

Graves Family Records

Set forth below is a transcript of several handwritten pages found in the files of the CCHA Richmond-Miles History Museum. At the bottom of the first sheet was typed the following:

“This and the following three sheets were photographed from the original records of the Graves Family in possession of Mrs. Elizabeth Graves Burke, daughter of Mr. Barzillai Shufford Graves and wife, Mrs. Malvina Graves Graves, of Yanceyville, North Carolina.

“Mrs Burke let me take this record to the Dept. of Archives in Raleigh for microfilming and these prints were made at the Dept of Archives for my hobby records.

“This October 27th, 1971.

[Signed]

“J. B. Blaylock

Register of Deeds

Caswell County, N.C.”

Ancestry, Family, particulars [illegible initials] – according to the best information that can be at present collected – Anno D 1840 [best guest but may be another year; 1864 being possible]

It seems that about the year 1700 Joseph and Thomas Graves migrated to America from England, being brothers. They both settled in the state of Virginia in the County of Spotsylvania, each of them married in that State, and from them a necessary connection has descended. Thos. intermarried with one Mary Perkins and had by this marriage only three children, two daughters and a son, and his wife died. He then married a second time and by this marriage he had many sons. John Graves, the son by the first marriage, removed into the State of North Carolina about the year AD 1855. He married a daughter of James Lea family of Virginia, whose name was Isabell Lea. James Lea her father married a Herndon. From the marriage of John Graves and his wife has sprung an extensive family connection in the State of North Carolina. Barzillai Graves their fifth son intermarried with one Ursula Wright the daughter of one William Wright the son of John Wright who intermarried with one Miss

_____ Parsons and who emigrated to the United States about beginning of the seventeenth Century. William Wright intermarried with one Margaret Johnston the daughter of a W. Johnston who also emigrated to this country from England.

From the marriage of B. Graves and his wife there has descended three Sons and four daughters. Solomon Graves, Jeremiah Graves and Barzillai Graves, Sen., who died without issue. The daughters were named Isabella Graves, Elizabeth Graves, Margaret Graves, and Mary Graves. Isabella, the eldest daughter intermarried with one Hosea McNeill. Elizabeth the Second daughter intermarried with one James Lea. Mary the fourth daughter intermarried with one Tho. W. Graves. Solomon Graves the eldest son intermarried with one Mary C. Franklin who was the daughter of Jesse Franklin late a Governor of the State of North Carolina.

Jeremiah Graves intermarried with one Delilah Lea, a daughter of John Lea, called Cainbrake John Lea. Margaret Graves married William Lipscomb. Her descendants are all dead. James Lea removed to West Tennessee where their descendants now reside (1864).

Register of Ages & Deaths

S. Graves born 14th July 1784

Mary C. Graves, born this 24th of July 1792

The were married 10th April 1817

- 1.
2. Sarah Emily their Second daughter born this 10th March 1828 [last digit suspect]
3. _____ their third daughter born 6th April 1823
4. Elizabeth Franklin Graves their fourth daughter born 16th June 1825
5. S. [could be "T"] Franklin their first son born this 31st day of August 1829
6. Margaret Isabella their fifth daughter, born 30th day of May 1832
7. Barzillai Yancey Graves born the 10th October 1835.

Mary [could be Nancy] U. who intermarried with H. M. Waugh died the 24th of June 1850
[could be 1851]

Jesse Franklin, Father of Mary E. Graves, born March 24th 1760 ____ in August 28th 1824 in
the 64th year of his age.

_____ Franklin mother of Mary C. Graves. Born: 1765. She died the 20th of Feb. 1834 in her
69th year

Barzillai Graves, Father of ____ Graves born 1755, died 14th July 1824 in the 6_ year of his
age.

1. _____ born
2. “ Harry born
3. “ _____ born
4. “ Absalom born
5. “ Sally born
6. “ Linda born 20th March 1815
7. “ Lewis born in Dec. 1820
8. “ Billy born in Feby 1821
9. “ Warren born Sept 1821 – aged 8 years this _____
10. “ Creecy born 25th Dec 1826
11. “ Newell born 22 March 1829. dead
11. Parthena born May 1830
12. Martha Ann born last Nov 1830.
13. Sarah born 3rd Sep 1832
14. Wm E. born in _____ 12, 1840
16. _____ born 18__ aged about 27 in _____ 1800
17. Albert born 1825 aged about ____ in _____