

*Fulton Neal*

THE BEAVER POND NEALS  
of  
Virginia

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IV-7. Philemon Neal (Stephen; Roger; STEAVEN NEALL, Sr.) was born in Prince Edward Co. Va. probably about 1782 and died in Rockingham Co., N.C. probably about 1825. He is of record in Rockingham Co. as late as 5-1-1820 as a juror.

A deed recorded in Prince Edward Co. in DB 13, p.126 shows that "Philemon Neal of Montgomery Co. N.C." purchased 12-29-1803 for 80 pounds, 73 acres in Prince Edward Co. Va. adjacent to Edith Neal (his mother) from Laban Neal (his brother) of Prince Edward Co. Wm. Neal, Philemon's brother is also of record as a resident of Montgomery Co. on 12-24-1802. Officials of Montgomery Co. N.C. reported in 1957 that they had no record of any Neal in that county at any time so it is assumed that Philemon and Wm. resided there only a short time.

Philemon Neal married 12-8-1804 in Caswell Co. N.C. Nancy Simpson. Census record for 1850 Rockingham Co. shows she was born 1790 in Va. and her will was recorded in 1857. County and census records indicate that Nancy was probably the daughter of Geo. Simpson who died 2-4-1803; that he left at least 6 heirs, probably 6 children; that he had children Geo. Jr., born 1797; Harriet, born 1800 who married Wm. Garrett, and Matilda who married Robt. Blackwell; that John, Oliver and Nancy were probably his children.

Three deeds: Rockingham Co. DB G, p.161, #318; p.162, #319, both dated 10-14-1800 and p.163, #320, dated 1-9-1801, state that Geo. Simpson came from Fairfax Co., Va. to Rockingham Co., N.C. in 1800 and that he purchased 513 acres in Rockingham Co. on Hogan's Cr.

Digests of deeds recorded in Rockingham Co. referring to Geo. Simpson, his 3 known and 3 probable children and to the 6 "lots" or tracts of land left by him on Hogan's Cr. follow.

DB H, p.227, #653, dated 6-14-1803: Geo. Simpson died 2-4-1803 survived by a widow and family.

Rockingham Co. Minute Docket, 1808-1813, p.175 records that Sarah Simpson, executrix of James Simpson's dec'd (1811) estate, was required to give an account ing for James Simpson as "guardian of the orphans of Geo. Simpson, dec'd."

The same Docket, p.167 records that Philemon Neal was appointed guardian of Harriet Simpson, orphan child of Geo. Simpson, dec'd., James Simpson, former guardian being deceased. Philemon Neal was placed under 1200 pd. bond.

The same Docket, p.169 records that John Simpson (born 1780-90) was appointed guardian of Geo. Simpson (born 1797) orphan child of Geo. Simpson, dec'd. John Simpson was placed under 1200 pd bond. Philemon Neal was one of 2 bondsmen.

DB N, p.319, #1587, dated 2-27-1810: John Simpson sold Philemon Neal, both of Rockingham Co. for \$600, 107 acres, designated Lot #2, on both sides of Hogan's Cr. and on Lick Fork. The area is described as 92 poles north and south and 188 poles east and west and as adjoining Lots 1,3,4 and 5. Oliver Simpson was a witness.

DB N, p.327, #1593, dated 2-27-1810 (same day as above deed) Oliver Simpson sold to John Simpson for \$250 Lot 6, area not given, on waters of Hogan's Cr. Philemon Neal was a witness.

Minute Docket p.221, dated 1811, refers to Sally Simpson executrix of James Simpson, dec'd. late guardian of Matilda, Geo. and Harriet Simpson, orphans and children of Geo. Simpson, dec'd.

DB R, p.30, #2526, dated 5-15-1817, Philemon Neal purchased for \$95, 67 acres on the waters of Hogan's Cr. The tract lay 91 poles north and south and 118 poles east and west. The description indicates that this tract and Lot #2 previously purchased by Philemon, had a common corner and that this tract lay N.W. of Lot #2. Zachariah Neal witnessed this deed.

DB R, p.123, #2575, dated 2-24-1818: Philemon Neal purchased 2 acres on Hogan's Cr. adjoining Harriet Simpson for \$20.

DB P, p.286, #2135, dated 1-19-1814: Robt. and Matilda Blackwell to Zachariah Neal, all of Caswell Co., N.C. for 200 pds. 107 acres on the waters of Hogan's Cr. which land had been allotted to Matilda in the division of the lands of her father, Geo. Simpson, dec'd. Philemon Neal was a witness to the deed. Other records show that the above tract was Lot 1, that it was same size and shape as Lot 2, which Philemon purchased and that it adjoined Lot 2 on the south

The Minute Dockets record that Philemon Neal accounted to the County Court of Rockingham Co. annually in Febr. from 1817 to 1821 on his guardianship of Harriet Simpson. The amount due her in 1817 was 527 pds. The last return, 1821 referred to "Harriet Simpson or otherwise Harriet Garrett." The amount due her was 786 pds including "rents and hire of George for year 1820."

DB 2nd K, p.49, #1924, dated 4-24-1828: Geo. Simpson sold Wm. Garrett for \$650, Lot #4 on the waters of Hogan's Cr., Rockingham Co. with irregular boundaries, adjacent and west of Caswell Co. line, 107 acres which fell to Geo. Simpson in the division of his father's estate. John Simpson was a witness.

Harriet Simpson Garrett born probably about 1800, left a will dated 6-27-1877 in Social Circle, Ga. (40 miles east of Atlanta) recorded 2-28-1876 in Ga. and also recorded in Rockingham Co. 5-1-1877. In her will she referred to a daughter Nancy and to sons Geo., James and Oliver, all names also of Simpsons who were closely associated with Philemon Neal.

The deed and census records show that Philemon's home from 1810 until he died and his brother Zachariah's home from 1814 to 1843, were on adjacent lots #2 and #1. They were also the homes of Philemon's son Joseph W. and Zachariah's son Wm. R.

When Geo. Simpson, Sr. died in 1803, John and Oliver, each born 1780-90 were probably of age. Nancy, born 1790 married in 1804, hence since no record is available stating that a guardian was appointed for them, probably none was appointed. Geo. Jr., born 1797, Harriet, born 1800 and Matilda were minors.

Neither Philemon nor his widow Nancy Neal appears in the 1830 census for either Rockingham or Caswell Cos.

The 1850 census for Rockingham Co. lists Nancy Neal born 1790 in Va. and her daughter, Nancy Neal born 1816 in N.C. as living in one household. They were living adjacent to Wm. R. Neal, son of Zachariah and in some neighborhood as

Nancy's son Joseph W. Neal, all on Hogan's Ck. and near the Caswell Co. line. Hence it is assumed that Nancy and her daughter were living in what had been Philemon's home. It probably was on the Lot #2 that Philemon purchased in 1810.

Nancy Neal's will, dated 3-4-1856 was recorded in May 1857 in Rockingham Co. WB C, p.256. She named her 5 daughters in the following sequence: 1-.Eliza Ritch, 2-.Nancy Neal, 3-.Kitturah Simpson, 4-.Matilda Harris, 5-.Mary Howard and she named her son, Joseph W. Neal, executor. She gave slaves in trust to her son Joseph for her daughters and provided in the case of her 4 married daughters that, "in no way do I want the husbands to benefit."

Philemon and Nancy Neal's 6 children are discussed in the following sequence. When they were born is taken from census records.

Name (Neal)	Born	Married		Died
V-1.Mary	1809	Alanson Howard	1847	1873
V-2.Joseph W.	1811	Mary T. Simpson		1863
V-3.Catherine	1814	Wm. S. Simpson	1840	
V-4.Nancy	1816	single		
V-5.Eliza	1818	Peter Ritch	1837	
V-6.Matilda F.	1820	Richard D. Harris	1846	

V-1. Mary Neal was born 1809 and died 8-16-1873. She married 5-10-1847 in Rockingham Co. Alanson Howard son of Henry Howard and his wife Mary McAden. Alanson was born 6-8-1806 and died 6-8-1875. He was born, lived and died in Caswell Co. Alanson Howard was a grand uncle of Henry A. Howard, Jr. who married Ada Neal (Felix; Stephen; Zachariah Neal). See page 233. Alanson Howard witnessed in 1849 Zachariah Neal's last will.

Alanson Howard was a widower. His first wife was Susen Swift Shelton and they had had 5 children. The oldest, Lucy A., according to the 1850 census for Caswell Co. was born in 1835. She married 12-11-1859 in Caswell Co., John T. Neal (Wm. David; Thos.; Roger; David; STEAVEN NEALL) They lived near Providence in Caswell Co. See index for his record.

Alanson and Mary Howard had one child, Philemon Neal Howard, discussed as follows:

VI-1. Philemon Neal Howard, born 8-16-1848, died 1-20-1929, was a farmer at Pelham, Caswell Co. N.C. He married 12-15-1886 Mildred "Millie" Roberts. She was born 5-12-1864, died 7-8-1947, was the daughter of James Roberts, a cobbler in Yancyville, N.C., and his wife Frances Lyon. They had 3 daughters: 1-.Irene, 2-.Daisy, 3-.Bessie, as follows:

VII-1. Irene Herman Howard, born 10-23-1887, attended school at Liberty-Piedmont Institute in Davidson Co. N.C. She married in Dec. 1911 Joseph McGee. He was born in July 1886 the son of John and Betty McGee and was a farmer at Pelham, N.C. Irene and Joseph had 3 sons: 1-.J. Neal; 2-.Irvine W.; 3-.R. Gilbert as follows:

VIII-1. John "Neal" McGee, born 11-8-1912, is a farmer and substitute Rural Mail Carrier in Caswell Co. He married Frances Hudson daughter of

Charlie Hudson and his wife Claudia Pigg. John and Frances have 2 sons: 1-.Thos. Neal McGee born 8-6-1941 and 2-.James Howard McGee born 12-10-1948.

VIII-2. Irvine Wilson McGee, born 1-24-1915, is employed by the Transport Corp. in Richmond, Va. He married Ruby Morrison and they live at 6808 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond.

VIII-3. Richard "Gilbert" McGee, born 4-13-1916, is Time and Motion Supervisor for the Hopper Paper Co. and lives at 2706 Gloucester Ave., Richmond, Va. He married Edith Crone, a registered nurse. They have 2 children: Catherine, born 9-5-1946 and Janet, born 1-15-1954.

VII-2. Daisy W. Howard, born 8-10-1889, married 12-29-1909 her fourth cousin, James R. Womack (Rufus Y. Womack; Elizabeth C. Hatchett Womack; Wm. Hatchett; Mary Neal Hatchett; Roger Neal; STEAVEN NEALL, Sr.): He is a farmer at Pelham in Caswell Co. N.C. See index for his record.

VII-3. Elizabeth Neal "Bessie" Howard, born 8-7-1892 married 11-23-1922 Garry F. Austin. He is employed by the American Tobacco Co. and they live at 708 Crescent Drive, Reidsville, N.C. no children.

V-2. Joseph W. Neal, son of Philemon and Nancy (Simpson) Neal, was born 1811 and his will was recorded in Febr. 1863. He married Mary T. daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth (Rice) Simpson. They were married probably just prior to 11-27-1837 when Oliver Simpson gave his daughter, Mary T. Neal some slaves. She was born according to the 1850 census, 1821 and her will was recorded 4-18-1896. Joseph was born, lived and died in Rockingham Co., N.C. on Hogan's Cr. near the Caswell Co. line, probably adjacent, first to his uncle Zachariah Neal and later to Zachariah's son, Wm. R. Neal.

As has been previously discussed (see index) Oliver was probably the son of Geo. Simpson who died 2-4-1803. Geo. Simpson had Geo. Jr., Harriet who married Wm. Garrett and Matilda who married Robt. Blackwell. He was also probably the father of John and of Nancy who married Philemon Neal, Joseph's father. Hence it is probable that Joseph W. Neal and his wife, Mary T. Simpson were first cousins.

Oliver Simpson married Elizabeth (Betsy) Rice, daughter of Wm. H. and Elizabeth Rice. Apparently the Rices first lived in Caswell Co. but Wm. H. Rice in his will dated 4-19-1841 and recorded in Nov. 1847 in Rockingham Co. WB C, p.61, states he was living in E. Rockingham Co. on Cabin Bch. of Hogan's Cr. In his will he names his daughters Rebecca, wife of Zachariah Neal and Betsy, wife of Oliver Simpson. Zachariah Neal was Joseph W. Neal's uncle hence Joseph W. and his wife were each first cousins to the children of Zachariah and Rebecca (Simpson) Neal. Joseph's and Mary's children were double second cousins to Zachariah's and Rebecca's grandchildren.

Elizabeth Simpson, according to the 1850 census was born 1790 and in 1850 was living with Joseph W. and Mary Neal. The will of an Elizabeth Simpson was drawn and recorded in Drew Co. Ark., was recorded 11-8-1875. The will was also recorded 2-13-1877 in Rockingham Co. WB E, p.123. By the will Elizabeth bequeathed her dower interest in all real and personal property in Rockingham Co. to David E. Barker of Drew Co., Ark.

The following deeds all recorded in Rockingham Co. and arranged chronologically pertain either to Oliver Simpson or Joseph W. Neal, or to both.

DB W, p.257, #3289, dated 3-25-1822: Whereas Oliver Simpson of the first part owes Thos. & Josiah Settle of the third part #240.28 on one bond, also on one other bond, therefore Oliver Simpson conveys to David Settle of the second part 356 acres on the branches of Hogan's Cr. One witness was Benj. Settle

DB W, p.259, #3290, dated 3-26-1822. Whereas Oliver Simpson of the first part owes Azariah Graves of Caswell Co., the third part, \$350, therefore Oliver Simpson conveys to Josiah Settle of the second part, one negro man. Witnessed by Thos. Settle.

DB X, p.162, #3382, dated 1-4-1823: Whereas Oliver Simpson is indebted to John Simpson, the latter of Caswell Co. N.C. for \$1300, Oliver Simpson conveys to Geo. Simpson, 307 acres on the waters of Hogan's Cr.

DB X p.268, #3432, dated 1-20-1823: Oliver Simpson is indebted to Wm. Bethell for \$1275.51, Oliver Simpson conveys to Josiah Settle as trustee, 356 acres known as the upper tract where he now lives.

DB X, p.338, #3468, dated 4-20-1823: Oliver Simpson is indebted to Geo. Simpson for \$910 hence conveys to Walter H. Samuel as trustee 456 acres.

DB 2nd A, p.53, #3906, dated 5-27-1826: Oliver Simpson is indebted to John Simpson of Caswell Co. for \$1000 hence conveys to Wm. Garrett as trustee 456 acres on Hogan's Cr. adjoining lands of Thos. Settle on the west and of David Settle and Elias Lovelas on the north and of Oliver Simpson on the east. Also conveys 2 negroes, 3 horses, 13 cattle, 32 hogs, 4 beds etc. If Oliver Simpson fails to pay John Simpson the \$1000 when due, Wm. Garrett is authorized to sell all or such part of above as is necessary to pay the indebtedness. Matilda Simpson was one witness.

DB 2nd B, p.20, #4021, dated 5-14-1827: Oliver Simpson is indebted to Thos. Settle for \$2245 hence conveys to Wm. Garrett as trustee, 456 acres. John Simpson and Benj. Settle, witnesses.

DB 2nd B, p.63, #4056, dated 5-16-1827: Oliver Simpson is indebted to John Simpson for \$1500 hence conveys to Wm. Garrett as trustee the same personal property listed in above deed-#3906, no real property. Matilda Simpson was a witness.

DB 2nd L, p.453, #2513, dated 11-22-1837: Oliver Simpson gave his daughter Mary T. Neal, as part of legacy the following slaves: a woman 30 years old, her 3 youngest daughters age 9, 7 and 4 years old and 2 girls age 13 and 10 years old, valued at \$1200.

DB 2nd N, p.41, #2489, dated 3-12-1842: Oliver Simpson sold to Joseph W. Neal for \$4900, 794 acres, "all the land owned by said Oliver Simpson in Rockingham Co. situate & being on Pruitt's fork of Hogan's Cr." It was also on Crawford Bch and adjoined land of Benj. Settle. W.R. Neal, Joseph's cousin was a witness.

DB 2nd O, p.86, #93, This indenture made 4-26-1845 between Oliver Simpson of the 1st part and Lancelot Johnson and Joseph W. Neal of the 2nd part and Henry Brannock and John Simpson of the 3rd part, all of N.C. Witnesseth: that whereas Oliver Simpson is indebted to Henry Brannock for 4253.88 due 4-26-1846, for \$2126.94 due 4-26-1847; also whereas Oliver Simpson is indebted to John Simpson for \$500 due 4-30-1847, therefore Oliver Simpson delivered to Lancelot Johnson and Joseph W. Neal certain negroes which they are to sell to the highest bidder and the receipts are to be applied to the aforesaid debts. Twenty-two negroes are named: 3 males 20 to 25 years old, 3 males 1 to 4 years old; one female 50 years old, 5 females 20 to 35 years old and 10 females 1 to 12 years old. The deed is signed by all 5 parties named and witnessed by Stephen Rice and Stephen A. Rice and recorded 4-28-1845.

DB 2nd O, page 254, #265: This indenture made 2-24-1846 between Sam'l C. Edwards, Sheriff of Rockingham Co. and Joseph W. Neal, witnesseth: that by virtue of an order to sell issued by the County Court of Rockingham Co. in the name of Joseph W. Neal, plaintiff against Oliver Simpson defendant, for \$2054 with interest from 6-24-1845, therefore the said Sheriff sold 12-22-1845 at public sale to Joseph W. Neal the highest bidder, 8 slaves for a total of \$2121 which sum was paid to the Sheriff by Joseph W. Neal and the Sheriff delivered the slaves to Neal.

By deed dated 4-2-1852, recorded in DB 2nd S, p.88, Joseph W. Neal sold to Peter Ritch for \$400, 216 acres on Hogan's Cr. The tract had been part of the estate of Philemon Neal, dec'd and it adjoined Wm. R. Neal, Joseph's first cousin.

The Minute Docket for Rockingham Co. records that J. W. Neal was appointed: a county justice and with others sat on the bench at least from Febr. thru Aug. 1852; a Magistrate, May 1853; a Justice, Aug. 1854 and a Magistrate Febr. 1860.

The 1850 census for Rockingham Co. lists in one household: J.W. Neal, born 1811, value of real estate, \$5300; M.T. Neal, female, born 1821; V.A.P. Neal, female, born 1839; Philemon Neal, born 1841; E.L.R. Neal, female, born 1849; Elizabeth Simpson, born 1790. There is in the records available no other reference to E.L.R. Neal and it is assumed that she died prior to 12-27-1862, the date her father's will was written.

Joseph W. Neal's will dated 12-27-1862 was recorded in Febr. 1863, WB C, p.373. It provides (in addition to personal property):

- To wife, Mary T. Neal all real estate during her life except the portion hereafter willed to daughters Virginia P. and Henrietta Neal.
- To daughter Virginia P. Neal certain real estate adjoining point where Crawford Bch. enters Hogan's Cr.
- To son Philemon Neal, the \$2500 advanced to him to pay for land.
- To daughter Henrietta Neal certain real estate adjoining point where Crawford Bch. enters Hogan's Cr.
- To daughters Marie Anne and Fannie Ive Neal the land willed to my wife at her death, to be equally divided.
- Executors: wife Mary T. Neal and son Philemon Neal.

A codicil dated 1-23-1863 gave to wife and 5 children 65 slaves and to Methodist Church \$200.

Mary T. Neal, executrix, qualified as such.

Philemon Neal, named as executor, renounced his right to qualify.

When Joseph W. Neal made his will in 1862, according to census records his wife was 41 years old, his children, Virginia, 23; Philemon, 21; Henrietta, 8; Marie Anne, 2 and Fannie 1 year old.

Henrietta or "Nettie" Neal Saunders in her will recorded 11-9-1894 in Rockingham Co. WB F, p.19 disposed of 331 acres so located as to have been undoubtedly her legacy. Probably Virginia received a similar amount. Fannie Neal Goodwin and her husband Thos, C. Goodwin, in a deed dated 10-23-1883, recorded 12-2-1885 in Rockingham Co. DB 4a, p.334, indicate that Fannie Ive and Marie Anne were to receive as their joint legacy 420 acres.

Joseph W. Neal names 5 children in his will. They are as follows. When they were born is taken from census and marriage records.

Name (Neal)	Born	Died	Married
VI-1.Virginia A.P.	1839		James R. Dilworth 1867
VI-2.Philemon	1841		Rebecca Ware
VI-3.Henrietta	1854	1894	1-.Thos. W. Wariner 1869 2-.R. Carter Saunders 1878
VI-4.Marie Anne	1860		single
VI-5.Fannie	1862		Thos. C. Goodwin 1879

A record in Rockingham Co. Bk. of Guardian Appointments p.17, dated 5-1-1874 shows Mary T. Neal appointed as guardian of Henrietta, Mollie (Marie Anne) and Fannie Neal.

The 5 children will be discussed in the above sequence:

VI-1. Virginia A.P. Neal, according to the 1850 census was born 1839. She married 7-1-1867 in Rockingham Co. James R. Dilworth. The 1880 census for Rockingham Co. Reidsville Dist. lists: J.R. Dilworth, born 1845, carpenter; Virginia P. born 1839, wife; and children born as indicated: VII-1.James W., 1869; 2-.Mary, 1871; VII-3.Sallie V., 1877; VII-4.Oliver S., Mch. 1880. Each and their parents born in N.C.

Mrs. S.R. Prince, High Rock Farm, Rt.1, Reidsville, N.C. has written that Mary, born 1871 married 6-12-1892 James Davis, and that Sallie V. born 1877 married 1-28-1929 Thos. Hinton.

VI-2. Philemon Neal, son of Joseph W. and Mary T. Neal, was born on Hogan's Cr. in eastern Rockingham Co. N.C. According to the 1850 census he was born 1841 and according to the 1880 census in 1842. His granddaughter, Mrs. Mozelle Morrison, writes that the N.C. state records show that he applied for a pension in July 1902; that he was 61 years old at the time (born 1841); that the pension was paid once annually; that he received his last check in Jan. 1910. He died while living with his son Joseph at Spray in Rockingham Co.