

CHAPMAN LINE

1. **SAMUEL CHAPMAN.** Samuel Chapman, who was presumably born in the early 1700s, was of Drysdale Parish, Caroline County¹, VA, when he bought 400 acres on both sides of Sandy Creek in Amelia County, VA, from Samuel Comer and wife Elizabeth of Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg Co., VA, on 13 July 1752.² On 26 Nov. 1765, he deeded this 400 acres to his son John Chapman. On the same day, he also gave his son John two slaves, a smith's anvil, a large vice and a whip saw. Both deeds speak of the love and affection for his son John and no price is mentioned.³ His wife is not named and must have been dead by this time. One reference for this Samuel Chapman is an IGI record from Batch #5011575, Sheet #10, Source Call #1553491(film), Family History Library, 35 N. West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. This is a patron-submitted form which I have not seen.

Samuel Chapman made his will on 23 April 1773 and the inventory of his estate was ordered on 15 June 1773. The will mentioned no land, only slaves and cattle. Legacies were made to son John Chapman, daughter Tabitha Meadors, daughter Delpha Green, daughter Unity Loving, daughter Ann Porhood [sic] and daughter Mary Cambell [sic]. His executors were daughter Delpha Green, John Chapman and William Ware. The estate was valued at 509 pounds, 7 shillings, 8 pence.⁴ Also available on-line from www.familysearch.com is a record of the children of this Samuel Chapman (VFN:1ZT-MV1), b. ca. 1700 in VA, married in 1732 in Caroline County, VA, and died 1773 in Amelia County, VA. Since no name is given for his wife, the marriage date must be estimated rather than based on a marriage record. The submitter for this information is Mrs. J. Burgess, P. O. Box 426, Stigler, OK 74462. The children are listed as:⁵

Children of Samuel Chapman

2. i. John Chapman, b. 1737, Amelia Co., VA, d. 10 Oct. 1816, Amelia Co.
- ii. Tabitha Chapman, b. 1739, Amelia Co., VA, m. Mr. Meadors
- iii. Delpha Chapman, b. 1740, Amelia Co., VA, m. Mr. Green
- iv. Unity Chapman, b. 1743, Amelia Co., VA, m. Richard Loving
- v. Anne Chapman, b. 1745, Amelia Co., VA, m. Mr. Portwood
- vi. Mary Chapman, b. 1748, Amelia Co., VA, m. Mr. Campbell

2. **JOHN CHAPMAN.** John Chapman, presumably born about 1737 in Amelia County, VA, is

¹ Caroline County was formed in 1727 from Essex, King and Queen, and King William Counties, VA.

² McConnaughey, Gibson Jefferson, Deed Book 3 and Deed Book 4, Amelia County, Virginia, p. 117. Abstracted from Deed Book 4, pages 443-448.

³ Amelia County, Virginia, Deeds, 1765-1768 (T. L. C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1990)

⁴ McConnaughey, Gibson Jefferson, Will Book 2, Amelia County, Virginia, Wills, 1771-1780. (1980). Abstracted from pages 81-83.

⁵ A more complete listing, including the marriages as listed here, is available in a GEDCOM posted by Troy B. Goss on www.worldconnect.rootsweb.com, "Troy's Genealogue"

named in his father's deeds and will. More detailed information is given in a Family Group Record for John Chapman (AFN:1WHG-95X) on www.familysearch.com. He is listed as having married Nancy Whitehead in 1757 in Amelia County, VA. Troy Goss gives her birth date as 1736. John married (2nd) Oney League on 21 Dec. 1799 in Amelia County. She was born 3 Jan. 1758, Amelia County, daughter of James and Mary Ann (Marshbanks) League.

Notes on John Chapman in Paul Rekow's Family Tree, on worldconnect.rootsweb.com include information which indicates that one John Chapman saw service under George Washington in 1754, during the French and Indian War. These notes also indicate that John Chapman of Amelia County had a family of 10 in the 1782 census of Amelia County and, in the 1785 census had a family of 9 with three dwellings and eight other buildings.

In the 1810 census of Amelia County he had 1 male under 10, male 16-26, one male over 45, and two females over 45.

Rekow also gives the text of the last will and testament of John Chapman, probated in Oct. 1816. This will was written 11 April 1814 by "John Chapman of Amelia County". He gave land to his wife Oney which, after her death and when son Jonathan had arrived at the age of twenty-one, was to go to son Jonathan. He also names children John, James, Benjamin, William, Jonathan, Ann, and Jane and grandchildren Stephen and Mary Chapman, children of his deceased son Stephen. This list does not include the daughter Sally Webber mentioned earlier in the will but does say that the estate was divided into nine parts.

Rekow also reports that John Chapman, Sr., born about 1738 in VA, and died 10-24-1816 in VA, married (1) Ann (Nancy) Whitehead and (2) Oney League is listed in the DAR Patriot Index, Centennial Edition, as having given Patriotic Service in VA.

Rekow lists Nancy Whitehead as born 1736 in Amelia County, VA, and died in 1798, Amelia County. Rekow attributes this and other specific information to George Williams whom I have not identified. Again, Troy Goss presents the most complete data on the children, as follows:

Children of John and Nancy (Whitehead) Chapman

- i. John Chapman, b. 1758, Amelia Co., VA, d. 1853, Spartanburg County, SC, buried at Fair Forest, Spartanburg County, SC. He married (1) Mary Ann Dobson, about 1786, in Amelia County, VA. She was born in 1764 and died 1790 in Amelia County. John married (2) Amey Seay, 27 Jan. 1791 in Amelia County⁶. She was born in 1760 and died in 1849.
- ii. James Chapman, b. 10 Nov. 1760, Amelia County, VA, d. 14 May 1839, Scioto County, OH. He married Phoebe Elizabeth Pearce who was born 1760-1764 in VA and died about 1844 in Prestonville, Carroll Co., KY

⁶ Williams, Kathleen Booth, Marriages of Amelia County, Virginia, 1735 - 1815. (Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1979) "John Chapman and Amey Seay, who writes her own consent. Sur. William Pollard. P. C-3" I have not seen the source record to see if it says Amey or Anne.

- iii. Stephen Chapman, b. about 1762, Amelia County, VA, d. about 1795, Prince Edward Co., VA. He married Tabitha Farley, daughter of James Farley and Sarah Baldwin, about 1789.
- iv. Benjamin Chapman, b. about 1764⁷, Amelia County, VA, d. about 1820 in Amelia County, VA. He married Lucy _____.
- v. Nancy Ann Chapman, b. 7 Sep 1767, Amelia County, VA, d. 24 Aug 1831. She married Joel Compton (1 Mar 1758 - 28 July 1817).
- vi. Sarah White Chapman, b. about 1772⁸, Amelia County, VA, m. Seth Webber, 19 Feb. 1786.
- 3. vii. William Chapman, b. about 1773, Amelia Co., d. 1855, Spartanburg Co., SC. He married (1) Elizabeth Bomar and (2) Ann Jones on 23 Dec. 1792 in Amelia County, VA.
- viii. Jane Chapman, b. about 1774, Amelia County, VA, m. William Weatherford, 11 Jun 1794

Children of John and Oney (League) Chapman⁹

- i. Jonathan Chapman, b. 18 Dec. 1799¹⁰, Amelia County, VA. He married (1) Dosha F. Powers on 25 Sep 1824 in Amelia County and (2) Celia A. Farley on 23 Oct. 1833 in Amelia Co., VA.

3. WILLIAM CHAPMAN, son of John and Nancy (Whitehead) Chapman, is estimated to have been born about 1773 in Amelia County, VA. According to the 1790 census, it appears that the Chapmans had not yet arrived in Spartanburg District. William is said to have married Ann Jones on 23 Dec. 1792¹¹ and Elizabeth Bomar. The children are all assigned to Ann Jones.¹²

The 1850 census of Spartanburg County lists:¹³

House 1385: William Chapman, age 77, b. VA
Elizabeth Chapman, age 67, b. SC

Landrum, in his sketch of the McDowell family has this to say of William Chapman: "William Chapman, the father-in-law of David and Hugh McDowell, was one of the first settlers on the Pacolets. His wife was a Miss Jones: they emigrated from Virginia and had fifteen children – twelve girls and three boys. The names of the boys were John (called Jackey), William and James.

⁷ This date is listed as 1769 by Rekow

⁸ This date is listed as 1770 by Rekow

⁹ Williams, Kathleen Booth, Marriages of Amelia County, Virginia, 1735 - 1815. (Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1979) "18 December 1799. CHAPMAN, John and Oney League, daughter of James League. Sur. Christopher Hubbard. Married 21 December by Rev. John Skurrey. P. C-5"

¹⁰ This date is from Rekow. Troy Goss gives about 1801.

¹¹ Williams, Kathleen Booth, Marriages of Amelia County, VA, 1735-1815. "21 December 1792. CHAPMAN, William and Ann Jones. Sur. Moses Pollard. Married 23 December by Rev. John Skurrey. P. C-5"

¹² Goss, Troy, Troy's Genealogue, a GEDCOM posted on www.worldconnect.com, as updated 29 May 2000.

¹³ Gilbert, Horace E. and Dusterhoff, Rodney, An Enhanced 1850 census of Spartanburg District, South Carolina (Piedmont District Chapter, SCGS, 1994).

Four of Wm. Chapman's daughters married to Copelands, two to McDowells (David and Hugh, as stated), one to Lemuel C. Clements, one to Perry Clement, one to a Bullington of Tennessee, one to a Nicholls, one to Jackson Green, and one to Rice Ramsey."

William Chapman made his will¹⁴ on 24 July 1850. He gave his daughter Louisa Nickols thirty acres around the house and one-hundred dollars. To his daughter, Mary Copeland, wife of William Copeland, he gave one-hundred dollars. These two daughters had previously received more than the others. The rest of his estate was to be divided among his wife Elizabeth Chapman and "my thirteen children not named above, viz. My sons John H. Chapman, William H. Chapman, and Jones Chapman, and my daughters Martha McDowell, wife of David McDowell, Elizabeth Copeland, wife of Charles Copeland, Judith Copeland, wife of John Copeland, Sarah Copeland, wife of Joseph Copeland, Ann Ramsy, wife of Rice Ramsy, Lucy Clement, wife of Lemuel Clement, Mirah Green, wife of William J. Green, Emily McDowell, wife of Hugh McDowell, Elender Clement, wife of E. P. Clement & Nancy Bullington, wife of Jesse Bullington. My said wife and my thirteen children last above named to Receive all the proceeds of the Sale of My Estate Equally Share and Share alike and I will that my Executor Shall sell all my Estate and divide it as above Stated. ... I will that my wife Elizabeth Shall Retain & keep all her property which she brought to my house after our marriage and also she is to have one-half what she has or shall have made since our marriage this is one half the furniture &c which she has had made since our marriage." Wm. Chapman named his friend Gabriel Cannon as executor. The will was probated 19 Feb. 1855 and Cannon's petition stated that William Chapman had departed this life on the 16th inst.

Among the members of the Chapman family buried at New Prospect Baptist Church are:¹⁵

- W. H. Chapman, 15 July 1801 - 2 July 1876
- Elminia, wife of W. H. Chapman, 17 July 1811 - 6 June 1897
- Emily, wife of Hugh McDowell, 26 July 1809 - 25 July [broken]

Elender Chapman and John Chapman and wife Lucy joined this church in Feb. 1840.

Children of William and Ann (Jones) Chapman¹⁶

- i. John H. Chapman, b. abt. 1793, in VA
- ii. Louisa Chapman, b. abt. 1794, in VA, m. Mr. Nickols
- iii. Mary Chapman, b. abt. 1795, m. Wm. Copeland
- iv. Judith Chapman, b. abt. 1796, in VA, m. John Copeland
- v. Elizabeth Chapman, b. abt 1797, in VA, m. Charles Copeland. Elizabeth, age 50, b. SC, and Charles Copeland, age 61, b. SC, are listed in the Gilbert's "Ehanced 1850 Census"

¹⁴ Spartanburg County Probate Judge Estate Papers, file no. 2152 (microfilm, Spartanburg County Library)

¹⁵ Vehorn, Larry, New Prospect (SC) Baptist Church Minutes, 1820-1855 & Cemetery Survey (Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 1999).

¹⁶ Troy Goss has given the sequence, birthplaces and estimated dates. The names of the children and those of the sons-in-law are in the will.

- vi. Sarah Chapman, b. abt. 1798, in VA, m. Joseph Copeland
- vii. Ann Chapman, b. abt. 1798, in VA, m. Rice Ramsy
- 4. viii. Martha Chapman, b. abt 1800 in Spartanburg Co. , SC, m. David McDowell
- ix. William H. Chapman, b. abt 1801, in Spartanburg Co., SC. He is listed as age 49, with Elvira Chapman, age 39, both b. in SC, in Gilbert's "Enhanced 1850 Census".
- x. Lucy Chapman, b. abt 1803, in Spartanburg Co., SC, m. Lemuel Clement. They are both listed as age 45, b. in SC, in Gilbert's "Enhanced 1850 Census".
- xi. Jones¹⁷ Chapman, b. abt. 1805, in Spartanburg Co., SC
- xii. Mirah Chapman, b. abt. 1807, in Spartanburg Co., SC, m. William J. Green. William J. Green, age 34, and Mary M., age 40, are in Gilbert's "Enhanced 1850 Census".
- xiii. Emily Chapman, b. 28 July 1809, in Spartanburg Co., SC, m. Hugh McDowell. She is listed as age 59, with Hugh McDowell, age 50, in Gilbert's "Enhanced 1850 Census".
- xiv. Elender Chapman, b. abt. 1810, in Spartanburg Co., SC, m. E. P. Clement
- xv. Nancy Chapman, b. abt 1812, Spartanburg Co., SC, m. Jesse Bullington

4. MARTHA CHAPMAN, daughter of William and Ann (Jones) Chapman, was born about 1800 in Spartanburg County, SC, and married David McDowell. See the McDowell Line.

¹⁷ Goss has this name as James.