

Phillips Family History by Mike Phillips (plynn49@yahoo.com)

The mother of Eva Jackson Barts was Mary Ellen Phillips (born 24 June 1855) who married John Jackson sometime about 1870 or so when she was about fifteen and he was about eighteen. Mary Ellen Phillips appeared in the 1860 Caswell County Census as M. E., age five. In the 1870 census she was listed as Mary; also living with the family was John Jackson (age seventeen), a laborer working on the farm with her father, Franklin Phillips.

By the time the family migrated to Obion County, Tennessee, for several years (c.1870 - c.1873) Mary Ellen Phillips and John Jackson were married. Soon after most of the family returned to Caswell County, she had her first daughter, Victoria Jackson, followed in a couple of years by their second and final child, Eva Jackson, possibly named after her (Eva's) grandmother, Evelena Campbell Phillips. By the 1880 census Mary Ellen Phillips Jackson and John Jackson had separated, and she and the girls were living with her parents, Franklin and Evelena Campbell Phillips. Also living in a separate house on the home place on Rattlesnake Creek in Dan River Township (Caswell County, North Carolina) at this time was Mary Ellen Phillips's brother Franklin Somers (also seen as Summers) Phillips and his new wife Elizabeth Scott (Betsy) Phillips. Next to them was Elizabeth Scott's brother, John Scott, who some years later married Mary Ellen Phillips Jackson (after her daughters were grown and she was either divorced from or widowed by John Jackson). In later years Mary E. Phillips Jackson Scott was known within the family as "Ellen" although her tombstone reads "Mary E. Scott." She died in her early 50s (May 1908) and is buried in the cemetery behind the Methodist Church in Yanceyville, North Carolina, as is her brother Franklin Somers Phillips and his wife (Elizabeth Scott Phillips). Eva Jackson's older sister Victoria Jackson married John Miles Poteat (1862-1939), also from Caswell County, and they lived for a number of years in the 1st Ward in Danville, Virginia. John Miles Poteat was a son of John Robert Poteat (1835-1917) and Elizabeth Jane Horton (1835-1923).

In addition to Mary Ellen and Franklin Somers, Franklin and Evelena had a third child, Paul Campbell Phillips, who died of fever near Petersburg, Virginia 7 July 1864. The military records for Paul Campbell Phillips sometimes list him, as Paul George or George, a mistake that is understandably propagated in Raiford's excellent book on the 4th North Carolina Calvary Regiment -- but his middle name was Campbell after his maternal grandfather Hugh Campbell. Likewise James Gallanton (Gal) Fullington (died 1888), who was also in the 4th, is misnamed in the records. James Gallanton Fullington married Miranda Campbell.

There is a Caswell County court record dated September 19, 1866, in which Walter H. Lunsford, citing extensive indebtedness to a variety of creditors (including his father-in-law, Hugh Campbell - father of Ann Campbell), turned over all his property to his wife's brother-in-law, Franklin Phillips (husband of Evelena Campbell), giving him full authority to "complete the current crops" and then sell everything and try to settle his outstanding debts. Although not specifically stated, this request for a court approved transfer suggests that Walter H. Lunsford and his family were planning to move away from Caswell County in order to find a better life elsewhere.

A year and half later, another Caswell County court record shows that Levi Page, Bigger Powell, and William L. Harraway were requested to go to the house of Franklin Phillips, "late of the county", on February 19, 1868 and compile a fair and impartial inventory of all possessions (real estate and household goods) of said Franklin Phillips. In those days, having neighbors determining the value of an estate for the courts was fairly common practice when a man died without a will, but it was less common for someone still alive as was Franklin Phillips. Bigger Powell's daughter, Mary Catherine Powell, was Paul Campbell Phillips's widow and hence, Franklin Phillips's former daughter-in-law. This document indicates that Franklin Phillips (and presumably his family) was no longer living in Caswell County at this time (location during period is unknown) and, although not specifically stated, it also suggests that Franklin Phillips was probably in debt and was possibility also looking to liquidate his Caswell County holdings. In any event the property was not liquidated and it remained in the family until the late 1940's.

Hugh Campbell died on the evening of October 16, 1869 at age 79. His wife, Nelly Robinson Campbell, and only son, Hugh Campbell, Jr., preceded him in death, so he was survived only by his six daughters and a number of grandchildren (including Franklin Somers Phillips, son of Franklin Phillips and Evelena Campbell Phillips). Quintina Campbell was not married and lived at his home and kept house for Hugh Campbell. The 1860 census shows Hugh Campbell and Quintina Campbell living in Milton, Caswell County, North Carolina. The other daughters of Hugh Campbell were all married: Ann Campbell (to Walter H. Lunsford); Evelena Campbell (to Franklin Phillips); Emily (Emilea) Adeline Campbell (to John Phillips, brother of the Franklin Phillips who married Evelena Campbell), Rusalinda (to Warner Lunsford, brother of the Walter H. Lunsford who married Ann Campbell); and Miranda Campbell (to James "Gal" Fullington who had served in Co. B, 4th NC Cavalry during the war along with Paul Phillips and Paul's brother-in-law, Jarrell Powell).\*

While not one of the pre-Civil War Caswell "aristocrats," Hugh Campbell was nevertheless a man of some standing. Caswell County court records show that Quintina Campbell claimed her sisters, some of their husbands (the Lunsford brothers and James Fullington (Miranda Campbell's husband)), and a nephew, (Weldon Lunsford, son of Walter H. and Ann Campbell Lunsford), visited Hugh Campbell's house on the morning of October 18th (or 19th). Franklin Phillips (Evelena Campbell) and John Phillips did not participate in this visit. The visit by Walter H. and Ann Campbell Lunsford (and Evelena Campbell Phillips) only a day or two after Hugh Campbell's death suggests that they were living nearby at the time; the fact that Franklin Phillips did not go to the house with

the others may indicate that he was still “late of the country” or it may have no significance whatever.

According to Quintina Campbell's statement, during this visit Walter H. Lunsford and several of the others demanded that the will be given to them. She gave them the will and they took it with them; she assumed that they destroyed it. However, an earlier draft of the will was found and the two witnesses to the original will, Wm. B. Pleasants and J. W. Blanks, both testified that the draft was essentially the same as the missing will, so on December 9th the will was probated in the Caswell County Courthouse. Quintina Campbell (unmarried) was given Hugh Campbell's house and principle residence and the 160 acres on which it sat, all of the household and kitchen furniture, all the livestock, and plantation tools. He owned two additional properties on the Yanceyville-Leasburg road that he asked to be sold by James Fullington (husband of Miranda Campbell) with the proceeds to be divided equally among Evelena Campbell (Franklin Phillips), Emily Adeline Campbell (John Phillips), Rusalinda Campbell (Warner Lunsford), and Miranda Campbell (James Fullington), but not Ann Campbell (Walter H. Lunsford). Instead, he left Ann Campbell Lunsford only a small amount of cash, possibly because she and her husband, Walter H. Lunsford, had not yet been able to pay off the debt they had owed him.

Regardless of where they were living in 1869, on June 25th the 1870 census taker found Franklin and Evelena Campbell Phillips living at home in Dan River Township, Caswell County, along with son Franklin Somers Phillips (listed as age sixteen, bur actually around seventeen and a half), daughter Mary Ellen Phillips (listed as age thirteen, but really about age fifteen), a black “house servant” Leighton Pinchback (age thirteen), and a John Jackson (age seventeen, farm laborer), who was soon to marry Mary Ellen Phillips. It is not clear, but perhaps the modest inheritance that Evelena received from her father may have given their finances a temporary boost. On the other hand, there is no sign of Walter H. and Ann Campbell Lunsford or any of their children (Weldon Lunsford, Adolphus Lunsford, and Amanda Lunsford) on any 1870 census.

Weldon Lunsford (son of Walter H. and Ann Campbell Lunsford), who was the bondsman for Paul Campbell Phillips's marriage to Mary Catherine Powell while on leave in October 1863, was himself married to Martha Ann Foard in Caswell County on May 17, 1866. Martha Ann Foard was the daughter of Wyatt Foard, another cavalry veteran of Co. B. Weldon Lunsford was about 25 at the time of the marriage and Martha Ann Foard was probably about fifteen. The 1900 census (Obion County, Tennessee) indicates that their third child, a third son named Kelly Lunsford, was born in April 1870 in Mississippi. By 1872 they were living in Troy, Tennessee, along with the rest of the Lunsford family. Therefore, it is likely that entire family (Walter H. Lunsford, Ann Campbell Lunsford, Adolphus Lunsford, Amanda Lunsford, as well as Weldon Lunsford and Martha Ann Foard Lunsford) relocated to Mississippi sometime between December 1869 when Hugh Campbell's will was probated and April 1870 when Kelly Lunsford was born. Letters written several years later by Weldon Lunsford indicate that the family was living in or near Holly Springs, in Marshall County, Mississippi, during this time.

Because of continuing economic hardships, Franklin Phillips and his family were soon to migrate to Tennessee and join the Lunsfords but, unlike the Lunsfords, they would eventually return to Caswell County. These Lunsfords were Caswell County contemporaries of Colly (Colley) Lunsford and Peyton (Paten) Lunsford. While one might suspect some family connection, no supporting evidence has been found.

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\*Note that a Jarrold Powell is found in the Caswell County Family Tree and that his ancestry is uncertain. He is related in some manner to a Biggers Powell (which may be the same person as the Bigger Powell referred to herein).

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Marriage Bond Record

Groom: Hugh Campbell

Bride: Nelly Robinson

Bond Date: 27 June 1812

Bondsman/Witness: John Covington

Location: Caswell County, North Carolina

Source: Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1778-1868, Katharine Kerr Kendall (1981) at 13.

Marriage Bond Record

Groom: Franklin Phillips

Bride: Evelena Campbell

Bond Date: 4 January 1841

Bondsman/Witness: Irby Phillips, Calvin Simpson

Location: Caswell County, North Carolina

Source: Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1778-1868, Katharine Kerr Kendall (1981) at 81.

Marriage Bond Record

Groom: Walter H. Lunsford

Bride: Lucitta Ann Campbell

Bond Date: 1 December 1836

Bondsman/Witness: William A. Richmond

Location: Caswell County, North Carolina

Source: Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1778-1868, Katharine Kerr Kendall (1981) at 63.

Marriage Bond Record

Groom: John Phillips

Bride: Emilea A. Campbell

Bond Date: 8 October 1840

Bondsman/Witness: Walter H. Lunsford

Location: Caswell County, North Carolina

Source: Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1778-1868, Katharine Kerr Kendall (1981) at 81.

Marriage Bond Record

Groom: Warner J. Lunsford

Bride: Rusalinda Campbell

Bond Date: 2 February 1850

Bondsman/Witness: Henry A. Richmond

Location: Caswell County, North Carolina

Source: Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1778-1868, Katharine Kerr Kendall (1981) at 63.

Marriage Bond Record

Groom: Weldon H. Lunsford

Bride: Martha A. Foard

Bond Date: 17 May 1866

Bondsman/Witness: A. L. Pleasant

Married By: R. A. Moore

Location: Caswell County, North Carolina

Source: Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1778-1868, Katharine Kerr Kendall (1981) at 63.

Marriage Bond Record

Groom: James G. Fullington

Bride: Meranda Campbell

Bond Date: 22 November 1856

Bondsman/Witness: L. B. Evans

Location: Caswell County, North Carolina

Source: Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1778-1868, Katharine Kerr Kendall (1981) at 34.

Marriage Bond Record

Groom: Paul C. Phillips

Bride: Mary C. Powell

Bond Date 17 October 1863

Bondsman/Witness: Weldon H. Lunsford

Married By: John D. Long, Justice of the Peace

Location: Caswell County, North Carolina

Source: Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1778-1868, Katharine Kerr Kendall (1981) at 81.

Caswell County, North Carolina

Will Book N

April Court 1838

Page 203: Jarrett (Jarrold) Powell: Will, written 1832. Wife Elizabeth Powell all property for her widowhood the divided among seven children: Eliza, James, Jackson, Mary Jane, Mastin, Richard, and Frances. Witness: William Hooper. Confirmed as nuncupative will by jury and court appointed Carter Powell administrator with will annexed, bonded by Josiah Powell and John B. Powell. Minutes of April 1838 Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions confirmed same.

Source: Caswell County North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814 and 1814-1843 (Two Volumes In One), Katharine Kerr Kendall (1979 and 1983) (Volume II at 138).

1840 United States Federal Census

Name: Franklin Phillips

County: Caswell

State: North Carolina

1850 United States Federal Census

Name: Hugh Campbell

Age: 60

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1790

Birth Place: North Carolina

Gender: Male

Home in 1850 (City,County,State): Caswell, North Carolina

Household Members: Name Age

Hugh Campbell 60

Ellkendar Campbell 60

Quintina Campbell 24

Miranda Campbell 22

1860 United States Federal Census

Name: H Campbell

Age in 1860: 70

Birth Year: abt 1790

Birthplace: North Carolina

Home in 1860: Caswell, North Carolina

Gender: Male

Post Office: Milton

Value of Real Estate: \$4000

Household Members: Name Age

H Campbell 70

Q Campbell 26