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of
Helen Williams Graves
Descendant
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of
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GRAVES GENEALOGY.

John O. Graves, of Buffalo, N.Y. hereby certifies that he has been engaged for more than twenty five years in compiling the Genealogy of the Graves Family in America. That he personally has visited and examined the public records in England and most of the places in New England, where the different branches of the Family were located, and has had skilled genealogists at work for him in England and different portions of the Country, and as the result of his investigations has found that most of the name of Graves in this country have descended from the following named early settlers who were all descendants of the old English family of which a sketch is given in the Vol. of Graves Genealogy published by the undersigned, in 1896.

The first settler in this Country was CAPTAIN THOMAS GRAVES, who came over from London, England in the ship "MARY AND MARGARET" in 1607. He settled on the James River, Va., in James City County. In 1624 he had a large plantation on the Eastern Shore, was representative of "Smythes Hundred," in Virginia Assemble, which convened at James town, July.30. 1619 the first of American legislative bodies "The House of Burgesses". He was Justice of Peace in Accomac, afterwards Northampton County, in 1631. Vestryman in 1635, was Commissioner to build a fort at Old Point Comfort, Va., in 1630-32. His descendants live principally in Virginia, North Carolina, and Kentucky.

SAMUEL GRAVES, settled at Lynn Mass. about 1630, and took up Property on the turnpike west of Folsating Bridge, and from him the neighborhood has been called, until recently "Graves End". He was a farmer and a man of wealth, In 1635 he gave the Colony about \$1.5000

REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS GRAVES SETTLED IN Charlestown, Mass. about 1637. He was of the family of ship builders and marines, of London, Eng. ; was mate of the "TALBOT", which brought Higginson to Salem, Mass. in 1629, and master of various vessels plying between the Old and New World until he was made Rear Admiral in the English Navy, and Killed in battle with the Dutch, in 1653.

THOMAS GRAVES SETTLED AT Hartford, Conn, before 1645, and removed to Hatfield, Mass, in 1661. The henealogy of this branch is given in Vol. I. of the Graves Genealogy.

DEACON GORGE GARVES SETTLED IN Hartford, Conn, about 1639, he was one of the original proprietors, and was appointed in 1644 to inspect all linen and wollen goods.

JOHN GRAVES, brother of Deacon George, came to this country about 1635, and settled in Corncord, Mass. where the first official record to be found of him was in 1643, when he became one of the petitioners to the General Court. He was Master of the "Tryall", the first American ship, in 1648.

WILLIAM GRAVES; of Dover, N.H. in 1659, and of Exeter N.H. in 1701. His descendants were prominent in the early history of New Hampshire and Maine,

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of Captain Thomas Graves succeeded and was minister until his death in 1640. There is a tradition in the family that he was the son of widow Joan Cotton of Brubury, Cheshire, England, but the writer has had the Parish records of that place examined and the names of neither appear thereon. Mr. Cotton was granted 350 acres of land on the Main branches of Hungars Creek adjoining the lands of his brother in law, Captain William Stone 100 acres of which was for personal adventure of himself and wife and 250 acres for the transportation to Virginia of five persons, viz. Eleanor Hill, Richard Hill, Edward Eason and two negroes Domingo and Santo.

Mr. Cotton was succeeded by the Rev. John Rozier who had for a time as an assistant the notorious Nathaniel Eaton first head of Harvard College, who went to Virginia after his dismissal from Harvard, and by a singular coincidence he had married another Ann Graves, daughter of Thomas Graves of Dorchester, Mass.

The other persons named as Vestrymen of Hungars Church by the Court in 1635 were Rev. William Cotton, Minister, Obedience Robins, John Howe, William Stone (First Protestant Governor of Maryland) Mr. Burdett, William Andrews, John Wilkins, Edward Drew, William Beniman, and Stephen Charlton.

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Children of Thomas Graves and wife.

2. John
3. Thomas.

THOMAS GRAVES (3) son of Captain Thomas Graves (1), born in England, - brought to the Colony of Virginia by his parents in 1607-8. Settled in Gloucester County Virginia, where he acquired large tracts of land.

children.

4. Thomas.
5. Jeffry
6. Mary
7. WILLIAM

WILLIAM GRAVES (7) son of Thomas (3) Captain Thomas and wife Mary lived in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester County Virginia, He had a grant of 80 acres in York County, Virginia, October, 13. 1656.

Children.

- 8. John Baptized St. Peters, Church, Abingdon, Dec. 26. 1686. Died young
- 9. William " " " Apr 20, 1688.
- 10. John " " " June. 5. 1689.
- 11. Benjamin " " " April. 28, 1700
- 12. Richard " " " July 27. 1701
- 13. Rebecca " " " 1702.
- 14. Robert " " " 1704
- 15. Susanna " " " April. 6. 1707.
- 16. Edmund " " " 1709.

JOHN GRAVES (10) son of William (7)³ Thomas² Captain Thomas^I Baptized St. Peters Church Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co. Va., June 2. 1689 wife Elizabeth,

Child.

17. JOHN

JOHN GRAVES (17) son of John (100)⁴ William³ Thomas² Captain Thomas^I Married Isabella Lea who was related to the Virginia Herndon family. They removed from James City County Va., where most of their children were born to that part of ~~North Carolina~~ North Carolina which is now embraced in Caswell County, and settled on "Country Line" Creek in the vicinity of which Yanceyville is located. Deeds to him, of property, Dated Oct. 4. 1771 and April. 2. 1772 are on record.

He was representative in State Assembly in 1788, 91, 92, and 93 and a Member of the State Convention to, consider the Federal Constitution in 1788 & 9.

Children,

18. John Herndon, born Sept. 1749 married Nancy Slade, Feb. 5. 1770, She died June. 4. 1807. He was a captain in the Rev. War and died in Oct. 1829, 10 children.

19. Mary, born Jan. 26. 1754, died Feb. 22. 1831, married Hon. John Kerr born in Caswell Co., N.C. J n. 29. 1753, died Feb. 22. 1816. He served several terms in the United States Congress and was the father of Rev. John Kerr and grandfather of Hon. John Kerr Supreme Court Judge.

20. Barzillai, born Dec. 12. 1759. married Ursula Wright April 10. 1783, born April. 26. 1756, died Nov. 27. 1843, He lived and died in Caswell Co N.C. about 3 miles from Yanceyville, He was a distinguished Baptist Clergyman of his time in N.C., Va., and Tenn. Was a member of the State Senate in 1814 and 15 and of the House 1818 to 1822 7 children.

21. Ann, married Bartlett Yancey who did in 1784.

22 Solomon, born April.29. 1766, married Frances Lewis of Va., and removed, to Newton Co. Ga., about 1819. He was in the House of Commons of N.C. in 1795 and 97 and died in Oct. 1830. 7 children.

23. Azariah, born Oct. 29. 1768.

24. James. born 1772, died July 1. 1868, Served in War of 1812, First wife Miss Wright, second wife Mary Salda, born in 1780, died in 1844 8 children.

General Azariah Graves (23) son of John (17) John William Thomas
 5 4 Williams 3 2
 Captain Thomas I. born in Caswell Co., N.C. Oct.29. 1768, married June
 3. 1790 Elizabeth Williams born Oct. 15. 1768, ~~Mary~~ daughter of
 John Williams a Colonel in the Rev. War.

General Azariah Graves was in command of the 16th Brigade 3rd., Division of the Militia of the State of N.C. He. was a very prominent and influential citizen. A member of the State Senate in 1798 and again from 1805, to 1811. He was one of the tax payers of Gloucester District, N.C. in 1790, His wife died Aug. 21. 1841. He died March 1. 1850. children

25. John Williams, born March.4. 1792, graduated at the University of N.C. in 1814, married Oct.26. 1814 Eliza Hinton daughter of Colonel John Hinton. They moved to Ga., where he died Feb. 9. 1847, She died in Rome Ga., Jan. 19. 1862. He was a very large man said to have weighed over 400 pounds. 11 children.

26. Ann Lea, born Jan. 5. 1794 married May 1815 Captain William Graves son of her Uncle John Herndon Graves whose (Captain William's) first wife Isabella Graves had died two years before.

27. Elizabeth W. born Feb. 2. 1797, married Aug.27. 1831 Lewis GRAVES.
 W.

28. Henrietta Graves born April. 7. 1799 married Sept. 21. 1820,
 Judge Thomas Settle of Rockingham Co., N.C. born 1791, died Aug. 5. 1859.

29. Martha W. born June.2. 1801 died June 1868. married first John W. Dick, married second May, 1. 1824. Dr. John L. Graves son of her Uncle Solomon.

30 Calvin Graves, born Jan. 3. 1804, married first June.9. 1830 Elizabeth Lea, who died June. 13. 1858, He married second Mrs. Mary L. Lea who died May,22, 1896, He was one of the ablest and most prominent men of the State, held many official positions including that of Congressman, He died Feb. 11. 1877, 5 children.

31. Frances L. born Sept. 2. 1807, married Josiah Sttle June.8. 1826 died Oct. 7. 1829.

32. Mary K. born April. 15. 1810, married Alexas Howard Dec.7. 1842.

33. Rebecca W. born Oct.8. 1812, married Rev. Henry Graves Feb. 1836.

34. Azariah Graves born Aug. 10. 1815.

Azariah Graves Jr. son of General Azariah Graves (23) John William
 6 5 3
 Thomas Captain Thomas born Caswell Co.N.C. Aug. 10 1815, married
 First June.26. 1844 Mecky Harden Slade, daughter of William and Nancy

of Rockingham, Co. N.C. She died April. 29. 1846, at the birth of her first child, a son who also died. He married second July. I. 1846 Elizabeth Neal, daughter of Zachariah and Rebecca Neal, of Caswell Co.. She died April. 15, 1857 and he married third, March. 17. 1858, Isabella Howard daughter of Alexas Howard of Tuskegee Macon Co., Alabama, born Aug 21. 1835, and died Oct. 8. 1873.

children second marriage

35. Algernon Sidney born Sept. I. 1848, married June. II. 1876 Married June. II. 1876, Mary Settle Howard, Residence Atlanta Ga..
36. Ella Williams born Sept. 10. 1850, Married Dec. 5. 1883, George W. Thompson Leasburg N.C.
37. Rebecca Nea. born Nov. 27. 1852 married Oct. 12. 1876 Thomas C. Neal, of Caswell Co. N.C.
38. Azariah Jr., born Dec. 27. 1854 and died April. 19. 1903.
39. Elizabeth Neal, born April. 7. 1857, Died same day.
40. Azariah Graves Jr., (38) son of Azariah (34) General Azariah John 5, John 4, William 3, Thomas 2, Captain Thomas I. born in Ashland N.C. Dec. 27. 1854. married first July. 13. 1881, Mary Thopson of Leasburg, N.C. , She died June. 28. 1895, and he married second Nov. 18. 1891 Effie M. Trogdon of Rockingham Co., N.C. She died Nov. 8. 1892.

children.

- 40 Helen Williams, born July. II. 1882.
41. Charles W. born June. 14. 1885, and died July, 12. 1885
42. Effie Trogdon born in 1892, and died in Infancy.

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Asariah Graves born 29 Oct., 1768, married to E. W. on the 3d June 1790, died on
Friday 1st March, 1850;

Elizabeth Graves, formerly Elizabeth Williams, born the 15th Oct. 1773, married 3d
June, 1790, died Saturday 21 Aug. 1841;

John W. Graves born 4th March 1782, married to M. E. H. 26 Oct 1814, died March, 1847;

Ann L. Graves born 5th Jany, 1794, married to W. G. May, 1815

Elisa W. Graves born 2d Feb. 1797, married Oct. , 1818, died 27 Aug. 1821;

Henrietta W. Graves born 7 Apl. 1799, married 25th September 1820 to Thos. Settle;

Martha W. Graves, born 2d June 1801, married to J. W. Duke - 6 June 1822 - second marriage to
Dr. Jno. L. Graves, May 1824; Dicke

Calvin Graves born 3 Jany, 1804, married 9 June 1830;
(Caswell County Marriage Record: Calvin Graves - Elizabeth Lea, June 2, 1830 Paul A.
Hart/alsen, bondsman and witness, Page 111.)

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Asariah Graves born 10 Aug. 1815, married to M. H. Slade 26 June 1844, - second
marriage to E. J. W. 1 July 1846;

Calvin Lea Graves, son of Lewis & Elisa W. Graves, born 7th Aug., 1819.

The above was taken from my Father's Family Record
now in the possession of my brother Asariah.

(Written in Calvin Graves' handwriting and appeared to be quite old.)

Reid Family Record

Hugh Kerns Reid born May 6, 1817 (Tuesday)

Carrie Graves Reid born - - - - - 1832.

H. K. Reid and C. G. Reid married May 27, 1857.
(Caswell County Marriage Bond, page 251, Hugh K. Reid - Caroline H. Graves - 22 May,
1857 - Bondsman and witness: John A. Graves, J. R. Graves - married 27 May 1857 by
Thomas W. Tobey, M.G.)

Bettie Lea Reid born Sunday April 25, 1858

Carrie G. Reid born Thursday June 7, 1860;

Mary Nettie Reid Wednesday July 27, 1864. (9 o'clock A. M.)

Carrie Graves Reid died Tuesday September 6, 1864 15 minutes before 5 o'clock P. M.

H. K. Reid and Carrie Settle married Tuesday July 24, 1867 (1866).

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" Captain Thomas (1) Graves, the ancestor of this family, came to Virginia in 1608 and represented Smyth's Hundred in the first General Assembly of Virginia in 1619. He was Burgess from Accomac in 1630 and 1632 and a member of the Council 1635- 36.

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His son John Graves (2) patented 600 acres in Accomac Aug.9. 1637, due by descent from my father, Thomas Graves, who transported at his own costs,his wife, 2 sons and 8 persons " among whom were Katherine Graves John and Thomas (2) Graves,C.P. 62 Francis Graves and a third son----- Besides----- he had a daughter Verlinda, who married Gov. William Stone of Maryland, and a daughter Anne who married Rev. Cotton of Hungars Parish, Accomac/ (2I w 2- 158) Thomas (2) Graves was probably born about 1617as his older brother was born in 1615 (Deposition) Thomas Graves (2) Sr. died some time before Mar.6. 1674-75.

Children of Thomas (2) Graves.

1. Thomas (3) Graves Jr
2. Jeffry "
3. William " m Mary and had 1. John b. April, 9, 1688
2. John " Jan. 1689-90/

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" Children of Thomas (5) Graves and Ann Graves.

No.1. John (6)Graves b ca 1715, died in Caswell Co., N.C. 1792.
married -----Herndon m 2nd. Isabella Lea and had issue. His line is carried down in Tyler's Quarterly V 13-19"

Children of Ancestors.

1. John Graves b 1615
2. Thomas Graves b 1617
3. Francis Graves
4. Verlinda Graves m Gov. William Stone of Md.,
5. Anne Graves " Rev. John Cotton of Va.,

Proof of above to be found in Southern Virginia Families by John Bennett Boddie, page No. 203.

For further proof, the history of the Graves Family has been ably recorded by Mr. William Montgomery Sweeny and Mrs. P. W. Hiden, 15 W 2-385; w 2- 651. (Freom pg. 203 of Southern Families of Virginia.