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MAYO, CHERRY AND GRIMES FAMILIES

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Data on the Mayo, Cherry and Grimes Families of Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

(These records furnished by Miss Julia Cherry Salsbury of Hassell, N.C. to the late Robert T. Benner Esq., genealogist of Aurora, N.C. Copy of records in possession of Agnes Hyman Parrish, 2017 Edgewood St., Baltimore, Md. (Mrs. O.J. Parrish). These records are similar to the inscriptions in the William Grimes Bible, owned by Mrs. Effic Grimes Long-well, L., Bethel, North Carolina.)

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John W. Mayo was born the 13th day of April: 1772.

Micajah Mayo was born the 25th day of August 1768.

Nathan Mayo, the father of Talitha Grimes, was born the 22nd day of September 1742.

Betsey Ann Grimes, the daughter of Thomas Grimes and Nancy his wife, was born the 3rd day of August 1836.

Sarah Elizabeth Moore, the daughter of Rickey Moore and Mary his wife, was born the 4th day of November 1833.

Emily Jones, the daughter of Asa Jones and Lydia his wife, was born September the 19th 1834.

William Grimes was born the 3rd of January 1769.

Talitha Grimes, wife of William Grimes, was born the 28th of March 1770.

Liddia Grimes, daughter of William and Talitha Grimes, was born the 2nd of June 1796.

Julia Grimes was born the 16th of February 1803.

Sally Grimes was born the 14th of October 1798.

Betsey Ann Grimes was born the 28th of May 1801.

Thomas and Polly Grimes (twins) were born the 28th of March 1805.

Talitha Grimes was born the 1st of October 1808.

William R. Cherry was born the 10th of November 1821.

MARRIAGES

William and Talitha Grimes were married the 19th of March 1795.

Liddia Grimes and Asa Jones were married the 26th of November 1812.

Theophilus and Julia Cherry were married the 4th of February 1821.

Roderick and Mary Moore were married the 5th of March 1829.

Data on the Mayo, Cherry and Grimes Families of Edgecombe County, N.C.

MARRIAGES

Thomas Grimes and Nancy Best were married on the 4th of August 1835. William Lanier and Talitha Grimes his wife were married the 24th of Jamuary 1839.

DEATHS

Mary Williams, the mother of Julia Mayo, died on the 27th of November 1794.

Nathan Mayo, the father of Talitha Grimes, died on the 14th of March 1811, aggd 68 years.

Julia, the mother of Talitha Grimes, died the 24th of March 1777.

Thomas Grimes, the father of William Grimes, died the 8th of May 1797.

Chice Grimes, the mother of William Grimes, died the 8th of December 1794.

Frederick Mayo, the son of Colo. Nathan Mayo, died the 27th of December 1802.

Sally Grimes, died the 11th of October 1803.

Betsey Grimes died the 8th of November 1802.

John Williams Mayo, the son of Colo. Nathan Mayo died the 3rd of February 1825 aged 53 years

Liddia Jones, the wife of Asa Jones, died the 27th of February 1840.

William Grimes, died the 3rd of November 1850 aged 81 years 10 months.

Talitha Grimes died the 29th of September 1855.

William G. Moore died the 13th of September 1855.

Mary Moore, died the 8th of October 1871 aged 66 years 6 months 10 days.

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BORN MARRIED	DIED	AGE
Webber 16 249)	1811	69
Nathan Mayo (1742) Julia Williams	1777	
	1797	
Thomas Grimes Chloe Lewelling	1794	100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
William Grimes (1749) 1795 Talitha Mayo (1770)	1850 1855	
Robert Cherry (1749) Wary Worsley (1758)	1820	7.32
Theophilus Cherry (1800) 1821	1839	39 -10 mos
Julia Grimes (1803)	1868	65 7 mos

Data on the Mayo, Cherry and Grimes Families of Edgecombe County, N.C.

BORN	MARRIED	DIED	AGE
William Robert Cherry (1821	A second	1875	
Henry R. Cherry (1824)		1877	43 yrs 6 mos.
Mary E. Cherry (1826)	A STATE OF THE STA	an and a second	
Margaret F. Cherry (1828)		1861	32 yrs 10 mos.
Thomas F. Cherry (1830)		/ 1865	35 yrs 3 mos.
Erastus Cherry (1833)			
Caroline G. Cherry (1835)		1866	
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Solomon Thaddeus Cherry (1837)

Martin County, N.C. Register of Deeds Office.

Volume 1 page 364: Jan. 16,1800. Thomas Price mentions sister Mary Cherry.

Martin County, N.C. Wills:

James Cherry. Wife Sarah. Sons: John, James. Well beloved friends: Thomas Hunter and John Everitt and wife. Witnesses: John and Aimon Butlar. Will probated 1785. volume 1 page 356.

Edgecombe County, N.C. Register of Deeds Office.

Joseph Pippen to Robert Cherry, Jan. 3,1807--- being in Edgecombe Co. on Bear Island, beginning at a pine then N 120 poles--- for 120 acres being the same more or less--- (volume 12 page 75)

Halifax County, N.C. Register of Deeds Office.

12-26. Thomas Worsley and David Smith, planters of Tyrrell Co. Nov. 12,1770.

13-429. Stephen Worsley and Margaret his wife of Halifax Co to William Vaughen -- for land. Feb. 6,1777.

13-537. Stephen Worsley and Margaret of Halifax Co to William Tarver, March 3,1777.

Abstracts of Wills from Edgecombe County, North Carolina Records, in the courthouse in Tarboro, N.C.

Will of Thomas Grimes. Probated 1795 (volume D page 28).

Sons: Llewelling, William, John C., Thomas, James, George Grimes.

Daughters: Frances Hatton wife of Francis Hatton, Chloe, Sarah,

Elizabeth and Mary Grimes.

Will of William Grimes. probated 1850 (volume F page 450).
Wife: Talitha Grimes.
Son: Thomas Grimes.
Daughters: Julia Cherry, Mary Moore, Talitha Lanier, Lydia Jones the wife of Asa Jones.

Will of Thomas Grimes. probated 1885 (volume H page 52).

Sons: G.P. Grimes, Thomas C. Grimes, James H. Grimes, John W. Nelson (1)

Sons-in-law: James H. Grimes.

Daughter: Mary F. Grimes.

(1) John W. Nelson was his son in law not his son.)

Will of Mary Crimes. Probated 1886 (volume H page 498)
Heirs: children of Lizzina Whichard who died in 1893, Jenneto L.
Nelson, Martha J. Grimes and Bettie Council.

Inscriptions from the family graveyard of Thomas Grimes of Edgecombe and Pitt counties, North Carolina.

Thomas Grimes, the son of William and Talitha (Mayo) Grimes, built his home on his plantation in the Coakley section of Edgecombe and Pitt counties, N.C. between the towns of Tarboro and Bethel. The old house, still standing, was built around 1820. The graveyard is a few yards left of the house, sheltered by a clump of very old oak trees. There is no fence but the graves are carefully preserved.

First grave:

Thomas Grimes, born March the 28th, 1805, died March the 7th 1884. "The Memory of the Just is Blessed."

Second grave:
Nancy Best, wife of Thomas Grimes, born April 22nd 1808 died
July the 1st 1866.
" He doeth all things well."

Third grave:
George P., son of Thomas and Nancy Grimes, born July thr 20th 1850, died March the 27th 1909.

Blessed are the Meek for they shall inherit the Earth.

Fourth grave:
Nathan Mayo Grimes, son of Thomas and Nancy Grimes, born December
the 8th died November 1st 1874.

"He died from the hands of an assassin." (see foot-note)

Foot-note: Nathan Mayo Grimes was killed by a negro during the days of Reconstruction in the South following the War between the States. The negro was afterwards caught and lynched by the Kar Klux Klan at the crossroads in Coakley.

RECORDS FROM THE FAMILY BIBLE OF WILLIAM GRIMES OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

(Original owner of the Bible was William Grimes, son of Thomas and Chice Lewelling Grimes. Present owner Mrs. O.E. Longwell, Bethel, N.C. The following inscriptions were copied from the Bible by Mr. David L. McWhorter of Bethel, N.C. The Bible was printed in 1816 so records are doubtless copied from older source.)

CHILDREN	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
Liddia Grimes	June 2, 1796	
Julia Grimes	Feby. 6,1803	
Sally Grimes	Oct. 14,1798	Oct. 11,1803
Betsy Ann Grimes	May 28,1801	Nov. 8,1802
Thomas and Polly Grimes	May 28, 1805	
Talitha Grimes	Oct. 1.1808	

The preceding entries were of the children of William Grimes and Talitha his wife.

William Grimes was born 3rd day of January 1769.

Talitha Grimes, wife of William Grimes was born 28th day of Merch 1770.

MARRIAGES

William and Talitha Grimes his wife were married the 19th day of March 1795.

Theophilus Cherry and Julia Grimes his wife were married Feby 4th 1821.

Liddia Grimes and Asa Jones were married the 26th of November 1812.

Roderick Moore and Mary (Polly) Grimes were married the 5th of March 1829.

Thomas Grimes and Nancy Best were married the 4th of August 1835.

William Lanier and Talitha Grimes were married January 24th 1839.

DEATHS

Nathan Mayo, the father of Talitha Grimes died 14th of March 1811 aged 68 years. (see foot note)

Julia Mayo, mother of Talitha Grimes died 24th day of March 1777 aged 30 years.

Thomas Grimes father of William Grimes died 8th of May 1797.

Chloe Grimes mother of William Grimes died 8th Dec. 1794.

Liddia Jones died 27th Feb. 1840

William Grimes died 3 Nov 1850 aged 81 years 10 months.

Talitha Grimes died 29 Sept. 1855.

Records from the Family Bible of William Grimes.

BIRTHS

Nathan Mayo, father of Talitha Grimes was born 22 Sept 1742. (see footnote)

John W. Mayo son of Colo. Nathan Mayo was born 13 April 1772.

Micajah Mayo son of Colo. Nathan Mayo was born 25 May 1768.

Emily Jones daughter of Asa and Liddia Jones was born 19 (or 14) Sept 1834.

Records copied by:

D.L. McWhorter, Bethel N.C.

Jan. 29,1939.

Footnotes: Colonel Nathan Mayo, father of Talitha Mayo Crimes, served in the American Revolution as a lieutenant-colonel of the Martin County Militia of North Carolina. He married first Julia Williams, daughter of John Williams who died in Halifax County, N.C. in 1761. He married second Elizabeth Hyman, widow of Thomas Hyman, who survived him after his death in 1811.

The father of Asa Jones, W. Frederick Jones, also served in the Revolutionary War. He mairied Elizabeth Best, daughter of John Best, another Revolutionary veteran.

Chloe Llewelling, wife of Thomas Grimes and mother of William Grimes, owner of the Bible, was the daughter of William and Frances Lewelling of Martin and Tyrrell counties, North Carolina. Chloe Lewelling Grimes' brother was Captain John Lewelling, foremost Tory in Martin County. The Lewelling family, with strong roots in England and large holdings in the colonies held firm in their allegiance to the English King. In a deposition made before Governor Richard Caswell, Captain John Lewelling testified that among other things his firm belief in the then existing Church of England in America, and that this religion would perish in America should the colonists win, held him in his faith to Great Britian.

Data on the Lewelling and Grimes Families -- from the Records of Land Grants made in North Carolina. These records in the Land Grant office in the State Supreme Court building in Raleigh, North Car.

March 11th 1778. File no. 24, record volume no. 32 page 44.

John Lewalling... 612 acres of land on the North side of Coneto Creek..

this land lying on the Coneto and adjoining Marcom Manning's line...

along the fearfull branch up to his own line...

Signed by: William Williams, entry officer of Claims for Lands in the County of Martin, North Carolina.

Sept. 29,1784. File no. 265, volume 64 page 37.

John Lewelling... 75 acres on the east side of Conetoe Swamp and adjoining the lines of Thomas Grimes and Colo. Nathan Mayo.

Sept. 29,1784. File no. 254 volume 64 page 32.

John Lewelling... 275 acres..in Martin County..adjoining the lines of Thomas Best and Richard Taylor and others...

April 19th, 1779. File no. 09 entry 256.
William Lewelling... 236 acres joining John Lewelling's line. This land entered and recorded but never taken up.

Dec. 2nd, 1801. File No. 701 volume 114 page 142.

John Lewelling... 84 acres on east side of little Conetie Creek in Edge combe County... near John Lewelling's own line and joining William Hyman Junior's lines.

John Lewelling... October 30, 1799. file no. 408 volume 117 page 32. 20 acres in Halifax County... land lying on Deep Creek..adjoining Elijah Hobgood's lands.

Year 1795. File no. 339 volume 101 page 191.
William Grimes.... 40 acres on the south side of Tar River in the county of Edgecombe.

MAYO FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

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Inscriptions from the John Williams Mayo Family Bible.

BIRTHS

Naithan Mayo the farther of John Williams, Mayo was borned September 22nd, 1742.

John W. Mayo, the farther of Benjamin C. Mayo was borned the 13th of April 1772.

Nancy S.S.D. Mayo the mother of Benj. C. Mayo was borned 24th of June 1790.

Benj. C. Mayo, son of John W. Mayo & Nancy S.S.D. Mayo his wife was borned September 14th 1817.

Evelina S. Mayo the daughter of Allen Jones & Tabitha his wife was borned July 26th 18200

Onsler Mc Gilbrey Mayo the son of Benj. C. Mayo & Evelina S. Mayo his wife was borned January 22 and 1845.

Louisa Tabitha Mayo the daughter of Benj. B. Mayo and Evelina S. Mayo his wife was borned July 30th 1847.

Columbus Washington Mayo the son of Benj. C. Mayo and Evelina S. Mayo his wife was borned December 2nd 1849.

Naithan Jones Mayo the son of Benj. C. Mayo & Evelina S. Mayo his wife was borned June 19th, 1852.

Lucy Valeria Mayo the daughter of Benj. C. Mayo & Evelina S. Mayo his wife was borned July the 8th 1855.

Anna Matella Mayo the daughter of Benj. C. Mayo & Evelina S. Mayo his wife was borned August 27th 1858.

Beny Mayo the daughter of Benj. Mayo & Eveline S. Mayo his wife was borned May the 19th 1863.

MARRIAGES

Benj. C. Mayo and Evelina S. Mayo his wife was married January 18th, 1844.

Louisa Tabitha Mayo the daughter of Evelina S. & Banjamin C. Mayo was married to Dr. John W. Sherrod en June the 10th 1869 at 4 o'cleck in the evening.

Inscriptions from the John Williams Mayo Family Bible.

BEATHS

Naithan Mayo the farther of John Williams, Mayo dyed March the 14th 1811.

John Williams, Mayo the farther of Benjamin C. Mayo dyed the Srd of February 1825.

Mancy S.S.D. Mayo the wife of John Williams Mayo dyed June the 18th 1865.

Anne Matella daughter of B.C. Mayo and Evelina S. Mayo his wife departed this life September 2nd 1870 in the evening at seven, o'clock.

Evelina S. Mayo the wife of Benjamin C. Mayo dyed of cancer on the tongue July 21st 1874 at half after eleven o'clock in the evening.

Banjamin C. Mayo died on July 9th at eleven o'clock P.M. 1881.

Lucy V. Mayo daughter of B.C. & E.S. Mayo died Oct. 24th 1892.

Bennie E. Brown daughter of B.C. & E.S. Mayo died Nov. 16th 1894.

Onsler McGilbrey Mayo the son of B.C. Mayo and Evelina S. Mayo his wife died December 23, 1919 at four o'clock in the morning.

Inscriptions taken from the Mayo burying ground. This is a family graveyard, inclosed with an iron fence. Burials are still made there for members of the Mayo family.

It stands far in back of the large estate of Mr. William J. Mayo, a few miles cut in the Coakley section from the town of Bethel, North Carolina. The graveyard cannot be sean from the road and is the property of Mr. Mayo.

Inscriptions taken from tembstones in the W. J. Mayo graveyard.

Reuben Mayo born 10-17-1806 - died 6-29-1877.

Lucinda Mayo(his wife) born 11-23-1812 - died 3-24-1874.

Frederick Mayo born 7-20-1834 - died 6-30-1854.

Wm. A. Mayo born 2-20-1836 - died 5-11-1859.

T. L. Mayo born 1-9-1843 - died 9-14-1903.

Lydia Mayo born 11-13-1844 - died 3-25-1929.

Maacca Mayo born 11-11-1852 died 11-5-1925.

R. H. Mayo born 5-15-1853 - died 5-10-1912.

Susan Page Mayo wife of T. L. Mayo born 12-29-1840 - died 9-2-1923.

Mame E. Mayo dr. of T. L. & Susan Mayo born 9-12-1872 - died 9-7-1874.

Thos E. Mayo born 11-11-1880 - died 1-19-1928.

Nina P. Mayo wife of T. E. Mayo born 2-27-1887 - died 8-18-1906.

Dora C. Mayo dr. of T. L. and Susan Mayo born 10-17-1876 - died

Wml Joseph Mayo Jr. son of W. J. Mayo and Edith Born 3-25-1916 - died 3-28-1916.

Minnie Lee Cherry born 8-8-1883 - died 8-25-1884.

Record furnished by

(Mrs.) Edna Guilford Denson

Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

RECORDS FROM THE FAMILY BIBLE OF

ISAAC HILLIARD JR.

Original owner of the Bible, Isaac Hilliard Jr. of "Millbrook", Halifax County, North Carolina, son of Captain Isaac Hilliard of "Woodlawn" Nash County, N.C.

In 1826 Isaac Hilliard Jr. moved from North Carolina to Tennessee and settled near Franklin. Bible is now in possession of a descendant, Mrs James Hilliard Polk, Fort Worth, Texas.

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BIRTHS and DEATHS

"Copy from the Family Record of Mathias Brickle, born 23rd of March 1725 died 17th October 1785."

Rachel Noaillis his wife, born 13th of Jamary 1728.

Mathias Brickel and Rachel Noaillis his wife were married the 6th of November 1748.

Rachel Noaillis Brickel died February the 17th 1770.

Marina Brickell, born 6th of November 1748, died the 8th of Jamuary 1762.

Lavinia Brickell, born the 17th of July 1750, and died in 1799.

William Brickell was born 3oth of March 1752, died in 1810.

Martha Brickell was born the 25th of September 1753 and died in 1809.

Thomas W. Brickell was born the 11th of March 17--- died 1810.

Bathsheba Brickle was born the 28th of September 1755 and died June the 7th 178--- (drowned).

Sally Brickell was born July the 29th 1757 and died in 1802.

Mathias Brickell was born Jamuary the 20th 1759 died October the 3rd 1797.

John Brickell was born 8th of September 1762 died 1798.

James W. Brickell was born 19th of Jamuary 1765 died February 8th 1785.

Jonathal Brickell was born 11th of February 1767 died January 1807.

Joseph Brickell was born 23rd of December 1769 died 1802.

Second marriage of Mathias Brickell --- Mrs Jones.

Benjamin Brickell, born 15th of December 1773 died October 1812.

Marina Brickell born May y- the 28th died 1777.

Rabecca Brickell born 15th of June 178--, died October ----

Betsey Brickell born May 1st 1783 died October ----

Nancy Brickell born Jamary 17th 1786----

BURTHS

Isaac Hilliard was Born July the 28th 1739. Leah Hilliard, his wife, was born the 27th of August 1742. Hardy Muffree was born the 5th day of June 1752. Sally Murfree, his wife, was born the 29th of July 1757. Isaac Hilliard was born the 19th of May 1775. (see footnote) Mary Moore Hilliard, his wife was born the 9th of March 1786. Eliza Caroline Hilliard was born the 3rd of February 1804. Ms ry Moore Murfree Hilliard was born the 1st of December 1805. Fanny Julia Ann Hilliard was born the 15th of November 1809. Isaac Henry Hilliard was born the 7th of September 1811. Henry Crawford Hilliard was born the 24th of July 1813. John Mathias Murfree Hilliard was born the 16th of April 1815. James Carter Hilliard was born the 2nd of June 1816.

Sally- Leah Hilliard was born the 26th of November 1819.

George Washington Hilliard was born the 17th of April 1822.

Lavinia LaFayette Hilliard was born the 25th of August 1824.

James Hilliard Polk, eldest son of Geroge W. and Sally Leah Polk, was born January 8th 1842.

Rufus King Polk was bornthe 31st of October 1843.

Sally Hawkins Polk was born June 1845.

Mary Murfree Polk was born the 25th of June 1847.

George Brevard Polk was born December the 15th 1848.

Susan Spratt Polk Player was born the 23rd of June 1851.

Lucius Junius Polk was born the 21st of April 1853.

Isaac Hilliard Polk was born the 8th of August 1854.

Caroline Hilliard Polk was born the 26th of June 1861.

(foot-note: Isaac Hilliard was the son of Isaac and fleah Hilliard).

William H. Polk was born Jamuary 27th 1859.

Leonidas Polk (see footnote), was born December the 9th 1856.

Isaac Henry Hilliard, son of I.H. and M. Brannin Hilliard was born in Chicot County, Arkansas on March the 25th 1849.

Edwin S. Hilliard was born in Henny County, Kentucky, October 5th 1850.

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William Hardy Murffee was born October 2nd 1781.

Fanny Royall Murfree was born the 23rd of August 1783.

Mary Moore Murfree was born March the 9th 1786.

Mathias Brickle Murfree was born July the 26th 1788.

Rachel Dickenson Mirfree was born October the 5th 1790.

Sally Hardy Murfree was born February the 12th 1793.

Lavinia Benbury Murfree was born April the 2rd 1795.

Two children, unnamed, were born on the 17th of June 1797 and the 27th of May 1798 respectively.

Martha Ann Coakley Mirfree was born May the 22nd 1801.

Sally Louise Dickenson was born the 31st of July 1805.

Priscilla Hilliard Dickenson was born March the 2nd 1807.

Mary Moore Hilliard Dickinson was born February the 28th 1810.

Foot-note: Leonidas Polk wad named for his uncle.
Sally Leah Hilliard Polk's grandfather, her mother's father, was Carter Crafford Jr. born October the 10th 1714.
Henry Crafford, her mother's brother, was born the 24th of October 1756.

MARRIAGES

Isaac Hilliard and Leah Crafford were married the 20th of April 1765.

Hardy Murfree and Sally Brickle were married the 17th of February 1780.

Isaac Hilliard and Mary Moore Murfree were married the 9th of March 1803.

David Dickinson and Fanny Royall Murfree were married the 22nd of August 1798.

Henry Craford and Fanny White were married the 11th of April 17 -- .

Carter Craford and Elizabeth Kearney were married

William Haredman and Mary Moore Murfree Hilliard were married the 17th of June 1824.

Spenner O. Brickell and Ann Collier were married the 7th of April 1825.

Isaac Henry Hilliard and La vinia Hetherling Linor were married the 26th of May 1836.

George W. Polk and Sally Leah Hilliard were married the 24th of November 1840.

Isaac Henry Hilliard and Miriam Brannon were married the 28th of July 1847.

James Hilliard Polk and Mary Demoville Harding were married the 24th of November 1885.

Rugus King Polk and Margaret Philips were married

(Note: The names of the other members of the family of G.W. Polk and Sally Leah Hilliard can be found in the "American Historical Magazine" pages 58 and 59, published by the Daughters of the Revolution in Nashville, Tennessee some years ago.

Ca ptain James Hilliard Polk and Mary Demoville Harding his wife had two sons. The eldest, Ha rding Polk, is a Major in the U.S. Army, a graduate of West Point in 1910. He was born the 16th of March 1887. The second son, George W. Polk is a lawyer, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He was born November the 18th 1888.)

DEATHS

Isaac Hilliard Sender died on June the 25th 1790.

Sally Murfree died on the 19th of March 1802.

Hardy Murfree died on the 6th of April 1809.

Rachel Dickinson Murfree died the 28th of August 1794.

Two children without names, one died in 1797 the other in June 1798.

Fannie Julia Ann Hilliard died on the 27th of September 1809.

John Mathias Murfree Hilliard died on the 28th of May 1815.

Henry Crafford Hilliard died October the 15th 1820.

Leah Hilliard died October the 20th 1823.

Mathias Henry Crafford died onnt the 7th of January 1826.

William Hardiman died on the 28th of March 1863 in Jackson, Miss.