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## *The President's Corner...* Happy 2008.

Thank you for re-electing me as president of YNGHA. I am very honored and will continue to serve and uphold the ideals of this revered organization. Serving with me on the board are ten outstanding members: Seth Young as Vice President, Ann Bush as Secretary, Cathy Walker as Treasurer, and directors Barbara Blanton, Rea Donohue, Beverly Havens, Clark Hickman, Joan Singlaub, Don Yarbrough, and E. Howard Yarbrough. A very special thank you to Joan Singlaub for the years served as Vice President. Her energy and enthusiasm were apparent to all. Another jewel in the crown has been our Treasurer E. Howard Yarbrough. Thank you, Howard, for keeping the YNGHA account in perfect order and taking on the "extras" when asked. We have a great board, and I look forward to working with them in this New Year.

Because of the importance of the YNGHA Quarterly, our entire group expresses its gratitude to Leonard Yarbrough for his endless devotion. He is truly a man who wears many hats, all of which promote the growth and betterment of our organization.

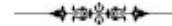
Abundant thanks goes to all the angels who have assisted Leonard with the Quarterly. Peter Yerburch, Clark Hickman, Lecil Brown, Ann Bush and E. Howard Yarbrough have led the way toward producing a top-flight publication.

Please remember that renewal of dues now takes place at the beginning of each new calendar year (January). Dues are \$20 and can be mailed along with the renewal form to our new treasurer, Cathy Walker. Her address is 137 Spring Water Drive, Madison, AL 35758-2805.

So for now, may this New Year be filled with abundant blessings for you and your family.

Affectionately,

*Tee*



As I am sure everyone knows by now, we were fortunate to obtain the genealogical files of Marion Yarbrough, Covington, TN. These are a large compilation of Yarbrough and related families and some selected pedigree files. The former are in both Family Tree Maker® and GED format, while the latter are rendered in Adobe® PDF format. There is a PDF pedigree file for Richard the Immigrant, but it has been withheld until the notes section is corrected (this file still appears to indicate that Richard was married to Frances Proctor. This is disproven, as subsequent notes indicate, but the notes still convey the opposite impression. Anyway, the notes are corrected and will be posted shortly, if not by the time of this issue).

Marion's files did not include any data on my line, so I merged my files with Marion's, which provides a more comprehensive file. Beginning with this issue, I have both tree diagrams and pedigree listings for some of the major lines included in Marion's records, and these will

continue to appear in the next several issues of the **YFQ**. In addition, I will be working with a colleague to get a really large rendering of the total family tree derived from Marion's files, if such a thing be possible. I've found that while the pedigree files and family group sheets are useful, I get a much better understanding from a tree diagram. It goes without saying that this published information should still be vetted before being accepted as current, accurate, or credible. I request that each reader notify me of any errors, so that I may correct the data files – an e-mail to me at [lsyarbro@otelco.net](mailto:lsyarbro@otelco.net) will suffice.

One idea that surfaced while working with Marion's files is that they could be the basis for comparison with the myriad pages of family sheets that we have in our archives. I've identified more than 30 distinct Yarbrough lines, some of which are connect with the two major branches (Richard the Immigrant and Ambrose) and some which do not. It would be a monumental task to accomplish, but with the participation of everyone, it is certainly doable. What do you think about the idea?

*With best wishes for the New Year,*

*Leonard*



## A Special Note



I wish to express our appreciation to each of you for your thoughtfulness, concern, and condolences during the loss of our loved one, Leroy Yarbrough on September 19, 2007. When our family hosted the YNGHA Conference in Springfield, MO, in 2006, little did we know the Blessings we would reap. We made lasting life-long friendships, not only with our kin across the United States, but also with those here at home. We spent valuable time together as we planned the conference. With Leroy's sudden passing, we learned how much he was loved, not just by us, but by many of those he met. We also learned how special and caring the YARBROUGH family really is, no matter how close in kinship we are. The time we all shared together in 2006 will forever be cherished for all of us. Our friendships made then and that continues through the YNGHA organization relationship only strengthens as time goes by. I can't find all the words I want to say, but know from our family to each of yours, we truly love and appreciate each and everyone of you.

*Beverly Yarbrough Havens and family.*

*November 2007*

## ***Maj. Gen. (Ret'd) John K. Singlaub Honored***

The OSS (Office of Strategic Services) Society presented the William J. Donovan Award® to Jack Singlaub, husband of our out-going Vice President, at a dinner meeting on September 7, 2008. The affair was held at the Sheraton Premeire Hotel, Vienna, VA. In addition, President Bush sent a very nice letter (shown below). The award was presented by Arthur Reinhart. Previous recipients include Presidents Eisenhower, George H. W. Bush, and Ronald Reagan, and Margaret Thatcher.

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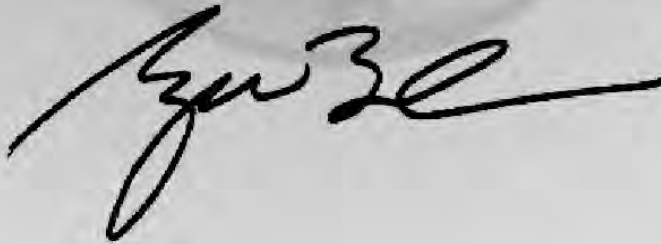
September 13, 2007

I send greetings to those gathered for the 2007 William J. Donovan Award Dinner of the Office of Strategic Services Society. Congratulations to Major General John Singlaub on being honored for your dedication to defending our country.

America's achievements in peace and war are built on the sacrifices of brave men and women who answer our Nation's call to serve. In a time of great consequence, those serving in the Office of Strategic Services worked throughout the world, often in perilous conditions, to gather information to keep America safe. The members of the OSS demonstrated the finest qualities of our Nation, and their vigilance and courage helped secure our freedom. This event is an opportunity to pay tribute to these honorable Americans and to recognize Major General Singlaub for his record of service and sacrifice on behalf of our Nation.

I commend the members of the OSS Society for your commitment to honoring the heroes and traditions of the intelligence community. Your efforts help carry on the legacy of OSS veterans and inspire those who have followed in their footsteps to protect our Nation.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God bless America.



*Congratulations, Jack!*

## *About MGen. Singlaub*

Major General John K. Singlaub's World War II duties included a parachute mission into occupied France to organize, train, and lead a French Resistance unit which provided assistance to the Allied invasion forces. He then went to China to train and lead Chinese guerrillas against the Japanese. Just before the Japanese surrendered, he led a parachute rescue mission into an enemy prisoner of war camp on Hainan Island. This resulted in the release of four hundred Allied prisoners of war.

General Singlaub was assigned as Chief of a U.S. Military Liaison Mission to Mukden, Manchuria, where he served for three years immediately following World War II. He served two tours during the Korean War; one with the CIA in Korea and the other as an infantry battalion commander in the Third Infantry Division.

General Singlaub served also as Commander of the Joint Unconventional Warfare Task Force (MAC SOG) in Vietnam, and later served as the Assistant Division Commander of the 8th Infantry Division in Germany.

He served as the Chief of Staff, United Nations Command, United States Forces, Korea, and the Eighth U.S. Army in Seoul, Korea. Concomitantly, he served as the U.N. Command Senior Military Member of the Military Armistice Commission at Panmunjom.

Interspersed with the above wartime command positions were numerous training assignments both at home and abroad. General Singlaub was instrumental in the establishment of the Ranger Training Center at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he also served as an instructor. He helped establish the Modern Army Selected Systems Test, Evaluation and Review activity at Fort Hood, Texas; and was named responsible for training and combat-readiness of the Army Reserve and Army National Guard Units in a ten-state area. General Singlaub was also appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

The General's thirty-five year military career has frequently reflected vanguard military action, having been awarded thirty-three military decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Soldiers Medal, and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. He was awarded combat decorations from six foreign governments. More recently, following an investigation of CNN's false charges of war crimes, the Department of the Army awarded his command a Presidential Unit Citation.

Born 10 July 1921 in Independence, California, General Singlaub is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles where he was Cadet Colonel of the ROTC. He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and subsequently served as an instructor on its faculty. In addition, he is a graduate of the Air War College.

Following retirement, he traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad lecturing on national security issues with special emphasis on the requirement to maintain U.S. Forces in Korea and the need to upgrade and consolidate the U.S. Special Operations Forces.

In retirement he has received many awards to include an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Yeungnam University, Korea, the VFW National Armed Forces Award, The Ranger Hall of Fame, Distinguished Member of the First Special Forces Regiment, The Truman Reagan Freedom Award, The George Washington Military Leadership Award, UCLA Distinguished Service Award and others.

General Singlaub's career was chronicled in his autobiography, "Hazardous Duty – An American Soldier in the Twentieth Century," published by Simon & Schuster.

## Descendants of Henry Murray Yarbrough

### 1 Henry Murray Yarbrough 1785 - 1854

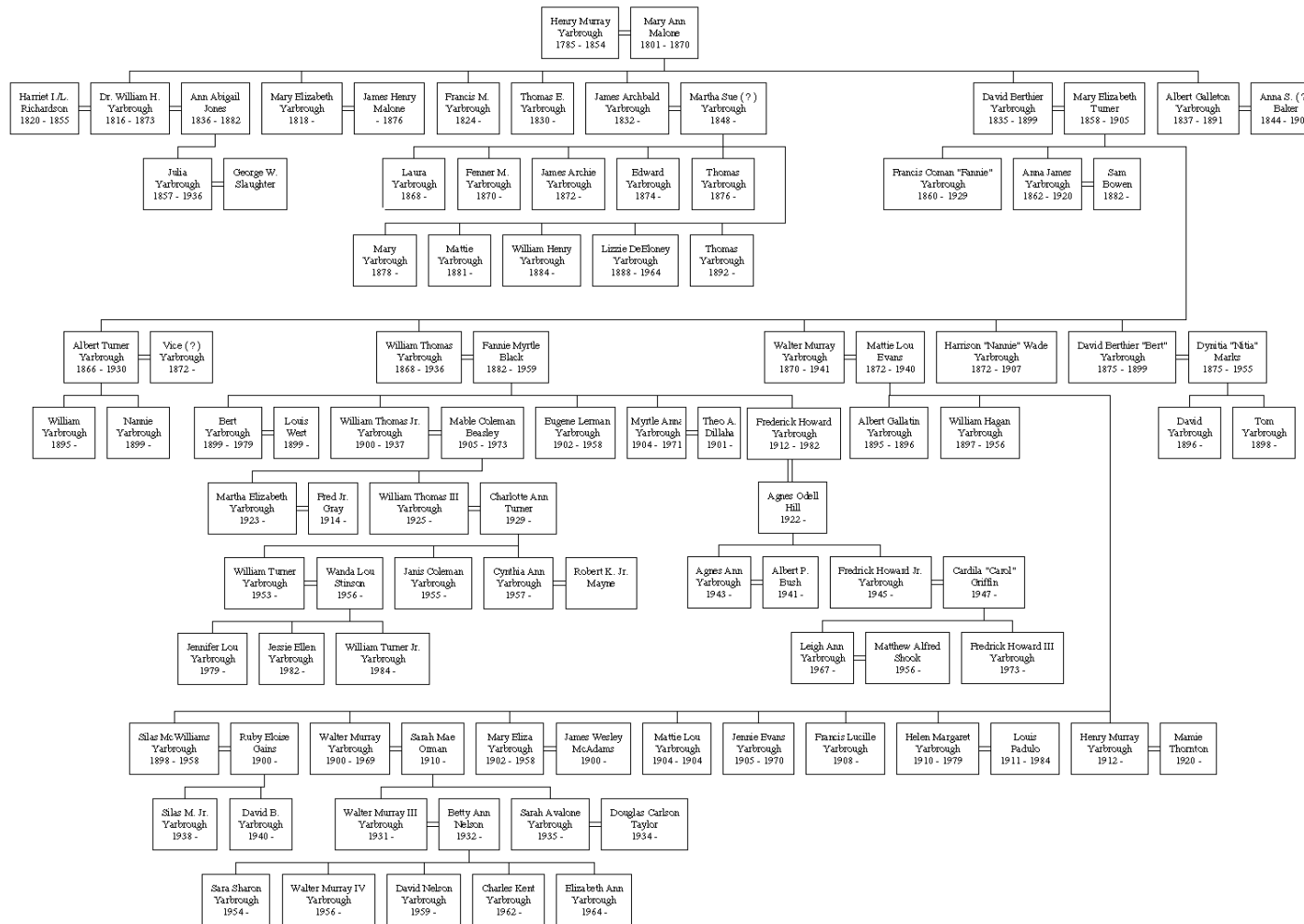
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 ..... 2 Dr. William H. Yarbrough 1816 - 1873  
 ..... +Harriet I./L. Richardson 1820 - 1855  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Dr. William H. Yarbrough:  
 ..... +Ann Abigail Jones 1836 - 1882  
 ..... 3 Julia Yarbrough 1857 - 1936  
 ..... +George W. Slaughter  
 ..... 2 Mary Elizabeth Yarbrough 1818 -  
 ..... +James Henry Malone - 1876  
 ..... 2 Francis M. Yarbrough 1824 -  
 ..... 2 Thomas E. Yarbrough 1830 -  
 ..... 2 James Archbald Yarbrough 1832 -  
 ..... +Martha Sue ( ? ) Yarbrough 1848 -  
 ..... 3 Laura Yarbrough 1868 -  
 ..... 3 Fenner M. Yarbrough 1870 -  
 ..... 3 James Archie Yarbrough 1872 -  
 ..... 3 Edward Yarbrough 1874 -  
 ..... 3 Thomas Yarbrough 1876 -  
 ..... 3 Mary Yarbrough 1878 -  
 ..... 3 Mattie Yarbrough 1881 -  
 ..... 3 William Henry Yarbrough 1884 -  
 ..... 3 Lizzie DeEloney Yarbrough 1888 - 1964  
 ..... 3 Thomas Yarbrough 1892 -  
 ..... 2 David Berthier Yarbrough 1835 - 1899  
 ..... +Mary Elizabeth Turner 1858 - 1905  
 ..... 3 Francis Coman "Fannie" Yarbrough 1860 - 1929  
 ..... 3 Anna James Yarbrough 1862 - 1920  
 ..... +Sam Bowen 1882 -  
 ..... 3 Albert Turner Yarbrough 1866 - 1930  
 ..... 4 William Yarbrough 1895 -  
 ..... 4 Nannie Yarbrough 1899 -  
 ..... +Vice ( ? ) Yarbrough 1872 -  
 ..... 3 William Thomas Yarbrough 1868 - 1936  
 ..... +Fannie Myrtle Black 1882 - 1959  
 ..... 4 Bert Yarbrough 1899 - 1979  
 ..... +Louis West 1899 -  
 ..... 4 William Thomas Jr. Yarbrough 1900 - 1937  
 ..... +Mable Coleman Beasley 1905 - 1973  
 ..... 5 Martha Elizabeth Yarbrough 1923 -  
 ..... +Fred Jr. Gray 1914 -

..... 5 William Thomas III Yarbrough 1925 -  
 ..... +Charlotte Ann Turner 1929 -  
 ..... 6 William Turner Yarbrough 1953 -  
 ..... +Wanda Lou Stinson 1956 -  
 ..... 7 Jennifer Lou Yarbrough 1979 -  
 ..... 7 Jessie Ellen Yarbrough 1982 -  
 ..... 7 William Turner Jr. Yarbrough 1984 -  
 ..... 6 Janis Coleman Yarbrough 1955 -  
 ..... 6 Cynthia Ann Yarbrough 1957 -  
 ..... +Robert K. Jr. Mayne  
 ..... 4 Eugene Lerman Yarbrough 1902 - 1958  
 ..... 4 Myrtle Anna Yarbrough 1904 - 1971  
 ..... +Theo A. Dillaha 1901 -  
 ..... 4 Frederick Howard Yarbrough 1912 - 1982  
 ..... +Agnes Odell Hill 1922 -  
 ..... 5 Agnes Ann Yarbrough 1943 -  
 ..... +Albert P. Bush 1941 -  
 ..... 5 Fredrick Howard Jr. Yarbrough 1945 -  
 ..... +Cardila "Carol" Griffin 1947 -  
 ..... 6 Leigh Ann Yarbrough 1967 -  
 ..... +Matthew Alfred Shook 1956 -  
 ..... 6 Fredrick Howard III Yarbrough 1973 -  
 ..... 3 Walter Murray Yarbrough 1870 - 1941  
 ..... +Mattie Lou Evans 1872 - 1940  
 ..... 4 Albert Gallatin Yarbrough 1895 - 1896  
 ..... 4 William Hagan Yarbrough 1897 - 1956  
 ..... 4 Silas McWilliams Yarbrough 1898 - 1958  
 ..... +Ruby Eloise Gains 1900 -  
 ..... 5 Silas M. Jr. Yarbrough 1938 -  
 ..... 5 David B. Yarbrough 1940 -  
 ..... 4 Walter Murray Yarbrough 1900 - 1969  
 ..... +Sarah Mae Orman 1910 -  
 ..... 5 Walter Murray III Yarbrough 1931 -  
 ..... +Betty Ann Nelson 1932 -  
 ..... 6 Sara Sharon Yarbrough 1954 -  
 ..... 6 Walter Murray IV Yarbrough 1956 -  
 ..... 6 David Nelson Yarbrough 1959 -  
 ..... 6 Charles Kent Yarbrough 1962 -  
 ..... 6 Elizabeth Ann Yarbrough 1964 -  
 ..... 5 Sarah Avalone Yarbrough 1935 -  
 ..... +Douglas Carlson Taylor 1934 -

..... 4 Mary Eliza Yarbrough 1902 - 1958  
 ..... +James Wesley McAdams 1900 -  
 ..... 4 Mattie Lou Yarbrough 1904 - 1904  
 ..... 4 Jennie Evans Yarbrough 1905 - 1970  
 ..... 4 Francis Lucille Yarbrough 1908 -  
 ..... 4 Helen Margaret Yarbrough 1910 - 1979  
 ..... +Louis Padulo 1911 - 1984  
 ..... 4 Henry Murray Yarbrough 1912 -

..... +Mamie Thornton 1920 -  
 ..... 3 Harrison "Nannie" Wade Yarbrough 1872 - 1907  
 ..... 3 David Berthier "Bert" Yarbrough 1875 - 1899  
 ..... +Dyinitia "Nitia" Marks 1875 - 1955  
 ..... 4 David Yarbrough 1896 -  
 ..... 4 Tom Yarbrough 1898 -  
 ..... 2 Albert Galleton Yarbrough 1837 - 1891  
 ..... +Anna S. ( ? ) Baker 1844 - 1902

**Family Tree of Henry Murray Yarbrough**





## Descendants of Ambrose Yarbrough

1 Ambrose Yarbrough 1710 - 1788  
     .... +Mary Blackstock  
 \*2nd Wife of Ambrose Yarbrough:  
     .... +Mary Mason  
     ..... 2 Jonathan Yarbrough 1740 - 1811  
         ..... +Amelia Lee 1748 - 1811  
         ..... 3 William Yarbrough 1762 -  
             ..... +Sarah Allen  
             ..... 4 Elizabeth Yarbrough  
             ..... 4 Robert Yarbrough  
             ..... 4 Joseph Yarbrough  
             ..... 4 William Yarbrough  
                 ..... 5 William Yarbrough 1786 -  
                     ..... 6 William S. Yarbrough 1817 -  
                         ..... +Eliza ( ? ) Yarbrough 1848 -  
                             ..... +Mima Yarbrough 1810 -  
                                 ..... 4 James Yarbrough  
                                 ..... 4 Lucy Yarbrough  
                                 ..... 4 Frankey Yarbrough  
                                 ..... 4 Frances Yarbrough  
                                 ..... 4 Judy Yarbrough  
                             ..... 3 Mary Yarbrough 1770 -  
                                 ..... +John Culpeper  
                                     ..... 4 John Jr. Culpeper 1798 -  
                                     ..... 4 Benjamine Culpeper 1800 -  
                                     ..... 4 Nancy Culpeper 1802 -  
                                     ..... 4 E. A. Culpeper 1804 -  
                                 ..... 3 Joseph Yarbrough 1770 - 1823  
                                     ..... +Elizabeth Edwards  
   ..... 4 Jonathan Yarbrough 1794 -  
   ..... 4 Mary Yarbrough 1796 -  
   ..... 4 Millie Yarbrough 1798 -  
   ..... 4 Eleanor Yarbrough 1800 -  
   ..... 4 Rachel Yarbrough 1802 -  
                             ..... 3 Rev. Ambrose Yarbrough 1772 - 1861  
                                 ..... +Phebe Holcomb  
                                     ..... \*2nd Wife of Rev. Ambrose Yarbrough:  
   ..... +Elizabeth Culpeper - 1910  
   ..... 4 Hardy Yarbrough 1810 - 1877  
   ..... +Rachel Yarbrough  
   ..... 5 James Yarbrough 1834 - 1862  
   ..... +[1] Mary Ann Tennessee Rainer 1835 -  
   ..... 6 James Hutchinson Yarbrough 1859 - 1934  
   ..... +Ida Lucinda Culpeper  
   ..... 7 Robert Earl Yarbrough 1886 - 1969  
   ..... +Susie Bell Price  
   ..... 8 Robert Price Yarbrough 1911 - 1987  
   ..... +Frances Jane Bair  
   ..... 9 Patricia Jane Yarbrough 1943 -  
   ..... +William Claude Beckner  
   ..... 9 Robert Ted Yarbrough 1945 -  
   ..... +Carolyn Flynn Manning  
   ..... 10 Robert James Yarbrough 1970 -  
   ..... 10 Lisa Lyn Yarbrough 1973 -  
   ..... 9 Linda Anne Yarbrough 1949 -  
   ..... +Richard Alan McCannell  
   ..... 10 Scott Andrew McCannell 1974 -  
   ..... 7 Elmer Maurice Yarbrough 1892 - 1939  
   ..... +Hazel Moore Lelles Crenshaw  
   ..... 8 James Maurice Yarbrough 1912 -  
   ..... 8 Leslie Lamar Yarbrough 1914 -  
   ..... 7 Oscar Hunter Yarbrough 1897 - 1973  
   ..... +Alatha I. Parke  
   ..... 7 Marvin B. Yarbrough 1897 - 1951  
   ..... +Dorothy Leverett  
   ..... 7 James Preston Yarbrough 1899 - 1961  
   ..... +Margurite Culpepper  
   ..... 8 Frank Preston Yarbrough 1919 -  
   ..... 8 James Baxter Yarbrough 1921 -  
   ..... 5 Drury Yarbrough 1836 -  
   ..... +Rebecca Everett  
   ..... 6 Thomas Preston Yarbrough 1858 -  
   ..... 6 Sallie Yarbrough 1860 -  
   ..... \*2nd Wife of Drury Yarbrough:  
   ..... +[1] Mary Ann Tennessee Rainer 1835 -  
   ..... 6 Robert Edward Yarbrough 1866 -  
   ..... +May Jane Stone  
   ..... 7 Robert Lowery Yarbrough  
   ..... 7 Harold Edward Yarbrough  
   ..... 7 Lillie Payne Yarbrough  
   ..... 7 Ruby Hazel Yarbrough  
   ..... 7 Myra Maey Yarbrough  
   ..... 6 Elmire Yarbrough 1868 -  
   ..... 6 Nancy Elizabeth Yarbrough 1870 -  
   ..... 6 Viola Yarbrough 1872 -  
   ..... 6 Patrick Yarbrough 1874 -  
   ..... 5 Elizabeth Yarbrough 1842 -  
   ..... +Joseph Hardin  
   ..... 5 Joseph Yarbrough 1842 - 1891  
   ..... +Amanda Emaline Culpeper  
   ..... 6 Marshall Yarbrough 1862 -  
   ..... 6 Lony Yarbrough 1864 -  
   ..... 6 Hardy Yarbrough 1866 -  
   ..... 6 Tenney Yarbrough 1868 -  
   ..... 6 Peter Yarbrough 1870 -  
   ..... 5 John D. Yarbrough 1843 -  
   ..... 5 William Yarbrough 1846 -  
   ..... +Palina "Lina" Hall  
   ..... 6 Annie Yarbrough 1866 -  
   ..... 6 Nathan Yarbrough 1868 -

..... 5 Ambrose Yarbrough 1850 -  
..... +Fannie Goodwin  
..... 6 Annie Yarbrough 1870 -  
..... 6 John Yarbrough 1872 -  
..... 6 Ellena Yarbrough 1874 -  
..... 6 Mollie Yarbrough 1876 -  
..... 4 Ambrose Jr. Yarbrough 1814 -  
..... 4 Joseph B. Yarbrough 1819 - 1869  
..... 5 Mary J. Yarbrough 1855 -  
..... +Mary McLemore  
..... 5 Martha J. Yarbrough 1842 -  
..... 5 Therza E. Yarbrough 1844 - 1860  
..... 5 Nancy E. Yarbrough 1846 - 1860  
..... 5 Richard A. Yarbrough 1848 - 1936  
..... +Lucy Stroud 1848 -  
..... 5 William Joshua "Caleb" Yarbrough 1852 - 1921  
..... +Mary A. Brunson  
..... \*2nd Wife of Joseph B. Yarbrough:  
..... +Frances Ella Axum  
..... 5 Frances Ella Yarbrough 1859 -  
..... +George Clinton Stroud 1859 -  
..... 4 Frances Yarbrough 1824 -  
..... +James Culpeper  
..... 5 Reuben Culpepper 1844 -  
..... 5 Thersley Culpeper 1844 -  
..... 2 Jeremiah Yarbrough 1740 - 1797  
..... +Temperance Richards 1740 -  
..... 2 Humphrey Yarbrough 1740 -  
..... +Mary Lee  
..... 3 Millie "Amelia" Yarbrough  
..... +William Boyakin  
..... 3 Lee Yarbrough 1772 -  
..... 3 Humphrey Jr. Yarbrough 1780 -  
..... +Mary Blackstock  
..... 4 Ambrose Yarbrough 1800 - 1870  
..... +Lucinda Bobo 1802 -  
..... 5 Rebekah Yarbrough 1831 -  
..... 5 DeCaleb Yarbrough 1834 -  
..... 5 Sarah A. Yarbrough 1840 -  
..... 5 Bulah A. Yarbrough 1843 -  
..... 5 Victory Yarbrough 1843 -  
..... 5 John T. Yarbrough 1844 -  
..... +S. M. Ellis  
..... 4 Hiram Yarbrough 1802 - 1867  
..... +Sarah Bobo 1801 - 1876  
..... 5 Lewis Yarbrough 1824 - 1887  
..... 5 Perry Yarbrough 1825 - 1906  
..... +Jane Starnes  
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..... +Martha Yarbrough 1828 -  
..... 5 Talitha Yarbrough 1830 - 1846  
..... 5 Mary Yarbrough 1832 - 1864

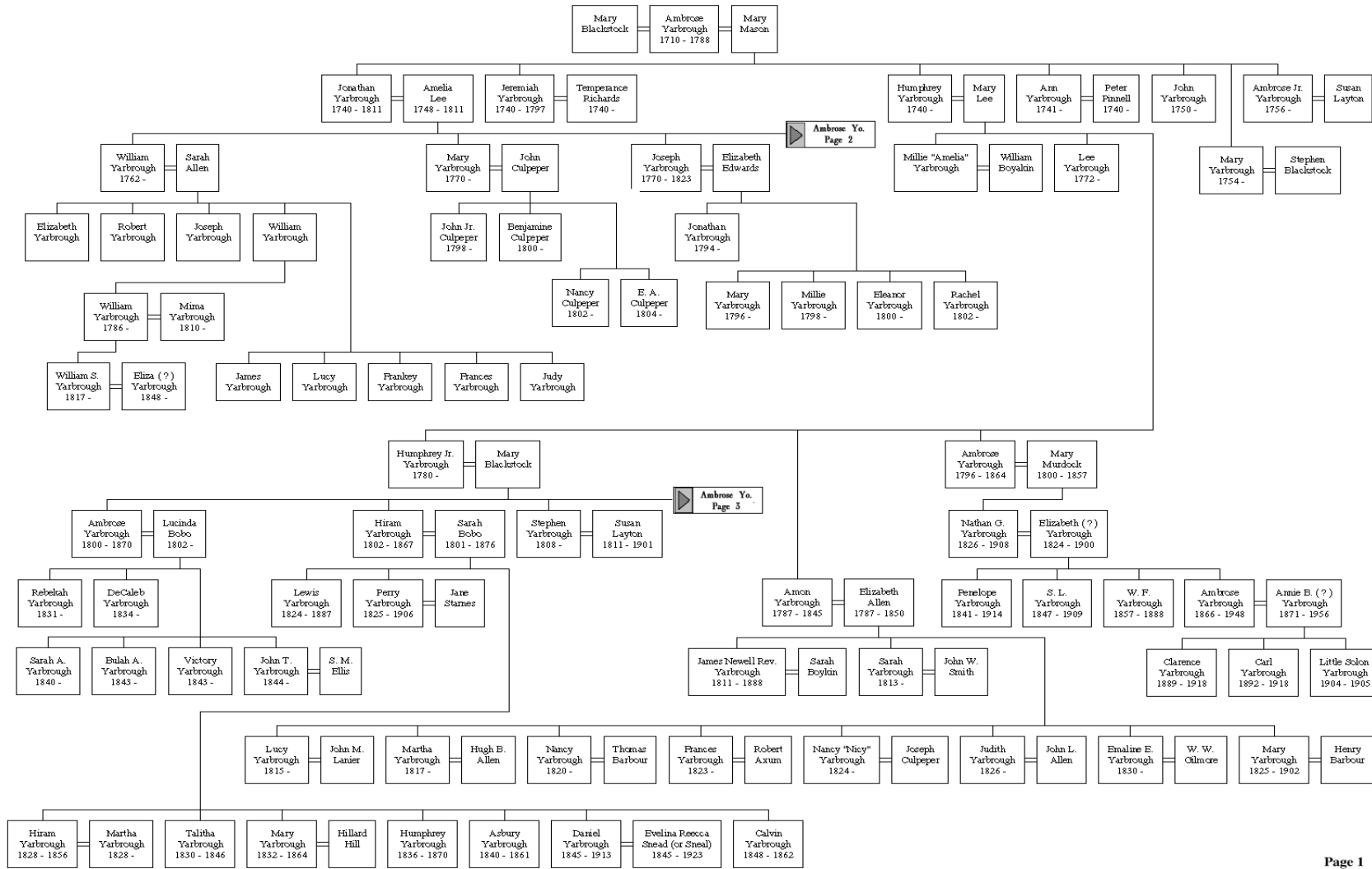
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..... 5 Calvin Yarbrough 1848 - 1862  
..... 4 Stephen Yarbrough 1808 -  
..... +Susan Layton 1811 - 1901  
..... 4 John Yarbrough 1809 - 1865  
..... +Sarah Miles 1806 - 1881  
..... 5 Nancy Yarbrough 1834 -  
..... 5 Mary Elizabeth Yarbrough 1836 -  
..... 5 Harriet Yarbrough 1837 -  
..... 5 Hiram F. Yarbrough 1837 - 1902  
..... +Martha Layton  
..... 5 Celia Yarbrough 1838 -  
..... 5 Percy Postell Yarbrough 1840 - 1896  
..... +Martha Caroline Fowler 1844 - 1885  
..... 6 (Infant Son) Yarbrough 1862 - 1862  
..... 6 John Barnett Yarbrough 1866 - 1943  
..... +Flemma Lynch  
..... 6 Sarah Jane Yarbrough 1867 - 1942  
..... +Dennis Pearson  
..... 6 James Harrison Yarbrough 1870 - 1937  
..... 6 Julia Evelyn Yarbrough 1875 - 1940  
..... +George T. McIntosh  
..... 6 Mary Frances Yarbrough 1875 -  
..... 6 Lewis Franklin Yarbrough 1879 - 1960  
..... +Bertha Galloway  
..... 5 Benjamin Yarbrough 1842 -  
..... 5 Mary Yarbrough 1844 -  
..... 5 Samuel Yarbrough 1846 -  
..... 5 Luskey T. Yarbrough 1850 -  
..... 4 Willis Yarbrough 1817 -  
..... +Sarah Harrison 1816 -  
..... 5 Leonah A. Yarbrough 1836 -  
..... +Robert Allen  
..... 5 Roland Stacy Yarbrough 1840 - 1864  
..... +Beulah Ann Bobo 1845 - 1928  
..... 6 William Henry Yarbrough 1863 - 1949  
..... +Lily Williams 1868 - 1949  
..... 7 Clara Elizabeth Yarbrough 1886 -  
..... +Thomas Lillian McMurry  
..... 7 Annie Forest Yarbrough 1888 - 1965  
..... +Willie Wallace Gregory  
..... 7 Samuel Roaland Yarbrough 1889 - 1942  
..... +Docia Bridgett Crowson 1887 - 1963  
..... 8 Carol Eserette Yarbrough 1909 -  
..... +Oden Mitchell  
..... 8 Henry Quay Yarbrough 1912 -  
..... +Mildred Rial  
..... 8 Benjamin Wayne Yarbrough 1914 -

..... +Pauline Stanley  
 ..... 8 Samuel Paul Yarbrough 1916 -  
 ..... +Ruth Fowler  
 ..... 8 Opal Launette Yarbrough 1919 -  
 ..... +Archie Atkinson  
 ..... 8 David Boyd Yarbrough 1921 -  
 ..... +Frances Griffith  
 ..... 8 Betty Joy Yarbrough 1932 -  
 ..... +Lamarr Sudduth  
 ..... 7 William Boyd Yarbrough 1891 - 1939  
 ..... +Mamie Warren  
 ..... 7 Ada Inez Yarbrough 1893 - 1899  
 ..... 7 Clifton Fleet Yarbrough 1895 - 1909  
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 ..... +William Dillard Williams  
 ..... 7 Demar Walter Yarbrough 1898 - 1964  
 ..... +Lola Mitchell 1898 - 1964  
 ..... 8 Clyde Demar Yarbrough 1921 -  
 ..... +Betty Russell  
 ..... 8 Gladys Merle Yarbrough 1925 -  
 ..... +Frank Kline  
 ..... 7 Grace Yarbrough 1900 -  
 ..... +Elford Smitherman  
 ..... 7 Willis Hugh Yarbrough 1902 -  
 ..... +Jewel Honeycutt  
 ..... 7 Lily Mae Yarbrough 1904 -  
 ..... +Lunceford Young  
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 ..... +Ernest Duncan  
 ..... 7 Odis Lester Yarbrough 1907 - 1955  
 ..... +Amon Harris  
 ..... 5 William A. Yarbrough 1842 -  
 ..... 5 Ambros M. Yarbrough 1845 -  
 ..... 5 Hannah Yarbrough 1850 - 1916  
 ..... +Baswell Newman  
 ..... 5 Sarah Frances Yarbrough 1859 - 1913  
 ..... +Horace Grafton Richards  
 ..... 4 Martha Ann Yarbrough 1831 - 1911  
 ..... +Sarepta Smith  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Martha Ann Yarbrough:  
 ..... +William Givan  
 ..... 4 Turntine "Bud" Yarbrough 1833 -  
 ..... +Caroline Smith  
 ..... 4 Sarah Yarbrough 1834 -  
 ..... +Humphries Young  
 ..... 4 Jeremiah Yarbrough 1836 -  
 ..... +Elizabeth Bobo  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Jeremiah Yarbrough:  
 ..... +Mary Yarbrough  
 ..... 4 Julia Ann Yarbrough 1838 -  
 ..... +William Perry Newman  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Julia Ann Yarbrough:

..... +Ben Collins  
 ..... 4 William Yarbrough 1840 -  
 ..... 4 James P. Yarbrough 1842 -  
 ..... 4 Nancy Yarbrough 1843 - 1882  
 ..... +Silas Waldrop  
 ..... 4 Stephen Yarbrough 1844 - 1912  
 ..... +Victoria Bobo  
 ..... 4 Hiram Yarbrough 1849 -  
 ..... +Martha Ann Dennis  
 ..... 4 Mary A. Yarbrough 1853 - 1876  
 ..... +Wilbur Oat Huggins  
 ..... 3 Amon Yarbrough 1787 - 1845  
 ..... +Elizabeth Allen 1787 - 1850  
 ..... 4 James Newell Rev. Yarbrough 1811 - 1888  
 ..... +Sarah Boykin  
 ..... 4 Sarah Yarbrough 1813 -  
 ..... +John W. Smith  
 ..... 4 Lucy Yarbrough 1815 -  
 ..... +John M. Lanier  
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 ..... +Hugh B. Allen  
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 ..... +Thomas Barbour  
 ..... 4 Frances Yarbrough 1823 -  
 ..... +Robert Axum  
 ..... 4 Nancy "Nicy" Yarbrough 1824 -  
 ..... +Joseph Culpeper  
 ..... 4 Judith Yarbrough 1826 -  
 ..... +John L. Allen  
 ..... 4 Emaline E. Yarbrough 1830 -  
 ..... +W. W. Gilmore  
 ..... 4 Mary Yarbrough 1825 - 1902  
 ..... +Henry Barbour  
 ..... 3 Ambrose Yarbrough 1796 - 1864  
 ..... +Mary Murdock 1800 - 1857  
 ..... 4 Nathan G. Yarbrough 1826 - 1908  
 ..... +Elizabeth ( ? ) Yarbrough 1824 - 1900  
 ..... 5 Penelope Yarbrough 1841 - 1914  
 ..... 5 S. L. Yarbrough 1847 - 1909  
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 ..... 5 Ambrose Yarbrough 1866 - 1948  
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 ..... 6 Clarence Yarbrough 1889 - 1918  
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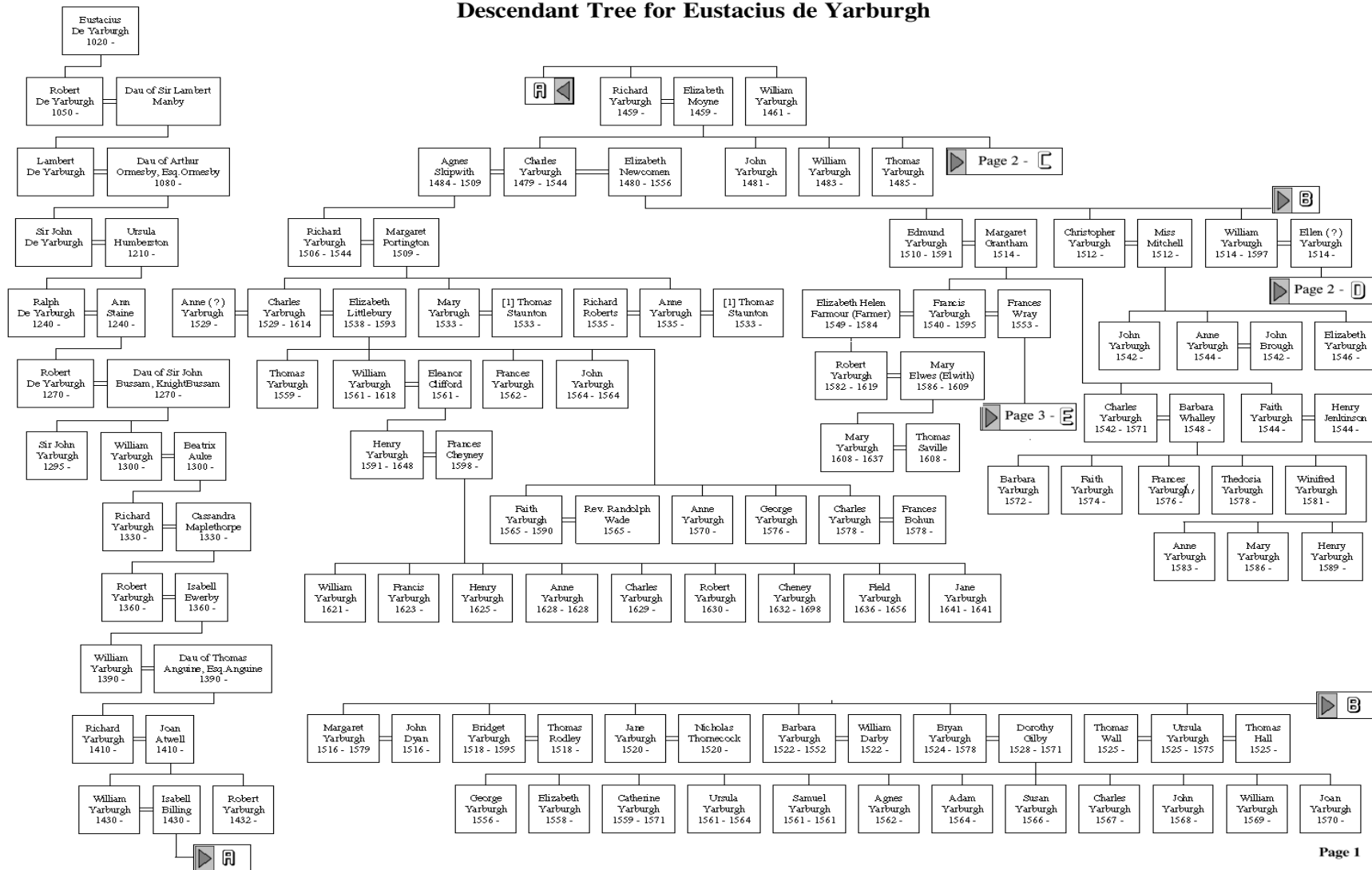


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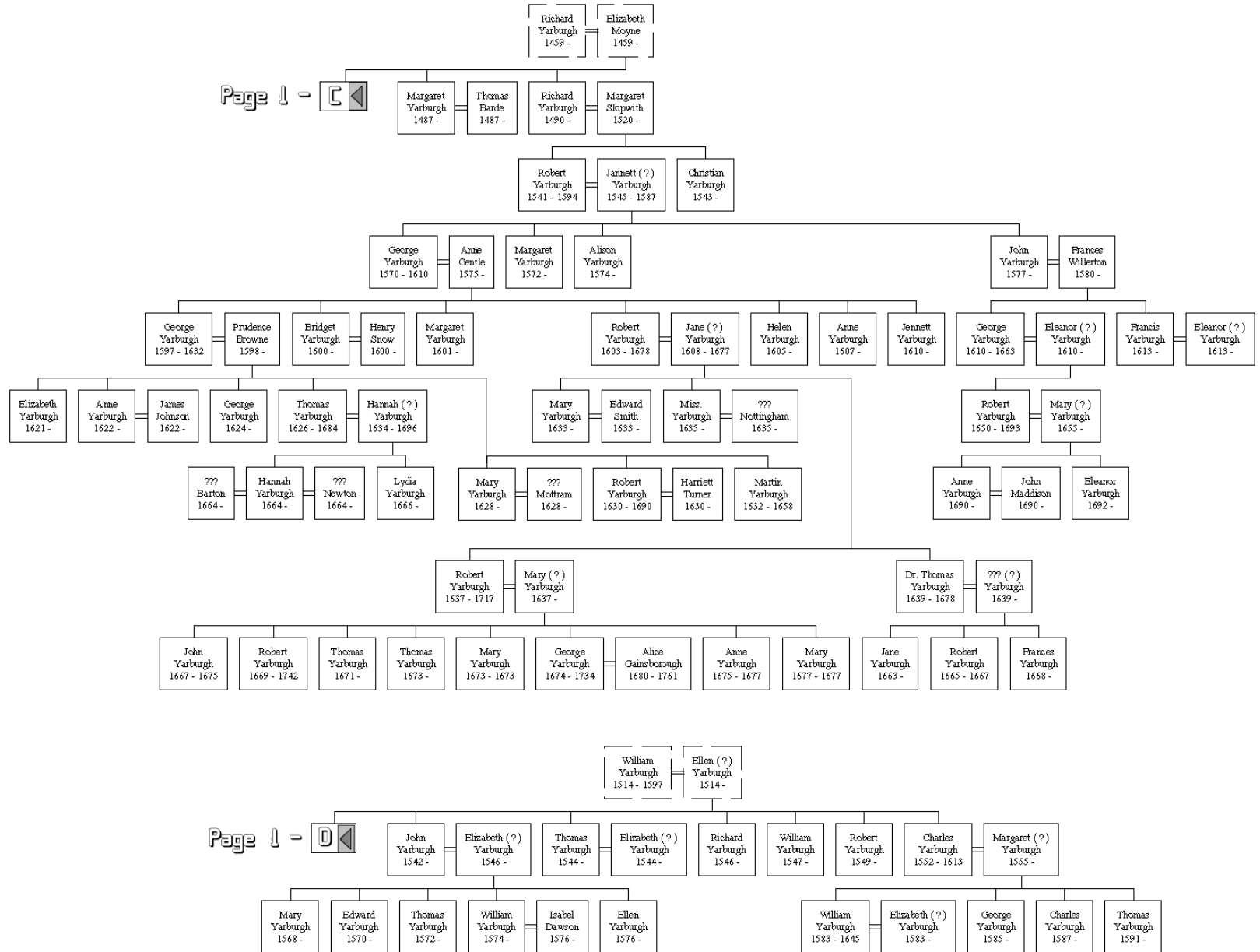


**Editor's Comments:** The following are presented without the descendants' listing, in part because of space limitations, but also because there is not much else to be gleaned from these records.

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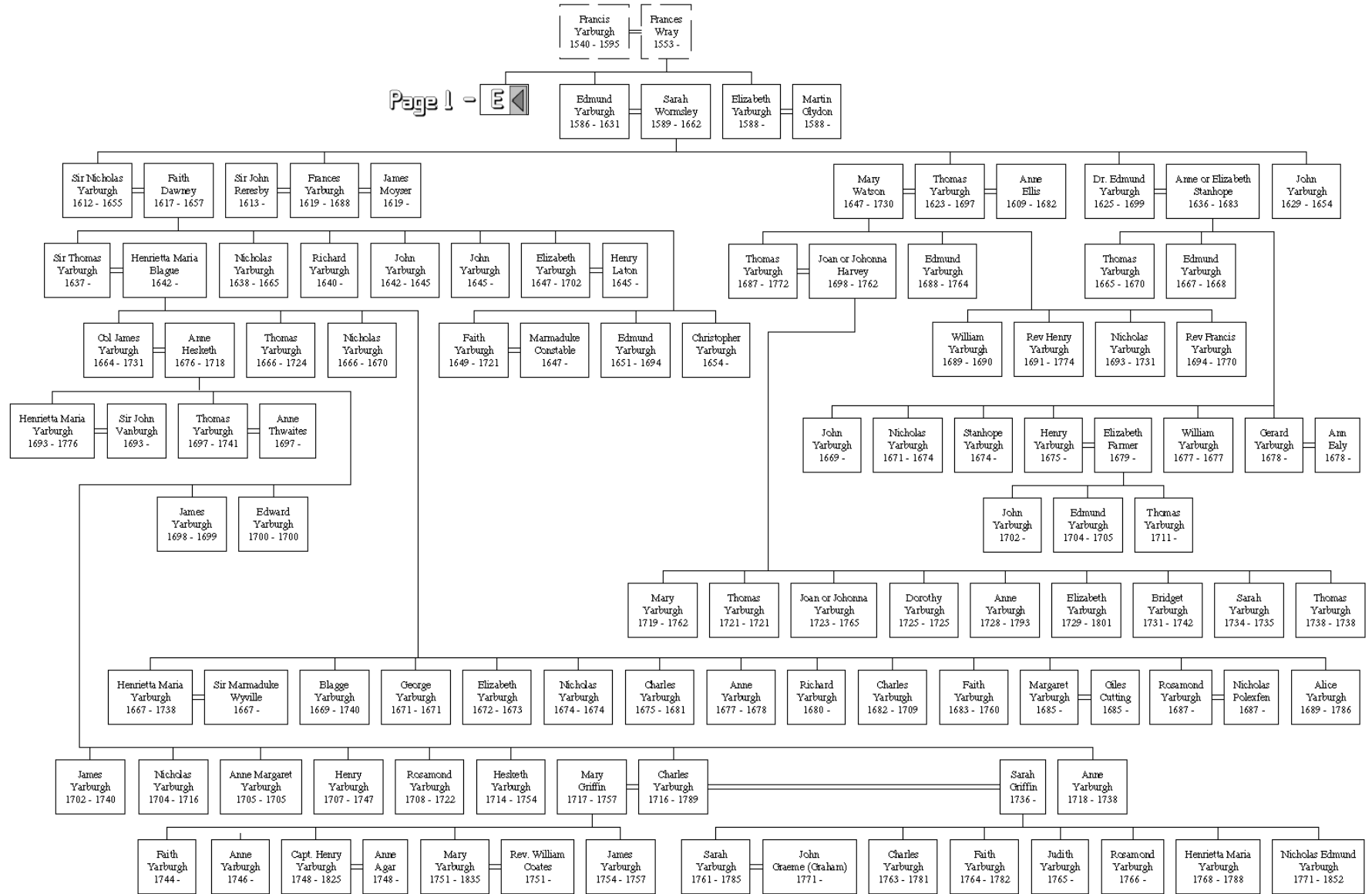


## Descendant Tree for Eustacius de Yarburgh, cont'd





## Descendant Tree for Eustacius de Yarburgh, cont'd



# Yarbrough's Influence Transcended Music

Norman Provizer, Reprinted from the Rocky Mountain News Friday, August 17, 2007



Nat Yarbrough served as a mentor to a generation of young jazz players in Denver. "As a teenager, there was a nucleus of musicians who were pivotal to me, and Nat was one of them," said Denver-born tenor saxophonist Javon Jackson, who has since gone on to earn a national profile. Mr. Yarbrough died Aug. 9, a day before his 71st birthday.

"He would not only encourage you, he would invite you to his house to talk about the music and more," said Jackson, who is flying in to play today as part of a remembrance for the drummer. "I saw the business aspect of things beyond what's occurring on the bandstand. And he always supported me throughout my career. He was a man of few words, but his words had impact and meaning." The former Marine will be buried at 11 a.m. today in Fort Logan Cemetery (staging area A). A memorial service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 3701 Colorado Blvd. After the service, there will be a music session in his memory at drummer Tom Tilton's Jae Ram Studio, just north of 21st Street in the alley between California and Stout streets.

Mr. Yarbrough was born Aug. 10, 1936, in Montclair, N.J. Known as a singer, he took up the drums while attending East -Orange High School and worked with alto saxophonist Lou Donaldson's band, as well as the organ trios led by Big John Patton and Freddie Roach. In 1966, while with Roach, Mr. Yarbrough first connected with Denver, and he moved here the next year. For 16 years, the drummer traveled between Denver (where he played with pianist Gene Harris) and the East Coast, before permanently settling here in 1983.

Mr. Yarbrough quickly became a leading figure in the city, working as a regular at El Chapultepec. It was not until 2002 that he had his first disc as a leader - El Yabah on Capri Records. That disc featured saxophonists Brad Leali and Jackson, trumpeter Greg Gisbert and pianist Eric Gunnison, all players influenced by Mr. Yarbrough who have gone on to establish strong reputations in jazz. In 2005, Capri issued his second CD as a leader, Triple Play.

Mr. Yarbrough underwent dialysis for the past seven years and was on the list for a kidney transplant the past five years. Just days before he died of a stroke connected to elevated blood pressure, Mr. Yarbrough learned he was in line to receive a kidney within the next few weeks. In June, Dazzle Restaurant and Lounge honored Mr. Yarbrough with a show to a sold-out house.

"Nat influenced all the young players here, and he was like a musical father to me," said Leali, who returned to Denver to perform at that event. "What I learned from him was more than the music. What I learned included the importance of being humble as well as the importance of practicing. He gave me an understanding of music and life that continues until this day. He was the real deal."

The articulate drummer recognized that the ability to play was grounded in the ability to listen while searching for your own voice in the music. About that Mr. Yarbrough once wrote, "Listen closely . . . listen deeply . . . expect nothing but the unexpected." The drummer is survived by his wife, Linda Wooten. Prior to this relationship, he had two sons, Damon and Caleb; and a daughter, Charmine Lee.

## Yarbrough's Restaurant...

This restaurant was originally established in 1949, by a woman named Anne Peterson. Leona acquired her cooking skills by cooking for farmers and field workers when she was very young. She had always wanted to own her own restaurant, so in 1950 when she answered the ad in the paper for an experienced cook, she had more in mind than just being a cook. She worked side by side with Anne and learned the business from cooking, to cleaning to books, to baking and in 1966 she purchased the 88 seat business and renamed it Leona Yarbrough's Restaurant. She changed very little other than the name over the door and carried on for many years following the traditions of the past.

In 1998 Yarbrough's moved to a larger location to accommodate established customers and to attract new clientele. The new location opened up many opportunities such as: larger kitchen to aid in large caterings, a private dining room for special occasions and banquets and a dining room that can seat 216 as opposed to the mere 88 in Fairway. Leona aided in the move but shortly thereafter turned it over to Ron, her son, whom she had spent over 25 years teaching as they worked together just as Anne had done for her.

Ron spent many years spoiling the customers and staff. Slowly but surely he, his wife and son made the restaurant into what it is today. Recently he has semi-retired, although he still comes in for the daily nudge in the right direction or just to talk to the loyal customers.



Still featured are many of their signature dishes such as liver and onions, spare ribs and sauerkraut and their secret recipe fried chicken (still cooked in a cast iron skillet). And all of desserts are still hand made from scratch using original recipes from 1949.

Since Ron's semi-retirement, his son Mike has been running most of the operation (with the ever watchful eye of Ron). They are very fortunate that to have a loyal and hard working crew of employees to help with all of the little (and sometimes big) things that can happen on a daily basis. They are also fortunate Mike was taught by Ron and Leona to bring together 3 generations of greatness. Maybe someday Mike will pass it on to one or both of his two sons Nick (10) and Jake (8). It is very unusual to find an eating establishment in this day and age with the qualities formed here. Lock a rock, Yarbrough's has stood through the years while so many around us have fallen. All in all, they like to attribute this to loyal employees, loyal and satisfied customers and of course, good food. One last thing they would like to say, "If you don't see on the menu, ask, and we might be able to fix it."

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### *Some Trivia --*

Another Yarbrough cemetery, located near Athens, Alabama.



# Celebrating America's 400<sup>th</sup> Birthday<sup>1</sup>

Starting in May, 2006, the 400th anniversary of the first British settlement in America at Jamestown, Virginia got under way. The Godspeed, a \$2.6 million replica of one of the three ships that carried the first settlers to Jamestown in 1607, sailed to six East Coast ports to generate interest in the "America's 400th Anniversary" commemoration.

Governor Timothy Kaine of Virginia said, as the Godspeed set sail, that,

"Today is the beginning of 18 months of commemoration of a moment not just

critical to the history of Jamestown or Virginia or even America, but we begin to mark a moment that altered the path of the entire world and of human history."

Thirteen years before the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts, a group of 104 English

men and boys made the four-and-a-half month voyage to the banks of the James River to form a settlement in Virginia. Their goal of making a profit from the resources of the New World for the Virginia Company's shareholders in London quickly took a back seat to

pure survival as they confronted the harsh realities of their life in their new home.

The original Godspeed set sail from London on December 20, 1606, for a four month journey across the Atlantic Ocean. The operation was financed by the Virginia Company of London, a start-up venture with a business model based on extracting profits from the New World.

The Susan Constant was the flagship of the Virginia Company's expedition, carrying 71 people. It was armed with cannons for protection against pirates, leading the way for the other two ships, the Godspeed, which carried 52, and the Discovery, which carried a mere 21. Unlike Raleigh's expedition, this voyage included no women. About half of the

passengers were gentlemen, members of the upper class who were seeking adventure and riches.

"The men had come to the enterprise with a range of motives, and their hopes and fantasies would run likewise," writes historian David Price. "Most of the travelers were on board because they —like the Virginia Company itself— expected quick treasure."

Historian Samuel Eliot Morison writes that, "The colonists owned no property; they were working for stockholders overseas. Twice a day the men were marched to the fields or woods by beat of drum, twice marched back and into church. They led an almost hopeless existence, for there seemed to be no future... No empire could have developed from a colony of this sort... The first factor in the transition was tobacco. Its value for export was discovered in 1613 when John Rolfe, who married the Indian princess Pocohontas, imported seed from the West Indies, crossed it with the local Indian grown tobacco, and produced a smooth smoke which captured the English market. Virginia then went tobacco-mad; it was even grown in the streets of Jamestown."

Beyond this, reports Morison, "... the institution of private property was the second factor that saved Virginia. When, after seven years, the terms of the Company's hired men expired, those who chose to stay became tenant farmers and later were given their land outright. This made a tremendous difference. As Captain John Smith put it, "When our people were fed out of the common store, and laboured jointly together, glad was he who could slip from labour, or slumber over his task, he cared not how; nay, the most honest - among them would hardly take so much true paines in a week, as now for themselves they will doe in a day.' By 1617, a majority of the

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<sup>1</sup> From the Lincoln Review Letter®, Volume 11, Number 1, January – February 2007

hardy, acclimated survivors were tenants. Within ten years **tenant** plantations extended 20 miles along the James River, and total European population of Virginia was about a thousand.”

A third factor that ensured the success of Virginia was political, in the broadest sense. Captain John Smith put it in one sentence. “No man will go from hence to have lesse freedom there than here.” In the English conception of freedom the first and most important was “a government of laws, not men.” The Company ordered Governor Sir George Yeardley to abolish arbitrary rule, introduce English common law and due process, encourage private property, and summons a representative assembly. This assembly would have power with the appointed council, to pass local laws, subject to the Company’s veto.”

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, who is serving as honorary chair of

the national Jamestown commemoration, declares: “The system of government that we have today was an outgrowth of those early settlements, and so I thought the anniversary was a worthy reason to try to remind citizens of our history. In the United States today, public schools have pretty much stopped teaching government, civics and American history. It gets tossed in occasionally, but it’s no longer a major focus for children. That’s a great concern to me because I truly don’t know how long we can survive as a strong nation if our younger citizens don’t understand the nature of our government, why it was formed that way, and how they can participate and should participate as citizens. That’s something you have to learn. It just isn’t handed down in the genetic pool.” It all began at Jamestown In 1607.

(Contributed by Joan Singlaub)

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## Going to Pieces<sup>2</sup>

**Can’t find your ancestor’s parents? Our expert shows you how to break a big genealogical problem into smaller, solvable slices.** By Emily Anne Croom

**C**ousins Debbie Cunningham, Deanna Culpepper and Marti Cagle keep running into obstacles as they try to identify the parents of their ancestor David Tobe Yarbrough. Appropriately, they began by collecting vital (birth, marriage and death) data and records. A family Bible shows David’s birth in Florence, Ala., April 27, 1865; other records give 186601 1867 as his birth year. He died March 8, 1938, in Fort Worth, Texas. Debbie requested his death certificate to see his parents’ names, hut the informant, David’s daughter, didn’t know their names or birthplaces. Perhaps she’d never met her grandparents. David’s obituary names only his children—no siblings or parents.

As the cousins have learned, genealogy is a giant jigsaw puzzle: You’re always waiting for a

clear picture to emerge. But instead of asking “What’s the solution?” they can try “What’s the

next question?” That way, larger research questions become smaller, more easily tackled pieces. Here, we’ll start them along the path to assembling their family tree puzzle.

### Creating a chronology

Identifying parents drives much of genealogists’ efforts, but that’s not the first concern to raise. In-depth study of your “focus ancestor” and his siblings, children and even in-laws often provides clues to previous generations. Without siblings’ names, the challenge may be greater, as in David Yarbrough’s case.

The three cousins have found no compiled family tree that includes David. So they’re working with family, county, state and federal records—and usually, these primary sources are more reliable than family trees, anyway. Unfortunately, only the 1920 and 1930 US censuses enumerated David with his children, and he apparently missed earlier censuses. His two rief marriages each ended with the wife’s death, leaving him with preschoolers to raise.

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<sup>2</sup> From Family Tree Magazine, F+W Publications, Inc., 4700 Galbraith Road, Cincinatti, OH 45236

With family traditions and records the cousins gathered, I created a documented chronological profile of David's life and family to show confirmed facts, oral tradition and ideas for research. (See the chronology at ~ comJartides1ian08Ust5P~>~ This type of timeline lets you see missing information and contradictions to help in planning the next step.

A breakthrough came when one cousin identified David's young son Brack in the 1910 census, listed as a nephew in the household of William L. Blair. The family believed David's first wife, Laura, was a Blair, but had found no marriage record. Since our chronology showed the eldest son was born in Hunt County, Texas (near Dallas), we guessed the parents might've married there. County records confirmed their 1901 wedding. One cousin did more research in the county and got a copy of an 1895 guardianship record naming Laura with her mother and siblings after her father died.

### Looking into local records

The Yarbrough parents and siblings remain a mystery. Family tradition says David came with his family to Texas at age 12, about 1877 to 1879. Since he married in Hunt County, we wondered whether he'd lived there for some years. With access to microfilmed Texas county tax rolls at Houston's Clayton Library <www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton>, I looked for Hunt County Yarbroughs starting in 1873 and moving forward. David, I learned, paid taxes intermittently from 1888 to 1904. Then, with his second son's birthplace as a clue, I found him paying taxes in Red River County in 1905. By 1908, he was in Fort Worth.

The places where David lived suggest locations for the cousins' concentrated research, perhaps in microfilmed records on interlibrary loan from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, which has an online list of county holdings <www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local>.

I organized the 1873-to-1905 tax research results for all Yarbroughs into a table. That'll facilitate further study of the other Yarbroughs, as some of them may be related to David. The cousins should follow up with research in land, probate and other county records. They could investigate similar records of surrounding or nearby counties, since David or his family may have lived elsewhere in north Texas before moving to Hunt County.

We may not be able to confirm the family tradition of David's birth in northwest Alabama's

Lauderdale County, since he was born before birth registration began in that state. But research in marriage records there may identify couples whose wedding dates make them potential candidates for David's parents—thus, subjects for the cousins' further research.

### Following the Family

David may have been born in Lauderdale County, but that doesn't mean his parents married there. The cousins could research microfilmed records of neighboring counties, some of which, unfortunately, have suffered courthouse fires and record losses. Since David was in Texas as a young man, and oral tradition says he first arrived as a boy with family, investigating Yarbroughs who stayed in Lauderdale County may eliminate those who probably weren't his parents but may have been related.

David's 1920 and 1930 census entries suggest he and both parents were born in Tennessee or Arkansas, but we can't know whether the census taker's informant was right. David may have lived in Tennessee and/or Arkansas as a child, before moving to Texas. Since Yarbrough families lived throughout the South, however, and census reports of birthplaces rarely name counties, it's probably not an efficient use of research time to look for David and his parents in those two states without more clues. (Online census indexes have yielded no strong clues, anyway.)

Many Southern families entered northeast Texas through Arkansas, but without knowing whether David traveled through or ever lived there, research time is better spent first on the known places in David's life. In this way, David may guide his descendants to the missing pieces of his family puzzle.

(Contributed by Arlene Weidinger).

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Seeking info on John Wesley Yarbrough, born ca 1775  
(Subject's Name) Day Month Year  
SC; Died 12/1826 in Hall, GA  
County State Day Month Year County State  
 married Elizabeth Edwards on ca 1805 in Spartanburg, SC  
Spouse's [maiden] Name Day Month Year County State

### Subject's children:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Married to</u>	<u>Date</u>
Anna Yarbrough	3/30/1806	4/18/1875	(1) Jessie Jay (2) Rev. Burwell Rives	8/10/1824 3/1/1824
Nancy Yarbrough	9/1/1808	1/7/1888	William Owen	(Hall Cty, GA)
Isaac Yarbrough	After 1810			
Mary Yarbrough	3/7/1811	4/6/1879	William Crawford	2/7/1833
Sarah Yarbrough	9/9/1811	1/5/1857	William Hancock Jordan	8/25/1832
John Wesley Yarbrough	5/20/1813	12/16/1879	Amanda Lane	Dec. 1, 1836
William D. Yarbrough	1814			

Subject's Father: Ambrose Yarbrough, b. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
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Subject's Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ b. 1748, \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Additional information on subject (places of residence; additional marriages; military records, etc.)

John Wesley Yarbrough lived in Habersham Cty at one time. I first located him in Union Cty SC in 1801. Last located in 1820 census near Murrayville, Hall Cty, GA. He is buried in Hopewell Methodist Church Cemetery, Hall Cty, GA. I located tombstone inscriptions of Hall Cty Ga (cr) July 1971. Except for the name, Yarbrough, John, all writing has eroded – except for the words "In Memory".

Anyone having information germane to this query is asked to contact the originator. It would be helpful if this information be also provided to the Secretary of the YNGHA, Ann Y. Bush, 1421 Redbud Street, Athens, AL, 35611-4635, telephone (256) 232-7174, e-mail [Ann.Bush@yarbroughfamily.org](mailto:Ann.Bush@yarbroughfamily.org). Thank you.

## Author of *Remember Who You Are* Receives Award

From the Durham Herald-Sun –

The North Carolina Genealogical Society recently presented Ruth Shipp Yarbrough the Award of Excellence in Publishing for Family History for her book *Remember Who You Are*. Yarbrough became interested in family history at an early age. The book is a composite of documented facts and stories of Southern culture as several different families journey to new locations. It is written in the first person and chronologically nar-rates the stories of the past and the future.





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## *More Trivia --*

*If, as has been conjectured, Richard's (the Immigrant) father was Thomas Yarbrowe of Saltfleetby, then here is where it's located.*



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## Maudee's

Mack and Sharon Yarbrough have been owners of the lunch cafe and tearoom since March 2005. Afternoon tea was added at the restaurant five years ago. It's a small place that caters to both adults and children. For the grown-ups, the traditional tea is three courses, starting with a sorbet, continuing with finger sandwiches, scones and a popover, followed by dessert. Sandwiches include chicken salad, egg salad, pimento cheese and cucumber. The fresh scones and breads are served with cream, lemon curd and jams. The teas are loose-leaf from Globex America, and the house tea is boysenberry-apricot. Place settings include pink and blue

Churchill China and original Franciscan Desert Rose dishes (not used for the kids). Children's tea features teapots with themes such as Alice in Wonderland and teddy bears. Children's sandwiches include peanut butter and jelly and cream cheese with raspberry jam. "We do several teas for young people, and I like to talk to them about the tradition of the tea," Mr. Yarbrough says. "If they don't want tea, we will make pink lemonade and put it in a teapot, or even a Coke or Dr Pepper."

Maudee's is located at 4333 Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX  
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County State Day Month Year County State

married \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's [maiden] Name Day Month Year County State

Subject's children:

Name	Born	Died	Married to	Date

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(Name) Day Month Year County State

d. \_\_\_\_\_, m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year County State Day Month Year County State

Subject's Mother: \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name) Day Month Year County State

d. \_\_\_\_\_,  
Day Month Year County State

Subject's Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional information on subject (places of residence; additional marriages; military records, etc.)**

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<sup>2</sup> Number in parentheses indicates the year in which the director's term expires.



## The President's Corner...

This year's conference will be in Durham, North Carolina and I'm particularly excited because many of my ancestors had settled in this area. I've started compiling my research so Doug and I can take a road trip after the conference to discover where my forefathers lived.

The YNGHA Conference is scheduled for Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton/Durham (near Duke University) in North Carolina. Many thanks to our hosts Leonard Yarbrough, Kathleen Ferguson, Ruth Shipp Yarbrough and her daughter Janet for all their work in making this a memorable event. We're anticipating a big turnout for this conference since there's so much rich Yarbrough history in this part of the country: so spread the word and make your reservations early. More detailed information can be found in this issue.

Last December 6<sup>th</sup> Mary Y. Daniel of Chamblee, GA ordered a Yarbrough Family Cookbook. Two weeks later I received another letter from Mary stating, "I ordered one of the cookbooks and I think it is excellent. I want my children and grandchildren to have one too. Please send me 10 more books." Not only does this cookbook contain luscious recipes but an informative historical overview of Yarbrough history. There's a limited amount of cookbooks left so I urge you to take Mary's lead and order this family treasure today.

"As spring time touches the earth with freshness, beauty, and hope...May it touch your life in the same gentle way." Enjoy this lovely time of year.

Affectionately,

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Spring has arrived, more or less, and the year is well underway here in Blount County. I've connected with a number of relatives, some of whom I never knew about before, so it has been informative as well as instructional for me. Nothing like a little *au courant* genealogy to liven one's

life! Anyway, I had been reviewing some of the past issues of the **YFQ** and realized that there was not a comprehensive table of contents or index for the publication. That, of course, led to the decision to prepare one, which I now view with mixed feelings. On the one hand, the index is a valuable tool; on the other hand, it is a bigger chore than I had anticipated. No matter, the deed will be done. When completed, the index will be posted on the family website; whether it will be published in the **Quarterly** depends on how much reduction can be accomplished without losing too much clarity. Otherwise, the number of pages required may be prohibitive. At any rate, it should be fairly easy to keep the indices current.

It took us a while to get the dates for this year's conference nailed down, but finally the football powers in North Carolina published their schedules, and we were able to get a free weekend at one of the Durham Hiltons reserved for this year's event. My daughter Kathleen, Ruth Yarbrough and her daughter Janet, and I are hosting the conference this year. For some reason, we have never met in North Carolina before, although there are certainly more than enough family members to support such an event. The Triangle area of the state is vibrant, interesting, and altogether worth visiting.

*With best wishes,*

Leonard



## Erratum

The e-mail address given in last month's Query from Margaret Arndt was incorrect; it should be: [myarndt@bellsouth.net](mailto:myarndt@bellsouth.net) IF you have any information for Margaret, please contact her at this address. Thank you.

### Greetings, Yarbrough Cousins!

As incoming Treasurer for 2008, I am, first, flattered to follow in the footsteps of E. Howard Yarbrough and second, cognizant of the big shoes I have to fill. With Howard's guidance the transition has been a smooth one, but rest assured that I have his number on speed dial!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to report the closing account balances for 2007:

Beginning Balance: January 1, 2007	\$6,702.20
Income during 2007	6,009.68
Expenses during 2007	<u>7,754.42</u>
Closing Balance: December 31, 2007	\$4,957.46

The pace of renewal memberships for 2008 has been pretty good but has now slowed to a trickle, leaving approximately 25% outstanding. Somewhat disconcerting, but I remain hopeful these individuals will be joining us in the near future. We would also be delighted to welcome new members to YNGHA. Enjoy the benefits of membership by completing an application form (found within this issue) and sending it to me along with the \$20 membership fee. My mailing address is **137 Spring Water Drive, Madison, AL 35758-2805**.

Best wishes for year of discoveries and I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference!

*Cathy*

### A Bit of Map Trivia

So far, there are two states known to have a Yarbrough (of whatever spelling) place name. This one appears to be about as populated as the environs of Three Oaks Road in Blount County, AL





## Mother Always Said "Share"

Over time, researchers of our Yarbrough heritage have been asked to submit family group sheets to YNGHA. We are very thankful for the files that have been sent and we would now like to share this information with other members of the clan by publishing them in coming issues of *The Yarbrough Family Quarterly* or perhaps the Association web site. Before doing so, we need to have a signed release on file. For your convenience, a release form appears below. For those who have not contributed, there's no time like the present to submit your family group sheets to showcase all your hard work. Due to privacy concerns, you will likely want to mask some personal data for living individuals. Send a copy of these materials to our Secretary, *Ann Y. Bush at 1421 Redbud Street, Athens, AL 35611-4635*. Don't forget the signed release.

The Association's ultimate goal is to develop a "Y" database which would include the name and contact information of the compiler in addition to the family data. As Editor Leonard Yarbrough mentioned in the previous issue, the information you provide will also be used in the preparation of a total family tree which would include information for all known branches. While both projects are very much in their infancy, YNGHA envisions these materials providing a vehicle to bring researchers together, a chance to compare notes and discuss search strategies, and perhaps even share tasks. The name of the game is, after all, **research**. We stagnate without it, and applying a team approach to our efforts may serve us well.

### YNGHA RELEASE FORM

I, (Full name, printed) \_\_\_\_\_,  
hereby authorize Yarbrough National Genealogical and Historical Association, Inc.  
to use my personal research materials in (check all that apply):

- its publication *The Yarbrough Family Quarterly*
- the Association web site
- the compilation of a family-wide database

I further grant permission to cite the following contact information (check all that apply):

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_
- E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***From Rootsweb Yarbrough Message Board***

<http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.yarbrough/1522.1/mb.ashx>

This family may well be related to one that many of us have been researching and keep hitting brick walls. Our Yarbrough, who we believe to be a W. F. Yarbrough from tax record info in Searcy Co. AR, came to that area apparently with one or two brothers/cousins/relatives (one being Robert and another Absolem who later moved in 1849 to Milam Co., TX). He married Mary Jane Price in Searcy Co and they moved to Milam after the birth of their son, Robert, in 1848. Our W. F. Yarbrough died shortly before the 1850 Milam Co. TX census, but Mary Jane is listed along with her brother in law, Absolem, with their families on the 1850 census. Mary Jane married a Bell but they soon divorced and she returned to Searcy Co ca 1851. This Yarbrough family had close ties to a CLARK family and those Clarks apparently married into the Bratton, Rose, Yarbrough and other families as early as 1800. Our Yarbrough descendant married a Clark descendant in around 1870 in Searcy Co. and many of us are descended from this marriage. We believe our W. F. Yarbrough was the son of Robert Yarbrough on the 1820, 1830 Lincoln Co., TN, censi. Robert may have been widowed around 1845 and moved with a couple of his sons to Searcy Co. to be near friends/family namely the Yarbroughs, Prices, Roses, and Brattons and perhaps some Clarks. We believe Robert Yarbrough of Lincoln Co. TN in 1820/30 had many relatives in the TN area. We are not sure, however, who his father may have been but suspect they came to TN along the usual path from early on. If you can provide any information about your Yarbroughs, perhaps we can connect them. One of our ancestors, Sarah Elizabeth Clark, who married first Paul Bratton in middle TN died after her 3rd child. Paul Bratton remarried but his family with his first wife, Sarah Elizabeth Clark, moved to Searcy Co. in 1838. We have also wondered if there is not some Indian in this family somewhere. Perhaps not.

### **Some Alabama Geographic Trivia**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Feature</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Latitude &amp; Longitude</b>	
Yarbo	Populated Place	Washington	31 32 38 N	088 16 40 W
Yarbo Cemetery	Cemetery	Washington	31 32 18 N	088 15 55 W
Yarbo Church	Church	Washington	31 32 18 N	088 15 56 W
Yarboro Mill (historical)	Locale	Lawrence	34 34 37 N	087 19 17 W
Yarbrough	Populated Place	Lee	32 42 57 N	085 11 57 W
Yarbrough Branch	Stream	Cullman	34 15 44 N	086 39 52 W
Yarbrough Cemetery	Cemetery	Limestone	34 46 45 N	087 04 58 W
Yarbrough Cemetery	Cemetery	Limestone	34 48 04 N	087 09 54 W
Yarbrough Dam	Dam	Calhoun	33 42 42 N	086 04 12 W
Yarbrough Street Baptist Church	Church	Montgomery	32 24 30 N	086 17 01 W
Yarbroughs Lake	Reservoir	Calhoun	33 42 42 N	086 04 12 W
Yarbroughs Mill (historical)	Locale	St. Clair	33 48 48 N	086 11 50 W

# QUERY FORM

**Submitted by Dan (Charles) Yarbrough, Pensacola, FL**

YOUR NAME: Charles Daniel (Dan) Yarbrough  
 Street: 10100 Hillview Drive, Apt. 616  
 City Pensacola State FL Zip+ 4 32514-5460  
 E-mail: (none)

Seeking info on Joseph Yarbrough, born ca 1821  
(Subject's Name) Day Month Year  
NC; Died 1897 in Smith TX  
County State Day Month Year County State  
 married (1) Sarah Taylor on 17 Feb 1847 in Person, NC  
Spouse's [maiden] Name Day Month Year County State  
 married (2) Margaret Russel on 28 Nov 1860 in Smith, TX  
Spouse's [maiden] Name Day Month Year County State

**Subject's children:**

Name	Born	Died	Married to	Date
Sarah Frances (1)	26 Mar 1847	17 July 1923	M. M. Seay	2 Feb 1867
William (1)	Ca 1849	< not in 1860	census>	
Martha (1)	Ca 1853		J. B. H. Farmer	5 Jan 1864
Thomas H. (2)	Apr 1864	3 Jun 1933	Mamie Bloodworth	6 Jan 1898
Mary E. (Mollie) (2)	20 Aug 1867	26 Oct 1946	William T. Yarbrough	8 Feb 1896
Charles Spurgeon (2)	30 Dec 1970	15 Apr 1951	Amanda Rosetta Ellis	20 Sep 1891
Charlotte May (Lottie) (2)	10 Jul 1873	23 Feb 1903	C. B. Williamson	26 Apr 1891

Subject's Father: Unknown, b. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) Day Month Year County State  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month State County State Day Month Year County State

Subject's Mother: \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) Day Month Year County State  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year County State Day Month Year County State

Subject's Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information on subject (places of residence; additional marriages; military records, etc.)

< See following biographical sketches >

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## **JOSEPH YARBROUGH (1821 - 1897)**

**Submitted by Dan (Charles) Yarbrough, Pensacola, FL**

The first two documents that announce the name of Joseph Yarbrough are (1) his marriage record in Person County, North Carolina and (2) the 1850 federal census of Smith County, Texas. The marriage record indicates that he signed a marriage bond of 17 February, 1847 to insure his marriage to Sarah Taylor of the same county. The 1850 census of Smith County, Texas tells us that Joseph Yarbrough was then age 29 and Sarah was age 32. So, Joseph was apparently born in about 1821. The census also tells us that they were both born in North Carolina. The census lists, along with this couple, two children: Sarah F. (Frances "Fannie") age 3, born in Tennessee, and a son, William, age eleven months, born in Texas. The occupation of Joseph Yarbrough was listed as "farmer". Later records show that the daughter Sarah Frances was born 26 March, 1847, which is only one month after her parents were married! Later records also indicate that she was born in Texas, not in Tennessee. But census records were not always carefully taken, and contain many errors, Thus, we must weigh them with some skepticism.

A school census of Smith County, Texas taken in 1854, showed that the daughter, Frances, was enrolled in a school in district #4 of that county. She would have been seven years old by then. The son, William, has disappeared from all records after 1850, and we may suppose that he was one of the many children who died young in those days.

By the time of the 1860 federal census of Smith County, Texas, Joseph

Yarbrough was an overseer, his wife was missing and presumed dead, and his daughter, Frances, was age 12. Son William, as we noted before, was no longer listed in the family. (His age would have been about 10), and another daughter, Martha, was listed at age 7. Both girls were listed as being born in Texas.

On November 28, 1860 Joseph Yarbrough married his second wife, Margaret Russell. She was born in about 1834 in Lancaster County, South Carolina. Her family had moved to Choctaw County, Mississippi during the late 1840's, then on to Smith County, Texas before 1860.

In the spring of 1864 James P. Douglas, Captain of First Texas Battery of field artillery, in Cleburne's Division of the Confederate Army near Chattanooga, Tennessee, went home to Tyler, Texas on furlough. On March 24, 1864 he was married and spent some time recruiting for his battery. Among those new recruits was Joseph Yarbrough of Starrville, Texas. Joseph was now 43 years old, and his wife, Margaret, was expecting her first baby soon!

The group which gathered around Captain Douglas left Smith County, Texas on April 24, 1864 on their trip to northern Georgia. They crossed the Mississippi River on May 6, 1864 after passing through Shreveport and Minden, Louisiana. They crossed the river from St. Joseph, Louisiana to Port Gibson, Mississippi, about half way between Natchez and Vicksburg as the great river began its spring flood. The river was filled with floating trees and debris, making it dangerous to swim the horses across the river,

but they all made it across after much effort.

They had made their way toward Jackson, Mississippi, stopping in Brandon on May 10, about seven miles east of Jackson. Here they sold their horses in order to continue their journey from Jackson by train. They arrived in northwest Georgia to join the confederate army of General Joseph E. Johnston. Their artillery battery was assigned to Lt. General John B. Hood's Corp, and took up the effort to protect Atlanta, Georgia from capture. It was a losing cause, as the confederate army gradually was forced back to Atlanta, with battles in May at New Hope Church (May 28, 1864), Lost Mountain (June 15 - 17), Mt. Zion Church (June 22), Kennesaw Mountain (June 2 - July 3), Peachtree Creek (July 20), Atlanta (July 22), and the siege of Atlanta until September 1, 1864, when Atlanta was given up. The confederate army, now under the leadership of General John B. Hood, moved west into Alabama, then north into Tennessee, in an attempt to cut off General W. T. Sherman's U.S. army from its source of supplies. But General Sherman had abandoned his supply lines to Tennessee and the north, and plunged, almost unopposed, across Georgia to Savannah.

Meanwhile, the army of General Hood, including the Texas Battery of artillery, had moved to threaten Nashville, Tennessee, with fighting at Columbia, Tennessee (Nov 29, 1864), Franklin (Nov 30), and Nashville (Dec 15-16). At Nashville, the confederates were defeated by an army of U.S. troops led by General George Thomas. Joseph Yarbrough and other confederates then moved south to Mobile, Alabama, where they were besieged during February and March

of 1865 as part of Hoxton's Artillery Regiment. Joseph Yarbrough and other members of his Texas Battery were paroled in April, 1865, after their surrender at Mobile. Joseph then returned to his wife and family at Starrville, a few miles east of Tyler, Texas.

Margaret Yarbrough, Joseph's second wife, had indeed given birth to a son, Thomas.. .no doubt named for his grandfather, Thomas Russell. Thomas was born in April, 1864, just as his father, Joseph, was leaving for his year of service during the Civil War. Joseph returned in 1865 for a couple of years of getting acquainted with his new son before another daughter, Mary, whom they called "Mollie", was born in 1867.

At about this time, Joseph's first daughter, Sarah Frances, "Fannie" was married to establish her own home, separate from her father and stepmother. Joseph's other daughter from his first marriage, Martha, continued to live with her father and step-mother until 1875 when she too was married.

Joseph and Margaret Yarbrough continued to live near Starrville, Texas and had two additional children born there: a son, Charles Spurgeon Yarbrough, born in 1870, and another daughter, Charlotte "Lottie" born in 1873. Sometime during the next five or six years Joseph moved his "second" family to Hubbard, Texas, about half way between Waco and Corsicana. Here his young children attended school while he made his living as a cotton farmer.

Some time (sic) during the years that the family lived at Hubbard, Joseph Yarbrough's second wife, Margaret, died, and in 1838 Joseph moved back to Smith County, Texas,

where he bought a 179 acre farm for \$895. He paid \$100 cash, eight lots in the town of Hubbard and two mules in trade, and signed promissory notes for the balance. Joseph lived there for the brief remainder of his life with his then unmarried son, Thomas. Joseph lived to see all of the other of his children married. After Joseph died in January, 1897, Thomas also married in 1898, then moved to Waco after the turn of the century, and lived there for most of the rest of his life.

After Joseph Yarbrough died, his children filed the following quitclaim in Smith County, Texas:

State of Texas            Fannie Seay  
County of Smith        Mollie B. Yarborough  
                                 Spurgeon Yarbrough  
                                 Lottie Williamson  
all of Smith County

in consideration of love and affection and further that our brother T. H. Yarbrough lived with and nursed our father in his later days and supplied his wants and spent his means and

Ann Yarborough Riley

**The wife of former South Carolina Gov. Dick Riley, who worked alongside her husband to improve education in the state and across the country, died Friday. She was 72. Ann “Tunky” Riley died in Greenville from complications of breast cancer, her brother, Edward Yarborough, told The Associated Press.**

**Mr. Yarborough remembered his sister as someone who brought passion and commitment to everything she took on.**

**Mr. Riley, as Democrat, was governor from 1978 – 86 and deserved as President Clinton’s secretary of education.**

**The couple was married for more than 50 years, and Mr. Yarborough said Mr. Riley was devastated by her death.**

**Mr. Riley was diagnosed with breast cancer during her husband’s first term as governor. Mr. Riley once told *The Greenville News* that his wife didn’t let her disease slow her down, particularly when the couple fought for passage of the Education Improvement Act in South Carolina.**

**“She was in the front row of the (Senate) balcony every day, while on chemotherapy,” he told the newspaper.**

**Mrs. Riley shared her husband’s love for improving public education. She was a board member of the Alliance for Quality Education. (Reprinted from the March 8, 2008, edition of *The Augusta Chronicle*. Contributed by Frances Sizemore)**

talent with his labor to keep together our father’s farm and effects, we hereby relinquish all of our claim, title or interest to any part of father’s estate henceforth in favor of our brother, T. H. Yarbrough,

to wit, all of our father’s estate, including a certain tract of land bought by Joseph Yarbrough from J. H. Cobb...

at Starrville, March 25, 1897

Fannie Seay  
Lottie Williamson  
C.S. Yarbrough  
Nollie B. Yarbrough

Joseph Yarbrough’s youngest son, Charles Spurgeon Yarbrough, had met and married Amanda Rosetta Ellis in 1891, and he remained near Dawson, Texas until five of their six children were born, including Lloyd Ellis Yarbrough, the fifth child, and only son of that couple.

## **CHARLES SPURGEON YARBROUGH (1870 - 1951)**

**Submitted by Dan (Charles) Yarbrough, Pensacola, FL**

When Charles Spurgeon Yarbrough was born on December 30, 1870, his father, Joseph, was forty-nine years old, and his mother, Margaret, was thirty-six. Margaret was already the mother of two children: Thomas, born in 1864, and Nary "Mollie", born in 1867. Also at home was stepsister Martha, s seventeen-year-old who would marry and leave home in 1374. An older stepsister, Sarah Frances "Fannie", had already married in 1867, three years before Charles Spurgeon was born.

When Spurgeon, as he was always called, was about ten years old, his father moved the family from Smith County, Texas to a town called Hubbard in Hill County. By then, Spurgeon had another younger sister, Charlotte, "Lottie". Whatever schooling he had was completed at Hubbard, and he probably went to work on his father's farm or for one of the others nearby. Sometime during these years, his mother died.

For some reason, Spurgeon did not move back to Smith County, Texas when the rest of his family - - father, brother, two sisters - - moved in 1888. Perhaps the reason was Amanda Rosetta Ellis, a young girl from a neighboring town of Dawson, in Navarro County. Records show that Spurgeon and Amanda Rosetta were married in Navarro County, Texas in 1891; and they lived in the house across the road from his father - in - law, Robert Ellis's country store. He worked his father - in - law's farm as their family began to grow with three daughters: Carrie, Lucille, and Ruth.

After living so close to his in - laws at Dawson, Texas for eight years, Spurgeon and Etta, as she was usually called, moved to a farm at Drane, Texas, just a few miles west of Corsicana. This little village no longer appears on most maps of Navarro County. They moved to this location soon after Spurgeon's father died in Smith County. Children continued to be born with some regularity at the Drane farm. A fourth daughter, Bettie, was born in 1899, and finally a son, Lloyd Ellis was born in 1902.

For reasons we don't know, Spurgeon and Etta Yarbrough gave up the farm life and moved to the city of Fort North in about 1906, where another daughter, Esther, was born. But with Esther still a young toddler, the family decided to try farming again in the brand-new state of Oklahoma in 1907. They chose to settle in Carnegie, Oklahoma a small town on the Washita River, about sixty miles southwest of Oklahoma City.

After a couple of years, the Yarbroughs gave up farming again and moved south to Wichita Falls, Texas in 1909. Etta ran a railroad boarding house in two or three different locations. Spurgeon also tried several different jobs during this period .He ran a meat market in 1910, and was a cook at another (not Etta's) boarding house in 1912. During that year, 1912, their eldest daughter, Carrie, was married, and in the next year, 1913, their second daughter, Lucille, became pregnant. The family decided to move hack to Oklahoma at

that time, and Jack Yarbrough was born in February 1914 at Ryan, Oklahoma. Then the family continued on to Gotebo, Oklahoma; not very far west from their previous farm at Carnegie, Oklahoma.

Again, they did not remain long in Oklahoma. The Yarbroughs returned to Fort Worth, Texas, where Spurgeon worked at a variety of jobs, often as a cook. The older single daughters, Lucille and Ruth, worked as telephone operators, and after a short school experience, son Lloyd quit school after completing the sixth grade to begin a long career of fifty years with the Santa Fe Railroad. Spurgeon and Etta remained in Fort Worth, Texas through the 1920's-. They lived with their son Lloyd and Lloyd's family for about a year in 1936 - 37. They also spent some time with their children in California before World War II. Spurgeon worked as an estate caretaker in Wichita Falls, Texas during the mid - 1940's and a turkey farm manager near Houston at the end of the 1949's.

Soon after that, Spurgeon and Etta Yarbrough moved to Mansfield, Texas

in Tarrant County. It was here that Spurgeon died in 1951 at the age of eighty. Etta spent the remainder of her life with her daughters Carrie and Bettie in southern Oregon. It was there, at Trail Oregon, that Amanda Rosetta Yarbrough died on July 31, 1966 at the age of ninety - one. Her body was taken back to Mansfield, Texas to be buried beside her husband, Spurgeon.

Of their children, Carrie had three sons, Lucille was childless (except for Jack), Ruth was childless, Bettie had four sons and one daughter, Lloyd had two sons, and Esther had two daughters. Grandchildren and great - grandchildren abound.

Earlier in the year of Etta's death, 1966, her two eldest daughters died also - Lucille in January and Carrie in July, just twenty - nine days before her mother. It was another twenty - two years before another member of Charles Spurgeon Yarbrough's family would die. In 1988, son Lloyd died just nine days before his eighty - sixth birthday. Jack Yarbrough died in San Antonio, Texas in 1991.

## QUERY

Does anyone have a complete set of Nellie M. Jenkin's **Yarborough Family Quarterly**, which ceased publication in the early 1960's? This publication is sometimes referred to as the Yarborough Family Newsletter. Either way, can someone provide me with a copy? Please notify me at [lsyarbro@otelco.net](mailto:lsyarbro@otelco.net). It would be tremendously appreciated. Even a partial set would be helpful.



# Calista Yarbrough Kryscio

July 1, 1973 - January 17, 2008

Thursday, January 17, 2008. Calista Victoria Yarbrough Kryscio, 34, passed away peacefully at her home, holding the hand of her loving husband Kevin Paul Kryscio, following a five-year battle with cancer. A life-long resident of Durham and member of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Lista was known for her quick smite, her giving heart, and her great love for people, especially children. She was a 1991 graduate of Northern High School and a 1995 graduate of North Carolina State University, where she was a charter member of Delta Zeta sorority.



Active in the real estate community since 1996, she worked through Realty Executives Triangle and was one of their top-producing agents for several years. She was the Vice-President of the Durham Regional Association of Realtors and won many awards for her diligent work. Among her favorite real estate projects was her role in the marketing and sales of the Kress Building in the revitalization of downtown Durham.

Beginning in 2003, Lista took part in the annual Triangle Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Despite still recovering from chemotherapy this past June, Lista ran without stopping and, with her team, Lace Up For Lista, raised over \$6,000 for breast cancer research. In 2003, she organized volunteers to provide care packages for patients beginning chemotherapy. The Durham Regional Association of Realtors recognized her efforts by awarding her their Service Award in 2004.

In addition to her husband Kevin, Lista is survived by: her parents, Madison Simeon Yarbrough, III and Calista Everhart Yarbrough of Durham; one sister~ Whitnee Yarbrough Steele and husband Lt. Christopher Todd Steele, Ph.D. of Gales Ferry, Connecticut; paternal grandparents, Madison Simeon Yarbrough, Jr., and Ruth Shipp Yarbrough, of Durham; father- and mother-in-law Dr. Richard John Kryscio and Karen Ann Kryscio; sister-in-law, Kimberly K. Scheffler and husband Michael Scheffler; brother-in-law, Douglas John Kryscio and wife Michelle Kryscio; sister-in-law, Kathryn Theresa Kryscio; brother-in-law, David Richard Kryscio and fiancée Jennifer English; aunt Janet Yarbrough of Durham; aunt Chippie Graham and husband 13111 Graham; nieces and nephews, Christopher Todd Steele, Jr., Evelyn Steele, Brennan Scheffler, John Kryscio, Jared Scheffler, and Grace Kryscio. Lista is also survived by a multitude of loving friends, who helped her and her family during her battle with cancer.

The family received friends Sunday, January 20, from 2-Spm in the afternoon at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church at 927 West Trinity Ave in Durham.

Flowers are being accepted, or memorials may be made in Lista's name to the Susan G. Comen Race for the Cure, P.O. Box 71922, Durham, NC 27722. The donations will be applied to Lista's team for this year's race.

A service celebrating Lista's life was held Monday, January 21, at 2 PM at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Donovan Drake officiated. Entombment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

# The Other Branch of the Family Tree

by Leonard Yarbrough

All of my genealogical searching has been devoted to my Yarbrough forebears, but there is also my maternal family tree. While it seems that the paternal side has been here since dirt was made, my mother was a first generation American. She had three brothers (Charley, Albin, and Leonard) and four sisters (Mamie, Anna, Helen, and Eva). Leonard (my namesake) was killed (a hunting accident, so the story goes), and at least one baby was lost at birth. This is Grandmother Johnson's story, as told by my Aunt Mamie to cousin Charlene, one of Helen's children.

## Otto Wilhelm Johnson and Maria Helena Gesina Kopfchen

Dad was born July 22, 1852 in Atvidaberg, Sweden, Mother was born November 23, 1862, in Oldenburg, Germany. Both came to America about the same time – 1884 – 85. Dad may have been here about a year before Mother, if that long. Seems like fate had ordained for them to meet. He had not been in Wellsville, Ohio, long before he met Mother, and she had been in Wellsville only a few months. He was working in the steel mills



They were married June 1, 1865. In the old country, all children were required to have an elementary education. Dad completed his required schooling at the age of 11 years and about that time was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. Mother completed her required education at the age of twelve. She was also confirmed in the Lutheran Church. (I don't know the dates of their confirmations). Mother stayed home with her parents helping her father with his Fuel Works, That is forming peat into bricks and drying them in a kiln for selling. You may have heard her speak of the turve-works (turf in English)~ She stayed home until over 16 years old. She said she did not have to go out to work but wished to do so. She said she wanted work where she could get

more money so she could go to America. Her next work was in a bakery.

The next jobs were housekeeping. She had to sign up for a year at each job. She had several hundred dollars saved up when she landed in New York late in 1884 or early 1885. Her Dad's sister, who had come over here as a missionary to the Indians, lived in New York City, but Mama did not try to get work there as she was offered housework Ohio with a family where she could learn to speak English. She took it, but said she had hardly worked there long enough to pay for her fare (traveling expense) when she quit and married Dad, She took her own money and furnished their house. You may remember our bureau, stand, table, and the two leafed dining table. The carpets, sofa

rockers, chairs, etc., were worn out before we sold the homestead. This furniture was first shipped to Gate City, Ala., then up to Delmar, Alabama.

Dad and Mother moved to Gate City (now Birmingham, Ala.) in 1886, along with several other families from Wellsville, Ohio.

When Dad finished his required schooling in Sweden, he began standing on his own feet. As I understand it, his older half brothers~ Alfred and Leonard, had gone to Stockholm. His Mother died when he was 2 years old, when Aunt Anna was born. His half sister Charlotta, kept house for their Dad and helped rear her three half - brothers, Albin, August, and Otto (our Daddy), and 2 half sisters Hilda and Anna. Uncle Albin and Uncle August went to Stockholm. One became a Cavalry soldier, the other a policeman. I don't remember which became soldier or which the policeman.)

As soon as Dad was old enough he became a seaman, said he sailed the 7 seas and landed in ports in every country said he danced many, many nights all night when they landed in port, and went ashore, Listening to him and his Swedish friends and Uncle August talk, in those days, Daddy was a dapper fellow, a well dresser, a jolly 'go lucky extrovert and a free spender~ but he was only 23 when he married, just a boy, Mama was also 23, but she very conservative and had saved her money.

After moving to Birmingham, Alabama (or Gate City), Mother took

me and went back to visit her folks in Germany. After coming back from her visit in 1889 she had awful spell of fever in Gate City, Then 1890 Charles was born,

Along about 1889, Dad went up and applied for a homestead. We had to live on the place for five years in order to prove title to it. I can remember well when Dad went and proved it, but don't remember what year it was. He had applied for his citizenship, October 13, 1895 in Jefferson County, Ohio, and he received his citizen certificate on May 13, 1895, in Double Springs, Alabama. Judge Gibson signed it. I was 7 years old then.

There was no public works in Winston County until the mines up there opened, which was about 1893. Dad started to work in the mines after Albin was born in 1894. Before that when he was home he could get a day's work from some farmer, but had to take his pay in produce, sweet potatoes, corn, or whatever we needed and they had to sell. It was a real frontier life for us.

Along about that time the coal mines began opening up, a steel mill opened up in Sheffield, Alabama and Dad would go up there to work when the mines shut down now and then. His job in the steel mill was puddler or puddling – turning melted pig iron into wrought iron in a furnace – to remove impurities.

He began farming on off days from steel mill or mines. He became an A1 farmer because he farmed the scientific way, which he learned himself by studying agriculture. Dad

could raise better crops in those foothill (sic) of the Appalachian Mountains than any of the old time Americanized farmers. He was an avid reader and could hold an intelligent conversation on many subjects, agriculture, world history, religion, and many others, Both he Mother taught and learned themselves English~ and they were so eager to Americanize us youngsters that they did not think that when we grew up we wished we too could have learned both the Swedish and the German language<sub>0</sub>

They were both handworkers. Mother raised and sold chickens, eggs and wool, etc. She would shear the sheep herself, spin, and knit stockings for the whole family, besides her garden. She had a baby every 2 years until I was 16~ She lost the last one at that time. We had a Doctor come which was the 2nd time I can recall of us having a doctor for any ailment. The 1st time was when Albin got his finger cut. I do remember a 3rd time ~ had the doctor for Helen. In later years, we had the doctor many times for Daddy when he was sick so long with asthma.

When Chas and I were the only kids, deer and wild turkeys would come up to our yard. Lots of the old timers would get their meat hunting. It was no unusual sight to see Conestoga wagons going west. When I say old timers, I mean those whose

ancestors had been settlers in Georgia by Oglethorpe in 1731 and others whose ancestors had been settled in Virginia and other eastern states earlier. In my early childhood the old-timers had no sewing machines or even rub boards, but they had spinning wheels and looms and wove their own cloth<sub>0</sub> The women folks made their men folks suits. They all seemed to be happy tho, not the frustrations there is (sic) today.

Many of the people could not read or write. There were only about 2 months school a year or even less ~as the years rolled on another and another month was added finally about 1913 they had as many as 6 months a year school, Many did not know their ancestors came from Europe or that the only real American was the American Indian.

Except for the shootings they have in the western TV shows, the place we lived in Winston County<sub>3</sub> Alabama when I was little, was just as frontier as any Western Frontier Show.

Our Daddy did not entirely quit public work and go to only farming until he sold the homestead<sub>0</sub>. Our Swedish Grandpa was named John Peter Janson (Jansson – Janssen – Johnson).

7/18/1966 Charlene Falkenburg

*Postscript:* Grandmother was 23 when she immigrated, making the voyage alone and landing in New York City. I cannot imagine how it must have been at that time – leaving hearth and home to seek a life in the new world. I remember her as a somewhat stern woman, a wonderful cook, and she and my father seemed to have a high regard for each other. We still have relatives in Oldenburg, but so far, we have little to show of our Janssons in Atvidaberg.

## *Yarborough, United Kingdom*

As most of us know, the family origins were in Lincolnshire and in Yorkshire. Peter Yerburch has provided us with considerable material about life in the early days of the family. Today, the village of Yarburch (sometimes spelled 'Yarborough') remains in Lincolnshire; We recently began correspondence with Sylvia Lover, who had moved there with her sister. Sylvia is a historian and writer, and was (is) curious about the local history. Somewhere along the way, she came across the YNGHA and wrote me about her interests. I referred her to our president, Tee Devine, and after some further discussions, the Board granted honorary membership in the Association to Sylvia. I referred her to Peter Yerburch, also, and expressed an interest in publishing anything she might have of interest to us. The map and pictures shown below are of the village. The ambiance is very evident from the photographs and suggests that it may be time to start thinking of a visit sometime in the near future.





*This is the old cemetery, adjacent to the church in Yarburgh:*

*Some of the names on the headstones include –*

*Baldock, Baldin, Bateman, Batty, Bowers, Bradley, Bratley, Bon-Toft;*

*Camplin, Carter, Clark, Cooper, Corden, Crow;*

*Dobbs, Drew, Dunham;*

*Fawcett;*

*Gaunt, Goodley, Grasham, Grundy;*

*Hall, Harrison, Hay, Hewson, Hodgson,*

*Holt, Horton, Humphrey, Hutton;*

*Jarvis, Jarvice;*

*Kettlewell, Kirk;*

*Lamming, Larder;*

*Mager, Melton, Medley, Moncaster,*

*Moody, Motley;*

*Norris;*

*Palmer, Parrish, Pickering, Pridgeon,*

*Proctor;*

*Rainthorpe, Rutter;*

*Seller, Shaw, Simons, Smith;*

*Taylor, Templeman, Tyson, True;*

*Vear, Viner;*

*Wallis, Welbourn, Willows, Wright.*

*The earliest stone is 1804, and the latest is 1975. This church was rebuilt in 1405 after fire destroyed the previous structure. Sylvia Lover will attempt to determine some of the history between 1405 and 1804.*



**St. John's Church, Yarborough**



**Another View of the Church Tower.**

*The church is of Roman design; it was restored in the 1930's by the widow of Peter Yerburch's uncle.*



*More views of Yarbrough  
(Yarborough)*



### *Passings*

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of these two YNGHA members:

Millard W. Lawrence of Childersburg, AL died September 2007  
Walter Knighten of Tyler, TX died May 2007



*Frances O. Yarbro*

parents Jeff Davis and Ada Caraway Yarbro and many others. Her work is now contained in a bound research book (the 97<sup>th</sup> in our collection).

## *Acknowledgement of Donation of Research Material*

The **YNGHA** would like to acknowledge receipt of a generous donation from member Frances O. Yarbro Murphy of Merritt Island, Florida. She has actively researched her lineage for approximately forty years and has graciously shared her Yarbro material with us. These pages contain documentation and life stories of her great grandparents Joseph D. and Thurza Weaver Yarbro, grandparents William Dock and Eliza Caraway Yarbro,

The Association is extremely appreciative of Frances for making such a wonderful contribution to our library and trusts that other members will not only benefit from the research, but will enjoy reading the great stories of day-to-day life of the Yarbros in Texas and points west.

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### **NOTICE**

In order to better protect our intellectual property, the web site pages will soon be restricted to YNGHA members only. There will be a public home page, but access to all other pages and files will require a user ID and a password. At the first visit to the protected pages, the viewer will be directed to complete an e-mail message which will be used to verify membership. Once membership is verified, a return e-mail will convey the user's ID and password. By this means, access to YNGHA material will be restricted to *bona fide* members. (Of course, this presumes that members will not recklessly share their ID's and passwords with others).

Also, and as a result of an increased allocation of memory space by the ISP, Charles David Yarborough's **Family Magazine** will once again be accessible at the website.



# **Useful Software – AniMap®**

**Leonard Yarbrough**

Recently, I had the opportunity to try this product and found it to perform as described in the following description, which the producer generously granted permission to reproduce. I have been frustrated many times over the changing of county names in various states, and this product provides the capability to view such changes over time.

Just about every researcher deals with this problem or one of finding an old town that has long-since disappeared from the map. Or, you have a known location that is not now in the same county that it was 100 or 200 years ago. AniMap has solutions to these problems. This program will display over 2,300 maps to show the changing county boundaries for each of the 48 adjacent United States for every year since colonial times. The earliest map shows Virginia boundaries in 1617. Other states and territories begin with the earliest boundaries established. AniMap includes all years in which there were boundary changes, not just the census years. Maps may be viewed individually, or the program can set them in motion so you can view the boundary changes in a movie like mode. Maps showing the full U.S. are also included showing all the changes in state and territorial boundaries from 1776 to the present.

Each map includes a listing of the changes from the previous map making it simple to keep track of parent counties. There are four speed adjustments in the "run" mode as well as being able to advance by single frames or select a year and skip directly to it.

## **EASIER VIEWING**

When AniMap was first introduced, the video resolution on most computers was VGA (640x480 pixels). Now that higher resolution is almost universal, we have added two settings which will give you approximately 2x and 4x magnification. When you start AniMap, the program will display the map in the best resolution mode for your system. If you wish to change it, there is a View menu provided that will select whichever one you prefer.

## **MARK THE SPOT**

A unique "place marker" feature allows you to place up to 50 markers of varying designs and colors on a map, then change the year to observe the placement (the maps remain in the same position and scale on the screen). This is very convenient.

For marking the location of towns that were shifted from one county to another. You can now save sets of markers for future reference and a new feature which will let you add labels to your markers.

## **SITEFINDER DATABASES INCLUDED**

SiteFinder contains listings for more than one million places in the United States including more than 120,000 variant names. Each listing gives the name of the place, the

county where it is (or was) located, and includes latitude-longitude coordinates for 95% of them. With a few mouse clicks, you can pluck items from SiteFinder and plot them on the maps in AniMap ... complete with labels.

Included in the listings are: Cities & towns, Locales (includes railroad stations, trading posts, farms & ranches, plantations, ruins, ghost towns ...and more). Other categories which you can search for separately or in combination include courthouses, cemeteries, churches, schools, islands, townships and more.

Much of the information in SiteFinder has been extracted from the US Geological Survey files and records of the US Post Office. More than 50,000 of the locations are places that are no longer in existence or those that have had name changes. While it does not list every place that ever existed, we believe you will find it to be the best source available.

The SiteFinder browsing software will search for names (partial or complete), do wild card searches if you are unsure about the spelling or have unreadable letters in the name. You can also get a complete list of sites in any given county. Another search feature in our browser lets you retrieve a list of locations within a specified number of miles (between 1 and 99) from your chosen location.

#### PLOT TOWNS ON YOUR MAPS

You can pluck items from the SiteFinder databases and plot them with just a few clicks of your mouse. The location will appear on your map along with a label them directly on the map with giving the name and it will remain in place when you switch the map to different years.

#### MILEAGE MEASUREMENT

AniMap will quickly and easily measure the distance in miles between any two points you plot on your maps. To find the distance between points in different states, a map of the full United States is provided.

#### LATITUDE/LONGITUDE AND MILEAGE

A display on the AniMap screen shows you that latitude and longitude coordinates of the cursor. Another feature will let you measure the mileage between any two points on the map. For those working with navigation data, you can also determine the bearing in degrees from one point to another.

#### PRINT OR EXPORT

All maps can be printed directly from the program, in black-and-white or color, or you may export them to a Bitmap (.bmp) file to use in word processing or desktop publishing programs. You can also use a paintbrush program to enhance the maps with additional text, colors, etc.

## OVERLAYS

There are latitude-longitude overlays built into the program as well as the ability to overlay the map for one year on any other. New in version 2.5 are overlays for railroads, waterways, and township/range grids for the public land states.

## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

PC with Windows 98 or higher. VGA or higher resolution display. Uses less than 1mb hard disk space if data files are accessed from the CD. An installation option allows you to put maps and database files on your hard drive for convenience and faster access. That configuration requires about 300mb of hard drive space.

AniMap is available from The Gold Bug, P.O.Box 588, Alamo, CA 94507, for \$79.00. Other products are also available.

Alternatively, one can go to their site at <http://www.goldbug.com/store/page0.html>.

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### *Another Accomplished Yarborough: Trin Yarborough*

*Trin Yarborough has been communications director and editor for the Institute for Policy Studies and communications director for Oxfam America, and most recently worked on the news desk of The Daily Journal, which serves the California legal community. She lives in Los Angeles, California.*

*She is author of Surviving Twice, Amerasian Children of the Vietnam War, an inspiring and sometimes tragic personal stories of five Amerasian children left behind after the Vietnam War.*





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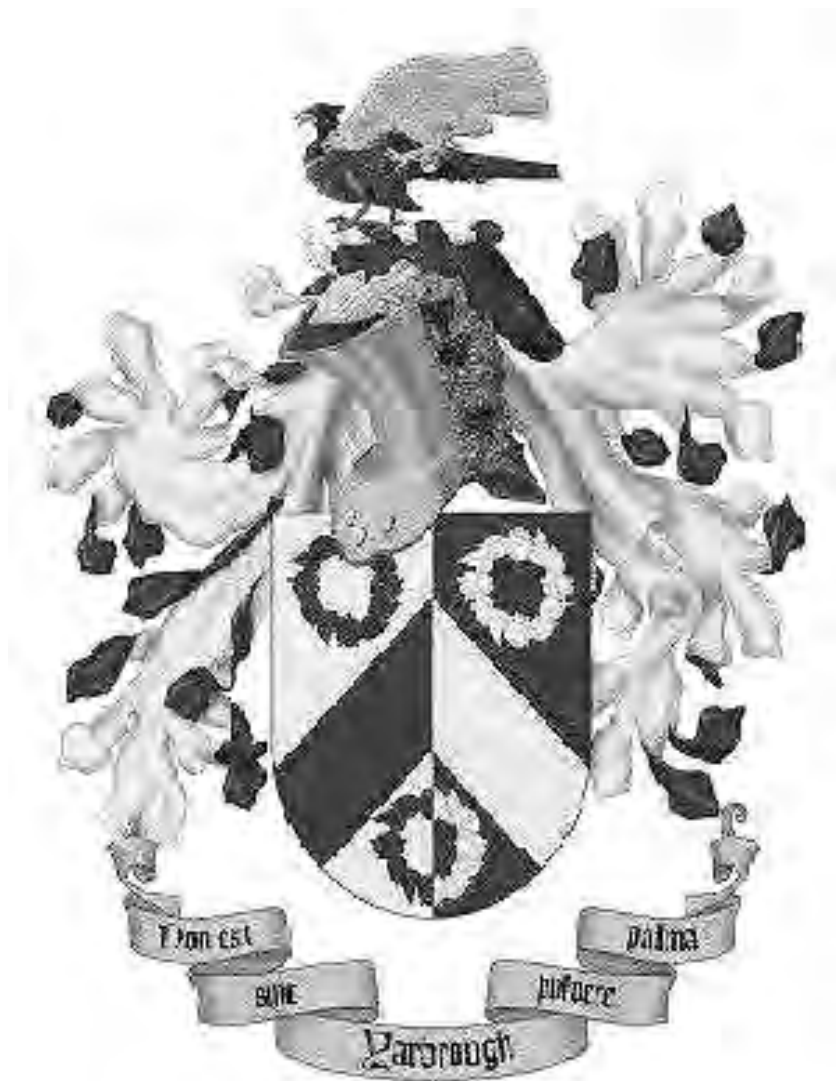
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<sup>1</sup> Number in parentheses is the year in which the director's term expires.



## The President's Corner... It's hard to

believe conference time is almost here. Our editor Leonard Yarbrough has once again stepped up to the plate and is hosting this year's event along with his daughter Kathleen Ferguson, Ruth Shipp Yarbrough and her daughter Janet. They have been working hard to make our conference a very special one. I have just made my reservation at the Embassy Suites Hotel and sent the registration form (found in this issue) and my check to Cathy Walker, our treasurer. **This year's YNGHA Conference is scheduled for Thursday, October 9<sup>h</sup> through Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in Cary, North Carolina. Cary is a suburb of Raleigh and the hotel is near the airport.** There will be plenty of time for sight seeing (go to <http://www.townofcary.org/tupage/recreation.htm> to learn what is available), researching ancestors, and visiting with our Yarbrough cousins. The conference banquet and annual Family Meeting will be held Saturday evening, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel. The Board of Directors meeting will be held the same day at 10:00 am... location to be announced. Since there's so much rich Yarbrough history in this part of the country we're anticipating a big turnout: so make your reservations early and spread the word to your "Y" cousins.

On a sad note...YNGHA Board of Director member Rea Donohue passed away Friday June 13. Our conference last year in San Antonio was the third hosted by Rea and her family. She and her late sister Ophelia researched Yarbrough genealogy and compiled the information in books that we use at our conferences. Rea was a great supporter of YNGHA...always volunteering for any job that needed filling. As William Yarbrough from Denver put it so sweetly "She will now have the answers to all the genealogical questions she ever had, but will rejoice most being in the presence of God." Rea Donohue...you'll be missed.

Looking forward to seeing all my cousins in October. Until then have a safe and wonderful summer.

Affectionately,



Tee



Please note -- the venue for the 2008 Family Conference has been changed to the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC. For a variety of reasons, things did not work out with the original location, and we have ended up with a more competitive arrangement. Embassy Suites have been very accommodating to our needs.

October doesn't seem as far away as it once did! I must confess to having butterflies, with the cost of gasoline out of sight (not to mention all other costs, as well). Still, a good turn-out is anticipated for this year's conference. There are many details still to be finalized - seems to me that when we last hosted the conference in Huntsville some of the details never got finalized, and it was a right good meeting in spite of that!

This has been a bittersweet year - one of my closest cousins died, followed by a second two months later. Next, the YNGHA lost a stalwart with Rea Donohue's passing. Tim Russert is gone, as is Tony Snow, and life limps on. Needless to say, life here in the country has been disrupted and has been a bit out of kilter for a few weeks. Things have settled down, we've had a bumper crop of tomatoes and Japanese beetles, and the young hawk has been booted from the safety of his nest.

-- Leonard

# Some Oregon Family History

Sarah Jane Yarbrough Haydon

Milton Haydon served five years as city marshall at Freewater, Oregon. "When I was at Freewater" said Haydon, "a man broke into a store there. I captured him and took him to Pendelton, to be held. I was then deputy sheriff under Til Talor as well as city marshall of Freewater. This man and another while attempting to escape killed Til Taylor. I also served as deputy sheriff at Walla Walla four years, was on the police force there for some years, and I worked as guard at the penitentiary there a few years. I was born on March 6, 1880 four miles south of Palouse City Wa. My father's homestead was just over the state line in Latha county Idaho, which was then Shoshone county.

"My father David Haydon, was born in North Carolina in 1823 and crossed the plains to Oregon in the '40's. He took up a place near Forest Grove. He served in the Indian war. My mother whose maiden name was Sarah Jane Yarbrough, was born in Forest Grove March 4, 1849. She died in Portland on November 27, 1933. Her folks (James Monroe Yarbrough and Mary Elizabeth Smith) came here from North Carolina in 1844. Father and Mother were married at Albany Oregon, July 30, 1862. They had 15 children seven of us are still living-six sons; and one daughter.

After the death of my first wife, I married Lizzie Taylor. I have two children by my former marriage - both boys, 23 and 21 years old. For the past six or seven years I have been working as a longshoreman.

John B. Yarbrough's Family arrived in Oregon Territory in the fall of 1845, settled 1847 on DLC 2.5 miles N.E. of Shedd, Linn Co. Oregon.

## ***From "Halsey" by M. Carey & P. Hainline:***

"Yarborough Cemetery has all but disappeared. No headstones can be seen; only rectangular sunken areas show where the few graves are, and myrtle, or periwinkle, vines abound. The site is beautiful, on a high bank overlooking Muddy Creek, at the back of the Fred and Mary McNeil Dannen farm.

"The cemetery is on the John B. Yarb(o)rough Donation Land Claim, one and one-half miles north of Halsey. Yarb(o)rough came to Oregon in 1848, sold his claim in 1864 to Barnett Ramsay, who established his pottery about a half-mile north of the cemetery.

"Only six graves are believed to occupy the cemetery. Alice Tabor, two members of the Ebenezer Hayes family, and three members of the George Hill family were buried here."

The Yarborough Cemetery is situated in Section 26, Township 13 South of Range 4 West in Linn county. It is on a portion of the John B. Yarborough Donation Land Claim and lies on the banks of Muddy Creek about one-fourth mile west of the public road which bounds the east side of the above claim, and perhaps five rods north of the south line of the claim....

...[N]o signs of this cemetery now remain except some very indistinct sunken spots in the wheat field, indicating the old sunken graves. The entire tract has been cleared and cultivated and is now, (139) in newly harvested wheat. Besides the faint sunken spots in the wheat field there is no evidence that burials were ever made here except the scattering growth of "myrtle vines", (Vinca major). This common little evergreen plant, also sometimes called periwinkle, is an almost certain indication of an old house or cemetery site as it was very popular with pioneer gardeners. (The vines here will be found on the west, or pasture side of the fence where the ground has not been plowed.)

This old and deserted cemetery does not even have a well recognized neighborhood name. The title

"Yarborough Cemetery" has been given it simply because that was the name of the original land claimant here.

The history of the cemetery is very obscure and nothing could be learned of the man Yarborough except that he came to Oregon at an early date - some say 1848 - and that he also sold out his claim and left this region in the early 1860's. The man to whom he sold his claim was Barnet Ramsay, Oregon's first pioneer potter. Ramsay bought the land on March 22, 1864 and established his pottery about one half mile north of the cemetery. The deed is signed by "John B. Yarborough and by Mary Yarborough (X her mark)". The consideration (for 350 acres) was \$1500.

Almost all information concerning this cemetery has been supplied by Amos Ramsay, grandson of the above Barnet Ramsay, and by William Wells, the present [1939] owner of the north half of the claim. The south portion of the claim where the cemetery was located is owned by Frank Kamph and it was he who cleared and plowed the old cemetery. According to Mr. Kamph there were a few monuments remaining when he took possession of the land but these were broken and are now totally lost.

(Both Amos Ramsay and William Wells, informants on the history of this tract, are nearing or have reached the age of 80 years. Both are of Oregon Pioneer stock and well informed in neighborhood history. L. Haskin, Field worker.)

When the Ramsay family moved on to the Yarborough claim which they had purchased Amos was just six weeks old. Amos Ramsay is a son of Jacob Ramsay. Jacob Ramsay purchased this place from his father, Barnett Ramsay, on October 17, 1868.



## C o n f e r e n c e C h a n g e s !

*Please note the following changes.*

**The venue of the 2008 Conference has been changed to the Embassy Suites, 201 Harrison Oaks Blvd., Cary, NC. It is located near exit 287, I-40, and is situated near the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.**

**The room rates are \$109.00/night, plus 13.75% tax, and the cost for the banquet has increased to \$38.00/person. These increases reflect the increased costs of doing business and were beyond our control. The conference committee apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused. Leonard**

**2008 YNGHA Conference**

**Registration Form**

**October 9-11, 2008**

**Embassy Suites Hotel**

**201 Harrison Oaks Blvd.**

**Cary NC 27513**

**Phone (919) 677-1840 For Reservations**

**Room Rates \$109.00 Plus 13.75% Tax - Free Parking and**

**Complimentary Prepared Continental Breakfast**

**Contact the Embassy Suites Hotel Directly To Book Rooms**

**Room Reservations MUST Be Made By September 16, 2008**

**Please complete this registration form and mail with check made payable to YNGHA, to Cathy H. Walker, 137 Spring Water Drive, Madison, AL 35758-2805, Phone: 256-461-4123, e-mail ClayFW@aol.com.**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list names of all persons attending, so that name tags can be printed)  
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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee is \$20.00 Per Person or \$35.00 Per Family \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Deadline for banquet registration is October 01, 2008**

**Banquet Fee Is \$38.00 Per Person Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Make Checks Payable To YNGHA Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Embassy Suites Hotel is located near the I-40 Exit 287.**

**For further information, contact:**

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## *The Conference Schedule (Tentative)*

### **Thursday, October 9**

- Afternoon: Arrival & Check-in (**after 3:00 pm**)
- Dinner (on your own)

### **Friday, October 10:**

- Until 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast (on your own)
- 9:00 – 12:00: Research room
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. – YNGHA Board Meeting
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 – 3:30 -- Garden Tour
- 3:30 – 6:00 – Visiting and Opining

### **Saturday, October 11:**

- Until 9:00 a. m. – Breakfast (on your own)
- 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Research Tips: TBA
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – YGNHA Board Meeting
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (on your own )
- 1:00 – 4:30 p. m. – Research Room
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Social hour
- 6:30 – 7:45 p. m. – Dinner
- 7:45 – 8:30 p.m. – Members Business Meeting
- 8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. – Speaker and/or Entertainment

### **Sunday, October 12:**

- 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Breakfast & Farewells
- 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Checkout & Departure (**before 12 pm**)

## P l e a s e T a k e N o t i c e !

**Effective September 1, 2008, a password will be required for accessing the Yarbrough family website and the archived journals and related material. A temporary password, [Y@rbfam08](mailto:Y@rbfam08), will be used initially. At the time membership is renewed, an annual password will be assigned. Should the password be forgotten, simply e-mail [webmaster@yarbro.org](mailto:webmaster@yarbro.org), subject: PASSWORD.**

## Remembrances

*Rea Donohue*

Longtime YNGHA member Rea Donohue died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Breckenridge, TX, on June 14, 2008.

A perpetual twinkle in her eye, a heart as big as all of Texas, a woman of plain speech, and no sense of pretense. What you saw was what you got. We were privileged to have known her and to have been a part of her life, and we all are the better for it. Rest you well, Rea.



Beth Yarbrough Moorhead passed away June 19, 2008 in Plano, TX. She was 89. Born December 26, 1918 in Ogden, Utah to Zora Bailey and Joseph Corry Yarbrough. Beth married Charles Moorhead on May 11, 1940 and had three children: Sandi Staggs of Plano, TX, Michael Moorhead of Mission Viejo, CA, and the late Pamela Sincaugh of Burbank, CA. She left a loving legacy to her 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren for whom she sewed and knitted clothes. Beth was a supporter of YNGHA and attended conferences with her brother Tony Yarbrough and sister Maurine Winward.



We also mourn the loss of **Walter Knighten** of Tyler, TX, who died March 6, 2007, and **Millard W. Lawrence** of Childersburg, AL, who died Sept. 21, 2007. Rest in peace.



# *The Earliest Painting of a Yarborough*

*Peter Yerburgh*



**FRANCIS YARBOROUGH 1534 - 1595**

## ***The picture***

This imposing picture is a contemporary painting of Francis Yarborough, Esq., of Northorpe Hall, Lincolnshire. He was born about 1534 and died in 1595.

On the back of the picture there is written:

Francis Yarborough Esq. of Nothcop<sup>2</sup>, sejeant at law  
his second wife was Francis, daughter of ..... Wrey<sup>3</sup>

The portrait (18.25 inches by 12.75 inches) is an oil colour painting on a wood panel. It shows him with a nice pink complexion. He is dressed as a lawyer, with a black robe and black skullcap. He has a beautiful white 'mill wheel' ruff. His hair is medium brown and shows no sign of grey. He looks in his forties, which could have meant that the picture was painted about 1575.

On the back of the panel it is also stated that the artist was 'of the circle of Robert Peake'. The latter was a famous Elizabethan artist (1551 - 1619) but the date of painting fits better for it having been painted by Peake's tutor because Peake would only have been 24 in 1575.

## ***Francis Yarborough's father***

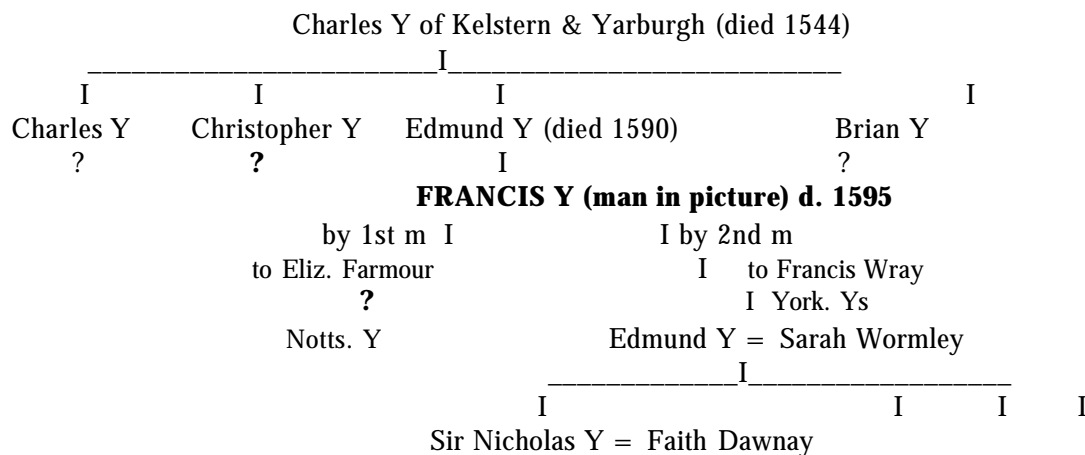
Francis Yarborough's father was Edmund Y Esq. of Lincoln who died in 1590. In YFQ Vol.13, No.3, I depicted the brass plate showing Edmund and his wife Margaret. In the article I wondered if that brass was the earliest portrait of a Y. But brasses were probably not true likenesses so this oil painting of his son (pictured above) *is probably the earliest true likeness* of a Y.

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<sup>2</sup> The modern spelling is Northorpe. This village is twenty miles north of Lincoln.

<sup>3</sup> She was the daughter of Leonard Wrey of Cosworth. The latter's brother was Lord Chief Justice.

## Genealogy



### **From Lawyer to Barrister**

Before being called to the bar (hence the word barrister) a prospective lawyer would have studied law at either Oxford or Cambridge University. There he would become competent in Latin and French. He would have studied Roman, Ecclesiastical and Civil Law. His degree would be LLB (Legum Baccalaureus).

Following graduation, Francis would have joined one of the Inns of Court. These are ancient legal establishments in Chancery Lane, London. There were many Inns in the past but the four main ones were: Lincoln's Inn, Inner and Middle Temple and Gray's Inn.

You can see how grand Gray's Inn is at: [http://www.graysinn.org.uk/tour/tour\\_frameset.htm](http://www.graysinn.org.uk/tour/tour_frameset.htm)

Each Inn specialised in different areas of law. If approved by the Inn of his choice, Francis LLB would have attended twelve lectures and twelve dinners. These were not just social events but a time for debate and rhetoric. At these Francis would have made valuable contacts. Having attended the mandatory number of lectures and dinners, the Inn had the power to 'call him to the Bar' (the dividing line) between lawyers and those who had duly qualified for the rank of Barrister-at-Law. He was probably called to the bar around 1560.

### **From Barrister to Serjeant at Law**

A Serjeant at Law was a senior Barrister at Law. Elevation to Serjeant entailed leaving Gray's Inn and becoming a member of Serjeants' Inn. Judges were only drawn from such members.

Francis Cowper, the historian of Gray's Inn, describes the proceedings thus: "When a member of Gray's Inn became a Serjeant he gave a breakfast to his fellows in Hall. The great bell tolled for his departure from 8.30 to 9.0 in the morning when he would drive in wearing his new purple robes and full-bottomed wig. He himself breakfasted in the Pension Room with the Benchers while the barristers and students sat down to the meal in Hall. The Ancients of Staple Inn and of Barnard's Inn who had already arrived in procession, attended by their Head Porters and other officers, had their own table. After an ample repast the cloths were removed and bowls of spiced wine were brought in".

### **Northorpe Hall**

Northorpe is about thirty miles west of Kelstern. Francis Yarborough lived in the manor house there. Today this house is now a ruin but, in its park, nearby is the modern Hall.

When Francis died in 1595 an inventory of his possessions was made:  
The Inventory said that the silver weighed 310 ounces and that his books were worth £3.  
He possessed 45 score (900) sheep.

The total value, without land and house, was £1868, 18s 4d. = Half a million dollars today.

The House seems to have had eleven rooms: The best Chamber, The Inner Chamber, The Yellow Chamber over The Pantrie, The Chamber over the kitchen hall, A dining Parlour, A little Parlour, Inner Chamber, Buttery, Milk House and Kitchen.



*The dress of a 16th century Serjeant at Law*

### **Family history**

Francis Yarborough's first marriage was to Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Farmour Esq., and by her had issue:

Robert who married a daughter of Sir Gervase Elwes and had by her:

Mary who married Savile Esq. but they had no children.

After Elizabeth's death, Francis Yarborough married secondly, Frances, daughter of Leonard Wray of Cusworth, younger brother of Sir Christopher Wray (Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench). By Frances, Francis Yarborough had a son, Edmund Y, and a daughter Elizabeth who married Martin Glydon.

### **His Will 1591**

There are bequests to the family.

To his son (by 1st marriage) Robert, he gave:

Half the plate (i.e. silver).

A dozen Apostles spoons.

The child-bed stuff that was his mother's.

All the goods at Lincoln house given by his maternal grandfather.

£400 when he was twenty one.

To his son (by 2nd marriage) Edmund, he gave:

A pair of borders.

The best bed at Northorpe, with the silk coverings etc.

Half the plate.

£400 when he was twenty-one.

### ***His tomb***

He desired that a 'brass' to his memory be set in the floor of Northorpe church. It is still there. Francis is depicted in a fur trimmed gown. His two wives are with him, though the portrait of one is broken, and those of his children are gone."<sup>4</sup>

The brass cost £2, 6s. 8d. then. Today it would probably cost \$4000 to be made!

### ***His legacy***

Judging from his portrait, Francis Yarborough was both intelligent and sensible. He looks a little sad - perhaps because his first wife had died. He also has the long nose, which many Ys have today. He kept the name Yarborough shining brightly in the 16th century courts - just as Sir John Yardeburch had done two hundred years earlier.



## **Did You Know? The Walton War<sup>5</sup>**

Confusion over ownership of and responsibility for a strip of land in the upper French Broad River valley of what is now Transylvania County, North Carolina, led to a war of sorts in 1304 between Georgia and North Carolina: the so-called "Walton War." The "Orphan Strip" was established by Georgia as Walton Counts' in 1303. Officials were appointed to run the county, elections were held, and John Nicholson and John Aken served as Representatives of Walton County in the Georgia Legislature at Milledgeville.

The Walton County area had also been claimed previously at various times by South Carolina and North Carolina. Some settlers in the area had been issued land grants from South Carolina, others from North Carolina. Holders of grants from South Carolina favored the recently formed Georgia government while holders of North Carolina grants wished to be annexed to that state. In December 1804, Walton County officials and their supporters attempted to consolidate their control of the area. Their efforts led to the death of John Havner, a constable who supported North Carolina's claim to the area.

A North Carolina militia unit was sent to the upper French Broad River with orders to remove Georgia's Walton County government and arrest the persons responsible for Havner's death. A North Carolina militia unit was sent in, and they arrested ten Walton County officials on charges of conspiring in the plot that resulted in Havner's death. An uneasy truce then ensued while the two states tried to work out their differences. The result in an 1307 scientific survey undertaken by a joint commission from Georgia and North Carolina determined that Walton County was in fact part of North Carolina. North Carolina recognized the land claims of persons who had been granted land

<sup>4</sup> This information is from 1949 edition King's England. *Lincolnshire* p.283f.

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by South Carolina and granted amnesty to all persons in the Walton County rebellion except those who were directly implicated in Constable Havner's death.

## **Featured Artist -- Ira Yarbrough (1911 - 1983)**

Ira Yarbrough grew up in Chicago and has been a fine artist and graphic designer all of his life. His father, being his main artistic influence, was a commercial artist, cartoonist, and designer and his claim to fame was being a ghost artist for Superman comics in the 40's for the original creators. He joined Joe Shuster's 'Superman' team in early 1943. There, he worked on Shuster's pages as well as his own. Unlike the other artists in the studio, Yarbrough's style was very comical. He was the first to draw the character of Mr. Mxyzptlk in the comic. Ira's first serious work was created at age 16. From that day on, art played the dominating influence in a career that has spanned graphic design, fine art, teaching, advertising, animation, illustration, photography, stained glass, and silk-screen printing. In 1966, Ira cut his graphic design and advertising career short to free-lance while he studied the fine arts. By 1972 he had accumulated a BS in Education, an MA, and an MFA with concentrations in drawing and painting. Ira started teaching at the college level in 1973 at Algonquin College in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. He taught drawing and illustration until appointed to head the department he worked for and became Supervisor of the Visual and Creative Arts Department in 1979. With his college administrative and teaching duties behind him, Ira returned to the United States and started his own graphic design and fine art business turning his attention to the full time production of art.

**Artist Style:** Ira's work has been dubbed as Magic Realism and appropriately so. Ira attempts to idealize and romanticize by painting scenes where light originally and naturally creates this ambiance. He deliberately removes manmade items when they are excessive, such as automobiles, telephone poles and lines, and signs. He usually does not include people in his paintings.

**Artist Medium:** Having been an illustrator most of his life and a teacher for a good part of that time, Ira feels equally at home in all mediums and has produced paintings as such demand is created.

**Artist Collections:** As an illustrator, graphic designer, and fine artist, Ira has produced and sold work to the corporate world, privately and through exhibitions and art gallery representation. His illustrations and fine art is collected internationally. Those corporate collections who own Ira's art, to name a few, are Volvo, Freightliner, Merrill Lynch, Western Star Trucks, Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, Motorola, Bank of Montreal, Eastern Illinois University, Baxter Pharmaceuticals, Northwestern University, CNA Insurance and International Trucking and Engine Corporation.



## **Featured Actor - Barton Yarborough (1900 - 1951)**

Born in Goldthwaite Texas, Barton Yarborough ran away from home as a youth to join vaudeville. In the 1920s he got involved in radio, and in 1932 began a long run as Cliff Barbour on the hugely famous drama "One Man's Family," which he appeared in until his death. Other outstanding radio roles came along the way, such as, in 1938, Doc Long in the "I Love a Mystery" series and Sgt. Ben Romero in the famous "Dragnet" series in 1949. Both of these also had video

versions, and Yarborough appeared in three "I Love a Mystery" movies from 1945 to 1946, and the "Dragnet" television series in 1951. Though Yarborough appeared in several movies, his radio work contains his most memorable roles. Some of his roles include:

**Deadline** - U.S.A. (1952) (uncredited) .... Male Secretary

**Dragnet** .... Sergeant Ben Romero /... (4 episodes, 1951-1952)

- The Big Mother (1952) TV episode (credit only) (as Bart Yarborough) ....  
Sgt. Ben Romero
- The Big Death (1952) TV episode (credit only) (as Bart Yarborough) ....  
Sergeant Ben Romero
- The Big Actor (1952) TV episode (as Bart Yarborough) ....  
Sgt. Ben Romero
- The Human Bomb (1951) TV episode (as Bart Yarborough) ....  
Sgt. Ben Romero

**Henry, the Rainmaker** (1949) .... The Reverend Bascom

**The Babe Ruth Story** (1948) (uncredited) .... Father/Doctor

**Kilroy Was Here** (1947) .... Prof. Thomas Shepherd

**Wife Wanted** (1946) .... Walter Desmond

**The Unknown** (1946) .... Doc Long

**The Devil's Mask** (1946) .... Doc Long

**Hiss and Yell** (1946) .... Bluebeard the Great

**Idea Girl** (1946) (as Barton Yarbrough) .... Pete Barlow

**The Red Dragon** (1945) .... Joseph Brandish

**Captain Tugboat Annie** (1945) .... Missouri Jones

**The Jury Goes Round 'n' Round** (1945)

**I Love a Mystery** (1945) .... Doc Long

**Saboteur** (1942) (uncredited) .... First FBI man at Mason's house

**The Ghost of Frankenstein** (1942) .... Dr. Kettering

**Let's Go Collegiate** (1941) .... Coach Walsh

**They Meet Again** (1941) .... Bob Webster

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## Ethnic Spotlight -- Researching North Carolina Slave Ancestors<sup>6</sup>

Researching ancestors who were slaves at some point differs in some ways from researching free ancestors. A good starting place is usually the 1870 federal population census schedules, the first on which former slaves are listed by name. You should carefully study the schedules for the county in which your slave ancestors lived, looking specifically for other individuals of that surname who may be family members and/or former owners. Even if you know for a fact that an ancestor was born in slavery you should still carefully study all post-slavery census schedules of your ancestor's county (1870-1930).

You can also learn important facts from antebellum census schedules. Slaves were enumerated on these census records (1790—1860), but not by name. The 1850 and 1860 separate slave schedules

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list (under the name of the owner) each slave by sex, age, and color, but not by name. You should check these census schedules with an eye toward family members identified on the 1870 census schedule. Does the 1860 slave schedule include individuals of the right age range and sex in the household where you suspect they lived? Earlier census schedules include different information: 1790, 1800, and 1810 census schedules indicate only the total number of slaves, and 1820, 1830, and 1840 schedules list slaves by sex and age range.

You should also be amassing as much census data about possible slave owners of family members, for it is in the records kept under the names of slave owners that you will find most information about slaves prior to 1865. Learn as much as you possibly can about the suspected owner and his family, including his wife and her relatives, his children and their spouses since slave owners could acquire slaves through purchase, inheritance, marriage, or natural increase (children born to slaves owned by the family).

You will also need to look carefully at various county records. Births, deaths, and marriages should be searched for all known and suspected family members, and all known and suspected owners. Because slaves were considered property, you will most likely need to look at county records like deeds, estates, and tax lists. You may also find information and/or clues about slave ownership and transactions involving slaves in land records and personal property records. The miscellaneous records of some North Carolina counties include various slave records. *Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives: County Records* (11th rev. ed. Division of Archives and History, 1997) lists for each county those records, original and microfilmed, which are available for research in the Archives Search Room. *Preliminary Guide to Records Relating to Blacks in the North Carolina State Archives* (Archives Information Circular No. 17) by Thornton W. Mitchell is available from the North Carolina State Archives, 4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4614.

Cemetery records, church records, Freedmen's Bureau records, and WPA slave narratives may also prove very useful to your research. Private records kept by the slave owner/owners may be difficult to locate but can prove very helpful to the person researching North Carolina slave ancestors. Family Bibles sometimes record birth and death dates of family members and household slaves, and business ledgers, contracts, leases, and other records can relate to the health of and work done by a slave. *Guide to Private Manuscript Collections in the North Carolina State Archives*, edited by Barbara T. Cain, Ellen Z. McGrew, and Charles E. Morris (3rd ed. Raleigh: North Carolina Division of Archives and History, 1994) is a guide to collections of private papers in the North Carolina State Archives. The Southern Historical Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill and the Perkins Library at Duke University also have outstanding manuscript collections. Records of white churches, usually held in their respective church repositories, can also be gold mines for the person researching slave ancestors, as slaves were in some cases members of a local white church or were permitted by the congregation to worship at the owner's church.



## ***Erratum***

In last month's issue, I mistakenly located the village of Yarborough near Doncaster, some 70 miles away from the location of Yarbrough. Please take note, and my thanks as always to the sharp eyes of cousin Peter Yerburch, who keeps me honest ever so gently. – The Editor

# Southern Journeys, Descendents of Joshua Yarborough



While this book by C. C. "Cy" Yarborough is still in production stages, it is complete for all intents and purposes, with a few advance copies printed (and assigned to the author's immediate family). Cy has completed a massive undertaking, and his efforts deserve the thanks and support of the YNGHA, especially those of us descended from Joshua Yo.

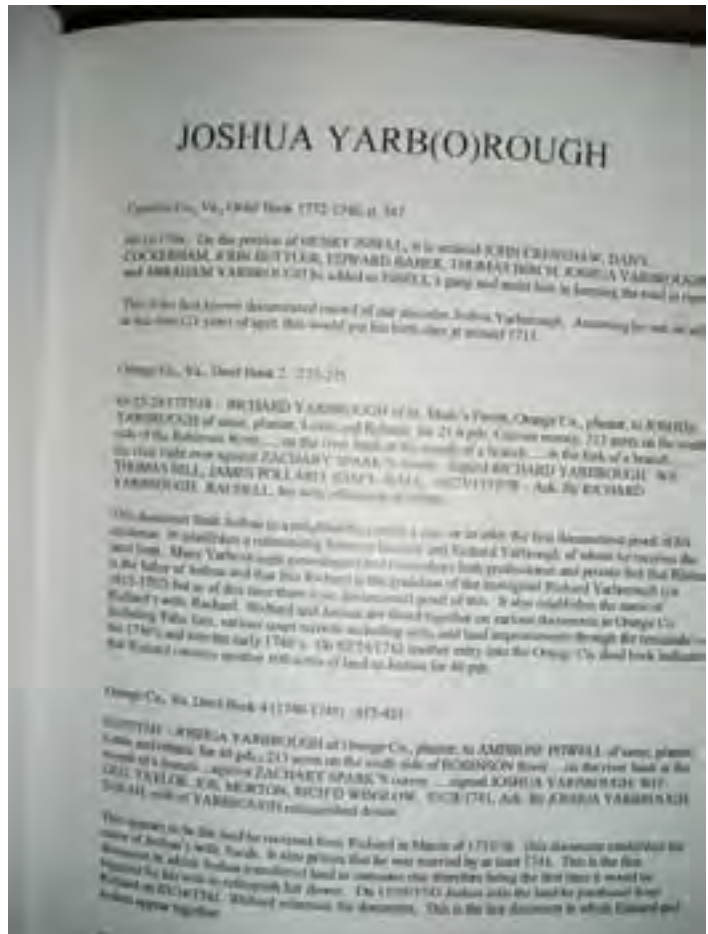
The book contains 752 pages of text, 107 pages of a name index, 21 pages of photos, various pages for a preface, forward, dedication, acknowledgements, disclaimer, etc., for a total of 892 printed pages. It has approx. 11,000 names in it. The book basically covers Joshua

Yarborough Sr. and the descendents of his three proven sons, Joshua Jr., Micajah and James. The title reflects the Yo. families long journey over many generations through the South, beginning in Virginia, then into North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and beyond.

While Cy claims that this is not a a professional undertaking, it is nonetheless the end product of several decades of dedicated research. True, there are mistakes in grammar and organization, but these are not fatal flaws. Cy hopes to correct some of these errors in ensuing printings.

The book was written with the intent to share with only family members both immediate and extended, not for sale or profit or wide distribution. Cy will sell a copy of it to YNGHA members for his cost under the condition that they understand that it is flawed and far from being perfect. The selling price has not yet been set, as there are still printing quantities and related details to be completed, however, it is expected to be priced in the \$50.00 - \$65.00 range, per copy, plus a modest fee for shipping and handling. Availability, price and shipping information will be posted on the family website ([www.yarbro.org](http://www.yarbro.org)) when known.

If anyone wants a copy, Cy requires four to six orders before having more printed up due to the binding company's \$50.00 minimum. Cy's contact information is C. C. "Cy" Yarborough, 2262 Valleydale Rd., Salem, VA, 24153, telephone 540-389-3481, and e-mail address is [cydotyarb@aol.com](mailto:cydotyarb@aol.com).

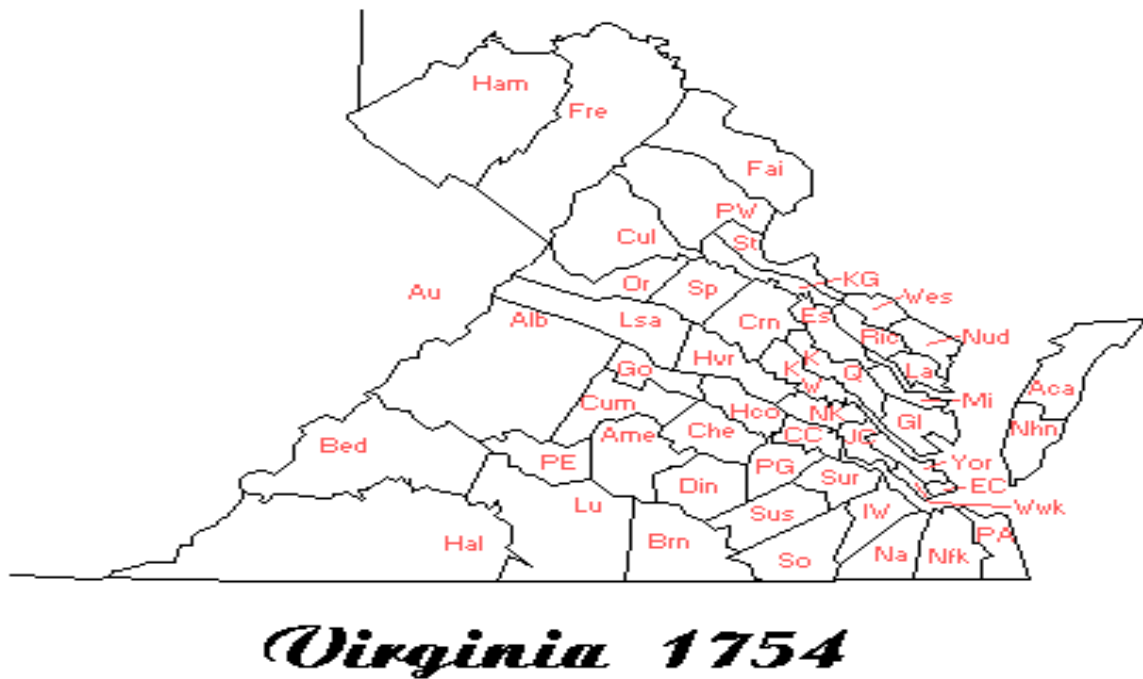
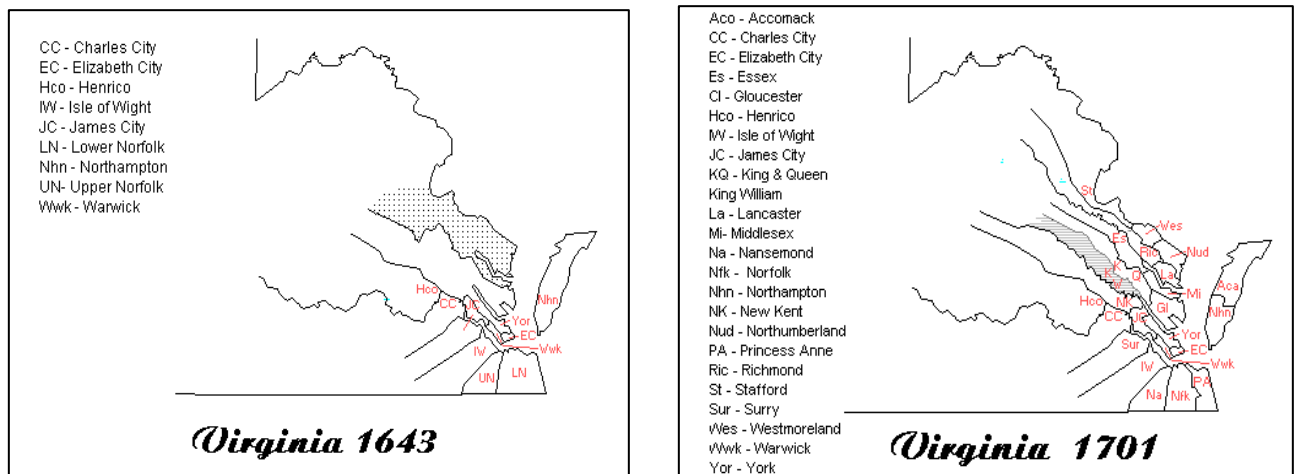




# The Commonwealth of Virginia: How the Map Changed Since Colonial Times

Leonard Yarbrough

If anyone has ever really wondered why searching for family roots in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries is so frustrating, consider the impact of changes to county and state boundaries during this period. For example, the following figures shows Virginia (and West Virginia, which was a part of the commonwealth initially). In the April 2008 issue<sup>7</sup>, I reviewed the software package **AniMap**<sup>®</sup> which will depict the states and counties at various times in the past and up until 1995 (as of this time). This package was used to create the following set of maps of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The figure below left is Virginia as it appeared shortly after Richard the Immigrant's arrival. At that

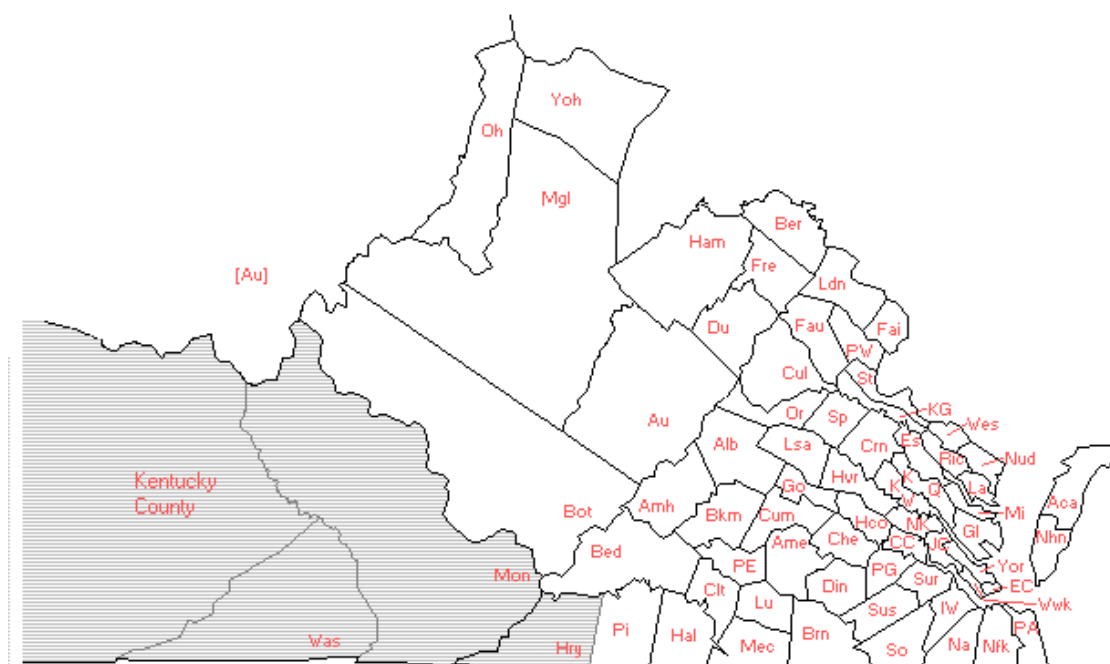


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time, there were three incorporated cities and six counties. Fifty years later, Virginia had added 16 counties and had merged Upper and Lower Norfolk counties into Norfolk County, for a net gain of fifteen counties. Another fifty years provides an even more complex pattern of political subdivisions (counties) in the commonwealth, as shown by the above right figure. By this time (1754), 48 more counties had appeared, some carved out of existing counties and others created from the previously unsettled western lands that comprised the commonwealth.

For brevity's sake, a listing of county names is omitted. It is apparent that the political makeup of the commonwealth has altered considerably. It also means that in some cases, records were relocated, not always with diligence.

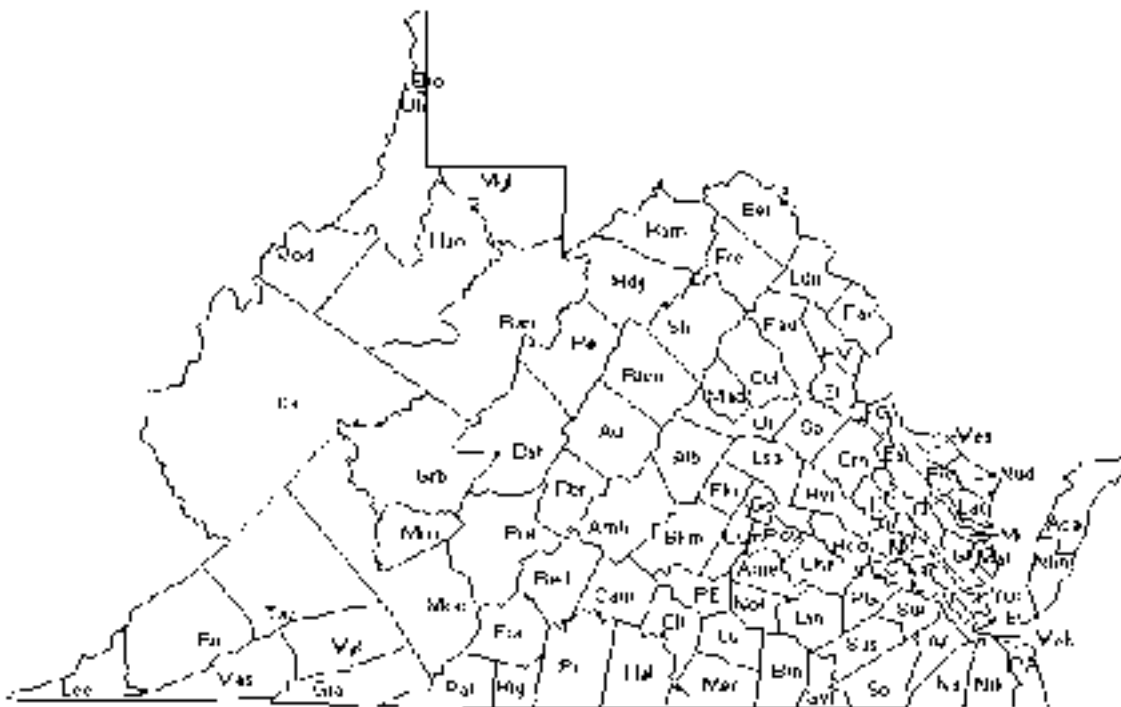
Twenty-two years later, the landscape had changed drastically. The Kentucky frontier had been opened by Boone and his contemporaries, and the commonwealth was larger than many world principalities, as shown in the figure below.



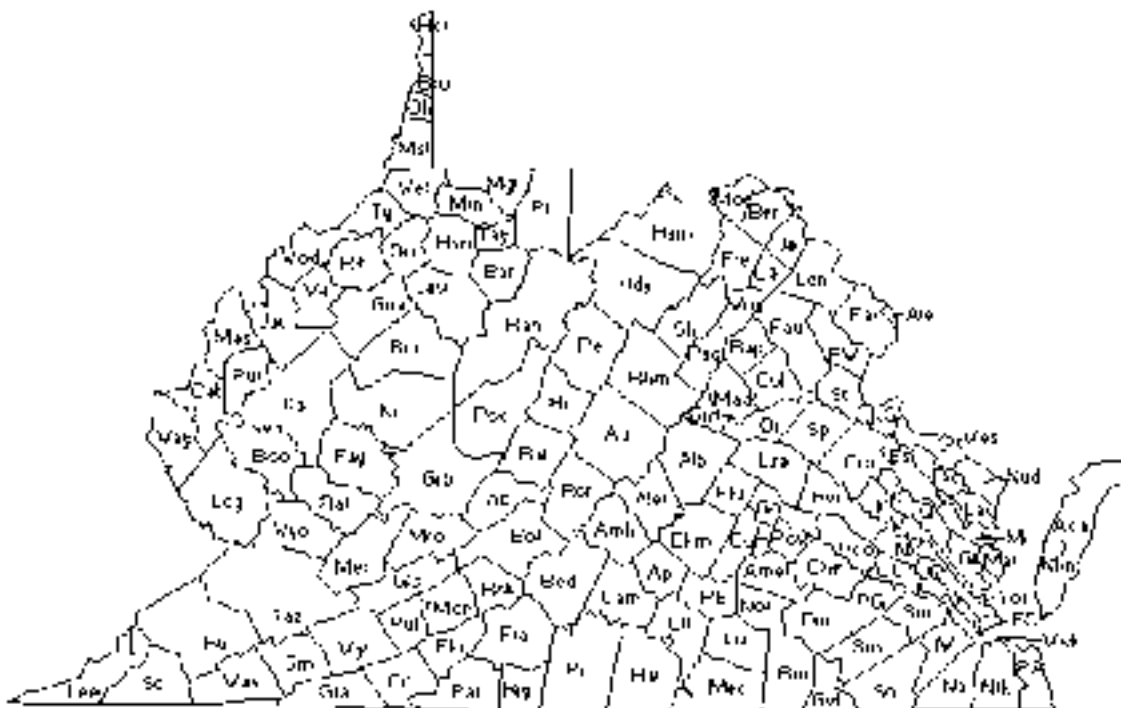
*Virginia 1776*

By the onset of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the political boundary of the commonwealth had become as shown in the next figure and includes both Virginia and that portion which was to later become West Virginia. Notice the increased number of counties by the middle of the century. Again, the newer counties were carved from existing counties, and again records would have been divided and relocated. Then, in 1863, 50 counties separated from the Commonwealth, remaining loyal to the Union and becoming the state of West Virginia. This changed the map of Virginia and it appears similar to its appearance today, although mergers and alterations continued into the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Beginning in 1887, various court decisions and legislative acts allowed Virginia cities to become entities independent of the county or counties in which they resided. This situation was formally ratified by the Commonwealth's constitution of 1902. Thus, both city and county records must be considered by the family genealogist when working in Virginia. West Virginia did not follow suit.



*Virginia / West Virginia 1800*



*Virginia / West Virginia 1850*



*Virginia / West Virginia 1863*

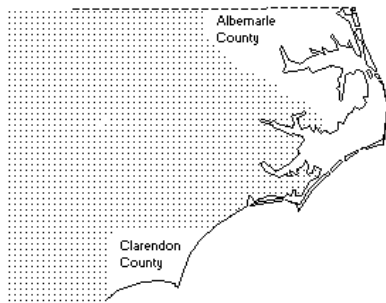


*Virginia / West Virginia 1900*

These maps are just a snapshot of the many changes and re-arrangements of county and commonwealth lines for Virginia since its founding as a colony. However, for the family researcher, these changes certainly compound an already challenging task to locating essential family data!

## North Carolina: How the Map Changed Since Colonial Times

By way of comparison, snapshots of North Carolina are provided at nominal 50 year increments. The state began in 1664 with the formation of Albemarle and Clarendon counties, as shown on the first map below. Clarendon lasted a mere two years before being abandoned, and Albemarle ceased to function in 1689. Nonetheless, there were 7 functioning counties by 1705 and 19 by 1750.



*North Carolina 1664*



*North Carolina 1705*

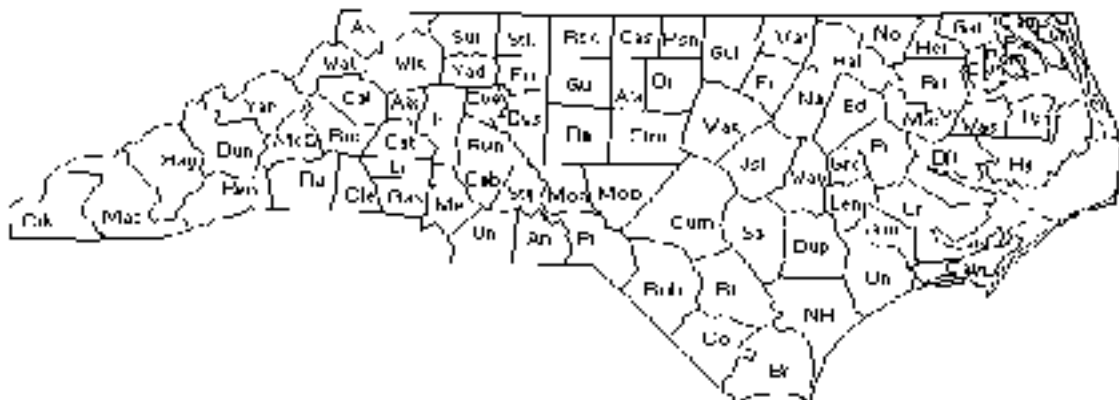


*North Carolina 1750*



*North Carolina 1801*

By the onset of the nineteenth century, the shape of the state was pretty well set as we know it today. Rearrangement of counties, either by their boundaries, mergers and creation of new entities continued.



*North Carolina 1850*



*North Carolina 1899*



*North Carolina 1959*

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Would you take a few moments to clip or copy this and the next page and send them to any Yarbroughs (of whatever spelling) along with a short note requesting that they consider joining the YNGHA? Thank you.



Finding his headstone in very poor condition, members of the extended Yarbrough family undertook the creation and installation of a replacement marker. The project was completed in 1982. In that same year, the Yarbrough National Genealogical and Historical Association was formed and subsequently incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1990.

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The Association strives to achieve the following goals:

- To discover and memorialize the genealogy and history of the Yarbrough family (regardless of spelling, i.e., Yarborough, Yarboro, Yarber, etc.) as well as the history of the times and places in which the members of such family lived;
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- To promote and encourage historical research; to collect and preserve records, relics, and other things of historical interest; and to foster and promote public knowledge of, and interest in, local, national,

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All members are urged to send one copy (no originals) of family records to YNGHA Secretary Ann Y. Bush, 1421 Redbud Street, Athens, AL 35611-4635. If desired, include research material to be published, along with signed permission for its use. Also welcome are Yarbrough related announcements and/or activities from anywhere in the United States. The secretary will distribute these materials to Archives, Publishing or Research, as appropriate.

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Seeking info on Joel Yarbrough, born 15 Mar 1801

(Subject's Name) Day Month Year

NC; Died 16 Feb 1901 in Kershaw NC

County State Day Month Year County State

married Mary Murchison on \_\_\_\_\_ in NC

Spouse's [maiden] Name Day Month Year County State

Subject's children:

Name	Born	Died	Married to	Date
Martin Gink Yarbrough	29 Jul 1828	3 Jun 1901	Mary Norris (1) Julia Newman (2)	
Thomas Gink Yarbrough	3 Nov 1831			
William Yarbrough	Ca 1834			
Martha Yarbrough	Ca 1835			
John Yarbrough	Ca 1837	2 Sep 1862		
Joel H. Yarbrough	Ca 1839	19 Sep 1861		
Ebin N. Yarbrough	22 Feb 183	22 Sep 1940	Mary (Blackwell) McLendon <sup>8</sup>	
Margaret Yarbrough	Ca 1845			
Tabitha Yarbrough	21 Nov 1846	17 Jan 1896	Dove Seegars	11 Dec 1870

Subject's Father: \_\_\_\_\_?, b. \_\_\_\_\_,

(Name) Day Month Year County State

d. \_\_\_\_\_, m. \_\_\_\_\_?

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Subject's Mother: \_\_\_\_\_?, b. \_\_\_\_\_,

(Name) Day Month Year County State

d. \_\_\_\_\_,

Day Month Year County State

Subject's Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_?

**Additional information on subject (places of residence; additional marriages; military records, etc.)**

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married \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

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(Name) Day Month Year County State

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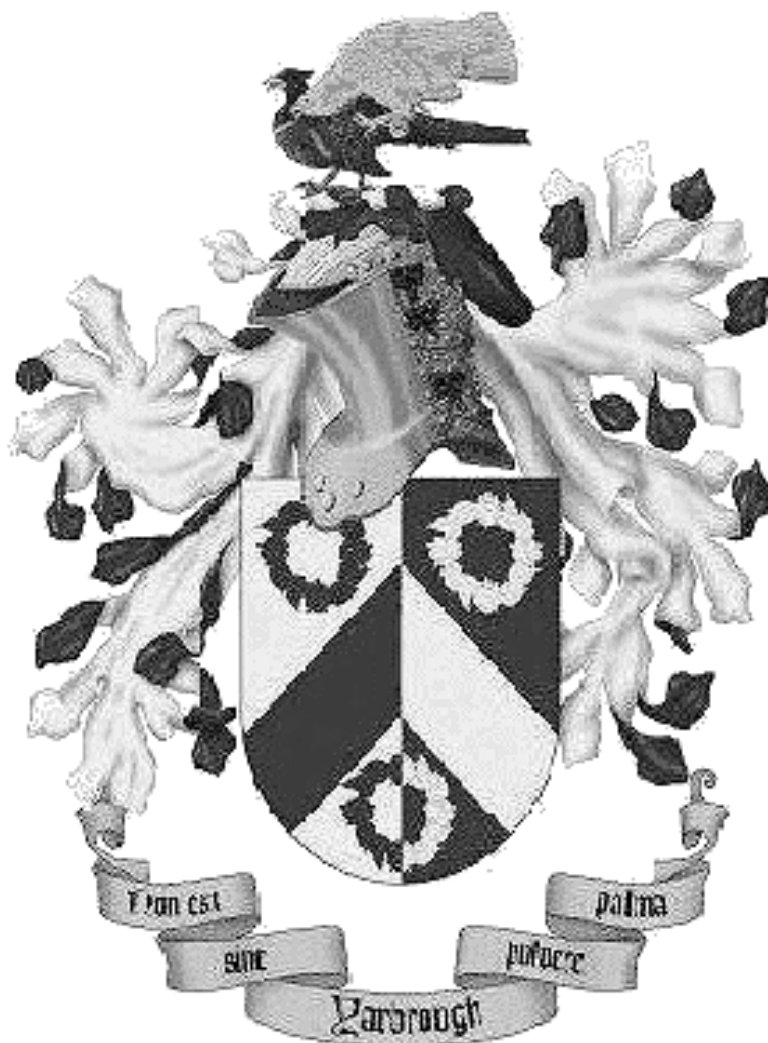
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<sup>1</sup> Number in parentheses denotes the year in which the director's term expires.



## *The President's Corner...* Our October

conference in Cary, North Carolina was a grand success. Leonard Yarbrough and his committee of Kathleen Ferguson, Ruth Shipp Yarbrough, Janet Yarbrough and Cathy Walker made our twenty-sixth YNGHA Conference a memorable event. We were honored to hear two distinguished speakers: Lisa Coombs from North Carolina State Archives and Kathy Tolitson from North Carolina State Library. They were fabulous, both providing interesting and informative information from their respective fields. Our board met Saturday morning, where a slate of officers and directors were proposed for the year 2009. I'd like to welcome Cathy Walker as our new President. She is an exceptionally talented gal with many new and creative ideas for our organization. I look forward to being on her board next year and supporting her leadership. Serving on the board with Cathy will be Seth Young as Vice President, Ann Bush as Secretary, Don Yarbrough as Treasurer, and Directors Barbara Blanton, Clark Hickman, Beverly Havens and Joan Singlaub. I'd like to welcome two new members to the Board of Directors: Diane Falkner from Austin, Texas and Jim Yarbrough from Hemitage, Tennessee. We're delighted to have them on board! Our Board of Director Agenda also included discussing DNA testing for Yarbroughs, a new membership survey, care and storage of our research books, upcoming conferences and a visit from Leonard, who discussed the web-site and Quarterly. After spending time renewing friendships, researching and visiting and, for some, learning the art of necklace making (thank you Margie Young!), we met for our Banquet Dinner at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Ruth Shipp Yarbrough entertained us with a talk on "Old-Timers"! Leonard Yarbrough then told us the importance of story-telling and encouraged stories "*from the floor*". Thank you to all who shared their tales... they were endearing.

The Holidays are just around the corner and YNGHA has the gifts for you! **The Yarbrough Family CookBook** makes a wonderful Christmas gift for all the chefs in your family. And our CD that contains YNGHA history, past Quarterlies, Yarbrough family magazines, family records, coats of arms and much more... is a must for all Y's and researchers. Order forms can be found in this issue and on our web page.

Please remember that **renewal of dues** now takes place at the beginning of each calendar year (January). Dues are \$20 and can be mailed along with the renewal form to our Treasurer.

In closing, I'd like to say what a pleasure it has been serving as President of YNGHA. I've been blessed to have Ann, Howard, Len, Joan, Seth and Lecil by my side from the beginning. It's been a deeply meaningful experience. I'd like to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

Signing off with Affection,

*Tee*



The conference in Cary turned out very well. Attendance was down, unquestionably due to the economic turmoil and fuel costs, and that is a pity. For those of us who were there, it was everything a YNGHA conclave should be and more. True, the weather was a bit rainy at times, but there are attractions galore in and around the Research Triangle region. The two ladies from the State Archives (Lisa Coombs) and Library (Kay Tolitson) provided a very good view of the services and holding of their respective institutions; both

were charming, had much information to impart and were quite dedicated to their vocations. We were fortunate to have them.

The Hotel was great, too, and the food much better than “adequate”. In my view, the banquet meal was one of the best I’ve had at any such occasion by far. We also had a few new members show up. All in all, a good event.

The web site has undergone its annual facelift. More archived files are stored on-line now, and a weblog (the YarBlog) was tested and activated. It is likely that the guestbook will be dropped at some point, but for now both the YarBlog are part of the opening page. Some of the pages open automatically, and I am still trying to determine how well this will work out, although so far everything seems to be performing satisfactorily. Password protection also has been implemented for access to those pages restricted to members only. There are still a few files to upload to the archives folder, but for the most part, everything is in place.

Last item is that we now have a pretty good e-mail address database. I know the issues about mass mailings and spam, but the fact remains that everyone pretty much relies on e-mail for keeping up with others. Two mailing lists have been created – one for general distribution to both members and those who are potential members, and the second reserved for members only. Usage will be closely monitored, in order to preclude overdoing a good thing.

*With best wishes for the coming Holiday Season!*

*Leonard*



### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

**Password protection for the website has been implemented. Your user name is YNGHA and the password is Y@rbfam08. There is provision for retrieving the password (via e-mail) should it be lost or forgotten. Please do not share the password with others. Also, a number of pages and features remain available to the general public, as restriction of access was reserved to YNGHA intellectual property, corporate material, and research data and files.**

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*The Conference Candid Camera*



**Madame President and Doug Devine**



**Ruth and Madison Yarbrough**



**Donald and Frances Temple with grandson Matthew**



**The “head” table at the banquet**

Doug and Tee Devine, Margery and Seth Young, Leonard Yarbrough, Clay Walker, Kathleen and Ike Ferguson, Ann Bush. Not shown are Cathy Walker and Al Bush.



Hal Yarbrough, Janet Yarbrough



Jerry and Paulette Yarbro



*Apres Banquet*



**Research Room**



**Kathleen & Ike Ferguson**



## **A Yarbrough of Note: Brigadier General James C. Yarbrough, United States Army**

*Commanding General, Joint Readiness Training Command and Fort Polk, Louisiana.*

Brigadier General James C. Yarbrough was born in Columbus, Georgia, in 1957 and raised in an Army family. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management from Tulane University in May 1979 and, as a Distinguished Military Graduate, was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry.

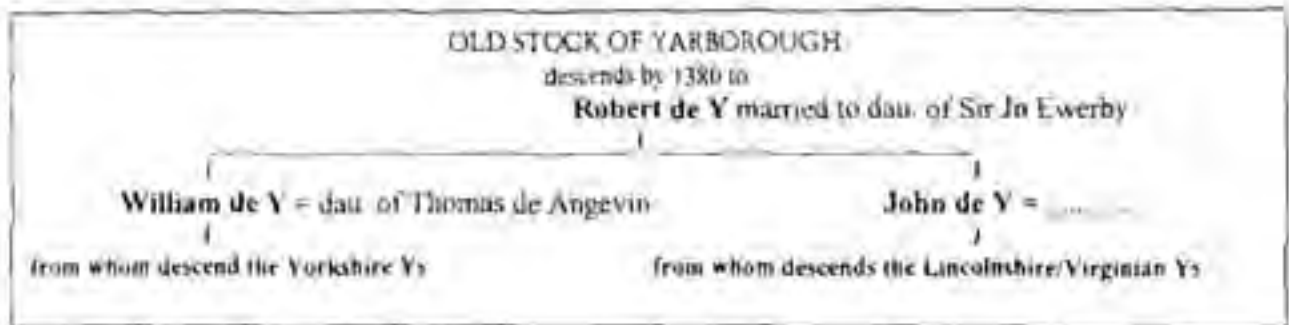
His career began with the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), where he served as Rifle Platoon Leader and Anti-Tank Platoon Leader in 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry from 1979-1981. He was reassigned to 2d Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry, where he served as Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Battalion S-3 Air from 1981-1984, and participated in OPERATION URGENT FURY in Grenada. After graduating from the Infantry Officer's Advanced Course, he commanded a rifle company in 1st Battalion, 31st Infantry (MECH), Republic of Korea, from 1985-1986. Following company command, he served as Operations Officer and Chief, Current Operations, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, then aide-de-camp to Commander, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Next, he served as Battalion S-3 for 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR); then Brigade S-3 for the 504th PIR before being reassigned as Chief, Theater Operations Branch at US Atlantic Command from 1994-1996. Following that, he commanded 2nd Battalion, 502d Infantry in the 101st Airborne Division from 1996-1998. Following attendance at the War College, Brigadier General Yarbrough commanded the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy, from February 1, 2000 through June 23, 2002. As the XVIII Airborne Corps G3 commencing July 2002, Brigadier General Yarbrough served for 11 months as CJ3 of CJTF-180 executing Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and remained the Assistant Chief of Staff/G3, XVIII Airborne Corps until July 1, 2004. He was then the Deputy Commanding General, of the Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia, from July 2004 through July 2006. On 1 August 2006, he became the Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. In July 2007, Brigadier General Yarbrough became commander of the Iraq Assistance Group, also serving as Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver of the 1st Infantry Division.

In addition to a Master of Arts Degree in Business Management from Webster University in 1991 and a Master of Strategic Studies in 1999, Brigadier General Yarbrough's military education includes the Infantry Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses; Air Assault, Airborne, Ranger and Pathfinder Schools; Jumpmaster, Military Freefall and Freefall Jumpmaster Courses; and U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the War College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion Of Merit w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal w/ 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Service Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Award w/OLC, Valorous Unit Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Ranger Tab.

## The Yarborough Branches

### Peter Yerburgh



#### *Preamble*

I like solving 'easy' crosswords and I find studying family pedigrees gives me a very similar enjoyment. When I tackle a crossword I work from what clues I *can* solve and use the answers to help me solve the rest. Similarly a genealogist uses *proved data and tries to link that name with other earlier names* in the family's records. But often I find that I have to work both ways - up and down at the same time.

It strikes me as strange that a traditional family tree (like the one above) shows the earliest ancestor at the *top* of the tree when, in point of history, he or she should be at the root, not nesting among the leaves! You will notice that my pedigree on the *next page works upwards* with Robert de Y as the root of this particular pedigree!

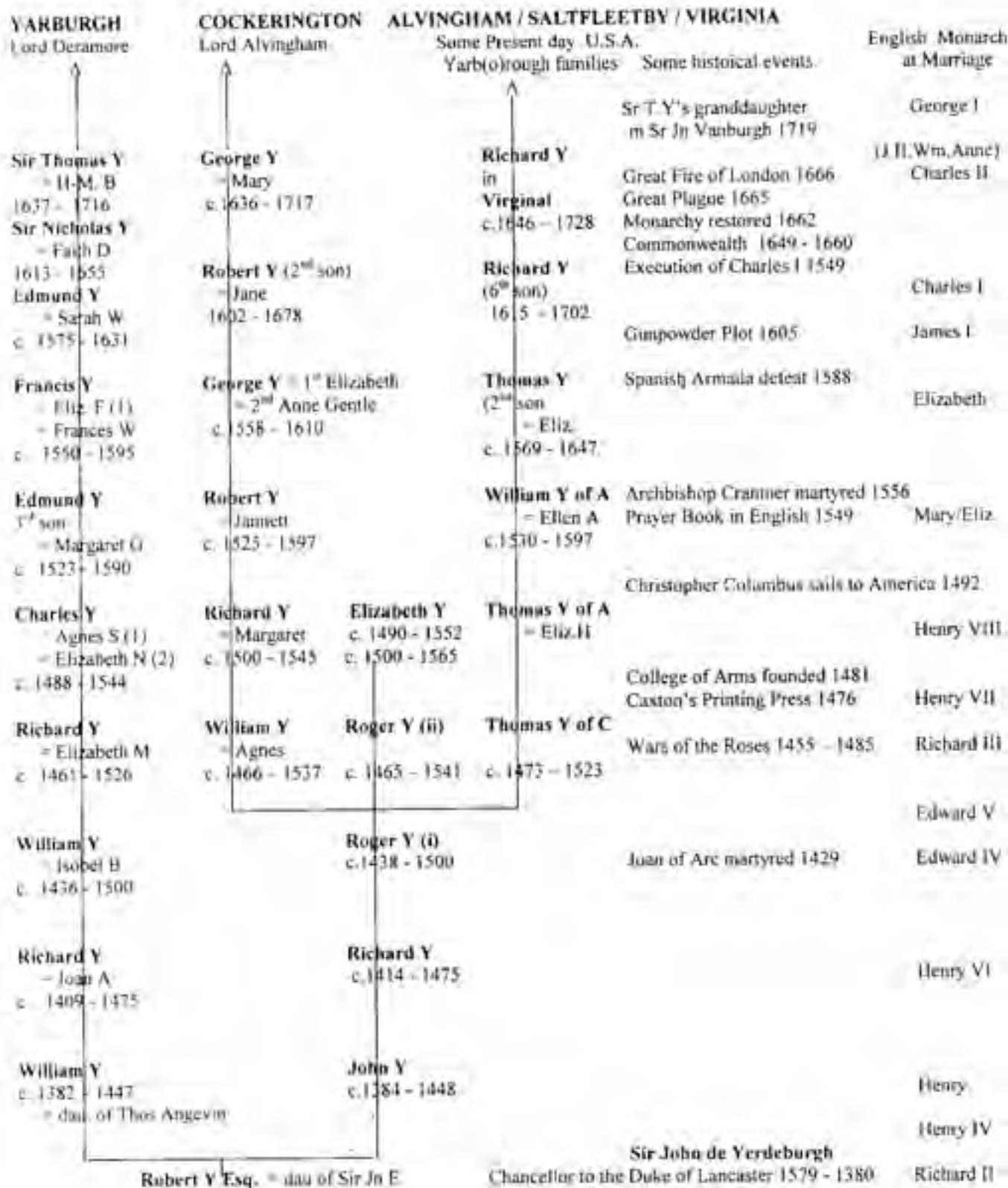
#### *Burke's Peerage*

Lord Detamore is the present head of the 'old' stock of Yarburgh. In 1782, the Yarburgh line passed into the female line, with the Yarburgh surname preserved by Royal Warrant. Today you will have to look under **DERAMORE**, in *Burke's Peerage*, to find the list of the 'old stock' of Yarburgh ancestors. In the recent edition the pedigree has been shortened but you will find, eight generations before Sir Nicholas Yerburgh's name: **WILLIAM de YERBURGH who was the elder son of ROBERT de YERBURGH**. This elder son's genes continued into the future generations of the family at Yarburgh village, and then into the Yarburghs of Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire.

The present head, in U.K., of the Cockerington/Alvingham stock of Ys is Guy Yerburgh, a retired Major General O.B.E. As a Baron he has the title, The Rt Hon. The Lord Alvingham. To see his official ancestry you will have to turn back the pages of *Burke's Peerage* to **ALVINGHAM**. There you find, in the 11<sup>th</sup> generation: **JOHN de YERBURGH who was the younger son of ROBERT de YERBURGH**. The genes of this John, the younger son, resulted in the Yerburghs and Yarbroughs who remained in the Cockerington and Alvingham area for about three centuries - eventually migrating to other parts of the county, and one branch emigrating to Virginia.

Who was the link between the two branches? Obviously it was the father of **WILLIAM** and **JOHN**, namely **ROBERT de YERBURGH** who married Isobel, a daughter of Sir John Ewerby.

I set out the Pedigree with the 'tree' springing from this Robert de Yerburgh.





### *Difficulties of setting out a pedigree*

The trouble with the usual genealogical tree is that it has to be printed in straight rows whereas, in real life, people live to different ages and have offspring over a ten or more year span. For instance in the Cockerington branch George Yerburch did not have a male heir until he was over fifty. He had several daughters by his first wife. Some of these were married and had children by the time that Robert was born! This accounts for the illusion that there were more generations in the 'old' Yerburch line than in the other branch. You would need to have angled lines to show the family with its members positioned correctly in real time!

### *The aim of the pedigree*

Obviously I have only given part of the full Yarborough pedigree but my aim is to show visually how the Ys divided into their different groups. I also want to show that, around 1530, the heads of each of the branches, namely Charles Y of Kelstern & Y, Richard Y of CStM, and Thomas Y of Alvingham, all shared the same great, great, great grandfather. However, a quick look at the tree will show that the Alvingham and Cockerington Ys were 'nearer' cousins to each other than to the Ys of Yerburch.

It is clear to me that families, such as the Yarboroughs, had in the past (and still have today) periods when one part of the family rises in status and honour while another branch may stay at their former level, or even decline. In time history levels things out. Every soldier may have a field marshal's baton in his or her knapsack.

I have not dealt with the tricky problem of reconciling the much more ancient ancestry from Landric with that from Germund. Genealogists like to sort things out. I often suspect that the Heralds in the College of Arms (founded as recently as 1481) indulged in a few myths to please their paying patrons.

### *How to make a pedigree of ancient times*

A pedigree going back to the mid 16<sup>th</sup> century can be created from information in Parish Registers and Wills. Earlier pedigrees have to rely on lawsuits and taxation lists. Usually these documents do not explain the kinship of one Yarborough to another also surnamed Yarborough and in the same list. However, sometimes the repetition of a Christian name may give a clue because it was quite common for a grandchild to be given the same first name as that of his grandfather or her grandmother.

When I try to work out a family tree I make a date roll. I use A4 sheets and I set a narrow column of consecutive dates. Each line thus shows one year in advance of the date on the line above it. Actually, I use the spreadsheet power of my computer to do all this donkeywork! Be advised to use font size 12, unless your handwriting is very small. When I have finished I paste all the sheets into one long roll.

Set the first date of your roll to be a hundred years before the date of the earliest family event that you know about. This will allow you to make adjustments and other estimations. (See next paragraph.) Because several family events may happen in the same year use abbreviations for names and events. Thus a particular event (say a death) against a particular year might be written 1800 Jn Smith d.

I find it very useful to have a fourteen inch transparent ruler, and a pen with ink suitable for writing on plastic. I put the ruler over my column of dates at a century date, say 1800, and mark intervals on the ruler at the dates of 1800, 1825 and 1865. [If you are using Times New Roman font 12 you will have

marks at 0", 4½" and 12½".] The marks will help you estimate a life span – 0 = birth, 25 = marriage, 65 = death.

You can use the ruler to work back from a known 'death date' to find an approximate 'marriage' or 'birth' dates. The ruler will also help you to see if your family dates are possible! For instance former genealogists made out that Roger Y (i) [in the earlier pedigree] was the same person as Roger Y (ii). If they had used my roll of paper and ruler they would have seen that this made Roger to be active at an age of nearly a hundred years old! Such an age is quite possible today but would have been impossible in the 1340s. As in a crossword, the answer must fit the space provided!

### ***Learning from research***

One thing that I have learned from my research into 'our' family history is that family links were far more complicated in times past. Before the 1800s, new generations only moved a few miles away from the village of their parents. You were born, married and buried very near to the home of your ancestors.

The clannish nature of communities is clear from a study of the Wills that they left. To give one example, Thomas Y of Alvingham (d.1565) married Elizabeth Howett. Now, Elizabeth's sister (Alice) married a Raynold (George). Meanwhile George's sister (Dorothy) married another Y (Richard) who himself was a first cousin of Thomas!! Talk about wheels within wheels!

'Our' family name is unique and we must be proud that it has survived, often with distinction, over the centuries. But the future lies ahead. Senator Ralph Y rose to high office and his achievement should inspire a new generation of Yarboroughs. Perhaps one day there will be a President Yarbrough!

I am humbled if I ask myself, "Have you, Peter Yerburgh, done anything to raise or lower the status of the Yarbrough family?" In my case the honest answer is, "Not very much"! I did not become a Headmaster or a Bishop *but* I have tried to track down the ancestry of the Yarboroughs and to record their achievements.



## ***“Remember who you are”***

**Written by Ruth Shipp Yarbrough. (531 pages.)**

**Reviewed by Peter Yerburgh, Salisbury U.K.**

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Printed by Chapel Hill Press Inc. 2007

This large volume is the product of many years of research by Ruth Shipp Yarbrough, who lives with her husband in North Carolina.

The book is 10 x 7 x 2 inches and has 531 pages. It has a nice maroon colored hard cover with gilt lettering. It is a wonderfully detailed family book, which deals with the direct ancestors and collateral branches of the Shipp Yarbrough family. It also has a fascinating biography of Ruth and Madison's long and busy lives. Parts of the story are sad but the blessings of faith and a loving family are always there to support them. She also loves flowers and gardens.

Ruth's parents were Ervin and Francis Shipp. Her mother's maiden name was Vick. Ruth married Madison Yarbrough in 1946 and they have descendants. She has investigated her own Shipp family's roots and that of her husband's family - the Yarbroughs.



There are many pedigrees and memories of individuals. Part I has nearly fifty photographs and Part II has as many again (quite a few of family groups). These, together with charts, plans and maps, are an extra bonus to this well-written book. The Index is a masterpiece!

Her book begins with useful advice and encouragement to others intending to research their own ancestors. She also has a useful section on the origin of surnames and another on the need to preserve family records and pictures. She gives sound advice about how to do this.

Ruth's fascination with her ancestral roots started at the age of nine largely due to her mother and aunt's stories about the family. What is fortunate is that Ruth wrote down what she heard. Her work is very ambitious since she covers not only direct ancestors and descendants *but* hundreds of cousins, as well. There are about 3000 names in the index!!

Ruth Yarbrough's book has two main sections, **Part I** (pp.3 - 295) deals with her own family's ancestors and has an autobiography of her own early life. The main ancestors dealt with are Ruth's direct ancestors - the **Shipp<sup>2</sup>, Lusk, Malone\* and Vick\* families**. But this part has a great deal that will interest the linked families of **Campbell, Gillham, Davidson, Richmond and Humphreys**.

The Humphreys section is absorbing because there was a possible claim by the Humphreys family to the land where the Spindletop oilfield was found in 1901. Sadly the case was decided against them in 1958, and the family members have been unable to claim the millions of dollars that they feel is due to them.

Ruth's biographical account of her father starts on p. 221. The memories of life in northern Mississippi are fascinating - dealing with the effects of the Dust Bowl, while raising a family by farming and running a store. This part will stir the memory of other readers whose ancestors faced the same trials.

The account of Ruth's own upbringing and education, her work in business and the local community are well written and inspiring. It tells the value of a good education, hard work and a strong faith. These, together with the loving family ties of her husband and family, shine through the joys and problems that come to a family both in times of war and of peace.

In **Part II** (pp.299-502) the main ancestors of Madison Yarbrough are covered. These being the **Leavisters\* and Yarbroughs\*** but this part will also be of interest to those with the surnames of **Clark, Fleming and Rogers**.

I was especially interested in the links of this family with 17th century Richard Yarbrough, one of the first Yarbroughs in Virginia. The information about the grandsons of Richard (p.375 - 6) is complex but it shows a clear link with Madison Yarbrough's line. Her summary of the Yarbrough 'ancient' roots (p.p. 363 - 372) is the best that I have read. She gives due accreditation to her many sources, among which is my own research.

The book develops a more biographical style after p.406 when Madison married Ruth (November 1946). Matt was born in 1947 (p.419) and Janet in 1956 (p.421).

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<sup>2</sup> These families are given very detailed chart pedigrees.

After Matt's marriage (p.432) to Calista (Cissy) Everhart in 1971, Ruth tells charming episodes about Matt and Cissy's two daughters, Lista and Whitnee. Both of them married and it was so sad to read (YFQ Vol. 18 No.2) that Lista had recently died. However, from Whitnee's marriage, Ruth and Madison now have a great grandson - Christopher Steele Jr. born in 2005 (p.437)

Naturally, the last part of the book is the easiest part to read as it has personal memories of the family and of their work in carrying on and improving their furniture manufacturing and upholstery business. This part will be dearest to her family but her reflections on recent events will appeal to all readers

I commend this good, readable and accurate account of the Shipp/Yarbrough branches. I am not surprised that it won the North Carolina award for excellence in publishing.



### **Family Tree Maker 2009<sup>(r)</sup> – a review...**

Although this version is recommended by Ancestry.com for use with Wondows Vista, upgrading is not necessarily a good idea. First, this version is a radical departure from FTM, version 16, both in “look and feel” and organization of features. The capability to create a family book has been replaced by the use of an on-line application (which requires a purchase, which FTM fails to mention). This application requires uploading of the user's family data, something that should be considered carefully. A second point is that an on-line search also requires uploading of the user's family data files. Given Ancestry's penchant for acquiring, copyrighting and charging for access to these files, it is recommended that extreme caution be used in on-line searches. The use of a “Judas' Goat” file with only a few (and well-known) entries is highly recommended, if Ancestry.com's on-line search capabilities are to be used, otherwise the user risks losing copyright ownership of his family genealogical data.

This version emulates the “look and feel” of Windows Vista(reg) operating system. This in itself is a departure from Windows XP and earlier versions of the operating system. While Vista itself is an improvement over XP, there seems little reason to upgrade to Vista, expecially as there is a patch available from Ancestry.com that allows the use of FTM version 16 with Vista. The patch permits printing files to Microsoft Document Printer (.xps format), which format is accessible with Adobe Acrobat<sup>(r)</sup>.

The “all-in-one” chart feature has been eliminated, and the number of charts and reports seem to have been simplified somewhat. However, the menuing system is not intuitive or particularly logical. On the positive side the application loads and runs much faster, but then so do the older versions. Unless there is a compelling reason to upgrade, I'd recommend staying with an earlier version of this application -- *Leonard Yarbrough*

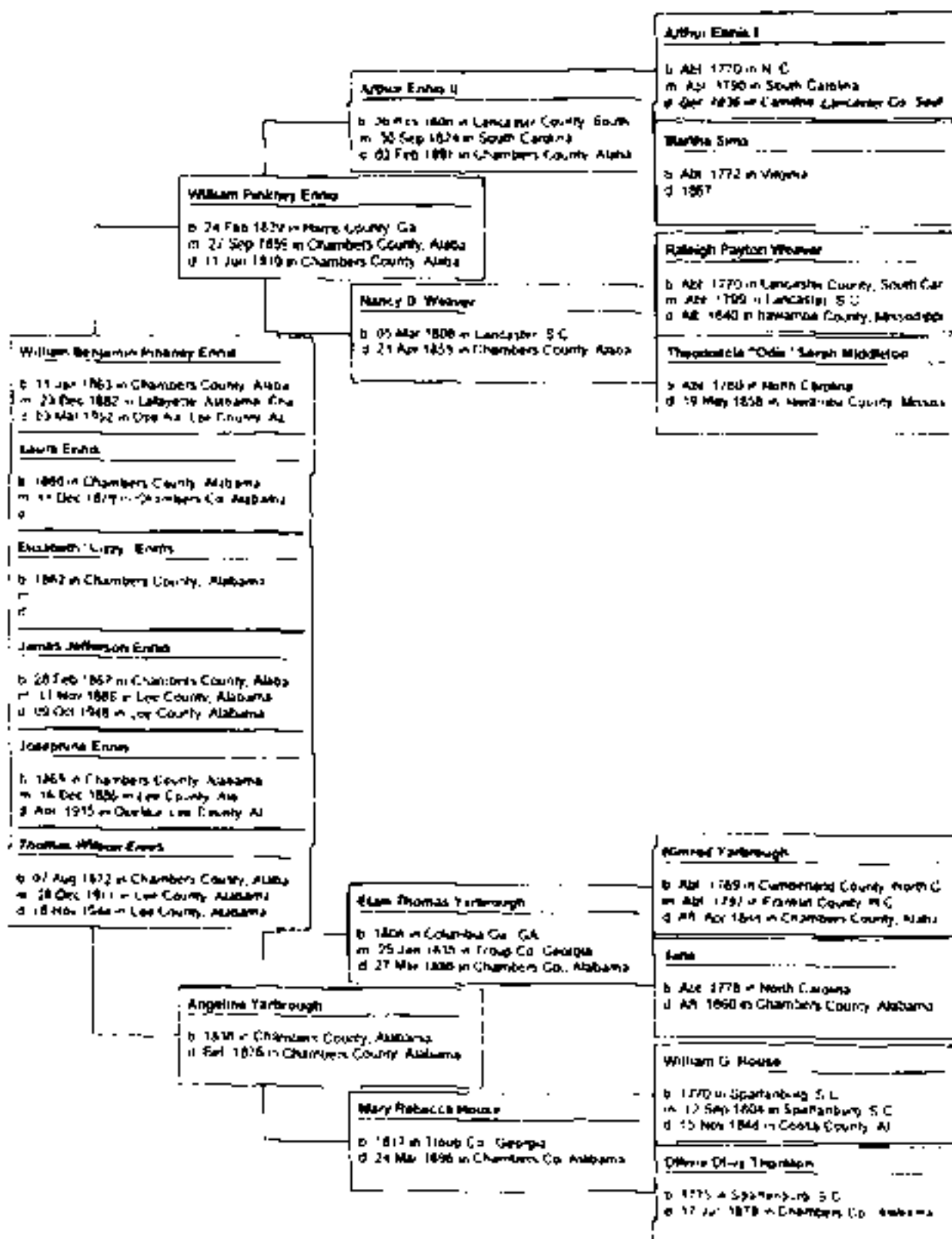
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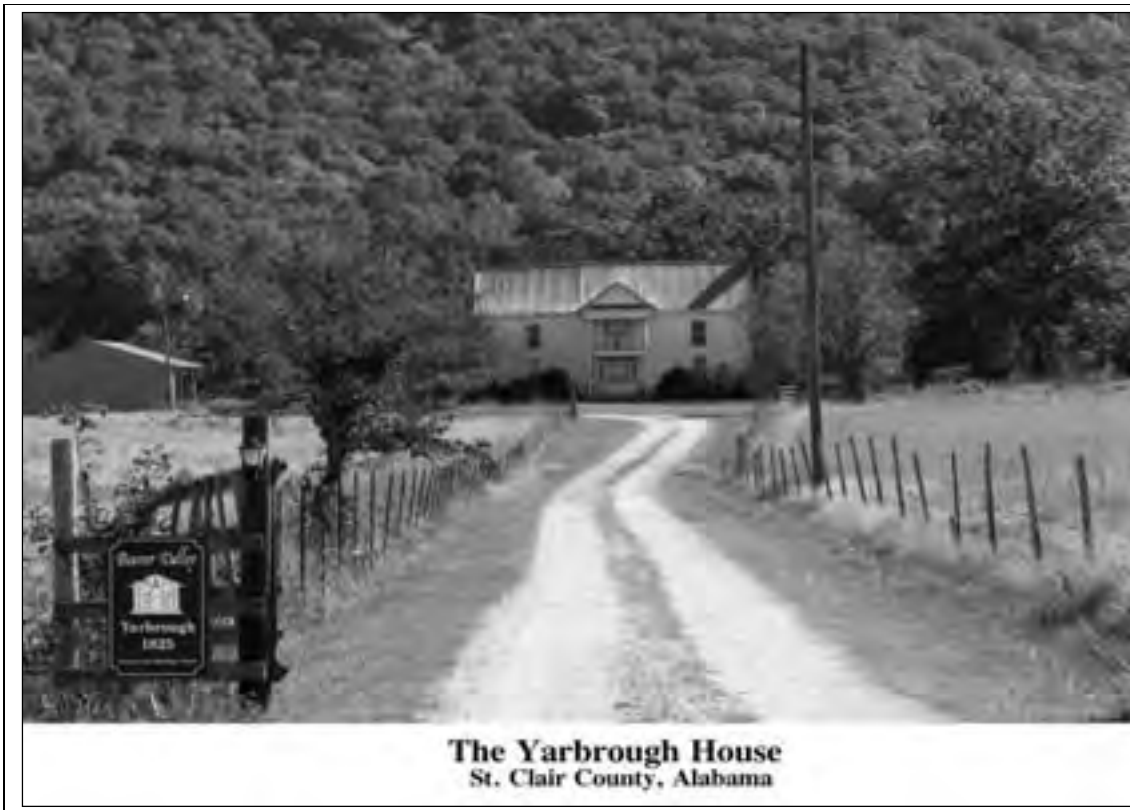


**submitted by Virginia Tuttle**

Angeline, Thomas Elam, & Nimrod Yarbrough, the Ennis Connection



*Manoah Yarbrough's Home*  
*St. Clair County, Alabama*



“The house was worthy of any family to live in when it was built, and it is still worthy of a modern family to live in today. The beautifully kept green meadows extending far out right and left of the house, with tree covered Beaver Ridge Mountains, a backdrop to the house, and the Beaver Creek Back in the trees, running between the house and meadows, and the tree covered mountains in the background, all help to make a setting of that home one not to be forgotten in my lifetime. Small wonder that a family has lived there generation after generation for over a century and a half.”

--Ralph W. Yarbrough, May 6, 1977

The following account was provided by Liz Sorrell, who now lives with her husband, Rick, in the Yarbrough House”

“Manoah Yarbrough came to St. Clair County, Alabama in 1822. He moved his family into the Yarbrough Home that he built himself in the summer of 1825. The home still sits on the original site in Beaver Valley, four and one-half miles from Ashville. Manoah and his family built and lived in a cabin at the mouth of a cave on Beaver Mountain from 1822 until the house was finished. When “finished” in 1825 the house was smaller than today’s Yarbrough Home. The original home was built on large rock pillars brought down from Beaver Mountain directly behind the home. Many of the rocks are still there although cinder blocks replaced the rocks along the border of the foundation in later years. Automatic vents were added in 2001 to control the moisture under the home.

“The house itself is built from lumber hand cut from the property. It was built with post and beam construction using heart pine. Most homes during this time period were made with logs so this was

very modern in the area. The interior walls and ceiling are constructed with 12” by 1”, tongue and groove planks.

“The roof has changed over the years. The home originally had pine shingles for roofing. Some of the shingles can still be seen in the attic above the balcony today. The home did not sport the balcony at first. A tin room followed the pine shingles, then asphalt shingles, and today the home has a metal roof again. Over the years siding was placed on the home to ease the job of painting. Aluminum siding was added in 1990 that sadly covered up the trim work on the home.

“In the attic can be seen what was on the side of the house before an addition in 1885. The outside was white washed for years. The home had a flat stone walkway in front of the house that went out to a fence and gate. The walkway is still there buried under the grass.

“The front columns began as rectangular columns and tapered as they went up. They sat in support of each corner of the front porch. While columns are still in place, the two at the front edge of the porch have been replaced with columns that are round. The rectangular columns had begun to rot. John Yarbrough, Jr replaced the rotten ones with temporary steel beams that are still in place today. The present day owners hope to build around the steel beams to make them look like the original columns.

“The double front doors consisting of four panels each have transom glass and sidelights as do the identical double doors at the rear of the foyer. The single door going onto the balcony also has transom glass and sidelights.

“The joints of the main frame of the house are mortise and tendon. This can be seen in the attic. This wood structure was considered very “up to date” in this area in the 1820’s.

“The original kitchen was built detached from the main house in 1825 by Manoah Yarbrough. The addition was built in 1885 by John Yarbrough, Sr. (son of Littleton Yarbrough and grandson of Manoah Yarbrough). This addition included a kitchen. The kitchen was originally built separately from the house because of the fear of fire.

“The office that was used in front of the house was moved to the back and attached to the home off of the back porch. It was used as storage room for many years. Indoor plumbing was added in 1958. A much appreciated bathroom then took the place of the storage room. The dairy barn had hot water a long time before the house.

“The side porch was open with two sets of rock steps. The small wooden columns were replaced with cinder blocks. The steps are cement now. This porch is not in view from the front of the house. The front porch is cement also although it too was replaced in the 1960’s when the porch there started cracking and crumbling and had become dangerous.

“There are three chimneys. All are brick. One is between the kitchen and dining room. The other two are on each end of the main house. The one on the east end of the house is not the original brick. The one on the west end of the home was built with brick that was made onsite with clay from the property. One of the brick molds is on display in the home.

“The home has three mantels. All of the mantels are made of wood. The one in the living room is painted wood. The top is two inches thick with rounded corners. The base immediately under the top of the mantel tapers down to one large panel with similar smaller trim around the panel. It is the same

trim that is used as crown molding in the living room. The second painted mantel in the dining room is much like the living room except with less trim. The third mantel is very simple in design. It is like the other two except made with thicker wood and displays more distinct edges.

“The interior doors are solid wood panel doors. Most have four panels. Four of the doors are made of wide solid boards of wood. The frames of the doors are of pegged tendon and mortise construction. Most of the windows are large. All of the rooms except three have at least three windows each. The living room has a design built in under its three windows. The design consists of a large circle cut in Fourths and added at each corner of a panel below the windows with the circle towards the center. Although storm windows have been added, the original windows are also still in place.

“The original home consisted of only five rooms. Four of the rooms have large overhead beams hand hewn with slave labor. The large room downstairs has a bead etched into the beams. Cut marks can still be seen in them today.

“Four of the rooms have never been painted. The wide heart pine planks in the rooms have aged to a dark golden color over the years. A look at the foyer ceiling where it has been painted emphasizes how the ceiling was planed smooth after installation. Ceilings have been lowered in the dining room and kitchen to help with utility costs.

“The floors are wide pine planks also. The upstairs hall floor and the first stairway steps are painted. Two large bedrooms and one small room upstairs along with the stairway to the attic steps have never been painted or covered. The other floors have linoleum or tiles laid over them.

“Porcelain door knobs on box locks remain on many of the doors. The house was originally heated with fireplaces. All of them have been bricked up. The whole house is heated and cooled by heat pump today.

“The home now sits on eight acres with more family owning the surrounding farm. The pastures give the home a beautiful setting with Beaver Mountain behind the home. The house sits about nine hundred feet from the road. The same family has always lived in the home. Manoah Yarbrough built the home and now the sixth generation is living in it. Some of the ancestors that have lived in and cared for the home are buried in the family cemetery nearby. Manoah and Mary are buried in a pasture beside the home. After they were buried there it was discovered that it was too wet to use that area for the cemetery. The family cemetery is located across the road from the old family home. Many people that grew up in this home have gone on to live in other places and often other states. There are many people who have ancestors that grew up in this family home. It has been a wonderful place to grow up.”

The house is situated in Beaver Valley, east of Ashville, the county seat of St. Clair County. Just up the road is the Looney House, a restored pioneer home. Another of Manoah Yarbrough’s grandsons (Wiley Y., son of Littleton Y.) married Elizabeth Clementine Looney, so there is more than just a shared location between the two houses.

This was a working farm. Cotton grew in the adjacent fields. On the premises was a water powered mill, and the family held a license to distill brandy. One of the old brandy stones used to crush fruit for fermentation rests behind the house today. The picture above is recent, although the sign on the fence in reality is located on a post left of the driveway, rather than on the fence as shown.



**No Explanation Needed.**

Liz and Rick Sorrell reside in the house today. Liz is the granddaughter of John Yarbrough, Sr., so the house occupied by Yarbrough family members since its construction by Manoah.

Nelle Morris Jenkins, who wrote the original *Yarbrough Family Quarterly*, was a granddaughter of John Y. and his first wife, Sallie Cooper. After Sallie's death, John married Lourenna Fitz, Liz Sorrell's grandmother. Lourenna was a gifted writer; one of her essays provides her view of country life. This account is remarkable not only for the passion of the writer but also for the snapshot of the times. Lourenna's composition follows on pages 22 - 23.



**Manoah Y.**



**Lourenna Fitz Y.**



**Nelle Morris Jenkins**





**The Looney House**



**Manoah and Mary Yarbrough's Graves.**

## Country Life

Notwithstanding, the ancient historians teach us about all our large cities towns and villages; all their wealth, improvements, society, &c. but we who enjoy the country life would not exchange our beautiful and pleasant houses for those in the city.

We dare to differ with the best reading and hope you will not think it intruding if we say that a country life is much more pleasant than a city life.

We can not say it is lonely to live in the country we have so many pleasant sceneries and such cheerful occupations. See what! God has naturally formed for us sceneries to behold. Look! at the beautiful mountains at a distance; the trees the wild flowers that grow in the woods; they spread a most delicious fragrance on the balmy air the cross that He has naturally formed growing on the summit of those high mountains on the trees <sup>and</sup> the rocks.

Oh! who would not enjoy such sceneries that art has so kindly formed.

It is true there are many fine buildings and many beautiful sceneries in the city but alas! it is all artificial works and our scenery is almost all natural.

It is truly joyful to see the farmers attending to the cultivation of our many fertile lands.

What would become of the city, people if it  
were not for our country people? They would  
starve, and have nothing to depend upon; all  
their dependences are on the farmers, who glory in such  
a privilege as cultivating the lands, that the patriarchs  
of ancient times did most delight.

You talk about your fine buildings, and beautiful  
cities, you might talk about them if <sup>they</sup> were like those  
of ancient times.

Look! at the beauty and splendor of Jerusalem,  
Babylon, Sodom, <sup>and</sup> Gomorrah, and a great many others  
too tedious to mention. Jerusalem's temple and  
city ~~shines~~ <sup>shone</sup> like the sun, these the grand city, in all its glory  
with her vineyards around her.

And again she stands desolate and unoccupied,  
with her towers on her cheeks; the destroy came and  
her people fled.

Not so with ~~the~~ the country people: here we can stay  
unmolested or undisturbed with our lands around  
us, making our living by the sweat of the brow.  
And as free and gay as the birds that roam  
the dreary woodland through, who would not  
glory in such a life. &

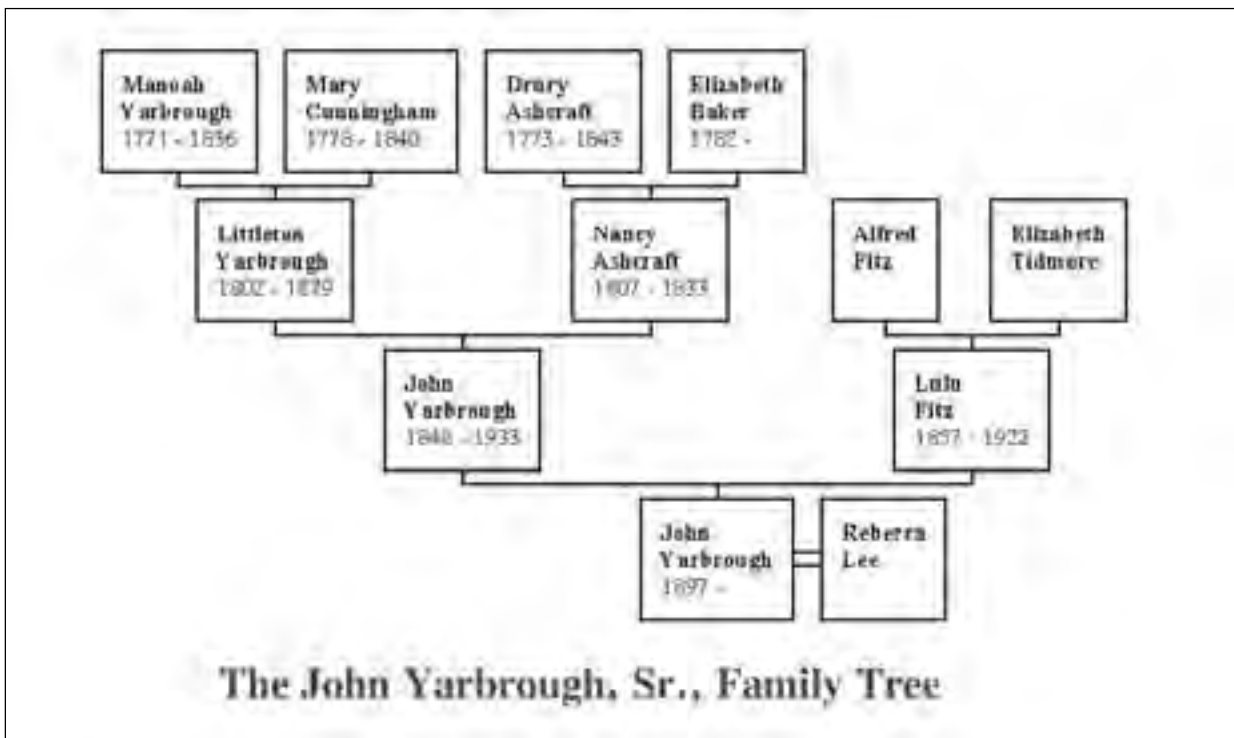
J. J. Little

Union, Hill, Sept, 14<sup>th</sup> 1870, No. 1

Composition



**Jennie, Elizabeth, May, Fitz, John Jr., John Sr., Ross, Burk  
The Yarbrough Family**



**The John Yarbrough, Sr., Family Tree**

# JOHN YERBURGH'S WAR EXPERIENCES

IN SEPTEMBER 1944

Based on a letter to Peter Yerburgh



War is terrible and millions die as a result. The loss of life in a World War is staggering and no fighting soldier has wished willingly to take part in another. But evil has to be resisted and nations unite to protect their country and its values, and to defeat the enemy. It was ever thus.

In 1944, Hitler and his allies, Japan and Italy, were reaping the consequences of their aggression. The Americans and Australians were regaining, at great cost of life, the islands, which Japan had captured. In the East, the Germans were retreating in front of the Russian offensive. In the West, the invasion, in June 1944, by the Americans, the British and their allies had established a wide front, which was advancing inland through northern France. By August 1944, an allied invasion into southern France had begun. It was as if a giant many-pronged pincer was squeezing Germany. Germany was being defeated.

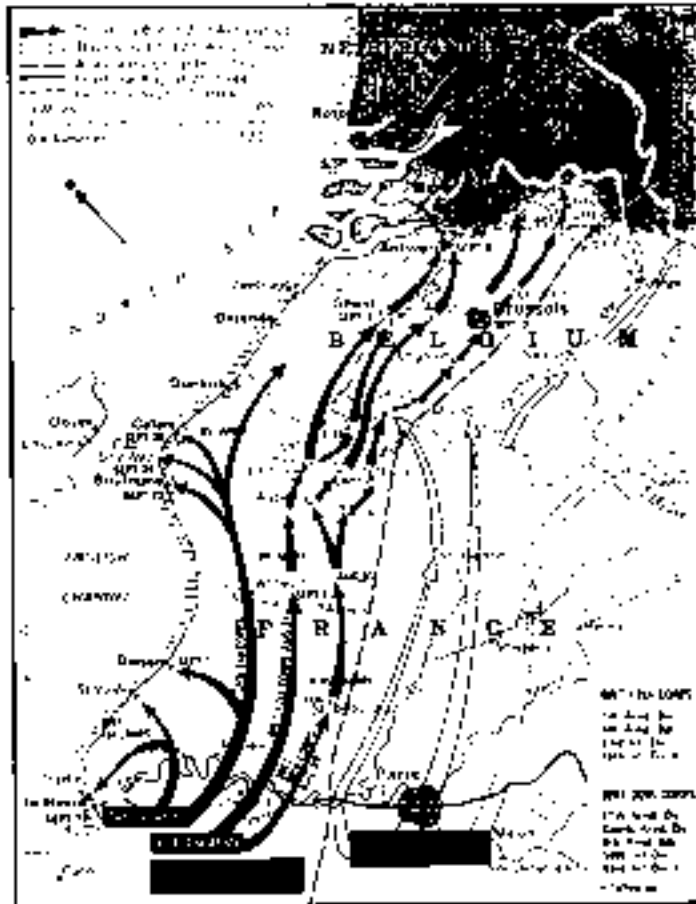
In July 1944, a plot was made to assassinate Hitler. Some German officers and politicians hoped that, if Hitler was dead, negotiations for peace might follow. But Hitler survived the attempt and so the war continued. On August 25<sup>th</sup> Paris was liberated. On the same day Rumania changed sides to join the allies. Shortly afterwards Bulgaria surrendered and Finland negotiated for peace.

Montgomery, the British commander, intended to make a decisive northern attack through Holland but the American general, Eisenhower, who was the overall Supreme Commander, was urged by his generals to make a slower advance over a wider front. With some private misgiving, Eisenhower allowed the British plan to go ahead.

John Yerburgh<sup>(see end note)</sup>, as a young officer in the Irish Guards, took part both in the British armoured advance towards Brussels and, later, in the battle for the Dutch bridges. He described this time as “the most exciting time of my life.”

It was decided that Brussels could be reached by the September 3rd, if the Guardsmen drove as if in a race! And it was as a race that General Adair organised it. He allotted to each of his two brigades a different route and set the winning post at a junction in Brussels. It must be remembered that it was a race between tanks, each travelling at about 20 m.p.h and consuming a gallon of petrol a mile!

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Brigade tanks would have won the race but they were involved in a fight on the way, so both Brigades arrived at the finishing point together!



John Yerburch writes, “ I was one of the first into Brussels. I was travelling with the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Headquarters as a liaison officer in a scout car. We had the job of finding the Royal Palace of Laeken, as the Brigadier Norman Gwatkin knew the Queen of the Belgians. It was quite chaotic as we had no proper maps of Brussels and I think we used school atlases!”

The citizens of Brussels filled the streets and swamped the vehicles. Joy was unconfined – intensified by a rumour that the war had actually ended.

Another officer wrote, “It seemed as if a million inhabitants had, of one accord, gone mad – spontaneously they lined the streets and pavements twenty deep and cheered and cheered and cheered. Last war veterans saluted, wives laughed and cheered alternately, young women leapt onto the vehicles embracing the dusty soldiers..... The Guards advanced ‘as if on a sea of upturned faces’ to assemble in the Central Park. It was the most extravagant display of mass emotion.”

That evening, John Yerburch had the job of directing in a long column of 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade tanks and other vehicles towards the harbour area. It was dark but there was something strange. The column seemed to be too long! “I realised that a German column had joined us – thinking that we were part of *their* retreating tanks! Great excitement! But they soon surrendered. There must have been some shooting as I found a pistol bullet in my sleeping roll which was on the back of my scout car.”

So ended the longest opposed advance that any division, in any army, had ever undertaken in a single day. It brought the advance to 250 miles in seven days.

Yet the war had to go on. The second part of Montgomery's plan was a combined armoured and parachute attack, to seize the bridges over the tributaries and canals of the Rhine, thus outflanking the Siegfried defences and attacking the Ruhr from the rear. 'A single knife-like drive towards Berlin' as it has been called. Montgomery hoped that this would end the war by Christmas 1944.

The plan involved a very complicated and co-ordinated strategy - involving tens of thousands of men by land, air and water; 5,000 planes and 2,500 gliders were to be involved. Three massive airdrops of nearly twenty thousand parachutists were to try and secure the river and canal crossings, especially the five that led towards the town of Arnhem. This was a bridge-town sixty miles ahead of the allied front line. It was expected that these parachutists would hold the bridges for two or three days. The intention was that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Army would then advance over these bridges under cover of intense artillery and air attack, secure the positions and relieve the parachute regiments

The attack was held up for some days, partly through lack of fuel and partly by the need to withdraw the planes from other theatres of war to prepare for the attack. There was also the need to further convince some of the American generals who were half hearted about the whole plan

As a boy living in Wiltshire, I (P.Y.) remember climbing the tower of Steeple Ashton church on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. and seeing planes towing gliders taking off from Keevil aerodrome. They were part of the air armada carrying 7,000 men of the British 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division towards Holland. At the same time the Americans and Polish forces were flying from other airfields to reach their different bridge landing zones.

Meanwhile in Europe, on the ground, the British XXX Corps was ready to do their part. Satisfied that the airborne assault had now begun, General Horrocks gave the order and at precisely 2.15 p.m., with a thunderous roar, some 350 guns opened up. A hurricane of fire, ranging five miles in depth and one mile wide, caused the earth to shake as the tanks of the Irish Guards lumbered up to the start line. The thoughts of the leading Guards' tank crews must have been mixed - pride that they had been chosen to lead the entire British Second Army into the attack and yet with trepidation that they were to cross a number of bridges in spite of the fact that their tanks were not amphibious.

At 2.35 the tank commanders shouted into their microphones, "Driver advance!" Slowly the tanks moved out of the bridgehead and rumbled up the road. Now the curtain of fire lifted at exactly the same speed as the advancing armoured vehicles. The tank crews had shells bursting only a hundred yards ahead of them.

Amazingly, in spite of the tremendous barrage, German gunners, lodged in well hidden and fortified positions on both sides of the road, had not only survived the barrage but also had waited until it passed over them. Holding their fire, the Germans let the first few tanks go through. Then, within two minutes, three tanks in the lead squadron and six of the next were knocked out.

John Yerburch writes, "I happened to be second in charge of the leading squadron of the Irish Guards who led the 2<sup>nd</sup> Army from the bridge over the Escaut canal. I think I was about sixth tank from the front. I was lucky as the nine tanks behind me were all 'brewed up'. Tanks were burning and slewing across the road.

The breakout had been stopped before it had really begun. John writes, “We had quite a time reorganising the advance as we had a bull dozer with us which we had to turn around.” The latter was used to clear the burnt tanks.

To get the advance rolling again, the fastest British fighter planes - Typhoons armed with rockets - were called in. They came in one at a time, head to tail, flying right through their own barrage. Col. Vandeleur recalls. “It was incredible – guns firing, the roar of the planes, the shouts and curses of the men. In the middle of it all, Division (headquarters) asked how the battle was going. My second in command just held up the microphone and said, “Listen!” John Yerburch writes, “It *was* very very noisy!!”

John remembers that while all this was going on his wireless operator pulled his leg and said. “I must get out for a pee.” John replied sharply, “Why didn’t you go before we started!” Anyway the operator stayed in. Lucky for him that he did. He wouldn’t have survived long outside!




As events turned out, although some bridges were captured, and the Irish Guards’ armour crossed the Nijmegen Bridge on the 20<sup>th</sup>, the advance was stopped two days later. Plans were changed and they were unable to break through to the beleaguered paratroopers in time. [The Rhine was not crossed for six months.] Many thousands of the brave paratroopers were isolated. They had held out for five days longer than had been planned. Indeed, the British paratroopers captured the north end of the Arnhem Bridge but were unable to gain the southern end, held by the SS Panzer Grenadiers. On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the withdrawal order was given. Only 2500 survivors were left to evacuate. The courageous battles, in which these parachutists were involved, must be read elsewhere. The failure to capture the Arnhem Bridge, and the winter Battle of the Bulge, meant that the war in Europe would not be over until May 1945 but, as a German officer, General Student, observed, “The allied operation,” in September 1944, “had set up an excellent springboard from which to launch the final attack on Germany.”

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\*John Yerburch ended the war as a Captain and Technical Adjutant to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Irish Guards. After the war, he went to Magdalene College, Cambridge University where he read for an economics degree. He became President of the Magdalene Boat Club and enjoyed the quieter waters of the Cam. After University, he went into the family business and became Chairman of Daniel Thwaites PLC. He married Annie Maclaren in 1973. She is now Chairperson of the firm He has four daughters (two married) and a son, Oscar who is 25 this year. John Yerburch was Vice Lord Lieutenant of Dumfries and Galloway until 1998 when he reached the age of 75. He lives in a fine mansion called ‘Barwhillanty’, near Castle Douglas in Scotland.



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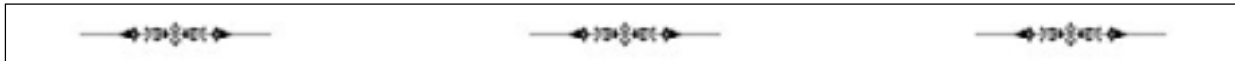
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