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THE LIFE OF ROBERT YOUNG, SR.

When asked to write a genealogy paper on the life of one of my ancestors, I asked myself who I could possibly write on. I thought of all my immediate family, and they had all been raised in Carter County, Tennessee. I started researching, and, to my surprise, the name Robert YOUNG, Sr., came up from the past. Over two hundred years of history and ten generations of YOUNGs have lived and some died to come from Robert YOUNG's life in history to present day time. By looking into the past, we find a man who lived in the Johnson City, Tennessee, area that raised a family, settled the frontier, fought Indians, and participated in the Revolutionary War.

It is speculated that Robert YOUNG, Sr., was born in the United States because, while Robert and Mary YOUNG, his wife whose maiden surname is unknown, lived in a Scotch-Irish and Presbyterian settlement, their names have never been found on any passenger list. The parents of Robert YOUNG, Sr., have not been identified, and his exact birth date is questionable while he is speculated to be born around 1720. The first documented proof of Robert YOUNG, Sr., and his wife, is in 1740 when they lived along the Borden Tract in the area of the James River on Buffalo Creek and on the Forks of the James, or "Forks". Robert YOUNG, Sr., and his wife raised all thirteen of their children while living on Buffalo Creek in the "Forks". YOUNG and his sons all received a good education because they all had nice signatures, but Mary and his daughters probably did not receive any education since Mary signed her name "M" and their daughters signed theirs "X".

Robert and Mary YOUNG, Sr., lived on Buffalo Creek in the "Forks" for more than thirty years before moving to Washington County, North Carolina (now Tennessee). The YOUNGs were described as "brave, daring and determined...whose ambitions were to select fertile land and to establish homes" (SIMMONS, ii), and they succeeded in getting as much land as they needed like all the other Wataugans. In May of 1772 the Wataugans created the Watauga Association, and, later in March, 1775, the Watauga Purchase was applied to obtain land from the Indians by lease. The Earl of Dunmore, who was the Royal Governor of Virginia, reported to Britain in 1774 that the Wataugans were settling Cherokee land illegally, as stated in the British Proclamation of 1763. To resolve this ordeal, the North Carolina Assembly maintained that the Wataugans could purchase as much as 640 acres through a grant for fifty shillings per one hundred acres.

The harmonious existence between the Indians and the settlers was destroyed, instigated personally for the YOUNGs by the killing of James YOUNG, one son of Robert YOUNG, Sr. War began in 1776 between the Cherokee and the Wataugans while the Indians received a supply of ammunition from the British. On July 11, 1776, the settlers received word that the Cherokee Indians were on the war path, and most pioneers, along with Robert YOUNG and family, sheltered themselves in the strongest fort of the time, the Watauga Fort. Although victory was given to the settlers, life never became peaceful again between the pioneers and Indians.

After the victory over the Cherokee, the settlers had to prepare to defend themselves against the British in the Revolutionary War. Robert YOUNG, Sr., definitely fought in the Battle of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780, and could have participated in the Battles of Charleston, Island Flats, Boonesborough, and Musgrove Mill with other Overmountain Men from this area.

The Wataugans were able to stay out of the war for some time until they received word that Colonel Patrick FERGUSON was crossing the mountains to destroy their homes. The Wataugans joined Colonel Isaac SHELBY's men from Sullivan County and had held the Whig line for eleven days when FERGUSON decided to break through. "Robert YOUNG, Sr., was with his son-in-law, John GILLILAND, who had received several wounds and was nigh exhausted. GILLILAND, seeing FERGUSON and his party advancing, attempted to arrest

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the career of the great leader, but his gun snapped; then he called out to Robert YOUNG of the same regiment (Col. John SEVIER's) 'Ther's FERGUSON - shoot him. I'll mry and see what Sweet-Lips can do,' muttered YOUNG as he drew a sharp sight, disnarging his rifle, the FERGUSON fell from his horse" (DRAPER, 275). Robert YOUNG's gun Sweet-Lips was named after his wife, Mary YOUNG, and can be found in the State Museum, Nashville, Tennessee. The battle lasted a little over one hour, and then the soldiers returned to their homes.

Robert YOUNG, Sr., was associated with John SEVIER through the formation of the State of Franklin. Unfortunately, YOUNG did not live long enough to see his progress towards independence of Tennessee. YOUNG died sometime between the writing of his will on February 8, 1792, and the date of his Inventory on August 16, 1792. Tennessee received her statehood on June 1, 1796, by becoming the sixteenth state admitted into the Union.

Robert YOUNG, Sr., received recognition as a war hero in 1928 by the D.A.R. John SEVIER Chapter, Johnson City, Tennessee. A plaque was placed on the outside wall of his cabin, but unfortunately disappeared in 1974. The plaque on the wall stated: "This was the cabin of Robert YOUNG Revolutionary Hero who received a grant of land from Charles ROBERTSON Trustee for the Wataugans in 1775. Probable date of erection, Spring of 1775. Restored by the Veterans Administration in cooperation with the John SEVIER Chapter of the American Revolution 1938." A marker was also placed on his grave by the D.A.R. which reads: "Within this plot lies the body of Robert YOUNG a Revolutionary Soldier who did heroic service at King's Mountain - Erected 1928 by the John SEVIER Chapter D.A.R." Part of the land once owned by Robert YOUNG, Sr., was bought by the Federal Government for a National Soldiers' Home. On May 10, 1976, the cabin was moved to the Optimist Park in Johnson City, Tennessee, and is still located on land once owned by the Robert YOUNG family.

Through this genealogy project, I have not only learned more about the Young side of y family, but I have also learned about the other branches of my family tree and more about my immediate family. I plan to continue researching my family's past to see what other kind of interesting people I am related to. I would like to thank Mr. MITCHELL, my history teacher, and the Holston Territory Genealogical Society for letting me participate in this project.

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The following from CENTRAL KIDS - News and Information about the future of Central Christian Church (Bristol, TN) - Our Kids!

MELISSA "JAMIE" YOUNG - received First Place recognition for her essay "The Life of Robert YOUNG" in the Holston Territory Genealogical Society of Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee "Preserve Our Heritage" contest at Virginia High School on May 22, 1995. Melissa researched her paternal and maternal family histories in depth for this project. She chose to write about her twelfth great-grandfather, a Revolutionary War hero. Melissa is a second soprano in the Virginia High School Chorale. The Chorale traveled to Washington, D.C. through an honored invitation in May to participate in the National Choral Festival and perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for he Performing Arts.

ANCESTOR CHARTS

- YOUNG, Melissa Jamelle, b. 8 Feb 1978 Elizabethton, Carter Co. TN
- YOUNG, Philip Gene, b. 4 Apr 1955 Elizabethton, TN; m. 26 July 1975
- BUCKLES, Teresa Belle, b. 10 Jan 1956 Johnson City, Washington Co. TN

- 4. YOUNG, Billie Gene, b. 29 May 1927 Johnson City, TN; m. 19 Aug 1947
- ELLIS, Martha Louise, b. 4 June 1928, Carter Co. TN
- BUCKLES, Lewis Howard, b. 28 June 1914 Carter Co. TN; d. 15 Nov 1985 Johnson City, TN; m. 11 Nov 1949
- BUCK, Anna Elizabeth, b. 13 Oct 1919 Carter Co. TN; d. 26 Oct 1981 Johnson City, TN YOUNG, Samuel Hensley, b. 22 Apr 1898 Carter Co. TN; d. 10 July 1973 Elizabethton, TN; m. 2 May 1920.
- DUGGER, Rose Ann, b. 14 Sep 1898 Johnson City, TN; d. 7 Mar 1979 Elizabethton, TN
- ELLIS, Charles David, b. 22 Feb 1896, Carter Co. TN; d. 17 Aug 1963, Carter Co. TN; m. 21 Feb 1926
- PERRY, Julie Mae, b. 14 Feb 1906 Carter Co. TN; d. 13 Dec 1992 Elizabethton, TN
- BUCKLES, Clyde S., b. 27 Jan 1894 Carter Co. TN; d. 27 Apr 1924 Carter Co. TN 13. ANDERSON, Ida Belle, b. 2 June 1895 Carter Co. TN; d. 24 Sep 1970 Johnson City, TN
- BUCK, Milton Blain, b. 17 Dec 1893 Carter Co. TN; 2 Oct 1983 Johnson City, TN; m. 28 June 1915
- REDMOND, Osey Belle, b. 4 Mar 1893 Greene Co. TN; d. 26 Jan 1989 Elizabethton, TN
- YOUNG, Joseph Robert "Bob", b. 4 Oct 1872, Carter Co. TN; d. 17 Oct 1955 Carter Co. TN, m. 10 Nov 1892
- DUNBAR, Anna Nora, b. 10 Nov 1875; d. 26 Oct 1932
- DUGGER, Joseph (1844-1919) 19. WALKER, Catherine (1844-1932)
- ELLIS, George Edward, b. 29 Apr 1874 Carter Co. TN, d. 11 Aug 1941 Carter Co.TN m. 16 Sep 1892
- OAKS, Louise Elizabeth, b. 1873 Carter Co. TN; d. 1963 Carter Co. TN 22. PERRY, Thomas Sherman (1872-1960) 23. HOLDEN, Louise (1882-1953)
- BUCKLES, Thomas J., b. 6 Feb 1850 Stoney Creek, TN; d. 21 June 1926 Carter Co. TN m. 22 Apr 1869
- WILLIAMS, Celia, b. 13 Jan 1854 Carter Co. TN; d. 10 Apr 1943 Carter Co. TN 25.
- ANDERSON, Lewis Howard, b. 3 Aug 1866 Stoney Creek, TN; d. 18 Mar 1903 Carter Co.TN
- DAVIDSON, Mellie, b. 17 Nov 1872; d. 25 Feb 1913
- BUCK, Robert Landon, b. 8 July 1868 29. JONES, Martha Elizabeth 28.
- REDMOND, David Sanford (1860-1943) 31. GIBSON, Mattie (1870-1935) 30. YOUNG, John W., b. 21 Apr 1833 Knob Creek, TN; d. 22 Jan 1914 Carter Co. TN
- m. 26 Dec 1860 33. PATTON, Alice Elizabeth, b. 22 June 1842; d. 20 Dec 1908
- 40. ELLIS, David W., b. 1840 Carter Co. TN; d. 1907 Carter Co. TN; m. 1863
- 41. HUNTLY, Adiline Burleson (1834-1904)
- 42. OAKS, Charels Gordon, b. 1 Nov 1828; m. 1851 43. PERRY, Lucinda
- 44. PERRY, Joseph 45. JOHNSON (?), Sarah
- 48. BUCKLES, William, b. 1808 Sullivan Co. TN; d. 1892 Carter Co. TN; m. 1831
- 49. JONES, Catherine, b. 1811; d. 1885 Carter Co. TN
- 50. WILLIAMS, Pleasant 51. PIERCE, Lavicy
- 52. ANDERSON, James C. R., m. 11 Oct 1865
- 53. CRUMLEY, Rebecca Jane, b. 1848 Carter Co. TN; d. 1921 Carter Co. TN
- 56. BUCK, Taylor
- 58. JONES, Wesley
- 62. GIBSON, -?-
- 59. -?-, Eden 60. REDMOND, David 61. ICENHOUR, Nancy
- 63. RUSELL, Caldona 64. YOUNG, Hugh P., b. 1799 Washington Co. TN; d. Aug 1880 Washington Co. TN; m. 27 July 1823
- 65. BEARD, Esther, b. 1799; b. before 1860
- 80. ELLIS, John (1800-1885)
- 81. MURRAY, Jane Shipwrath, b. 26 Mar 1811

85. HIX, Sarah - d/o Samuel HIX

- 82. BURLESON, -?-83. BURLESON, Sarah
- OAKS, Barnabus s/o Joshua OAKS
- 86. PERRY, Thomas, m. 1826 87. ELLIS, Nancy, (1809-1901/1905?)
- PERRY, Thomas, b. 1808 Carter Co. TN; d. 1888; m. 20 July 1826 89. ELLIS, Nancy 88.
- 96. BUCKLES, Abraham, b. 1779 97. -?- Rachel bpl: Jefferson Co. WVA
- 98. JONES, Thomas 99. RAMSEY, Susannah

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106. CRUMLEY, Harmon J., b. 25 July 1822 Sullivan Co. TN, dpl: Alum Wells, Wash. Co. VA; m. 6 Sept 1843

RITCHIE, Mary Ann, b. 30 May 1822 Stoney Creek, TN; d.?

1631 YOUNG, John, Jr., b. 1775/76; d. after 10 June 1831

129. --?--, Rebecca, b. 1786; d. after 1850

130. BEARD, Robert 131. BUCHANAN, Martha

160. ELLIS, Joseph, b. 1762; d. 1848, Grainger Co. TN; m. 1786

161. REDWINE, Charlotte (1761-1848)

162. MURRAY, Jabez, b. 1775, VA; d. 1851 Wash. Co. TN 163. --?--, Nancy

174 & 175. (same as No. 160 & 161 & 178 & 179)

176. PERRY (?), Samuel

192. BUCKLES, Abraham, b. 1735 Berkley Co. (W)VA; m. 1760 193. McEVERS, Mary

212. CRUMLEY, John B., (1798-1866) m. 1820 213. Jones, Rebecca, b. 9 Nov 1795

214. RITCHIE, Dempsey, b. 1770-80, Mecklenburg Co., NC; d. 1836; m. 1803

215. RHEA, Mary, b. 1784-94; d. before 1830

256. YOUNG, John, Sr., b. about 1745; d. after 3 Sep 1802; m. after 30 Apr 1772

257. CUNNINGHAM, Isabel, b. ?; d. 1818; d/o Hugh CUNNINGHAM & Sarah DAVIS

322. REDWINE, John (1739-1800) 323. SHRIVER, Sarah

324. MURRAY, Thomas, Jr.; s/o Thomas, Sr.; gs/o Morgan; ggs/o James MURRAY

350.& 351. (same as 322 & 323)

384. BUCKLES, Robert, b. 15 May 1702 Yorkshire, England; d. 1785 Berkley Co. (W)VA

385. BROWN, Ann

424. CRUMLEY, George, Jr., s/o George, Sr.

426. JONES, Thomas (1762-1842) 427. RAMSEY, Susanna

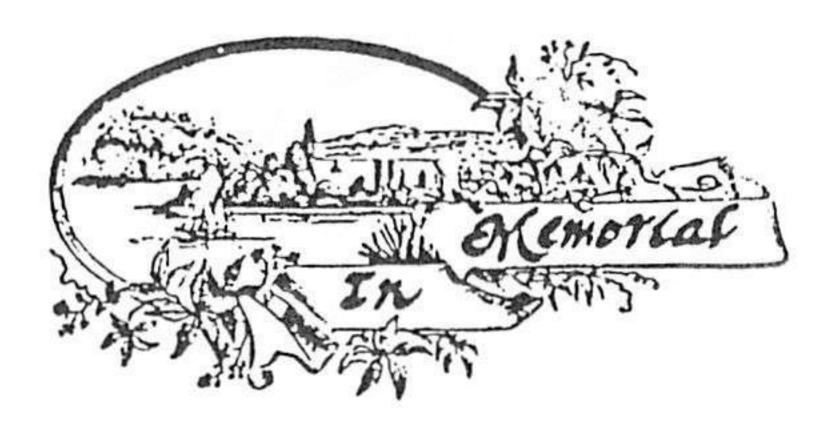
512. YOUNG, Robert, Sr., b. about 1720, d. 1792 Washington Co. TN 513. -?-, Mary

644. RHOTWEIN/REDWINE, Frederic, b. 1699, Prussia; d. 1760, Pittsburg, PA, m. 1731

TN.

645. STONER, Barbara

1288. RHOTWEIN, Russ



GRAHAM GORDON LANDRUM, born 1 Dec 1922, Dallas, TX Died 31 July 1995, Bristol, TN. Funeral Service was held 3 Aug 1995, First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN. Interment: Glenwood Cemetery, Bristol, TN. Survivors: Wife, Mary Fisher LANDRUM, Daughter, Harriet LANDRUM KOSCHO, wife of Steven D. KOSCHO. Son, Robert Graham LANDRUM.

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MRS. EVA CARTER RICHARDS, 94 years, of Bristol, TN died 1 August 1995, Bristol, TN. She was a member of the Fort Chiswell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Wilderness Trail Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century. She was a member of the Loveless Baptist Church. She was the widow of H.W. RICHARDS.

Survivors include one son, D. C. RICHARDS, Bristol, TN; one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth A. WALL, Bristol, TN; one sister, Mrs. Elsie C. MILLER, Hilton, VA; two grandchildren, Mrs. Robin WALL BAGNALL and

Carter Grace BAGNALL. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Sgt. Richard W. RICHARDS.

Interment: Tri-Cities Memorial Gardens, Blountville,

Douglas I. RICHARDS; and three great-grandchildren,

Jacob Douglas RICHARDS, Jared Carter RICHARDS and