles and Reba Westfield: (B) Christina Westfield b. Jan. 3, 1947, m. Robert Frank Pinkerton, Nov. 24, 1968, Decatur, Ga. (a) son, Robert Todd (Pinkerton) b. 5-4-1970 Decatur, Ga.

(3) Child of Toliver and Alberta Richardson, Sybil Ruth b. Jan. 13, 1914, m. Wayne Castle McLemore, Apr. 19, 1941, Knoxville, Tenn. Children of Wayne and Sybil R.: (A) Wayne Castle, Jr. b. May 19, 1942, Pulaski, Va.; (B) Melody McLemore b. Sept. 20, 1947, Roanoke, Va.; (C) Millicent McLemore b. Oct. 11, 1948, Roanoke, Va.; (D) Shelia McLemore b. Nov. 6, 1951.

Our father, Toliver Richardson, was a dear and gentle man. Most of his adult life was spent in Eton, Georgia, where he operated his own business,

a "dry goods" store. Quiet, unassuming, he lived out his life, supportive of all that he considered worthy.

Siblings of my father, younger than he:

(4) Jessamine J. b. Dec. 4, 1884, d. Dec. 14, 1969, m. Fletcher Tarver. (5) Paul H. (never married) b. Nov. 12, 1887, d. Oct. 6, 1972. (6) Stanton E. b. Nov. 14, 1889, d. Apr. 24, 1968; m. Bessie Spear. (7) Annie b. Sept. 2, 1891, d. Apr. 1910. (8) Tom Watson b. Apr. 20, 1893, d. July 24, 1959. (9) Edna M. b. Mar. 3, 1896, d. Aug. 16, 1978, m. John Allen Brooker. (10) Bertram E. Richardson b. Mar. 18, 1898, d. Jan. 6, 1975, m. Johnnie Eugenia Hair b. Dec. 24, 1906. (11) Willie b. 11-4-19044, d. 9-16-1901. (12) Robert Richardson b. 6-12-N/A, d. 1-12-1977, m. Marion Koppher.

Submitted by Reba Westfield and Sybil McLemore, Chatsworth, GA

The George Washington Ridley Family

George W. Ridley's father, William Pleasant Ridley, came to Murray County in the mid-1850's after the death of his father, Alfred Burton Ridley, Sr. William Pleasant Ridley married Mary Henrietta Kilgore and had 12 children, all born in Murray County. The children included: Charles Burton, Sarah Lue, Henry, Cicero, Ben, Fate, Sam, George, Tom, Josie, Ollie and Dora.

George (1889-1982) married Annie Gossett (1895-1976) and had 13 children. They are buried in the Robinson-Kilgore Cemetery. Their children are: (1) William (Bill), (2) Lee, (3) Leonard, (4) Minnie, (5) Grady, (6) Dennis, (7) Elbert, (8) Marshall, (9) James (Creed), (10) Henry, (11) Gene, (12) Avril and (13) Linwood.

(1) William (Bill) and Delre Baggett Ridley are the parents of Carolyn Wilbanks, Gail Ridley and Jeffery Ridley. Carolyn's children are LeBronn Parker, Nathan Parker and Chris Parker. Gail and James Ridley are the parents of Alan and Kim.

(2) Lee and Aloe Walls Ridley are the parents of Raymond and Randall. Raymond married Joyce Hollis. Randall and Carla Ledford Ridley are the parents of Eric.

(3) Leonard and Minnie Lou Baynes Ridley are the parents of James, Dorothy (1943-1982), Herman, Wilburn, and Brenda. James and Linda Wimpey Ridley are the parents of Karen R. Trammell, Connie, Jamie and Joe. Herman is the father of Deanna and Brian. Wilburn and Juanita McFarland Ridley are the parents of Ernie and Jason. Brenda is the mother of Laura.

(4) Minnie Ridley Gibson is the mother of Shirley Leonard.

(5) Grady and Cathryn Spivey Ridley are the parents of Gloria Kaye.

(6) Dennis and Neil Ridley are the parents of Ronnie and David. Ronnie is the father of Ronnie Jr., David and Brian. David and Linda Ridley are the parents of Dennis and Sherry.

(7) Elbert and Ibie Pritchett Ridley are the parents of Jerry and Deloris (1954-1954).

(8) Marshall Ridley married Jerri Southers.

(9) James (Creed) and Jessie Sanford Ridley are the parents of Laura, Linda

Teresa, Louise Miles, and Steve. Laura is the mother of Kerri Baggett. Louise and Gerald Miles are the parents of Kellie. Steve and Donna Ridley are the parents of Kayti and Kevin.

(10) Henry and Erika Ridley are the parents of Christine, Linda Lou, and John Henry (1957-1973). Christine is the mother of Jason and Andrea.

(11) Gene and Betty Goley Ridley are the parents of Rhonda Barton, Darlene, Kim Teasley and Ricky. Rhonda and Jim Barton are the parents of Kelli and Amy. Darlene is the mother of Chad and Amber.

(13) Linwood Ridley is the father of Kenny.

Submitted by Jerry Ridley, Chatsworth, GA

The James Roach Family of Rocky Face

Rocky Face, one of the oldest communities in Whitfield County (formerly Murray County), was home to the Roach family. The Roach's came from Ireland in the early 1700's. They landed in Virginia and after a short stay moved to South Carolina.

In 1845, Mary Brown Roach and James Roach and nine children left South Carolina and settled in Rocky Face. David and Francis Roach, brothers of James, followed soon after. Michael Roach came from Ireland to Dalton in the 1850's. Michael lived with the James Lyman family and worked as a barkeeper.

David and his wife Elizabeth had five children. Francis and his wife Elizabeth had four children.

Mary and James had 13 children. They were (1) Frances Caroline (b. 1830, m. George McClure), (2) Nancy Ann (b. 1832), (3) Jane Elizabeth (b. 1834, m. James Calwell/Caldwell), (4) William Henry (b. 1836, m. Elizabeth Colwell/Calwell), (5) Joshua A. (b. 1838, m. Margaret Phillips in 1865, divorced her and married Julia Dobson in 1881), (6) James B. (b. 1840, m. Nina), (7&8) twins, Mary M. and Samuel A. (b. 1842, Samuel m. Mary Rhodes), (9) Sealia L. (b. 1844), (10) Elias H. (b. 1845, m. Sarah Ponder), (11) John H. (b. 1847, m. Mary B. Roach), (12) Mariah (b. 1849) and (13) Lewis S. (b. 1853). All of James and Mary's children married and stayed in the Rocky Face-Dalton area.

During the Civil War, Samuel was a musician in Co. G, 36th Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Army of Tennessee. His brother Joshua was with Co. I, 19th Alabama Regiment. (Joshua's hand-written account of his army service during the war is in the Crown Garden Archives files.) After the war, the brothers went back home to Rocky Face and like their father, they farmed.

Joshua and Margaret had four children, (1) James L. b. 1868, (2) William L. b. 1871, (3) John L. b. 1875, (4) Mamie d.o.b. unkn. Joshua and Julia had six children. They were (1) Minnie B. b. June 1890, (2) Hattie R. b. March 1895, (3) Wayland H. b. Aug. 1892, (4) George C. b. Oct. 1894, (5) Rece d.o.b. unkn., and (6) Perry b. May 12, 1887.

Samuel A., born just prior to the family move to Georgia, married Mary C. Rhodes on 13 Jan. 1864. Samuel and Mary were parents of seven children. They were (1) John R. b. 1864, (2) Mary A. b. 1867, (3) William N. b. 1870,