



Photo. by Armstrong, Nashville.

Turner Williams

TURNER WILLIAMS, son of Nimrod Williams, was born near Nashville, Sept. 25, 1796.

His grandfather, Daniel Williams, and his five sons, Nimrod, Daniel, Sampson, Oliver, and Wright, and one daughter, Eunice, came from South Carolina and settled in or near Nashville in 1786.

Daniel Williams, Sr., was well advanced in years when he came to Davidson County. He continued to reside here until his death. Nimrod, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He had also two brothers in that war, who were killed. Nimrod died in February, 1820, and his wife died in November, 1811.

Turner Williams has always been a farmer, except five years spent in the manufacture of material for cotton-sacks. He was only six months of age when his parents settled on the farm where he now resides.

On the 22d of May, 1817, he married Anna, daughter of John Carrin. She was born Aug. 27, 1797. To them were born thirteen children, of whom twelve grew to manhood and womanhood, but the greater number of them, with their mother, have passed to the other side.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have ever been worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been class-leader, steward, and superintendent of the Sunday-school for more than twenty-seven years. He has always been liberal to the poor, and a true friend of good society. His wife died March 3, 1847, and he married for his second wife Samantha Hopkins, a native of Cortland Co., N. Y., Sept. 21, 1852. She settled in Davidson County in 1850. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1793
I hereby solemnly bequeath in writing, - I leave to my well beloved Wife Elizabeth Williams
in manner aforesaid, and all my slaves which is not mentioned in my former Legacies and four work
s, and all the remaining part of my stock of cattle, Hogs, and Sheep and two beds and furniture &
remaining part of her furniture (during her widowhood to maintain and school the children
of, and if she should intermarry I appoint that all my Estate which she has of her hands except
Negroes (to wit) Frank, call, Fanny, Sarah, little Hannah, and one Feather Bed and furniture
& all the rest of every kind, and all the kitchen furniture which I lend her during her Natural
life and all her Decree to be Equally Divided between my sons and Daughters or their Heirs and my
and Daughter Mary wife and all the rest of my Estate which is of what kind or Quality soever I
think that it will be and the money arising therefrom to be Equally Divided among my sons and
Daughters and my Grand Daughter Mary wife or their Heirs; I also appoint that if my Daughter
Elizabeth should live longer than her Mother which I doubt not that at her Death my Daughter Elizabeth
her Estate, I leave to be conducted by my son in law William Rice and if she should die without
issue that then all her Estate except her Negroes I leave to William Rice and her Negroes I leave to be
Equally Divided with the other part of my Estate that is divided;

And I appoint my Wife, and my son in law William Rice and my son Daniel Williams at the
arrival of Seventy one year of age whole and sole Executors and Executrix of this my last will &
Testaments to be performed in witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this Twelfth

Day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty five
sign, seal, publish, and declare
in presence of

Henry Williams

John Henkle (Clerk)
William Brown (Clerk)
Thomas Rice

Elizabeth Williams Wm. Rice
Qualify as Executors

WILLIAMS, Henry -- Will
Caswell County, N. C.
Will Book _____, page _____
12 April 1785

In the name of God amen, I Henry Williams of the County of Caswell and state of North Carolina Being in perfect health, thanks be to almighty God for his mercies but taking into Consideration the shortness and uncertainty of this transitory life, and that it is appointed for all men once to Die, Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First and principally I Commend my soul unto almighty God my Creator assuredly Believing that I shall receive full pardon and full remission of all my sins; and be saved by the precious Death and merits of my saviour and be _____ Christ _____.

Item: my Desire first and last is that all my lawful Debts be paid off,

Item: I Give and Bequeath to my Eldest son Daniel Williams Three Hundred and Forty acres of Land taken off the North side of the Track of land I purchased from John Henslee by and East and West line; and one Negro Boy named Jacob and one Negro Girl named Amey, One feather Bed and furniture, one Grey Horse, Two Cows and Calves; and two Ewes and lambs and other Household furniture Equal with Nancy Rice to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I Give and Bequeath to my son Joseph Williams, the other Three Hundred acres of land that I purchased of s^d Henslee; and also Two Hundred and sixteen acres adjacent thereto lying on the waters of Toms Creek; and one Negro Boy named James, one Negro Girl named Dinah, one Horse and saddle to the value of Twenty pound: one Feather Bed and furniture, Two Cows and Calves, Two Ewes and lambs and other Household Furniture Equal with Nancy Rice To him and heirs forever;

Item: I Give and Bequeath to my son Nathan Williams a Track of land I purchased of Thomas Hart Containing Three Hundred and Fifty Acres, one Negro Boy named Tom, one Negro Girl named Phoe, one horse and saddle to the value of Twenty pounds, one Feather Bed and Furniture, Two Cows and Calves, Two Ewes and lambs and other Household furniture Equal with Nancy Rice to him and his heirs forever;

Item: I Give and Bequeath to my son Henry Williams the Track of land where I now live Called McMeers old Track at my wife's Death or Inter-marriage, and also One Hundred and Twenty-seven acres of land lying Between where I now live and the land purchased from John Henslee; one Negro Girl named Charlotte and one Hundred pounds to purchase him a negro fellow, one horse and saddle to the value of Twenty pounds, one Feather Bed and furniture Two Cows and Calves Two Ewes and lambs and other household furniture Equal with Nancy Rice To him and his heirs forever;

I also Give the remainder of my lands lying on the waters of Country Line Creek to be Equally Divided Between my four sons to support their other lands with Timber;

Item: I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Rice one mare and saddle one Feather Bed and Furniture Two Cows and Calves Two Ewes and lambs half Dozen pewter plates Two pewter one pewter Dish one one Iron skillet to her and heirs forever; I also lend to my daughter Nancy Rice one negro woman named Rachel & one negro boy named Bob during her natural life and at her death they & their increase to be equally divided among the heirs of her body lawfully begotten in Wedlock.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elisabeth Williams one mare named Bounce, a womans saddle, one feather bed & furniture, two cows & calves, two ewes & lambs & other household furniture equal with Nancy Rice to her and her heirs forever. I also lend to my Elisabeth one negro man named Sampson & fifty pounds during her natural life & at her death to be equally divided among the heirs of her body lawfully begotten in Wedlock.

I give and bequeath to my daughter -
Item: ~~6/20/17/18/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59/60/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69/70/71/72/73/74/75/76/77/78/79/80/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89/90/91/92/93/94/95/96/97/98/99/100~~ Susannah Rice one bed and furniture, one mare & saddle, half dozen pewter plates, two pewter basons, one pewter dish, one iron pot, one iron skillett all which she has already received, and also two cows and calves, two ewes & lambs to her & her heirs forever. I also lend to my daughter Susannah Rice one negro girl named Rose, and one negro boy named Simon and twenty pounds during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided and their increase among the heirs of her body lawfully begotton in Wedlock.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Wesley Duke Peoples one feather bed and furniture one womans saddle half dozen pewter plates, two pewter basons, one pewter dish, one iron skillett all which she already received. I likewise give her a mare colt that came out of Bounce and one iron pot, two cows & calves, two ewes and lambs to her and her heirs forever, I also lend to my daughter Wesley Duke Peoples one negro boy named Fator and one negro girl named Jean during her natural life and at her death they & their increase to be equally divided among the heirs of her body lawfully begotton in Wedlock.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Brooks one feather bed & furniture to her and her heirs for ever. I also lend to my daughter Sally Brooks one negro woman named Hannah and her child named Diza, and a horse colt. that came out of my Bounce mare and two cows during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided among the heirs of her body lawfully begotton in Wedlock.

Item: I give to my daughter Jane Williams one horse & saddle to the value of twenty pounds one feather bed & furniture, two cows and calves, two ewes & lambs, and other household furniture equal with Nancy Rice. I also lend to my daughter Jane Williams one negro man named Will and one negro girl named Ester during her natural life, and at her death they & their increase to be equally divided among the heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotton in wedlock.

Item: I lend to my well Beloved Wife Elizabeth Williams my manner plantation, and all my slaves that is not mentioned in my former logacies and four work horses, and all the remaining part of my stock of cattle, Hogs, and sheep and Two Beds and furniture & the remaining part Kitchen furniture During her widowhood to maintain and school the Children up, But if she should intermarry, I appoint that all my Estate Betaken out of her hands Except five Negroes (to Witt) Frank, call, Fanny, Sarah, little hannah, and one Feather Bed and furnituro and all the stock of Every kind and all the kitchen furnituro which I lend her during her natural life and at her Deccase to be Equally Divided between my sons and Daughters or their heirs and my grand Daughter Mary Slade and all the rest of my estate Be it of what kind or Qualify soever I appoint that it Be sold and the money arising therefrom to be Equally Divided Among my sons and Daughters and my grandDaughter Mary Slade or their Heirs; I also appoint that if my Daughter Elizabeth should live longer than her mother's widowhood that at her intermarriage my Daughter Elizabeth and her Estate, I leave to be Conducted by my son-in-law William Rice and if she should Die without Heir that then all her Estate Except her negro I leave to William Rice and her Negro I leave to be Equally Divided with the other part of my Estate that is Divided.

Lastly I appoint my Wife, and my son-in-law William Rice and my son Daniel Williams at the arrival of Twenty one years of age whole and sole Executors and Executrix of this my last will & Testament to be performed In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this Twelfth Day of April One Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty five.

signed, sealed, published, and Declared in the presence (/s)/ Henry Williams (seal)

of
John Henslee (jurat)
William Brown (jurat)
Thomas Rice

HUSBAND'S NAME NATHAN WILLIAMS

When Born 26 DECEMBER 1776 Where _____

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died 24 JUNE 1838 Where _____

When Buried _____ Where _____

When Married 24 NOVEMBER 1796 Where _____

Other Wives (if any) _____

His Father HENRY WILLIAMS His Mother's Maiden Name ELIZABETH

Information on this sheet obtained from _____

(Husband's Full Name)

(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date _____
 Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME FRANCES McNEILL

When Born 19 OCTOBER 1781 Where _____

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died 2 JULY 1843 Where _____

When Buried _____ Where _____

Other Wives (if any) _____

Her Father JOHN McNEILL Her Mother's Maiden Name ANNIS LEA

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	When Born			Where Born		State or Country	Married to	When Married			When Died			Where Buried		State or Country
		Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County			Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County	
F	1 SARAH	11	DEC	1797	CAS-	WELL	N.C.	JOHN CARTER	17	SEPT	1818						
M	2 JOHN McNEILL	28	AUG	1799	CAS-	WELL	N.C.	WILLIAM GOODMAN LUCY ANN COURTS	25	MCH	1824						
F	3 SUSANNA	6	APR	1801	CAS-	WELL	N.C.	RANDOLPH BARKSDALE	23	NOV	1824		1830				
F	4 ELIZABETH G.	20	MCH	1803	CAS-	WELL	N.C.	JENNINGS HILDNAUL COURTS	20	JULY	1819	7	MCH	1863	NATHAN WILLIAMS CEMETERY	HENRY	TENN.
F	5 ANNESS LEA	20	FEB	1805	CAS-	WELL	N.C.	JOSEPH MOTHERAL	5	SEPT	1820	19	OCT	1855	WILLIAM SON	TENN.	
M	6 FRANKLIN	15	OCT	1807	CAS-	WELL	N.C.					15	SEPT	1814			
F	7 EUNICE R.	8	AUG	1809	CAS-	WELL	N.C.	SAMUEL NELSON	23	DEC	1824						
M	8 HENRY C.	8	OCT	1811	CAS-	WELL	N.C.	ELIZABETH L. JAMES	9	FEB	1829						
M	9 ROBERT	28	DEC	1813	CAS-	WELL	N.C.					31	AUG	1815			
F	10 FRANCES Mc.	11	JUNE	1816	CAS-	WELL	N.C.					28	APR	1829			
M	11 NATHAN, JR.	7	FEB	1819	CAS-	WELL	N.C.					4	OCT	1842	NATHAN WILLIAMS CEMETERY	HENRY	TENN.
M	12 HOSEA McNEILL	17	MAY	1822	RUTHER-	FORD	TENN.					4	SEPT	1837	NATHAN WILLIAMS CEMETERY	HENRY	TENN.
F	13 ISABELLA MALVINA	21	AUG	1824	RUTHER-	FORD	TENN.	WILLIAM S. BLAKEMORE	15	SEPT	1840	1	APR	1858	NATHAN WILLIAMS CEMETERY	HENRY	TENN.
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December 21, 1973

Dr. Howard V. Jones
18 Winter Ridge Road
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Re: Williams Family

Dear Howard:

Thank you for your kind words regarding my Benton article. I am sure that whatever differences may have existed between our branches of the family could be patched up given a proper opportunity.

I am descended from one Henry Williams of Caswell County, North Carolina. He executed his will in 1785 and presumably died shortly thereafter. Chances are he was born in the 1720's. Extraneous evidence leads me to believe that the family originally came from the vicinity of Hanover County, Virginia. They were apparently close to the families Benton, Gooch, Kimbrough and Rice, all of whom I believe originated in Hanover and all of whom I believe originated in Hanover and later migrated to North Carolina, South Carolina and then Tennessee and points west.

It appears that there was a fairly close connection between Henry Williams of Caswell County and the more famous Colone James Williams of Kings Mountain fame. The similarity of names in the two families leads me to believe they might have been brothers, although that is a dangerous assumption to make. Some even contend that he was the son of Colonel James, but this I doubt.

Jane Williams, daughter of Henry, was married in 1788 to David Rice Gooch. They moved to Williamson County, Tennessee (near Nolensville), in the early 1800's. I am descended from this line.

Incidentally, David Rich Gooch, was the half-brother of Ann Gooch Benton, mother of Thomas Hart Benton.

Henry Williams, son of Henry, married Mary Gooch, sister of David Rich Gooch. They too moved to Nolensville in the early 1800's.

That's about all that I know about my Williams connection. I have really never done much research on them.

I am enclosing Henry's will, which you might find of interest.

- As always, it was good to have heard from you.

Sincerely,



**Commerce
Union Bank**

Thomas Vance Little
Vice President and Senior Trust Officer

May 7, 1975

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Mr. Robert Eldridge
Overton County Historian
Livingston, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Eldridge:

I have been referred to you by our mutual friend Alva A. Fiske about my kinsman Sampson Williams, who was prominent in Overton County affairs in the early 1800's. I would be glad to have any information that you might have on him.

Sincerely,

Thomas Vance Little

TVL:bb

Mr. Little:

Sampson Williams was a very prominent man in the early history of Jackson County. He owned much land in Overton County and donated 1,000 acres along with Moses Fisk to establish Fisk Female Academy at Wilkes in 1806. He built Fort Blount in Jackson County. The matter of researching for Sampson Williams is not a little job. If you are interested in his records I refer you to Mrs. Pauline Sellers, Registers Office in Livingston, 38570, who would make a reasonable charge for same. I am busy on completing copy for a history of Overton County.

Robert K. Eldridge

Aug. 9, 1970

Mr. T. Vance Little
Beech Grove Farm
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Dear Mr. Little:

I want to thank you for your letter and the material on the family of Daniel Williams that you sent me.

You gave me quite a lot of information on the Williams family, that I had not been able to find - namely where the family lived before moving to Tennessee.

You may not know that Daniel Williams was married to an Echols - the daughter of William and Sarah Echols. William Echols' father was John Echols who lived in Caroline County, Virginia. John Echols wife was named Mary Cave.

Daniel Williams son Oliver Williams was married to Elizabeth Hickman who was the daughter of William Hickman and Lucretia Strickland.

Oliver and Elizabeth Williams' son Thomas Hickman Williams married Eustatia Ann McBee who was the daughter of Silas McBee and Catherine Cates.

Thomas Hickman Williams and wife were the parents of the following children:

1. Oliver Williams b. 14 April 1833
2. Thomas Hickman Williams ,Jr. b. 6 Jan. 1836
3. Silas McBee Williams b. 29 Jan. 1839
4. Caroline Mildred Williams b. 21 Nov. 1840
5. Joshua Rice Williams b. 16 Jan. 1843
6. Andrew Paulk Williams b. 3 Dec. 1844
7. Henry Carter Williams b. 11 Feb. 1847
8. Elliott Hickman Williams b. 22 Nov. 1848

Enclosed find stamps to replace those you used on the material you sent me.

Sincerely,
James B. Reid
James B. Reid
656 East Madison
Houston, Miss. 38851

See next page

P.S. I will be on the alert for some information on your
Henry Williams. Will write you if I find anything
that appears to fit him.

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August 12, 1970

Mr. James E. Reid
656 East Madison
Houston, Mississippi 38851

Dear Mr. Reid:

Thank you for your letter re the Williams family and the return of the stamps, which was unnecessary.

Recently, I had a telephone conversation with one Louis (or Lewis) Ellis, Smith Springs Road, Nashville, Tennessee, about the Williams family. He apparently is a very elderly gentleman, the conversation at times being incoherent because of his wandering away from the telephone mouth-piece. He is a descendant of Turner Williams, son of Nimrod, son of Daniel. He seemed to be very knowledgeable about the family. I do not know how much he has written down or whether he will respond to a written inquiry, but I think it is worth a try. Why don't you write to him. Meanwhile, I will try to get out to see him some time.

He was familiar with all the children of Daniel Williams. He stated that two of them came to Davidson County prior to Daniel and the rest coming. He, too, stated that Oliver Williams settled in Williamson County and further stated that he was one of the founders of that county.

Now, I may have this wrong, but I understood him to say that Daniel Williams was born in 1710 and that in 1730 he married Ursula Henderson. I take this lady to be of the Henderson family involved in the Transylvania Company. I also understood him to say that the father of Daniel Williams was John Williams who married Mary Keeling. As I say, I might be wrong, but these are the notes I took from the conversation.

He was also familiar with Col. James Williams of the Battle of King's Mountain. This James Williams was supposed to be a brother of my Henry Williams of Caswell County, North Carolina. He stated that he was related to Daniel Williams, but if he said what the relationship was, I missed it.

He also stated that two of Daniel Williams' sons were killed in the Battle of King's Mountain. I had hear or read this somewhere else.

I hope that this information is substantially correct and will furnish you some leads.

Sincerely,

T. Vance Little

Mary Smith Gooch Letter

Nolensville, Tenn.
March 21, 1900

Miss Mary Lou White
202 Belmont Ave.
Nashville, Tenn.

My Dear Miss,

Yours of March 8 received, I have been an invalid for a few days or I would have answered sooner. There were three brothers who came to Tenn. from North Carolina, settled near here, Tommas, & David Gooch, in Williamson Co. Nathan, or Nat as he was called in Rutherford, four or five miles from here. if there were others I never heard of them coming to Tenn though were others one sister married a Kimbro, another a Benton Tom Benton Mother I suppose, as he was a cousin to Pa Gooch, I found an old will of GrandPa Davids Father, I put it in a box with other papers and set it on a shelf in my closet. The mice got into it while I was away from home (had my place rented) and destroyed them them (sic) all. I grieved for the old will more than any as it was the oldest relic we had. I have forgotten the names of the girls also the No of them. There was quite a family is my recollection. I have, or did have, a copy of a speech Tom Benton made in congress. I send you the names & ages as they were put in Pa Bible:

David Gooch born Apr. 11 1763
Jane (his wife) born Apr. 2, 1770 her maiden name was Williams
a neice of Col. Williams of the Revolutionary war. The
names of their children were:

Nathan Gooch born Sept. 12, 1791
Elizabeth Gooch born May 5, 1793
David Rice Gooch born Dec. 5, 1794
Francis Gooch born Aug. 7, 1796
Nancy Gooch born Dec. 1, 1797
Pollie Gooch born Sept. 1, 1799
Sicily Gooch born Mar. 18, 1801
Jane & William twins born July 24, 1803
Henry Gooch born June 5, 1805
Martha Gooch born May 3, 1811
Lucinda Gooch born Aug. 2, 1813

Goodman Oldham Gooch born 1809, he died quite young in his teens, my husband was named for him. him & Pa were the only ones with double names as you will see Rice was Grand Pa David mothers maiden name. they wished to carry it to be remembered she was your great great GrandMother I suppose. My son David has it in his name, I won't be shure but I think Grand Ma Goochs brother, uncle Henry Williams married Grand Pas sister, he lived and died in this neighborhood also. GrandMa Gooch's burial is about the first of my recollection seeing my parents returning from her burial, fixed it in my memery. she used to tell she had decided to discard GrandPa, but was at a window and saw him ride up, and walk to the house. she thought him the handsomest man she ever saw, and decided she would Please her eyes if she slighted

her heart and told him yes instead of No. Your great grand Father is buried near here. I have read his name on the stone is how I ever knew he was a brother of Grand Pa's. I asked Ma Gooch about him, the old grave yard is lost sight of now. they tell me Ma told me he was a bro of Grand Pa's, who died _____. I asked her why they did not remove him to the new family burying ground, she did not know. the ground upon which he was buried does not belong to any one of our family. it might be the place he settled. and perhaps was sold at his death Ma did not know anything about him, except he was a brother to Grand Pa or she did not tell me anything else. I supposed she did not know. I had taken up an idea he was a bachelor after talking to Ma, she was from North Carolina also. her maiden name was May. Tabitha May. She married David R. Gooch January 21(?), 1808 they had two children, Mary Ann was born, Oct. 29, 1818. their son Allen Goodman Feb. 9, 1828. Mary Ann died a young lady. Dr. Gooch (my husband) about a year after the war closed, he was surgeon of Starnes cavalry and lost his health by exposure. I had five boys to rear alone. My oldest son Dr. D. R. Gooch practicing medicine in Kolenaville, he married Miss Anna Allen of Brentwood he has three children one boy named Owen Allen, oldest girl named Mary youngest named Lula. my second son James Shields (my grandmother was a shields) married Miss Mamie Fitzhugh of Henana Ark. he died there before the birth of their daughter Susie S. his wife let me rear her she is now 15 years old is a great pleasure to me as care. my third son John Matthews married Miss Mamie Cayce of Franklin Tenn. they had no children, he died three years ago. My fourth son Robert Allen lives with me is a bachelor. the youngest Ned Smith (named for my Bro who was killed at the Battle of Shilo) my maiden name was Smith went in 1887 to Groesbeck, Texas to practice Law died Sept. 5, 1889 he was to have been married soon he had bright prospects every one told me. I hope you will be able to read this. I am a rheumatism sufferer. My _____ hand is very sore & drawn so I can hardly write. I would be glad to meet you some time. Respectfully, Mary C. Gooch

P. S. the family Bible belonging to GrandPa I do not know who has it. Pa set the names & dates in his own Bible.

WILLIAMS CEMETERY: The Williams Cemetery is located on the Jesse Williams farm on Hardscuffle Road in Davidson County. Inscriptions copied by Bob Pierce.

CHRISTIANA wife of N. WILLIAMS and mother of T. WILLIAMS died 1811

TURNER WILLIAMS born Sept. 25, 1796, died _____, married to ANN CURRIN May 22, 1812. T. WILLIAMS married to SAMAMLA HOPKINS September 22, 1852

INTAM son of T. and A. WILLIAMS

JOHN CURRIN WILLIAMS, July 11, 1822, Jan. 12, 1890

SARAH MARR SNEED wife of J. C. WILLIAMS, Dec. 1, 1825, May 4, 1910

MARY E. LEWIS daughter of T. and A. WILLIAMS born Oct. 11, 1839, died Dec. 21, 1852

ROBERT T. son of T. and A. WILLIAMS born July 26, 1826, died June 21 _____

DANIEL H. son of T. and A. Williams born May 30, 1830, died Sept. 8, 1850

ANN CURRIN WILLIAMS born Jan. 2, 1851, married WILLIAM H. BLACKMAN July 11, 1878, died Sept. 8, 1890

SARALLE SNEED born Sept. 22, 1828, died Feb. 6 1852 in Texas

JAMES TURNER son of G. W. and M. M. WILLIAMS born Jan. 26, 1869, died March 15, 1895

C. D. WILLIAMS 1856 - _____ his wife ROSA HOLT 1858 - 1917

On Big Marker

J. S. WILLIAMS born March 21, 1918

ANN HARDEMAN July 2, 1820

J. C. WILLIAMS July 11, 1820

N. C. WILLIAMS Sept. 16, 1824

R. T. WILLIAMS July 26, 1826

WILLIAMS, Daniel
Davidson County Will Book 1, page 302
16 April 1793 - June 1794

The will of DANIEL WILLIAMS names children as follows:

1. Son SAMPSON WILLIAMS - 128 acres
2. Daughter EUNICE CARMICK - 40 acres
3. Son WRIGHT WILLIAMS - rest of land - one half residue
4. Son AMOS WILLIAMS - one negro woman - incapable of supporting himself.
5. Son OLIVER WILLIAMS - one half residue
6. Son NIMROD WILLIAMS - appointed executor

WILLIAMS, Daniel
Davidson County Deeds
8 March 1788

DANIEL WILLIAMS received by North Carolina Grant # 125 640 acres
on the north side of the Cumberland River.

Williams line

Williamson County, Tn., Will Book 10, pp. 370, 462, 600, 602

Will of Henry Williams, dec'd.
written 29 June 1843
probated Aug. Term of Ct. 1852

wife, Anna Williams

daughters: Frances Coleman
Elizabeth Nunn

Book 11, p. 461-463 Inventory of Henry Williams, d'c. estate
Feb. Term 1853

widow rec'd. life interest in homeplace, at her death sale
proceeds to be divided bet. Elizabeth Nunn, her children,
and Frances Coleman.

Children of Elizabeth Nunn:

John and Fueilly, his wife
Mary Nunn
James H. Nunn
Andrew J. Nunn
John C. W. Nunn
Wm. R. Nunn
Nancy A. Nunn
Newton J. Nunn
Nathan W. Nunn

the latter 4 were minors in 1855, Joel Nunn, Guardian

Henry Williams
June 30, 1778
July 14, 1852

buried in Chrisman Cemetery on north side of Rock
Springs-Nolesville Rd., on Wmson-Rutherford Co.
line on farm of James R. Covington.

this is listed on p. 31 of "Rutherford County, Tenn.,
Cemeteries, vol. 1, Northwest Third of County," pub. by
Stones River Chapter, SAR, and Rutherford Co. Hist.
Soc., Murfreesboro, 1975.

In 1807 when Henry Williams first appears on the Williamson Co. Tax list, he
was age 29, so he should have paid a poll tax. The tax lists shows no poll tax pd.

Whiteplains
near Milton P.O.
Laurens Dist
So. Ca.

Dear Doc^t

A few days ago I received a letter from a Gentleman in Baltimore requesting me to give him all the information I could relative to my Grand Father Col^d Jas. Williams who was killed at Kings Mountain in 1780. My Gran Father was a Merchant in this neighborhood prior to the revolution. the most of his books & papers was put in the Store house & it closed for Safe keeping----- the Tories came & plundered his dwelling---- drive my Gran Father from home they took Shelter in the dwelling & had it as head Quarters for them for Some time, they burnt the Store house down & destroyed everything they could. bur(n)t his mill to--- and drive my Gran Mother with her little children from home about 3 miles. She took Shelter in a little old School house in the woods--- She was permitted to take with her a very large & a very old & Strange family Bible---- And while examining Some old papers I came across this bible & I found in that Some old records of my Great Gran Father & my G.G.G. Fathers family---- and I that moment thought of you, and determined within myself, I would give you there burths & c as they are in the Old bible & see if you could tell what relation we were to each other --- which I will give you below precisely as they are my Grand Fathers family Ages & Burths are not in the bible ----

Jno. Williams Sen^r was born 24 Jany 1679

Mary Williams his wife----- 26 Sept. 1684

Jno. Williams there son was born July 26, 1704

Mary Williams there Daugt.- Sept. 1, 1706

Ann " " " " 1, 1708 (note added in pencil
m. John Daniel d. 1762
Granville)

Daniel Williams " son " 28, 1710 (This man is my G.G.F. the)

Nathaniel Williams there Son born Dec. 2, 1712 (My G. Father A.W.)
 Elizabeth Williams, " Daugt. " Sept. 14, 1714 (added in pencil
 m Samuel Henderson.
 Sarah W. " " " Eeby 15, 1716
 Joseph ----- Son Jany 1, 1721

 Daniel Williams & his wife Ursula was mared 19 Oct. 1732.

Maria Williams there Daught was born July 26, 1733
 Henry " " Son " " Nov^b 3, 1734
 Jno. Williams " " " " " 4, 1737
 James " " " " " Nov^b 10, 1740 (my G,F.)
 Joseph " " " " " Sept 6, 1742
 Mary " " Daugt " " May 30, 1743
 Daniel " " Son " " July 2, 1747 "

will you be good enough to tell wheather eather of those was your
 father. I would like to know where they were all born & c ---
~~where he was born & c --- can you give me any information relative~~
 to my Gran Father his services & c.--- You sometimes go to
 Augusta--- I would like when you do go down you would come by &
 Spend a few days with me---- I am not very well. hope you are
 well. Excuse haste a bad pen & c.

Yours truly
 (Signed) Jno.D.Williams
 June 17, 1845.

 Addressed on the back: Free Jno D. Williams
 P.M. Milton
So.Ca.

To
 Doc^t Williams (in pencil added)(Alexander Williams)
 Greenville Courthouse,
 Tennessee

(copied May 26, 1910, by Barbara A.McClung, from the original
 autograph letter of Jno.D.Williams, loaned by Wm.B.Williams, Jr.
 of Greeheville, Tennessee.

Memo

To: Bob Pierce

Have recently returned from Chicago where I was completing my project at Northwestern University. While there I went to the Newberry Library, which is an old old genealogical library--well known, but few additions since 1900. Jotted down the following which I thought might be of interest to you:

NIMROD WILLIAMS, born 1750 in Laurens District, South Carolina, died Feb. 1820 in Davidson County, Tennessee. Married CHRISTIANA GRIFFIN in 1775, born 1758, died 1811. He served as a private in the South Carolina Troops during the Revolutionary War. page 370 A History of Davidson County, Tenn. (1880) (I think this book is Goodspeed's History of Middle Tennessee.) Children:

1. MARY WILLIAMS, born June 20, 1776, married Anthony Hampton
2. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, born Aug. 2, 1787, married Joseph Garner
3. EUNICE WILLIAMS, married Estes
4. TURNER WILLIAMS, born Sept. 35 (sic) 1796, married Ann Currin

Am also enclosing a copy of a clipping from Franklin newspaper about Sneed reunion. Hope you attended.

Be glad to hear of any progress you are making.

I am committed to go to press on Hunt material in September. Could use any information you can dig up.

From the Desk of ---

Vance

T. VANCE LITTLE

Bob: The Davidson County Will is your ancestor. The Caswell County, North Carolina, will is my ancestor. Don't know whether there is any connection or not, but looks like there ought to be, seeing as how my Henry had a son Daniel. Part of my bunch did go to South Carolina from North Carolina. They were from Hanover County, Virginia, before that.

Vance

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Elliott Turner Williams

FROM: T. Vance Little

RE: Williams Family

It would certainly appear that you are descended from the WILLIAMS family ~~York~~ prominent from the earliest days in Hanover County, Virginia, Caswell County, North Carolina, the Laurens District of South Carolina, and Davidson County, Tennessee. The family appears to have originated in Hanover County, Virginia, and to have migrated to Caswell County, North Carolina, in the 1730's or 1740's. From there some of them went to South Carolina and later came to Tennessee, coming here in the 1770's prior to the Robertson-Donelson settlement on the Cumberland River.

Your line of descent seems to be as follows:

DANIEL WILLIAMS, born probably in the 1720's in either Hanover County or Caswell County. He moved to South Carolina and later came to Tennessee with John Rice, wealthy merchant and land owner, who owned several hundred thousand acres of land including the land on which the city of Memphis now stands. DANIEL WILLIAMS died in 1793 in Davidson County, Tennessee. His will is of record in Will Book 1, page 302. His children were: Sampson, Eunice, who married a Carmack, Wright, Amos, Oliver, and

NIMROD WILLIAMS, born in 1750 in the Laurens District of South Carolina, died Feb. 1820, in Davidson County, Tennessee. He was married in 1775 to Christiana Griffin, who was born in 1758 and died in 1811. He served as a private in the South Carolina Troops during the Revolutionary war. His children were: Mary, who married Anthony Hampton, Elizabeth, who married Joseph Garner, Eunice, who married an Estes, and

TURNER WILLIAMS, born September 25, 1796, married (1) Ann Currin in 1812 and (2) Samalla Hopkins in 1852. He is buried on the old Williams place on Hardscuffle Road near Brentwood, Tennessee.

DANIEL WILLIAMS, above, received by North Carolina Grant # 125 640 acres on the north side of the Cumberland River March 8, 1788.

Playwright Tennessee Williams is descended from this same family. As you know, he at one time lived in Nashville.

I, too, am descended from this family. My ancestor was Henry Williams, who died in 1785 in Caswell County, North Carolina. His relationship to DANIEL WILLIAMS, above, is not clear, but he definitely was of the same family.

Newberry County, South Carolina

The Annals of Newberry, J. B. O'Neall, Charleston, 1859

COL. JAMES WILLIAMS of King's Mountain left 5 sons and 3 daughters:
DANIEL, JOSEPH, JOHN, JAMES, WASHINGTON, ELIZABETH, MARY, and SARAH.
Only sons JAMES and WASHINGTON lived to father families. The daughters
married MAJ. JOHN GRIFFIN, JAMES ATWOOD WILLIAMS and JAMES TINSLEY.

DAVIDSON COUNTY MARRIAGE

Aquilla Carmacle to Eunice Williams
6-25-1791

PHONE CONVERSATION WITH BOB COONEY 5-6-83

From Mrs. Robert L. Neal, Jr. Rt #1 Box 114 Reidsville, NC 27320

Henry Elms md Elizabeth _____ d. 1811-1814

Father Daniel, Mother Ursula

Father of Daniel was John md Mary (Keeling)?

b. 24-Jan 1679 b. 26-Sept 1684

b. in Wales (?) or New Kent or York Co., VA

Were in Greenville, NC by 1754

Also had Elizabeth and Samuel Henderson

Also had Ann and John Daniel

Daniel b. 28 Sept. 1710, d. 1759 in Greenville, CO, NC, md. Ursula _____ Oct. 19, 1732

1. Daniel md Ann Rice Jan. 5, 1786
2. Joseph went to Kentucky 1795
3. Nathan md Frances McNeal
4. Henry Jan. 30, 1728 md Polly Gooch Dec. 31, 1799
5. Nancy md Wm Rice
6. Elizabeth

Daniel md Ursula father of Henry

1. Maria md Benjamin Goodman
2. Henry md Elizabeth
3. John md 1) Mary Atwood 2) Anna Marie Minter
4. Col James Nov. 10, 1740 md Mrs. Mary Clarke Wallace burried Guffrey, S.C. killed in Battle of Kings Mt.
5. Joseph md Sarah Lanier
6. Mary md Isaac Mitchell
7. Ann md Henderson
8. Daniel Jr.

J. Bunch Blay lock, Yanceyville, NC 27379, Caswell

Henry Williams md Polly Gooch - Dec. 3, 1799

Wm Gooth bought land from Daniel Williams in 1735 in Greenville, CO, NC

Caswell Co. NC Deeds

April 13, 1812

Frances Gooch conveyed to son-in-law Henry Williams and daughter Polly one Negroe girl aged 5 years for love and affection

Caswell County Marriages

Polly Gooch to Henry Williams 1799

Ann Rice to Daniel Williams 1786

Daniel Williams was probably son of Henry, Sr. from TN

Cousin he was son of Col. James ___ of Kings Mountain and that Ann was a sister of John Rick, early Nashville merchant

John Wms (Jan. 24, 1679) md Mary (Sept 26, 1684)

Children

1. John Wm b. July 26, 1704

2. Mary Wms b. Sept 1, 1706
3. Ann Wms b. Sept 1, 1708
4. Daniel wms b. Sept. 28, 1710 md Ursula and had (1)Maria-1733 (2)Henry-1734 (3)John-1737 (4)James-1740 (5)Joseph-1742 (6)Mary-1743 (7)Daniel-1747
5. Nathaniel Wms b. Sept 14, 1714
6. Elizabeth Wms b. Feb. 15, 1716
7. Joseph Wms b. Jan. 1, 1721

4 SONS 1-5-1786

1. Daniel Wms md. Ann Rice
2. Nancy md. William Rice
3. Joseph in Madison Co. KY
4. Nathan Wms md. Frances McNeil Nov., 24, 1838
5. Henry Wms md. Mary Gooch
6. Elizabeth Wms
7. Susanna h Wm md. Wm H. Rice
8. Ursula Duke Peoples-Ruban Peoples Feb.,1, 1783
9. Sally Brooks md. Chas B. Brooks
10. Jane Wms md. David Rice Gooch
11. Dan Mary md. Thomas Stade Nov. 22, 1794

Vance,

Within this "volume" there are 3 things you need to know and do - on p. 2 & 21 the Elisabeth is not misspelled - it is an "s"

on p. 14 the death date of David Rice Gooch, Jr., is correct - it is 1/3 March 1854

on p. 19-20 you need to change the info on the Kidd line, and add to it about your father's business - the fact he was in business with Will McMurray - and you may want to add to Mary Osburn's line too. I remember Mary Osburn talking about that now and your taking her the milk bottle this spring - but I sure forgot it when I wrote this mainly because I'd never written it down. However, I would prefer not to be shot at dawn and if it's not in there, Mary would do that!

please feel free to change or correct in any way you think best, specially your line for it needs more information. It's longer than I thought it would be but at least it's done for me and for you. Bet you didn't think it would be 10 years getting a reply to your letter and frōms to fill in about the Gooch line.

I' let you know what I find on the Williams line next week. Pardon Geo's xerox machine - it must be protesting the Gooch history as it chopped off some of the pages almost too short!

Virginia

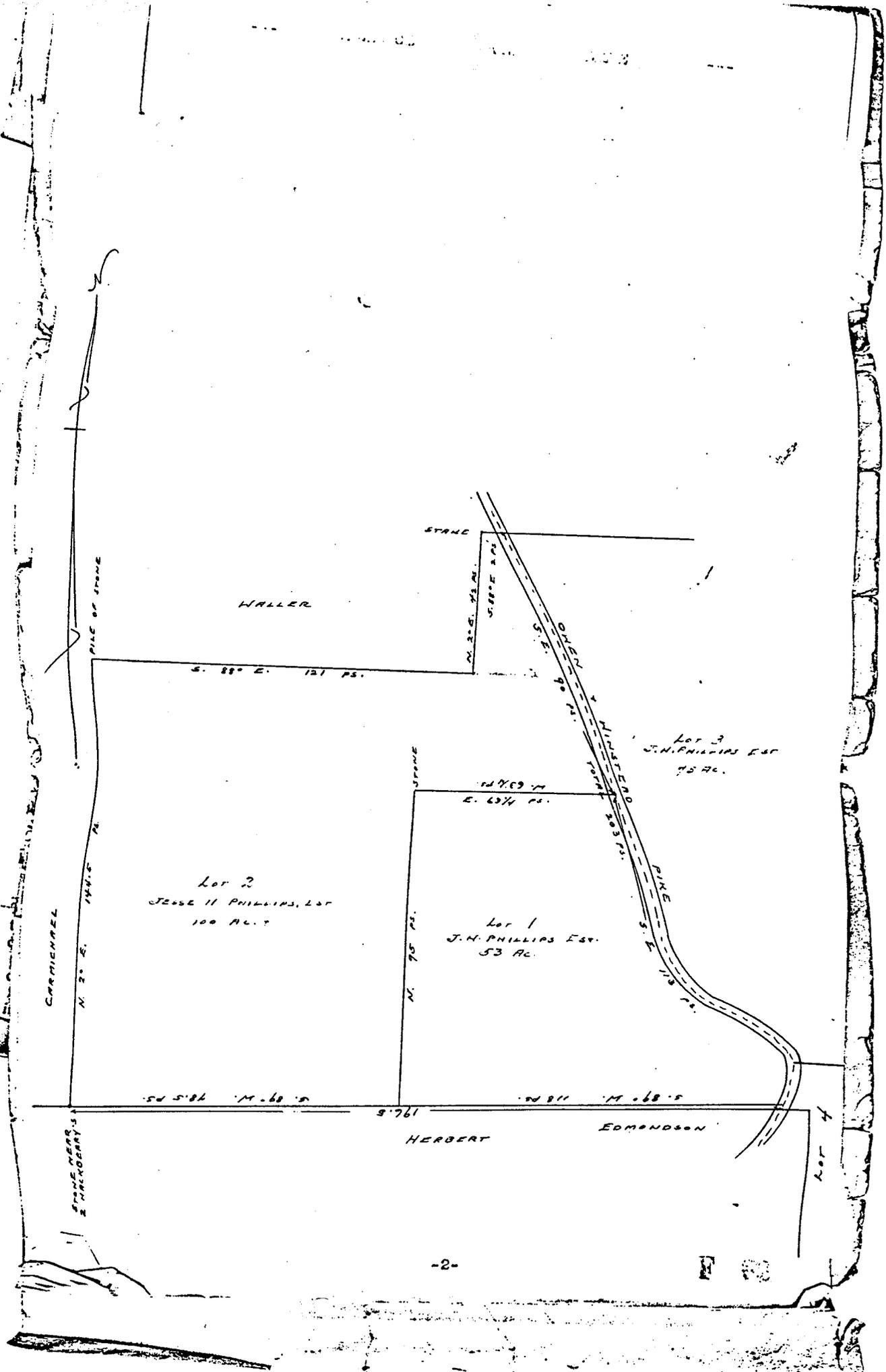
--- ABSTRACT OF TITLE ---
- TO -

A tract of land in the 6th, formerly the 8th, Civil District of Davidson County, Tennessee, composed of two tracts of land, one containing 53 acres, more or less, and the other 100 acres, more or less, being lots Nos. 1 & 2, respectively, in the Partition of the land of Jesse H. Phillips, deceased, in the County Court of Williamson County, Tennessee, and described as follows:- Beginning in the center of the Owen & Winstead Turnpike Road, formerly known as the Winstead or Edmondson & Winstead Turnpike Road, in the Northern boundary line of a tract of land, formerly owned by Edmondson; thence South 89° West, with the Northern boundary line of said Edmondson Tract and the Northern boundary line of the tract of land formerly owned by Herbert, 196½ poles, more or less, to a stone, the Southwest corner of a tract of land, formerly owned by Carmichael; thence North 2° East, with said Carmichael's eastern boundary line, 144½ poles, more or less, to a pile of stone in the southern boundary line of the tract of land formerly owned by Waller; thence South 88° East, with the southern boundary line of said tract of land, 121 poles, more or less, to the Southeast corner of said tract of land; thence North 2° East, with Waller's Eastern boundary line, 42 poles, more or less, to a stake; thence South 88° East 2 poles, more or less, to the center of said Turnpike Road; thence Southeasterly with the center of said Turnpike Road, 203 poles, more or less, to the beginning, containing in all 153 acres, more or less; being the same tracts of land conveyed to Mrs. Annie H. Williams, by two deeds, one executed by John D. deGraffenried, Clerk and Special Commissioner, of record in Deed Book 17, page 185, Register's Office for Williamson County, Tennessee, and the other one executed by Margaret J. Phillips, and of record in Deed Book 17, page 254, said Register's Office.

See Plan on next page.

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WALLER

Lot 3
J.H. PHILLIPS EST.
75 AC.

Lot 2
JESSE H. PHILLIPS, LOT
100 AC.

Lot 1
J.H. PHILLIPS EST.
53 AC.

HERBERT

EDMONDSON

CARRIENREL

PILE OF STONE

STONE
N. 21° E. 75 AC.

STONE
N. 75 AC.

STONE MARK
& HICKORY

S. 88° E. 121 PS.

N. 2° E. 144.5'

N. 75° E. 147.63'

S. 51° E. 114.68'

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S. 51° E. 114.68'

CHICKEN & WINDSTOCK
90' 75' 111' 120' 130' 140' 150' 160' 170' 180' 190' 200' 210' 220' 230' 240' 250' 260' 270' 280' 290' 300'

PINE

Lot 4

John D. deGraffenried, Clerk
and Special Commissioner,
T O / D E E D
Mrs. Annie H. Williams.

Deed Book No. 17, page 185.
Register's Office for Williamson
County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, by a decree of the
County Court of Williamson

County, Tennessee, rendered at its December Term, 1892, in the
cause of M. J. Phillips, et al Vs. Roberta Caldwell, et al, and
entered on pages 11 & 15 of the Minute Book for 1892, I John D.
deGraffenried, County Court Clerk and Special Commissioner, did
on the 6th. day of Feby. 1893, sell at public auction the real
estate hereinafter described, to Mrs. Annie H. Williams for
\$4,420.00 as appears from the report of the said Clerk and
Special Commissioner, made in said cause, to the March Term, 1893,
and entered on pages 57 and 58 of the Minute Book. And the said
Mrs. Annie H. Williams having paid said sum of \$4,420.00, as required
by the decree of the said Court confirming said report:

Now therefore, in order to carry into effect said sale in pursuance
of said decree, I, the said John D. deGraffenried, as said Clerk
and Special Commissioner, do hereby transfer and convey to the
said Mrs. Annie H. Williams, her heirs and assigns, forever, the
following described tract of land lying in the 16th. Civil District
of Williamson County, Tennessee, and is bounded as follows, to-wit:
Beginning in the center of the pike, the N. E. corner of Lot No. 1;
thence with the same, West $63\frac{1}{2}$ poles to a stone the N. W. C. of
same; thence South 95 poles to a stone the S. W. C. of Lot No. 1
in Herberts line; thence S. 89 W. with his line $78\frac{1}{2}$ poles to a
stone near two hackberrys Carmichael's S. E. C.; thence N. 2 E.
with said line $144\frac{1}{2}$ poles to a pile of stone in Waller's S.B. line;
thence with his line S. 88 E. 121 to his S. E. C.; thence N. 2 E. 42
poles with Waller's line to stake; thence S. 88 E. 2 poles to center

of pike; thence with the center of same 90 poles to the beginning.
Containing 100 acres, more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said real estate to the said Mrs. Annie H.
Williams, her heirs and assigns forever.

WITNESS MY HAND AT OFFICE, in Franklin, Tennessee, this the 15th.
day of May, 1894.

John D. deGraffenried,
Clerk & Special Commissioner.

Acknowledged May 15, 1894.

Filed same day.

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Margarett J. Phillips,
(Signed: Margaret J. Phillips),

T O / DEED OF GIFT

Annie Herbert Williams, Grantor's
grand child, subject to a life
estate in the said Margarett J.
Phillips.

Covenants of general warranty to
Anna H. Williams.

Deed Book No. 17, page 254.
Register's Office for
Williamson County, Tennessee.

The following described tract
or lot of land located, lying
and being in Williamson County
Tennessee, District No. 16,
and being Lot No. 1 set apart
to said Margarett J. Phillips,

by decree confirming the re-
port of Commissioners entered Dec. 26/92 in p. 11 - 15 in the
Minutes of the said County Court, in the Case of M. J. Phillips, et
al, vs. Roberta Caldwell, et al, in which the land formerly belonging
to Jesse Hinton Phillips, Dec'd., were partitioned, and said lot

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No. 1 being bounded as follows:

Beginning in the center of the Winstead Pike, Edmondson's North boundary line; thence South 89° West with Edmondson and Herbert's line, 118 poles to a stone, 1 pole East of a ravine in Herbert's N. B. line; thence North 95 poles to a stone; thence East 63½ poles to the center of the Pike; thence with the center of the same as it meanders, 113 poles to the beginning, containing 53 acres.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto said Anna Herbert Williams, her heirs and assigns, forever.

Date June 29, 1893.

Acknowledged same day.

Filed for record July 31, 1894.

Consideration: Love and affection.

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NOTE:

Mrs. Margaret J. Philips, died in the year 1910. See her will recorded in Will Book No. 37, page 241, and probated Feby. 8, 1910, in the County Court for Davidson County, Tennessee.

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NOTE:

We are informed by B. H. Williams, that Mrs. Annie H. Williams died, intestate, October 1907, leaving surviving her, as her only heirs at law, her husband, W. H. Williams, Sr., who died Jany. 26, 1934, and the following six children, to-wit:

W. H. Williams, Jr., John M. Williams, Jesse M. Williams, B. Hood Williams, Mrs. Annell Williams McMurray, wife of S. K. McMurray and Mrs. Sador Williams Edmondson, wife of Thos. E. Edmondson.

The names of the above heirs are also set out in a bill filed in the Chancery Court April 10, 1934, in the Cause of Jesse M. Williams, et al. Vs. Woodrow Williams, et al, rule No. 47983.

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--- TAXES ---

All paid up to and including the year 1933.

1934: Books not ready.

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