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Generation One
(the first ABNEY's born in America)

Dannett ABNEY Sr. m. Mary (LEE?) and had issue:

1. **Ursula ABNEY (1693 - ????)**
baptized 1693. whereabouts unknown
 2. **Dannett ABNEY Jr. (est. 1695 - ca. 1757)**
married Mary (MEREDITH?)
 3. **George ABNEY (est. 1697 - 01 Oct 1766)**
married Unity (n.n.)
 4. **Paul ABNEY (1699 - aft. 30 Sep 1786)**
married (n.n.)
 5. **Dr. Abraham ABNEY (1702 - aft. 04 Jun 1783)**
married Cassandra (MEREDITH?)
 6. **Martha ABNEY (est. 1705 - aft. 15 Mar 1759)**
married William SPRAGGINS
 7. **Bathshua ABNEY (est. 1708 - aft. 25 Oct 1773)**
married Thomas HILL
 8. **Abner ABNEY (est. 1711 - ca. 1752)**
married Anne (KEY?)
 9. **Mary ABNEY (est. 1714 - aft. Jan 1761)**
married John BERNARD
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A Message from R. Robert Abney Jr.

Happy New Year treasured cousins!

I am pleased at the progress we continue to make in the Abney family history. Perhaps now that we've nailed down a good core family, we can work more diligently on Generation Two of the Abney's born in America. A clearer picture is beginning to emerge.

On the lighter side: My 6-year old son (a linebacker for the Rebel Raiders) was quite pleased to learn of the University of Kentucky football player named Derek Abney. In fact, in a game against the University of South Carolina, Derek made a "circus catch" which prompted the announcer to say, "it's catches like Abney's that make legends". Does anyone know Derek Abney's lineage?

In fact, even as I document all Abney's who fought in the various wars, perhaps it would be nice to document the "peacetime Abney warriors". If you know of any Abney athletes, please inform me.

An exciting breakthrough has been made regarding the parentage of Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY. We will explore that in this issue, with an up-to-the-minute report, which provides proof for my latest theory.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that Cousin Margaret Harlow has accepted my invitation as General Advisor. An excellent genealogist, she has been and continues to be a great help in my research.

Thanks for your continued support!

Your cousin,

R. R. Abney Jr.
Fortiter et Honeste

~ Lucy Collins Discovered ~

It is confirmed. Lucy, the wife of Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY, was a COLLINS.

She has been determined by the author to be the eldest daughter of Joseph COLLINS and Lucy MARCHBANKS!

Earlier researchers insisted that Lucy was a NORVELL/NORRELL. The author has proved this to be a chronological impossibility. To make a long story short:

Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY was born ca.1729. He sired Jane/Jean ABNEY ca.1762, and Paul Collins ABNEY ca. 1765. We can estimate with a high degree of accuracy that he m.ca.1761.

James NORRELL Jr. m. Mary SPRAGGINS 25 May 1756. He left a will in which he mentioned 7 children (4 boys & 3 girls). He did not mention a daughter named Lucy. Therefore, although Lucy wasn't mentioned in his will, IF she was their eldest daughter, she could have been born (legitimately & full term) no sooner than Feb 1757.

Now, IF this non-person Lucy NORRELL was Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY's wife, she was 4 years old when she married a 33-year old man. But here's the miracle: She was only about 5 years old when she gave birth to Jane/Jean ABNEY; and about 8 years old when she gave birth to Paul Collins ABNEY.

The author need not expound the absurdity of this alleged relationship.

Therefore, (hoping this is the last time this need be written), Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY did **NOT** marry Lucy NORVELL/NORRELL. In fact, James NORRELL Jr. and Mary SPRAGGINS didn't even have a daughter named Lucy.

The author's first break was finding a COLLINS family in Halifax Co., Va. A little "creative genealogy" erroneously reported that James COLLINS m. an Elizabeth WYLIE and had issue: Tabitha, Lucy, Elijah, Stephen, Joseph, Chloe, Josiah, Joel, & Elisha.

This "partially correct" family was living in Halifax County, Virginia at the same time Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY arrived at manhood and married a certain Lucy. The problem with this COLLINS family wasn't so much with the children (although some of those were wrong), but the alleged parents.

The author posted a message on a COLLINS GenForum several years ago, and Charles A. STEPHENS (an excellent COLLINS genealogist) answered that message.

The factual family, as it turns out, is: Joseph COLLINS (son of James COLLINS Sr. and an unknown wife) m. Lucy Prisher (or widow PRISHER) MARCHBANKS (daughter of George MARCHBANKS & Ann ECHOLS). They had issue: Robert, Stephen (m. Catherine McHENDREE), Joel (m. Mary), Joseph Jr. (m. Nettie CULVER), Chloe (m. Robert BOWMAR), Tabitha (m. Elisha PREWITT), Judith (m. Thomas GLASS), Josiah (m. Janette BOHANNON), Elisha (m. Frances MADISON), and Jeremiah (m. Mary PULLIAM).

Notice that Lucy was dropped from the list. But that's because they couldn't find her. Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY moved to SC ca.1765 (not long after he married Lucy COLLINS). The rest of the COLLINS children stayed in Halifax County for a while, and most of them moved to KY with the parents (although some branches went to SC).

Notice the similarities between the erroneous family and the factual family:

<i>Factual Family</i>	<i>Erroneous Family</i>
Robert	(not in erroneous family)
Stephen	Stephen
= Catherine M ^c HENDREE	= Catherine M ^c INTOSH
Joel = Mary (n.n.)	Joel
(here we return Lucy = Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY)	Lucy*
Joseph Jr. = Nettie CULVER	Joseph =1 Nellie CURVER
Chloe = Robert BOWMAR	Chloe
Tabitha = Elisha PREWITT	Tabitha
Judith = Thomas GLASS	(not in erroneous family)
Josiah = Janette BOHANNON	Josiah = Jenette BOHANNON
Elisha = Frances MADISON	Elisha = Frances MADISON
Jeremiah = Mary PULLIAM	(not in erroneous family)
(same person as Elisha)	Elijah

The ABNEY's are tied to this COLLINS family in no less than eight documents in Halifax Co., Va.

The PREWITT (PRUITT, &c.) family is tied to the ABNEY family in no less than 16 documents (from Spotsylvania & Halifax Cos., VA; and there are even two in Union Co., SC (from Absalom POSEY, son-in-law of Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY & Lucy COLLINS).

The ECHOLS (ECKHOLS, &c.) family is tied to the ABNEY's in at least 10 documents. (John ECHOLS m. Mary CAVE were the great grandparents of Lucy COLLINS m. Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY. These families had been close for a while.

Lucy's aunt Sarah MARCHBANKS m. Joseph HAWKINS. Dr. Abraham ABNEY sued the HAWKINS family (and won) in Spots. Co., VA for tobacco owed him by John HAWKINS. There is probably a kinship between these HAWKINS', but this is not yet proved.

Here's another (GREAT) connection. Edward DEAN's brother, Charles DEAN married Ursula MARCHBANKS. Ursula MARCHBANKS was sister to Lucy MARCHBANKS who m. Joseph COLLINS (parents of Lucy). Therefore, Lucy COLLINS was Charles DEAN's niece!

Dr. Abraham ABNEY and Cassandra & had the following issue:
1. Rebecca ABNEY m. Edward DEAN (he was liv. on Dr. Abraham's land in 1745. Bro. Chas. DEAN m. Ursula MARCHBANKS).

2. Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY m. Lucy COLLINS (niece of Edward DEAN's brother, Charles DEAN).

3. Charles ABNEY (?) of Cheraw's District (not proved. only a very weak theory).

4. Cassandra ABNEY m. Dannett ABNEY (son of George ABNEY & Unity) - the reason Dannett ABNEY was Edward DEAN's brother-in-law.

5. "Gentleman" John ABNEY (?) m. Isabella (not proved - but John appears to have been Paul's bro.)

6. Paul ABNEY m. Eleanor "Ellen" HAMILTON (Thomas Hamilton ABNEY b.ca.1792, claimed that this Paul ABNEY was "own" [i.e. first] cousin to his grandfather, Samuel ABNEY. Since Dr. Abraham ABNEY's family went to SC; and George ABNEY's sons and one daughter went to South Carolina, I believe Dr. Abraham is the uncle (of Samuel) who sired Paul (Samuel's first cousin. This also explains how Paul Collins ABNEY got his first name). Earlier researchers believed Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY had a brother named Paul. I believe they were "accidentally" correct, but they had the wrong Paul! They had Pvt. Paul ABNEY/ABNER. The correct Paul was actually Paul ABNEY who m. Eleanor HAMILTON!

Dr. Abraham ABNEY may have sired another son, William (not to be confused with Capt. William, son of George; nor with Pvt. William of Albemarle & Amherst Cos., VA & Kentucky, son of John)

Since Edward DEAN called Dannett ABNEY (son of George) his "brother-in-law", many automatically assumed that Rebecca ABNEY was Dannett ABNEY's sister...without searching for evidence to prove out their guess (it was an easy assumption). However, the author is certain that Rebecca and Cassandra were

sisters (and the name Cassandra goes a long way in supporting the author's belief that she was a daughter of Dr. Abraham ABNEY & his wife, Cassandra). Hence, Edward DEAN was Dannett ABNEY's bro.-in-law through their wives.

Additionally, In the deed dated 30 Dec 1809, from Dennett (sic) Abney to his son Samuel Abney, one witness was Lucy (her mark) Abney. The author believes this Lucy was the widow of Dr. Nathaniel. She would have been Dannett's sister-in-law and Samuel's aunt.

Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY m. Lucy COLLINS & had issue:
1. Jane/Jean ABNEY m. Absalom POSEY.

2. Paul Collins ABNEY m. Dorothy "Dolly" RUTHERFORD - He was obviously named for Uncle Paul ABNEY m. Eleanor HAMILTON; and for his mother Lucy COLLINS' family.

3. Joseph ABNEY (ob.s.p.) - He was named for his grandfather (and/or maternal uncle) Jos. COLLINS.

4. Nathaniel ABNEY m. Eleanor BOULWARE (cousin to Dorothy "Dolly" RUTHERFORD)

- Nathaniel named for his father.

1790 Census of Lucy ABNEY in Edgefield Co., SC:

Lucy ABNEY (page 63): 1 male 16+ (son: Paul Collins ABNEY); 2 males <16 (sons: Joseph ABNEY & Nathaniel ABNEY) 3 females (Lucy COLLINS, head of household and widow of Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY); Dorothy "Dolly" RUTHERFORD, wife of Paul Collins ABNEY, and either Cassandra [widow of Dr. Abraham ABNEY] or another daughter. (note: Cousin Patsy CHILDS suggests there may have been a Charity ABNEY who m. an elder Absalom DEAN. Issue of this couple would include the Absalom DEAN [as a Jr.] who m. Elizabeth Malonia ABNEY. Simeon Cobb DEAN (son of Absalom & Elizabeth) claimed his "mother" [perhaps that should read "grandmother"] was the daughter of a British Surgeon. His mother was b. 1800, and all ABNEY British Surgeons were deceased by this time. This, however, is an unproved theory and should not be accepted as fact.

However, since we already have a connection to the DEAN family (with Edward DEAN m. Rebecca, Dr. Abraham's daughter), maybe the "British Surgeon" connection comes from the DEAN family as a son or grandson of Edward DEAN. But that's another problem to work on.

For now, the descendants of Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY can enjoy their newly discovered ancestress, Lucy COLLINS, daughter of Joseph COLLINS and Lucy MARCHBANKS (dau. of George MARCHBANKS and Ann ECHOLS).

Problem #62

Cassandra, wife of Dr. Abraham ABNEY

Okay descendants of Dr. Abraham ABNEY, the author is once again questioning our ancestry.

Paul Collins ABNEY's wife, the alleged Elizabeth RELEFORD was proved to be Dorothy "Dolly" RUTHERFORD (d/o James RUTHERFORD & Drucilla BROOKS).

Dr. Nathaniel ABNEY's wife, the alleged Lucy NORVELL/NORRELL was proved to be Lucy COLLINS (d/o Joseph COLLINS & Lucy MARCHBANKS)

The author seriously doubts if Cassandra was a MEREDITH.

The author has been unable to find so much as one connection between the MEREDITH's and Dr. Abraham ABNEY; and only one minor connection between Samuel MEREDITH & Dannett ABNEY Jr.

On 04 & 05 Jun 1735, in Hanover Co., Va. Dannitt (sic) ABNEY was a witness to a deed of John Mackeney of Goochland Co. to Samuel Meredith of St. Pauls Par., Hanover. To be certain, this is not overwhelming evidence that there was an ABNEY-MEREDITH marriage.

Dannett ABNEY Jr. must have met his wife in either King William or Spotsylvania Co. This is where we need to look for his wife. Dannett Jr. was living in Spotsylvania Co., Va. before his parents and sibl-ings. However, he may not have married until after settling in Spots. Co. Still, Hanover Co. is not the place to look for the wives of Dannett ABNEY Jr. & Dr. Abraham ABNEY. It appears Spotsylvania Co. is (and perhaps King William Co.).

There is nothing substantial, yet.

One Cassandra MOORE (daughter of Pelham MOORE) was bapt. 07 Apr 1700 at St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., VA. (New Kent Co. is a neighboring county to King Wm Co.). She was two years older than Dr. Abraham ABNEY. Although the author is expecting a lady younger than Dr. Abraham, this Cassandra could be a good candidate.

Another prospective family:

Cassandra SMITH (d/o Nathaniel SMITH) was b. ca. 1689 (per LDS records). They lived in Stafford Co. (or Stafford), VA. (note: the city Stafford is in Stafford Co.) which borders Spotsylvania Co. to the northeast. This one is of interest due to the names Nathaniel & Cassandra. This Cassandra is too old, but perhaps this Cassandra m. & had a dau. Cassandra who m. Dr. Abraham. This is a long shot. However, we must begin searching through the neighboring families in hopes of finding the families of the ABNEY Colonial wives. This is how the author was able to discover Dorothy RUTHERFORD & Lucy COLLINS.

Our options are wide open on this one. However, one surname the author has not found a candidate in is MEREDITH. The only Cassandra MEREDITH that appears is in and from genealogies of the early ABNEY researchers.

The author urges all descendants of Dr. Abraham ABNEY & Cassandra to focus on this problem, to see if we can learn our Cassandra's surname.

Problem #42 - resolved!!!

Parentage of Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY

Capt. Nathaniel is one ABNEY colonial who has driven genealogists to give up on furthering their ABNEY line. Many have become content with that published on his alleged ancestry; and others have just been content to end their ABNEY line with him.

This author, however, has not been content, neither with assigning the wrong father for Capt. Nathaniel, "creating" a father for him, nor ending his line here. It now appears there is enough evidence to make a connection by a greater weight of the evidence.

There are subtle clues and secondary statements that give us a vague shadow of the rightful father for Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY. These clues and statements will

be discussed herein. However, being a very complicated subject, let us discuss a little genealogical history first.

The family of George Abney and Unity...

Let us open this discussion with a discussion of the family of George ABNEY. Earlier researchers have been thoroughly confused, not only as to the issue of George ABNEY m. Unity, but the birth years of that issue, as well.

There are two instances where non-persons were “created and forced” into the descendants of George ABNEY m. Unity. These extra persons were: Samuel ABNEY (in the line of Samuel ABNEY Sr.); and Nathaniel ABNEY (in the line of Michael ABNEY). Both cases appear to have been simple misidentify-cation.

Due to these extra non-persons, the birth years of George ABNEY’s children have been estimated anywhere from 1715 to 1746. Nobody has been able to give an accurate account of the factual family of George ABNEY, much less attempt to accurately estimate their birth years. This is due, in part, to the insertion of these extra non-persons.

Michael ABNEY and Ann TURNER sired a son named Nathaniel ABNEY Sr. (who inherited the land his grandfather, William TURNER devised to Ann, William’s daughter). Nathaniel Sr. has been identified with the Pvt. Nathaniel ABNEY in the Continental Army of the Am. Rev. War. Because of a deed in which he was identified as Nathaniel “Senior”, we know he sired a Nathaniel ABNEY Jr. Therefore, this much is proved.

One problem was the belief that Pvt. Nathaniel ABNEY Sr. died before 1810 because there was no Nathaniel ABNEY over 45 on that census of SC. However, in light of these new realizations, the author can show Michael ABNEY b.ca.1740 & Pvt. Nathaniel ABNEY b.ca.1766; therefore, by 1810 he would be under 45. In Union Co., SC on the 1810 census are father (Pvt. Nathaniel ABNEY, ae.26-45) and son (Nathaniel ABNEY Jr., ae.16-26 [actual age about 20]). Nathaniel ABNEY Jr. married Sarah CANADA who was about ten years his senior. She, therefore, appears on this census as the female ae.26-45 [actual age about 30]). With much supporting documentation, we have herein resolved the mystery of the Nathaniel ABNEY who m. Sarah CANADA.

In the Samuel ABNEY line: We know by George’s last will and testament that he sired a son Samuel. This Samuel (Sr.) has been identified with the Sgt. Samuel ABNEY of the Am. Rev. War. By deeds, we know that Sam Sr. sired Sam Jr. However, how do we know there was a Samuel III? What proofs have we that Sam Sr. m. Martha COLLINS? That Sam Jr. m. Martha Harriett HAMILTON?

And that Sam III m. Mary KENNEDY? We have none. Apparently, the earlier researchers were quite confused about which Sam married which lady. Because of that confusion, it appears an additional Sam was added; hence, again (just as in the Michael ABNEY line), the birth date of Sam Sr. was unable to be logically estimated.

There was no Martha COLLINS appearing in the early Virginia COLLINS families who could have fit as Sam Sr.'s wife. This author agrees with genealogists (such as F. Abney BREWER and Kay H. HINES) that Sam Sr.'s wife was Martha Harriet HAMILTON; and Sam Jr.'s wife was Mary KENNEDY. There will be much more on this subject in subsequent issues.

Now we have the family of George ABNEY m. Unity coming together. We can prove (by George's will) Dannett (believed to have been the eldest, and b.est.1730), Capt. Wm (b.05 May 1736), Sgt. Samuel (b.est.1738), & Pvt. Michael (b.est.1740).

Now, the author has seen Dorcas as a daughter of both George ABNEY and his son, Samuel ABNEY Sr. However, she is shown as b.est.1740. Is anyone aware of any documentation suggesting this 1740 estimated birth year?

The author believes Dorcas was in fact a daughter of George m. Unity (this will also be a topic of discussion in subsequent issues). Placing Dorcas as a daughter of Sam Sr. is much like adding the additional Sam to this line, and the additional Nathaniel to the Michael ABNEY line. It doesn't fit. Dorcas ABNEY (who m1. Mattox MAYS & m2. William HILL) is much too old to be a daughter of Sam Sr. She is obviously his sister. However, the author is placing her estimated birth year at 1732. This is subject to further information. If, as has been suggested, Dorcas was b.ca.1740, that would still fit fine in this family; and Pvt. Michael's estimated birth year would be advanced 2 years.

A personal letter of Thomas Hamilton ABNEY (born ca. 1794 [per census]) to his son Alexander Hamilton ABNEY claims "...five brothers and a sister left Virginia long before the Revolutionary War and settled in Edgefield, South Carolina on the Solandra (sic) River. Their names were Dennet, Nathaniel, Samuel, who was my grandfather, Michael and William."

Therefore, T.H. ABNEY believed his grandfather, Samuel ABNEY (Sr.) had a brother named Nathaniel ABNEY. This could be none other than Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY.

Moreover, John Abney CHAPMAN, in his *History of Edgefield County from the earliest settlements to 1897*, published 1897 by Elbert H. Aell, Publisher and

Printer, Newberry, S.C., writing about the men who served under Capt. Nathaniel Abney, wrote: “[Lt.] William Abney, brother of [Capt.] Nathaniel Abney, was one of his officers.” [notes in brackets are of this present author]. Therefore, we have two unrelated references placing Capt. Nathaniel in George ABNEY’s family. One (T.H. ABNEY) writing from knowledge of his grandfather’s family; the other (J.A. CHAPMAN) writing as an historian. There is little wonder why Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY was so close to George’s sons. In fact, his Edgefield County land adjoined Dannett’s, and was just down the Saluda River from William, Samuel, and Michael.

More evidence arises in the birth date of Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY. According to a page inserted into the John ABNEY Junior Bible [Jonathan Bay ABNEY married Martha Abney WILLS (grand-daughter of Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY)], Capt. Nathaniel was born 04 Apr 1734. This being the case, he would fit in this family just before Capt. William, his brother (according to both T.H. ABNEY & J.A. CHAPMAN).

Moreover, we have a reason why Michael ABNEY named a son, Nathaniel (not after his first cousin, but after his brother, Capt. Nathaniel).

Therefore, the family of George ABNEY m. Unity is:

1. Dannett ABNEY (b.est.1730) m. Cassandra ABNEY (d/o Dr. Abraham ABNEY & Cassandra)
2. Dorcas ABNEY (b.est.1732) m1. Mattox MAYS; m2. William HILL (s/o Thomas HILL & Bathshua ABNEY)
3. Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY (b.04 Apr 1734) m. Isabella MADISON
4. Capt. William ABNEY (b.05 May 1736) m1. Mary CLARK; m2. Elizabeth BURNHAM
5. Sgt. Samuel ABNEY (b.est.1738) m. Martha Harriett HAMILTON
6. Pvt. Michael ABNEY (b.est.1740) m. Ann TURNER

There may have been another son named James ABNEY. On *A List of Voters for Election of Burgesses 1764-1769, Halifax Co., Va. (election of 1765)* appears George, James, Daniel (sic), and Samuel. George progenitor of the fives sons and daughter who went to SC. Daniel is probably Dannett, George’s son. Samuel is also George’s son. This abstract came from Cousin Margaret HARLOW. The author has not seen the original. However, Dr. Abraham ABNEY was still in Halifax Co. in 1765. Could this “James” be a transcriber’s error for “Abram”?

(We know that "Daniel" is a transcriber's error for "Dannett". If not, the author believes this James may have been another son of George. This would also explain the introduction of the name "James" in Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY's family (although that name could easily have come from the MADISON family or the Biblical James).

The major question is simply this: If Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY was a son of George ABNEY, why didn't George name him in his will (probated 16 Oct 1666 Halifax Co., Va.)?

Here is a question that may never be answered properly. However, the law of primogeniture stated only the eldest son need be named as an heir. Since it is the author's belief that Dannett was the eldest son, George ABNEY fulfilled the law. (Remember when Dannett ABNEY Sr. devised land to Paul ABNEY & Abner ABNEY, Dannett ABNEY Jr. "the heire-at-law" was summoned to court to state whether he had anything against the probaton of his father's will. This was due to the fact that he, the eldest son, wasn't named therein.)

Perhaps (the genealogists' favorite excuse) Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY received something of value prior

to George's writing the will. To be certain, Nathaniel was living on his father's land in 1764. In Yeatman's *the Albini's of Derbyshire* (published by Moody Bros., Needless Alley, Birmingham, England 1907) we read: "By patent, 27th June, 1764, a grant of 400 acres in the County of Halifax (near William ROYS & James HART), was made to George ABNEY (Rich., Book 35, page 537). 6th Nov., 1764, George ABNEY, of Halifax, and Parish of Antrim, granted to Charles HARAWAY 360 acres in Halifax, on which Nathaniel ABNEY then lived..."

YEATMAN believed this Nathaniel to have been a younger son of Dannett ABNEY Jr. (many earlier researchers thought Capt. Nathaniel was a son of Dannett Jr.). Later researchers believed he was Pvt. Nathaniel ABNEY (who was thought to have been born in 1742). However, as Dannett Jr. had no son named Nathaniel; Pvt. Nathaniel wasn't born yet; and Dr. Nathaniel lived on his own land, there can be little doubt that this is Capt. Nathaniel ABNEY. The reason for him living on George ABNEY's land is simple: He was George's son.

George ABNEY wrote his will on 13 Oct 1765. Did he believe he'd given Nathaniel enough? Perhaps. This could account for his omission from the will. We must also remember that the "daughter" claimed by T.H. ABNEY was also omitted from the will.

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