

Greene Line

The purpose of this note is to record my progress on a Greene descent for my wife, Betty P. Olds. For this purpose, collateral lines are not detailed.

1. WILLIAM GREEN. (b. 1679/80 - d. 16 June 1722)

Although some have reported (e.g. George W. Greene in "The Geene [sic] Family of Watauga" published in N.C. Baptist Historical Register, vol. 3, page 24. G. W. Greene was a Baptist Missionary to China.) that the Greene family of western North Carolina descends from the immigrant John Greene of Rhode Island, I have found nothing to support this and feel safe only in beginning this line with a William Green who died in New Jersey about 1722 and apparently has no connection to the Rhode Island family. General Nathanael Greene was a descendant of the Rhode Island Greene's and the Western NC family had some tradition of connection to him.

The dates I have given to William Green above are from *The Heritage of the Toe River Valley, Volume I*, 1994 (Lloyd Richard Bailey, editor) in article 345 "Early History of the Greene Family" by Joseph L. Erwin. I have not seen these dates with such precision elsewhere.

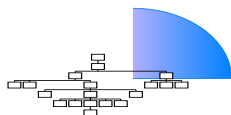
The New Jersey portion of this family is reported by Eli F. Cooley and William S. Cooley in *Genealogy of Early Settlers in Trenton and Ewing, "Old Hunterdon County", New Jersey* (originally published in 1883, reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., Baltimore, 1977) who introduce William as follows:

"William Green (1), ancestor of the families of that name in this region, dissatisfied with some new relation in his father's family, left his native land, England, at the early age of twenty, and landed at the port of Philadelphia. Soon after, desirous of returning, and finding no vessel about to sail from that port, he went to New York, but not meeting with an opportunity immediately, visited Long Island. He there became acquainted with the family of John Reeder, recently arrived from England, whose sister, or daughter, Joanna, in process of time, he married, and removed to Ewing township, about 1700. He purchased three hundred and forty-five acres of Col. Daniel Coxe, the deed bearing the date of 1712, and on it erected the first brick house in the township, which is still standing, having on the west end the date, 1717, and is owned and occupied by his descendant of the fifth generation, Henry Green. His qualities were such as to give him distinction, for he was appointed one of the first judges of Hunterdon county, and from the frequent mention of his name in public affairs and important business transactions, he was evidently a prominent and useful citizen."

Much of the same information is given by James W. Moore in *Rev. John Moore of Newtown, Long Island, and some of his descendants* (Chemical Publishing Company, Easton, Pa, 1903) who reports that William Green came from England at about the age of 20 and lived first on Long



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Island where he met and married Joanna Reeder. They moved to Ewing Township, New Jersey, about 1700. He bought 345 acres there from Daniel Coxe in 1712. In 1717, he built there the first brick house in the township. He was the first Assessor of Hunterdon County and a Justice. In 1721, he was Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He was buried in the Ewing Churchyard in 1722.

His will (reprinted by Moore and filed in will Book 2, p. 240 in the NJ Archives at Trenton) was made 11 Jan. 1721. He called himself a yeoman of Trenton, Hunterdon Co., NJ, and named his wife Joanna, sons Richard, Joseph, and William and daughters Joanna and Sarah, who (the daughters) were under 18. Other paragraphs mention younger sons Benjamin, John, Jeremiah, and Isaac, and daughters Esther and Mary. He named his sons Richard and Joseph as executors and his four younger sons, under 17, were to learn the trades. The will was probated on 1 June 1723.

The New Jersey portion of this family is reported more extensively by Eli F. Cooley and William S. Cooley who report of the son Jeremiah only that he moved to NC.

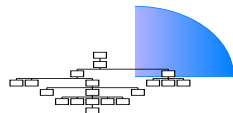
Children of William and Joanna (Reeder) Green

- i. Richard
married Mary, dau. of George Ely, and d. in 1741
- ii. Joseph
married Elizabeth Merson; an elder in the Ewing Church; died 12 March 1784, age 85.
- iii. William
married Lydia, daughter of Enoch Armitage; an incorporator of Trenton First Church (now Ewing); d. 1786, age 84.
- iv. Joanna
- v. Sarah
- vi. Benjamin
m. Martha, dau. of Stephen Dean; one of the first common councilmen of Trenton after it was made a borough.
- vii. John
no further information in Cooley.
2. viii. Jeremiah
- ix. Isaac
married and moved to Sussex county, NJ, and left descendants.
- x. Esther
- xi. Mary

2. JEREMIAH GREEN (b. 1705-1718, estimated from the fact that he was under 17 in 1721



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and was probably not the youngest of the children of William Green, d. 1722; died ca. 1762, estimated from the fact that his estate was probated in Jan. 1763.)

I have no direct evidence that Jeremiah Greene of NC is the son of William of NJ although the NC man is clearly associated with New Jersey.

G. W. Greene, referenced above, has this to say:

" About the middle of the last century a colony moved from New Jersey and settled in Rowan County, North Carolina. This 'Jersey Settlement' is now a part of Davidson County and lies near the Yadkin River, opposite Salisbury. In this colony was Jeremiah Greene, with a large family of sons and daughters. Later generations pronounce the name Jeremy, but in the old records it is always written Jeremiah. H. E. McCullough, of England, had secured grants to large tracts of land in North Carolina, tract No. 9 containing 12,500 acres, including much of the Jersey Settlement. Jeremiah Greene bought 541 acres of this tract. This land is described as 'lying on the waters of the Atkin or Pee Dee' on Pott's Creek. This creek passes near the village of Linwood, within a mile of Jersey church, and empties into the Yadkin, not far away. The land was bought in 1762. Some years later when this tract of land was divided between his two sons, the new deeds were not registered, but the names of the new owners were written on the margin of the page where the old deed was registered.

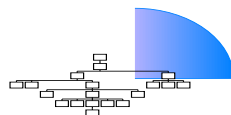
"Jeremiah Greene seems to have spent the rest of his days in Davidson, and probably died about the end of the century. His son Isaac also probably remained in the Jersey Settlement and is the ancestor of those of the name now living in Davidson. Stephen Greene, who was probably a younger son of Jeremiah Greene, in 1784 settled in the Forks of the Yadkin, and has left in Davie County a large and honorable progeny.

"Soon after the war of the Revolution three sons and two daughters of Jeremiah Greene left the Jersey Settlement and moved to Watauga, which was then a part of Wilkes. These three brothers were Richard, Jeremiah and John. They were all then married, had large families, children grown and probably some grandchildren. Their sisters also were married, Joanna to Landrine Eggers, and Sarah to a man named Wilson.

He married Joanna Hunt, sister of Daniel Hunt, a statement which appears to be based solely on circumstantial evidence in the Hunt family. In 1962, Mrs. May Stringfield wrote me that her authority for this conclusion was "a genealogist who did work in N. J. Dates fit and our John Hunt had a daughter Joanna, as shown in his will. Several of Jeremiah's children had names characteristic of Hunt family."

More recently Mitchell J. Hunt has written about this part of the Hunt family (Mitchell J. Hunt, *A Corrected Genealogy of Col. Jonathan Hunt (1716-1782) and his Rowan Co., North Carolina Siblings and their Descendants*, 502 Church St., Willow Grove, PA, 19090-2701, Feb. 1994, page 13).

"Johanna Hunt, also found as Joanna and Hannah, is shown by Yount and others as "dying young" but was found by Cook to have m. in Hopewell, NJ, Philip Phillips who died 1748/9 and nothing further on her was found in Hopewell records. From impressive circumstantial evidence she m. 2d, prob. as his second wife, Jeremiah Greene and removed with him and some of her siblings to Rowan Co., NC. There is legend in the families of some descendants of Jonathan Hunt that his sister was the wife of Jeremiah Green. Among the records of McCulloch transfers was one for 540 acres to "Geremiah" Green 27 Nov. 1761. The Hunts and Greenes were closely associated in Rowan County and John Green, the son of Jeremiah, m. 16 Jan. 1799 [error for 1779 -- DWO]



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Hannah Hunt, the dau. of Daniel Hunt whose wife is speculated to have been a Green."

On 19 Oct. 1756, Jeremiah Greene witnessed a deed from John and Anne Harry to George Ruth for 60 acres on both sides of Abbotts Creek, above the mouth of Brushy Fork. (First mention of him; Deed Book 3, p. 437; Jo White Linn, *Abstracts of the Deeds of Rowan County, North Carolina, 1753-1785*, Salisbury, NC, 1983).

The McCubbins Collection, in the Rowan County Public Library, Salisbury, NC, is a collection of abstracts relating to Rowan County families, especially from Deeds and Court records. Here are some notes relative to the Greene line, taken from that collection.

Oct. 20, 1757: "This day Came into Open Court, John Cratchfield and Jacob McKenney and Proved the last Will and Testament of John Garrett Decsd. Constituting and appointing Michel Miers & Jeremiah Green Executors, which took the Oath Proscribed by Law."

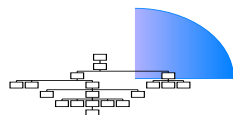
Book 4, p. 96 shows that David Jones & wife, Hannah, let Esq. Thomas Parker have on April 20, 1759, some land (got by Jones on March 8 in the 31st year of the reign of King George II) for 51 pounds, 1 shilling and 6d of Va. money. This land adjoined that surveyed for Robert Gamble, Jones, & Jeremiah Green.

Apr. 21, 1761: "On motion of Mr. John Dunn on behalf of Daniel Garrett, Mchl. Mires & Jeremiah Green Exrs: of the last will and testament of John Garett Decd. be Summond to appear at our next Inferior Cur then and there to Render an Acct to Our Sd. Court how they have proceeded on Sd. Administration as Exrs."

Deed from Esq. Henry McCulloh to Jeremiah Green for 541 acres Nov. 27, 1761, acknowledged by the Honourable Henry Eustice McCulloh Esq."

Deed Book 5, p 44: On Nov 27 of the 2d year of the reign of King George III., Esq. Henry McCulloh lets Jeremiah Green, a planter of Rowan Co., N. C. have 541 acres in tract #9 (100,000 acres) next Greshom Hunt, Potts Creek, Joseph Bowen, Patrick Silver & Mr. Frohock, for 55 pounds 11 shillings, witnessed by Robert & John Rainey, Alexander Ford and William Giles and proved in Oct. 1762

Jan 12, 1763: "Order'd Per Cur. on motion of Mr. Fanning that Hannah Green, Richard Green & Isaac Green have letters of Administration of the estate of Jeremiah Green decsd. upon Giving Securities Peter Peagley & J. B. Stagner in the sum of 600. The inventory of his estate was returned on 13 April 1763. (I need to find out what has become of these estate papers and why I have no notes on them or references to them. Rowan County was formed in 1753 from Anson and began recording wills in 1760, with little loss of records but Jeremiah's will is not recorded by Mitchell (Mitchell, Thornton W., *North Carolina Wills: A Testator Index, 1665-1900, corrected and Revised in one volume*, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992.) Thus the many subsequent mentions of Jeremiah Green refer to Jeremiah II and wife Mary or Jeremiah III and wife Hannah or others. This disagrees with the assumption of G. W. Greene that Jeremiah Greene lived until



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late in the century.

Book 6, p. 372: "On Jan. 12, 1767, Richard Green -- no wife signs -- lets John Sloan (both of Rowan Co., N.C.) have 100 acres next Joseph Bowen, Mirack Davis & Isaac Green, for 5 shillings -- the release price being 20 pounds the next day-- witnessed by W. Frohock & Henry Sloan & proved in Jan. 1767 (This is part of a tract Esq. Henry McCulloh let Jeremiah Green have on Nov. 27 in the 2d year of the reign of King George in 1761.) [Mary Green m. John Sloan, Rowan Co., per marriage bond dated 23 Dec. 1765. Was she a sister of Richard? The will of John Sloan, probated 1780, named wife Mary, sons Archibald, John, Jeremiah, daughters Margaret and Mary [Jo White Linn, *Abstracts of Wills and Estates Records of Rowan County, North Carolina, 1753-1805 and Tax Lists of 1759 and 1778*, Salisbury, NC, 1980]

Feb. 15, 1770 Inferior Court Minutes: "A Mortgage from Richard Green of Rowan County to Richard Green of Trenton Hunderton County in Wes(?) New Jersey for 200-1/2 Acres of Land in Rowan County dated the 15th day of February 1770 proved by Benjamin Merrel in Open Court."

Book 7 p. 177: "Richard Green of Rowan Co., N.C. (no wife) on Feb. 12, 1770 lets Richard Green of Trenton, Hunderton Co. West Jersey, have for 106 pounds & 18 shillings tract called #9, or 220-1/2 acres next that of Gersham Hunt on Potts Creek next John Sloan witnessed by Michael Brown and Benjamin Merrel. (This is part of a tract of 100,000 acres)"

Book 8 p. 497: "May 4 1778, Richard Green & wife Ellenar let Isaac Green have 200 acres, for 60 pounds, witnessed by Elizabeth Hunt and Gershom Hunt & proved by the latter in May 1778. (This is part of the 541 acres which Esq. Henry McCulloh let Jeremiah Green have on Nov. 27 of the second year of the King)." [I corrected my reference here using Jo White Linn's *Deeds*.]

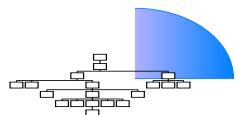
Book 8, p545: 17 Sept 1778, Isaac Green and wife Margaret sold 200 a. to John Ford, land granted to Jeremiah Green by McCulloh. [I don't have this in my McCubbins notes and added it here from Jo White Linn's *Deeds*.]

Book B, page 26: will of John Green, made 20 April 1781. Wife Mary (who seems to have two children). Daughter Elizabeth. There seem to be six children to divide among: Filereth, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Robert, Rachel, & John. Witnesses: Andrew Baird, Benjn. Todd, and Jas Bla---? [What John Green could this be -- brother of Jeremiah? --DWO]

Aug. 7, 1781: "The will of John Green proved by Benja. Todd & James Blair; Executor Dead, therefore letters of Adminisn. with the Will annexed issued to Henry Davis who gave Thomas Smith and Joseph Todd Securities in the sum of 20.000"

Feb. 9, 1785: "Administration on the Estate of Andrew Beard issued to Hannah Beard and Jacob Wiseman, who qualified according to Law and gave Bond with Richard and Jerem. Green Securities in 400". (Buried in Jersey Meeting House yard are: Andrew Beard born 1737 died 1785 age 48 years and his wife Hannah, born May 5, 1746 and died April 2, 1811. Oliver Green born in 1764 died 1784 is buried there as are some Sloans, Wisemans, Millers, McCrarys, Feesors, Darrs.)

Book 11, p. 593: "Sept. 22 1788, Archibald Sloan, a planter of Rowan Co., N. C. (no wife signs) lets the heirs of Yost Cope (also of Rowan) deceased --heirs not named--have 100 acres



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next Joseph Brown, Miraih Davis and Thomas Harper, for 150 pounds, witnessed by Elizabeth Liman & Jacob Wiseman Jr. & proved by the latter in Nov. 1788. (This is part of a tract which Esq. Henry McCulloh let Jeremiah Green have Nov. 27, 1761, & Richard Green conveyed to John Sloan on Jan. 13, 1767)."

Book 13, page 513: "On March 21, 1788, Richard Green, a planter, & wife Elenor, let Thomas Harper have 260 acres on Potts Creek next Gershum Hunt, Yost Cope & John Ford, for 350 pounds, witnessed by Jacob Wiseman & John fford & proved by the latter in Feb. 1794 (This is part of 541 acres which Esq. H. E. McCulloh sold Jeremiah Green in the 2nd year of the reign of King George III, but he reserved 1/4 of an acre where the graves now are for his own use as a burial ground)"

Book 11, page 794: "May 18, 1789, The State grants (#1869 at 10 pounds the 100 acres) to Landrine Eggers 200 acres on Potts Creek next Joseph Smith, Daniel Sherwood, Martin Trantham & Adam Swicegood."

Book 13, page 590: "On Jan. 1 1793, Landrine Eggers, a planter of Wilkes Co., N.C., -- no wife signs -- lets Jeremiah Green, also a planter, have 200 acres on Potts Creek next Joseph Smith, Daniel Sherwood, Martin Trantham & Adam Swicegood, for 120 pounds, witnessed & proved by Isaac Green in May 1794. (State Grant #1869 had transferred this land to Landrine Eggers on May 18, 1789)."

Children of Jeremiah and Joanna (Hunt) Greene

(based on a list by Alton L. Greene in letter to Dan W. Olds, 3 March 1964)

i. Mary Greene m. John Sloan; I have added her to Alton Greene's list tentatively, based on no more evidence than that listed above.

3.ii. Richard Greene, m. Eleanor Sullivan

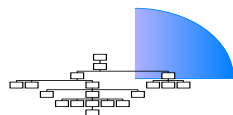
[I moved Richard to near the head of the list; he is stated below to have been the oldest of the five siblings who moved to Watauga.]

iii. Jeremiah Greene II, b. 15 Feb. 1755, died in Ashe Co., NC

m. Mary "Polly" Wiseman, in Rowan Co., NC, in 3 Oct. 1773. Although some published records give this date as 1775, a careful examination (by Alton Greene, with magnifying glass) of the original shows it to be 1773.

iv. John Greene, b. 3 Nov. 1757, m. Hannah Hunt, b. 8 Oct. 1756

Among the materials given me by Mrs. May Stringfield in 1962, I have a certified copy of the family records from a Green family Bible (H. & E. Phinney's Stereotyped Edition, Cooperstown, NY, 1834) and I quote them here because I think it is not widely available and helps specify the family of this John Green, a Revolutionary War Soldier (file W19540). The Bible was once owned by Susannah Green, 4th child below, who married Thomas Brown. It clearly never belonged to the soldier himself, but may have belonged to his widow. However, in her pension application, Hannah Green referred to two family Bibles, neither of which could be this one. The older one had belonged to the Hunt family from which she descended but contained the record of the John Green family including their marriage on 8 Jan. 1788. [but



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the marriage bond is dated 16 Jan. 1779?] Of these Green children, Peggy m. Jacob Ingram, Richard m. Mary Shearer, Daniel m. Nancy Shearer, and Mary m. John "Jack" Shearer [information from May Stringfield].

"John Green, son of Jeremiah Green, was born the third day of November in the year 1757
"And Hannah, his wife, was born October the 8th, 1756

"Peggy Green was born September third, 1788
"Richard Green was born August the 21st, 1790
"Daniel Green was born February the 21st, 1793
"Susannah Green was born March the 6th, 1795
"Mary Green was born August the 15th, 1797

Deaths

"John Green deceased November the 21st, 1826
"Peggy Green deceased December 23rd, 1829
"Hannah Green deceased December 28th, 1851

v. Isaac Greene

vi. Stephen Greene, d. in Ashe Co., NC

"probably a younger son of Jeremiah Greene, in 1784 settled in the Forks of the Yadkin, and has a large progeny in Davie County" -- G. W. Greene

vii. Joannah Greene, m. Landrine Eggers

Joanna Silvers (issued 16 April 1779), Joanna may have earlier married a Silvers. {Letter of Ruth Mills, Maryville, TN to Dan Olds, 1 Oct. 1966}

viii. Sarah Greene, m. _____ Wilson

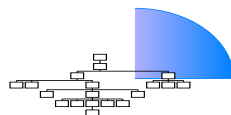
3. RICHARD GREENE. (He must have been born by 1745 if settling his father's estate in 1763, thus much older than some siblings. Note Mitchell Hunt's suggestion of second marriage for Jeremiah Greene. He is estimated by some to have died about 1818.)

Quoting again from G. W. Greene, referenced above:

"Richard, the oldest of the five [children of Jeremiah who moved to Watauga], seems to have settled near Blowing Rock. He was accompanied by his father-in-law, an old man named Sullivan. The old man carried a tombstone with him, saying that he was going to start a graveyard in the new country. He died in 1794. There were no sawmills, and so no lumber for a coffin. His neighbors took their axes, went to the woods and hewed a coffin out of a poplar tree. It was winter and the tree was found frozen hard. This is supposed to have been the first white man buried in Watauga County. The grave is still seen near Blowing Rock, less than a mile from the Green Park Hotel. The stone is of a slaty formation, quite similar to those commonly seen around Jersey church, and different from those found around the grave. The inscription reads:

F 27
1794

"The other two brothers, Jeremiah and John, settled in the middle or eastern part of the county, while the sisters



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probably lived nearer to the border of Tennessee."

"Richard Greene and his wife, Eleanor, were the first of the name received into Jersey Church. In 1789, they were dismissed by letter, and the next year, with six others, they organized Three Forks Church, not far from Boone.

"Richard Greene had eight children. His first five children had twelve each, two others ten each, while only one had to be content with seven.

"Joanna Eggers was probably baptized at Jersey before she was married, and was one of the constituent members of Cove Creek Church when it was organized in 1799. For many years she was a sort of deaconess without the name. When any of the younger sisters got wrong, as they sometimes did even in those old times, it was quite common to appoint Sister Joanna Eggers to see them about the matter. Her son, Hugh, was long a prominent member of this church, but her husband, Landrine Eggers, did not join the church till he was quite old."

J. P. Arthur in his History of Watauga County, North Carolina, 1915, says that the tombstone inscription, above, is E. E. S. 1794, with the S upside down, but also quotes G. W. Greene's interpretation.

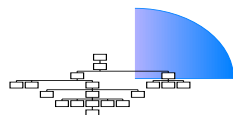
J. P. Arthur also has a segment on the Eggers family in which he states that Landrine Eggers came from London to eastern NC and then to Ashe County. He says Eggers married (1) _____ and then (2) Joanna Green "whose family lived near Three Forks Church and were members of that body".

The Jersey Baptist Meeting House was constituted 16 Oct. 1784. On 2 Jan. 1785 the "church met after prayer opened a door for experience. Richard Greene and Ellender Green was Received. Hannah Green joined the church by experience. On 7 April 1789, "Brother Richard Green and sister Ellener was dismissed".

Richard and Eleanor Green are also mentioned in the notes from the McCubbins collection quoted in connection with Jeremiah Green, above.

The Heritage of Caldwell County, North Carolina, Volume I, 1983, E. Carl Anderson, Jr., Editor, and John O. Hawkins, Family History Editor (Hunter Publishing Company, Winston-Salem, NC) contains several articles on the Greene family. An article on "The Greens of Mulberry" by Patsy Richardson, p. 352, states:

"The Caldwell Greens seem to have descended from Richard, born about 1740 in New Jersey, who married Eleanor Sullivan, the marriage date not known. He settled near the present location of Green Park Hotel. Richard died about 1818. His children seem to be: Jeremiah, who married Ann Hartley and moved to Tennessee; Richard, Jr., who married Francis -?- and moved to Tennessee; John, called 'Moccasin' who married Elizabeth Coffey; Eleanor, who married a Baker and moved to Ohio; Amos, who married Elizabeth Searcy and moved first to Rutherford County, and later to Cherokee County, Ga; Joseph who married first Elizabeth Shearer and second



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Celia Elrod; Benjamin, twin to Joseph, who married Mary Elrod; and Isaac, called "Mountain Isaac" (to distinguish him from his cousin who was called "Flatty Isaac"), who married Susan Gragg.

"Isaac was born about 1787 in Rowan County. He married on 28 May 1810 Susan Gragg, daughter of William Gragg and Elizabeth Pulliam. This couple appears to have lived in Mulberry. Susan died after 1850 and Isaac died between 1850 and 1860."

According to this article, Isaac also had sons named Benjamin and Joseph (which is one reason it is difficult to be certain about J. P. Arthur's intentions). I don't know where else this compiled list exists and I need to seek more evidence for it. Since the records of Watauga County were destroyed in 1872, the list is difficult to confirm, as are the details of the families of Joseph and Robert Greene in subsequent generations.

Children of Richard and Eleanor (Sullivan?) Greene

i. Jeremiah Greene m. Ann Hartley

Jeremiah Green, Jr., m. Anne Hartley, Rowan Co. marriage bond dated 2 April 1790 with bondsman Jeremiah Green, Sr. Alton L. Greene placed this Jeremiah as a son of Jeremiah and Mary (Wiseman) Greene which seems to fit the facts better.

ii. Richard Greene m. Frances _____

iii. John "Moccasin" Greene, "3rd son of Richard Greene... died in Madison County in 1852. ... was there [battle of Guilford Court House] at the age of 18." [G. W. Greene] He m. Elizabeth Coffey

iv. Eleanor Greene m. Mr. Baker

v. Amos Greene m. Elizabeth Searcy

In 1967, Mrs. Ed. McMann of Oklahoma City wrote me that her great-grandfather, Jesse Mercer Green had left a Journal with the following family notes:

Amos Greene, b. 1778, North Carolina, d. 1/6/1857 in Georgia.

William Washington Green, b. 2/3/1813 Rutherford Co., NC

Jesse Mercer Green b. 4/7/1836

Jesse M. Green thought that Richard Green was the name of the father of Amos Green.

4.vi. Joseph Greene

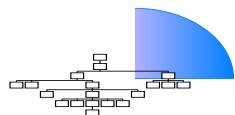
vii. Benjamin Greene m. Mary Elrod

viii. Isaac Greene m. Susan Gragg

4. JOSEPH GREENE. (b. ca. 1783, d. 1850 or after)

He m. (1) Elizabeth Shearer and (2) Celia Elrod.

Records in the Family Record "Age Book" of Robert Findlay Shearer are relevant to the Greene descent. [In 1951, this book was owned by Annie Shearer Blair of Thomasville, NC. I am working from a photocopy of a certified, typed, copy given to me by Mrs. Blair and her sister, Mrs. May Stringfield, in 1962. They were great-great granddaughters of Robert Findlay Shearer.]



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"Robert Findlay Shearer was born on the 5 of August in the year of our Lord 1768.
"Robert Shearer and Sary Kindall was maryed the 19 of November in the year of our Lord 1789
"Betsy Shearer was bom on the 3 of September in the year of our Lord 1790, and was mared to Joseph Green the 22 day of January in the year of our Lord 1807, and
"Departed this life the 23 of June in the year of our Lord 1811.

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"Saly Green was born the 22 of January in the year of our Lord 1808
"Robert Green was born the 25 August in the year of our Lord 1810
"Mary Shearer was married to Richard Green the 18 of August in the year Lord 1814
"Amy Green was Born the 3 Day of Aprile in the year of our Lord 1815.
"John Shearer was mared to Mary Green the 27 of Aprile in the year of our Lord 1815
"Susane Green was born the 4 of March in the year of our Lord 1818
"Franky Green was born 17 of July in the year of our Lord 1815"

From the same source, I also have a certified copy of the will of Robert Shearer, Will Book A, pages 8-9, Ashe County, NC. This will was made 25 Oct. 1845.

He names his wife Sarah Shearer and seven daughters who got \$300 each:

- Nancy Green, wife of Daniel Green
- Polly Green, wife of Richard Green
- Sally Hodge, wife of Gilbert Hodge
- Faney Reece, wife of Joel Reece
- Lucy Norris, wife of John Norris
- Ann Cook, wife of Henry Cook

"Robert Green & Sarah Hayes, children of my Daughter Elizabeth Green being dead, Robert Green & Sarah Hayes to receive her portion their portions jointly to be equal with that of my Six living daughters"

His son John Shearer and son-in-law Daniel Greene were to be executors.

Additional notes from *The Heritage of Caldwell County, North Carolina*:

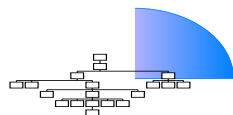
On page 353, the article entitled "Ancestors of J. B. Greene" by Mrs. J. B. Greene states:

"Warren was the youngest son of Joseph Greene (born in 1783). Joseph was married twice, first to Elisabeth Shearer and then to Celia Elrod." This Joseph Warren Greene was born in 1837 and died 28 March 1865.

On page 354, the article entitled "Robey and Mozelle Swanson Greene" by Judy G. Richards lists Hiram Hugh Greene (1824-1865) as a son of Joseph Greene (1783-?) and Celia Elrod (1797-?) and shows Jeremiah as a son of Richard Greene (1780-1818) and Elynor Sullivan.

Near Robert Greene in the 1850 census of Watauga County, NC, is listed (from Laura Bush Sims; should be re-examined for "Celia"):

Joseph Greene 67 m. Farmer \$200



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Lila ?52 f.
Joseph 12 m.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Shearer) Greene

- i. Sarah "Sally" Greene, b. 22 Jan. 1808; she m. Mr. Hayes
- 5. ii. Robert Greene, b. 25 Aug. 1810

Children of Joseph and Celia (Elrod) Greene

- iii.
- iv.
- v. Hiram Hugh Greene, b. 1824, d. 1865
- vi.
- vii.
- viii. Joseph Warren Greene, b. 1837, d. 28 March 1865

5. ROBERT GREENE, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Shearer) Greene, was born 25 Aug. 1810. On 23 Feb. 1834, he married Chaney Elrod¹ who was born 3 May 1817. She died 28 Nov. 1862 and he married (2) Julia Ann Moore (her second husband) on 11 June 1864. She was born 20 Feb. 1830 and died 4 July 1886. Robert Greene died 14 Jan. 1885. I have visited the area where he lived, but have not been able to locate his grave. I have his picture.

Julia Ann Moore was a daughter of Rev. Job Moore of Globe Valley, Caldwell Co., NC. She had first married a cousin, Rufus Moore. See the MOORE LINE.

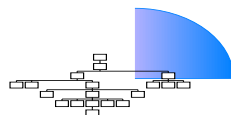
Robert's place in the Greene lineage is firmly established by the Shearer Age book and will, quoted above, and the Bible record quoted below. When I copied it, this Bible was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bela Poteat of Jonesborough, TN. This Bible previously belonged to E. E. Greene Stafford (Aunt Betty Stafford) and she apparently entered the family records or at least some of them. The Bible may have belonged to her father, Robert Greene. It was printed by Ziegler and McCurdy, copyright 1872.

J. M. Stafford of N. C. and E. E. Greene of N. C. on 4th June 1865 at Joshua Cri-tes(?) by Rev. Joseph Harrison
witnesses: Wm. Coffey and Reuben Estes

BIRTHS

Robert Lafayette Rose was born Jan. the 14th 1873. J. M. and E. E. Stafford adopted him as a son in the year

¹ Arthur, John Preston, A History of Western North Carolina, (Richmond, Everett Waddey Co., 1915), in an article on the Elrod Family (p. 305), states that Chaney Elrod, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Lowrance) Elrod, married Robert Greene, father of Judge L. L. Greene.



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1875

E. E. Stafford was born Sept. 4, 1849, Married June 4, 1865

Was baptized by Elder R. H. Moody Oct. 1866

J. M. Stafford was born May 31, 1845. was married to E. E. Greene, June 4, 65

was baptized with his wife by Elder R. H. Moody in John's River Oct. 1866 [dates of baptism have been marked over and are not clear]

Sallie Greene was born Feb. 7th, 1835 and died March 7th, 1835 [the birth date may be Feb. 4th]

Louisa Greene was born Feb. 7th, 1837

William Greene was born Nov. 11th, 1839 and departed this life Jan. 26, 1863.

L. L. Greene was born Nov. 11th, 1845

Mary Greene was born Sept. 23/41 Died June 23/1844

Anna Greene was born Sept. 19th, 1866

Emma N. Greene was born May 18, 1870 [?]

Julia Greene Feb. 20, 1830 [added in pencil]

MARRIAGES

Delila Stafford was born in the year 1812 June 16

Joined the Baptist Church 1832 was baptised by Elder Joseph Maning in Clay Creek, Tenn. Cock Co.

Was married to Thomas Stafford Aug. 1st 1837

Robert Greene Father of E. E. Stafford was born Aug. 25th 1810

Was married to Chaney Elrod Feb. 23, 1834

Died Jan. 14th, 1885

Chaney Elrod was born May 3rd 18__ [??]

was married to Robert Greene

Died Nov. 28th, 1862

Annie Greene was married to John S. Poteet Sept. 28, 1887

Emma N. Greene was married to Charley A. Young Feb. 9th, 1888

DEATHS

Sina Harden departed this life Aug. 6th 1874, Aged 23 years & 14 Days

George W. Stafford was born June 13th, 1849

Julia an Moore was married to Robert Greene her second husban [sic] June 11th, 1864. She died July 4th, 1886

Joseph M. Stafford Departed this life Oct 31, 1890 aged 45 years & 6 months

L. L. Greene departed this life Nov. 2, 1898 lacking 9 days being 53 years of age

Louisa West, Departed this life Feb. 24, 1892. aged 55 years & 17 days.

FROM A LOOSE PAPER IN THIS BIBLE:

Robert Greene & Chaney Elrod Feb. 23, 1834

Robert Greene was born Aug. 25th 1810 died Jan. 14, 1885

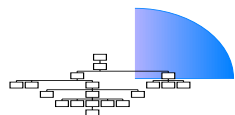
Chaney Greene May 3, 1817 died 28 Nov. 1862

Sallie Greene Feb. 7, 1835, died 7 March 1835

Louisa Greene 7 F. 1837

Wm. Greene Aug. 20, 1839, died Jan. 26, 1863

L. L. Greene Nov. 11, 1845



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E. E. Greene Sept. 4, 1849
R. A. Greene Sept. 19, 1866
E. M. Greene May 18, 1870
Mary Greene Sept 23, 1841 died June 23, 1844

Robert Greene and family are listed in the 1850 census of Watauga Co., NC as follows [Sent by Laura Sims Bush in 1989]:

page 144, 537/541

Robert Green	40, male, Farmer, b. NC, \$1800
Chany	34, female
Louisa	13, female
William	12, male
Leannaes[?]	4, male
Elizabeth	1, female

The marriage bond for Robert Green and Julia Moore was filed in Caldwell Co., NC, dated 4 June 1864. [copy sent by Laura Sims Bush, 1989]

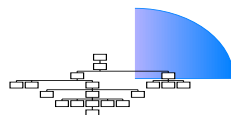
In the 1870 census, he was enumerated in Patterson twp., Caldwell Co., NC [also sent by Laura Sims Bush, 1989]:

page 19, #138:

Green, Robert	59, male, farmer \$1500, \$600
Julia	40 female, keeping house
Chany R.	3 female, at house
Emily N.	1/2 female, born in May
Moore, Josephine L.	19, female, at home
Sarah C.	15, female, at home
Louisa A.	10, female, at home

From the 1880 Soundex, Laura Bush also sent a copy of the index card for Robert Green, age 69, of Patterson twp., Caldwell Co., NC., with wife Julia, age 50, and daughters Anner, age 13, and Emma, age 10, and a servant James Webb, age 16.

"Whether true or not, Blalock believed that Robert Green, who then lived in the Globe, but had also a place at Blowing Rock, was in the party that had wounded him. Accordingly, when he and some of his comrades met Green one day while he was driving his wagon from the Globe to Blowing Rock, he shot Green as he ran down the side of the mountain, breaking his thigh. Green's friends say that Blalock's crowd left him lying as he had fallen, and that he managed to regain the wagon, turn it around and drive back home. Blalock's friends say that after he had wounded Green, shooting him through his wagon body and afterwards bragging on his marksmanship, he went to him, and finding him unconscious, took him to his wagon, put him in it, turned the wagon around and started the team in the direction of Green's home. This is doubted by Green's friends, however. Robert Green was



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the father of the late Judge L. L. Green, of this county." [John Preston Arthur, *A History of Watauga County, North Carolina*, Everett Waddey Co., Richmond, 1915, page 161]

On pages 217ff, Arthur lists some Ante-Bellum residents of Blowing Rock and says "John Bryant lived where the Blowing Rock hotel stands, on land belonging to Col. James Harper. Edmund Greene lived near the present site of the Greene Park hotel, and Isaac Greene where the Boyden house now stands. Joseph Greene lived near the present site of the German Reformed Church. Amos Greene lived on the opposite side of the road from the present residence of Mrs. Dr. Reeves. Robert Greene, father of Judge L. L. Greene, lived where the Cone Lake now is ..." It is not clear what Joseph Greene is intended here. In fact, I have difficulty with several sections of Mr. Arthur's book in knowing what relationships he intends among the Greens he names. In a similar quote:

"We will now notice the people who originally lived along the Blue Ridge, from Deep Gap to Coffey's Gap. Solomon Green lived in the Deep Gap, and was a good citizen and entertained the traveling public. He was the son of "Flatty" Isaac Green, who lived on Meat Camp near the noted Brown place of 640 acres, the lower part of which is now owned by Lindsey Patterson, of Winston-Salem, and the upper part by L. A. Green, who lives near. L.A. Green is a son of "Little" John Green, who was a son of Richard Green, all of whom are well to do people. This takes us to the old Green settlement, where the two noted brothers, Joseph and Benjamin Green, lived. These brothers were so much alike that their neighbors could scarcely tell them apart. Isaac Green, called "Mountain" Isaac, lived at what is now the Boyden place, where he reared a large family. Amos Green lived where Mrs. Sallie Reeves, widow of the late Dr. L. C. Reeves, now lives. He had a large family. Alexander Green, son of Benjamin, lived where Mr. Lance now lives, one mile east of Blowing Rock. His father used to live there before him, while Joseph Green lived east of Green Park hotel. He was the grandfather of Mrs. W. L. Bryan. A small Reformed Lutheran Church stands on part of the land. Warren Green, youngest son of Joseph, was killed when Stoneman raided Boone. Robert Greene lived where Cone's Lake now is. He was the father of Judge L. L. Green, his wife having been Chaney Elrod, Lot Estes married Chaney Green, a daughter of Benjamin Green,"

The will of Robert Greene is filed in Will Book B, p. 131, Caldwell Co., NC, as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen, I Robert Greene Sr. of the County of Caldwell and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the

"To my wife Julia A. Greene, my home tract of land and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging [during] her lifetime or during her widowhood at either death or marriage. I devise and bequeath all my aforesaid premises, with all the stock with every description, Household and kitchen furniture and all moneys or credits that may be on hand at my death to be equally divided between my two daughters Chaney R. Green Emma H. Green and lastly I do appoint Jesse Moore Sr. my lawful executor

21st day of May 1879

witn: M. L. Moore

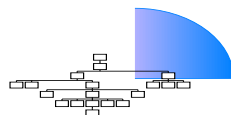
Newton Moore

probated 24 July 1885 by Jesse Moore, exec."

I feel that Robert Greene should have a marked grave but have been unable to locate it by correspondence or in person. He owned two farms and left several children surviving. One of those farms was in Globe Valley, Caldwell County, NC. I corresponded with Mrs. Mary Estes Triplett who lived there, was a relative, and had written the booklet on the Moore and Estes families of the Globe. In 1962, she wrote:

"First let me say I'm old (85) crippled, so I never go out of yard without a cane and help to boot.

"I asked my Uncle to see on Mulberry Creek. He promised to look but doubted if it could be found, that ended. I



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wrote two elderly parties in Watauga County who should know but so far they have not answered. If I ever hear I'll write you at once. I believe he must have been laid to rest in Globe Valley of John's River.

"Two graveyards have washed away in Globe and I do not know of anyone to ask as all have gone, moved away or died.

"I'm sorry I do not recall, I never realized the need to know till we started to write that book on the Moores and Estes. Mama a Moore and papa an Estes altho' his grandmother was a Moore and they never cautioned us to recall anything and youngster's like away we went, not caring which way the wind blew. So we were let alone but Julia Moore Green's father was one of the founders of Globe Missionary Baptist Church. I am sure he gave the land. The graveyard there is on a hill back of the church.

"I asked a lady to see if a grave of Robert Greene was there? She promised to see but no word from there, and Globe was my maiden home but I cant walk to that graveyard now or ever. I think very small stones must have marked his grave and I have not heard because they did not have anything to tell and were ashamed to confess. I do recall that old saying, "an honest confession is good for the soul."

"If I live I will try again if I go to Globe any more. See I joined Mr. Job Moore's church (cousin Julia's father). He was first a Primitive Baptist before he and mama's Grandfather fell out. That church and graveyard washed away in 1916. All this is so scattered you will have to study it out.

"If you get things straightened out let me know so I can write it down for future reference. Yours interested as never before and so helpless. Yours Sincerely, (Mrs) Mary E. Triplette"

When I visited Globe Valley in Aug. 1963, I learned that Robert Greene and Julia Moore had lived at the "Bob Greene place" on Mulberry. Jim Chandler owned the place then. I drove along Mulberry Creek, met Hardin Moore and Frank Estes, grandson of Julia and Rufus Moore. Frank thought they may be buried at Mulberry.

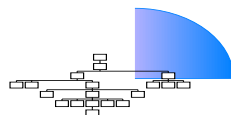
Children of Robert and Chaney (Elrod) Greene

- i. Sallie Greene, b. 7 Feb. 1835 d. 7 March 1835
- ii. Louisa Greene, b. 7 Feb. 1837 d. 24 Feb. 1892
m. Mr. West
- iii. William Greene, b. 20 Aug. 1839, d. 26 Jan. 1863
- iv. Mary Greene, b. 23 Sept. 1841, d. 23 June 1844
- v. Leonidas Leander Greene, b. 11 Nov. 1845, d. 2 Nov. 1898

"The most distinguished member of the family in North Carolina is Judge L. L. Greene, of the Superior Court. He is a great-grandson of Richard Greene." [G. W. Greene]

"Judge Leonidas L. Greene -- He was born in Watauga County, at Blowing Rock, on the 11th day of November, 1845, and was elected judge of the Superior Court in 1896 and served until his death in 1898. He was a son of Robert Greene and his wife, Chaney Elrod. He was a consummate politician and managed party affairs adroitly. On March 1, 1876, he married Martha Horton, a daughter of Col. Jack Horton, who survives him. Judge Greene's portrait hangs over the judge's desk in the county court house in Boone. He left two children, Albina, who married Frank Mandefield, of Duluth, and Wilhelmetta, unmarried. Judge Greene was also United States commissioner. He was considered a good lawyer and enjoyed a large practice. He was a good neighbor and well liked." [J. P. Arthur, p. 313]

On 15 April 1910, Mrs. Bina Greene Manderfield wrote "Aunt Betty" Stafford about her research on the Greene family. She had received a letter from the Dept. of Interior,



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Bureau of Pensions (dated 11 April 1910) which provided information from the pension records of John Greene who died June 2, 1853 in Madison Co., NC, leaving no widow, but 5 children who survived in 1856: James, Joseph, Arthur, Aaron and Isabella. Bina wrote "Your kind letter and the pamphlet [this would surely be the G. W. Greene pamphlet, which still exists with Betty Stafford's papers], under separate cover, were received, and I thank you very much for both. The book gave me a great deal of information which I have been able to use. I do not believe that I explained to you in my last letter what I expect to use the information for. I am very anxious to join the Daughters of the American Revolution, and from what I remembered of the history of the Greene family I left [sic] that I could find some member of the Greene family who had been in the Revolutionary War.

"After a long search through the Congressional Library and consulting other records here, I find that the Pension Office give me the most complete record of all, I received the other day a copy of the Revolutionary War record of John Greene, who was born in North Carolina about 1762, the son of Jeremiah Greene, the first settler of the Greens that came down from New Jersey. This John Greene from the records I have been able to get hold of, I figure out to be my great-great-grandfather, the father of Joseph who was the father of Robert. I am sending you a copy of the war record that I received, as I think you maybe interested in seeing it. I am very proud of the long line of ancestors that I have been able to figure out." [From the perspective of 85 years later, I have chosen a different father for Joseph --DWO]

vi. Elizabeth E. Greene, b. 4 Sept. 1849

Children of Robert and Julia Ann (Moore) Greene

6.vii. Chaney R. (Rosa Anna) Greene, b. 19 Sept. 1866

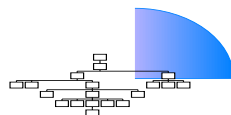
viii. Emma N. Green, b. 18 May 1870

Emma Y. Conley, b. 18 May 1870, d. 28 Jan. 1953, age 82 yr., 8 m. 10 d., daughter of Robert Greene and Julia Moore, was buried in the Greene Young Cemetery (Mitchell County Death Records). Her husband had been Dock Conley (29 May 1877, d. 11 June 1925), son of John Conly of Wilkes Co. and Jane Greene of Mitchell Co. (Mitchell Co. Death Records)

6. ROSA ANNA GREENE, daughter of Robert and Julia (Moore) Greene, was born 19 Sept. 1866. It is clear from the above records that she was first known as Chaney R. Greene but the later records show her name as Anna. On 28 Sept. 1887, she and John Spencer Poteat were married in Mitchell County, NC, by Rev. Stephen M. Greene.
See the POTEAT LINE.



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