

*Preserving
Our Family Story*

“Bird by Bird”



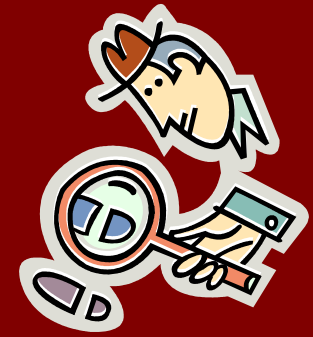
Important Questions

- Why is doing this important to me?
- Who am I creating this history for?
- How MUCH do I want to try to cover in this project?
- What end product am I working toward?

Getting Organized

- What do I have to work with?
- Where is it now?
- How can I best organize it to pull it together.
- Where will I keep it?

So where do I start?



- Start with what your oldest family members know
- Family papers, Bibles, tombstones
- Bits of information *you* remember

- Locate people so you know which states and counties to search.
- Keep an eye out for the stories you've never heard.
- “Beyond this place there be dragons.” *Early Maps of the World*

- What information do I need to find?
- Where I find might have details or pictures I don't have?
- Where can I hunt for facts we're missing?

You can be a genealogist
without being a family
historian...

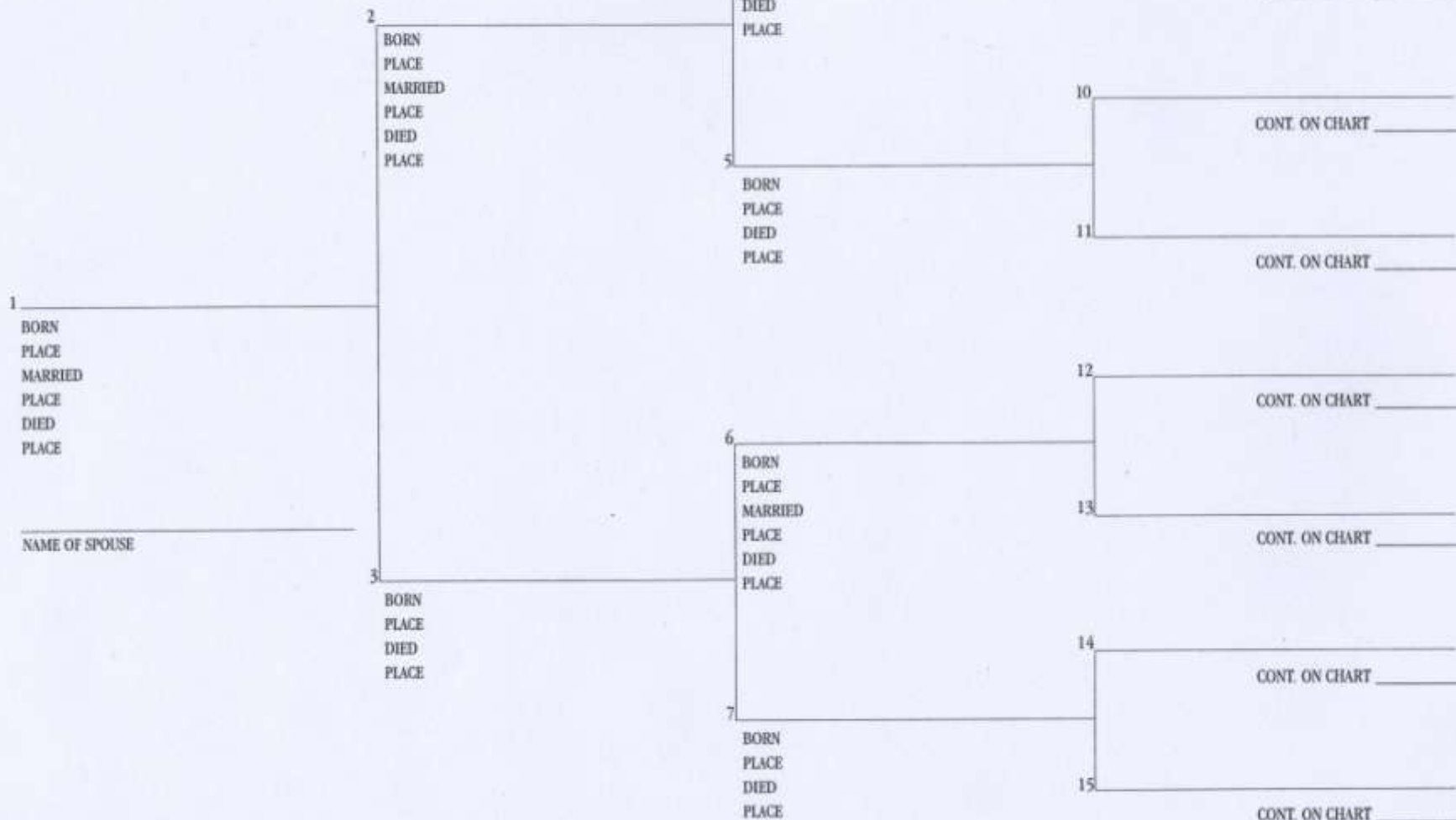
...but, it's hard to be a family historian without becoming involved in genealogical research.

Ancestral Chart

Ancestry.com. Chart No. _____

No. 1 on this chart is
the same person as No. _____

On Chart No. _____



Digging into the Past

- Federal Census forms 1940 to 1790.
- Court Records- Deeds, Wills, suits
- Birth, Death, Marriage & baptisms
- Newspapers and periodicals.
- Local histories, Genealogy Societies and county historical societies.

- Who keeps these records?
 - National Archives
 - County Courthouses
 - State Archives/Libraries
 - Churches and local societies

Important Reminder!

- Print copies where possible
- *Always* note source
- Notations for which person/generation

REGISTRATION CARD

NO. 1571

ORDER NUMBER 92015

James Morgan Mathis

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: 1 Melber McCracken Hwy

Age in Years 35 Date of Birth Nov 1 1882

RACE

White		Negro		Oriental		Indian	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	9

U. S. CITIZEN

ALIEN

Naturalized		Citizen by Father's Naturalization Unless Registrant's Majority		Declinant	Non-declinant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	13	14

15 Is not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

PRESENT OCCUPATION

EMPLOYER'S NAME

16 Farming 17 Manral Mathis
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: 1 Melber McCracken Hwy

19 NEAREST RELATIVE Name: Candace Mathis
20 Address: 1 Melber McCracken Hwy

21 I AFFIRM HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE
22 J. M. [Signature] James Morgan Mathis

16-2-12 Graves "C"
REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slim	Medium	Stout	27	28
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue	Brown

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)
No

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

C. J. Hagan
REGISTRAR

Date of Registration: Sep 12 - 1918
September 12, 1918.

LOCAL BOARD
for the County of Graves,
State of Kentucky,
Mayfield, Ky.

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

Those Without Names

- No slaves named.
- No married women's names before 1850.

SCHEDULE 2.—Slave Inhabitants in _____ in the County of Louisiana State
of Virginia, enumerated by me, on the 5th day of Sept., 1850. J. P. Cowherd Ass't Marshal.

NAMES OF SLAVE OWNERS.	Number of Slaves.	DESCRIPTION.			Fugitives from the State.	Number manumitted.	Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.
		Age.	Sex.	Colour.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 <u>S. O. Chaybrooked</u>	1	1	M	13			
2	1	27	M	13			
3	1	3	F	13			
4	1	1	F	13			
5	1	25	F	13			
6	1	3	M	13			
7	1	1	F	13			
8	1	23	F	13			
9	1	2	F	13			

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		Age.	Sex.	Colour.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 <u>James M. Trice</u>	1	50	M	13			
2	1	50	M	13			
3	1	50	M	13			
4	1	19	M	13			
5	1	19	M	13			
6	1	16	M	13			
7	1	100	F	13			
8	1	30	F	M			
9	1	11	F	13			

Supplemental proof
To the Declaration of John Warren for a pension
Act 4th June 1832

State of North Carolina
Orange County S. S.

on this the 20th day of September 1837. personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid. John Warren of the aforesaid County in the 48th year of his age who being first duly qualified according to law maketh in oath the following explanatory and additional statement to his original Declaration for pension, to wit: That some time in the year of 1777. the affiant for the first time entered the service of the United States as 'minute man' in Charles County State of Maryland Benjamin Philpot was captain of the Company to which this affiant was attached. Henry Dent Lieut. Josiah Hawkins Colonel: my first duty under the above officers was to guard the Potomac from enemy's landing we guarded from Hensleys to Cedar point in this tour I was out about seventeen days. I then returned and all of my company, and staid at home about six weeks. I was again called out rendezvoused at Ledlow's ferry on the Potomac. remained some days at this ferry. then was stationed some time at Hendells. thence moved our encampment across a small creek near to Dents. and remained out in this tour about six weeks went home and staid about two months. then was called a third time and rendezvoused opposite what was called the

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... as their ... by thin
... in that case ...
... last will and testament
... Executors therein named
... haven't allow'd and approved
... to ... and
... testament long past had
... to void and of none
Elizabeth ^{for} Permeuter
Le's Gardner
Elizabeth Permeuter
of August 1773
... by Elizabeth
... to the ... and

this Decided

... 27 Head other cattle, some Brand ... at John's Michie, 300
... 120 Sheats, Parcel of Hogs 2. 6 ewe and balance at Schell Michie
... 1 brown Cow, 1 Lamb, 1 head of horse, 1 pair of Wheat, 1 pair of Bulls
...
James Watson

A Court held for Louisa County on the 9th of September 1773 This Inventory
of Robert Michie and was this day in open Court returned by James Watson
one of the executors and by the Court ordered to be recorded
Test.

Taking into serious consideration the Uncertainty of Human life I set down to make ^{to} ~~my~~ ^{will}
this my last will and Testament, by disposing of my possessions in the manner following viz
my daughter Sarah I give the following negroes Beck, Luckey and Patrick to her and
her lawfull offspring forever. To my son John I give Abnabum Wang Harry and Davy and
of Honey and to his heirs forever. To each of these my children as soon as they come of
age a Man, two Beds and Furniture, horses and Saddle and Smith and such other Furniture
for behooving as was given to our other children to Robt. Ford and my Daughter Ann I give
one division of my Hickman Tract of Land in Spotsylvania County according to the division
of that tract made by him and my Cousin David in the year 91 that lies along next to his
other tract adjoining to them and to their heirs forever only with this reserve that if my son
John

LOUISA COUNTY VIRGINIA RECORDS

Louisa County
Virginia
Death Records
1853-1896

with addendum from records of
Woodward Funeral Home
1907-1911



compiled by
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Athens, Georgia
1997

- Anderson, father. 1859
- Shelton, Oliver; white; M; March 12; scarlet fever; 3 years; Jas. B. & Frances A. Shelton; James B. Shelton, father. 1859
- Anderson, Joseph T.; white; M; March 2; disease unknown; 7 mos. Jno. B. & Bettie H. Anderson; Jno. B. Anderson, father. 1859
- Wright, William S.; white; M; April; scarlet fever; 5 years; Jas. M. & Julia A. Wright; James M. Wright, father. 1859
- Buck, Ann E.; white; F; Aug.; dyspepsia; 21 years; Thos. & Eliza T. Wilson; b. Spotsylvania County; married; Jno. S. Buck, father-in-law. 1859
- Buck, Florence L.; white; F; July; disease unknown; Walter L. & Ann E. Buck; Jno. S. Buck, father-in-law (sic) [grandfather?]. 1859
- Hope, Molly G.; white; F; March 2; scarlet fever; 3 years, 9 mos. David M. & Sarah J. Hope; David M. Hope, father. 1859
- King, Sarah L.; white; F; June 28; disease unknown; 1 years; Daniel W. & Mary C. King; Daniel W. King, father. 1859
- Dickinson, James S.; white; M; Sept; disease of heart; 10 years; Ralph & Frances S. Dickinson; b. Orange County; Ralph Dickinson, father 1859
- Crew, Robert S.; white; M; April; disease unknown; 2 years [maybe 12 years]; John M. & Elizabeth Crew; John M. Crew, father. 1859
- Desper, John; white; M; Feb.; dropsy; 80 years; Thomas & Polly Desper; widower; Rebecca Diggs, daughter. 1859
- McGehee, Adeline; white; F; June 16; consumption; 18 years; Wm. W. & Eliza H. McGehee; single; Wm. W. McGehee, father. 1859
- Winston, Caroline; white; F; Feb. 25; disease unknown; 2 years, 4 mos.; Jno. J. & Elina Winston; Jno. J. Winston, father. 1859
- Shelton, Dr. Thomas; white; M; July 25; apoplexy; 63 years; Thos. & Celia Shelton; physician; unmarried; Jos. L. Shelton, nephew. 1859
- Anderson, John W.; white; M; April 13; cause unknown; 1 mos.; Jno. W. & Sarah C. Anderson; Jno. W. Anderson, father. 1859
- Walker, Thomas; white; M; May 14; drowned; 72 years; Wm. & Rebecca Walker; widowed; Nancy Walker, wife. 1859
- Powell, Dicy; white; F; July 20; consumption; 38 years; Jane Poindexter; widow; Jane Poindexter, mother. 1859
- Carr, Mildred; white; F; Dec. 27; sore throat; 10 years; King & Sally Carr; b. Albemarle County; Troyler Watkins; renter. 1859
- Banks, William; white; M; April 1; old age; Ralph & Nancy Banks; b. Fluvanna County; married; M. S. Hoggard, son-in-law. 1859
- Mary; slave; Robert L. Jones, owner; F; Jan. 30; cause unknown; 1 year, 6 mos.; Peggy; Robert S. Jones, owner. 1859
- Not named; slave; Mrs. Sarah Branham; F; July; jaundice; 1 mo.; susan; Miss Eilen Branham, daughter of owner. 1859
- Henry; slave; John B. Pendleton; M; Aug. 1; inflammation of bowel; 1 mo.; 6 days; Susan; Jno. B. Pendleton, owner. 1859
- McHenry; slave; Wingfield Cosby; M; June; teething; 7 mos.; Mary; Wingfield Cosby, owner. 1859
- Henry; slave; William Waddy, owner; M; Dec.; smothered; 2 mos.;

THE
PARISH REGISTER
OF
Saint Peter's, New Kent County, Va.
FROM
1680 to 1787,

PUBLISHED BY
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF
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Parish Record Series, No. 2.

RICHMOND:
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1904.

Elenor Crawley Departed this Life June ye 20, 1720.
Sarah wife of W^m Crump Deceased June 29, 1720.
Peg a negro of Major Custis Deceased June 14, 1720.
Eliz: Clarkson Deceased april 17, 1720.
a negro boy belonging to David Clarkson Died April 24, 1720.
Nanny a negro of Rich^d Crump Deceased april 25, 1721.
Dryas a negro of Major Custis Deceased Sep^r 11, 1721.
Dryas a negro boy of Major Custis Deceased Febry: 16, 1721-2.
Beck a negro girl of Major Custis Deceased Febry: 26, 1721-2.
Martha Crump wife of Rob^t Crump Dep^d this Life May 21st,
1722.
Dinah a negro girl belonging to Major Custis died March 1st,
1722-3.
Roger a negro boy belonging to W^m Clopton Jun^r Dyed Jany.
24th, 1723-4.
Gilbert Cotterell Dyed ye 25 of 8^m, 1724.
David son of Rich^d Crump Died Febry: 12th, 1724-5.
Will a negro belong to W^m Clopton Jun^r Dyed, 1725.
M^r Henry Collins minister of this Parish Dyed Nov. 21st, 1725.
Anne Daugh. of M^r W^m Chamberlayne Died oct^r ye 8th, 1725.
W^m Cotterell Died Febry 13th, 1725-6.
Sam a negro belonging to M^r W^m Clopton Died March 4,
1725-6.
Jenny a negro belonging to Major Jn^r Custis Dyed april 7, 1726.
Eliz^m Crump Departed this Life March ye 12th, 1726-7.
Gloucester a negro belonging to M^r W^m Chamberlayne Dyed
Ap^r, 1726.
Tho^s Crump Dyed March the 1st, 1726-7.
Geo. ye son of Susannah Crump Dyed 7^m ye 29th, 1727.
Dick a negro belonging to Col^l Jn^r Custis Died april ye 10th,
1728.
Jack a negro belonging to Col^l Custis Dyed March ye 12th, 1731.
Benedict son of Rich^d & Lucy Crump was Born oct^r 18, 1739.
Edw^d Dorrill deceased ye 25 d of February, 1687-8.
Jn^r sone to Cornelius Dabenie deceased ye 7 d of aprill, 1688.
Eliz. daugh: to Cornelius Dabenie deceased ye 4 d of aprill, 1688.
Eliz: wife of Rob^t Depress Departed this life sep^r 27, 1789.
John Dennett Departed this Life July ye 15th and were Buried
ye 17th, 1787.

What do I do with THIS?

- Keep Notes on related people.
- Keep note of “maybe this is us?” finds.
- Shoebox on Ancestry.
- Paste text and source into Word.
- Print and place in notebook.

Bringing Dry Bones to Life

- Filling in historical context, time-periods, national and local events in those ancestor's lifetimes.
- Read local history- and good historical fiction.
- Year event sites, books.

Online Resources

- [Library of Congress](#)
- [National Archives](#)
- [Public Library \(Louisa\)](#)
- [Library of Virginia](#)
- [Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet](#)
- [Ancestry.com](#)
- [Fold3.com](#)

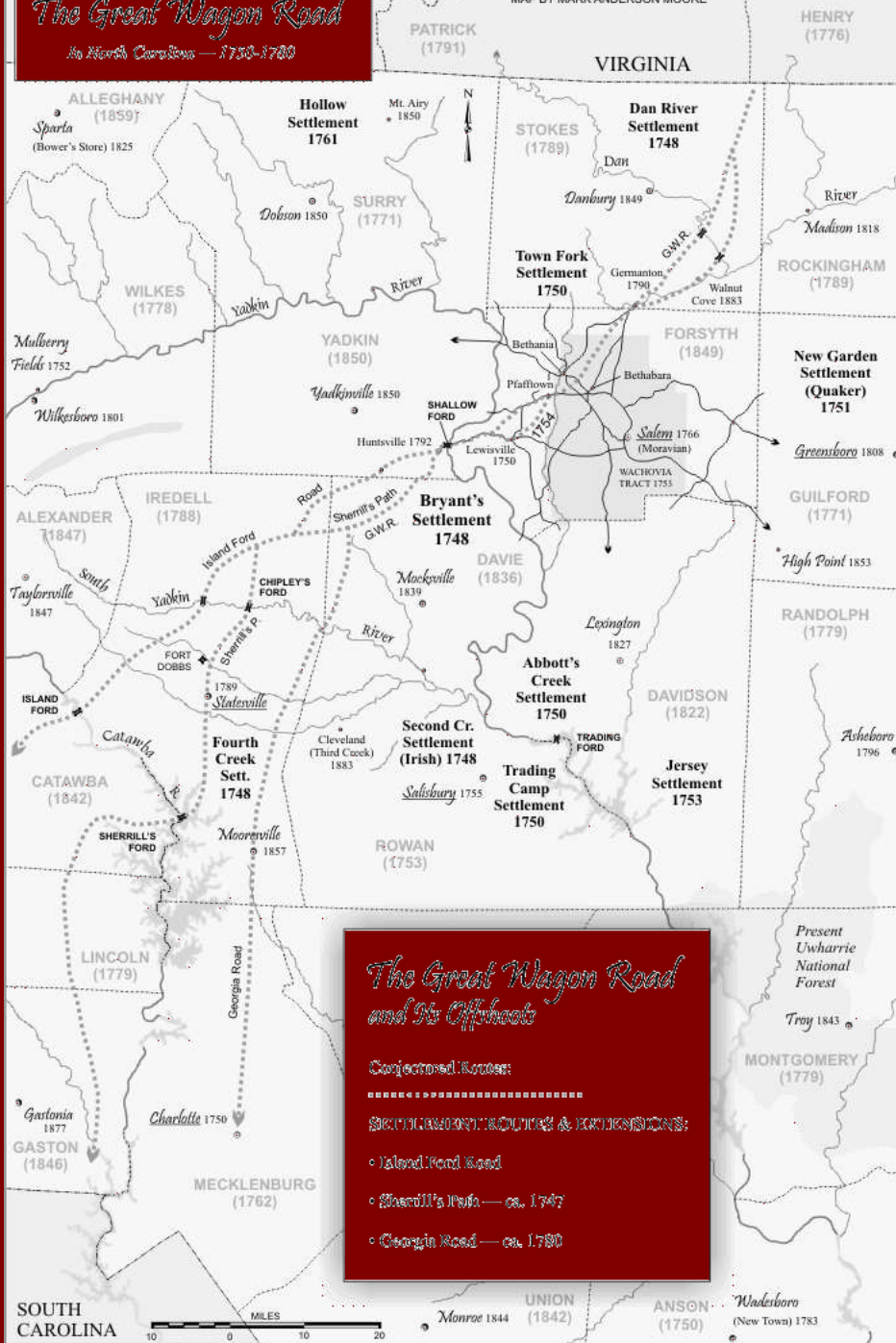
URLs for websites

- <http://www.loc.gov>
- <http://www.archives.gov>
- www.jmrl.org
- <http://www.lva.lib.va.us>
- <http://www.genfiles.com>
- www.ancestry.com
- www.footnote.com

The Great Wagon Road

In North Carolina — 1753-1780

MAP BY MARK ANDERSON MOORE



The Great Wagon Road and Its Offshoots

Conjectured Routes:

SETTLEMENT CORRIDORS & EXTENSIONS:

- Island Ford Road
- Shenill's Path — ca. 1747
- Georgia Road — ca. 1780



SOUTH CAROLINA
 10 0 10 20
 MILES

UNION (1842) Anson (1750) Wadesboro (New Town) 1783

- Although this is family “history”, you want it to read like a story, not a textbook.
- When what you know is true, state it as fact.
- When you don’t know, make free use of, “I imagine,” or “One can only guess that like other early Tennessee pioneers.....”
“Conflicting accounts are told, but it seems....”

Focus and Limits

- Your story – for your children.
- Focus on one early ancestor and come forward in time.
- Begin with someone living and go back a few generations.



Here's what's cookin' *Butter Milk Pie* Serves
Recipe from the kitchen of (Make 2 Pies
Req. NOT Deep Dish)



3 ^{1/4} eggs, 2 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter (melt)
1 " sour butter milk
4 Tbs flour
1 teaspoon lemon

Bake in unsoaked pastry shell.

(325 to 350° oven)

APPALACHIAN
MOUNTAIN
HOMESPUN

FRANCES LOUISA GOODRICH

*The People & the Spinning Crafts
of the Southern Appalachians*





Plots, Themes or Quotes

- Immigration/Migration
- Rags to Riches
- Pioneer or Farm Life
- Rising Out of Slavery
- War Survival
- Quotes- literary or from letters

The Key Component to Success...

Your passion for what
you're writing about.

Format Options

- Scrapbook (only good for a few copies)
- Copy and/or Print your ‘scrapbook’

- Create your own pages for print.
- Scan photos and background papers and textures.
- Be creative!
Scan or photograph anything.



Candace Womble Mathis

Youth is to be a time of promise and the hope of love. The young girls in this photo joined Candace, upper left, for what appears to be a wedding picture.

Her life had not been an easy one by the time she met and married Jim Mathis, by whom she would bear thirteen healthy children before her own death at the age of fifty.

Her father, William A. Womble, died in a logging accident when Candace was only three and her mother struggled to provide for her children in two more marriages.

Candace and Jim Mathis would finally come to own their own small farm just in time for the Great Depression, during which they lost that farm and went to live with Candace's mother.





Essentials for the Task

- A scanner and computer
- Digital camera with close-up
- A little creativity or a young person close at hand!



A Sensory Exercise

As you watch jot down a name, place or memory that comes to mind.

Think how you can best engage your family member's interest and involve them in the process!

*To know the story
of our roots
is to better know
ourselves.*

• [On YouTube?](#)

Let your *heart* bring
the story ...

...and welcome
the story that comes.