

PRESTON

John Preston, b. Londonderry, Ireland, was first of family to come to America. He had three uncles and a father who served under King William and aided in the defense of Londonderry when besieged by Roman Catholics under command of King James, 1689. He m. Elizabeth Patton, sister of Col. James Patton of Donnegal and they removed to Va. in 1740. It was Col. Patton, who owned a merchant ship, who obtained an order from the Council from Gov. of Va., appropriating for himself and others, 120,000 acres of land above the Blue Ridge, ultimately killed by Indians 1753 at Smithfield. John Preston by order of the Council in Va., obtained land called "Robinsons" in Va. He lived in Augusta Co., Va., removing about 1743 on n.s. of town of Staunton, where he d. and was bur. at Tinkling Spring Meeting House, leaving wid. and five children. His wid. resided on the plantation of her husband, until her children were married, thence to live with her s, Col. William Preston, where she d. 1776, aged 76. Issue:

I. Letitia, b. Londonderry, Ireland 1728, m. Col. Robert Breckinridge, farmer, in Botetourt Co., Va.

II. Margaret, b. Londonderry, Ireland ca 1730, m. Rev. John Brown.

III. William, b. Londonderry, Ireland, Member of Va. House of Burgess, Surveyor, and Lt. of Fincastle or Montgomery Co., Va., m. Susannah Smith of Hanover Co., Va. D. Smithfield, Augusta Co., Va. 6/1783, aged 53. Issue:

1. Elizabeth m. William S. Madison.

2. John, of Va. Senate; surveyor of Montgomery Co; treas. of Va. for many years, m. 1st Miss Radford, 2d Mrs. Mayo.

3. Francis m. Miss Campbell.

4. Sarah m. Col. James McDowell of Rockbridge, Va.

5. William m. Miss Hancock of Va.

6. Susanna m. Nathaniel Hart of Woodford Co., Ky.

7. James Patton Preston m. Miss Redd of Va.

8. Mary m. Mr. John Lewis.

9. Letitia m. John Floyd of Ky.

10. Thomas Lewis Preston, member Va. Legislature, m. Mary Harrison [b. 1762, d. 1843]. Thomas b. 1754 Va., d. 1836 Walton Co. Ga. He was Joint Editor of Old Richmond Enquirer and member of Va. Assembly. Ref: Wesley Felts Genealogy, Houston, Tx. Issue:

a. Archibald Preston, b. 3/13/1794 Va., d. 12/12/1882, m. 12/19/1821 Jasper Co. Ga., Nancy Hill.

b. Thomas Preston, b. 1796 Va.

c. William H. Preston, b. 1/23/1802 Va., m. 3/6/1828 Jasper Co. Ga., Martha McDowell.

d. Patsy Preston.

e. Elizabeth Preston, m. Armstead Cocke.

f. Benjamin Preston.

g. Nancy Preston.

h. Polly Preston.

i. Gilliam Preston, b. 1780 Va., m. Sarah Floyd, listed 1830 Butts Co. Ga. Census. P. 209-211, Butts Co., Wills, Adms, 12/28/1832, est. of Gilliam Preston, adms. James M. and Elisha J. Preston.

Issue of Gilliam and Sarah Preston:

- i. Elisha Preston, b. 11/11/1804 S. C., d. ca 1856, m. 12/12/1832 Lucy Mayo, Butts Co. Ga.
- ii. James Madison Preston, b. 1806 S. C., d. 1/1882/84, m. 12/28/1835 Permelia Wilson Smith, Butts Co. Ga.
- iii. Martha Preston, b. ca 1808 S. C., m. 5/24/1827, Jacob T. Mayo, Butts Co. Ga.
- iv. John Franklin Preston, b. 1811 S. C., LWT dtd 9/4/1850, m. 3/10/1836 Louisa Ann Crawford, Butts Co. Ga. He d. 9/ 1850 Butts Co.
- v. Sarah Ann Preston, b. 1813 S. C.
- vi. William G. Preston, b. 1815 Ga., m. 12/20/1840, Delia Smith, Butts Co. Ga.
- vii. Patricia J. Preston, b. 1819 Ga., m. 11/8/1840 Lawson Underwood, Butts Co. Ga.
- viii. Ladizer Preston, b. 1821 Ga.
- ix. Thomas Jefferson Preston, b. 11/4/1824 Butts Co. Ga., d. 9/6/1910, m. 1/19/1851 Elizabeth Edison, Butts Co. Ga.
- x. Gilliam Hulon Preston, b. ca 1828 Butts Co., Ga., m. 7/12/1849 Elizabeth Smith, Butts Co. Ga.

11. Margaret Preston m. Col. John Preston.

IV. Ann Preston, b. Londonderry, Ireland, m. Francis Smith of Va., removed to Ky. where she d. 1813, aged 74 years.

V. Mary Preston m. John Howard of Va., removed to Ky., where she d. 1814, aged 74 years.

John Franklin Preston, b. 1811 S. C. m. Eliza Crawford, had:
John Franklin Preston, b. 2/11/1841 Butts Co., Ga., d. 1/6/1925 Butts Co., Ga. m. 1/11/1866 Spalding Co. Ga. Elizabeth Strickland, b. 5/14/1842 Spalding Co., d. 12/28/1893 Spalding Co. Ga., who had
Warren Walker Preston, b. 4/8/1873 Spalding Co. Ga., d. 6/6/1953 Tifton, Ga., m. 1913 Talullah Elizabeth Bloodworth, b. 10/21/1879 Milner, Spalding Co., Ga., d. 8/24/1966 Birmingham, Ala.

Butts Co. Ga. Adms., etc., 1826-1841, P. 209, 211, Sale Bill for Est. of Gilliam Preston, 12/28/1835