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# The President's Corner...

With the coming of the new year came the beginning of my term as President of YNGHA. I am honored by the Board's nomination and the membership's approval at the family conference. I look forward to working with all of you. And we **do** have our work cut out for us.

As outgoing Treasurer, I recently completed the year-end report you will find within this issue. You will note the significant drop in the general fund balance. This is due in large part to the declines in membership we have experienced in recent years and membership fees **are** our income. We have in essence been drawing on the prior year carryover to cover expenses. Drastic steps will have to be taken to get through these tough times and we must all do what we can to bring new members into the fold. I ask you to be tolerant of and patient with the coming changes. We simply must do everything possible to reduce expenses while providing you with as many services as we can.

Our single largest expense is the publication and distribution of <u>The Yarbrough Family Quarterly</u>. Do the math. Divide the total cost for <u>The YFQ</u> by the membership income figure and you will see that this one line-item now consumes just over **94**% of YNGHA funds. Steps have already been taken to save money on <u>The YFQ</u> but more are on the horizon. We are testing a new print shop who will save us approximately \$80 an issue. In fact, you are holding their product and I would like to hear what you think of it. We are considering reducing the number of issues per year. As a last resort, we would distribute the publication electronically to those who wish to help by receiving it that way.

The annual conference has become a significant cost due to declining attendance, and without much improved attendance levels, it will be fiscally irresponsible for the entire membership to finance a gathering of such a small representation. The Board is considering all options to control costs, including shortening the conference, making more efficient use of facilities and eliminating paid speakers. The annual conferences play a significant role for this Association. It is the only opportunity we all have to be together and Association business takes place there. We will do everything possible to continue this function but without more member involvement, we will have to find other ways to conduct the business of this organization.

As we begin to work through these tough times, we will rely on good communication with the membership. To that end, I am hoping you will take a few minutes to complete and return the blue membership survey enclosed within this issue. Your input will tell the Board of Directors how you feel about a number of issues. We want to hear what you have to say; comments will be kept confidential. Those of you who attended the conference have already taken the survey so there is no need to do it again. For everyone else, simply complete the survey, fold it in half and secure it with a piece of tape. The form is preaddressed so just add your return address and a stamp and it's ready to go. Better still, save postage and send your completed membership form and completed survey (folded differently, of course) in one envelope, along with a check to cover your dues and any special library or project you wish to support.

The membership form itself has been revised; it calls for some additional information and gives you a few options. While completing a form every year may seem redundant to you, receiving a new form each year is important to being able to keep an accurate membership list which saves both effort and money for the organization. If anyone making a move or changing their internet service provider could remember to let us know, it would surely help.

On several occasions in the past, the Board has urged the membership to participate in the Yarbrough DNA Project. Just before conference, member Perrah Yarbrough strongly urged the Board to do something more to kick-start this Project. Read the unofficial minutes of the Board of Directors meeting to find out about a special offer being made to the membership. You will learn still more in the great article by Project Co-Administrator James C. "Jim" Yarbrough of Houston, Texas. We continue work on the membership database, for which the up-to-date membership information is so important, and we are beginning work to improve our internal processes and controls, as well. And to think I thought a swimlane was pool related! It's actually current lingo for particular segments of flow charts.

Do not forget to check our website from time to time for updates that could be passed on before the next  $\underline{YFQ}$  is published. Thanks to Webmaster Leonard Yarbrough, the site has a whole new look. Nice job, Leonard!

This organization began in 1982 as a group of like-minded people who joined together to research the Yarbrough name, to share discoveries with one another and to foster the surname. We have 97 volumes of material to show for over 20 years of <u>pre-internet</u> effort. Perhaps we have simply lost our focus and strayed from the formula that used to work well. I challenge every one of you to become more active in your research efforts, to share your findings with others working the same line and to continue your support of YNGHA.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

# Cathy



Happy New Year, everyone. I am not at all sorry to see the old year gone. It was turbulent, and with a bit of luck, the New Year will be a great improvement. I've made resolutions for the New Year, and with some effort, I may even keep some of them.

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By now, I suppose most have seen the web site's new look, along with its access being limited to members. It was a gamble, trying to decide which pages to leave open to the general public, and while it is still early days yet, a good balance has been reached. So far, there have been no complaints received, although I rather expect there have been a grumble or two.

For the conference, I had prepared several family trees from the database I have. I like being able to see who is who, relative to others in the family, and I believe this to be true of others as well. These proved to be quite popular – so much so that Ann Bush arm-wrestled me for them at the end of the conference. So, I've added some pop-up trees to the web site's home page, with the intention of continuing to expand this feature as time allows. Please send me a copy of your family tree, if you would like it posted, and please do not list living generations.

At the risk of beating a dead horse, I wish to add my views about the situation of the **YNGHA**. Under the present circumstances, we cannot continue the organization without adapting to the present reality. That reality is (1) publications costs are overtaking income; (2) we are losing members at a greater rate than we attract new members; and (3) only a few members actively participate in the operation of the association. The balance sheet reflects this. Without changes, another year will see the YNGHA operating very deeply in the red.

I expect that most members prefer having the traditional, printed **Quarterly** delivered to them by mail. This is expensive, both in the printing and in the cost of mailing. Electronic distribution, by contrast, is

inexpensive, fast, and in fact is the preferred method by today's society. I understand the desire to have the printed pages to read -- that's why we have printers. Surely, it is not that great a hardship to download and print the **Quarterly**. For those who simply do not or can not use the internet and personal computers, I think we can continue to accommodate them, as well as provide paper copies to the several libraries that are on our mailing list.

As to the membership decline, I am baffled as to why we do not have a membership in the hundreds, if not thousands, given the number of Yarbroughs. The cost of membership isn't that high, although if lowering membership dues would help increase membership, it makes sense to lower the dues. Is declining membership related to a lack of visibility of the organization? If so, how can this be alleviated? Perhaps partnering with other genealogical and historical organizations might help. Is the organization simply redundant? That is, does the availability of research material on the internet render membership valueless in the eyes of potential members? I question that this should be so, as much of the information available via the internet still requires vetting, and that is a service that the YNGHA can and should do.

What can be done to increase participation? Attendance at the annual conferences has been declining steadily. While the tumultuous economic situation of the past year had a big impact, I question that this is the sole reason. Should the conference be scheduled at another time of the year? Are the locations chosen really convenient for the membership? Should we continue to have a big annual conference, or should we look at smaller conference and venues? As far as I can tell, we get little or no feedback from the "silent majority" of our membership. Is that because of a belief that no one listens – or cares?

The enclosed questionnaire seeks your input on these questions. It is vital that everyone responds. The leadership have worked hard to develop this questionnaire; please take a few moments to let them know your views.

Leonard

# UN OFFICIAL MIN UTES

YARBROUGH NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of Directors met from 11:00 a.m. o'clock, until 1:30 p.m., Saturday, October 11, 2008, in the Outerbanks Room of the Embassy Suites, with the following directors in attendance: Tee Devine (CA), Joan Singlaub, (VA), Ann Y. Bush (AL), Seth Y. Young (AR), Don Yarbrough (FL), Clark Hickman (MO) and Cathy Walker (AL). Directors absent were: Barbara Blanton, Beverly Havens, E. Howard Yarbrough (AL).

At the President's invitation, Leonard Yarbrough was asked to give a status report on the website and a presentation concerning his thoughts on continuing the printed paper copy of the Quarterly or to go entirely to a digital version to be sent by e-mail to each member. Board members reminded Leonard that all members do not have e-mail and we will still have to print some quarterlies. After his presentation, Leonard left the Board Meeting.

Tee Devine then called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. o'clock. Joan Singlaub offered the invocation. Ann Bush began reading the minutes of the 2007 Board Meeting; Clark Hickman asked that we dispense reading the minutes since each director had a copy. After a few moments, no additions or corrections were made. The Secretary was reminded to forward an unofficial copy of the minutes of this meeting to Leonard Yarbrough as soon as possible.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Cathy Walker. The bank account is hopefully self-explanatory and as soon as the closing numbers for this conference are known, Cathy will send that final accounting to each Board member by either U.S. mail or e-mail. It was pointed out to the Board that publication and distribution of the Quarterly consumes a major [portion of the budget. An annual report will appear in the January edition of *The Yarbrough Family Quarterly*.

Seth Young inquired as to the financial standing of the Association and the Treasurer reported that the membership is down but she has developed and distributed the brochure to attract new members to be sent in stages to libraries and genealogical societies. Copies of the brochure and a conference flyer were sent to NC and surrounding states' libraries prior to this conference. A copy of the brochure and flyer are included in your Director's packet.

The Board then addressed election of directors. Directors' terms expiring in 2008 are Barbara Blanton, Don Yarbrough, and Tee Devine. The Secretary has contacted each Director and all have agreed to serve another term. E. Howard Yarbrough has asked to be removed for the Board of Directors and our beloved Rea Donohue passed away during the year of 2008 so we have openings for other people to serve on the Board. Therefore, the following names were submitted by Ann Bush, Secretary: Diane Faulkner from Austin, TX and James F. Yarbrough from Hermitage, TN were added to the slate and seconded by Seth Y. Young and Clark Hickman. The slate for 2009-2011 is as follows: Barbara Blanton, Don Yarbrough, and Tee Devine. Also nominated to fill vacant positions for 09 was James F. Yarbrough and 10 was Diane Faulkner. The President called for all those in favor to raise their hand; there was unanimous approval. This slate will be presented to the general membership at the dinner meeting Saturday night, October 11, 2008.

The election of officers for the coming year then took place. Nominations were opened for the office of President. Cathy Walker was nominated by Ann Bush; no other nominations, nominations were then closed. Nominations were then in order for the office of Vice President. Cathy Walker nominated Seth Young; being no other nominations, nominations were then closed. Nominations were opened for the office of Secretary. Seth Young nominated Ann Bush; no other nominations, nominations were then closed. Nominations were then in order for the office of Treasurer. Ann Bush nominated Don Yarbrough; being no other nominations, nominations were then closed. This slate was approved by the Board and was presented to the general membership meeting Saturday night, October 11, 2008.

Next item of business was discussion of possible conference locations:

- Huntsville, AL with hosts TBD and
- St. Louis area Clark Hickman volunteered to host.

Cathy Walker presented a draft of a Membership Survey for distribution in an effort to solicit information and ideas from the membership, giving them the opportunity to give input to the Board. The concept was approved with some modification and it was decided to field test the document by asking conference attendees to complete the form at the family meeting and dinner.

She also announced that Rea Donohue's family has offered us her set of research books and all her papers. This is a most generous gift, which the Association will treasure. At some time in the future Ann Bush, Tee Devine and Cathy Walker may assist in the packing of these materials and oversee their transport to Alabama for safe keeping.

Discussion followed regarding the Yarbrough DNA Project. James C. ("Jim") from Texas, who manages the project, encourages all male Yarbroughs to be tested. Member Perrah Yarbrough requested that the Board adopt a resolution in support of DNA testing and each member who has a living Yarbrough male in the family is asked to consider doing so. Don Yarbrough has been tested and Clark Hickman and Ann Bush have had members of their families tested. We are trying to establish as many lines as possible. Two Directors volunteered to pay for 37-marker tests for two applicants who can prove descendancy from Richard the Immigrant.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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General:						
Office supplies, postage/shipping, copies/fax	\$	(352.89)				
Website operations (monthly & 5-year contracts)	\$	(182.15)				
Fees	\$	(33.50)				
Other	\$	(112.26)				
	\$	(680.80)	\$	3,390.00	\$	2,709.20
Conference:						
Facilities	\$	(4,154.77)				
Office supplies, shipping, copies/fax	\$	(305.98)				
	\$	(4,460.75)	\$	2,424.19	\$	(2,036.56)
The Yarbrough Family Quarterly:						
Printing	\$	(2,538.58)				
Addressing, sorting and postage	\$	(662.21)				
	\$	(3,200.79)			\$	(3,200.79)
Yarbrough Brochure:						
Printing	\$	(123.60)				
Postage	\$	(92.82)				
	\$	(216.42)			\$	(216.42)
Other:						
Cookbook	\$	(29.13)	\$	442.50	\$	413.37
Patch	\$	(250.00)	\$	83.50	\$	(166.50)
Growing the Family	\$	-	\$	150.00	\$	150.00
CD	\$		\$	142.00	\$	142.00
	\$	(279.13)	\$	818.00	\$	538.87
Totals for 2008	\$	(8,837.89)	\$	6,632.19	\$	(2,205.70)
ENDING BALANCE 31 DECEMBER 2008						\$2,751.76

# Memoriam -- Harold Leroy Yarbrough (1934 - 2008)<sup>2</sup>



DR. LEROY YARBROUGH, after a valiantly fought battle with lymphoma, passed away on Christmas Day, 2008. Born in Rome, Georgia, August 23, 1934, to his late parents, J.D. and Charlcie Yarbrough, from whom he inherited a robust energy and determination that was exhibited in every dimension of his life. It was obvious to family and friends early on that he possessed the musical talent and passion for detail that would be accompanied by success. What few could imagine was what the scope of his influence around the world would become. He received his bachelors and masters degrees at Baylor University. While at Baylor he became the director of the Baylor Religious Hour Choir. He went on to do doctoral studies in Choral Conducting at the University of Texas at Austin, and later earned his Ph.D. in Music Education from

Louisiana State University. After serving as Minister of Music for 13 years at San Antonio's Trinity Baptist Church, Dr. Yarbrough served 21 years as Chairman of the Division of Church Music and Professor of Choral Conducting and Music Theory at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Following his retirement from teaching, he began his ministry at First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio as Minister of Music, the position from which he retired April of 2008, completing 11 years of ministry there. Dr. Leroy Yarbrough gained respect and recognition around the world for his exceptional conducting skills performed in some 29 states and 30 foreign countries. He was a highly respected choral clinician, organist, composer and arranger for seven publishing companies and made more than 50 recordings. He was as much at ease advising young seminary musicians as directing massive choirs accompanied by renowned symphony orchestras. He knew how to get the absolute most out of musicians while introducing them to the depth and spiritual message of great works of master composers. If you asked him what he considered the most important investment of his life, it would be unquestionably in his love for his family. How could such an intense, persistent, perfectionist disciplinarian be so loving, caring, and gracious? Such was no mystery to his children and grandchildren. A warm, caring and supportive husband, father and grandfather, he possessed a sense of humor and disdain for hypocrisy. He was a role model for family members, for students and congregants. Leroy Yarbrough's life was one of consistency, discipline, integrity, and courage-from his humble beginnings until his death on Christmas Day. Dr. Yarbrough is survived by his teenage sweetheart and wife of 52 years, Edwyna Yarbrough; daughters and sons-in-law, Melody and David Macaulay of Houston, Gina and Danny Howell of Dallas; grandchildren, Ciara and Lindsay Macaulay, Arden, Jake and Grant Howell; and brother, Dale Yarbrough.

There was a memorial service Saturday, January 3, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church on North Alamo, followed by a reception in Westminster Hall. The family requested that in place of flowers, those who wish to offer a tribute to Dr. Yarbrough do so as a living memorial to one of the following: First Presbyterian Church Music Enrichment Fund, in Memory of Dr. Leroy Yarbrough, 404 North Alamo, San Antonio, Texas 78205-1985, or Baylor University Center for Ministry Effectiveness and Educational Leadership, Baylor University, One Bear Place, #97050, Waco, Texas 76798-7050. Gift must indicate "Designated to Baylor University Center for Ministry Effectiveness & Educational Leadership in Memory of Dr. Leroy Yarbrough." Arrangements provided by Porter Loring North Mortuaries, 2102 N. Loop 1604 East.

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<sup>-</sup> From the San Antonio Express-News, December 30, 2008.

# A Search for "Old Richard's" DNA

By Jim Yarbrough and Perrah Yarborough



At the YNGHA Board Meeting in October 2008, Board member Don Yarbrough explained the significance of Y-DNA-marker relationships. Afterward, the Board adopted a motion to support DNA testing and two Directors offered to fund two DNA tests for proven descendants of "Old Richard Yarbrough, buried in Old Blandford Church Cemetery." Don Yarbrough volunteered to find a descendant of Old Richard to take a Y-DNA test. Please contact Don, Jim or Perrah if you know anyone who is a proven descent from Old Richard. The YFQ has previously published two articles on DNA testing. In the first article in January 2007, Reverend

Peter Yerburgh, renowned genealogist, discussed the fundamentals of DNA testing and the meaning of his test results. In the July 2007 issue, Professor Clark Hickman discussed how DNA is a "genetic fingerprint" passed down virtually unchanged from father to son, and how it is used to complement paper trail research. He also reported on the progress of the new Yarbrough DNA Project ('Project'). If you have not already done so, please read these excellent articles on DNA testing.

# Update on the Yarbrough Project

The Yarbrough Surname DNA Project (male Y-Chromosome) has made progress since its beginning in 2006. Information on the Project can be found at the World Family Network (WFN) website <a href="http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/yarbrough">http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/yarbrough</a>. The YNGHA website also has a link to the Project. So far 18 of the 22 Yarbroughs who have tested have joined the Project and allowed their results to be shown on the database. The Project gained 8 new participants in 2008. We hope to add even more participants in 2009 since the value of the database increases as the number of Yarbrough males in the Project grows larger. Surname Projects with over 100 participants, such as Wells and Parker projects, provide good baselines for family comparisons.

The Yarbrough Project's goal is to genetically link the various Yarbrough families, regardless of spelling, some of which may be stymied by paper trail dead ends. By determining which families are genetically linked, the Project could help you locate your genetic cousins who may have information that could turn your 'brickwalls' into stepping stones. For example, two or more individuals with matching DNA results whose ancestors were born about the same time and in the same area may be able to compare their paper trail research and find a common ancestor through land records, witnesses, or common relations with another family and any of their wills.

Individuals in the 'Project' are encouraged to submit a 'paper trail' outlining their Yarbrough family's genealogical descent. These genealogical profiles can be accessed on-line at <a href="http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/yarbrough/pats">http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/yarbrough/pats</a> so that individuals within the same family group can compare notes and possibly learn more about their ancestors. Non-participants may also submit their genealogical profiles or review existing genealogical profiles of Project participants. By doing so, you may find you have a connection to one of the family groups.

A major outcome for the Project would be to establish a database capable of determining which branches of the Yarbrough families are descended from the legendary "Old Richard Yarbrough" or from Ambrose Yarbrough, who some also call the 'Immigrant.' However, one should resist jumping to conclusions based solely on DNA evidence, a point emphasized by Professor Hickman in his July 2007 article. DNA evidence can be extremely valuable; however, one must also do traditional genealogical research that is at the heart of all reliable pedigrees. As Hickman says, "Nothing replaces old fashioned digging among primary-source document[s]...."

# **Understanding the Y-DNA Database**

The Chart<sup>3</sup> on the following page shows the Y-DNA results for the Yarbrough Surname Project thus far.

Each individual shown on the Chart has already taken a Y-DNA test. Test results come back from the lab as a series of numbers representing specific markers along the individual's Y chromosome. Individuals that have matching Y-DNA samples are placed in the same family group. At present, there are five different Yarbrough Family Groups. The largest group has 14 individuals with matching DNA results. Because Y-DNA remains essentially unchanged over millennium, individuals with matching results are related to a 'single common ancestor' from the past. This is what gives the Project its value.

The Project's results for Family Group 1 demonstrate that most of the Yarbrough males who have tested thus far are genetically related to a single common ancestor. However, some test participants have not yet matched any other Yarbrough line, and instead have matched the test results of other surnames. This is usually because a non-paternity event has occurred along their Yarbrough line sometime in the past. Examples of non-paternity events are as follows: A step-child assumes the name of the step-father, a child is born out of wedlock and takes the mother's surname, a child of an extra-marital affair takes the mother's husband's surname, an alias becomes permanent, an adoption occurs, or a surname is changed for inheritance or other purposes, etc.

One Yarbrough family that did not match any other Yarbrough line reported a family story that their ancestor may have assumed the Yarbrough name to avoid problems after the Civil War. This is a good example of a non-paternity event.

There are also two individuals who have tested that do <u>not</u> have the Yarbrough surname but match Yarbrough Family Group 1. This could also be due to a non-paternity event such as when the surname is passed down from the mother or from the step-father instead of from the actual father. These two individuals could be directly descended from a Yarbrough male ancestor, and indeed one of has since been proven by research to be a Yarbrough. The second individual rejects the idea that he is a Yarbrough.

Yarbrough DNA Family Groups 3, 4, and 5, and three 'private data' Yarbroughs match individuals in other DNA surname projects. Again, this could be due to a non-paternal event. However, it is just as possible that the individuals in Family Group 3, 4, and 5 matched up with other surname projects because some individuals in those projects are actually 'blood related' to an earlier Yarbrough male ancestor but have inherited a different surname due to a non-paternity event. Only by testing cousins from their same lineage and comparing results could this be proved one way or another.

The shaded numbers on the Chart represent 'Genetic distance,' which is defined as a difference in DNA marker values between two individuals. The smaller the genetic distance, the closer two individuals are related, and the more recently they shared a common ancestor. Experts state that matching 35 of 37 markers means there is a likelihood of a common ancestor within 14 generations or about 300 years.

For example compare John Yarbrough, b. 1725, and Thomas G. Yarbrough, b. 1785, – notice that there is just one marker difference. This means they have a recent common ancestor. Now contrast the data shown for Thomas G. Yarbrough with the data shown for Family Group 5; there is a difference of 41 out of 67 (shaded) markers. This means that Thomas G. Yarbrough does not share a common ancestor with Family Group 5.

# Why You Should Consider Testing

To determine if your paternal Yarbrough ancestors match, or do not match, others in the Yarbrough Project and whether you belong to an existing Yarbrough family group.

To locate, communicate and compare notes with 'new' Yarbrough cousins within your matching family group thereby possibly discovering new information about your own family's origins.

To determine if two unrelated Yarbrough families are related to a single common ancestor. As the Yarbrough database grows, the 'common ancestors' and their relationships within each separate Family Group will become more clearly defined. This will increase the practical value of the Surname Database for everyone, including non-participants.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Available on-line at <a href="http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/yarbrough/results">http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/yarbrough/results</a>.

World Family Network - Yarbrough DNA Project - RESULTS

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To determine if two unrelated Yarbrough families are related to a single common ancestor. As the Yarbrough database grows, the 'common ancestors' and their relationships within each separate Family Group will become more clearly defined. This will increase the practical value of the Surname Database for everyone, including non-participants.

If we are able to find and test an individual with a proven genealogical paper trail to one of the first Yarbrough immigrants, such as Old Richard Yarbrough, the database could possibly become a way for those without paper trails to prove a relationship to their immigrant ancestors.

#### Conclusion

All Yarbroughs, whether YNGHA members or not, are encouraged to join the Project. There are several reputable companies, however the Family Tree DNA Company is recommended because you receive the group discount price, and also because not all companies test the same DNA markers which complicates comparisons. The 37-marker test is considered the minimum number of markers to achieve definitive results; a 67-marker test would be better.

We encourage you to visit the Project's website at <a href="http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/yarbrough/">http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/yarbrough/</a>. Click on the links under the Project Menu to view the "y-Results", the Patriarch's (genealogical profiles), and the "Join Project" page which has the current group discount prices. Even if you are not yet a Project participant, we encourage you to visit the "Forum" page, and enter your pedigree information, which will then be added to the "Patriarch" page – or e-mail me direct with the information. If you need assistance or you have additional questions or concerns e-mail me at <a href="mailto:jcyarb@hal-pc.org">jcyarb@hal-pc.org</a>. Additionally, we ask that you please contact us if you know a male descendant of Old Richard Yarbrough who has the Yarbrough surname and the paper trail to prove it.

Most privacy concerns or questions about participation in DNA testing are addressed by the "Frequently Asked Questions" page at <a href="http://www.familytreedna.com/faq.html">http://www.familytreedna.com/faq.html</a> GeneTree.Com also has an on-line video explaining DNA testing (<a href="http://www.genetree.com/tour">http://www.genetree.com/tour</a>) available for those using a high-speed digital internet connection.



If you know of a proven male descendant of Old Richard Yarbrough, buried at Old Blandford Church, Petersburg, VA, who has the Yarbrough surname, a free DNA test is available. Please notify Jim Yarbrough at <a href="mailto:jcyarb@hal-pc.org">jcyarb@hal-pc.org</a> or the YFQ editor at <a href="mailto:lsyarbro@otelco.net">lsyarbro@otelco.net</a> with contact information about anyone who may qualify.

# A Yarbrough of Distinction: STEVE YARBROUGH - WRITER

Yarbrough, is a native of the Mississippi Delta town of Indianola, joined the Fresno State faculty in 1988. He has received several awards in recent years, including the California Book Award from the Commonwealth Club of California in 2000 and the John and Renee Grisham Visiting Southern Writer-in-Residence at the University of Mississippi in 1999-2000.

After establishing a national reputation as a short-story writer, Yarbrough published his first novel, "The Oxygen Man" in 1999. His second, the critically acclaimed "Visible Spirits," was published in 2001. In the same year, an anonymous donor endowed a professorship for him to lighten his teaching load and allow him to spend more time on his writing.

In 2005, Steve Yarbrough was one of four finalists for the prestigious PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. The national prize is awarded each year for the best work of fiction by an American author. His work considered for



the prize was his third novel, "Prisoners of War." It is a World War II-era story that explores questions of morality and social inequity in a Mississippi farming town when a group of German POWs are quartered at a local camp and sent to work as day laborers on nearby farms.



# YARBOROUGH CHRONOLOGICAL DATA -- Part I

Collated by Peter Yerburgh (U.K.)

**Introduction:** While most of us are primarily interested in our American roots, we are nonetheless tied inexorably to our English heritage. We are fortunate that Peter Yerburgh is an indefatigable researcher, and we owe him a great deal for his documenting of our family history in the Old World. Peter has assembled his data over a span of some six hundred years, which are being presented in installments over the next several issues of the **YFQ. – Leonard Yarbrough, Editor** 

#### 1080

Kettelcroc (grandfather of the Hameline de Yerburgh) lived about this date. (Laud Misc. 642 97v).

## 1086

Landric held land of Count Alan as the Count's man. He had two teams of oxen in Cheluingeholm in the Wapentake of Yarborough (North Lincolnshire). He had two teams of oxen in Welton the Wold (9 miles from Yarburgh village) and he held, of the Count, 5 carucates of land (800 acres) in Holbeach (South Lincolnshire).

(Domesday Survey. L.Rec.Off. Foster & Longley p.62, 64 & 71)

Landric (Ancestor of the Yarburghs of Yarburgh) is given 'one carucate' [149 acres] by Alan, Count of Brittany.

(Lindsey Survey. Lincs. Rec. Office. Foster & Longley p.258)

1187 King William Rufus ruled Sept. 1087 - Aug 1100

1100 King Henry I ruled Aug. 1100 - July 1135

1080

Osbert, dean, (father of the Hamelines) lived about this date. (MS Laud 642 Bod.Lib.97v - Memorandum in margin.)

#### 1105

According to Mr. Woolley's Pedigree Book (1677)

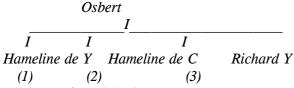
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#### c.1110

Alan de Welton, son of Landric lived about this date. (See pedigree for 1140)

## 1130

About this date lived the sons of Osbert de Yerburgh:-



(MS Laud Misc 64 fo. 97v).

- 1) Hameline de Jerdeburgh (see 1155) (dean of Yarburgh and Alvingham.) He married Mabel, daughter of the Mayor of Beverley.
- 2) Hameline (? Twin). Dean of Covenham married Hadewys.

(See Kirk. Chart. fo 94 LXXXII).

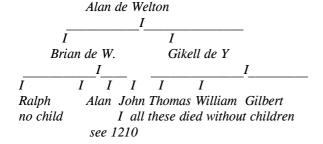
3) Richard de Jerdeburc. (Ibid fo. 85. xxxi)

1135 King Stephen reigned 1135 - 1154

#### c.1140

About this date was born Brian de Welton and Gikell de Yerdeburgh. These were the sons of Alan de Welton, (see 1100).

The Alvingham Chartulary (Laud MSS 642 fo.110d) shows:



# 1137 (2 Stephen)

According to Mr. Woolley's Pedigree Book (1677). Lambert Yarbrough of Yarburgh. (2 Stephen ) married the daughter of Arthur Ormsby in this year.

1154 King Henry II ruled Dec 1154-July 1189

#### 1170

Near this date flourished the offspring of Hameline de Jerdeburg, dean.

Brian Osbrt Rbrt Gffrey Jhn Mtlda Helena ?A & H

\*Note Osbert died young and was buried in the nuns' churchyard of St. Athelwold's Church, of which Hameline gave 3 parts [of 4] to the nuns.

(See Alvingham Charter fo. 83. Y.H. 317)

Note A & H = Arnold and Hugo, who may also have been sons.

(Laud MS 642.97r. (In bottom margin)

#### 1160 - 80

Hameline and his son, Brian de Yerdeburc, gave to Alvingham Priory. (Alv. Chart. fo. 97 & 98)

- 1. 3 parts (of 4) of St Athelwold church, Alvingham.
- 2 The advowson of Grainthorpe,
- 3 17 crofts.
- 4 1 Salt pan.
- 5 60 acres of farmland.
- 6 100 selions (strips).
- 7 Pasture for 100 sheep.

They gave :- To Kirkstead Abbey.(Kirk.Chart.fo.85 et al.)

- 1 3 tofts.
- 2 46 acres of farmland.
- 3 6 other smaller lands

#### 1157

Near this date flourished the family of Hameline - dean of Covenham.

Alvingham Chartulary fo.85 records Azo as the son of Hameline de Jerburgh, (the younger twin of Hameline de Y).

\*(Pipe Roll Vol XVII p.26 date c.1195)

#### 1158

Near this date flourished the family of Richard, son of Osbert, and the youngest of the Hameline brothers.

- 1) Robert. See c.1200. Witness to a deed.
- 2) Walter is 'nepos' of Azo. (See Alv. Charter fo. 85)
  Azo was son of Hameline, Dean of Covenham. (Y.H. p.315)
  Nepos = (Latin) = nephew and could mean cousin.

# *1161*

Hameline, the dean, is entrusted to see that Ranulf's bequest is carried out. (Kirkstead Folio 83 XIV-MCLXI (1161) - 5th of 9th.)

Hameline Croc and Hamel, his brother, both witness Charter *K.fo.83 xiii*. (In the previous charter Reginald is dean of Covenham. Reginald may have been Hameline's uncle.)

#### 1170

Hameline Dec. (Decanus - Dean) is mentioned in the Pipe Rolls for many years - As dean, Hameline owed about L100 to Aaron, the Jew of Lincoln. The debt was taken over by the Treasury after Aaron's death. The name Hameline might have been continued to be written in the Pipe Rolls after Hameline's own death which was probably before 1189 (see 1189). (*Pipe Roll Vol 16 p.103*)

# *1182*

Kirkstead charters mention a Gikell or Jukell de Yerburgh, son of Alan.

1189 King Richard I ruled Sept 1189 - April 1199

If Hameline married Mabel about 1130 (say aged 21-25) then by 1189 he would be about 80 years old. His brother's wife is a widow in 1195. I would expect the Hamelines to have died c.1180.

## 1195

(Case between William, son of Heremer, (in place of Maud de Lissington - his wife) (plaintiff) and John, son of Gikell - tenant touching Maud's dowry which Robert, son of Gikell, gave her at Ierborc and Gerumtorp (Yarburgh and Grainthorpe) when he was espoused to her - 20s. of yearly rent in Yarburgh and Grainthorpe.

John, son of Gikell, charges the following for rents at Yarburgh and Grainthorpe:-

William, son of Ralph 2s 8d Hawis, wife of Hameline 12d

(L.R.S.vol.17 p.301. Also in Pipe Roll Society vol.XVII p.26)

#### 1197

Alex. Abbot of Meaux is a witness to a Cyrograph between Kirkstead and Hameline 'de Covenham' dean of Adelsicroft for 12d p.a. rent.

Note: Alex was Abbot of Meaux between 1197 and 1210.

(K.fo. 94 LXXXII).

1199 King John ruled May 1199 - Oct 1216

# *c.1200*

Richard, son of John, son of Gikell de Jerdburgh (see 1182 for pedigree) gives 20 acres in Jerdeburg to Lincoln Cathedral. Witnesses include:- Robert, son of Richard de Jerdburgh.

(Y.H. p.508, Muniment Room Lincoln (D.ii.88.3.54. Yerburgh.)

#### 1208

Hameline, son\* of Gilbert holds 2 bovates with appurtenances in Jerdeburg. Recognized by Robert son of Siward for a rent of 10s 4d per annum.

(Pipe Roll New Series vol. 29 p 137)

Hamelin son of Gilbert witnesses a charter granting lands in Yarburgh to the church of Lincoln. (This Hamelin may have been grandson of Hameline the dean.)

(Pipe Roll New Series. Vol 29. p 138)

#### 1210

Hameline the Dean owed to Aaron the Jew of Lincoln nearly L100.

The pledge is guaranteed by:- Walter of Grimsby and Brian, son of Alan de Welton.(see 1182).

(Pipe Roll New Series vol. 26 p.59)

1210

Pedigree of two brothers

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A) Brian de Welton - fl.1170)
Ralph
             Alan
                        Robert
no child
          daughter who married Walter de Couton
         Alan (fl.1243
    The text has been overwritten to show this generation
     Robert
               Alan (fl.1277)
    Next entries see 1242
Pedigree of
      Gikell de Yarborough (Brian de Welton's brother)
   Sir John (a knight) (fl. 1210) Thomas William Gilbert
                        all died without child
 Gikell
              Richard = Alice
                Richard = Joanne (fl. 1267)
       Peter John Ralph Wm Thos Richard (fl.1300)
           Next entries see Pedigree on p.17.
[Brian de Welton was a contemporary of Hameline de Yerburgh.]
1216 King Henry III ruled Oct 1216 - Nov 1272
c.1211
(12 John) THE 'OLD' PEDIGREE
N.B. Some parts of this pedigree may have links with the de Welton Yarboroughs, other parts (especially
the names of the wives) may be fictional!
According to the Woolley Pedigree book, Ralph Yarbrough married around 1211:-
Ralph Yarbrough = Anne dau. of Sir Wm Staine (12 John)
Robert Yarbrough = _____ d. of Sir Jo. Bussam
William Yarbrough = Beatrix d. of Sir G. Auke
Richard Yarbrough = Cassandra d, of Sir P.Mablethorpe
Robert Yarbrough = Isabel d. of Sir Jo. Uerbie
             (3 Ric. 2 = 1380)
<u>1219</u>
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<u>1219</u> cont.

(Fleet of Fines. ERY MSS II p. 280.)

1) Alan son of Brian (prob. de Welton family) presents to the Church of Yarburgh.

2) Quit claim by Brian de Yarburgh\*, tenant of a toft in Welton.\* \*This was probably Brian de Welton not Brian de Yerburgh.

(Boyd Concords p. 135. ERY MSS I p. 75)

#### 1224

Hameline the dean's owes about L100 to Aaron the Jew. (Memoranda Roll QR 7 .1224m. ERY MSS II p.293, Y.H. p.514)

#### 1229

The Prior of Ormsby sues Hameline de Yerburgh regarding a free tenement in Little Grimsby. (Close Rolls of Lincoln. Y.H.p.500)

#### 1230

A list of tenants (formerly) holding land from Hameline:-

The Pipe Roll after the places mentioned above, has a list of those holding lands of Robert de Waltham. (Alvingham Chart. fo.98r.) Among the names are: William, son of Ace

Galfridus, son of Hamel (Cost family) Hamel' son of Rich.(Cost family)

(Pipe Rolls New Series No.4 p.317)

# 1234

Robert, son of Rici (Richard) de Jerdeburg, confirms all the lands, which Ormsby Priory had by the gift of John, son of Brian de Yerdeburg, in the Soke of Germethorp. (Lansdown MSS 738 18 Hen.iii)

#### 1237

1) Agreement between William, son of Ace, with Matilda, his wife. They agree to pay 2s. a year rent to Gilbert de Jereburgh and Mabel, his wife.

(Fleet of Fines Concord. Y.H. p.455)

2) Agreement made by William, son of Ace, on the one side, and Constance, daughter of Alice. The agreement is over the tenancy of three and a half acres in Jereburgh. (Fleet of Fines Concord. Y.H. p.455)

## 1239

Quotes the case of Richard, son of John de Jerdeburgh, granted pardon by two cardinals for causing the death of William, son of Azo. The pardon was renewed in 1269 'because the Royal Seal had been changed.'

(Lincs. Notes and Queries Vol.III No.18 p.60.)

#### 1239 cont.

William, son of Ace, is mentioned in 1230 as holding land which had belonged to Hameline, the Dean. Was this a family quarrel?

(Pipe Rolls New Series Vol.4 p.311.)

#### 1241

1) John, son of Brian, gave lands and tenements to Kirkstead Abbey. This is confirmed by Robert, son of Richard de Jerdeburgh. (See 1200).

(Kirkstead Chartulary fo.96.112. Y.H. p.214 & Boyd Concords p.337)

2) John (son of Brian) and Gilbert (de Jordeburgh).[Gilbert, represented by his son - Alan,] recognized the Prior of Alvingham to have the advowson of Grainthorpe. (Boyd Concords p.336).

#### 1242

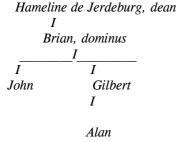
1) Records that Yarburgh and Grainthorpe are in the hands of Richard, son of John, (John de Yerdeburgh - see 1239). See also Feudal Aids Vol.3 p.133 (HMSO 1931. In 1303 Philip Frauke held quarter of knight's fee in Jordeborw and Grympelthorp (Yarburgh and Grainthorpe) 'which Richard. son of John and Alan, son of Walter at one time held.'

(Book of Fees Vol.I p. 1053)

There are no surnames but it is almost certain that "Alan, son of Walter" was Diana's grandfather. It is pretty certain that "Richard, son of John" was Gikell de Yarburgh's grandson = Richard (A), son of Sir John. See Pedigree p.17.

2) Robert, son of Richard de Jerdeburgh confirms the gifts made by his ancestors to the Priory of Alvingham.

(Fleet of Fines p.337 26 Hen. III. Y.H. p.456)



#### 1256

1) Mention of Robert son of Richard de Jertheburg. (Lansdown MSS. 422, Y.H.p. 512, 513)

#### 1256 cont.

- 2) Case between Benedict, son of Hamelin (plaintiff) and Simon de Yardeburgh (tenant) re moiety (half) of 2 tofts and 2 bovates and 8 selions in Yardeburgh.
- 3) Agreement between Benedict, son of Hameline, and Simon de Y and his son Simon re moeity (half) of 1 toft in Yardeburgh. Outcome Benedict acknowledges the right of Simon. Simon gave him 20s. as a quit fee.
- 4) Hugh, son of William de Yardeburgh, quit claims his right to 29 acres of land in Cockerington to Gilbert Vavasseur (tenant).

Outcome. Gilbert for this right has given Hugh three and a half marks of silver.

5) There is also mention of 51 acres of land in Saltfleetby and one messuage associated with those in No.4

(Items 2 - 5 in L.R.S. Vol 17 p.148)

#### 1271

1) Robert, son of Richard de Yerdburgh, v Gilbert\*, son of John de Kokerington, re 7 acres in Germthorpe. (Grainthorpe)

- \* Is Gilbert, son of John, the same as Gilbert Vavasseur who in 1256 had land in Cockerington? See 1256' (Assize Roll 56 Hen. III. Y.H.p.517)
- 2) Johanna, wife of Richard de Yerdeburgh, re land in Saltfleetby and Somercotes. Mention is made of Rafe le Carpenter of Yerdeburgh.

(Assize Roll 483 m.57d Y.H. p.518)

1272 King Edward I ruled Nov. 1272 - July 1307

## 1275

- 1) Abbot of Louth Park v William, son of Robert de Jerdeburgh, re beasts in Westfurlange. (De Banco Roll II Mich. 3&4 Ed. I m. 59)
- 2) William de Jerdeburgh, son of John de Jerdeburgh, v William, son of Robert de Jerdeburgh. (De Banco Roll 17 Mich. 4&5 Ed. l m. 19d)

#### 1278

- 1) Mention made later (in 1309) of land in Yerdeburgh acquired from Martin de Yerburgh in 1278. (Y.H.p.500, E.R.Y. MSS I p.145)
- 2) Joan who was wife of Richard de Jerdebrigg. (? of Saltfleetby).
- \* It seems likely that 1278 (the date given in Yerburgh History p.515) is correct and 1238 is either a reference number or a mistake. See 1271 where Johanna wife of Richard de Yerdeburgh is concerned with a case against Peter de Lekeburn of Sal(flee) i.e. Saltfleetby. (Yerburgh History p.518)

(Assize Roll 1238\* (sic) m 10. Y.H. p.515)

#### 1279

1) Robert, son of John de Jerdeburgh, re toft and land in Alvingham.

William and John, sons of Richard de Y. summoned to come.

(Coram Rege Roll 45 Easter 7 Ed.I m.7. ERY MSS II p 434)

2) Richard de Jerdeburgh's son, John, sued by Roger, son of Rafe de Jerdeburgh. Peter, a brother of Rafe, is mentioned.

(De Banco Roll 28 Hil. 7 Ed. I m. 33. Y.H. p. 335)

## FOUR CASES AGAINST THE BROTHERS

See page 17 for the associated pedigree.

In 1279 the brothers William (D) and John (B), sons of Richard (A) were involved in assaults on William of Brackenburg.

Note. In the same incident William Hewelyn of Yarburgh was killed by Rafe, the carpenter of Yarburgh. [It is not known if Rafe was the same man as (C) the brother of William and John]. The carpenter's land came to be held by Philip Frank and Diana. His toft was held by John (2), son of Robert de Yarburgh (1), and Diana. Robert and John are descendants of Brian de Welton.)

A case against John, son of Richard de Jerdeburgh (i.e. B son of A) and William le Clerk were charged that "they assaulted William, son of Alan de Brackenburg, at Brackenburg" (5 miles west of Cockerington) and "did beat, wound and evilly entreat him" etc. The defendants were ordered to come to Court.

Another summons was brought by the same man to charge Richard de Yerdeburgh (F) and Rafe (C) his brother that "they made waste the growing corn of William de Brackenburg ....and with their horses and by force and arms did beat and evilly entreat the men of the said William". The damage was worth 60 shillings. They were ordered to come to the next Court.

Rafe(C) and his brother, John de Yarburgh (B) were summoned by William, son of William of Cockerington and William, son of Roger of the same (Cockerington). The Sheriff orders distraint upon their lands and that they are to appear at the next Court, to hear judgment.

## 1279 THE NEPHEWS BRING A CASE AGAINST THEIR UNCLE.

Their nephews seem, also, to have quarrelled with their uncle, John (B), son of Richard (A). This uncle was attached (seized by legal authority) by Roger (K) (son of Rafe de Jerdeburgh (C)) and Peter, his brother

#### 1285

John, son of Robert de Yerdeborough, is a witness to a quitclaim. (It refers back to 1200) (Lincoln Cathedral Muniment Room. Y.H. p.508)

<u>1287</u> DISPUTES ABOUT INHERITANCE (See also 1279)

In 1287, an Assize (Lincs. Assize Roll 1281 was summoned to see if John (B), Ralph (C) had dispossessed Joan (M), daughter of Peter. Joan claimed her inheritance came from her Great grandmother\* Alice. (See Pedigree page 14.).

(Note. Dudding has great grandmother (p.31, lines 3-4). She was the wife of Sir John de Yedeburgh. See p.17 pedigree.)

NOTES about the Inheritance Disputes.

1 Joanna (daughter of Rafe de Yarburgh) married John Bek. They may have had no child. She was the daughter of Ralph de Y.

(See De Banco Roll 230. Mich.11 Edward II. (1316) m.349. Yarborough History p.335)

(1313)Property\* is conveyed by John and Joan Bek to the Kiddall family in default of heirs to the Beks: (Fleet of Fines, Lincs. 8 Ed.II. File 82 (18) Dudding (p.31)

The property consisted of: \*1) one messuage, 2) one mill, 3) three tofts, 4) 130 acres of land, 5) 30 acres of meadow, 6) 2 acres of pasture, 7) Rent. 1 shilling in Yarburgh and Grainthorpe "which William Gikell (Joan's uncle ?) held for a term of years for the inheritance for Joan.

#### 1290-1

Either Richard de Yerburgh (Y.H. 336) or Aceus de Yerburgh (E.R.Y. MSS Vol.2, p.222) v the township of Yerburgh.

(De Banco Roll. Roll 93 Trin. 19 Ed.I m.69)

#### 1291

Land in Yarburgh and acquired from Ralph son of Martin (de Yerburgh). The land originally belonged to Alan de Couton. (Calendar of Inquisition ad quod damnum. File 15, No 12 19 Ed.I)

Land in Yarburgh and Grainthorpe which had belonging to Robert son of John de Y now acquired by the Prior of Alvingham.

(ibid & Y.H.p.516. See also 1278 & 1309)

#### 1294

- 1) Robert le Feure (Smith) de Yerdeburgh and Annabella his wife v The Prior of Alvingham. (De Banco Roll 106. Mich. 22/3 Ed.I, m.223d.)
- 2) William, son of Constance de Yerdeburgh, v Robert and Annabella de Yerdeburgh. (*De Banco Roll 106 Mich. 22/3 Ed.I. m.223d.*)

#### 1297

1) Gilbert, son of Thomas de Jerdeburgh and Rads le Carpent' de Jerdeburgh are involved. (Esc. 25 Ed.I. ERY. MSS II p. 294)

2) William Gikell de Jerdeburg\* and Gilbert, son of Thomas Jerdeburgh, are involved. \* de Welton family. See pedigree p.17)

(Inquisition. ERY MSS. Vol II p. 294)

#### 1298

The sub bailiff of Yerdeburgh did not come and surety (bail) was made through: William and Thomas de Yerdeburgh, sons of John de Yerdeburgh.

(Lincs. Record Soc. Vol. 36 Editor W.S. Thomson)

#### 1301

- 1) Two cases in the Covenham area John, son of Robert de Yerdeburgh, are involved. (Coram Rege Roll 163 Hil. 29 Ed. I. ERY Hist. II p. 434)
- 2) John, son of Robert de Yerdeburgh, v John Wynn and others regarding a trespass in the Covenham area.

(De Banco Roll 163 Hil. 29 Ed.I m. 27d. Y.H. 336)

#### 1302

William, son of Robert de Yerdeburgh, is a juror. (Inq. ad quod damnum. E.R.Y MSS II p. 280)

### 1303

Simon de Jordeborw is a juror at Osbernby. (See 1346). (Feudal Aids Vol 3 p129)

Mention of Johanne de Jordeborwe (Yerburgh). (Feoda Episcopi Lincolniensis A.D. 1303 p 1211 - ERY MSS I p. 149)

## 1304

- 1) Case over 1 acre in Thorgamby and the advowson there. Robert de Benyngsworth, parson of Wokingham, and John de Yerdeburgh and Johanna his wife. (Calendar of Fine Rolls 32 Ed.I Aug 25th) (De Banco Roll 149 Mich. 32 Ed.I m. 355d. Y.H. p. 336)
- 2) John de Yerdeburgh. A suit regarding a bovate and carucate in Rothwell belonging to John de Yerburgh.

(Calendar of Fine Rolls. 32 Ed.I. Y.H. p.527)

John, son of Richard de Yerburgh, and Joan his wife regarding land in Killingholm. (De Banco Roll 153 Mich. 33 Ed. I m. 348 also Roll 156 Trin. 33. Ed. I m. 188 ERY. MSS II p. 222)

#### 1306

- 1) John son of Richard de Yerdeburch regarding one and a half acres in Yerdeburch v Rafe Gykel. (De Banco Roll 161 Mich.34 Ed.I m.185. Y.H.p.338)
- 2) Robert de Jerdburgh demands service from William de Som(er)cotes regarding a tenement in Yarburgh.

(De Banco Roll 160 Trin. 34 Ed.I m.151. Y.H.338)

King Edward II ruled 1307- Nov. 1326

#### 1307

1 Wapentake of Bradele (see 1329): -

Vill de Irby: John de Yerdeburgh.

Borough of Grimsby: Richard de Jordeburgh Vill de Grimoldby: William de Yerdeburgh.

2 Wapentake of Coryngham

(Western edge of Lincolnshire)

Township of Gaynesburgh: William de Yerdeburgh.

Compare Lay Subsidy of 6 Ed.III. See 1331/2.

(No mention of a Yerburgh at Cockerington). (Lay Subsidy. 135/11 I Ed. II ERY. MSS II p. 227)

- 3) Witness at Lincoln. John de Yerdeburg (Knight) and others, re Manor of Dunoblsy. (? Bridgeley) (Calendar of Close Rolls. ERY. MSS II p.294)
- 4) John, son of Richard de Jerdeborough, regarding the Common in Bradele.

(PRO vol.2 c 1954)

(Calendar of Ancient Deeds. ERY. MSS II p. 295)

#### 1308

The Prior of Alvingham, in 1308, sought 15 marks from John de Yerburgh. (see 1332) shows:

Note. These are recorded in the Yerburgh of Cockerington pedigree but it seems that they were of Landric's line. (See Dudding)

(De Banco Roll 292 Mich. 6 Ed.III. Y.H. p.340)

## 1309

De Banco Roll (Roll 220 Mich. 2 Ed.Il 349. Y.H. p.335 See 1310. It shows part of Landric's descent :-

Grandfather? Richard\* (see 1328)

For fuller pedigree see page 15.

...to be continued

# Another Yarbrough of Distinction - Robert W. Yarbrough, Ph.D.



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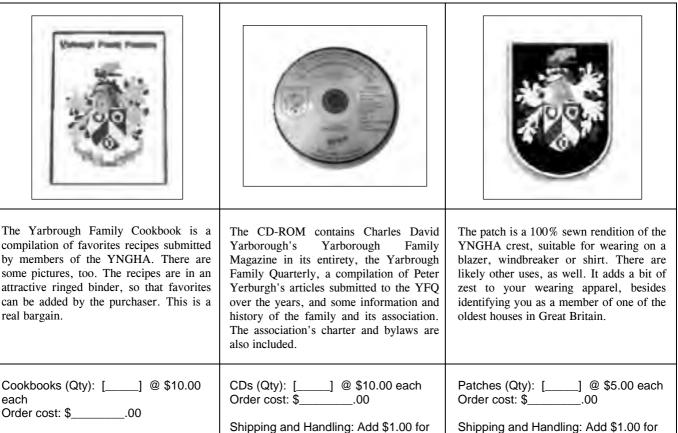
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# The President's Corner ...

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With the coming of spring, comes good news! Ann Bush and I are pleased to report that we will host the YNGHA Family Conference in Huntsville, Alabama, September 18-20. More information is included on the Conference registration form appearing later in this issue, as well as on our web site at <a href="www.yarbro.org">www.yarbro.org</a>. It would help us a great deal if you could call or e-mail either of us in the not-too-distant future affirming that you are at least planning to attend.

We are going casual this year so leave your dressy clothes at home. In September, the "normal" highs and lows are 83 degrees and 62 degrees. For those of you flying into Huntsville, the hotel is located within the airport – how convenient is that? When time allows, or as you motor to or from Huntsville, you might like to take in some of the area sites. I have listed a few, along with their approximate distances from the hotel. Pamphlets with more detailed information will be available at the Conference but feel free to e-mail me if you need some information ahead of time. Rental car agencies represented at Huntsville International Airport are: Advantage, Avis, Budget, Hertz and National/Alamo.

The U. S. Space and Rocket Center (home of Space Camp) 10 mi.

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Alabama's Constitution Village and Twickenham Historic District 14 mi.

Huntsville Museum of Art 14 mi.

Big Spring Park 14 mi.

Burritt on the Mountain 18 mi.

Monte Sano State Park 19 mi.

Cathedral Caverns State Park 43 mi.

Ivy Green, Helen Keller's Home 59 mi.

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Coon Dog Memorial Graveyard 74 mi.

Several counties to the east and south are home to a number of historic covered bridges, some still in use.

Don't forget to bring research to share and a list of your research objectives. Working together, perhaps some answers can be found. You can visit with cousins you haven't seen in awhile and have a great opportunity to meet some new ones. Ann and I are really looking forward to seeing everyone. Make your plans soon and don't forget to give us a heads up!

I am very grateful to each of you who studied the membership questionnaire, took the time to put your thoughts and ideas on paper, and then returned them. To those of you who have not yet completed the queries, it is not too late! Any guidance and/or suggestions you can offer us will help.

Till next time,





Another issue, another deadline approaching...seems that one issue is barely completed until the next one is on the editing table. By the time this one is delivered, I expect to be on the way to London and thence to both Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. My daughter, Susan, and one of her friends are running in the London Marathon on April 28<sup>th</sup>. I will join Susan to visit Peter Yerburgh and see Heslington House and

environs. We hope to see the Hebrides, sample a bit of nectar of the gods at some of the island distilleries, and take some good pictures for the next issue. In all the years of corresponding with Peter, we've never met, although it seems as though I have known him forever.

The results of the survey have been generally favorable for both the *Quarterly* and the web site, with a few good suggestions thrown in. There was a complaint about fonts, which has already been addressed -- the *Quarterly* is now primarily Times New Roman and Arial, with some use of John Hancock, Calligraphy 421 BT, Chancery and American Text. There was also a request for better quality pictures, as well as pictures in color. Unfortunately, I have no control over the quality of submitted pictures. I'd like to print pictures in color, but the cost is prohibitive. The quality of pictures on the web site is mostly good, although there are a few that were not the best images to start with. As far as electronic distribution, there seems to be a clear preference for that, although there are a few strong responses against it. Those who want printed copies apparently do not recognize that it is quite easy to print (and bind, staple, enclose, etc.) a personal paper copy for bedtime reading.

While the response so far is only a fraction of the membership, the trend of responses seems to be pretty well established. I know that if we are late in getting an issue published, I get e-mails, telephone calls and letters wanting to know why. Early responses indicate a slight edge to the electronic publication option, but this is far from conclusive.

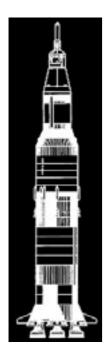
One of our members recently asked if there were a listing of books about the Yarbroughs. So far as I know, there isn't any comprehensive bibliography. The few I know of seem to be "vanity press" editions, not widely distributed, and hence unlikely to be cataloged. If anyone who knows of any books on the family would send in the information (<a href="list-style-sty

Bill Yarbrough (Greensboro, NC) contributed two family stories. Such stories enrich our family lore, and I encourage everyone to jot down their respective stories and submit them. Don't worry about the grammar, as there are a couple of eagle-eyed ladies who will put them into good order.



# Some Yarb(o)rough Books

- 1. Yarbrough, Robert Price Yarbrough, Era Press, Davidson, NC, 1981, 1984, 1988.
- 2. Remember Who You Are, Ruth Shipp Yarbrough, Chapel Hill Press, Chapel Hill, NC, 2007.
- 3. **Southern Journeys: Descendants of Joshua Yarborough,** by Cleveland "Cy" Yarborough, Salem, VA, 2008.
- 4. Some Southern Colonial Families, Vol. 5, David A. Avant, Jr., L'Avant Studios, Tallahassee, FL, 1995
- 5. **Southside Virginia Genealogies** (CD-ROM), John W. Pritchett, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD, 2007.
- 6. Short history of the Philips-Yarbrough families, Jere Clemons Philips, 1852-1919.



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The countdown to the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Yarbrough Family Conference has begun! The Conference will be held **September 18 – 20, 2009** in **Huntsville, Alabama**, aka Rocket City, where Werner Von Braun and his team developed the Saturn V rocket that launched the United States to the Moon. Today, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center provides the multidiscipline engineering expertise behind propulsion and transportation systems such as the Space Shuttle and Ares rockets.

In support of NASA, the U. S. Army's Redstone Arsenal, and the U. S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, the Huntsville area boasts the second largest concentration of technology employment in the U. S. Known today as the "Silicon Valley of the Southeast", the area is home to approximately 220 high-tech companies and has the highest per capita income in the Southeast. Numerous magazines, including *Forbes*, have ranked it as an ideal place to live, work and raise a family.

Situated in the foothills of the Appalachian mountain range, residents and visitors alike can enjoy the mountains, valleys, lakes and rivers. The pace of life is relaxed; there are many things to see; the people are friendly. All the Yarbrough cousins are sure to enjoy the visit.

Our host hotel is **The Four Points Sheraton, Huntsville Airport**, 1000 Glenn Hearn Boulevard SW, Huntsville, AL 35824. Room rate is **\$95.08**, including all taxes and parking is free to guests. Phone **(256) 772-9661** for reservations and be sure to tell them you are with the Yarbrough group. Room reservations must be made by **Friday, September 4, 2009**.

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# **Yarbrough DNA Testing Information**



The Yarbrough DNA Project traces members of the family that bear our common surname (regardless of spelling). Since surnames are normally passed down from father to son like the Y-chromosome, an Y-DNA test is appropriate. A female does not have her father's Y-DNA; she also (usually) acquires a new surname at marriage, so the tested individual must be a male, using a Y-DNA12, Y-DNA37, or Y-DNA67 marker test. Females who wish to check their direct paternal line may have a male relative with this surname take a Y-DNA test. Females may also order an mtDNA test, such as the mtDNA or the mtDNAPlus test, and participate in an mtDNA project.

For those who wish to be tested as part of the Yarbrough DNA Project, here is the address of the testing laboratory. Contact the laboratory for the desired test kit.

Family Tree DNA Genealogy by Genetics, Ltd. World Headquarters 1445 North Loop West, Suite 820 Houston, Texas 77008, USA Phone: (713) 868-1438

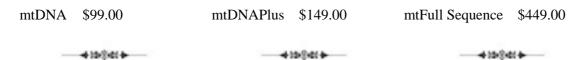
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# YARBOROUGH CHRONOLOGICAL DATA -- Part II

Collated by Peter Yerburgh (U.K.)

#### 1316

## DISPUTES ABOUT THEIR INHERITANCE

Around 1315 Richard (A) de Yerdeburgh, the father and grandfather, died, leaving his inheritance to his sons: John, Richard, William and Rafe.

Rafe (C) and Thomas (E) and Peter predeceased their father. Anyway, one of Rafe's five children named Joanna (H), (who had married John Bek), inherited four fifths of the lands in Somercotes, Yarburgh and Grainthorpe.

Two of her uncles John (B) and Richard (F) brought a law suit against Joanna in 1316 to repossess 10 messuages, ten tofts, sixteen bovates of land, 60 acres of meadow, a hundred acres of wood and an annual rent of 100 shillings.

Joanna and her husband, through their attorney, claimed that the case could not be brought unless all the interested parties were in court - namely, beside her uncles John and Richard, there should be in court her uncle William (D) and her own brother - John (J). These two were ordered to appear in court in three weeks time. The outcome of the case is unknown.

#### 1309

1) Case about an acre of land in Yerdeburgh and 6 acres of meadow acquired from Ralph, son of Martin de Yerburgh thirty-one years before, ...... 6 acres of meadow acquired from Robert, son of John de Yerdeburgh, 31 years before. (see 1275, 1290)

(Close Rolls. Y.H. p.500. ERY MSS.I p.145)

2) John de Yerdeburgh is a free tenant in Yerdeburgh and Alvingham. (Calendar of Fine Rolls 2 Ed.II l0th June. ERY MSS. II p.527)

# *1310*

Robert, son of John de Yerdeburgh, regarding land in South Somercotes and Yarburgh which John Beech and Johanna claim.

(De Banco Roll, Mich. 2 Ed.ll m 30d. Y.H. p.338. See 1316)

#### 1313

1) William, son of Robert de Yerburgh, re 1 messuage, 2 bovates and 7s. rent for land in Yarburgh, Grainthorpe and Alvingham.

(Foster Final Concords B.191. File 81, Case 135)

2) John Yornburgh holds land in Holme, near Grimsby. (See 1314) (Calendar of Patent Rolls 7 Ed.II pt.2 m.23. Y.H. p.469)

# <u>1314</u>

Final Concords of Lincoln Fleet of Fines in PRO John de Yordeburgh and Elizabeth, his wife gave lands to Grimsby Abbey. (See 1313. See Foster Concords B.281, B.358, D.68 and Lincoln Record Society vol. 17)

#### 1316

1) John de Yerburgh to be replaced as coroner for Lincolnshire. (Close Roll, April 24.1316. Westminster. Y.H. p.501)

#### 1317

1) Elizabeth, wife of John de Jordeburgh, agreement over land at Rothwell. (10 miles N of Kelstern) (Foster Concords B 358)

2) Controversy between Sir John de Jerdeburgh Knt. (and Elizabeth his wife) v Henry de Ryddeford (and Joan, his wife). (see 1318) re the advowson of Ireby Church, after the death of Master John Malet, the last rector. (see 1321)

(Landsdown MSS 207. fo.31 1b. Y.H. p.529)

#### 1318

John de Jordeburgh is owed 50 marks (50s.) by Henry de Ridford.

Ralph de Ridford was one of the monks associated with Yerburghs in the 1345 Cockerington case.

(Close Rolls. Sept. York. Y.H. p.501, ERY.MSS II .p.294)

#### 1321

Gift of land in Ireby. Witnessed by Sir John de Yerdeburgh Knt. and Sir John de Yerdeburgh Knt. (*Lansdown MSS.207 fo. 31 1b. Y.H. p.529*)

#### 1322

- 1) John de Yerdeburg appointed assessor for Lindsey (Patent Rolls Dec.2nd., Wagner p.41 and 52).
- 2) William de Jordeburgh (Chaplain). Will, of September 1322.
- 3) John de Yerdeburgh, clericus, sells to Simon de Driby lands in Grymsby, Wath, Honiton and Briggeley. (*Lansdown MSS 207C Y.H.511. ERY.MS II 390-1.*)

#### 1323

The gift of John de Yerdeburgh in a charter of 16 Ed.II. (Lansdown MSS 207c DD 135. ERY. MSS. II p.391, Y.H. p 511)

#### 1324

- 1) List of Knights includes John de Yerdeburgh. (See also 1325) (*List. B6 Cott. Claud.C2 p.45*)
- 2) Pardon to John de Yerdeburgh for acquiring from Philip de Kyme 10 marks rent in Stalynburgh, near Grimsby, without the King's licence.

(Patent Rolls. Portchester, Wagner p.41,Y.H. p.469).

3) Sir John de Yerdeburgh is owed 140 marks by the Abbot of Welholl, near Grimsby. (Close Rolls 18 Ed.II. Byfleet. Oct.11th. Y.H. p.501).

## *1325*

£4 expenses for two Knights to attend Edward II's parliament: Thomas de Wylughby (Willoughby): John de Yerdeburgh.

(Close Rolls 19 Ed II m. 19d. Fam. Hist. p.315)

1326 King Edward III ruled 1326-June 1377

#### *1327*

1) Gift of lands in Yerdeburgh by Ralph de Yerdeburgh - son of Martin - to Alvingham Priory and Convent. (See 1309)

(Patent Rolls Sept 20th, Wagner p.41)

2) Matilda, wife of John de Yerburgh, versus William, son of Philip Fraunke, of Grimsby, regarding land in Yerburgh and Somercotes.

(Y.H. 339. See also Feudal Fees 1303, p.133.)

(De Banco Roll 272 Hil.2 Ed.III m.86, Y.H. p.339)

3) John Beke and Johanna his wife - a case between these and John de Yerburgh, son of Robert de Yerburgh. John de Yerburgh is called to warrant and does so by Robert, son of John de Yerburgh, the younger, (See 1316. The text in Latin shows that the case was over land in South Somercotes and Yarburgh area.)

(De Banco Roll 274 Trin.2 Ed.III m.ld., Y.H. p.338 & 339)

A Robert, son of John de Yerdeburgh, brought a law suit, in about 1327, against Matilda who 'was' the wife of John (2).(He had died about 1331.) Robert claimed: three acres ....... half, sixteen acres of meadow, one acre of pasture in South Somercotes and Yerdeburgh which John Bek and Joanna (H), his wife, claim.

Another contemporary of Joanna's grandfather was Alan de Couton. (See pedigree on page 17.). He had two sons Alan de Couton and Robert de Yerdeburgh (1). Robert's sons were John (2) and William (3). John (2) married Matilda and they had two sons both named Robert (4 & 5).

The Robert, son of John de Yarburgh, who brought the case, could not have been suing his mother! That Robert (5) was 'under age' in 1331 and he would only have been a baby in 1326. It is possible that the summons was issued by the son of John (B).

### 1329

1) Sir John de Jordeburgh living 1329 at a manor in Ireby. (See 1317). (Lansdown MSS 207 D in vol. IV p.311, ERY. MSS.II p.391, Y.H. p.529)

2) William de Yerdeburgh and others in a case over trespass at Scot Willoughby, Lincs. Value £20 damage. (Calendar of Patent Rolls, July 23. Windsor. ERY MSS I p.135)

### 1330

William, son of William, son of Walter de Yarlbergh.

Trespass at Ingleton, Co. York. This is probably not a Yerburgh.

(Patent Rolls Dec. 10th. Wagner p.41 & 52)

### *1331*

William de Yerdeburgh of Osberneby (see 1303 also 1368) owes to John de Spaneby. (*Close Rolls. July 16th, Y.H. p.502*)

### 1332/3

Lay Subsidy. Grynesburgh: William de Yerdeburgh.

In Wapentake of Southesk:

Grimsby and Steveton: William de Yerdeburgh.
Vill of Grimsby: Richard de Yerdeburgh.
(No Yerburgh at Cockerington mentioned).

(Lay Subsidy. ERY. MSS II p.227)

### 1332

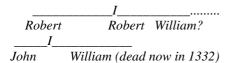
Recognisance of 140 marks regarding Matilda, wife of said John de Yerdeburgh. Robert de Yerdeburgh (son) - a minor (under 21).

(Close Rolls Jan.27, Y.H. p.502)

Regarding the right of advowson for the Church of Yerdeburgh. The Prior of Alvingham seeks to recover 15 marks due 1308-9. The case was between John de Yerdeburgh, son of Robert, and William, son of Robert de Yerdeburgh.

(De Banco Roll 292 Mich. 6 Ed III m.\_. Y.H. pp.339 & 340)

Genealogical Tree from a Close Roll seems to be:



and Robert, (? twin) brother of Robert de Yerdeburgh now holds (Close Rolls Jan.27, Y.H. p.502)

#### 1335

At the head of a list of clergy and patrons that used to be in Yarburgh Church, the name of Richard de Yarborough headed the list, with the date

(R.B. Yarbrough. Yarbrough Family Quarterly. U.S.A. Vol.2 No.4 p.13)

### 1342

1) Robert de Yerdeburgh, Ralph de Riddeford, John de Brynkhill and Adam Trewe are enfeoffed with the Manor of Cockerington.

### 1342 cont.

Robert de Yerdeburgh was Sir Henry Vavasour's steward. Sir Henry made this gift on his deathbed, while he was at Louth Park Monastery - the monastery of the four monks. As the gift was to finance ten monks to celebrate masses for the soul of Sir Henry and his family and his ancestors, it is likely that the gift was to the monastery, rather than to the monks. But see 1345. (*Y.H. p.472*)

Note. The steward, in the above event, was thought to be from the Cockerington line but Dudding is probably right in seeing this man to be from Landric's line.

2) Richard de Yerdeburgh is also mentioned in the case. Perhaps he was the monk-vicar of Yarburgh. (Calendar of Patent Rolls. 19 Ed.III part iii, mem.14,15)

#### 1345

- 1) Constance Vavasour disputes the gift of 1342. The Abbot of Louth Park counter charges and an Inquisition were held before Justices.
- 2) November 1345. The decision was that the gift stood but the Abbot was to pay the widow and her son, Roger, 100 marks yearly.

(Patent Rolls. 19 Ed.III mem.3ld)

3) December 1345. Thomas Wake\* awards quarter of the manor of Cockerington to Robert de Yerdeburgh and John de Brynkhill "which I have by enfeoffment of Adam Trewe."

Perhaps Adam Trewe had died and that this was a private purchase by the monks, but this seems unlikely.

\*Thomas Wake had been appointed by Parliament in 1344 to assist the Abbot of Louth Park over his debts. (Lansdown MSS 207 A. Gervasse Holles. Brit.Mus.Y.H. p.512)

### *1346*

1) Regarding Land at Cockerington, a suit bought by Henry le Vavasour (De Banco Roll 347 Trin.20 Ed.III m.177)

- 2) Inquisition near Sleaford. William de Yerdeburgh is one of the jurors. Court of Bolyingbroke fee. (Feudal Aids vol. 3 p.208)
- 3) Fee of Gaunt. William de Yerdeburgh one of the Feudal Assessors at Rippingale (5 miles south of Osbournaby). See 1303.

(Feudal Aids vol. 3 p.195)

- 4) Lands in Thorgramby held of Johannis de Yerdeburgh (Feudal Aids vol.3 p.217)
- 5) Feoda Episcopi Lincolniensis mentions John de Yerdeburgh. (ERY MSS I p.150)

### 1350

Possibly Robert Yerburgh was born near this date. He is supposed to have married Isobel Ewerby in 1380.

#### 1355

Coram Rege Roll shows this family at Yarburgh.

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Hugh de Yerburgh
I
Richard de Yerburgh
I
William de Yerburgh
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William Yerburgh versus John de Dunmore who burnt a deed. They do not come to Court. Peter de Yerburgh is involved

(Coram Rege Roll 381 Mich. Term Ed.III. ERY. MSS Vol 2 p.436)

#### 1362

1) Alice, daughter of William de Yerburgh, living 'juxta Louth', versus Robert (son of Robert de Yerburgh) and Johanna his wife.

(De Banco Roll 411 Mich. 36 Ed.III m.77)

Note. Alice had been assaulted by Robert and Johanna. The latter two had been seized (arrested). Peter de Yerburgh and another are involved.

2) Case Anna de Multon v Peter de Yerburgh regarding money. (*De Banco Roll 408 Hil. 36 Ed.III m.52*).

### 1368

John de Yerdeburgh is to bring gold and silver for a felony at Osbournby. (see 1331) (Close Rolls June 25th. Y.H. p.502)

### 1371

Aleyne Gerberge, wife of Edward Gerberge. Consort lady in the Court of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. (Cross. Chaucer Records. Oxford 1966 pp.86, 88-89.)

### *1373*

Warrant 1st May 1373 to John of Gaunt's Keeper of the great wardrobe - "bien clerc sire Johan de Yerdeburgh." (*Cross. Chaucer Records. Oxford 1966 p.88*)

### \1374

De Banco Roll shows:

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Gilbert de Yerburgh*
_____I
Simon de Yerburgh (heir) = Isabella daughter of William Frikendale
I (heir) William de Yerburgh = ?
______I
John Isabella Alice Eleanor Joan Marian Elizabeth de Y
(son & heir. Died without child)
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### 1374 cont.

\*This Gilbert would have been born circa 1275 and so was not the Gilbert Yerburgh of 1288. (*De Banco Roll 48 Ed.III. ERY. MSS II p.222*)

Lincs. Rec. Soc. Vol.30 records the following:

Richard de Yordeburgh - Juror of Aswardeshowe. p.102.

William de Yordeburgh - Juror of Southriding. p.67.

William de Yerdeburgh of Gainsborough,'one of the watch' assaulted at night so badly that his life was despaired of.'

1377 King Richard II ruled 1377 - deposed 1399

### *1377*

1) Sir John de Yerburgh was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. I Rich.1. (1377). (Wagner p.51, ERY MSS I p.132)

2) John de Yerdeburgh - clerk - has custody of the Duke's castles. One of five who 'shall, after the said Duke's death, have the custody of all his castles, manors and lands held by him.....for a whole year following his death'.

(The Calendar of Patent Rolls. July 26th. 2 Rich.II. Westminster. ERY MSS I p.133. Wagner p.41)

John de Yerburgh was vicar of Ribchester in 1374, then rector of Preston - appointed by John of Gaunt. Afterwards he was made a canon of York, which he exchanged for a canonry at St Pauls in 1399. (Presumably a non-residential post to provide income for the Chancellor.)

### 1379

1) Claim against John Yerburgh of Grymolby - chaplain. (De Banco Roll 474 East.2 Rich II m.404)

- 2) John de Yerdeburgh clerk, senior, obtained a licence to concord with Richard Yerdburgh and Alice his wife, regarding the right to the manor of Eton (? Etton. Notts. Not the Yorkshire Etton of the 1463 case. (Concord Aug. 8 1379/80. Wagner p.28, Y.H.p.346)
- 3) Grant by the Duke to John de Yerdeburgh, the elder, to have the lands and tenements of John Cutt of Eton (Notts). Aug 18 1380.

(John of Gaunt's Register (Lodge) No.964.)

4) Mention of John Yerburgh of Grymoldby. (De Banco Roll 471 Trin.I. Rich.II m.356. (Wagner p.41) also Roll 472 Mich.2 Rich.II m.55 and m.225.)

- 5) John de Yerdeburgh the younger, regarding the manor of Scotton, Co. York and other manors. (*De Banco Roll 476 Mich.3 Rich II m.686*)
- 6) Sir John de Yerdeburgh, the elder. Sir John de Y., the younger regarding Scotton and other places. ( $Close\ Rolls.\ Wagner\ p.28$ )
- 7) William de Yerdburgh of Grymolby is a witness for Richard Trewe\* of Alvingham.

\*Surname of one of the monks associated with Yerburghs and Cockerington Manor.(see 1345). (Chancery File on Debts. 27 No.5. Y.H. p.515)

- 8) John de Yerburgh. Prebend of the North part of the Church of Grantham, (De Banco Roll 472 Mich.2 Rich.II m.139)
- 9) Walter de Shirland, parson of Scotre v John de Yerdeburgh (chaplain) (De Banco Roll 472 Mich. 2 Rich.II m.304 and other Rolls)

10) 21st May. Two half-yearly payments to Philippa Chaucer (Sir Geoffrey Chaucer's wife) by the hands of John Yerburgh, the Duke of Lancaster's Chancellor. Writs issued under the Great Seal.

(M. Crow - Chaucer Life Records. Oxford. 1966. p.80)

11) John de Yerdeburgh is Clerk and Keeper of the Royal Seal.(see 1211) (Calendar of Patent Rolls. 3 Rich II. June 1. ERY MSS I p.133)

### 1379 - 1383

Many references in the De Banco Rolls to John de Yerdeburgh as an attorney. These probably refer to the Duke of Lancaster's Chancellor, Sir John de Yerdeburgh. The cases were probably undertaken by his juniors.

### 1380

According to Woolley MSS Pedigree (1677)

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Robert Yarbrough = Isabel daughter of Sir John Uerbie (Ewerby)

I m.3 Richard II

I

William Yarb. = d of Thos.Angevine

I

Rich. Yarb. = Jonatha eldest daughter

and heir of J.Atwell.
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1) Emma is said to be the farmer wife of John. de Yerdeburgh. She remarried Henry Spyan.

(Note. In 1383 Sir John de Yerdeburgh was the Duke's Chancellor and not a farmer, so this John de Yerdeburgh is a different man.)

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(De Banco (Roll 478 Easter 3 Rich. II (1380) m. 246)
(See E.Lodge. John of Gaunt's Register vol.2 No.918)
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2) A debt to John Yerburgh of Grimoldby. (Patent Rolls. Oct.28th 1380, Y.H.p.486. Wagner p.41)

### 1381

- 1) John de Yerdeburgh senior and junior as attorneys. (twice) (De Banco Roll 480, Mich. 4 Rich. II m.571 & Roll 461, Hil. 4 Rich. II m.242. Wagner p.30)
- 2) John Yerburgh and others. A commission to enquire about their tenancy as farmers of the Priory of Haughton. (5 miles south of Louth)

(Patent Rolls. ERY. MSS II p.295, Y.H.p.486)

#### 1382

1) John de Yerdeburgh senior and junior as attorneys - Lincoln.\*

(De Banco Roll 481 Hil. 4 Rich II m.242. Wagner p.30)

- \*They acted as attorneys in cases in many counties. Hence the different counties named below.
- 2) John de Yerdeburgh, clerk, makes concord for a tenement in Lenn Epi.(Norfolk)

(De Banco Roll 282 Easter m.76)

- 3) Thomas Yerburgh as attorney (Norfolk twice). (De Banco Roll 487 Mich. 4 Rich II m.73. Wagner p.30)
- 4) John Zeredeburgh (see 1401) mentioned. (London and Lincoln.) (De Banco Roll 488 Hil.m.250. Wagner p.30 & 488 Hil. m.436, Wagner p.30.)
- 5) John de Yerdeburgh, the elder, re Chapel in Donington. (Patent Rolls October 21 1382. Wagner p.42 twice)
- 6) John Yerdeburgh, parson of Denton. Lincs. presented to Leadenham, Co. Richmond. (*Patent Rolls Oct. 30 1382. Wagner p.42*)

#### 1383

- 1) Oath of William de Yerburgh of Cockerington. Inquisition Post Mortem on Alan Day, regarding land in Cockerington (ERY. MSS II p.215)
- 2) John Yerburgh as attorney (Norfolk). (De Banco Roll 491 Mich.1383, 5 Rich.II m.61 and De Banco Roll 559 Mich. 1400 m.71, Wagner p.29)
- 3) John Yerburgh, clerk attorney (York). (De Banco Roll 655 Mich.1483 m.140 and m.151). Wagner p.29/30)
- 4) John Yerburgh, attorney (Bedford). (De Banco Roll 484 Hil.1383 m.98. Wagner p.30)
- 5) John Yerdeburgh. (London) De Banco Roll 488 Hil. 1383 m.250. Wagner p.30)
- 6) Walter Yerdeburgh. (London) (De Banco Roll 486 Trin.1383 m.447. Wagner p.30)

### 1383 cont.

- 7) John de Jordeburgh re land in Fulstowe and its advowson. (Patent Rolls. Y.H. p.487)
- 8) John de Yerdeburgh asks to be relieved of his chancellorship due to illness. (*John of Gaunt's Register. Lodge. vol.2. p.289*)
  There are more De Banco references but those given above cover the names and places.

### 1386

The Abbot and convent of Louth Park have acquired a messuage and land in Yarburgh by John de Yerburgh, their attorney.

(Placitu in Cancellaria. File 13 No.23. Plea in Chancery. Trinity 10 Rich.11)

### 1390

Alice, wife of John de Yerburgh, son of William de Yerburgh. Concord regarding land in Lincoln. (Foster Concords D.122)

### *1391*

John de Yerdeburgh is linked with William Systel, late sub-sheriff of London. A Chaplain complains that they have falsely imprisoned him in Newgate.

(Early Chancery Proceedings vol. 7-18. Y.H. p.575)

### 1392

John de Yereburgh. Clerk, regarding land in Grantham. (*Patent Rolls Aug 18 1392. Wagner p.42*)

#### 1393

Sir Thomas Gerberge. £20 debt. (M.Crow. Chaucer Records p.392. Court of Pleas 40/530 m.2)

#### 1398

William Yerburgh - Chaplain of Laghterton, Lincoln diocese. (*Patent Rolls. Sept.5. Wagner p.42, Y.H. p.489*)

### 1399

1)King Henry IV ruled September 1399 - March 1412.

- 2) John Yerburgh. Attorney to the Bishop of Lincoln. (*Patent Rolls May 20th. Wagner p.42*)
- 3) John Yerburgh. Chaplain of St Mary's Leicester.(see 1401) (Calendar of Patent Rolls 1 Hen.IV Oct 16, Y.H. p.489)
- 4) Ormsby Charters refer to John Yerburgh de Wytchall, near Louth. (E.R.Y. MSS II p.281)

### 1400

Around 1400 was born Richard Yerburgh of Yarburgh and Kelstern. He married (c.1420-25) Joan, daughter of John Atwell of Legbourne.

1)John Yerburgh attorney. Thomas Yerburgh. Knight. (Assize Rolls Co Lincs. No.154 m.87. ERY p.314)

[De Banco Rolls and Wagner File. Page number in brackets.]

- 2) John Yereburgh as attorney mentioned at York. (p29), Middlesex (p29), see 1383. Notts. (p29), Kent (p29), Oxford (p29).
- 3) Thomas Gerberge. Militem. Co. Norfolk.(see 1393) (Wagner p.29)
- 4) William Yarbere Bedford, (De Banco Roll 559 Mich. 1400 m.556. Wagner p.29)
- 5) John de Yerburgh Attorney. (De Banco Roll 563 Mich. m.324. Notts. Wagner p.31)

### 1401

- 1) John de Yerburgh. Attorney. (Wagner p.31)
- 2) John Yerburgh granted a prebend in St Mary's Leicester. (Patent Rolls July 4. Wagner p.42)
- 3) The name of Johannis Zerburgh de Zerburgh appears as a Juror at Louth. (Feudal Aids vol. 3 p. 245. see 1382)
- 4) The oath of John Zerburgh of Yerburgh (? same as No.3) Southriding Wapentake. (Foeda Episcopi Lincs. 1401. ERY MSS I p. 150)

----to be continued

# In Memoriam..... Geneva Yarborough Kennedy<sup>3</sup>



Geneva Yarborough Kennedy, 100, of Columbus, MS, died February 23, 2009, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus. Gunter & Peel Funeral Home was entrusted with her funeral arrangements.

Visitation was at First United Methodist Church in the Fletcher Jones Building from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009, with the funeral following at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Ron McDougald, Chaplain of Trinity Place Retirement Community, and Dr. Sam Morris, Lead Pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Friendship Cemetery.

Mrs. Kennedy was born in Birmingham, AL, on August 15, 1908, the daughter of Cleveland and Daisy Ella Deaver Yarborough. She married Joseph Harry Kennedy on March 7, 1932, and moved to Columbus in 1940. In 1944, Mrs. Kennedy became associated with T. E. Lott & Company as the private secretary to Mr. T. E. Lott, and remained with the firm for 55 years, retiring in 1999.

In addition to her active professional life, Geneva was an avid and dedicated community volunteer. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she served on the Administrative Board. She served as a long-time trustee of Methodist Senior Services of Mississippi. Mrs. Kennedy was a steering committee member, charter board member, and board member Emeritus of Trinity Place, where she later resided. She was an active member of the Pilot Club for over fifty years, a past president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the Emma Bell Bible Class, as well as a member of the Peyton Study Club, the Rose Garden Club, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1987, Geneva was instrumental in the organization of the Keenagers, an older adult group, and served as president for several terms. She was awarded the Exchange Club's prestigious Book of Golden Deeds Award, as well as the Distinguished Service Award, the highest state-wide honor bestowed by the United Methodist Services of Mississippi.

In receiving one of her many honors, the following was said, "Geneva Kennedy is one who does good deeds in a quiet way without the backing or recognition of a group." Another tribute said, "She is a positive person, always radiating a caring friendliness to everyone."

Geneva received her many accolades with humility, and considered the recognitions a challenge to redouble her efforts to serve her fellow citizens.

Mrs. Kennedy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Harry, and her four siblings. She is survived by her son, Joseph Harry (Ken) Kennedy, Jr. (Nancy), granddaughter, Martha Claire Kennedy Fitzner (Arthur), and great-grandson, Thomas Kennedy Fitzner, all of Columbus, as well as

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two nieces and two nephews. Pallbearers were Tom Buckley, James L. Cole, Mike Hawkins, Malcolm B. Howard, Rick Humphreys, Peter Koury, T. E. Lott, Jr., Dr. John E. Reed, Bob Reynolds and Si Thomas.

Honorary Pallbearers were Dr. Brad Brown, Charles Cole, Dewitt T. Hicks, Jr., Doug Holland, Dr. Ray Lacey, Billy McLeod, Oliver Phillips, Dr. Billy Pounds, John Sanders, Dr. James Woodard, Employees of T. E. Lott & Company, Employees of Trinity Personal Care and Board Members of Trinity Place Retirement Community.

Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 32, Columbus, MS 39703, or Trinity Personal Care, 250 Airline Road, Columbus, MS 39702.



## In Memoriam.... Jeanette Brown Wilson<sup>4</sup>

Jeanette Brown Wilson 74, of Primrose Drive Extension, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008, at the Hospice Home in High Point.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets Memorial Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Berea Bible Class. The Rev. Frankie Matthews will officiate the service. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was born Sept. 29, 1934, in Davidson County to Harvey Brown and Hilda Yarbrough Brown Benfield. She was a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy and a founder and charter member of the Genealogy Society, where she held an office for 18 years. She originated genealogy classes at the Davidson County Library to share her love and knowledge with others. Mrs. Wilson was a graduate of Davidson County Community College with a degree in paralegal. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Buddy Brown.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Raymond "Doc" Henry Wilson; two daughters, Raymonette Workman and her husband, Tony, of Denton and Suzie Brinkley and her husband, Gary, of Lexington; her father, Bill Benfield; two sisters Linda Surratt and her husband, Jerry, and Ada Lara, both of Lexington; four grandchildren, Danette Sexton, Adam Workman and his wife, Jessica, Austin Workman, all of Denton, and Lynnette Goins and her husband, Marty, of Lexington; great-grandchildren Amber Goins, Chase Goins, both of Lexington, and Sierra Workman of Denton; and a sister-in-law, Rita Brown of Lexington.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Davidson Funeral Home, Lexington Chapel, and at other times at the home on Primrose Drive Extension.

Memorials may be directed to the Davidson County Library, Genealogy Department, 602 S. Main St., Lexington, NC 27292.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Hospice Home of High Point and to Mt. Vista Nursing home for all their love and care. Online condolences may be made at www.davidsonfuneralhome.net.

From the *Dispatch*, Lexington, NC, November 20, 2008. Contributed by Mrs. Frances Sideman. Jeanette was a long-time YNGHA member and a former director of the Association.

### **Captain Benjamin Merrill**

By Bill Yarbrough, Greensboro, NC

Benjamin Merrill, who was the grandfather of Jemima Merrill Yarbrough, moved from New Jersey to Rowan County, North Carolina. He was a Baptist, a gunsmith and farmed hundreds of acres not far from the Yadkin River in the Jersey settlement in what is now Davidson County. Merrill was a Captain in the militia whose primary purpose was to protect the settlers from Indians in the area. Indian warfare did not reach the Yadkin but the Militia became known later as the Regulators. The British appointed tax assessors, tax collectors and attorneys charged exorbitant fees of the settlers and if the settlers could not pay they would take cattle or other property from the farmers. The regulators attempted to correct this situation and stop the corruption. Merrill was in the forefront of the leaders in Rowan County and he was to pay dearly for that position.

In early March 1771, only two months before the Battle of Alamance, Merrill and 400 to 500 Regulators and sympathizers met in the woods between Salisbury and the Yadkin River to talk with some of the local court officers and leaders. The sides reached an agreement to arbitrate grievances. Governor Tryon later rejected this agreement which included compensation for overcharges made by court officers. Few, if any from this area were at the Alamance battlefield. Instead, they were with a large force of Regulators, including Captain Merrill, who came face-to-face in the Jersey area with a troop of other militia led by General Waddell. There was no fighting because General Waddell, who was on his way to join Tryon at Alamance, was badly outnumbered and he had lost much of his supplies to a surprise raid by Cabarrus Black Boys. Waddell returned to Salisbury and the Regulators returned to their homes.

On May 31, 1771, Governor Tryon issued a Proclamation offering pardon to all who would lay down arms, take the oath of allegiance and promise to pay all taxes due now and in the future. The exception to this pardon was Merrill and at least 13 others.

Tryon's forces marched deeper into the Piedmont area after the Battle of Alamance to terrorize the Regulators and their families. All three of Tryon's troops reached and camped in the Jersey area in the final days of May 1771. They not only camped but they also foraged and destroyed. Edmund Fanning, the notorious Hillsborough Court Official, who had been humiliated by the Regulators, was commander of a division camping on Merrill's land. It was undoubtedly his troops who surprised Merrill at his plantation in Jersey, took him prisoner on June 1 and took Merrill to Hillsborough for trial as a traitor. Fourteen were actually tried on June 18. Two were found innocent and 12 guilty. Of the 12, six including Merrill were condemned to hang. The other six were reprieved until His Majesty's pleasure be known.

In sentencing them, Chief Justice Howard said: "I must now close my afflicting duty by pronouncing upon you the awful sentence of the law, which is that you, Benjamin Merrill, be carried to the place from which you came; that you be hanged by the neck; that you be cut down while yet alive; that your bowels be taken out while you are yet alive and burnt before your face; that your head be cut off, and your body divided into four quarters, and this is to be at his Majesty's disposal; and the Lord have mercy upon your soul." This was the punishment prescribed by British law for traitors; however, it was seldom followed in this country. Mrs. Merrill and eight or ten of their children witnessed the execution; some say they were forced to witness it.

Before he was hanged, Merrill was given the opportunity to speak. He made the customary profession of faith and expressed his hope for salvation. He also said: "In a few minutes I shall leave a widow and ten children. I entreat that no reflection be cast on them on my account and, if possible, I shall deem it a bounty, should you gentlemen petition the Governor and Council that some part of my estate may be spared to the widow and Fatherless." A Tryon soldier, commenting on Merrill's words, said death by hanging would be considered an honor if all who suffered it were of Merrill's character.



This historical marker was erected on the northwest corner of the square in Lexington, NC.



This historical marker at Hillsborough, NC, commemorates the hanging of Benjamin Merrill.

Tryon asked the colonial secretary in England to honor Merrill's request and Governor Josiah Martin, who succeeded Tryon, received notice from the Earl of Hillsborough that it was "his Majesty's pleasure," to regrant the lands and properties to the widow and children. The widow never recovered from the shock of watching her husband's death and became blind for the rest of her life.

About June 30, 1771, Tryon left NC to become Governor of New York. He arrived in NY on July 7, 1771. He was transported to NY by a Captain Yarborough in his sloop, "Sukey."

This took place about 25 or 30

years before the union of the Yarbrough family and the Merrill family with the marriage of Thomas Yarbrough and Jemima Merrill (Captain Benjamin Merrill's granddaughter). Perhaps if Captain Yarborough had known about the future union he would have invited Tryon to "walk the plank."

Captain Benjamin Merrill was my 4<sup>th</sup> Great grandfather.

### Life in the South during and After the Civil War

By Bill Yarbrough<sup>5</sup>, Greensboro, NC

My grandfather, Samuel Melton Yarborough was about 11 years old in 1862 when young men were leaving for service in the Confederate Army. Some joined but many were conscripted. He was one of 14 children born to Charles and Mary Serene (Polly) Womack Yarbrough. Samuel had 8 brothers and 5 sisters. Two of his brothers were younger than him.

Four of his older brothers served in the Confederate Army. They were Robert Alexander, John Thomas, Charles Allison, and James Knox Polk Yarbrough.

Robert died of pneumonia November 19, 1862 in Charlottesville, VA while a Confederate soldier.

John was admitted to CSA General Hospital, Charlottesville, VA on November 9, 1862. He recovered and is on a list of Confederate soldiers belonging to the Army of Northern Virginia who were included in the surrender of Lee to Grant and who were given individual pardons. The list was dated May 3, 1865.

Karen Mazock has noted that he and Robert were in the same hospital ward and maybe John was with Robert when he died since Robert was moved into the same ward as John on November 11, 1862.

Charles enlisted on July 23, 1862 for 3 years. He died on May 5, 1864 in the Battle of the Wilderness.

James was conscripted near the end of the war, possibly only serving about 3 months.

Karen Mazock says that family letters describe James and John as arriving home on the same train after the war.

Samuel, William, Wilson (who only lived about 9 months), Albert and Isaac were too young to be conscripted and stayed at home to work the farm and care for the mother and father. In 1862 Samuel was 11, William was 13, Wilson was deceased, Isaac was 2 years old and Albert was 9.

Samuel had 5 sisters: Jemima, Amanda, Lucy, Mary (Fannie), and Laura. In 1862, Jemima was deceased in 1857 at only 23, Amanda was 22, Lucy deceased at only 6 in 1848, Mary (Fannie) was 7 and Laura was born in 1862.

In 1862, Samuel's father, Charles, was 52 and his mother Mary Serene (Polly) Womack Yarbrough was 45 years old. From the above, it is obvious there was a large family at home to be provided for while the older boys went to war. Their father, Charles, had a large farm that had to be worked. Charles may have freed his slaves prior to Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation which freed slaves in another country (The Confederacy) but did not free them in his own country (The United States). Records in the Davidson County Public Library in Lexington, NC attributed to the Genealogical Society of Davidson County state that Charles granted freedom "at the beginning of the great Civil War." The Civil War started April 12, 1861 with the firing on Ft. Sumter. The Emancipation Proclamation became effective January 1, 1863. So the farm most surely kept the whole family busy and probably former slaves were hired at times.

After the war was over, John and James came home. James eventually went to Missouri and became a successful farmer. William migrated to Texas and was also successful. John, Samuel, Albert Lovelace and Isaac stayed in NC to care for the farm, their parents and their own families.

Their father, Charles, died in 1879 and is buried in the Yarbrough Cemetery in Lexington, NC. Their mother, Polly, died in 1896 and is buried in the same cemetery.

<sup>-</sup> Much of the information here was shared with me by Karen Mazock. Thank you, Karen especially for the priceless letters. -- Bill

In letters that Samuel wrote to James and William, times seemed to get progressively harder for him in NC. In the last letter I have that he wrote to William on November 11-15, 1891, he wrote in the last paragraph: "Well Brother it will be tight times for me for quite a while as my cropp(sic) was small and the land very poor and no one to help me work, so I will have hard tugging to make both ends meet. My horse is getting old and worn out and I am not able to even buy a colt. If I only had thirty or thirty five dollars I could get a good colt but where the dollars is to come from, I no(sic) not. I will close by asking you to correct all mistakes and if you will not write to me, answer this to Mother."



Every time I read that paragraph, I just wish so much that I could hand him \$35 for that colt he needed so badly.

Well, somehow he did make ends meet and was able to end up holding on to quite a bit of the poor land which became valuable land later.

This story happened in many southern families after the Civil War when many hardworking men and women just picked up and moved west and many stayed put and did their thing. They worked hard in a labor-intensive society. Just think what they could have accomplished with just one tractor!

I don't know about you but I am proud of them all!



Elder Ambrose Yarbrough, son of Jonathan and Amelia Yarbrough, was born in Anson County, North Carolina, on February 19, 1772, and departed this life on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1861. He was at the time of his death a member of Liberty Church, which is in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

At the age of twenty years he moved to Washington County, Georgia. He remained there two years and was baptised into the fellowship of Buckeye Church by Elder Fulgum.

At about the age of twenty-five he was married to Elizabeth Culpepper, daughter of John and Mary Culpepper.

Immediately after his baptism he commenced excercising {sic} his gift in public.

- Editor's Note: This extract is from *Yarbrough* by Robert Price Yarbrough, pp 73 - 74.

About the year 1806 he moved to Jackson County, Georgia, and joined the Kandler Creek Church, and on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1836 of the same year he emigrated to Sumter County, Alabama, and joined Harmony Church, and on October 13<sup>th</sup> 1839, a presbytery was called viz: Elders Joseph Ryan, James Veazy, and Williamson Milburn, and was by them ordained to the Gospel ministry. Immediately after his ordination, he was called to take the oversight of churches.

We regret that we cannot give the number baptised during his ministry. The number, however, was great. He was called to preach the funeral sermons of a great many individuals. He was also often called to grace the nuptial feast, and to perform the marriage ceremony.

As a husband, he was ever kind and attentive, ever having his companion's happiness before him. As a father, he was kind and indulgent, still at times striving to promote the happiness of his children, both temporal and spiritual.

As a pastor, he was true to his charge and we venture to say that no man or minister ever enjoyed the confidence of the people more than he did. His soul's delight was to preach the blessed gospel of the Son of God. His



method of preaching was such -- his treasury was so full of things both new and old of scripture and anecdote -- that everybody nearly was sure to be interested and benefited in hearing him preach.

Father Yarbrough was twice married. His second companion's name was Phebe Holcomb. She departed this life in Sumter County, Alabama, on the third day of June 1858. We regret that we are not able to state the time of the death of his first companion, or the time of his second marriage.

After the decease of his last companion, he lived most of the time with his son Joseph, and his son-in-law James Culpepper. At the time he died, he was at the home of his son-in-law, where he had been some six months, and the greater part of the time he was confined to the house. He received during his illness the undivided attention of his daughter, Sister Culpepper and also Brother James Culpepper, who will be long remembered by those of the connection that could not be so constantly with him.

Father Yarbrough lived to see one of his beloved sons, Hardy, an ordained minister of the Gospel who is at this time actively engaged as a member. Well may Liberty Church say, a great and good man has fallen.

Done by order of the Church on Friday before the Third Sabbath of August 1961.

/s/ H. Yarbrough, Moderator

H. Culpepper, C.C.

## **Another Yarbrough House**



Yarbrough House, Cedarwood, circa 1902

Settled in 1780, Whites Creek was settled in 1780 in the county seat of Tennessee. The Yarbrough House at Cedarwood is an excellent example of a Tennessee Vernacular structure. The house itself, built in 1835, is a two-story, weatherboard, double-pen plan with each room opening onto a double gallery across the front. Today, the historic Yarbrough House is used in conjunction with adjoining terraces to host up to 200 guests. It is also used to host intimate indoor wedding ceremonies for up to 75 guests. This historic landmark is located at 3831 Whites Creek Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37207.

In the spring of 1779, James Robertson led an exploration party of nine to the part of

Middle Tennessee which would become the city of Nashville. Among these men was Zachariah White, after whom Whites Creek was named. White, who became a school teacher at at French Lick, was killed April 2, 1781, in an Indian raid. He was survived by his wife, Granny White.

In 1827, young James Yarbrough (b. 1800 in Warren County, NC) and his wife Margaret, paid \$120 for seven acres. The Yarbrough family lived on this small piece of land, while James Yarbrough rented a larger tract of nearby farmland for farming. In 1834, James was able to pay \$700 for 89 acres, and in 1835 he built a two-story frame house, which served as the new family residence. Other adjoining tracts were purchased during the years which followed, and by the close of the 1840s, James Yarbrough also emerged as a community leader. He was a captain in the state militia, a justice of the peace, and active in politics. During this period, the Yarbrough House also served as a tavern and inn to accommodate travelers coming through the area.

Although several of the Yarbrough children had married and left home, a son and daughter were still in the household when Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States in 1860. Less than two weeks before formal secession from the Union by Tennessee, James Yarbrough died at his home. The next day, only a few hours after his funeral and burial on his beloved farm, the church bells of the city rang for half an hour signaling some 25,000 men, women and children to gather for the parade and for speeches which continued into the evening. The first battle of Manassas occurred less than two months after Yarbrough's death, and the following February, Nashville fell to Union forces, bringing the old style of life in the area to an end.

Today, the house is owned by Karen Wright, who has been connected to the wedding industry since 1979 and is a recognized floral designer.

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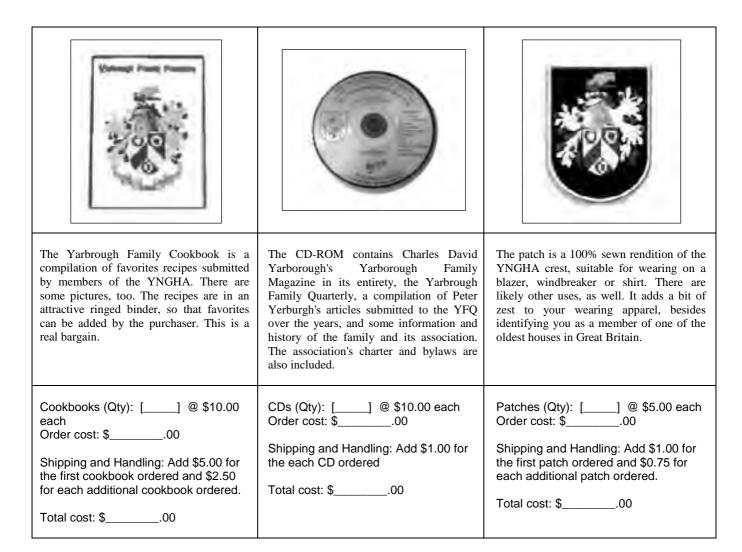
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I am descended from Davis Yarbrough through his son Samuel who married Penelope Luton. I am descended from their son Dr. Amon Yarbro born 19 Dec 1817 & died 3 Oct 1865, married Amanda Jane Haley born 20 Oct 1827 died 20 Oct (?) born and died in Decatur County, TN. I am descended from their daughter Penelope Elizabeth Yarbro (my great grandmother who married George Reuben Smith, my great grandfather). I found one deed in Nashville that was torn but had a David E. Yarbrough name – this was early before the David Yarbrough came to TN in 1811 from Franklin County, NC. I think Amon may have been born in Dover (?), Stewart County, TN. I am not sure but she (his wife) was born in Decatur Cty, TN. Faye Claiborn (who lived in Lexington, KY and whose husband was a football coach at the University) was descended from Frances, child of Davis. She and her husband are both dead. He was Jerry Claiborn. There was an old Joel with Davis in Stewart Cty and there was an older one in VA (Orange Cty in 1748). I seem to be one of the few interested in the Davis Yarbrough lineage.

**NOTE from the Editor:** You may wish to contact Tee Y. Devine and/or Joan Singlaub, as I believe they have connections to Y's in around Decatur, TN. Contact information is on the "Officers and Directors" (page2).

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# The President's Corner ...

Tempus fugit! It certainly doesn't seem like it should be summer already. I hope one and all came through the spring of unusual and often violent weather unscathed.

Vacations will soon be underway and many of you will have the opportunity to visit with family. Whether visiting children, grandchildren, or grandparents, stories and family histories will be told

and, unfortunately, often "lost." Take advantage of every opportunity (or CREATE the opportunity) to learn all you can. Having a recording device handy during these discussions will not only save time, but will also preserve the actual conversations. These opportunities are fleeting. Remember the words of the 17<sup>th</sup> century poet Robert Herrick: "Gather ye rose-buds while ye may: Old Time is still a-flying; And this same flower that smiles to-day, To-morrow will be dying."

When I was very young, I recall sitting on the floor, watching the feet of my paternal grandmother as she peddled away on her sewing machine. While she was sewing a garment, she told the history of the machine. It was purchased off the back of a peddler's wagon, but since I was paying little attention to the tale, I am not able to recall any other details. A wonderful opportunity lost that to this day I regret, but I am terribly proud to have that machine in my home today.

For those of you who will be driving to the Conference, you have a couple of options upon arrival on the airport property and hopefully, the construction project will be finished by mid-September. As you enter on the main boulevard, you will see the parking garage and entrance on your left. Do not park there. The hotel parking lot entrance appears shortly thereafter; this lot is not covered. Your options are (1) park the car, walk into the garage, take the elevator to the next floor, go across the walkway to enter the terminal building; the hotel desk will be on your right; (2) if you choose to drop your passenger(s) and baggage, use the far right lane to enter the curbside drop zone near the first building entrance; you may wish to call the hotel (256-772-9661) as you enter the airport property and tell them you are arriving; they will send someone to meet you to lend a hand; otherwise, your passenger(s) can enter the terminal building and take the escalator to the next floor and the hotel desk will be on your right. You can loop around and park the car and enter the terminal by either of the methods outlined.

Safe journey wherever your summer takes you. I am anxious to see everyone here in Huntsville in September! Don't forget that room reservations must be made by **September 4** and banquet reservations by **September 16**.

Till then,

Cathy



Summer is well and truly upon us, and the drought of past years is a thing of the past. Naturally, the growth of grass and weeds has been extraordinary, but all things considered, I think normal weather is much to be preferred over the drought. Things have been quiet here in the Heart of Dixie, and so far it has been easy to ignore television, politics, and other such pests.

There have been some minor revisions to the web site. Most of these have been cosmetic in nature, although a few images were changed, and some pages were added to the Yarbrough Blog. Traffic is slow at the blog, but that is to be expected. I've duplicated some of the web pages on the blog, and may move a few more as time goes on. The fact is, there is no need to have both an opening page for the web site and for the blog, as the opening page of the blog could serve both purposes. However, I plan to take my time making such a change, if ever I do.

The most notable event this Spring was the trip that my daughter Susan and I made to Great Britain in late April. Susan had entered the London Marathon with her friend Pat Dubouise. It was her first full marathon, and both she and Pat finished. I joined Susan right after the race, and we then motored to York, where, we met Peter Yerburgh for lunch. Peter provided a very nice tour of Heslington Hall, now the administrative offices of the University of York. York itself is a lovely town, and Yorkminster, while a small cathedral, is nonetheless well worth seeing.

After taking our leave from York, we motored to the Hebrides, staying in Glasgow but traveling up and down both sides of Loch Lomond, and eventually getting as far as Oban. The weather was typical of the British Isles – changeable, but on the whole quite nice. The Hebreides are beautiful, and it understandable why our Scottish and Scot-Irish forebears seemed to be right at home in the Souther Appalachians. Lots of sheep, deer (raised for the market) and Highland Cows to be seen. There were some really good buys in woolen apparel, too. Food was typical of the region, and we had some really good seafood while in Scotland. All in all, it was a great trip. We flew Air Canada both ways. It was a very good experience, the fares were quite reasonable, and the service was very good. Our only regret is that we hadn't another week to spend sight-seeing.

If you haven't made plans to attend the annual YNGHA conference, now is the time to do so. Cathy Walker and Ann Bush have been working hard to make this a memorable event.

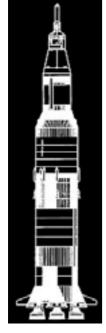
### Leonard



McCaig's Tower, Oban, Scotland



Interior View of the Hebrides, Scotland



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The countdown to the  $27^{th}$  Annual Yarbrough Family Conference has begun! The Conference will be held **September 18 – 20, 2009** in **Huntsville, Alabama**, aka Rocket City, where Werner Von Braun and his team developed the Saturn V rocket that launched the United States to the Moon. Today, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center provides the multidiscipline engineering expertise behind propulsion and transportation systems such as the Space Shuttle and Ares rockets.

In support of NASA, the U. S. Army's Redstone Arsenal, and the U. S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, the Huntsville area boasts the second largest concentration of technology employment in the U. S. Known today as the "Silicon Valley of the Southeast", the area is home to approximately 220 high-tech companies and has the highest per capita income in the Southeast. Numerous magazines, including *Forbes*, have ranked it as an ideal place to live, work and raise a family.

Situated in the foothills of the Appalachian mountain range, residents and visitors alike can enjoy the mountains, valleys, lakes and rivers. The pace of life

is relaxed; there are many things to see; the people are friendly. All the Yarbrough cousins are sure to enjoy the visit.

Our host hotel is **The Four Points Sheraton**, **Huntsville Airport**, 1000 Glenn Hearn Boulevard SW, Huntsville, AL 35824. Room rate is **\$95.08**, including all taxes and parking is free to guests. Phone **(256) 772-9661** for reservations and be sure to tell them you are with the Yarbrough group. Room reservations must be made by **Friday**, **September 4**, **2009**.

◆ Conference	e registration fee: <b>\$20.00</b> per person: <b>\$35.00</b> per family.	\$
	ee: <b>\$30.00</b> per person: no charge for children under 12. It registration deadline is <b>Wednesday, September 16, 200</b>	\$ <b>9</b> .
+	Total	\$
	registration form, make your check payable to YNGHA and ng Water Drive, Madison, AL 35758-2805.	nail them to Cathy
Name(s):(I	Please list names of all persons attending so name tags can be prepared)	
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For more information contact: Cathy Walker (256) 461-4123 e-mail <u>ClayFW@aol.com</u> or Ann Bush (256) 232-7174 e-mail <u>bushlady@pclnet.net</u>. Also, additional links for the hotel, reservations, and information about Huntsville are provided at <a href="http://www.yarbro.html/2009conf.html">http://www.yarbro.html/2009conf.html</a>.

# Conference Schedule (Tentative)

### Friday, September 18

Arrival and Check-in (after 3:00)

Conference Registration

Research Room - Heritage Salon

Dinner (on your own)

### Saturday, September 19

8:00 - 9:00 Research Room - Heritage Salon

9:00 - 9:30 Presentation TBA

10:00 - 12:00 YNGHA Board Meeting - Heritage Boardroom

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00 - 4:00 Research Room - Heritage Salon

### Sunday, September 20

8:00 Farewell Continental Breakfast - Heritage Salon

By 12:00 Check-out and Departure

# **Banquet Program**

## Saturday, September 19

6:00 - 6:30 Welcome

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

6:30 - 7:30 Buffet

7:30 - 8:15 Speaker (TBA)

8:15 - 9:30 Members Business

Meeting

2010 Conference

and Conclusion

Benediction

Group Photo

### YARBOROUGH CHRONOLOGICAL DATA -- Part III

Collated by Peter Yerburgh (U.K.)

### <u>1403</u>

1) John de Yerburgh was an attorney for the Skipwith family over the sale of certain manors and lands to Henry Vavasour.

The brother of this John was great-great-grandfather to Charles Yerburgh of Kelstern (d.1544).

(Scott-Gatty Letter. ERY MSS II p.359)

### **Pedigree**

4 father Richard Y
5 Charles Y of Kelstern

### 1403

2) John de Yerburgh\* is in an Ormsby Charter, concerning Layceby Manor.

\* Scott Gatty in a 1908 letter (E.R.Y. MSS II p.359) writes that this John was apparently grandson of the Robert Yerburgh who was granted a quarter of the Manor of Cockerington, by Sir Henry Vavasour. See 1345.

(E.R.Y. MSS II p.311)

### 1404

- 1) John, son of Richard de Yerburgh, regarding land in Germundorp and Yerburgh. (*De Banco Roll 578 Mich. 6 Hen.IV m.45. Y.H. p.365*)
- 2) John de Yerburgh. Covenant, regarding land in Germthorpe and Yerburgh. (*De Banco Roll, Lincoln 575 Mich. 6 Hen IV m.44*).
- 3) E 22. John, son of Richard of Yarburgh re pasture in Yerburgh and Germethorpe. (Foster Concords E.22)
- 4) E 55 John, son of Robert of Yerburgh, re land in Yarburgh. (Foster Concords E.55)

### 1405

4) John de Yerburgh formerly held half a fee in the Hundred of Walchecroft. (Adjacent to Louth Wapentake).

(Lay Subsidy. Lincoln 135/174.ERY. MSS Vol.II p.228)

#### 1406

1) John de Yerburgh is owed a debt.

(Patent Rolls - Oct.20th. Wagner p.42. ERY MSS I p.144)

2) Case involving Walter, son of John de Yerburgh.

(De Banco Plea PRO. Roll 580 7 Hen.IV m.11. Y.H. p.367 note)

#### 1408

A debt to John de Yerburgh.

(Patent Roll No. 6. Wagner p.42, ERY MSS I p.143, Y.H. p.489)

### <u>140</u>9

John de Yerburgh is owed a debt by Richard Croxton of Wraughby. (Patent Rolls Jan 31, ERY MSS I p.144, Y.H. p.490)

### 1410

Walter Yerburgh is attorney for William Sergeant of Holcroft.

(Assize Rolls m.97. 1410 July, ERY MSS II p.315)

### *1411*

1) Richard Yerburgh and two others in an agreement over 4 messuages and 76 acres in Yarburgh, Germthorpe and Wargholme.

(Fleet of Fines. File 153. No. 18(128) 12 Hen. IV. ERY MSS II p.283)

2) John, son of Robert de Y. in an agreement with John Wolf and his wife for 100s. about 16 acres and a half in Yarburgh

(Fleet of Fines. File 153, No.21 (131). 12 Hen.IV. ERY MSS II p.283)

3) Walter Yerburgh - Messingham area.

(Patent Rolls Nov. 6th. Y.H. p.490, ERY. MS I p.144)

- 4) John de Y. Attorney for Prioress of the Orders of Preachers. (*Patent Rolls April 29th. Wagner p.42*)
- 5) Richard Yerburgh of Yerburgh. Concord regarding land in Yarburgh, Germethorpe (Grainthorpe) and Wargholme.

(Fleet of Fines. Mich. 12 Hen.IV No.21.Foster Concords E.54. ERY MSS II p.283, Y.H. p.457)

6) John de Yerburgh, son of Robert de Yerburgh, (plaintiff) v John Webb and Margaret. He is mentioned in other Rolls around this date.

(Fleet of Fines Summer 12 Hen.IV No.154 (24). ERY MSS II p.283, Y.H. p.456)

1413 King Henry V ruled March 1413 - August 1422

#### <u> 1412</u>

- 1) A debt to Walter Yerburgh (Messynham area (Patent Rolls Nov.6, 13 Hen.IV, Wagner 42. ERY MSS.I p.144, ERY.II p.279)
- 2) John Yerdeburgh of Reepham (near Lincoln), "late(ly) one of the clerks of the late King [Hen.IV] of Common Pleas and his son Walter."

(Assize Lincs. M4. Y.H. p.528)

### 1413

- 1) John, son of Willi' de Yerburgh. (Y.H. has Webbe de Yerburgh.) (De Banco Roll I Hen.V Easter m.130. ERY MSS II p.275. Y.H. p.465)
- 2) Case v Waltam Yerburgh. (? Walter. See 1423.) (De Banco Roll I.Hen.V. Trin. m.80)

The De Banco Rolls (*De Banco Rolls 10 Henry m.733 et al.*) show the descent temp Hen V 1413-22. See 1518.

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Richard Yerburgh Esq. = Joan Atwell
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William Yerburgh Esq. = Isabel Billing
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Wm. Y Esq Richard Yerburgh Esq. = Elizabeth Moigne
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Charles Yerburgh Esq. = 1) Agnes Skipwith
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### 1415

1) Agnes and John Yerburgh of Wraweby regarding the rent (one third of a pound of pepper) for the manor in Wraweby. (= Wrawby, near the Humber.)

(Foster Concords F.11. Lincs. Rec. Office)

- 2) Richard de Yerburgh. "New tenant\* by purchase". Richard is made taliman of Yarburgh Court.
- \*This probably means that he bought the right to be Bailiff of the Soke of Gayton. Certainly, this Office was held by his descendants, until Richards great grandson. (*Court Rolls P.R.O.m.188/39. See 1479. Y.H. p.557*)

### 1416

- 1) John Yerdeburgh of Refham. Walter Yerdeburgh and Frances his wife.
- \* This must be a reference number and not a date.

(Assize Rolls m.4 1445\* Feb.2 2 Hen.V. ERY. MSS II p.315)

2) Court of Sir Thomas Hauley in the manor of Yarburgh. Richard de Yerburgh mentioned. (*Y.H. p.557-8, Wagner p.26*)

#### 1417

Richard Yerdeburgh twice witnesses an Ormsby charter.

(ERY. MSS II p.311)

#### 1418

The concord of Walter Yerburgh and Frances, his wife, regarding the manor of Reepham. (see 1412) (Foster Concords F.20. ERY. MSS II p.284)

### 1419

A debt to John de Yerburgh for £20.

(Wagner p.42, ERY. MSS I p.143. Calendar of Patent Rolls.7 Hen.V Westminster June 30)

### 1420

A debt to John de Yerburgh, alias John Yerburgh of London.

Possibly he was owed a fee. See 1408 where John Yerburgh was an attorney of the Common Bench. (*Calendar of Patent Rolls. 8 Hen.V October 18. Y.H. p.490. ERY. MSS I p.143*)

1422 King Henry VI Ruled 1422 - March 1461 (deposed).

#### 1422

- 1) John Zerburgh mentioned but did not come.
- \* Includes Alvingham and Cockerington.

(Court Roll of Edlyngton\* 10 Hen.V. Y.H. p.551)

2) A debt to Walter Yerburgh

(Patent Rolls. Oct 26. Wagner p.43)

3) Walter Yerburgh is a member of a Lincoln Commission.

(Patent Rolls. Nov.26, Y.H. p.490)

### 1423

Walter Yarburgh against the parson of Layceby and two others to get a debt of 40/- from each. (*De Banco Roll 651 Mich.2 Hen.VI m.418 Y.H. p.366*)

#### 1424

John Yerburgh versus John Pyper of Staynfold - goods value 40/-. (*De Banco Roll 655 Mich.3 Hen VI m. 590. Y.H. p.366*)

### 1425

- 1) Ivo Skupholm versus Richard Yerburgh of Cockerington for damage. (De Banco Roll 659 Mich.4 Hen. VI. m.544 Y.H. p.367)
- 2) John Kyme and Richard Yerburgh, Lord of Fulstow. (See 1431) (Ancaster Court Rolls. Wagner p.22)

### <u>142</u>6

Case in Lincoln versus Walter Yareburugh of Lincoln, 'gentilman'. (De Banco Roll 661 Easter 4 Hen.VI m.46 Y.H. p.367)

### 1427

1) John Kyme and Richard Yerburgh hold the lordship of Fulstow. Note: In 1464/5 Richard Wells holds the lordship.

(Ancaster Court Rolls. Wagner p.23)

2) Richard Yerburgh, with John Kyme, was Lord of Fulstow Bek.(See 1431). (*Ancaster Court Rolls. Wagner p.22*)

#### 1428

- 1) Johannis de Yerdburgh sometime connected with Thorganby. See next item. (Feudal Aids Vol 3 p.268 Y.H. p.519)
- 2) The heirs of Thomas Belesby claim a knight's fee in Thorgamby, except for part, which was held by Johannes de Yerburgh of the Bishop of Lincoln's fee.

This may refer to a John de Yerburgh who held the land, with three others back in 1346. (see 1346) (Feoda Episcopi Lincolniensis. ERY MSS I p.150)

3) A debt to Walter Yerburgh. Probably this man was Walter Yerburgh, gent. of Reepham Manor, near Lincoln.

(Calendar of Patent Rolls. Oct 26 ERY p.143. Y.H. p.491)

#### 1429

1) Enfeoffment by Robert de Wyloughby Knt. of land to William Tirwhit Knt., John Kyme and Richard Yerburgh and two others. The land (nearly 60 acres) is in Mablethorpe, Cockeryngton, Hoggesthorpe and Skirbeck.

(Patent Rolls July 1. ERY MSS I p.142, Y.H. p.491)

- 2) An agreement of Richard Yerburgh and five others\* with Robert Willoughby regarding the manors of Skidbrook, Saltfleetby, Nether Toyton and Over Toynton.12 houses, a mill, 36 acres and £24 rent are included. Haltonby, Spilesby, South and North Somercotes are also mentioned and the advowsons of Spillesby and Nether Toynton.
- \* Including Sir William Tirwhit and John Kyme.

(Fleet of Fines. File 167 No.ll (483) ERY.MSS II p.284, Y.H. p.458. Foster Concords G.22. Lincs. Rec. Office.)

### 1430

Richard Yerburgh versus John Drax of Netilton. (De Banco Roll 679 Mich. 9 Hen.VI. m.187. Y.H. p.368)

### 1431

1) Richard Yarburgh, Gent. is the holder, with others, of property and lands in Somercotes, Skidbrooke, Threddlethorpe, Ashby by Partney, Hamby (Hundleby?) and Friskney. (Feudal Aids. Details in Y.H. 519 & 520. ERY. MSS II p.228, 229)

The Jurors say that John Kyme and Richard Yerburgh, Gent. were seized of Hamby Manor etc. also lands in Freskeney, the manor of Willoughby and tenements in Thredylthorpe. (*Inquisition of the Wapentake of Candleshowe, in the Soke of Bolingbroke. ERY MSS II p.228-9*)

#### 1432

- 1) Notts. Case v Walter Yereburgh of Lincoln. (De Banco Roll 687 Mich.11 Hen VI m.217. ERY MSS I p.368)
- 2) Refers to Walter Yerburgh of Lincoln. (Early Chancery Proceedings Bundle 12 No.177. Y.H. p.576)
- 3) Case. Walter Yarburgh v Robert Chamberlayn, parson of Scampton. (De Banco Roll 687 Mich.11 Hen VI m.274. ERY MSS I p.368)
- 4) Case Walter Yarburgh v Alice Toynton. (De Banco Roll 687 Mich. 11 Hen.VI m.361. Y.H. p.369)
- 5) Walter Yarburgh v John Biggs. (De Banco Roll 687 Mich. 11 Hen.VI m.369 & 432. Y.H. p.369)
- 6) Walter Yarburgh v Hugh Flinton. (De Banco Roll 687 Mich. 11 Hen VI. m.418. Y.H. p.370)

#### <u> 1434</u>

- 1) Case Alice Toynton versus Walter Yerburgh, Gent. of Lincoln. (De Banco Roll 695 Mich.l3 Hen.VI m 659. Y.H. p.371)
- 2) De Banco case. Sir Robert Wylughby, John Kyme, Richard Haygh and Richard Yerburgh and others versus Agnes Wylkyonson regarding a trespass at Great Stepyng. She took her daughter back from service.

(De Banco Roll 695 Mich.l3 Hen.VI m.271. Y.H. p.370)

3) Richard Yerburgh regarding property held by the Willoughby family in Somercotes St. Peter. (Foster Concords G.39 file 158 No.9. ERY. MSS II p.285)

#### 1435

- 1) Notts. Case. Alice Toynton v Walter Yerburgh Gent. (De Banco Roll 699 Mich. 14 Hen.VI m.80 Y.H. p.371)
- 2) Richard Yerburgh and Johanna his wife v William Ashfordby of Tateshale. Case over land (c. 200 acres) and property in Ingoldmells, Hoggesthorpe, Partenay and Askeby near Parteney. Also with the same person, over land in Slotheby. (De Banco Roll 699 Mich. 14 Hen.VI m.80 Y.H. p.371)
- 3) Richard Yerdburgh. Bailiff of the Soke of Gayton. See 1436. (*Ministers' Accounts. Mich.13-14 Hen.VI. Y.H. p.544*)

- 4) Cockerington. Richard Yerburgh fined ii d. and Roger Caddalle fined iii d. (*Michaelmas Court Edlyngton, Bolyngbroke fee. Court Rolls. Y.H. p.551*)
- 5) Ricus Yerburgh de Yerburgh is recorded. Also Laurence Moigne of Threddlethorpe with others. (Subsidy Roll. ERY. MSS I p.181.)

### 1436-8

1) versus Walter Yareburgh. Four cases brought by Alice Toynton.

(De Banco Cases Roll 700 Hil. 14 Hen.VI m.4., Roll 701 Easter 14 Hen.VI m.230. Also Roll 703 Mich. 15 Hen.VI m.528 and Roll 707 Mich. 16 Hen.VI m. 435. Y.H. p.373)

### 1436,1437,1440,1453,1454 specified.

2) Richard Yerburgh as Bailiff of Gayton Soke 1426-1455.

Note. In 1494, 1500, 1501 Richard Yerburgh's grandson is Bailiff of the Soke. A Soke probably consisted of one or two main villages and some lesser hamlets. The Bailiff was responsible to the overlord (Duke of Bedford?) for tax collection and the smooth running of the farms etc. there.

(Ministers' Accounts. Y.H. p.544 et al.)

#### <u> 1437</u>

1) John Yerburgh is a juror at Wythcall. 1437 - 1465.

(Court Rolls. Y.H. p.551. Wagner p.24)

2) Richard Yerburgh of Yerburgh enfeoffed (with two others) of various manors in Co Lincoln: Threddlethorpe, Somercotes, Wythcalle (? Wythcall. See 1392 No.3). (Close Rolls. Y.H. p.502. Wagner p.24)

3) Richard Yerdburgh is bailiff Gayton Soke.

(Ministers' Accounts. Y.H. p.544)

4) Richard Yerburgh of Yarburgh and four others. Re case of the lands of Thomas Themelby in Co. Lincoln.

(Chancery Proceedings. Bundle 9-294. Y.H. pp.576-7)

### *1438*

- 1) Richard Yerburgh in a dispute regarding the manor of Wykyngby (? Willoughby). See 1441. (*De Banco Roll 707 Mich. 16 Hen.Vl m.130 Y.H. p.373*)
- 2) Richard Yerburgh in connection with others property in five areas in Lincolnshire. (Feet of Fines .File 158 No.34. Y.H. p.459 ERY MSS I p.285)

### 1439

1) Robert Yerburgh late Vicar of Swaynford Co. Leicester. (Calendar of Patent Rolls. 17 Hen. VI ERY MSS 1 p.142)

2) Richard Yerburgh and William Braytoft regarding rent in Somercotes. (1 pound of cummin & half a pound of pepper).

(De Banco Roll. 17 Hen.VI. Y.H. p.459)

3) Richard Yerburgh offers service and homage at Boston. (Foster Concords G.51. ERY MSS II p.285. Y.H. p.459)

- 4) Richard Yerburgh regarding land in Somercotes. (Foster Concords G.55. ERY MSS II p.285. Y.H. p.459)
- 5) Enfeoffment of Richard Yerburgh and others with the Manors of Wykesufford, Sungenhoo and Vyndirvile le Kay and the castle and town of Orford, Suffolk.

### 1440

1) Robert Yerburgh. Provost and parson of Cotherstoke, Co.Lincs. (Calendar of Patent Rolls. 18 Hen.VI. ERY MSS I p.142)

#### 1441

- 1) Richard Yerburgh. Case about the manor of Wykyngby. (*De Banco Roll. Hil. 19 Hen.VI m.127. Y.H. p.375*)
- 2) Case v Thomas Yerburgh alias Thomas Fletcher of Louth for debt. (i.e. Thomas Yerburgh was an arrow maker.)

(De Banco Roll. 715 Mich. 19 Hen.VI m.503. Y.H. p.375)

- 3) Alice Toynton v Walter Yerburgh, Gent. Case continues. (De Banco Roll. 715 Mich. 19 Hen.VI m.503. Y.H. p.375)
- 4) Richard Yerburgh and two others sell lands (300 acres of varied nature) in Mumby, Hoggesthorpe, Burgh in the Marsh, Wynthorp, Skegneys, Westmeles, Ingoldmells (see 1443 No.5), Westbankworth and moiety (half) of the Manors of Wragby and Panton. 300 marks. (Foster Concords G.56. ERY MSS II p.286. Y.H. p.459)
- 5) Richard Yerburgh bailiff of two parts of the Soke of Gayton. (*Ministers Accounts. 19 Hen.VI. Y.H. p.545*)
- 6) Agreement. Richard Yerburgh and John Cowper, clerks. Regarding the Manor of Calthorpe and rent (20s.) and land in Gerumthorpe, Covenham and Wargholme. (Feet of Fines. 19 Hen.VI File 159/5 Y.H. p.460)
- 7) Richard Yerburgh concord with William Skipwith and others regarding land and rent in Germthorpe, Wargholme and Covenham.

(Foster Concords G.62. Lincs. Rec. Office)

### 1442

- 1) Richard Yerburgh called to warrant. Case adjourned. (De Banco Roll 725 Easter 20 Hen.VI m.2. Y.H. p.375)
- 2) Alice Toynton v Walter Yerburgh, Gent. Case continued. (De Banco Roll 726. 20 Hen VI. m.219. Y.H. p.376)
- 3) Richard Yerburgh and others in case about land (62 acres) at West Raysen, Mydle Rasen and Newton Toft.

(Feet of Fines 20 Hen.VI. File 159/8. Y.H. p.460)

#### 1443

1) Richard Yerburgh of Yerburgh sues for a debt (£40) from Simon Burgh of Partney. (De Banco Roll 728. Hil. 21 Hen.VI. m.246 Y.H. p.377)

#### 1443 cont.

2) At Lincs. Richard Yerburgh with the Bishop of Carlisle to obtain a debt of £20. Case adjourned.

(De Banco Roll 723 Hil. 21 Hen VI m.163. Y.H. p.377)

3) At London. Richard Yerburgh of Yerburgh (Gent) and Richard Fryth sue for a debt of 100 marks. Case adjourned.

(De Banco Roll 723 Hil. 21 Hen.VI m.65. Y.H. p.377)

- 4) York Court. Robert Yerburgh, parson at Etton. Co.York (Wagner p.50). v William Ben of Cheryburton. A servant had been abducted by Ben at Etton, near Beverley. (*De Banco Roll 728 Hil.21.Hen.VI m.296. Y.H. p.376*)
- 5) Ormsby Charters refer to Sir William Skipwith who appoints attorneys to receive various lands and manors (a dozen or so including Ingoldmells and Cockerington). 'which we had of the gift and grant of Sir John Barre, Sir Walter Devereux, Hamon Sutton Esq. and Richard Yerburgh, Gentilman'. (Ormsby Charters. Probably now in L.R.O. ERY MSS II p.282)
- 6) Richard Yerburgh of Yerburgh. Executor (for the Will) of the Bishop of Durham. (see 1445) (Wagner p.50)

### <u>1444</u>

1) v William Yerburgh of Tathwell, yeoman, and Robert Gentill of Beseby, husbandman, for a debt of £20.

(De Banco Roll 732 Hil. 22 Hen.VI m.309 and 304. Y.H. p.378)

2) A case adjourned v Robert Yerburgh, late of London. clerk, "otherwise of Lekynfeld Co Yorkshire" for a debt of 4 marks.

(De Banco Roll 732 Hil. 22 Hen.VI m.309 and 304. Y.H. p.377-8)

3) Lincoln Case. Henry Yerburgh of Walesby (milner) for a debt. Case adjourned. (*De Banco Roll 732 Hil. 22 Hen.VI m.11. Y.H. p.378*)

### 1445

1) Versus John Yarbur of Louth for a debt of 100s. 8d. (De Banco Roll 737 Easter 23 Hen.VI m. 220. Y.H. p.378)

- 2) Case v John Yarborowe of Louth, chapman, for a debt. He had died recently in testate. (De Banco Roll 727 Easter 23 Hen.VI m.241. Y.H. p.379)
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# **Searching for Roots: Where to Begin**

Leonard Yarbrough

Where does the newly interested family researcher begin? There is no one good answer to the question, but there is one important step that is needed before actual research commences. That is to list as much factual data about the family as is known: names of the father and mother, grandparents' names, and their parents' names, as well as any aunts and uncles. Birth dates and places, places of marriages, deaths, and burials are needed. Family stories or legends are important – they are not always dependable, as they tend to be embellished over time, but they are useful as "pointers" as to where to look for information.

At this point, one can always hire a professional genealogist, although this may get expensive over time. This approach generally yields well-documented evidence, but it also removes the "thrill of the chase". Nonetheless it is a valid approach.

It is necessary to know the "tools of the trade", which in this case means, how is family data recorded? The Query form used by the YFQ is one such tool, as it is a template for recording the type of data that will be collected for found members of the family tree. If one is proficient with the personal computer, an investment in a good genealogy application program, such as Family Tree Maker© or Legacy© is in order. These programs are fairly easy to use, although it may take some time to get used to the quirks that seem to come with them. Enter any available data into the program as time permits. These programs also permit comments and annotations, which should be used freely.

Then, a little preparatory investigation is in order. Find out if there is a family association – this can be done as an on-line search. If computer literacy is a problem, the local library may have a genealogical section. There may be someone to help determine if there is a family association. Then, check with the local counties where the grandparents were known to have lived - the chances are good that there will be a local historical society or genealogical group there. If you are lucky enough to have elderly (and the older the better) relatives who are still mentally sharp, then get a tape recorder and talk to them about the family. This can save a lot of time that might otherwise be spent trying to unravel where Cousin Festus really belongs in the branches of the family tree. I consider this to be preparatory work, but it is also very legitimate family research.

### For the Computer Illiterati

You do not have to own a computer to enjoy the benefits they provide. The local library or senior center may offer access to the Internet via their PC's. Instruction in their use may or may not be available through a library, but both the senior center, the local *YMCA/YWCA* and the local high school's adult education programs may offer introductory programs. Some computer retailers also offer training classes for a nominal fee. The newer computers and printers accept a variety of auxiliary memory chips (used in digital cameras), which can be used for keeping copies of records gleaned from online searches.

Obviously, a record of information that is gathered should be kept. With preparatory work done, the research efforts can be focused on specific branches. Now that the Internet is so readily available, it is recommended that getting online at www.rootsweb.com be the first step. This will provide an indication as to what may already be available. Also, investigate www.ancestry.com, and once there, find the "GenForum" for your family name. A word of caution, though — Ancestry.com will want you to upload your data, ostensibly because it facilitates the search process. It does that, but Ancestry really wants to get your data, which they then copyright in their name. You will have to pay a fee if you want to access your data in the future. Note any alternative spellings for the family name. The GenForum is a useful clearinghouse for exchanging information with other researchers. Rootsweb provides a wealth of material, but there is a caveat for both — there is no really good way to know how accurate the posted information is. The same,

unfortunately, is also true of the records of the Mormon Church. That doesn't mean they shouldn't be used – information taken from these sources simply must be vetted.

That brings up the first rule of research: trust nothing that cannot be verified. That is, if documentation cannot be obtained, any information that may be found is suspect. That's sometimes hard to accept when there is really very little known about the long lost gggf Dismukes Yarborough. The tendency is to accept any shred of information as the gospel, just so the knowledge gap can be closed. However, failure to be rigorous about one's research leads to error and misinformation, and frankly is tantamount to fraud if the data are used, say, for attaining membership in the DAR or like organizations.

There are various records that can be used to verify family information: family bibles, wills and deeds, tax records, land patents, court and military records (and some of these go back to the Revolution), newspapers, census and church records and even old newspapers. Census records are helpful in that they provide an indication of allied families, who often are the families appearing in the record immediately before and after the target family. These families tended to migrate together. They also tended to intermarry, so that if you run into difficulties locating your family member, a search of one of the allied families may disclose useful material to aid in your search. Also, knowing the migration routes used by our ancestors as the families moved westward helps in determining where to look. These can be found in the library or online (a notional map is shown at <a href="http://www.yarbro.org/hist4.html">http://www.yarbro.org/hist4.html</a>).

One fact to remember - the configuration of state and county boundaries have changed over time. This means records showing Cousin Abner Yarbro in Campbell County, Georgia, will not be found there. Campbell County no longer exists; today, it is Fulton County, and the records themselves are likely to be found in the state archives in the Capitol of the state. There is a useful computer program, Animap® which renders the state and county boundaries as they appeared over time since the country was first settled. It also includes a feature that allows the user to enter names of places to determine where these places actually are.

When I began my family research, I was fortunate enough to have access to the National Archives in Washington, DC, where I was able to look up military, census and other records concerning the family. From there, I began visiting the courthouses in the counties where I either knew or suspected the family to have settled. I learned very quickly that the office of the Judge of Probate in most counties are very helpful, friendly, and will assist as much as time will permit them to do so. It takes a bit of time to learn how records are kept, and while each county seems to have its own particular style of filing, they are all very similar. Personnel at these offices also provide information as to what other resources may be available locally. Many counties are now digitally archiving old records, but this is a hit or miss thing, and progress depends on local funding and the presence of available local support for archiving. Most of the counties I've visited have local genealogical or historical groups which are always worth contacting.

Starting with your parents and working backward from them and your grandparents is pretty straightforward. Also, when the grandparents were born, there were far fewer people here than now, and that is a very helpful factor. History also provides some help. The Yarboroughs first came into Virginia in the middle of the seventeenth century. From Virginia, they migrated into North Carolina, thence into South Carolina, north Georgia and westward across Alabama and Tennessee into Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas, with offshoots into Oklahoma and Missouri. Mostly, the extended Yarbrough families are found in these states, with a smattering in Florida, California, and a few in Illinois, Canada and other states.

Once I had established where and when my great-grandfather had been, it was relatively easy to determine who his father was and where he lived. Unfortunately, I still cannot prove conclusively who my ggggf was, although I am reasonably sure who the man was. Much of this is available from Rootsweb and/or Ancestry.com. Also, there are several web pages that provide considerable information about specific Yarbrough branches (see <a href="http://www.yarbro.org/links/html">http://www.yarbro.org/links/html</a>).

If you have managed to get this far in your research efforts, you are likely off to a good start. Remember the law of diminishing returns though – you will find 85% or more of your desired information within the first year or so of researching. The remaining 15% will take years or decades to complete. Still, there is a great deal of material available, and most researchers gladly share family data.

Even though I am a reasonably skilled computer user, I prefer using a notebook, with a page (that means front and back) devoted to each person about whom I collect data. I tend to keep a parent, the spouse and any offspring contiguous in the notebook. This works for me; it's pretty much to the individual researcher as to how best record and organize family data. The YNGHA is fortunate to have several yards of three ring binders filled with genealogical data. While the organization of some of the volumes is poor, these records are nonetheless a valuable trove of information. These binders are available for Association members in a research room at the annual YNGHA conference. In addition, we have Nelle Morris Jenkin's Yarbrough Family Quarterly, Charles David Yarbrough's Yarbrough Family Magazine, and the YNGHA's Yarbrough Family Quarterly archived at the YNGHA web site. This site also has a complete set of articles about the English branches of the Yarbrough family, which were provided by the Reverend Charles Peter Yerburgh of Salisbury, GB. Access to these records comes with YNGHA membership. As always there is a caveat – some of earlier published material have been superceded by later research, so caution must be exercised in using the older records. Still, this is a wealth of material available to assist in researching your family tree.

The January issue of the Quarterly provided a listing of books on the Yarbrough family. If you are from one of the lines included in these books, much of your work has already been done. They also are good examples of how to organize and preserve your own records and family tales. This article is far from being a complete primer on how to begin family research, but the most important tip is not so much "Where or how do I start?" as much as it is "Make a list of things to find out, and start working on finding out, and sticking with it."



## HOW I DID IT SURGERY FIXED HOLE IN HEART WALL<sup>2</sup>

By Cynthia Billhartz Gregorian ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Carrie Yarbrough was 19 years old when the episodes began. Pressure would build inside her head and her vision on her left side would become so blurry that she could barely see.

A neurologist told her she was having migraine headaches. It made sense: Both Yarbrough's parents were prone to migraines.

For years, the diagnosis stuck.

One night in 2005. while pregnant with her second son. Yarbrough had an episode that was unusually painful and numbed one side of her face. It also rendered her unable to speak.



Carrie Yarbrough works out on her stationary bicycle last month in her St. Louis County home. Yarbrough has a much easier time breathing and exercising after having a congenital heart defect corrected by surgery

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From the **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**, Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Contributed by Arlene Weidinger and reprinted with permission.

Her husband took her to the emergency room where a doctor told her she was having an expressive aphasia incident and conducted a CAT scan on her head.

He didn't find anything out of the ordinary, so he referred her back to her neurologist who ordered an echocardiogram and bubble test. The tests showed that Yarbrough's problems were originating in her heart, where she had a hole in the wall between her two upper chambers. The neurologist referred Yarbrough to Dr. Denise Janosik, a cardiologist at St. Louis University Hospital.

Janosik says all babies, while in the womb, have holes like these in their hearts. But the hole closes shortly after birth in about 75 percent of people. The other 25 percent, Janosik says, usually live entire lives with no symptoms.

For Yarbrough, the defect was behaving like a flap over a valve that shouldn't exist. When she sneezed, coughed or otherwise strained her chest, blood would travel through the hole from her right atrium to her left. Doctors suspect that small clots would move with that blood and travel to her brain, causing mini-strokes. It was also sapping her of energy

"I often noticed how other spinners (at the gym) who were

#### **CARRIE YARBROUGH**

Age: 36

**Horne:** South St. Louis County **Occupation:** Mother of three

young children

What she did: Had surgery to correct a hole between the two upper chambers of her heart.

**Why:** To stop a recurrence of mini-strokes and prevent a full-blown stroke that could paralyze or even kill her.

older than me wouldn't be sweating or breathing hard, and I would be really out of breath," she says.

Janosik discussed surgery to repair the hole with Yarbrough.

But Yarbrough declined. She was scared, she says, and, like a lot of mothers, didn't feel she had time for herself. She began taking an aspirin a day as a blood thinner.

Two or three years passed and the episodes became more frequent and intense.

Last year, while Yarbrough was pregnant with her third child, she was walking in the parking lot of a Babies "R" Us with her 4-year-old son. Suddenly, she became disoriented, her vision blurred to where she couldn't see anything and, worse, she couldn't speak at all. She made her way to her car where she called her mother on her cell phone and mustered a feeble "Hi" and nothing else.

"I would always let everyone know where I was going and tell them that if they get a phone call and my number shows upon caller ID and someone grunts, that's me," she says.

Her mother reached her within minutes. It took nearly 45 minutes for the symptoms to pass.

"That was the straw that broke the camel's back," Yarbrough says, "The fact that I could be in public with one of my kids and no one would be able to help me was really scary."

She also worried that the next episode would be a full-blown stroke that could paralyze or even kill her. Yarbrough decided that after giving birth, she'd have the hole closed.

In October, three months after Yarbrough's daughter was born, Dr. Michaek Lim, director of the catherization labs at St. Louis University Hospital, corrected the defect. He guided a catherer from a vein in Yarbrough's leg up to her heart. Then he pushed a tiny closure device through the catherer and placed it over the hole so heart tissue could grow over it.

Yarbrough has not experienced an episode since then.

"And within a week or two, I noticed ta big difference in my energy level and I wasn't as short of breath when I exercised, " she says.







## IN MEMORIAM - William F. "Buster" Yarbrough

William Forrest "Buster" Yarbrough died on December 20, 2008. He was born November 18, 1930, in Marlow, OK. He was the oldest child of Robert L. and Nina Taylor Yarbrough. Robert L. Yarbrough was the second child of William Thomas Yarbrough and his second wife, Annie Wyatt. parents moved to California when he was a small child. He and Nina Mae Anderson were married on June 10, He served two years in the Army during the Korean War. They then moved to Long Beach until his retirement. They moved to Visalia, CA, after retirement and lived there until his death. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nina, and two children, a daughter Pam, and son Don, and many grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Two sisters and brothers also survive. A "Celebration of Life" service was held on January 3, 2009, at the First Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Visalia, CA.



The following is from that service:

As I was growing up, all I wanted to be was a "Professional Baseball" player. I listened to the games on the radio and read all of the sports pages. When I got into high school, I began to play both baseball and football. My senior year at Tulare Union High School in Tulare, California I really thought that my dream of playing a professional sport could be realized. I was on the football team with two future Olympic Gold Medal winners, Bob Mathias, and Sim Inness. I was their quarterback and also one of the linebackers. In those years we played both offense and defense. I continued on to the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, California, and then to San Jose State College (now California State University at San Jose). Although my "glory days" of carrying the ball was over, I rated very highly as a tackle, and was given a football scholarship. All of this was cut short by a broken jaw in an automobile accident in 1950, and the Korean War. I was hoping to get into the Navy and be able to play some service football and then maybe try out for a pro-football team. In the meanwhile, the Army drafted me and I married Nina Anderson, (and couldn't let her get away) I spent two years in the Army in Korea, attaining the rank of Sergeant while cooking for the troops.

After two years in the Army, I still had the desire to play Pro Football. I was so sure that I could make it that while working for Douglas Aircraft Co., now McDonnell Douglas Corp., Boeing bought this company in 1999, I even tried some semi-pro football, and tried out for the "Orange County Rhino's"

and made the team. This was 1957, the same time Nina and I helped organize a Missionary Baptist Church in Garden Grove, California. Later it became the Anaheim Missionary Baptist Church.

At this time I had to make the choice to work full time in the church and provide a good home and future for my family or keep playing football until I could no longer play. I believe the Lord lead me to work for Him. I know that was the right choice, and with His help I have been doing that every since.

This is 2001 now and I have been retired for twelve years. After open heart surgery (quadruple-by-pass), thirty one years with McDonnell Douglas Aircraft, and moving back to the San Joaquin Valley where I grew up, I still watch and play some sports, but this has never taken precedence over serving the Lord and going to church.

William F. (Buster) Yarbrough April 25, 2001



### A Trip to Remember Leonard Yarbrough

It seems as though I have been corresponding with Peter Yerburgh for years, although it hasn't really been that many. Nonetheless, when my daughter Susan decided to enter the London Marathon (sponsored by *Flora*, a local oleomargarine), she asked me to join her afterwards, as she wanted to go to York and perhaps the Scottish Hebrides. It took maybe a tenth of a second to make up my mind to go. Both she and I flew Air Canada, which was a delight in its own right. Anyway, here are a few pictures that record our jaunt.



Peter and I in front of the Deramore Arms Pub.



Heslington Church – a lovely edifice

I met Susan around noon of April 29<sup>th</sup>, and we picked up a rental car and proceded to York. Susan had made the reservations for the car earlier and also had requested a GPS, which helped tremendously. We stayed at a lovely B&B near Heslington Hall. We learned that the house had been in the same family for several hundred years. With alterations to keep current, the home really did not appear to be more than seventy or eighty years old.





Yorkminster

**Heraldry Window – Heslington Hall** 

The next day, we drove around York, stopping to see Yorkminster, a small but lovely cathedral. We spent some time at Yorkminster, then it was time to meet Peter Yerburgh at the Deramore Arms Pub. We arrived just as Peter arrived, and we had a great time exchanging greetings. Peter had made reservations for us, which was fortuitous as there was a lively lunch hour trade. The food was medium mediocre, but the ambiance was good, and the three of us had a grand time.

Following lunch, we moved over to Heslington Hall, just a few blocks away. The Hall is now the administrative offices of the University of York, so it is very much a working building. However, Peter had arranged for us to have a tour of the Hall, which is impressive to see, especially the detail of the ceiling in the main entry and the coats of arms that are contained in the windows of the hall. Following our tour, Peter and I had time for a chat about computer issues, among other matters, and then – all too soon, it was time to move on.

Peter is a charming individual, self-deprecating more or less as one would expect, and altogether as keen an intellect as might be expected. Both Susan and I were made to feel quite at home, and I hope that we will have an opportunity to visit Peter again.

The next day, we headed for the Scottish Hebrides. Originally, we had intended to drive to Oban, but by the time we reached Glasgow, we decided to stop there at the local Hilton. This turned out to be a good move, as we were only a little over an hour away from Oban. We had a delightful meal at an Italian restaurant and turned in. The next day we eventually figured out that our trusty GPS was not so trusty. It directed us along the northern shore of Loch Lomond after we left Glasgow, which left us stranded at trail's end somewhere. It was a beautiful drive,

and we saw the Highland Cow, without a doubt one of the world's ugliest creatures. Nonetheless, we managed to stop by Stirling Castle, which is very impressive, and then to get back to Glasgow without mishap.



**The Highland Cow-** coarse haired, rust colored, and altogether ugly.



Oban – a picturesque seacoast town



**Interior view of Yorkminster** 



Susan Yarbrough and a fellow marathon runner – he encouraged her to finish.





**Stirling Castle** 

Peter and Leonard at Heslington Hall

The next day, we headed back to London, arriving mid-afternoon. We dropped off the car, then took the tube downtown, where we saw Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, and Westminster. We also had the opportunity to eat a good meal in a typical English pub, just across from Parliament. There was a protest meeting going on across from Parliament. Seems as though the Sri Lankans want Great Britain to intercede in the civil war going on there. These apparently are among the same people who wanted to be independent of the Crown in the first place. Anyway, as nearly as I could tell, it was all the British Government's fault! No matter, it was a peaceful event, and we took the tube back to the hotel near the airport. The next day we both flew home, very satisfied and a bit sad that the trip was so soon over.



One of many old, abandoned castles in Scotland.



Along the shore of Loch Lomond, we came across this lovely little church.



Looking Northwesterly across Loch Lomond



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> - The number in parentheses denotes the year in which the Director's term expires.



# The President's Corner ...

From all I've heard, this year's Family Conference was an outstanding event. Due to the death of my Mother, I could not attend. The service of the hotel employees could not have been better and I understand the banquet was outstanding. There were a number of newcomers in attendance, camaraderie ruled the days and a new sense of purpose seems to have arisen. How absolutely wonderful – let's keep a good thing going!

I owe a great deal to Ann Bush, Al Bush, Tee Devine, Doug Devine, Diane Faulkner, E. Howard Yarbrough, and Martha Yarbrough for pitching in with last minute preparations.

Thanks also to Leonard Yarbrough for presenting a very informative talk on DNA and guiding the banquet program. Very special thanks to Robert Davis from Wallace State for speaking on Research Roadblocks and where to look for not-so-obvious clues. I was told that his dry wit added to his speaking ability and made the stories so believable and realistic.

The Board of Directors met Saturday morning and worked through a very long agenda. Due to our continuing money woes, the Board has decided to raise membership dues for the coming year to \$30.00. It is hoped the extra income will help stabilize our financial footing and give us the ability to proceed with the digitizing of our research books. We will also begin distributing *The YFQ* electronically, beginning with the January issue. Please bear with us during the changeover. If we do not have your current e-mail address, please inform our Secretary Ann Y. Bush. After the first of the year, however, you will inform the incoming Secretary, Dianne Faulkner. If you do not use a computer or have internet access, please inform her of that fact. The Unofficial Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting appear later in this issue.

I want to take a moment here to offer all our thanks to Ann Bush for years of service as our Secretary. She will continue to serve as a Director. After the first of the year, Diane Faulkner will become Secretary. The position was often demanding but she always stuck with it and she now very much wants to return to researching. She has been my mentor in the Association and I have treasured both her friendship and her guidance. I look forward to continuing our work together. Before long now, she'll be on the hunt again.

The preliminary Conference accounting appears after this article; a handful of receipts are still outstanding but the figures should be in the ballpark.

Congratulations to Rusty Moore of Dallas, Texas who posted the winning bid (\$150) for the Yarbrough Oak. It's new home will be in North Texas, where it is sure to grow to an awesome size.

Dr. Sidney and Becky Yarbrough donated the tree for the auction, but their generosity did not stop there. They also donated \$200 to the Association to help cover Conference expenses. We all thank them for their wonderful gifts!

Next year's Conference will be held in Saint Louis, Missouri and will be hosted by Director Clark Hickman. What a wonderful location! There are many Yarbroughs living in the area and we definitely look forward to seeing them. As plans develop, we will keep you informed.

Remember, first, that dues collection is on the near horizon and, second, that **y-o-u** are the most valuable asset of this Association. Your support, ideas and input are not just important; they are a critical driver for the organization. My heartfelt thanks to all of you!

Cathy

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Conference Expense/Income Summary							
Expenses:							
Services		\$ 200.00					
Hotel							
Conference Expense	\$ 864.50						
Banquet Expense	1,170.00						
Taxes & Service Charge	539.01						
Total Expenses		<b>\$ 2,573.5</b> 1					
Income:							
Registrations Fees (Net)	\$ 2,345,00						
Other Income	350.00						
Total Income		\$ 2,695.00					
Profit (Loss)		(\$ 78.51)					

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For those who couldn't get to the conference this year, well, you missed a good time. Old friends were there and some new ones showed up, and a good time was had by all.

In last month's *Jottings*, I mentioned some changes to the format of the *YFQ*. We haven't been able to get as crisp a rendition of the family crest on the cover page as we wanted, so I finally bit the bullet and ordered a new, larger image from the crest artist. Unfortunately, there was a newer rendition, so it has a somewhat different appearance. The differences overall are slight, and even though I preferred the older version, this one is quite good. Since receiving the new version, I have been updating templates, web pages, blogs, etc., to reflect the new family crest. Seems as though every time I do something on the PC, I find another place that has to be updated. Eventually, I'll get everything all caught up (I hope).

The DNA project has certainly turned up some surprises. We owe Jim Yarbrough a vote of thanks for all his efforts coordinating this project; we also owe a big thank you to all who have participated in the testing. Now, if we can just get all the various early twigs and branches sorted .... one of the surprises was the appearance of Edmund Yo. in the Joshua Yo.'s ancestry. Is Edmund an unproven son of Old Richard, a brother, or a cousin? Seems for every question that is answered, two more unanswered ones pop up.

This is the second straight issue that has been ready for the printer better than a month in advance of the publication date. As editor, I am grateful for the material that our members have provided. I hope this presages a renewed vigor in the *Association*, too.

Leonard

# The 2009 Conference



Attendees were well taken care of by our hosts and the Four Points Sheraton staff.



The DNA Guys: Jim Yarbrough (on right) and Len Yarbrough (on left), with Don Yarbrough's chart showing some results from the Yarbrough DNA



As always, Joan Singlaub, Tee Devine, Barbara Blanton and Diane Faulkner had a marvelous time.

## **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

# THE YARBROUGH NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 19, 2009 in the Heritage Boardroom of the Four Points by Sheraton in Huntsville, Alabama. The following directors were in attendance: Tee Devine (CA), Joan Singlaub, (VA), Ann Y. Bush (AL), Don Yarbrough (FL), Clark Hickman (MO), Barbara Blanton (TN), Diane Y. Faulkner (TX), and James F. (Jim) Yarbrough (TN). Directors absent were: Beverly Havens (MO), Cathy Walker (AL) and Seth Y. Young III (AR). Don Yarbrough presided over the meeting in the absence of President, Cathy Walker, who was unable to attend the meeting because of the death of her mother in Houston, Texas.

Don Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Joan Singlaub offered the invocation. Ann Bush read the minutes of the 2008 Board meeting. One correction was added to the minutes regarding the host for 2009 conference. "Conference would be hosted by Cathy Walker and Ann Bush." The minutes were then approved unanimously, and the Treasurer's report was presented by Don Yarbrough. A final accounting of the 2009 conference will be sent to each Board member.

Discussion was held on the election of new Directors. It was agreed to ask Seth Young (AR) and James F. Yarbrough (TN) to serve another term as Directors and Cleveland "Cy" Yarbrough (VA) to fill the Director position vacated by Beverly Havens (MO), all to serve three year terms. There was unanimous approval. The new Directors will be presented to the general membership at the banquet meeting Saturday night, October 19, 2009.

The Board addressed the proposed slate of officers for 2010. Ann Bush presented the following officers to be presented at the general membership meeting during the banquet: President, Cathy Walker (AL); Vice President, Barbara Blanton, (TN); Secretary, Diane Y. Faulkner (TX); Assistant Secretary, Ann Y. Bush (AL) and Treasurer, James F. Yarbrough (TN). There was unanimous approval by the Board.

The results of the Membership Survey distributed to the general membership in April 2009 was circulated. Fifty one (51) surveys were received and forty-six (46) were used to tabulate results. Thirty two (32) felt like the *Quarterly* was helpful and beneficial. Thirty seven (37) would like to receive the *Quarterly* electronically rather than by mail. It was agreed to try to use all the data in the survey to help plan future conferences, programs and to develop long-range plans and goals for the Association.

Discussion was held on the following items:

Association's Web Site: It was felt that the site should be in an easier to read format. It was recommended that a Membership Application form should be available from the web site to use to pay dues for those wishing to use a credit card for payment and would be sent electronically to the treasurer. (This will have to be investigated.)

<u>Dues</u>: Dues would be increased to \$30 per year for 2010 membership rather than the current \$20 per year. That information would be sent out to the membership in the next Quarterly. The increase in dues could be used to start the process to have all the current genealogical records converted to digital records.

**Quarterly:** Steps should be taken to send the Quarterly electronically and to give each member a preference to receive it by mail or electronically.

#### **Items for 2010 Conference in St. Louis:**

Revamp Program:

Offer break-out sessions on Friday afternoon and Saturday on topics of interest to the general membership. Diane Faulkner was charged with the responsibility of working with Clark once the initial place to meet and other plans are in place.

Fundraising:

James F. Yarbrough agreed to gather information for fundraising techniques that would benefit the Association. One area to emphasize would be African-American membership.

#### **Bylaws**:

The Bylaws Revision was discussed and passed by the Board by unanimous approval. (This was Section 5.1 Annual Meeting and this was modified to allow an "out or cancellation" when we simply cannot afford to hold a conference. The revised wording is as follows:

"Section 5.1 Annual Meeting. Within three (3) months before a scheduled annual meeting, the President and Treasurer shall together determine whether adequate funding is available to hold an annual conference. The results will be reported to the Board of Directors for a final decision. With financial clearance, the annual meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held each year at such time and place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. In the event of cancellation, the membership shall be promptly notified in a manner determined by the Board of Directors."

The 2010 meeting will be in St. Louis, Missouri. Clark Hickman will serve as host and will begin making arrangements immediately.

The next meeting of the Board will be by conference call at 11:00 a.m. EST Saturday, November 21, 2009. The number to use to connect will be sent to each Board member.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

#### **FAMILY MEETING**

The Family Meeting and Banquet was held in the Heritage Salon on October 19, 2009. Welcome was given by Leonard Yarbrough. The Invocation given by Rusty Moore. Doug Devine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A delicious meal of pecan crusted tilapia, beef brisket and fried chicken along with garlic potatoes, green beans and roasted vegetables and tossed salad was enjoyed by all. Peach cobbler and pecan pie for dessert.

Barbara Blanton presided over the business meeting presenting the new slate of officers for 2010:

President - Cathy Walker

Vice President - Barbara Blanton

Secretary - Diane Y. Faulkner

Assistant Secretary - Ann Y. Bush

Treasurer - James F. Yarbrough (TN)

No additional nominations from the floor were received. The above slate was approved by the membership.

The Board of Directors offered the following slate for Directors for 2010:

Barbara Blanton, Ann Y. Bush, Diane Y. Faulkner, Clark Hickman, Joan Singlaub, Cathy Walker, Cy Yarbrough, Tee Y. Devine, Don Yarbrough, James F. Yarbrough and Seth Young.

The guest speaker for the evening was Robert Scott Davis, Director of Family and Regional History Program at Wallace State College in Hanceville, Alabama. Following a question and answer period the conference concluded with the auctioning of a young oak from the "Tree That Owned Itself, donated by Sid Yarbrough. Leonard Yarbrough offered the closing benediction and invited everyone to a farewell breakfast at 8:00 am on Sunday morning, September 20, 2009.

Ann Y. Bush, Secretary

## THE PRINCE OF THE FOREST

By Bob Yarbrough



The first part of January 2002, I received a letter from a long time friend containing a newspaper clipping. The Tree That Owns Itself was dying. This tree, "The Yarbrough Oak," is located in Oxford, GA 31 miles East of Atlanta. The article stated that due to urban stress and other problems, the tree would not be with us much longer. The main problem was caused by the installation of a new water line to the house adjacent to the tree thus causing damage to the root system.

I first became aware of the Yarbrough Oak (the tree that owns itself) in 1991 at the Yarbrough National Genealogical & Historical Association conference. Reba Yarbrough Rice had sent every Yarbrough in the Atlanta telephone book an invitation to the conference to be held in Decatur, GA.

In the early 1920s the Rev. John Yarbrough nicknamed the tree "Prince of the Forest", and began a tradition of devotion to this magnificent old white oak tree. In 1929 the Oxford City Council deeded the small tract of land where it sat to the tree.

In 1999 the Georgia Forestry Commission had the foresight to collect acorns from this tree. These acorns were planted in the Commission's Flint River nursery. The seedlings have been sold and

distributed all over the Southeast so that the Yarbrough Oak may live on. The tree will be taken down soon, and after 2 or 3 years of soil conditioning a seedling will be planted in the same place. Hopefully when it is cut, we will be able to count the rings and discover its age; it is believed to be over 300 years old. Currently the Yarbrough Oak is 72 inches in diameter.

I was invited to speak at the Arbor Day celebration and Memorial service for the Yarbrough. The Arbor Day program is part of the charter of the Oxford tree commission. Speaking there was an opportunity to spread the word of the Yarbrough National Genealogical & Historical Association.

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## William Albert Yarber, My Father By Stanley G. Yarber, Statesville, GA

William Albert Yarber (b; Jan. 6, 1887 d: Mar. 12, 1965), my father, was the great grandson of Shem Yarberough/Yarber. Shem Yarbrough is listed in the Tennessee, Washington County census of 1850, age 75. He is also listed in the North Carolina census for 1840 and 1830. I have a paper written by my father stating that Shem Yarbrough was his grandfather. My father told me that his family, Shem Yarbrough, his grandfather William Dawson Yarber/Yarbrough, and his father, John Culpepper Yarber, moved from Union County, North Carolina to Tennessee.

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I accept as factual that the Shema Yarborough of the Tennessee 1850 census, the Shim Yarborough of the N.C. 1840 census and the Shem Yarborough of the N.C. 1830



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census is one and the same person, and that person is my great great grandfather. With the record keeping and name spellings of that period of time, there is no other reasonable conclusion to accept.

I also believe that Shem Yarbrough was the son of Joshua Yarbrough and Susannah Thompson. Joshua Yarbrough was born about 1740 in Virginia and died after 1800 in North Carolina. The North Carolina records show that the Will of Benjamin Thompson, the father of Susannah Thompson Yarbrough, gave part of his estate to Shem Thompson, his son. There is also reference to Shem Yarbrough in some of Joshua Yarbrough's real-estate transactions. It appears reasonable to assume that Susannah Thompson and Joshua Yarbrough named one of their children for Susannah's brother. I understand that the ancestry of Joshua Yarbrough has been established by others, back to Richard Yarbrough, the immigrant, who was born in England in 1615 and died in Virginia in 1702. Richard Yarbrough is considered to be the first Yarbrough to come to the United States. It is also believed that Richard Yarbrough is a descendant of Eustacius de Yarburgh, Lord of Yarburgh, Heslington Hall, County of York, England. Eustacius Yarburgh helped William the Conqueror to establish a government in 1066 AD.

William Albert Yarber was born on Rafter Mountain near Tellico Plain, Monroe County, Tennessee on January 6, 1887. The thirteenth of thirteen children. The house is still there. At the age of about 2 years, in 1889, his family moved to Diamond, Van Buren County, Arkansas. The Diamond post office is long gone but, the location of the old home place is in the vicinity of Lost Corner, Pope County, Ark. and Nogo, Pope County, Arkansas. The school that he attended was only in session 3 months a year. With the first money that Albert earned, he bought a Webster's dictionary. He developed a life time practice of placing a check mark by words that he looked up.

The family's livelihood was provided from growing apples and peaches. They had about 1000 apple trees and 500 peach trees. Their markets were in Russellville, Morrilton, Appleton, and Atkins, Arkansas. They also did a lot of wild life hunting.

At about the age of 21 years he moved, with his parents and sister Lulu Mae, to Homeland, Charlton, Georgia near Folkston, Charlton County, Georgia. His brother Wiley was already in Homeland. Homeland was a farming community settled by people from the mid-western states. He farmed and attended school. He had an insatiable thirst for knowledge and was determined to continue his education. The superintendent of schools encouraged him to take the examination for teaching. He did and received a third class Georgia Teacher's License. He later took the examination for a second class teacher's license and passed it. One of his students was Nora Irene Stephens. I do not know what year he taught Nora, but a few years later they were married on October 31, 1913. He went to a Teacher's college in Douglas, Georgia for a few months and then passed the examination for a First Class Georgia Teacher's License. He was a teacher and farmer for about 9 years.

He and Nora lived with his parents. On May 9, 1915 their first child, William Clyde Yarber, was born. About two years after their marriage, the family sold the place in Homeland and bought 75 acres at Uptonville, a few miles away. They rented a place to live and farm until they could build a house on the new property. In October 1916 after the crop was finished, his father died. Albert built a house on the new place during the winter of 1916. They were not there long. In October 1917, he received an appointment as clerk in the Jacksonville, Fla. post office.

They moved to Jacksonville, Fl. He became a U.S. Postal Employee. These were World War I years. The cost of living was high and the Post Office pay was low with little intellectual challenge and limited future progress. He took an examination for the U.S. Customs Service. While waiting to hear from the Customs Service, he quit the Post Office because of illness. He had developed in his right ear a mastoid abscess. It required an operation. He then went to work in the ship yard at Jacksonville and made very good wages. The war ended and he went back to the post office. He quit the post office again on account of not getting along with the clerk-in-charge. He worked for a short time for an ice cream manufacturing company. He then went to work in another ship yard as a painter to help complete some ships. After that, he took a job in Miami as a carpenter building houses on the beach. While he was in Miami, his family still in Jacksonville, he was appointed to the custom service in Savannah, Ga. While in Jacksonville, their second child, Myrtle Lucretia Yarber, was born, January 29, 1918, but she was born in Folkston, Charlton County, Georgia as Nora decided to go to her mother's home to give birth.

In 1920, he and his family, including his mother, moved to Savannah, Georgia. He retired from the U.S. Customs Service in 1952. His title was "Liquidator". He was the number three person in rank in the custom house. The other two positions were the deputy collector of customs and the politically appointed position collector of customs.

During President Eisenhower's term, he was considered for the appointment to be Collector of Customs for the port of Savannah but, President Eisenhower selected a lady attorney who had campaigned for him. It was an honor to be considered.

After retiring from the Customs Service, he was in demand by the shipping industry in Savannah as a Customs Broker. He was an active, independent, Customs Broker until two years before his death. His hobby was growing things. He was a nurseryman at heart. He had a place in the country that he named "Greenleaf Nursery." He spent all of his free time there until his health failed and he had to sell it.

William Albert Yarber and Nora Irene Stephens raised four children. They lived near Savannah in the community of Wildwood, a close community of loving, caring and friendly people. Their home was a modern three bed room brick house.

Their children:

Wlliam Clyde Yarber b. May 9, 1915 d. June 15, 1985

Myrtle Lucretia Yarber b. Jan. 29, 1918 d: August 21,2005

Stanley Garland Yarber b. Aug. 1, 1925 Mary Irene Yarber b. June 1, 1931

Here are some of the ways he is remembered.

- 1. He never argued with anyone. He would clearly state his views and reasons for actions and beliefs. He would then act accordingly. He would listen and reason, but would not overly discuss or get emotionally involved in an issue.
- 2. He was extremely honest and a person of high integrity.
- 3. A most knowledgeable person and well read.
  - 4. A lover of and an authority on nature.



John Washington Yarber abd William Albert Yarber at the house on Rafter Mountain where William Albert was born.

5. He was a student of literature and history. He was acquainted with the works of great writers and poets. He liked to memorize and recite poems. Many people considered him to be a scholar.



The house in Homeland, GA. John C. Yarber, William Ibert, Lucretia and Lula.



The house in Wildwood where Nora and Albert raised their family during the 1930s and 1940s.



The place in Arkansas
Samual Marvin, Mary Delia, William Wiley, John Culpepper. John Washington. Paten Johue, William Albert, Lucretia,
Thomas Moses, Mattie E., and Lulu Mae The picture in the frame is Minnie Rosabelle Three children died in infancy.
Nancy Elizabeth, Martha A.H. and an unnamed baby boy.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1954 SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS CUSTOM HOUSE VETERAN HONORED. Retiring after 35 years of service. William Albert Yarber received the Albert Gallatin Award from the US Treasury Department.

### YARBOROUGH CHRONOLOGICAL DATA -- Part IV

Collated by Peter Yerburgh (U.K.)

#### 1445 cont.

- 4) Wythcall. Richard Yerburgh makes presentation at the Court held at Edlyngton. (*Court Roll.7th May, 23 Hen.VI. Y.H. p.552*)
- 5) The Bishop Lincoln and others versus Richard Yerburgh of Yerburgh, Gent. and two merchants, over a debt of £10. Richard Yerburgh and the merchants were executors of William Rosselyn's Will, Cottenes, Co. York.

(De Banco Roll 737 Easter 23 Hen.VI m.193 and 400, Y.H. p.378)

#### 1446

1) Robert Yerburgh, late of London, clerk, of Lekyngfeld, Yorkshire, is pardoned for a debt of 4 marks. (see 1443)

(De Banco Roll 740 Hil. 24 Hen.VI m.507. Y.H. p.379)

- 2) Debt owed by the late John Yarbur of Louth. (mercer/hosier) (see 1445 No.2) (De Banco Roll 740 Hil. 24 Hen.VI m.64. Y.H.p.380)
- 3) Richard Yerburgh ought to have come to Threddlethorpe Court. (Ancaster Court Roll, 11 Oct 1446. Wagner p.9, p.17)

#### 1447

- 1) Walter Yerburgh, Gent. of Lincoln, sues for a debt. Case adjourned. (De Banco Roll 745 Mich. 25 Hen.Vl m.498. Y.H. p.380)
- 2) Richard Yerburgh ought to have come to Threddlethorpe Court of Sir Robert Willoughby. (*Ancaster Court Rolls. Wagner p.17*)
- 3) John Yerburgh of Wythcall mentioned as attending Edlington Court. (*Court Rolls. Wagner p.24. Y.H. p.552*)

#### 1448

- 1) William Yerburgh over a servant taken from service at Threddlethorpe. Case adjourned. (*De Banco Roll 748 Hil. 26 Hen.VI m.213. Y.H. pp 380-1*)
- 2) Case at Lincoln. Richard Yerburgh to recover a debt of forty shillings. Case adjourned. (*De Banco Roll 748 Hil. 26 Hen.VI m.213. Y.H. p.381*)
- 3) William Yerburgh of Yerburgh, Gent. with others, are feofees of Sir William Skipwith of the manors of Holltoft and Ingoldmells.

(Ormsby Charters. ERY MSS II p.311)

#### 1449 cont.

4) John Yerburgh attends Wythcall Court. (Court Rolls. 26 Hen.VI. Wagner p.24)

#### 1449

1) Case at London brought by Sir William Oldhall v Richard Yerburgh of Yerburgh Gent. to obtain a debt of £10 from him.

(De Banco Roll 751 Mich. 27 Hen.VI m.45. 300 & 638. Y.H. p.381)

2) Case at Lincoln. Richard Yerburgh v Robert Sleye of Sybsey for taking three heifers, worth 4 marks, 'with force and arms'.

(De Banco Roll 751 Mich. 27 Hen.VI m.226. Y.H. p.382)

- 3) Case at Lincoln. Richard Yerburgh sues to recover a debt of £2 from Robert Massyngberd. (*De Banco Roll 751 Mich. 27 Hen.VI m.226. Y.H. p.382*)
- 4) Case versus Thomas Yarburgh of Louth (wright) to recover a debt of £2 pounds owed to William Langholm.

(De Banco Roll 751 Mich. 27 Hen.VI m.215. Y.H. p.382)

5) Richard Yerburgh enfeoffed, with John Langholm, of land in Holoft and Anderby. (See 1448 No.3. Holltoft)

(Early Chancery Proceedings. Bundle 19 No.431. Wagner p.48)

#### 1450

1) Richard Yerburgh and others concord regarding land and rent in Spyllesby, Ingoldmells and 29 other villages. Concord made with the Willoughby family.

(Foster Concords G.89 in L.R.O. Y.H. p.384)

2) Case at Lincoln. Richard Yerburgh and 3 others against Walter Bek for trespass and damage at Saltfleetby.

(De Banco Roll 759 Mich. 29 Hen. VI m. 238. Y.H. p. 383)

3) William Yerburgh versus Robert Jenkynson of Yarburgh, husbandman. Damage of £20 claimed. Adjourned.

(De Banco Roll 759 Mich. 29 Hen.VI m.382. Y.H. p.383)

4) William Yerburgh, late of Yerburgh Gent. and Isabel his wife to answer a charge of why they 'with force of arms entered land and houses at Kyrkeley in Ashfield.' William Yerburgh claimed that the land belonged to his wife. Judgement is given to the plaintiff.

(Coram Rege Roll 756 Easter 28 Hen.VI. ERY MSS II p.437)

5) Case at Lincoln. Richard Yerburgh versus Robert Forman of Utterby for £20 debt. Adjourned. (*De Banco Roll 759 Mich. 29 Hen.Vl m.382. Y.H. p.383*)

#### 1450 cont.

6) Case brought by an alderman of London against Richard Yerburgh, Gent., late of Yerburgh for £40 debt. Adjourned.

(De Banco Roll 759 Mich. 29 Hen.VI m 407 and 178. Y.H. p.384)

7) Richard Yerburgh and others, regarding 8 manors and rents from 30 places including Toynton. (Feet of Fines. Case File 160 No.26 (37). ERY MSS II p.287)

#### 1452

1) Case versus William Yerburgh of Yerburgh Gent. for £9 5s 4d debt. Adjourned. (*De Banco Roll 763 Mich. 3O Hen.Vl m.225 &.m.454. Y.H. p.383*)

- 2) Robert Willoughby, Knight, Lord of Ereby. "The Manors of Ffulstowe, Arsyk, Burgh, Partney, Ffodryngham, which I have purchased, to be sold to pay my debts." (Will of Robert Willoughby Gibbons p.192.)
- 3) Westminster. Pardon to William Yerburgh Gent. Co. Lincoln. (*Patent Rolls 8 Nov 1452. Y.H. p.492, Wagner p.43*)

#### 1453

Wm Yerburgh of the Guild of Weavers seeks to recover 40/- debt. (De Banco Roll 768 Hil. 31 Hen. VI m.341. Y.H. p.383)

#### 1454

1) Richard Yerburgh and John Newport versus two men from Bolyngbroke to recover £100 debt. Case adjourned.

(De Banco Roll 771 Mich. 32 Hen.VI m.94. Y.H. p.385, 386)

- 1) Gonne family of Yerburgh assaulted Robert Yerburgh of Yerburgh. Case adjourned. (*De Banco Roll 775 Mich. 33 Hen.VI m.164. Y.H. p.387*)
- 2) Roger Yerburgh of Cockerington should have come to owe suit at Cockerington but did not come. Fined ii d.

(Court Rolls. Y.H. p.552. Wagner p.24, E.R.Y. MSS II p.232)

- 3) Case versus William Yerburgh, Gent. of Yerburgh to recover £10 12s 7d. Case adjourned. (De Banco Roll 775 Mich. 33 Hen.VI m.46. Y.H. p.387)
- 4) Pardon to Robert Yerburgh, clerk, late of London, alias of Lekyngfeld, Co. York (*Patent Rolls May 11.*, *Wagner p.43*, *Y.H.p.492*)
- 5) Refers to a quitclaim made by Richard Yerburgh and others, in 1454, of the manors of Fulstow, Pynchebeck and Betchford. Renewed by William Yerburgh. (see 1456) (*Ing. Post Mort. of Lady de Willoughby (1462). Y.H. p.429*)
- 6) Richard Yarburgh Bailiff of two parts of Gayton Soke. (Ministers' Accounts. Mich. 33 Hen.VI. 910-911. Y.H. p.545)

#### 1455

- 1) Roger Yerburgh of Cockerington and another sell ale contrary to the Assize. Fined iid. each. (Court Rolls. Y.H. p.552, Wagner p.24, ERY MSS II p.232)
- 2) Case versus William Yerburgh late of Tathewell to recover 10 marks. Adjourned. (De Banco Roll 779 Mich. 34 Henry VI.m.291. Y.H. p.387)
- 3) Case versus Thomas Yerburgh of Great Grimsby (sergeant = law officer) for damage (14s. 2d.) at Great Grimsby. Case adjourned.

(De Banco Roll 779 Mich. 34 Hen.VI m.65. Y.H. p.387)

#### 1456

- 1) John Yerburgh, juror, mentioned. (Edlyngton Court Roll. Y.H. p.552. ERY MSS II p.232)
- 2) John Yerburgh and another sell ale contrary to the Assize. Fined ii d. (Wythcall Court. Y.H. p.552)
- 3) William Yerburgh quitclaims a charter regarding the manors of Fulstowe, Pynchbek and Belchford. (See 1435 and 1462)

(Inq.Post Mort.1462. of Lady de Willoughby. Y.H. p.429-430)

#### 1457

1) Case versus William Yerburgh of Yerburgh, and Isabella his wife. See next entry. Adjourned. (De Banco Roll 789 Easter 36 Hen.VI m.1. Y.H. p.388)

2) William Yerburgh v Cholley. Case continues. William Yerburgh is charged that 'with force of swords, bows and William Yerburgh answers that John Cholley is a villein (i.e. not a free man) and that Bollingay Manor (Threddlethorpe) is theirs by fee tail. (i.e. Isabella's ancestors' right). Case goes against the Yerburghs. William and Isabella 'are to be taken.'

(De Banco Roll 787 Mich.36 Hen.VI m.441.Y.H. p.388-390)

- 3) Case by William Yerburgh to recover 40 marks from Bernard Avngevyn. (De Banco Roll 787 Mich.36 Hen.VI m.156. Y.H. p.388)
- 4) Versus William Yerburgh of Yerburgh. for a £10 debt. (De Banco Roll 789 Easter 36 Hen.VI m.16 and 450. Y.H. p.388)

#### 1459

- 1) John Yerburgh of Cockerington mentioned.
- 2) John Yerburgh, juror at Wythcall mentioned.
- 3) John Yerburgh, juror at Edlyngton.
- 4) Robert Yerburgh of Cockerington ought to have come to owe suit. Fined 2d.

(Court Rolls. Wagner p.24. ERY MSS II p.232)

1461 King Edward IV ruled March 1460 - April 1483.

#### 1460

1) William Yerburgh at Fulstow Arryk Court. (Ancaster Court Rolls. Wagner p.9)

2) William Yerburgh is one of the feoffees of the court. (*Ancaster Court Rolls. Wagner p.21*)

3) Thos. Whyte of Newark is summoned to hand over a chest of charters; one referring to land in Wylyhby (Willoughby) and Carleton 'with which Thos. Willoughby, Lord of Ereby, Knt. and Richard Yerburgh had to do.'

(Is it a coincidence that the Nottingham Yerburghs later held Willoughby manor? But note that c.1570 they held it through the marriage of Charles Yerburgh to Barbara Whalley.)

(De Banco Roll 799 Mich. 39 Hen.VI m.159. Y.H. p.391)

4) John Yerburgh sworn as juror at Edlyngton. John Yerburgh, juror at Wythcall court. (Court Rolls. ERY MSS II p.232)

#### 1461

1) Case versus Robert Yerburgh of Elton, clerk. Pardon to Robert Yerburgh. Case Adjourned. (Wagner p.43). (De Banco Roll 802 Mich. 1 Ed.IV m.224. Y.H. p.292)

#### 1462

1) Mention of Richard Yerburgh with a six year lease, dated 1454, regarding the manors of Pynchebek and Belchford.

(Inq. Post Mortem. Lady de Willoughby 1462. Y.H. p.429-430)

2) Also mention of William Yerburgh who has a charter about Fulstowe. (see 1456) (*ibid*)

#### <u> 1463</u>

1) Case against Robert Yerburgh, Clerk of Elton, for removal of ten pigs at Middleton upon the Wold.

(De Banco Roll 810 Hil. 3 Ed.IV m.224. Y.H. p.392)

2) Robert Yerburgh versus Robert Thorp for trespass at Etton (see 1451). Case adjourned.

(De Banco Roll 810 Hil. 3 Ed.IV m.293. Y.H. p.392)

3) William Yerburgh as bailiff of two parts of the Soke of Gayton. (*Wagner p.56*)

#### 1464

William Yerbrugh and Robert Yerbrugh at Saltfleethaven Court. The Court declares that they hold land of William Langholm.

See Early Chancery Case.1449 - 1453. Y.H. p. 577. Mention of John Langholm of Holoft and Anderby. (*Court Roll of the Earl of Ancaster. Wagner p.8*)

#### 1465

1) William Yerburgh at Saltfleethaven Court holds land of John Langholm.

(Court Roll of Earl of Ancaster. Wagner p.10)

2) Thomas Yerburgh, juror at Wythcall Court.

(Court Rolls. Wagner p.24, ERY MSS II p.232)

- 3) John Yerburgh mentioned.
- 4) John Yerburgh at Edlyngton Court.

(Court Rolls. Wagner p.24, ERY MSS II p.232)

#### 1466

- 1) Robert Yerburgh of Yerburgh ought to have come to Cockerington Court. Fined 2d.
- 2) Thomas Yerburgh ought to have come to Wythcall Ct. Fined 2d.

(Court Rolls. Wagner p.25, ERY MSS p.232, Y.H. p.553)

#### 1467

1) Robert Yareburgh, late rector of Etton Co. York.

(Patent Rolls June 26. Y.H. p.492)

2) Roger Yerburgh. Appointed attorney for Beatrice Scupholme re land in Cockerington.

(Lincs. Rec. Office. North Cockerington parish dep.29)

#### 1469/70

William Yerburgh, late of Yerburgh, Gent. and other rebels\* in the County of Kent and the City of London. Court at Salisbury. Commission to seize lands and manor.

\*Note. Wars of the Roses 1455 - 1485.

(Patent Rolls March 3. Wagner p.13,.Y.H. p.493)

#### 1470

John Yerburgh of Louth and William Yerburgh at Saltfleethaven Court. They did not come.

The Court chose John Yerburgh of Louth as 'taxman' in the place of Roger Tote.

(Court Roll of the Earl of Ancaster. Wagner p.8, p.11)

#### 1471

1) John Yerburgh of Louth, yeoman, (see 1192) at Saltfleethaven Court.

(Court Roll of the Earl of Ancaster. Wagner p.8, p.11)

(Patent Rolls. May 26. Y.H. p.495)

2) Commission to arrest Margaret Dimmock, Roger - Abbot of Kirkstead, Humphrey Littlebury, William Yerburgh and others. Commissioners - William Skypwith Knt., Thomas Kyme, Thomas Moigne. John Burgh and others.

(Court Roll of Earl of Ancaster. Wagner p.8, p.11)

#### 1472

William Yerburgh (feofee of Thomas Champerd [?]) at Threddlethorpe Court. (*Ancaster Court Roll. Wagner p.17*)

#### 1473

Westminster case. William Yerburgh, Gent. late of Yerburgh (also late of London). Four entries. (*Patent Rolls. April 16th. Wagner p.41, Y.H. p.495*)

1475

Around this date was born Charles Yarborough, Esq. of Kelstern. (His sister married Thos. Barde).

#### 1478/9

Richard Yerburgh ought to have come to Threddlethorpe Court. Fined 2d. (Ancaster Court Roll. Wagner pp.9, 12 & 18)

#### 1479

- 1) Richard Yerburgh. John Yerburgh at Saltfleethaven Court. They hold land of Katherine Tetford. (Court Roll of the Earl of Ancaster. Wagner p.8 & 12)
- 2) Threddlethorpe Court. Richard Yerburgh ought to have come. (Ancaster Court Roll. Wagner p.9, p.18)
- 3) 8th Oct.1479. Richard Yerburgh is chosen as taxman. (Ancaster Court Roll. Wagner p.12)

#### 1480

Richard Yerburgh, John Yerburgh at Saltfleethaven Court.

Feoffees of Catherine Tetford, (see 1479)

(Court Roll of the Earl of Ancaster. Wagner p.8)

- 1483 King Edward V ruled April to July 1483.
- 1483 King Richard III Ruled 1483-5.

1485 King Henry VII ruled 1485-1509.

1486

1488/9

Threddlethorpe Court. Richard Yerburgh ought to have come.

(Ancaster Court Roll. Wagner p.9, p.18)

#### 1489

Case versus Richard Yerburgh regarding land in Slotheby, Hoggesthorpe, also 30 acres in Threddlethorpe and South Somercotes.(See Y.H. p.371 - 1435) (De Banco Roll Mich. 5 Hen. VII 602. Y.H. p.393)

#### 1489

The following pedigree is shown in a De Banco Roll:

#### Note

This pedigree shows Joan's father as Robert. Dugdale (1665) and Woolley (1677) name him John. (*De Banco Roll 910 Mich. 5 Hen.VII. m.602. Y.H.p.396*)

#### 1490

William Yerburgh of Cockerington. (Son of Roger Y.) owes suit at Edlington 1490. Did not come (mercy 2d). Also 1491, 1497, Presented 1523. Sold Land 1526, to his son, Richard, in 1537. (*Edlington Court Roll, Y.H. p.553*)

#### *1491*

Robert\* and William Yerburgh of Cockerington mentioned. \*Robert is son of William. (Court Rolls 9 April 6 Hen.VIII. Y.H. p.554)

#### 1492-1500

Case in which Thomas Pormard, of Saltfleetby, claims that land was sold to him for £9 6s 6d. by John Yerburgh (late of Louth). However, John Yerburgh had sold the land to Richard Yerburgh. John Yerburgh had died. Isabel, his wife, as executrix had refused to return the money or to give Thomas the land. No outcome is recorded.

#### 1493

1) Isabel Yarburgh, widow. Re thirteen dwellings in Lincoln. (*Court of Chancery* 223 - 1 & 2. *Y.H.* p.560)

- 2) Threddlethorpe Court. Richard Yerburgh owed suit and did not come. 4d Fine. (*Ancaster Court Roll, Wagner p.9, p.18*)
- 3) Robert Yerburgh and William Yerburgh of Cockerington ought to have come. (Cockerington Court Rolls. Wagner p.25, ERY MSS II p.233)
- 4) Roger Yerburgh -Juror. Oct.1493 and April 1494. (Cockerington Court Rolls. Wagner p.25)

#### <u>1494</u>

Richard Yerburgh, Bailiff of the Soke of Gayton. Charles Yerburgh, his son, took over in 1503. (*Ministers' Accounts. Y.H. p.545*)

Robert Yerburgh, juror, is sworn in and makes presentation. (Cockerington Court Rolls. ERY MSS II p.233, Y.H. p.544)

... to be continued

# Biography of Nancy Ward<sup>2</sup> By David Hampton

When she died "a light rose from her body, fluttered around the room like a bird, left through an open door and disappeared toward Chota. This was watched by those in attendance who were startled at this apparition." This statement made by her great-grandson, John Walker "Jack" Hildebrand (1818-1910) in 1908, is part of the legend of Nancy Ward, a full-blood Native American who rose to prominence in the tribe during war with the Creeks and whose assistance to settlers in Tennessee made her a popular figure.

Dr. Emmet Starr (1870-1930), Cherokee physician, descended from Nancy Ward through both his father and mother, did a study of her life and descendants in the 1890's and early 1900's. Dr. Starr felt that her name was originally "Na-na" or "No-na" and figured her year of birth as 1695. This date was supposed to have been computed from the knowledge that she was twelve years old when William Penn made a treaty, probably with the Delaware tribe; however the exact treaty referred to is not known. We now believe that 1738 is more nearly



correct year. Muriel Wright, in Springplace, Moravian Mission, Cherokee Nation, gives her name as "Nanye'hi." In any case it is not difficult to anglicize either of these to Nancy. She was born at Chota, a capital of the Cherokee Nation since 1730, now in Monroe County, Tennessee. She was a member of the Wolf Clan and came from an important family in Cherokee politics. Her mother's adopted brother was Attacullaculla (also called "Little Carpenter"), who visited London in 1730 as a young man. Today, Nancy's mother is usually called "Tame Doe," but this name surely came from the fictional account of Nancy's life written by E. Sterling King in 1895, entitled The Wild Rose of the Cherokee, or, Nancy Ward, the Pocahontas of the West; no historical sources giving this name are known. According to Jack Hilderbrand, Nancy's father was a member of the Delaware tribe, historically related to the Cherokee; it is possible he may have been related to the famous Delaware Chief Taminand.

About 1751, Nancy married a Cherokee warrior named "Tsu-la" or Kingfisher. While nothing is known about his family, he was a member of the Deer Clan, according to Emmet Starr, and likely held the potential for a high position in Cherokee politics.

Nancy first became prominent in Cherokee affairs about 1755 during a battle with the Muskogee (Creek) Indians. The Cherokee and the Muskogee had waged a heredity war for possession of what is now northern Georgia for many years. According to James Mooney, the battle of Taliwa was fought at a spot on Mountain Creek or Long-swamp Creek, which enters the Etowah River near present-day Ball Ground, Georgia, in Cherokee County. James Wafford is supposed to have heard the story from the aged trader Bryan Ward about 1815, who is said to have witnessed the battle. Five hundred Cherokee warriors and about twice that number of Muskogee were engaged. The Cherokee, at first, fell back, but rallied and drove the Muskogee from their cover. The defeat was so great that the Creeks left the upper portion of Georgia and the adjacent part of Alabama and never returned.

According to Dr. Starr, Nancy had accompanied Kingfisher to the battle, lying behind a log in order to chew his bullets so that the resulting jagged edges might create more damage. Kingfisher was killed, and Nancy picked up his rifle and continued the fight. For her valor, she was awarded some of the spoils of war, including captured slaves. Dr. Starr states that she thus became the first slaveholder among the Cherokee, but this seems doubtful. In addition, Nancy was awarded the title of "War Woman." Sometime later, just

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when is not known, she was given a title which Dr. Starr calls "Ghi-ga-u" and has been translated as "Beloved Woman," sometimes as "Most Honored Woman." Holders of this title had a right to speak and vote at Cherokee Councils and had supreme pardoning power; both rights Nancy used through most of the remainder of her life.

A few years after Kingfisher's death, Nancy married again to the trader, Bryan Ward. Dr. Starr says that he came from Ireland, had been married previously and was the father of a son John "Jack" Ward who came into the Cherokee country and became the ancestor of a large family. Dr. Starr also indicated that Bryan died within a few years of his marriage to Nancy. Current research calls these beliefs into question. It appears probable that this is the same Bryan Ward who died about 1815 in Franklin County, Georgia. Other research is also calling into question whether Bryan was born in Ireland, but rather may have come from a family of Wards who had been in Virginia for many generations. Nancy and Bryan were the parents of one daughter, Betsy, who was the Cherokee wife of General Joseph Martin of Virginia while he lived with the tribe.

During the 1760's many white settlers from the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia began to move into the East Tennessee region along the Watauga River basin and in 1772 a group of these settlers met with Nancy's uncle, Chief Attakullakulla, in order to work out details of a lease and friendship pact. The agreement was a ten-year permit for which the Cherokee received the equivalent of a thousand dollars of trading goods and the promise not to encroach further on the Cherokee Overmountain country. There were several instances of skirmishes between the Cherokee and the white settlers over the next few years including one time in 1774 when a cousin of Chief Ostenaco was murdered. The whites, afraid of retaliation, asked James Robertson to serve as peacemaker, and he made a journey to Chota in order to apologize to the Cherokee and promise punishment for the murderer. It is thought that Robertson may have visited Nancy Ward during this trip. He later described Nancy as "queenly and commanding" and noted that her home was furnished in "barbaric splendor as befitted her rank in the nation."

During the next two years many white settlers moved into the Cherokee domain and some of the younger Cherokee leaders, including Attakullakulla's son, Dragging Canoe, began to discuss options of removing them by force. War parties were convened in July, 1776. Nancy sent four white traders, led by Isaac Thomas, to warn the Overmountain settlements. Why Nancy would warn white settlers against her own people is conjecture, but she is supposed to have later said "the white men are our brothers. The same house shelters us and the same sky covers us all."

In July, 1776, Cherokee warriors were divided into three groups led by Dragging Canoe, The Raven of Chota, and Old Abram; they attacked white settlements. The group led by Old Abram captured two whites, Samuel Moore and Mrs. William (Lydia Russell) Bean. Moore was later burned at the stake, and Mrs. Bean was taken to a town called Toque, near Chota, where she was to have suffered the same fate. However, Nancy appeared after she had been bound and demanded that Mrs. Bean be freed. She told the warriors, "it revolts my soul that Cherokee warriors would stoop so low as to torture a squaw. No woman shall be tortured or burned at the stake while I am 'Ghi-ga-u'." Mrs. Bean was taken to Nancy's home in Chota where she taught Nancy and members of her family how to make butter and cheese. Later Nancy sent Lydia Bean back to her family accompanied by Nancy's brother, Longfellow, and her son, Fivekiller. It has been indicated that John Bean, who married Nancy's great granddaughter, Ruth Starr, was a grandson of Lydia and William Bean, but no proof has been found.

The Cherokee raid on the white settlements was unsuccessful, and there followed several years of disagreements among different factions of the tribe on how to deal with the whites. In 1785 at Hopewell, South Carolina, the new U. S. government and the Cherokee agreed to a treaty the last clause of which stated: "Any settler who fails to remove within six months from the land guaranteed to the Indians shall forfeit the protection of the United States, and the Cherokee may punish him or not as they please." At the signing, Nancy Ward spoke:

"I am glad there is now peace, I take you by the hand in real friendship. I have a pipe and a little tobacco to give the commissioners to smoke in friendship. I look on you and the red people as my children. Your having determined on peace is most pleasant to me for I have seen much trouble during the late war. I am old, but I hope yet to bear children who will grow up and people our Nation, as we are now under the protection of Congress and shall have no more disturbance. The talk I have given you is from the young warriors I have raised in my town, as well as myself. They rejoice that we have peace, and hope the chain of friendship will never more be broken."

Nancy delivered two strings of wampum, a pipe and some tobacco to the white commissioners.

During the 1790s a glimpse of Nancy Ward comes from William Martin, white son of General Joseph Martin whose Cherokee wife was Nancy's daughter, Betsy:

"When I lived in South Carolina (1791-1798) Bryant Ward, then old, sensible and intelligent, lived as my neighbor--was settled and had a family. He had, in early life, been a trader among the Cherokee. He took a wife there, the notorious Nancy Ward...she was, as I think, one of the most superior women I ever saw. Bryant Ward and his family recognized her, for I have frequently seen her there, we then living not far from the Cherokee settlements."

There is a probable mention of Nancy in the Diary of the Missionaries to Springplace with the date 5 July 1807:

"Gambold went to see the ailing Mrs. Vann. While there three old Indian women came to see her. They were from Ostenali and were very friendly and talkative. One of them, who had been a widow for 50 years, was 100 years of age. They said that they loved the whites and when Col. Meigs came to Ostenali he stayed with the aged widow. Mrs. Vann told them why we were here as she grasped and clenched Sr. Gambold's hand and held it tightly. She told them that she loved us very much. The aged woman, named Chicouehla, claimed that she had in her youth gone to war against hostile Indians and suffered several severe wounds. Vann's wives verified this and said that she was highly respected and loved by browns and whites alike. Her left arm was covered with figures, which she said was the custom in her youth...According to Chicouehla's promise, she returned the next day and attended the entire session of school, and the children did the best to interpret for her."

In 1817 Nancy and several other Cherokee women including her daughter, Katy Harlan, presented a memorial to the Cherokee delegates requesting that this be the final cession of Cherokee lands to the U. S. As a result of that treaty, Nancy requested a life reservation of 640 acres of land in part of the ceded territory, but according to testimony given later by her heirs, she became afraid to live there and returned to the Cherokee Nation.

In 1819 the Cherokee Nation enacted a Constitution, and Nancy, who had a voice and vote at Cherokee councils, sent her walkingstick and her vote in favor of ratification, she being too old and feeble to attend in person. She thereby relinquished any power she had as "Ghi-ga-u" since there was no constitutional authority for that office.

In her last years Nancy operated an inn at the Womankiller Ford of the Ocoee River in present-day Polk County, Tennessee, near Benton. It was there that she died, in spring of 1824 according to Emmet Starr, but other sources list the year as 1822. She was buried on a small hill nearby, and rests between her brother, Longfellow, and her son, Fivekiller. It is likely that the location was preserved by Jack Hilderbrand, who lived in the area after the Cherokee removal. Her grave was marked by the Nancy Ward Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1924 and is preserved today by the State of Tennessee. In 1994 her descendants organized to form The Association of the Descendants of Nancy Ward.



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City, State, Zip+4:* _							
Email:		_					
Name of your earliest	proven ancestor:				-		
Born:	Where:	Die	ed:	Where:	-		
Married:		When:	W	here:	-		
(Name)  Lived in:(Cities, counties, and/or states)							
•	New □	Renewal					
If new, how did you learn about YNGHA?							
For what period?	1 Yr. □	2 Yrs. □ 3	Yrs. □	Other			
Membership: $\$20.00$ per yr. for individual $\square$ $\$10.00$ per yr. for library $\square$ (sent directly to library)							
Name of Library:							
Address:							
City, State, Zip+4:* _							
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