

A Collection of Information About Various William Claytons in Person County, NC.

Ed Clayton, 04 Dec 1999

This paper collects information about the following William Claytons of Person County, N.C.:

1. William "Will" Rufus Clayton born 08 Jun 1839 died 14 Jul 1914, son of Simeon Thomas Clayton.
2. William P. Clayton was born 1819. On September 12, 1844, in Person County, North Carolina. Son of Solomon Clayton and Frances Carver. He married Elizabeth Fuller in Person County, NC. Second, William P. Clayton, on 30 Jun 1865 in Union County, KY, married Catherine Fuller.
3. William Clayton son of John Clayton, Sr. and Elizabeth Coleman. Married Sarah Clayton, who was a daughter of Daniel "Cobra" Clayton and Ann Crews.
4. William "Flat River" Clayton. Son of Thomas Clayton and Sarah Coleman.
5. William C. Clayton, son of William Clayton and Sarah Clayton.
6. William C. Clayton who wrote the letter from Kentucky. (Is he the same as previous William?)

#1 - William Rufus Clayton

William "Will" Rufus Clayton was born 08 Jun 1839 and died 14 Jul 1914. On 21 Dec 1865 [Check marriage bond. I also have 19 Dec 1865.] he married Martha Y. Wheeley who was born 17 Oct 1840. Her parents were Phillip Wheeley and Hannah Hawkins. "Will" is buried at Cedar Grove Methodist Church Cemetery, Orange Co, NC in a grave marked by a tombstone. Although there is no marker for her grave, she is presumed to also be buried there.

Simeon Thomas Clayton was the third child of Solomon Clayton and Frances Carver. Simeon Thomas Clayton was born 31 Aug 1813 and died May 1890. On 09 Feb 1833 he married Mary Painter who was born 11 Jan 1811 and died 1871. The marriage bond lists the bondsman as James Clayton. Both are buried in the Wheeler's Primitive Baptist Church in unmarked graves. Mary Painter's parents were Wyatt Painter and Betsey Coleman Clayton

#2 – William P. Clayton

William P. Clayton was born 1819. William P. Clayton was the sixth child of Solomon Clayton and Frances Carver. On September 12, 1844, in Person County, North Carolina, he married

Elizabeth Fuller who was born 1823 and died June 1865. Second, William P. Clayton, on 30 Jun 1865 in Union County, KY, married Catherine Fuller.

Children of William P. Clayton and Elizabeth Fuller

- 1 - Sarah F. Clayton was born 1845.
- 2 - Melinda Clayton was born 1847. On 09 Apr 1868 she married Henry Owen who was born 1833.
- 3 - Nancy P. Clayton was born 1849 and died as an infant.
- 4 - Martha A. Clayton was born 1851.
- 5 - Elizabeth J. Clayton was born 1853 and died 12 Dec 1872. She married Isaac David Owen who was born 1855. His parents were Henry Owen and Nancy Clayton.
- 6 - Harriet L. Clayton was born 1855.

#3 - William Clayton son of John Clayton, Sr. and Elizabeth Coleman

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| William Clayton | Will dated 23 July 1840; witnessed by S. J. Chandler and William B. Clayton Died before 1850 census since he is not listed. |
| Sarah Clayton, b: circa. 1775 | Listed in 1850 Person Co census as age 75 in household of son John C. Clayton |
| CHILDREN | |
| 1. Solomon F. Clayton | |
| 2. John C. Clayton | Listed in 1850 Person Co census as household 655, family 657. See marriage: John C. Clayton and Kathrine Clayton, 07 Oct 1823 (Solomon T. Clayton) |
| 3. William E. Clayton | Listed in 1850 Person Co census as household 380, family 380. |
| 4. Berry Clayton | See marriage: Berry Clayton and Milly Morton, 07 Oct 1841, Anderson Harris. |
| 5. Elizabeth Evens | (?) see marriage: Elizabeth Evans and William Man, Sr, 06 Jan 1841 (John Y. Parker) |
| 6. Susannah Obriant | |
| 7. Sally Harris | |

1850 Person County, NC Census

Household 380, Family 380, 23 Aug 1850

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|--------------------|------|---|--------|-------------|
| William E. Clayton | 40 | M | Farmer | B: 1810 |
| Eliza | 39 | F | | B: 1811 |
| Calvin | 18 | M | | B: 1832 |
| William C. | 15 | M | | B: 1835 |
| Henry (?) | 14 | M | | B: 1836 |
| Stephen | 10 | M | | B: 1840 |
| June | 8 | F | | B: 1842 |
| John | 6 | M | | B: 1844 |
| Eliza | 5 | F | | B: 1845 |
| Daniel | 3 | M | | B: 1847 |
| Solomon | 3/12 | M | | B: May 1850 |

1850 Person County, NC Census

Household 655, Family 657

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| John C. Clayton | 48 | | B: 1802 |
| Catherin | 48 | | B: 1802 |
| William T. Clayton | 26 | | B: 1824 |
| ? B Clayton | 24 | M | B: 1826 |
| John C. Clayton | 20 | M | B: 1830 |
| Robert B. | 17 | M | B: 1833 |
| David Y. | 15 | | B: 1835 |
| Frances | 9 | M | B: 1841 |
| Mary A. | 22 | F | B: 1828 |
| Sarah E. | 12 | F | B: 1838 |
| Nancy C. | 7 | F | B: 1843 |
| Sarah Clayton | 75 | F | B: 1775 |

Marriage Bond: John C. Clayton and Katherine Clayton. 07 Oct 1823. Bondsman: Solomon T. Clayton.

From Kendall, Person County Marriage Records.

| Groom | Bride | Date | Bondsman | Comment |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| William Clayton | Rachel Crues | 21 Oct 1793 | Daniel Clayton, J. Womack | |
| William Clayton | Nancy Blackard | 18 Sep 1821 | Washington R. Blackard | |
| William Clayton | Martha Long | 13 Jan 1866 m: 14 Jan 1866 by A. N. Hall, elder | Romules Dun | |
| William H. Clayton | Mary Carver | 01 Dec 1866 m: 02 Dec 1866 by John A. Barnett, JP | James D. Hamlen | |
| William R. Clayton | Martha Y. Wheeley | 19 Dec 1865 m: 21 Dec 1865 by Jas. O. Bradsher, JP | Willis Lea | Cousin Jim's kin. |
| William T. Clayton | Elizabeth Hudgins | 03 July 1834 | Alexander Clayton, Charles Mason | |
| William T. Clayton | Rebecca H. Chandler | 30 Aug 1849 | Wm. M. Denny | |
| William T. Clayton | Martha Ann Chandler | 23 Mar 1853 m: 23 Mar 1853 by W. R. Reade, JP | Alfred Williams | Same William T? Did he marry sisters? |

Kendall, Person County Deeds

All listings of William or Wm. Clayton

| Page | Bk | Abstract |
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| 2 | A 30-1 Witness | William Paine of CC to Coleman Clayton of Same, for 50 lbs, 640 A on Mill Cr in CC adj Joseph Gill, David Mitchell, John Man. 11 Dec 1789, Wit: David Burton, William Clayton |
| 63 | C 416 Grantor | Daniel Clayton, William Clayton, Thomas Clayton & Richard Clayton – to David Clayton Sen, for 15 lbs, 430 A e side Richland Spring Cr adj Joseph Hubbard, Matthew Daniel, John Paine, Robert paine. 27 Feb 1804. Wit: Hardy Crews Sen, Hardy Crews Jun. |
| 95 | D 157 Grantee | Gabriel Bumpass to William Clayton, for \$540, 375 A on Flat R adj Taylor formerly Person, Commiins. 01 Jun 1809. Acknd in open court. |
| 111 | D 315-6 Witness | Gabriel Bumpass to Jesse Evans for (not given), 225 A both sides Flat R adj Wm. Daniel, Taylor. __ Sep 1811. Wit: William Clayton, Samuel Evans |
| 139 | D 551-2 Witness | John Hargis to his son Richard Hargis a gift of 60 A on Stories Cr adj Wm Carver, James Williamson, John Hudgens. /s/ John Hargis. Wit: John Hudgens, William Clayton. NB Note on side of page: In this deed the name Hargis is altered to Harris. |
| 141 | E 1 Grantee | James Cochran to William Clayton, for \$500, 150 A on Rosemary Cr adj Willam Southward former line, John Dinwiddie former line – said land conveyed to Ambrose Hudgins by State, then to Francis Schoggins, and to Cochran. 12 Feb 1816. Acknd in open court. |
| 162 | E 257 Ref as adj | Samuel Bull (trustee for Robert Southward Sen. Who was in debt to Isham Edwards for \$103.50) as debt not paid – to Isham Edwards, for \$60, 30 A adj Ruben Long Junr., William Clayton. 18 Mar 1820. Wit: Jesse Bull, Robert Johnston. |
| 196 | G 57-8 Grantor | William Clayton to John McVay, for \$950, 375 A on Flat R adj Taylor formerly Person, Cummins. 07 Oct 1822. Wit: William Yarbrough, McVay Chandler. |
| 153 | E 142-3 Ref as adj | State of NC - #137 – to Lozen Carver, for 50/ per 100 A, 26 A on Rose Mary Cr adj Charles Gregory, said Carver, James Williamson, Wm. Clayton. Entered 14 May 1818. Recorded 13 Sep 1819 by B. W. Milner, Register. |
| 198 | C 114 Commsr. | Div lands of Daniel Clayton Senr decd to heirs, all of full age: 1. Homestead 47 ½ A to Joseph Clayton. 2. Nancy Burton 47 A. 3. Caty Clayton 47 ½ A. 4. Thos Clayton 47 ½ A. 5. Mary Clayton 46 ¼ A. All valued at \$1.25 per A. Commsr: George Wood, Daniel Clayton, Jno Daniel, Thos Clayton, Wm Clayton. Proved May 1824. |

Send this to Martha Bradsher Spencer

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| 169 | E 338 – 40 | James Daniel of Cc (in debt to Bank of New Bern at their Milton office for \$920 & for \$1600; to State Bank for \$750 plus other notes with mark Wilson & Jno Smith both of CC securities) to William Pleasant Hall of CC, in trust, for \$1, 23 Negroes: Jim age 27 yrs, Davy about 60, Irena, Joy & her 3 children Green, Nancy & young Adam, Phill, Phillis, Hall, Lewis, Sucky, Anderson, Randolph, Washington, Nancy, Juda & her child Milly, Mary, Dilsy, Nancy age 11; tenement on Bridge St in Milton adj J. Hubbard & Jno P. Pugh; tenement on Bridge St purchased of R. Sanders adj Shields; livestock; also 336 A on Cob Cr. 13 Nov 1820. Wit: Jno Gordon. |

Will of William Clayton on GenForum

Posted By: John Pecarina

Email: pecarina@aol.com

Subject: Re: WILLIAM O'BRYANT CLAYTON

Post Date: April 21, 1999 at 08:32:20

Message URL: <http://www.genforum.com/clayton/messages/544.html>

Forum: Clayton Family Genealogy Forum

Forum URL: <http://www.genforum.com/clayton/>

I don't know if this helps, but it seems to have all the names. I believe this William was the son of John Clayton Sr and Elizabeth Coleman.

-----Original Message-----

From: RHollis123

To: boycew@email.msn.com

Date: Thursday, May 14, 1998 12:10 AM

Subject: William Clayton's Will

William Clayton's Will

In the name of God Amen-- I William Clayton of the County of Person & State of N.C. this day being the 23rd of July in the year of our Lord 1840 being in my proper mind and _____ of my mortality do make and publish my last will and testament in writing. First I give my Soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried in a decent manner.

In the next place I will that all my just debts be paid and in the next place I will that Solomon F., John C., William E. and Berry my four sons have each one dollar out of my effects. Also Elizabeth Evens, Susannah Obriant, and Sally Harris my 3 daughters have each one dollar.

And in the next place I give, grant and confirm unto Sarah Clayton my wife all the residue of my estate both real and personal, all my good and chattels (rites?) And credits and by this my last will and testament I do give Sarah Clayton my wife at my (demise/death?) full power to take charge of all of my effects and to execute this my last Will and testament without security, in testimony hereof I have Set my hand and affixed my Seal day and year above written.

his

William X Clayton

Test.

Mark

S.J. Chandler }

William B. Clayton }

State of North Carolina} Court of Pleas and Quarter _____

Person County} September Term 1840

The foregoing Will was duly exhibited in Open Court and the execution thereof was duly proven by the Oaths of S.J. Chambers and William B. Clayton the subscribing witnesses which whereon an motion it was ordered to be recorded, and also at the same time Sarah Clayton the Executrix therein named qualified as Such.

Test.

Charles Mason, clerk

Recorded Person County Wills, Inventories, Sales of Estates, & Taxables 1838-1841, Page 224

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Letter from Stuart T. Wright, Historical Sketch of Person County. 1974. Pages 66 – 67.

April 27, 1866

Der unkle and aunt these few lines that we ar wel hoping these few lines may find yew ingoying the same blessings father has bought land in 1 mile of mee he is doing beter than ever he has paid for his land and has 17 or 18 hundred dolars left makes and to spare I et Super an unlike Eliga Tapp expense last mondy at henderson tavern he is well and doing well he spends heep of his time with mee and father I saw Andrew he is well and is doing well I Saw loon crismas She has one boy largenough to plow one girl 6 yers old nisey is grown and large he keeps them hired out father received a leter from unkle charles Tapp him and family is well and doing well aunt rosanna Tapp is dead unkle william is living in hopkins he looks very feble he is one of the wicked old men I ever saw aunt rosana Yarbrough was well- the last account unkle john Tapp left his 2 youngest children with us to raise a sun an daughter they ar both nerley grone yew ar put of mooving untel land is so high and Scace that yew cant by here from 3 to 6 dolars now ar worth from \$10 to 25 per achor the best of our land on the river is from 20 to \$75 I wil State Something about times corn 1 1/2 wheat \$1 tobahco trash and good from 10 to \$15 and rising there has bin the [?]est Spring her I ever Saw there has bin Snow here in aweke the ground was cover 3 times the last 3 days looks like Spring there has bin but litle corn planted here the plants ar Scace and ar few coming up bacon 8 to 10 ets cattle is high cows 20 to \$30 oxens 75 to \$100 horses 100 to 200 mules or high moneyd maters ar firm and ar plenty negroes ar high I bought a woman 2 children crismas I paid \$1380 I bought a man sens I paid \$1100 tell mary Snipes that She must wright to mee I herd from unkil Anderson he is well and doing well I have 778 achors of fine land tel aunt Mary She had beter come and work some of it none of the relationes dont wright to mee atall when they do wright they dont wright nothing of any consequence unlike unkil charles says they dont wright to him -but yew William Dunagan family is well but his wife is in alow way Joseph Brown and family is well we have 3 children Mary Jane Sara Francis Malisa Ann the 2 oldest gows to scool hopin to remain yours untel deth

William C Clayton

Cozen Elmira and Cozen juda I wish to be rememberd for it has bin long Sens I Saw yew both I wish I could Spend Some of my idle hours with yew both for I think of them that we once ingoyed though we ar fare apart I think of yew often Send me word how yew both ar coming on the wrest of my old friends gave my beat respects for I wish to See them how unkil George and aunt Frankey ar coming on gave friend Abram More my best respects tell him if he wil wright me a leter I wil answer it gave the Same to friend Richard harges and family and share a good portion your selves we can wright cheap if we ware not so neglecful so I wil come to a close untel deth hoping to remain your afection cousin W C Clayton