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OF

THIRTY LINES-PLUS

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## GRAVES FAMILY

was Mame Jackson, a full blooded Cherokee Indian. She and Felix were mar. in Indianapolis April 19, 1940. Felix had a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy, his last assignment being Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md., the largest Navy Hospital. He retired as a Rear Admiral and the family is now living in Florida. Their children were:

Ann<sup>13</sup> b. May 3, 1942 in Pensacola, Fla. She mar. David Leonard April 25, 19 in Lake Forest, Ill. at the Great Lakes Training Station, where her father was then stationed.  
Charles<sup>13</sup> Curtis b. April 24, 1949 in Jacksonville, Fla. (Was he named after Vice President of the United States Charles Curtis, possibly a kin of his mother?)  
Charles mar. Verne Elaine McCloy in Highpoint, N.C. Sept. 18, 1972.  
A daughter b. Oct. 22, 1950, in Annapolis, Md.

Other - Children of Willie Lee and T.J. White were:

Catherine<sup>11</sup> Ione b. Aug. 16, 1886, d. March 7, 1904.  
Myra<sup>11</sup> Genevieve b. Aug. 16, 1888, d. March 7, 1903.  
A son who died in 1893.  
Aileen<sup>11</sup> Williams White b. Jan. 16, 1896, d. June 28, 1934. Mar. Eben Magnon Calder on Feb. 4, 1927. No issue.

(Note: The compiler must add that Willie<sup>10</sup> Ruby Graves, the youngest child of Henry Lee Graves and Rebecca Lee Graves, and I corresponded for a short time before she died, and I had contact also with her sister Ophelia<sup>11</sup> Williams of Houston. Their letters are prized because being a Californian for so long I had very little contact with relatives in Texas. Great Aunt Willie's daughter Vivian I met at her son's home in San Diego.)

Children of AZARIAH and ELIZABETH WILLIAMS GRAVES contd:

Frances<sup>8</sup> Lea Graves b. Sept. 2, 1807, d. Oct. 7, 1829 mar. Josiah Settle. Children: Elizabeth<sup>9</sup> and Frances.

REBECCA<sup>8</sup> WILLIAMS GRAVES b. Oct. 8, 1812 in Caswell Co. N.C. mar. DR. HENRY LEE GRAVES Feb. 3, 1836, d. Nov. 18, 1865 in Fairfield, Texas.



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Azariah<sup>8</sup> Graves, Jr. b. Aug. 10, 1815 in Caswell Co., N.C. mar. (1) Meekey Harden Slade, daug. of William and Nancy Slade of Rockingham Co., N.C. She d. Apr. 29, 1845 at the birth of her first child, a son who also died. Azariah mar. (2) Elizabeth Neal dau. of Zachariah and Rebecca Neal of Caswell Co. N.C. Their children were Algernon, Sidney; Ella Williams; Rebecca Neal; Azariah Jr.; Elizabeth Neal, d. y. Azariah mar. as his 3rd wife Isabella Howard, March 17, 1858. She was the dau. of Alixis Howard of Tuskegee, Ala. She d. Oct. 8, 1873, no issue.

\* (Note) The compiler corresponded with Mr. John Motley Morehead, a well known philanthropist, who sent me a copy of an oil painting that had hung in his home in Rye, N.Y. He had taken the picture to a local photographer and had a color picture made of it. The portrait was not signed. Mr. Morehead states that it was a portrait of his kin General Azariah Graves, brother of Mary Graves Kerr. He stated "Azariah was an ancestor of mine and a portrait of him hangs in the family house in North Carolina. I think however it is a copy and not an original, though it was there in my early boyhood (1870-1966). I remember it particularly because of a rhyme we children used to say as we passed the picture:

'Zachaeur climbed a scyamore tree  
His Lord and Master for to see  
The limb did break and he did fall  
And he didn't see his Lord at all.'

There were two copies of the portrait, the other was in the home of Mr. Morehead's nephew named Mr. Nelson, deceased. The compiler is grateful to Mr. Morehead, deceased 1966, for furnishing information and the picture on our mutual lines, i.e. Graves, Kerrs, Connallys, and Williams. He had written a beautiful book on our families, now out of print, but in the library of the University of North Carolina. Mr. Morehead had given the University at Chapel Hill a beautiful planetarium and a huge and handsome bronze sundial nearby. He had stated that he had a number of pictures in his "oversized" house in Rye, and that they were to go to the planetarium with his papers, etc. at his demise. However, the Director of the Planetarium, Mr. Armstrong, states Azariah's picture is not there. Mr. Armstrong did send the writer the Connally and Graves Coats of Arms in color, which Mr. Morehead had stated he had commissioned from the College of Heralds in London. He stated "All the Coats of Arms are in color. I made quite a study of these ARMS, and as there is so much

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rascality connected with obtaining them, I gave the College of Heralds of London the contract of looking up these various families and giving me a report on the findings. I have a very important looking scroll they sent me - it may be parchment for all I know, but it is about two and a half feet square, and has seals and brass 'Somethings' on it to show the reliability. It is quite impressive."

Mr. Morehead was an important industrialist in New York City, and was a Minister to Sweden during President Hoover's administration.

Children of JOHN<sup>6</sup> GRAVES and ISABELLA (ISBELL) GRAVES:

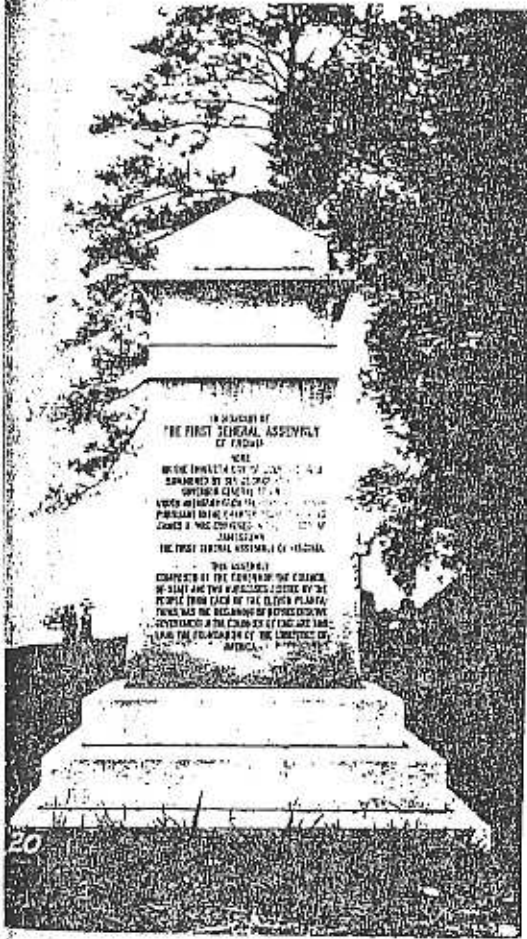
AZARIAH<sup>7</sup> GRAVES was b. Oct. 29, 1769 in what was Orange County, now Caswell County, N.C. He was well educated and became an influential man in his community and in the state. His home was known for the magnificent oaks and boxwood according to a short article by the late Carl Neal of Seattle, Wash, a descendant of AZARIAH's. The plantation was located at Locust Hill. AZARIAH was in the State Assembly of North Carolina as a Senator from 1798 through 1811. He was appointed a Lieutenant Colonel of the State Militia by the Governor of the State Dec. 17, 1806, later becoming Brigadier General of the 16th Brigade of the 3rd Division of the Militia on Dec. 1, 1810. He was Justice of the Peace of Caswell County in 1805, and was taxed from the Gloucester District in 1790.

On June 13, 1790, he married ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> WILLIAMS. (see Williams Family), daughter of COLONEL JOHN<sup>4</sup> WILLIAMS and ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON, daughter of JOHN WILLIAMSON of Hanover, Va., and possibly his wife REBECCA CHAMBERLAINE (See Williamson Family).

AZARIAH and ELIZABETH are buried in the WILLIAMS Cemetery on what was the WILLIAMS Plantation at Locust Hill near Yanceyville, N.C.

AZARIAH was a very religious man, a staunch Baptist and a generous man, according to his will dated Aug. 5, 1843. He had died Mar. 1, 1850. ELIZABETH who was born Oct. 15, 1773, died Aug. 21, 1841. Children:

John<sup>8</sup> Williams Graves, b. Caswell Co., N.C. Mar. 4, 1792, mar. Oct. 20, 1814 to Martha Eliza Hinton, dau. of Col. John Hinton of Wake Co., N.C. John William Graves d. in Newton Co. Ga. Feb. 9, 1847; Their children were Junius<sup>9</sup>; John<sup>9</sup> Hinton; Claudia Hinton; James<sup>9</sup> Osgood; Azariah<sup>9</sup>; Oscar Hinton; Charles Iverson.



These monuments in Jamestown, Va. near the old church give the names of Captain Thomas Graves, the first of the Graves family to Virginia in 1608.

Azroah Graves, State Senator of North Carolina, and Brigadier General of the State Militia. (Portrait by unknown artist).





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