

Descendants of Charles Featherstone¹

1. CHARLES¹ FEATHERSTON was born about 1635 in England, and died before August 1682 in Henrico Co., Va.. He married REBECCA STRATTON before 1680 in Henrico Co., Va., daughter of EDWARD STRATTON and ELIZABETH THURSTON. She was born about 1652 in England, and died after 2 May 1726 in Henrico Co., Va.

The original work on this family was done by the late George Cuttino, who published his findings privately in the early 1960's. He subsequently updated his files and submitted them to Featherston Findings, a work which has subsequently been posted on the Internet.² He was a professor of history, with an interest in medieval England, so a lot of his interest was in making a connection to English royalty, which he did through Thomas Ligon. In his report, he followed only the lineal descent to Lucius Horace Featherston, who is our shared ancestor. In this report, I have tried to include some information about the siblings in each generation, taking advantage of the wealth of new information published in the last forty years.³

Charles Featherston (also spelled Fetherstone, Featherstone), b. ca. 1635 in England, emigrated as a headright of Major Abraham Wood to Charles City Co., Va., in 1653 and d. ca. 1681. He settled in that part of Henrico County that later became Chesterfield County, and on 19 August 1672 was granted a tract of land of 700 A. This land is described as being on the north side of the Appomattox River corner to the orphan's land of Mr. William Walthall, near Timbury Run Plantation, now the site of Petersburg. In 1679 Charles was named in a list of "40 tythables" ordered by the court to "fit out arms and men." He was assigned a quota of three men. In August 1682 his widow, Rebecca, was granted administration of his estate. She later married Samuel Newman.⁴

Deposition of Rebecca Newman, wife of Samuel Newman, age 77, 18 Sept. 1725, that she knew personally Charles Featherstone, dec'd, of this county, and that he had at the time of his death 4 children lawfully begotten: a son Henry Charles Featherstone and 3 daughters Anne, Sarah, and Susanna Featherstone,

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² Cuttino, George P. Ancestors and Descendants of Lucius Horace Featherston. The copy I worked from was distributed by him to family, including my father, in 1962. An updated version was later published in Hawkins, Joyce F. *Featherston Findings*. 9:1-18,1992. This work is now available on the Internet at <http://www.featherstone-society.com/indexes/usa/featherstone>. I will refer to this work as Cuttino, George P., as he did not paginate his typescript.

³ In the final version of this work, he says "Family tradition has always had it that the Featherstons in America were descended from three brothers, Henry, Charles, and Edward, who emigrated to Virginia about 1750. This tradition has no basis in fact." However, it can be seen in various family trees posted on the Internet.

⁴ Cuttino, George P.

and that the son remains in good health. Sworn before Henry Randolph and Richard Kennon and recorded May 2, 1726.⁵

Additional information on this man was published in 1986 by Robert M. Clark, whose work is included here.⁶

At some time during or previous to the year 1672, an Englishman named Charles Featherston appeared in Henrico County, the part which was later formed into Chesterfield County. The first official reference to him is when he made application for a grant of land lying about 3 miles southwest of the present town of Chester, on Timbury Run. (Pat. Bk. No. 6, II Cav. & Pioneers 112.) He was most likely the same Charles Featherstone listed as a headright of Col. Abraham Wood who was granted 1557 acres at Ft. Henry in Charles City County (Patent Bk. No. 3, I Cav & Pioneers 255.) Since Charles Featherston used the name of Thomas Chamberlayne as one of his "rights" in his 1672 Henrico County grant, stating that he had come over twice, we can assume that they were close friends. He may have stopped prior to 1672 with his friend Thomas Chamberlayne, whose home was not very far away, until he decided just where he wanted to establish a permanent home. The location of Timbury RUn Plantation was just 4 or 5 miles from Fort Henry on the Appomattox River, now the site of Petersburg. Thomas Chamberlayne had married a daughter of General Abraham Wood, Commander of the Fort when it was first established; so he seems to have lived nearby for a long time--later moving to Proctor's Creek, nearer to the Varina, county seat of Henrico County.

Charles Featherstone was born in 1637 (24 William and Mary Quarterly (1st) 208) in England. On 19 August 1672 Charles Featherston was granted a tract of land containing 700 acres, by Sir William Berkeley, then Governor of the Colony of Virginia (Patent Book No. 6, II Cavaliers and Pioneers 112.) The grant of land was described as being on the north side of Appomattox River in Henrico County, corner to the orphans of Mr. William Walthall, near Timbury Run, to the corner of Timbury patent, up Timbury's line to the head of the Run. This was granted for the transportation of the following 14 persons into the colony: Edward Noddan, John Crabb, Charles Featherston, Richard Read, Ben Jabin, Thomas Chamberlayne twice, William Cooke, Jone Corsse, William Payne, William Fraviles, Thomas Mors, Xpofer Renings, Xpofer Grisley.

At this time there were serious troubles with the Indians, which led to Bacon's Rebellion. Fort Henry on the Appomattox River was an outpost for settlements at that time, causing many people to settle a short distance from the Fort. in times of Indian incursion, the settlers could take refuge in the fort. We have no record as to which side of Bacon's Rebellion Charles Featherston espoused, but from the group of men with which he was identified later, it is a natural supposition that he was on the side of the King.

On 10 die Xbis (10th December) 1677, Charles Featherston, aged 40 odd years, appeared in Court and made a deposition to the effect that Mr. Pride came

⁵ Castleman, Janice M. <http://genforum.genealogy.com/featherston/messages/5.html>. She cites as her source: BBWeisinger - Colonial Wills of Henrico Co. p109.

⁶ Clark, Robert M. Abstracts of Records of the Featherstone Family in Southside Virginia. (1986) Copy located at the DAR Library, Washington, D. C. He was an attorney, which is evident from his form of citation, which I have retained intact.

out of the woods in Mr. Randolph's cart, called at the house of the said Featherston, and stated that he was going to live at Mr. Randolph's because of the times, left his wife but returned for her that night. He agreed to make a crop for the said Featherston, who at first objected as the times were troubled and dangerous. It was finally agreed that the said Featherston was to give him land to work, free of rent, as it would be for the security of his plantation to have him there, as well as William Bevins who was to assist said William Pride in making the crop. (Vol. 1, p. 29 Henrico Co., Records.)

John Willson made deposition to the same effect, except that he said Pride was to sleep at Bevin's house at night, all week save two nights. Of course, this was for protection during Indian troubles.

We also find evidence that Featherston was of convivial habits, as cited by the depositions following: John Jacques, aged 23 years or thereabouts, stated that about May or June last, there came to the house of Mrs. Judith Randolph, Mr. John Pygott and Mr. Charles Featherston where, drinking of a bottle, they fell to playing all fours (a game said to be similar to High, Low, Jack & Gane), but while playing awhile and their money coming even, Mr. Featherston said I will play no more unless you put down money or Mr. Soane passe for you. Where after some words Pygott told the said Soane he owne him 14 pence, who replied and said yes he did and he would passe for a Shilling for either of them. Whereupon going to play again, and in the drinking of another bottle, the said Soane sometimes betted with Mr. Featherston on Mr. Pygott's head one Shilling, and sometimes 2 Shillings and their play continued till Mr. Featherston won 15 half crowns of Pygott and of the aforesaid Soane 13 pence which money was won by the said Featherston, but they differing againe he said he would play no more without money or his bill which Pygott refused and said he would give noe other security that what he had done, upon which they fell to bad & angry words & had fought but were hindered by William Soane and myself who were then there; this is truth to the best of your deponents..judgment and further said not. 10 die (Xbris) Nov 1677. Test. William Randolph, CC.

February Court 1677/8 Charles Featherston by his own confession has been drunke since he has been on ye Jury & at ye same tyme swore several oaths in my hearing. Testified to by Samuel Knibb. (Henrico Records Vol. 1, p. 70.)

We next find that he and his brother-in-law, Edward Stratton, Jr., were drinking on a Sabbath day at night. (Vol. 1, p. 78.)

There were diversions other than drinking and gambling, since we find at this time that Manakin Town on the south side of James River was appointed as a place for the fair or mart with the Indians. This was in the present Powhatan County where the French refugees were settled in the year 1700, and was doubtless an event with sufficient thrills, since they were rather fierce and troublesome as neighbors.

All freemen were bound to be trained every month in their particular counties for military service, and those of substance were called upon to equip or fit out men, horses & arms. Charles Featherston was ordered to fit out three men. (30 April 1679, Vol. 1, p. 102.)

On February 20, 1682, Robert Farmer dposed that 28 years before--1654--he carried the chains in survey of land at Charles Featherston's new plantation and

that a certain line that was between Mr. Walthall and Mr. Hatcher. (Vol. 1, p. 212.)

It was several miles from the home plantation of Charles Featherston to the court house, which was then at Varina, and he had to cross a ferry at that point from the south side of James River. This did not seem to hinder them if something of interest was on hand, and we find that an ordinary or tavern was kept at the plantation of Mr. Thomas Cocke who lived at Malvern Hill. There was an alley for playing nine pins there. (Vol. 1, p. 191.) Crosse and Pile was another game played, and I find that John Pygott won 700 lbs. of tobacco in 1 night playing with one John Milner. Aside from this they raised horses and had cock fights. However, life was not all drinking and gambling. These were habits brought from the mother country and hard to get away from all at once. When alarms sounded that an Indian raid was expected, all was excitement and worry as to the fate of family and home. Men were sent out to give the alarm and get the Militia together to drive the savages back. Pirates also often came into the great rivers, causing great alarm. Yorktown, Jamestown, and Hampton were fortified against pirates for many years, but the pirates would land at plantations to steal and frighten planters.

Charles Featherston was married to Rebecca, the daughter of Edward Stratton, Sr. Rebecca Featherstone did not long remain a widow after the death of Charles Featherstone in 1682, for she had married Samuel Newman by October 1683. (Henrico County Records, Vol. 1, p. 150.) In 1698 Rebecca Featherstone was listed as the sister of Edward Stratton (Jr.) in his will recorded in Henrico County Wills and Deeds 1697-1704, p. 122.)..

Charles 1 Featherstone's will has never been located. However, at the August 1682 Henrico County Court, Rebecca Featherston was granted administration on the estate of her husband Charles Featherston, deceased. (Vol. 1, p. 225.) Charles Featherston's estate was inventoried by John Steward and Thomas Webster, appraisers, value £ 15.4.6; account of debts of the estate mentions Abraham Womack, William Bevin, Timothy Allen, John Baugh, John Davis, Mr. Lown, Edward Stratton, jr., Robert Bolling, and Peter Rowlett for Lewis, recorded 2 Oct 1682. The complete inventory is listed below:.. One Feather bed, Boulster, Pillow, two blanketts, one Rugg, one pair of Sheets with Dinerminster Curtains & Vallance & Bedstead, £12-0-0. One small feather bed, boulder, pillow, blankett, 7 pair of sheets, £1.0.0. One chest, 1 wainscott chair, 1 long table, a forme, 2 joint stools. Two iron potts, one iron kettle, one pair of racks with pot hooks, one pair of tongs, a brass ladle, five gunns unfixt, 1 fixt gunn, a cutlass, two Buck skins, one Box iron, one Cross cut saw, two hand saws, one Broad—ax, two adses, four augers, two Chisels, one drawing knife, one frow, one hammer, Fifteen pounds of old pewter, one brass mortar, one iron pestle, pieces of gunns, one Couch & 2 small chairs, one old trunk & Case, one powdering tubb & other lumber, one Diaper Table Cloth, 13 diaper napkins, 2 Diaper towels, 2 pair of old sheets, Six old pillow cases, Eight coarse napkins, two small course table cloths, one Blankett, one old Holland Sheet, one very old Bible, three books, three little old Pillows, one looking Glass, Three Qrters of Course Broadcloth, two yards of Flannell, two yard half of Norwich stuff, About 60 head of Hoggs running in ye woods. totall £15.4.8. Eight Cowes, one three year old Heifer, three three year old steers, two steers two years old, one

Bull three years old, two yearling heifers, three yearling Bulls & one young Cow calf. Two sever year old mares, two Young Horses, one Mare two years old, one Mare foal one half a year old.

10 October 1683 it was recorded that a horse running at Pucketts belonged to Charles Featherston. He & Joseph Tanner had traded horses and he had been looking for it in company with Christopher Branch at Appomattox. (Vol. 1, p. 150.)

Children of CHARLES FEATHERSTON and REBECCA STRATTON are:

2. i. HENRY² FEATHERSTON, b. about 1680 Henrico Co., Va.; d. before 1759 Henrico Co., Va.
- ii. ANN FEATHERSTON, b. 1670-1674⁷ Henrico Co., Va.; d. after 12 December 1745 Chesterfield Co., Va.; m. ABRAHAM BURTON February 1692 Henrico Co., Va., son of THOMAS BURTON and SUSANNE HATCHER; b. about 1669 Henrico Co., Va.; d. after 12 May 1736 Chesterfield Co., Va.

Abraham Burton and Ann Featherstone lived at Cobbs on Swift Creek Chesterfield Co., and then on Deep Creek in Amelia Co., Va.⁸

Abraham Burton of old Henrico, later Chesterfield Co., married Ann Featherston, removed to Amelia County where he died about 1736, when his will was entered for probate. His widow, Ann, died in 1745. At the time of making her will she mentioned grandchildren Charles and Abraham Burton, sons of her son Charles. Their removal to Amelia may have been the reason for the going into that county of Charles Featherston. We find that Charles Featherston, evidently from Chesterfield Co., came 40 miles to court in 1758 as a witness for Bartholomew Dupee, for which he was to be plaid 315 pounds of tobacco in a suit vs. Frederick Baugh.⁹

Children of ANN FEATHERSTON and ABRAHAM BURTON are:

1. ABRAHAM BURTON, b. about 1691 Henrico Co., Va.; m. MARY BEVILL.
 2. SUSAN BURTON, b. 1695 Henrico Co., Va.; m. (1) JOHN GARRETT; m. (2) _____ CLIFTON.
 3. CHARLES BURTON, b. about 1696 Henrico Co., Va.; d. about 1774 Chesterfield Co., Va.; m. LOVEDAY FRANKLIN, daughter of JAMES FRANKLIN.
 4. THOMAS BURTON; d. 1765.
 5. PHEBE BURTON, b. 1724 Henrico Co., Va.
 6. STEPHEN BURTON, b. 9 Apr 1733 Amelia Co., Va.
- iii. SARAH FEATHERSTON.
 - iv. SUSANNA FEATHERSTON.

⁷ Treptow, Carol. *Featherstone Findings*. 16:17, 1995. Located at <http://www.featherstone-society.com/indexes/usa/featherstone%20findings/index.htm>. Accessed 25 August 2006.

⁸ Lee, Charles. *Featherston Findings*. 11:22, 1993. Located at <http://www.featherstone-society.com/indexes/usa/featherstone%20findings/index.htm>. Accessed 15 August 2006.

⁹ Fothergill, Augusta B. Featherston. *Featherston Findings*. 21:4, 1998. Located at <http://www.featherstone-society.com/indexes/usa/featherstone%20findings/index.htm>. Accessed 26 August 2006.

Susanna Featherston was witness to the will of James Lockett, 1 Feb. 1708. (Weisinger, I Henrico Co. Wills 75).¹⁰

2. HENRY² FEATHERSTON (*CHARLES*¹) was born about 1680 in Henrico Co., Va., and died before 1759 in Henrico Co., Va. He married (1) ELIZABETH WALTHALL, daughter of RICHARD WALTHALL and MARY. She was born 1685 in Henrico Co., Va., and died after 1 January 1713/14 in Henrico Co., Va. He married (2) ELIZABETH BOWMAN about 1715 in Henrico Co., Va., daughter of EDWARD BOWMAN. She died after 26 February 1759 in Chesterfield Co., Va.

Henry Featherston was upwards of 21 when he discharged his guardian, who was his stepfather, on 10 August 1702. Therefore he was b. ca. 1680. Henry is listed on the quit-rent roll of Henrico Co. in April 1705. He died ante 1759, for the will of his widow, Elizabeth, is dated 26 February 1759.¹¹

*The Will of Elizabeth Featherston*¹²

In the name of God Amen February 26th, 1759 I Elizabeth Featherston Wido being weak in Body but of Perfect sound Memory praised be to God for the same but knowing the uncertainty of this Life do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament.

First, I give my Soul to God who gave it and my body to Earth from whence it was taken to be decently Buryed at the Descretion of my Executor hereafter named and for what worldly goods It Hath pleased God to dispose upon me I do Dispose of in manner following.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Henry Featherston all my stock of Cattle Puter and three Beds with the Furniture belonging to him and his Heirs forever and two Potts and one Kittle.

Item. I give to my Daughter Mary Featherston two fether Beds to her and her Heirs and assigns forever and one side saddle.

Item. I Desire that all my Wearing Cloths may be equally divided among my four Daughters, and

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my son Henry Featherston hole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal this 26th Day of February 1759.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

In presence of
Henry Featherstone Jr.
Edward (X) Lofman
Grey Randolph

Elizabeth (X) Featherston (LS)

¹⁰ Clark, Robert M. Abstracts of Records of the Featherstone Family in Southside Virginia. (1986) Copy located at the DAR Library, Washington, D. C.

¹¹ Cuttino, G. P.

¹² Cuttino, G. P.

The will of Elizabeth Featherston refers to four daughters, but the names of only two have been identified: Mary and Rebecca. From the will of Henry Featherston, it is likely that Mary did not marry, and that two of the other sisters were married to Thomas Jeffries and Thomas Sadler, respectively. This leaves one sister unaccounted for.

Samuell Newman did this day in open Court tender unto Capt. Joseph Royall, Mr. Edwd Stratton & Mr. Abra:Womack an acct of the Cattle Horses &c : belonging to the orph: of Charles ffeetherstone pursuant to an order of Court dated Aug the 1st 1694 in the other book, and Capt Peter Field & Capt Tho. Cocke offer themselves to become Security with them for the same Whereupon the sd Royall, Stratton & Womack doe consent & agree to stand bound as formerly and the Clerke is orderd to take bond of them, and Newman ordered to pay all costs ariseing abt the sd Estate.¹³

The listing of two wives for Henry Featherston is based upon the work of Clarke and also students of the Walthall family. George Cuttino did not say that Elizabeth Featherston was Elizabeth Walthall—that conclusion was based upon studies of the Walthall family.

Henry Charles² Featherstone,¹⁴ the only surviving son of Charles¹ Featherstone, was born about 1681 and married Elizabeth Bowman sometime between 1715-1718.¹⁵ Elizabeth Bowman was a daughter of Edward Bowman. Edward Bowman was a son of Robert Bowman and was brother of John Bowman, as indicated by the following deed: Confirmation of a deed of land by Edward Bowman, son and heir of Robert Bowman, dec'd, to his brother John Bowman. 2 Feb 1688.

Robert Bowman emigrated to Henrico County, Virginia prior to 1667 as indicated by the fact that he was already a landowner in Henrico County when his son Robert Bowman received a 1667 land grant adjoining Robert Bowman's land. (Nugent, II *Cavaliers & Pioneers* 24.) Therefore the 1670 land grant of Mr. Robert Woodson which listed Robert Bowman as a headright was

¹³ Henrico Co., Virginia, Orphans Court Book p74, August 20, 1694. Castleman, Janice M. <http://genforum.genealogy.com/featherston/messages/5.html>. She cites as her source: R. M. Clarke: Abstracts.

¹⁴ Clark, Robert M. Abstracts of Records of the Featherstone Family in Southside Virginia. (1986) Copy located at the DAR Library, Washington, D. C.

¹⁵ This is the point of divergence. Many students of the Walthall family say that Henry Charles Featherston married Elizabeth Walthall. In Clark's manuscript, p. 16, he recounts the Walthall genealogy and says "Henry³ Walthall, the father of Phebe Walthall, was born October 23, 1690 (Bristol Parish, Va., Register). He married sometime before 1716 and his will was dated April 9, 1764. He was the brother of the Elizabeth Walthall who married Henry Charles Featherstone and their father was Richard Walthall. [This statement is not referenced, but I have seen it in other Walthall sources.] Clark has presented good evidence, apparently not available to George Cuttino (who did not say that Elizabeth was a Walthall) that Henry Charles Featherston was the husband of Elizabeth Bowman. The simplest resolution is to assume that the Elizabeth Featherston who died testate in 1759 was the second wife of Henry Charles, since Charles is pretty clearly the husband of Phebe Walthall, daughter of Henry³ Walthall and Phebe Ligon.

undoubtedly referring to his immigration several years earlier. (Nugent, II Cavaliers & Pioneers 73).

Edward Bowman was a headright in 1674 of John Lindsey who was granted 700 acres in Middlesex County, Virginia. Edward Bowman also was listed as having 3 tithables in June 1679 in Henrico County. Edward Bowman died in 1722 and his will was recorded on p. 555 of Miscellaneous Henrico County Court Records 1650-1807, part II. (Weisiger, I Colonial Wills, Henrico County, Va., 1654-1737, p. 168.)

Will of Edward Bowman of Henrico Parish: To my son Gilbert, 200 acres on third branch of Swift Creek, being my upper lot; to son Henry, 100 acres joining John Steward, being land I bought from Samuel Newman; to son Abraham, 100 acres on south side of Swift Creek, being the remainder of the land that I gave to son in law Rice Jones; to son Abraham and son in law Rice Jones 200 acres surveyed for me on Swift Creek, and also an entry I have joining my brother John Bowman, equally; to each of my four sons, a feather bed, and money in Mr. Perry's hands to be laid out for blanketts, etc. Son Henry to live at this plantation I live on until 21. I appoint my son in law Henry Charles Featherstone executor. Dated 10 May 1722; wit. J. Bolling, Jr., Robert Hudson, Sr., Edward Tanner. To three daughters, Elizabeth, Frances, and Mary, each 1 shilling. Recorded 6 August 1722.

The following administrations of probate of Edward Bowman's estate are recorded in the Henrico Co., Va., Minute Book 1719-1724, pp. 196, 211, 220, 228, 237, 248, 263, and 371. (Weisiger, Henrico Co., Va. Wills Addenda 10-13, 17.)

16 August 1722, p. 196. Will of Edward Bowman presented by Henry Charles Featherstone and Edward Bowman, his executors, and proved by John Bolling, jr., Robert Hudson, Sr., and Edward Tanner, 3 of the witnesses; Maj. William Kennon and Capt. Henry Randolph, security. Edward Stratton, William Ligon, Robert Elam and Edward Haskins to appraise the estate.

1 October 1722, p. 211. On petition of John Stewart, setting forth that he married Mary, daughter of Edward Bowman, dec'd., who in his lifetime gave said Mary 1 feather bed, prays the executors deliver same. Ordered that sheriff summon Henry Charles Featherstone and Edward Bowman, executors of said Bowman to appear and answer.

5 November 1722, p. 220. Henry Charles Featherstone, one of the executors of the will of Edward Bowman, informing the court that Henry and Abraham, two orphans of said Bowman are under age to choose a guardian, and that said Bowman did not dispose of guardianship by will, and on motion of Featherstone that the churchwardens bind the orphans to him, and that he teach them to read and write and learn the trade of blacksmith, it is ordered.

7 January 1723, p. 228. Henry Bowman chooses Edward Bowman as his guardian; Robert Hudson and Rice Jones, security.

6 February 1723, p. 237. On petition of Rice Jones against Henry Charles Featherstone and Edward Bowman, executors of John Bowman, dec'd, they are to appear at the next court.

1 April 1723, p. 248. Upon petition of Henry Bowman, setting forth that after the death of his father, Edward Bowman, he did work on his father's plantation in making a crop of corn and tobacco, begun in his father's lifetime,

and that Henry Charles Featherstone hath applied it to his own use and refuses to allow him, the said Henry, any part of it, and praying that said Featherstone deliver to him sheep given to him by his aunt Rebecca Briarly. Court orders Henry Bowman to be paid 250 lbs of tobacco from the estate. Rebecca Briarly makes oath she gave said Henry the sheep. Said Featherstone to also deliver to Henry Bowman 8 sheep and 5 lambs.

3 June 1723, p. 263. On petition of Rice Jones, guardian of Gilbert Bowman, praying the executors of Edward Bowman, dec'd, deliver to him the estate of said Gilbert Bowman. Court appoints Col. Francis Epes, Capt. Joseph Royall to assign to said Gilbert his share of the estate.

2 November 1724, p. 371. Rice Jones granted administration of the estate of Edward Bowman, dec'd, Seth Ward and Michael Turpin, security. Robert Bowman, Robert Hudson, Robert Elam, and Edward Stratton to appraise estate. {Is this the son. I bet it is.}

Charles Henry Featherston, on January 19, 1715, was one of the witnesses to the will of Richard Walthall as well as to that of his daughter Diana Walthall on October 5 of the same year. (Henrico Wills and Deeds 1714-1718, pp. 27-73, reprinted in Weisiger I Henrico Co. Wills 1654-1737, 96 and 100.)

Henry Charles² Featherston and his wife Elizabeth Bowman (will 1759 Chesterfield Co.) had the following children:

1. Henry³ Featherstone was born from 1715-1718, never married and his will was dated 6 April 1760 in Chesterfield Co., Va.
2. Mary³ Featherstone whose estate was inventoried 24 July 1786.
3. Charles³ Featherstone, born 1715-1718, died in 1778 (will Chesterfield Co., Va.) and who married Phebe Walthall, daughter of Henry Walthall, about 1740.
4. daughter deceased by 1760 who married Thomas Sadler, whose will was in Brunswick Co. in 1795.
5. daughter deceased by 1760 who married Thomas Jeffries
6. daughter who died before 1760.

Charles³ Featherstone paid a poll tax in 1736 on 700 acres. Henry Charles² Featherstone died by 1747 because in that year Charles³ Featherstone devised land to the other son of Charles², Henry³ Featherstone.

Note that Richard Walthall mentioned a son Henry in his will to which Charles Henry Featherston was a witness in 1715; that the same Henry Walthall in his will 1760 stated that he was of great age; that his daughter Phoebe Featherston was dead and made provision for her children. We find that a Henry Featherston--seemingly the son of Henry Charles² Featherstone--seems to have died without wife or children (see will of Henry Featherston in 1760, so Phoebe must have been the wife of Charles Featherston of that period.¹⁶

Children of HENRY FEATHERSTON and ELIZABETH BOWMAN are:

- i. HENRY FEATHERSTON, d. 6 April 1760 Henrico Co., Va.

¹⁶ Robert M. Clark. Abstracts of Records of the Featherstone Family in Southside Virginia (1986). Copy located at the DAR Library, Washington, D. C.

Henry Featherstone dictated his will in Chesterfield Co., Va., on 5 April 1760, dying the next day before he signed it.¹⁷ He left Edward Featherstone, son of his brother Charles, the 300 acre plantation on which he was then living. He left his sister Mary a bay horse, and required the remainder of his estate to be divided among the children of Charles Featherstone, Thomas Jeffries' children, Thomas Sadler's children, and his sister Mary.

3. ii. CHARLES³ FEATHERSTON, b. 1716 Henrico Co., Va.; d. 13 November 1778 Chesterfield Co., Va.

- iii. MARY FEATHERSTON, before 24 July 1786 Chesterfield Co., Va.

It appears that Mary did not marry, and probably lived with her brother, Henry, and subsequently with her nephew, Edward Featherstone. The date of death is based upon the estate inventory as described above.

- iv. REBECCA FEATHERSTON, b. 1719 Henrico Co., Va.; d. after 1796 Brunswick Co., Va.; m. THOMAS SADLER.

Rebecca Sadler was still living when Thomas Sadler made his will in Brunswick Co., Va., 5 June 1795, and proved 24 July 1796.¹⁸

Children of REBECCA FEATHERSTON and THOMAS SADLER are:¹⁹

1. THOMAS SADLER, b. about 1738; d. 1795 Brunswick Co., Va.; m. MARTHA ROSE.
 2. ELIZABETH SADLER, b. about 1740; d. about 1816 Smith Co., Tenn.; m. JOHN BENNETT about 1759; b. about 1748 Brunswick Co., Va.; d. before October 1798 Brunswick Co., Va.
 3. HENRY SADLER, b. about 1742 Brunswick Co., Va.; d. 1822 Lincoln Co., N. C.; m. MARY SCARBOROUGH 1770.
 4. SUSANNA SADLER, b. 1745 Brunswick Co., Va.; d. 24 Dec 1784 Brunswick Co., Va.; m. TIMOTHY WARD about 1760 Brunswick Co., Va.
 5. CHARLES SADLER, b. about 1748 Brunswick Co., Va.; d. 1826 Brunswick Co., Va.; m. RHODA BAILEY about 1776 Brunswick Co., Va.
 6. FANNY SADLER, b. about 1752 Brunswick Co., Va.; m. JOHN DUGGER about 1771 Brunswick Co., Va.
 7. FEATHERSTONE SADLER, b. about 1755 Brunswick Co., Va.; d. 1854; m. (1) about 1774; m. (2) CATHERINE LEWIS 8 Oct 1823.
- v. daughter; m. THOMAS JEFFRIES.
- vi. daughter; d. before 1760.

3. CHARLES³ FEATHERSTON (*HENRY*², *CHARLES*¹) was born 1716 in Henrico Co., Va., and died 13 November 1778 in Chesterfield Co., Va. He married PHEBE WALTHALL, daughter of HENRY WALTHALL and PHEBE LIGON. She was born about 1720 in Henrico Co., Va.

¹⁷ Chesterfield Co., Va., Will Book 1:360. Fothergill, Augusta B. Featherston. *Featherston Findings*. 21:3, 1998. Located at <http://www.featherstone-society.com/indexes/usa/featherstone%20findings/index.htm>. Accessed 26 August 2006.

¹⁸ Fishcler, Brenda and Oakley, I. D. *Featherston Findings*. 4:19, 1991.

¹⁹ Millwood, June M. Family of Thomas Sadler and Rebecca Featherstone. *Featherston Findings*. 7:7, 1992. She lists her source material for this information.

Henry Charles (or Charles Henry) or usually, Charles Featherston can be traced through various land transactions and other documents in Henrico (Chesterfield) Co. during the period 1740-1770, but they tell us little beyond the facts that he was a surveyor and held a good deal of property.²⁰ He m. Phebe Walthall, who was b. ca. 1720. She was the daughter of Henry Walthall and Phebe Ligon. The ancestry is shown in the following chart. (Original document had a chart.)

The descendants of Charles Featherston and Phebe Walthall are descended, through the ancestry of Phebe Ligon, from the Carolingian kings of France, the Anglo-Saxon, Norman, and Plantagenet kings of England (up to and including Edward III), as well as the following fifteen sureties of Magna Carta: William d'Albini, Hugh Bigod, 3d earl of Norfolk and Suffolk, Roger le Bigod 2d earl of Norfolk and Suffolk, Henry de Bohun earl of Hereford, Gilbert de Clare early of Gloucester, Richard de Clare earl of Clare, John Fitzrobert, William de Huntingfield, John de Lacie earl of Lincoln, William de Lanvellei, William Malet baron of Curry, William de Mowbray, Saiher de Quincy, Robert de Roos baron of Hamlake Manor, and Robert de Vere 3d earl of Oxford.

Charles' brother Henry, executor of his mother's will died without children. His will is extant.

In the name of God Amen April 5th 1760 I Henry Featherston being in low state of Health but in my proper senses do make this my last Will and Testament I give and Bequeath to Edward Featherston son of Charles Featherston three hundred acres of land it being the plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my sister Mary Featherston one bay Horse colt to her and her heirs forever. I desire the rest of my Estate may be sold to pay my just Debts and the overplus to be divided between my brother Charles' children and Thomas Jeffres' children and Thomas Sadler's children and my sister Mary. I appoint Charles Featherston my Executor.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

(LS) [signature lacking]

In the presence of [witnesses lacking]

Last Will and Testament of Charles Featherston. [Chesterfield Co., Va., Will Book 3:70.]

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Charles Featherstone of the county of Chesterfield and parish of Dale do make and ordain this me last will and Testament first I give my Soul to God that made it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Henry Featherstone the land and Plantation whereon I now live and five negroes Peter, Jeney, Jack, Judy, Yourk to him his heirs or assigns forever and also one wheat fan.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Edward Featherstone six negroes Frank, Brister, James, Faney and her two children and increase, one yoke of oxen one ten gallon pot one wheat sive to him and his heirs or assigns forever.

²⁰ Cuttino, George P.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Featherstone two Negroes and their increase namely John, Sarah, to him and his heirs or assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Walthall one negro Cloe, one spice mortar, one Sorel mare to her and her heirs or assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Phebey Featherstone five negroes Will, Bidey, Dafney, Soney, Hannah, one bay horse one sorrel filley one coper cittle one pair of flat Irones one Desk two trunks one pewter dish and all the earthen ware to her and her heirs or assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto grandson Charles Featherstone son of Henry Featherstone two negroes Filles and Tom, one round table to him and his heirs or assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my five children Henry, Charles, Edward, Elizabeth, Phebey all the residue of my estate of what nature or kind soever to them to be equally Divided to them or their heirs forever. I desire no appraisalment to be taken nor no security to be taken of the executors. I leave my two sons Henry Featherstone and Edward Executors to this my last will this 13th day of November 1778.

Signed, sealed

In the presence of
Jesee Cogbill

Charles Featherstone (LS)

Charles Featherston of Dale Parish, Henrico County, sold to Henry Featherston of the same parish & county for the sum of £5 current money of Virginia, a tract of 300 acres of land lying on Timbury Run adjoining Charles Featherston & Henry Randolph, it being part of 720 acres which belonged to Charles Henry Featherston the grantee, on 27 September 1747.²¹ Witnesses: Henry and Grief Randolph. (Henrico Co., Va., Records 1744-1748, p. 324.)

This was a deed of gift or its equivalent since £5 [sic. The deed says £50] would have been just about sufficient to pay recordation fees and surveyor's charges. We note that Henry Randolph paid him £45 for 120 acres of the same tract on Timbury Run. The entire deed follows:

This indenture made this twenty eight day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and forty seven Between Charles Featherstone of the parish of Dale and County of Henrico of the one part and Henry Featherstone of the parish and county aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said Charles Featherstone for and in consideration of the sum of fifty pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Henry Featherstone before the unsealing and delivery of these presents the receipt thereof said Charles Featherstone doth hereby acknowledge. He the said Charles Featherstone hath granted bargained sold alienated released and confirmed and by these presents doth Grant Bargain Sell Alien release and confirm unto the said Henry Featherstone his heirs and Assigns for Ever a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and Being on the north side of Timbury Swamp in the Parish and County aforesaid containing by estimation three hundred acres be the same more or less Beginning at a Red Oak Corner of Henry Randolph's land running thence

²¹ Robert M. Clark. Abstracts of Records of the Featherstone Family in Southside Virginia (1986.) Copy located at the DAR Library, Washington, D. C.

south south west sixty poles to a run in a slash thence South West one hundred and eighty eight pole to a live oak on the North side of Timbury Swamp thence up the swamp as it meanders to a live oak on the North Side thereof thence North forty nine Degrees East two Hundred and twenty Pole to a hickory in Charles Featherstones line thence south ease half east one hundred and sixty eight Pole to the Beginning it being part of a Tract of Land containing Seven Hundred and Twenty acres formerly belonging to Henry Charles Featherstone and from him descend to his son Charles Featherstone party to these presents and all the estate right title interest Claim and Demand whatsoever of the said Charles Featherstone in and to the same or any part or parcel thereof and the Reversion & Reversions remainder and remainders with their and every of their appurtenances to have and to hold the said land and premises sold or confirmed unto the said Henry Featherstone his heirs assigns forever to be held of our Sovereign Lord the King his heirs and successors by the Quit rents accustomed and the said Charles Featherstone his heir Executors and Administrators the said hereby Granted and released premises & every part and parcel thereof with their appurtenances unto the said Henry Featherstone his Heirs and Assigns forever against the said Charles Featherstone his Heirs and assigns and all other persons whatsoever shall with warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said Charles Featherstone hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and year first above written. Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of S/ Charles Featherston LS

Test Henry Randolph

Grief Randolph

Benjamin (x) Ratliff

Memorandum that on t he Day and year within written Quiet and peaceable possion & sevizen of the land & Premises within mentioned was delivered and given by the within named Charles Featherstone to th within named Henry Featherstone accruing to the form and Effect of the with written Deed in the presence of us whose names are hereunder written.

Test: Henry Randolph

Grief Randolph

Benjamin (x) Ratliff

s/ Charles Featherston LS

At a court held for Henrico County the first Monday in November 1747 Charles Featherston acknowledged this Deed with the Livery of Sesin endorsed to Henry Featherston to be his act and Deed which was ordered to be recorded.

Children of CHARLES FEATHERSTON and PHEBE WALTHALL are:

4. i. HENRY⁴ FEATHERSTON, b. 1743 Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. after 15 December 1827 Smith Co., Tenn.
- ii. EDWARD FEATHERSTON, d. after 20 July 1792 Chesterfield Co., Va.; m. SARAH ASHBROOKE 28 October 1778 Chesterfield Co., Va.
Edward Featherston was compensated by Frans. Smith, Commr., in Nov. 1781 for 90 bushels of wheat given to a militia unit.²²

²² Abercrombie, Janice L., and Slatten, Richard. Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims. (Athens, GA: Iberian Publ. Co., 1998,) p. 243.

- iii. CHARLES H. FEATHERSTON, b. 19 Feb 1743 Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. 23 April 1828; m. (1) GILLY BRUNFIELD 23 April 1782 Chesterfield Co., Va.; m. (2) LUCY ELMORE 10 December 1787 Chesterfield Co., Va.
- iv. ELIZABETH FEATHERSTON, m. THOMAS WALTHALL; d. after 12 December 1776 Chesterfield Co., Va.
- v. PHEBE FEATHERSTON, b. about 1754 Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. 16 December 1820 Hancock Co., Ga.; m. IRBY HUDSON 4 December 1778, Chesterfield Co., Va.

4. HENRY⁴ FEATHERSTON (*CHARLES*³, *HENRY*², *CHARLES*¹) was born about 1738 in Chesterfield Co., Va., and died before 28 July 1828 in Smith Co., Tenn. He married ELIZABETH MARSHALL, daughter of ALEXANDER MARSHALL and SARAH MOSELEY. She was born about 1753 in Henrico Co., Va., and died about 1815 in Chesterfield Co., Va.

Henry Featherston provided provisions for the Patriot armies in 1781 Chesterfield Co., Va., on at least three occasions. In Jan 1781 he gave 2 ½ bushels of corn and 24 bushels of fodder to a unit from Goochland Co. In April he gave one lamb and five days' hire of a Negro; and in Nov. 1791 received compensation for 90 bushels of wheat and then for a second 63 bushels of wheat.²³

Henry Featherston was issued a license to preach as a Methodist minister 15 June 1788 Chesterfield Co., Va. He was ordained and licensed to preach by the Methodist Episcopal Church on 12 Sep 1788, with the license signed by Thomas Anderson of the Methodist Conference.²⁴

Hugh W. Stevenson of Maury Co., Tenn., sold a tract of land to Henry Featherston, described as "the tract he now lives on" 2 January 1810²⁵, so Henry must have moved to Smith Co., Tenn., prior to that date. His son-in-law, Thomas Hardy died in 1806, and his widow moved with her father to Smith Co., Tenn., so it seems probable that they migrated between 1807 and 1809.

Henry Featherston, Sr., sold a 50 acre tract of land to his son-in-law, Charles C. Cogbill 1 July 1811.²⁶ This tract was described as on the waters of Hickerson's branch of Goose Creek, adjacent Henry Featherston and Stephenson. The deed was witnessed by Stephan Deban, Wilson Yandell, Edward Featherston, Hugh B. Stephenson, and George Duncan.

Henry Featherston emancipated his slaves in Chesterfield Co., Va., prior to his removal, as attested by a Smith Co., Tenn., court record 28 Feb 1825.²⁷

Last Will and Testament of Henry Featherston. [Smith Co., Tenn., Will Book A:13-15. The name is spelled "Featherton" throughout.]²⁸

²³ Abercrombie, Janice L., and Slatten, Richard. *Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims*. (Athens, GA: Iberian Publ. Co., 1998,) p. 243.

²⁴ Raymond, Madeline R. *Featherston Findings*. 5:24, 1991. 7:17, 1992.

²⁵ Smith Co., Tenn., DB C:318. [25 Jun 1810.]

²⁶ Smith Co., Tenn., DB D:207-208. [6 May 1813].

²⁷ Smith Co., Tenn., Court Order Book 18:239. Cited in *Featherston Findings* 7:17, 1992.

²⁸ Cuttino, George P.

I Henry Featherston of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for all his Mercies , do make this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore by me made (Viz)

Item. 1st I lend my daughter Sarah Hardy during her natural life one acre of land including the house she now lives in with access to what is called Featherston's Spring, she is to have free all of firewood off of my part of the balance of my land, but she is not to sell, rent, or place any other person, or family on it.

Item. 2nd. I lend my daughter Sarah Hardy during her natural life, my negro girl named Harriet.

Item. 3. I give to my son Edward Featherston, after the death of my daughter Sarah Haardy, the negro girl Harriet, named in the 2d item of this my will, if he thins it proper to receive her, upon the following conditions (Viz) he must pay to my grand daughter Sarah W. Hardy seventy five dollars. If the said negro girl should have any increase before the death of my daughter, Sarah Hardy, the said increase is to belong to my grand daughter Sarah AW. Hardy. But if my son Edward Featherston should not take the girl Harriet according to this item, she is to belong to my grand daughter Sarah W. Hardy and her heirs forever, I also give to my son Edward Featherston my tract of land whereon he now lives to him and his heirs forever, containing one hundred acres more or less, one acre of which is loaned in the first item of this will to my daughter Sarah Hardy.

Item 4. I lend to my daughter Polly Cogbill during her natural life, my negro girl named Milly, and after the death of my said daughter Polly Cogbill, I give the said negro girl Milly to my granddaughter Elizabeth M. Cogbill and her heirs forever.

Item 5. I give to my grand daughter Elizabeth C. Sharp my negro girl named Mariah with her increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item 6. I give to my grand son James H. Sharp and his heirs forever my negro boy named Scipio.,

Item 7. I give to my grand son Benjamin F. Sharp and his heirs forever my negro boy named Richard or Dick.

Item 8. I give to my grand daughter Sarah W. Hardy my bed and furniture.

Item 9. My will and desire is that my negro woman named Cate and the child she now has named Martha not mentioned in this will before together with their future increase remain in the hands of my son in law M. D. L. F. Sharp free from hire till my grand daughter Elizabeth C. Sharp becomes of lawful age or marries, at which time they are to be divided between my grand children Elizabeth C. Sharp, James H. Sharpe, and Benjamin F. Sharpe, so as to make them as near equal as possible, taking their losses between this and said division into consideration. My will and desire is that if any one or two of my three grandchildren Elizabeth C. Sharp, James H. Sharp and Benjamin F. Sharp should die before he, or she, or they become of lawful age, or marry, that the property given to the deceased be equally divided between the surviving full brother and sister or brothers as the case may be. But if my three grand children named in this Item should all die before they come of lawful age or marry, then the property will left to them is to be equally divided between my son Edward Featherston, my daughter Polly Cogbill and my son in law M. D. L. F. Sharp.

Item 10. I give to my son Edward Featherston all my property not otherwise disposed of in this will. I also will to him as compensation for his trouble with

me, and for acting as an executor to this will one note of hand which I hold on him and is enclosed in this will, for one hundred dollars, due 25th December 1827.

Item 11. I will and bequeath unto my son Charles Featherston, Betsy Cogbill and the heirs of Henry Featherston one dollar each, for the love and respect which I have for them, and lastly I constitute and appoint my son Edward Featherston executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of December eighteen hundred and twenty seven.

Test: Henry (X) Featherston)LS)
D. W. Merit lo. Wm. Lauderdale.

State of Tennessee, Smith County
Court of Pleas & Quarter Session
May term 1828

Then the last will and testament of Henry Featherston dec'd was produced and duly proven in open Court by the oaths of D. W. Mentio and William Lauderdale, witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recroded.

Attest, Jonathan Pickett, Clerk

Recorded 28 July 1828, Smith County Court.

On 6 October 1825 Edward Featherston and his wife, Polly, formerly Polly Hibbitts, Robert H. Hibbitts, M. D. L. F. Sharp and his wife, Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Hibbitts, Joseph F. Hibbitts, John Hibbitts, and Louisa Hibbitts of Smith, Sumner, and Madison Co., Tenn., heirs to David C. Hibbitts sold a tract of land on Goose Creek.²⁹

Children of HENRY FEATHERSTON and ELIZABETH MARSHALL are:

5. i. CHARLES⁵ FEATHERSTON, b. 6 November 1771 Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. 25 November 1852 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.
- ii. HENRY FEATHERSTON, b. 28 May 1774 Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. 9 Jan 1815 New Orleans, La.; m. NANCY MARSHALL 23 Jan 1799 Mecklenburg Co., Va. daughter of FRANCIS MARSHALL and PHOEBE HATCHER. She was b. 5 Aug 1775; d. 30 Oct 1853 Waldron, Scott Co., Ark.

Henry Featherston and Nancy Marshall were first cousins. Henry Featherston was one of seven American soldiers killed during the battle of New Orleans. His discharge was dated four days after his death, showing he was a Sergeant in the 2nd Division, Tenn. Militia. His will was written 6 Nov 1814 and proved 4 August 1815 Lincoln Co., Tenn. He names his two sons and his wife, and mentions unnamed daughters. His brother Edward Featherston and his wife were executors, and were directed to keep his estate together to raise the children and educate them.

Nancy (Marshall) Featherston and her children migrated to Crawford Co., Ark., by 1830. She filed a bounty land claim based on her husband's service in the War of 1812 in Scott Co., Ark., on 3 May 1851, and received a pension as well. She is recorded at Fort Smith, Crawford Co., Ark., in the 1850 Census

²⁹ Smith Co., Tenn., DB I:250-252. Cited in Partlow, Thomas E. Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Books B-M (1800-1835). (Greenville, SC: Southern Hist. Press, 1993,) p. 226.

with her daughter, Nancy Jane Fleming, and a month later was recorded living with her son, William Grandison Featherston at Waldron, Scott Co., Ark., which appears to have been her usual abode.

Children of HENRY FEATHERSTON and NANCY MARSHALL are:

1. WILLIAM GRANDISON FEATHERSTON, b. 1807 Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. Oct 1873 Waldron, Scott Co., Ark.; m. (1) ISABELLA _____, about 1827; m. (2) ELIZABETH THOMPSON about 1837; m. (3) NANCY _____, before 1870.

On 22 Jan 1840 William Featherston filed a petition for guardianship of his two minor children, George W. and Robert M. Featherston, in Franklin Co., Ark. A deed from 15 Sep 1851 in Franklin Co., Ark., shows he received a land grant for 80 acres at Clarksville. He was a pioneer settler of Waldron, the first postmaster (1840), tavern owner, farmer, and treasurer of Scott Co., Ark., in 1862. He was a Confederate during the War and had not taken the Amnesty Oath by 1870. During the War he sent his family to Arkadelphia (Clark Co.), Arkansas, for safety. His house was used as the Union headquarters in Waldron after it was taken.

2. EDWARD HARDIWAY FEATHERSTON, b. 4 Nov 1813 Lincoln Co., Tenn.; d. 23 Apr 1885, Mooreville, Falls Co., Texas; m. (1) JULIA ANN THOMPSON about 1834 Waldron, Scott Co., Ark., daughter of MICAHAH THOMPSON; m. (2) ANNE REED; m. (3) SARAH (RAINES) NICHOLS.
3. PHOEBE FEATHERSTON, b. Lincoln Co., Tenn.; d. by 21 Aug 1854; m. ANDREW BUCHANAN.

Neither she nor her heirs are named in a 21 Aug 1854 court minute documenting receipt of a share of her mother's estate. On 12 Apr 1851, an affidavit was recorded between her mother, Nancy, and Robert and Andrew Buchanan, implying that Phoebe had not then died.³⁰

4. NANCY JANE FEATHERSTON, b. about 1815; m. WILLIAM WARREN FLEMING.
- iii. SARAH FEATHERSTON, b. 31 March 1770; m. THOMAS HARDIE, 27 October 1791, Chesterfield Co., Va., son of JOHN HARDIE and SARAH _____; b. 17 Sep 1766 Sussex Co., Va.; d. 1806 Mecklenburg Co.(?), Va.

Thomas Hardie became a Methodist minister about 1788 and performed many marriages in many counties surrounding Mecklenburg Co., Va. He withdrew from the Methodist church, forming a "Republican Church" which later became part of the Christian Church.³¹

Children of SARAH FEATHERSTON and THOMAS HARDIE are:

1. MARY ANNE HARDIE; m. FRANCIS NASH 1822.
2. ALEXANDER HARDIE.
3. ELIZABETH HARDIE, b. 1792.
4. JOHN HENRY HARDIE, b. 1794; m. MARY RAY MOSS.
5. THOMAS L. HARDIE, b. 1796.

³⁰ Featherston Findings 7: 19-20, 1991.

³¹ Deal, Ida. Rev. Thomas Hardie 1766-1806 Va. 26 Sep 2000. Located at <http://www.genforum.genealogy.com/hardie/messages/8.html>.

6. SARAH W. HARDIE, b. 1805.
- iv. WILLIAM FEATHERSTON, b. November 1776; d. Kentucky.
- v. ALEXANDER FEATHERSTON, b. 14 August 1778, Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. about 1778, Chesterfield Co., Va.
- vi. ELIZABETH FEATHERSTON, b. 27 March 1780, Chesterfield Co., Va.; m. JOHN COGBILL, 31 August 1802, Chesterfield Co., Va.
- vii. EDWARD FEATHERSTON, b. 2 February 1782; d. after 1850 Gibson Co., Tenn.; m. MARY Y. HIBBETT b. 14 February 1794; d. 28 Oct 1842 Macon Co., Tenn.³²

The online file lists Edward's date of birth as 16 Dec 1783 and lists her date of birth as 14 July 1793. He notes she was buried in the Hibbett Cemetery, Macon Co., Tenn. The children are from his file. The name is spelled variously as Hibbitt and Hibbett. This file also lists Mary as the daughter of James Hibbett and Sarah Crawford, however, the Smith Co., deed cited under Henry Featherston shows her father to have been David C. Hibbitt.

Edward Featherston is listed three times in a compendium of Tennesseans in the War of 1812,³³ as 3rd Sgt under Col. William Hall and Capt. W. L. Alexander, Volunteer Infantry, as Sgt. Under Col. Edward Bradley and Capt. William Lauderdale, and as Pvt. of Volunteer "Mounted Gunmen" (Dragoons) under Col. T. Williams and Capt. N. Metcalf.

Edward Featherston is listed in Gibson Co., Tenn., age 66 and born in Va., in the 1850 Census with his children, but not his wife.³⁴

Children of EDWARD FEATHERSTON and MARY HIBBETT are:

1. ROBERT FEATHERSTON.
2. MARTHA FEATHERSTON.
3. NANCY FEATHERSTON.
4. JAMES FEATHERSTON, b. about 1818.
5. CHARLES EDWARD FEATHERSTON, b. 15 Nov 1820 Smith Co., Tenn.; d. 28 July 1892 Carroll Co., Tenn.; m. JANE AMANDA YOUNG 4 Dec 1852 Gibson Co., Tenn.³⁵
6. LOUISA FEATHERSTON.
7. JOHN W. FEATHERSTON.
8. JOSEPH FEATHERSTON.
9. DANIEL MARSHALL FEATHERSTON.
10. PHOEBE A. FEATHERSTON.
11. MARY A. FEATHERSTON, b. 1838; d. Greenfield, Weakley Co., Tenn.
- viii. MARY ANN FEATHERSTON, b. 23 March 1786 Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. 22 January 1869, Wynne, Cross Co., Ark.; m. CHARLES CHRISTIAN COGBILL 24 December

³² Stout, Joe W. Weakley Co., TN Families. 23 Aug 2006. Located at <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com>, (db. moedini.)

³³ Sistler, Byron and Sistler, Samuel. Tennesseans in the War of 1812. (Nashville: Sistler & Assoc., 1992,) p. 191.

³⁴ 1850 Census Gibson Co., Tenn., p. 1392, #1018.

³⁵ A. J. Featherston, wife of C. E. Featherston, is buried in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Carroll Co. Tenn. It is likely their son, J. J. Featherston, 1862-1902, who appeared in the Probate case of Curtis Smith in 1892. (See Cynthia's family.) Dates by personal inspection of the stones in 2004. The church was destroyed by a tornado in April 2006.

1807 Chesterfield Co., Va., son of CHARLES COGBILL and LUCY CHRISTIAN. He was b. 24 Dec 1784; d. 13 Aug 1869 Wynne, Cross Co., Ark.

Mary Ann (Polly) Featherston's date of birth was listed as 17 March 1782 on her tombstone.³⁶

Children of MARY ANN FEATHERSTON and CHARLES COGBILL are:³⁷

1. LINNEAUS COGBILL, b. 11 Sep 1808 Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. 27 Apr 1860 Moscow, Fayette Co., Tenn.; m. MARY ANN GRIDER 22 Dec 1835 Fayette Co., Tenn. She was b. 28 May 1819 in Kentucky; d. 2 Dec 1880 Fayette Co., Tenn.
2. THOMAS J. COGBILL, b. 1810 Sumner Co., Tenn.; m. LUCINDA B. DAWSON 21 Aug 1842.
3. CHARLES H. COGBILL, b. 11 Feb 1811 Sumner Co., Tenn.; d. 4 July 1881 Fayette Co., Tenn.; m. (1) MARGARET ____; m (2) FRANCES MCCAULEY; m. (3) HARDENIA A. TAYLOR 21 July 1859 Fayette Co., Tenn.
4. ELIZABETH MARSHALL COGBILL, b. 20 June 1816 Tennessee; d. 13 Jun 1896 Stantonville, McNairy Co., Tenn.; m. DAVID MCKENZIE.
5. MARY C. COGBILL, b. 1818 Tenn.; d. 1885 Searcy, White Co., Ark; m. DAVID P. COFFEY 12 Nov 1835.
6. GEORGE WASHINGTON COGBILL, b. Feb 1820 Smith Co., Tenn.; d. 1868 Wynne, Cross Co., Ark; m. SARAH ELIZABETH MASSEY 29 Jun 1847.
7. FRANCES M. COGBILL, b. 1827 McNairy Co., Tenn.; d. Somerville, Fayette Co., Tenn.; m. JAMES H. JOHNSON 15 Dec 1852.
8. QUINCY A. COGBILL, b. 1830 McNairy Co., Tenn.; d. by 16 Dec 1861 Jefferson Co., Ark.; m. NARCISSA ____ about 1858.
- ix. PHEBE FEATHERSTON, b. 1 March 1790 Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. about 1820 Sumner Co., Tenn.; m. MARQUIS DELAFAYETTE SHARP, 1 March 1814 Gallatin, Sumner Co., Tenn. He was b. 23 Jan 1789 Mecklenburg Co., N. C.; d. 14 Jul 1862 Washington Co., Texas. He m. (2) ELIZABETH LOCKE HIBBETT about 1821.

Edward Featherston was a guardian for John J. Hibbits in Smith Co., Tenn., when a receipt was acknowledged by David C. Hibbits, the previous guardian, 27 Feb 1826.³⁸ The same day commissioners were appointed to take the examination of Polly Y. Featherston and Elizabeth L. Sharp, "privately and apart from their husbands, Edward Featherston and M. D. Sharp," concerning a deed executed by them jointly to David C. Hibbits.³⁹ (see under Henry Featherston.) Clearly, Phoebe (Featherston) Sharp had died before Oct 1825, and from the births of his children, it seems likely she died about 1820 in either Rutherford or Sumner Co., Tenn.

³⁶ Featherston Findings 5:16, 1991.

³⁷ Featherston Findings 5:16-17, 1991.

³⁸ Smith Co., Tenn., Court Minute Book 11:465. Cited in *Featherston Findings* 4:13, 1991.

³⁹ *Ibid.*

Marquis DeLafayette Sharp was the son of James Sharp, who died before 3 Jun 1811 in Rutherford Co., Tenn.⁴⁰ He received a tract of 150 acres off of the north end of the tract where his father was then living, known as Big Bend. His brother, James Morris received a tract of 330 acres nearest Stuart Creek. His mother, Rachel was mentioned by name. She, too, left a will in Rutherford Co., Tenn., that was proved 5 November 1824.⁴¹

“Marquis Sharpe, b. 23 Jan 1789, eldest son of James Sharpe, Sr., and Rachel Cannon; m. (1) Phoebe Featherston; m. (2) Elizabeth Lock Hibbett; commissioned Lieutenant of Militia 16 Oct 1807, and witnessed the will of Elizabeth Davis 11 Sep 1809. (Record Book 2:85.) James Sharpe was b. 1754 Mecklenburg Co., N. C., m. about 1788 Rachel Cannon, b. 9 August 1764 Mecklenburg Co., Va., d. 1824.⁴²

Children of PHEBE FEATHERSTON and MARQUIS SHARP are:⁴³

1. ELIZABETH CANNON SHARP, b. 16 Dec 1814; m. ALANSON CANNON.
 2. JOHN HENRY SHARP, b. 31 Oct 1816; m. ELIZA TEAL.
 3. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SHARP, b. 31 Oct 1818; m. (1) MARTHA HALL; m. (2) MARY CROCKETT.
- x. DANIEL FEATHERSTON, b. 28 March 1793, Chesterfield Co., Va.; d. 2 Feb 1815, New Orleans, La.

Daniel Featherston was a private of Volunteer infantry under Col. James Raulston and Capt. Elijah Haynie. His date of death was listed in his service records.⁴⁴

Edward Featherston was administrator of the estate of Daniel M. Featherston, and filed an inventory 13 April 1816 Smith Co., Tenn., which listed open accounts against Henry Featherston, Jr., Edward Featherston, William Holt, and Charles C. Cogbill.⁴⁵ Melinda Bailey stated that Daniel Marshall Featherston died as a result of wounds sustained in the Battle of New Orleans, while his brother, Edward was wounded and died a few days later.⁴⁶

5. CHARLES⁵ FEATHERSTON (*HENRY*⁴, *CHARLES*³, *HENRY*², *CHARLES*¹) was born 6 November 1771 in Chesterfield Co., Va., and died 25 November 1852 in Franklin, Heard Co., Ga. He married LUCY PITTS 24 January 1795 in Powhatan Co., Va., daughter of LUNSFORD PITTS and ELIZABETH CRUTCHER. She was

⁴⁰ Rutherford Co., Tenn., Record Book 2:114. 13 Sep 1809/3 Jun 1811. Cited in Marsh, Helen C. and Marsh, Timothy R. *Wills and Inventories of Rutherford County, Tennessee, Vol. 1 (1804-1828)*. (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1998,) p. 12.

⁴¹ Rutherford Co., Tenn., Record Book 6:60. 2 Apr 1824; 5 Nov 1824. Cited in Marsh, Helen C. and Marsh, Timothy R. *Wills and Inventories of Rutherford County, Tennessee, Vol. 1 (1804-1828)*. (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1998,) p. 119.

⁴² Daniel, Susan G. *Rutherford County, Tennessee, Pioneers*. (Murfreesboro: Rutherford Co. Hist. Soc., 2003,) p. 233.

⁴³ Garrett, Hester E. *Featherston Findings*. 4:3, 1991.

⁴⁴ Sistler, Byron and Sistler, Samuel. *Tennesseans in the War of 1812*. (Nashville: Sistler & Assoc., 1992,) p. 191.

⁴⁵ Smith Co., Tenn., *Wills & Inventories (1814-1816)*:198. (WPA transcription).

⁴⁶ Bailey, Melinda R. *Featherston*. (1994) Copy located at Public Library, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 25 Aug 2006.

born 28 March 1775 in Virginia, and died 21 December 1853 in Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.

The families of Charles and Lucy Featherston and Lucius Horace and Maria Featherston were detailed in history of Heard County, Ga. I suspect the information came from George Cuttino.⁴⁷

Charles Featherston served as executor of his father-in-law Lunsford Pitts' will in Sumner Co., Tenn., in 1813. He purchased 250 acres of land "on east side of West Fork of Stone's River," the land on which he was then living, from Samuel P. Black, who was Lucy's brother-in-law, on 14 January 1817.⁴⁸ and was resident in Rutherford Co., TN (Murfreesboro) in 1820. Charles Featherston and Lucy (Pitts) Featherston are in the Fox River (18th Dist.), Rutherford Co., Tenn., in 1850,⁴⁹ so they moved to Franklin, Heard Co., Ga., sometime in the year or two before their deaths.

The marriage of Lucy Pitts, daughter of Lunsford Pitts to Charles Featherston is of record.⁵⁰ The dates of birth and death are from their tombstones in the Franklin City Cemetery, Heard Co., Ga.⁵¹

Children of CHARLES FEATHERSTON and LUCY PITTS are:

6. i. LUCIUS HORACE⁶ FEATHERSTON, b. 9 June 1814 Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn.; d. 4 January 1886 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.
- ii. EDWARD FEATHERSTON, b. 20 January 1796; d. 19 Nov 1857 Camargo, Monroe Co., Miss.; m. REBECCA ALSTON 23 Dec 1818 Mt. Vernon, Montgomery Co., Ga., daughter of JAMES ALSTON and MARY WILCOX. She was b. 17 Feb 1799 in N. C.⁵²

Children of EDWARD FEATHERSTON and REBECCA ALSTON are:⁵³

1. CHARLES HENRY FEATHERSTON, b. July 1828.
2. EDWARD FEATHERSTON.
3. MARY FEATHERSTON.
- iii. HENRY FEATHERSTON, b. 1798; d. 15 September 1819.
- iv. LUCIUS HORACE FEATHERSTON, b. about 1800; d. about 1800.

⁴⁷ Eller, Lynda S. Heard County, Georgia: A History of Its People. (Hughley, Ala.: Genealogical Press, 1980,) p. 241.

⁴⁸ Rutherford Co., Tenn., DB K:476 [5 May 1817]. Cited in Marsh, Helen C. and Marsh, Timothy R. Land Deed Genealogy of Rutherford County, Tennessee. Vol. 2, (1814-1819). (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 2001,) p. 127.

⁴⁹ 1850 Census Rutherford Co., Tenn., p. 677, #1262.

⁵⁰ Knorr, Catherine L. Marriages of Powhatan County, Virginia, 1777-1830. (Pine Bluff, Ark., 1972.)

⁵¹ Eller, Lynda S. Heard Co., Georgia, Cemeteries. (npd, 1977), p. 87.

⁵² Featherston, Charles Henry III. *Featherston Findings*. 3:18, 1991.

⁵³ Featherston, Rick. Lexie Belle Price. 9 Jan 2004. Located at <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com>, (db. :2761899.)

- v. BERINTHIA M. FEATHERSTON, b. 15 May 1802; d. 15 Jan 1887 Carrollton, Carroll Co., Miss.; m. (1) DAVID P. HARRIS 16 Dec 1819 Rutherford Co., Tenn.; m. (2) JOHN MCMURRAY 8 Oct 1833 Rutherford Co., Tenn.⁵⁴

Children of BERINTHIA FEATHERSTON and DAVID HARRIS are:⁵⁵

1. REBECCA E. HARRIS, b. 28 Feb 1822 Rutherford Co., Tenn.
2. LUCY JANE HARRIS, b. 1 Feb 1825 Hardeman Co., Tenn.
3. CHARLES E. HARRIS, b. 15 Jul 1827 Hardeman Co., Tenn.

Children of BERINTHIA FEATHERSTON and JOHN MCMURRY are:

4. MARY ELIZABETH MCMURRAY, b. 20 Oct 1834 Gibson Co., Tenn.
 5. MALINDA FRANCIS MCMURRAY, b. 5 Jan 1837 Haywood Co., Tenn.
 6. WILLIAM PINKNEY MCMURRAY, b. 27 Aug 1839 Haywood Co., Tenn.
 7. BERINTHIA EUGENIA MCMURRAY, b. 23 Dec 1841 Haywood Co., Tenn.
 8. FRUZANA ANN MCMURRAY, b. 18 June 1848 Carrollton, Carroll Co., Miss.
- vi. ELIZABETH C. FEATHERSTON, b. 20 December 1804; m. (1) MCKNIGHT; m. (2) URIAH GARDNER 3 October 1826; b. 18 August 1795, Southampton Co., Va.
- vii. MELINDA H. FEATHERSTON, b. 2 July 1807; d. Haywood Co., Tenn.; m. FREEMAN.
- viii. FRANCES P. FEATHERSTON, b. 2 August 1810; m. FLETCHER.
- ix. WINFIELD SCOTT FEATHERSTON, b. 8 August 1819 Rutherford Co., Tenn.; d. 28 May 1891 Holly Springs, Marshall Co., Miss.; m. (1) MARY HOLT HARRIS, 1848; d. 1848; m. (2) ELIZABETH M. MCEWEN, 1858; d. 17 September 1878 Holly Springs, Marshall Co., Miss.

Featherston, Winfield Scott, soldier, b. in Rutherford County, Tenn., 8 Aug. 1821. He was educated at various academies, and in 1836, while at school in Georgia, served for three months as a volunteer against the Creek Indians. He then studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1840. He was afterward elected to Congress as a Democrat {Mississippi}, and served in 1847-1851, but was defeated for a third term by the Union candidate. He was a presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1852, and was sent by his state to Kentucky in December 1860 to confer with the authorities on the subject of succession. In May 1861 he became colonel of the 17th Mississippi Regt. He served in Virginia in 1861-62, and on 4 March 1862 was promoted to brigadier general for gallantry at Ball's Bluff. He was wounded on the fifth day of the battles around Richmond and, in January 1863, was transferred to Vicksburg at his own request. He commanded an expedition sent to meet Porter's gun-boats, ascending Deer Creek, joined Johnston in Georgia in May 1864 and continued with that Army till the surrender in 1865, commanding a division much of the time. After the war he returned to the practice of law

⁵⁴ Shamburger, Mildred M. *Featherston Findings*. 3:16, 1991.

⁵⁵ Featherston, Rick. Lexie Belle Price. 9 Jan 2004. Located at <http://www.worldconnect.Rootsweb.com>, (db. :2761899).

and was a member of the Mississippi legislature in 1876-78 and 1880-1882. In 1881 he became judge of the 2nd Judicial Circuit of the state.⁵⁶

Winfield Scott Featherston was admitted to the bar at Houston, Mississippi, and began his successful legal career in 1840. He was elected on the Democratic ticket to the Thirtieth and Thirty-First United States Congresses (1847-1851) over strong opposition. In 1850, he was again a candidate for Congress, but was defeated. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was elected colonel of the 17th Miss. Regt., and took part in several important battles and was wounded during the Battle of Seven Days before Richmond. Following the battle at Leesburg, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. In Mississippi, Featherston took command of a brigade of Major General Loring's division, when General Joseph Johnston requested a skilled brigadier. [He was elected to the Mississippi legislature after the war]. During his last term, he served in the capacity of chairman of the judiciary committee and assisted in the revision of the state code of 1880. Two years later, he became judge of the second judicial circuit of Mississippi. His last public service was as a member of the judiciary committee at the Constitutional Convention in 1890. One year later, May 28, 1891, Winfield Scott Featherston died at his home in Holly Springs, Mississippi.⁵⁷

6. LUCIUS HORACE⁶ FEATHERSTON (*CHARLES*⁵, *HENRY*⁴, *CHARLES*³, *HENRY*², *CHARLES*¹) was born 9 June 1814 in Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., and died 4 January 1886 in Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga. He married MARIA ANN TOMPKINS 27 December 1836 in Heard Co., Ga., daughter of NICHOLAS TOMPKINS and KATHERINE LEVERETT. She was born 5 January 1819 in Heard Co., Ga., and died 17 June 1898 in Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.

Lucius Horace Featherston was born in Tennessee, but moved to Columbus, Ga., as a young man, where he went into business with his brother Edward. He later moved to Franklin, in Heard Co., Ga., where he met and married Maria Ann Tompkins, daughter of Nicholas Tompkins and Catherine Griffin Leverett.⁵⁸

He was admitted to the bar in Heard County, and represented that county in the Georgia Legislature. He served in the Seminole Indian war of 1836-1843 and was made Brigadier General of the State Militia. He also served as Judge of the Superior Court of his Circuit from 1863 to 1867. He furnished three sons, Charles Nicholas, Giles Winfield, and Lucius Horace, to the Confederate Army. His brother, Winfield Scott Featherston, was a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army, who lived in Corinth, Mississippi, after the Civil War. He

⁵⁶ Wilson, James G. and Fiske, John. *Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography*. (New York: Appleton & Co., 1887-1889.) 2:424. Cited in Featherston Findings 14:12, 1994. Also located at <http://www.famousamericans.net/winfieldscottfeatherston/html>. Accessed 28 Aug 2006.

⁵⁷ Tusa, Bobs M. 8 Nov 2004. Located at <http://www.lib.usm.edu/~archives/mo41.htm>. Accessed 28 August 2006.

⁵⁸ Cuttino, George P.

was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1877, following which Georgia was re-admitted to the Union.

In December 1869, he moved to Newnan Ga., where he was one of the prominent members of the Newnan bar. He was noted to be a staunch Democrat., and a member of the Methodist church.

From his obituary in the Newnan Herald of 1886:

To the legal profession it would be no revelation to affirm that a more upright lawyer, a purer gentleman never lived. Judge Buchanan, R. S. Burgh, Judge J. S. Bigby, J. B. S. Davis, Samuel Freeman, W. A. Turner, H. A. Hall, W. Y. Atkinson, P. F. Smith, bore testimony that his record as a soldier was spotless, as a judge he was kind and just, as a lawyer he was able and honest, as a citizen his character was worthy of emulation.⁵⁹

The Last Will and Testament of Lucius H. Featherston was written 17 February 1885 and proved 6 January 1886 in Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.⁶⁰
Coweta County and State of Georgia

I, Lucius H. Featherston of the County and State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing that life is uncertain and that death is certain and being and being desirous of disposing of the property that I have been permitted by a kind providence to accumulate in this life do now make and publish this as my last will and Testament and by it do hereby revoke all others heretofore by me made.

Item 1st: My immortal Spirit I surrender to the all wise and merciful God who gave it, trusting and believing that my sins have been forgiven and hardened by the atonement made by his son our God and Savior Jesus Christ and I direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner.

Item 2nd: I give and devise to my beloved wife for and during her natural life or widowhood the lands I at this time reside on known as my residence and composed of fifty and five eights of acres in the Southwest corner of lot No. Fifty Seven (57) and the same number of acres in the Southeast corner of lot No. Fifty Eight (58) both in the Fifth (5) District of said County and State and in making said settlement one hundred one and one fourth acres and located one mile North of the Courthouse in Newnan in said County and on the road leading to old town of Campbellton.

Item 3rd: I give and devise to my beloved wife for & during her natural life or widowhood, all of the personal property consisting of the household and kitchen furniture, stock, of all kinds and all the tools and implements that I own and possess that are at my death used on said farm.

Item 4th: I will and devise all of the property mentioned in the second and third items of this will (illegible) be used and enjoyed by my wife as a (illegible) for herself and my daughter Sallie M., who is at this time a *femme sole* or unmarried woman & that the rents, profits and issues of said lands & the use of said personal property be used and enjoyed by my said wife and my said daughter for a support and maintenance as long as they remain unmarried, but should my said daughter marry then in that event it is my will that my said wife

⁵⁹ Jones, M. G., and Reynolds, L. Coweta County Chronicles for One Hundred Years. (Atlanta, Stein Printing Co., 1928.) p. 273.

⁶⁰ Coweta Co., Ga., Will Book C:6.

be the sole owner of all of said real and personal property as long as she lives or remains unmarried.

Item 5th: Should my wife die or while in this life be so simple as to marry again, then it is my will that all of said property be sold by my Executors either at public or at private sale according to their discretion and the proceeds of said sales be equally divided among all my children share and share alike with the restrictions and limitations as are hereinafter set forth & detailed.

Item 6th: Should my said daughter Sallie marry before my wife dies or marries again, then it is my will that my wife give to Sallie household furniture equal in value to that we have given to my two other daughters when they married.

Item 7th: I will and direct that my Executors sell at public or private sale at their discretion all of the remainder of my property both real & personal and mixed and collection of the debts due me and from the proceeds of the sales and collection of the debts & money on hand at my death I direct that all my just debts be paid in full and the remainder be equally divided between my children share and share alike (with the restrictions and limitations as hereinafter set forth,) except that I give as special legacies, to wit, to my daughter Sallie four hundred (\$400) Dollars, to my daughter Zerlina C. Peddy two hundred (\$200) Dollars, to my daughter Mary Emma Wright Two hundred (\$200) Dollars which special legacies are given to each one of my said daughters as that sum or amount more than an equal share of my estate.

Item 8th: The share that each of my sons would be entitled to out of my entire estate when distributed, I will and devise said share in Trust to their lawful children and hereby appoint each one of my sons the Trustee aforesaid.

Item 9th: Should any one or more of my sons die having lawful children to survive them or him, then in that event I will and devise that the share he received from my entire estate be held and used and enjoyed by him or them as trust property during his or their lifetime and I hereby give them or him the right and power to dispose of said Trust share or property by and to any one or more of my children or Heirs at law or Grandchildren as he or they will or desire or may think proper to give, and I appoint my executors to hold the lawful titles to said Trust property mentioned in this the 9th item of my will.

Item 10th: I appoint my sons Charles N. and William my executors to carry out and execute this my last will and Testament to carry out and execute this my last will and testament which has been written by myself and freely and voluntarily made and published and I do hereby sign execute publish and declare this the said (illegible) last will and Testament which I do in the presence of the attesting witnesses and they by my request subscribe it in my presence and in the presence of each other. Witnessed and executed, 17 Feby 1885.

Lucius H. Featherston

John W. Powell Geo. H. Carmical
B. H. Wright C. F. Hollis
W. A. Dent Daniel Swint

Georgia, Coweta County
Ordinary Office, Jany 8, 1886.

Before the undersigned, the Ordinary of said County in person came B. H. Wright and David Swint who being sworn depose and say that we, to wit, the 17th

day of February A. D. 1885, Lucius H. Featherston, then of said County, but now deceased, requested John W. Powell, W. A. Dent, Geo. H. Carmical, C. F. Hollis, and deponents to witness the execution by him, the said L. H. Featherston, of the writing hereto attached as his last will; that he the said Featherston then and in the presence of the said named witnesses signed, declared and published said paper and writing as his said will, that the said witnesses thereupon at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other severally inscribed their names to said paper as such witnesses and their several signatures and that of the Testator thereto are genuine. The deponents further say that the said L. H. Featherston at the time and in the execution of said paper was of sound mind and executed the same freely & voluntarily.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me in the day first aforesaid, W. H. Persons, Ordinary.

B. H. Wright, Daniel Swint

Recorded Feb. 16, 1886 W. H. Persons, Ordinary

Although George Cuttino did not comment on it, L. H. Featherston's marriage to Maria Tompkins brought him into the family of one of the richest men in the county.

Nicholas Tompkins held 62 slaves and owned 8,000 acres of land valued at \$50,000. His productions for 1860 included 90 bales of cotton and 3,000 bushels of corn. He had moved to Putnam Co., and then to Troup Co. about 1830 and settled on land now within the bounds of Heard Co. He served during the Seminole War, holding a commission as major. He also served as a soldier in the war with Mexico. He married first Catherine Griffin Leverett, daughter of Thomas Leverett, a Baptist minister, and Mary Griffin, born 25 July 1794, died 10 May 1836, near Franklin, Ga.⁶¹

Nicholas Tompkins, our grandfather married the first time, Katharine Griffen Leverette, a daughter of Thomas Leverette, a Baptist minister.⁶² They had six children, five daughters and one son, viz: Giles S., Maria Ann, Mary Ellen, Sarah, Katharine, and Emily Eubanks. Nicholas Tompkins married and settled in Putnam Co., Ga., and after living there twenty years he moved to Heard Co. & died there.

Children of LUCIUS FEATHERSTON and MARIA TOMPKINS are:⁶³

- i. ZERLINA CATHERINE FEATHERSTON, b. 26 April 1838 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 9 July 1927 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; m. GEORGE WASHINGTON PEDDY 23 June 1859 Franklin Co., Ga.; b. 10 April 1834 Franklin Co., Ga.; d. 6 May 1913 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.

⁶¹ Eller, Lynda S. Heard County, Georgia. A History of its People. (Hughley, Ala.: Genealogical Press, 1980,) p. 241.

⁶² Among the papers collected by George Cuttino were some describing the Tompkins family. The citation is from a letter from what appears to be a Mrs. Marks to the typist, whom I assume to be Zerlina Catherine Peddy, eldest daughter of L. H. Featherston and Maria Tompkins, and grandmother to George Cuttino. Copies are in possession of my father in August 2006.

⁶³ All information from Cuttino, George P. Ancestors and Descendants of Judge L. H. Featherston. Featherston Findings 9:9-11, 1992. Accessed 27 May 2003.

George Cuttino published a book “Saddle Bag and Spinning Wheel” which consisted of a series of letters from G. W. Peddy, M. D., Confederate military surgeon, to Kate Featherston Peddy during the Civil War. The original letters are part of the Lucius Horace Featherston Papers at Emory University.⁶⁴

Children of ZERLINA FEATHERSTON and GEORGE PEDDY are:

1. ANNIE LAURIE PEDDY, b. 21 June 1860 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 2 May 1941, Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.
2. CHARLIE FEATHERSTON PEDDY, b. 18 June 1864 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 18 Sep 1865 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.
3. MINNIE LAMANTHA PEDDY, b. 2 Sept 1869 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 23 Jan 1913 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; m. GORDON VARNER.
4. SALLIE HASSIE (DAISY) PEDDY, b. 14 Sep 1873 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 18 Oct 1957 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.
5. KATIE MAY PEDDY, b. 3 Sep 1877 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 5 Apr 1972 Decatur, DeKalb Co., Ga.; m. DAVID SMITH CUTTINO II 8 Jul 1903 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; b. 20 Aug 1877 Charleston, S. C.; d. 25 Nov 1948 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.

George Cuttino was the second son of Katie May Peddy, b. 19 Mar 1914 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; d. 4 Oct 1991 Atlanta, Ga. He received his BA from Swarthmore College in 1935, his MA from the University of Iowa in 1936, and a doctor of philosophy from Oxford in 1938. He did postdoctoral work at the University of London in 1938 and 1939. He served in U. S. Army Intelligence 1942-1946; 1951-52, a attained the rank of Major. He was professor of history at Emory University until his death.⁶⁵ He collected the family history on which this report is largely based.

I remember meeting him once about 1958 when we went to his house in the Druid Hills neighborhood near Emory. The house, as I recall, was very “modern” which means 1950’s, and was designed by his brother, David, who was an architect. George had the first stereophonic record player I recall hearing. I do remember him demonstrating the ability of the “stereo” to create a sense of aural space. When I visited Emory in the spring of 1966 when choosing a college, I was told that George, who was professor of history at Emory, was famous for delivering at least one lecture every year in middle English. George is buried in the same cemetery plot in Newnan as his grandfather, Lucius H. Featherston. His marker proudly lists his BA, MA and D Phil (Oxon).

6. LOUISE WINFIELD PEDDY, b. 19 Nov 1881 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; d. 27 June 1974 Orangeburg, S. C.; m. JAMES MARVIN WADSWORTH 15 Oct 1914 Newnan, Coweta Co. Ga.; b. 4 Aug 1888; d. 16 Feb 1948 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.

⁶⁴ Cuttino, George P. Saddle Bag and Spinning Wheel: Being the Civil War Letters of George W. Peddy, M. D., Surgeon, 56th Georgia Volunteer Regiment, C. S. A., and his Wife, Kate Featherston Peddy. (Macon, GA: Mercer Univ. Press, 1981.)

⁶⁵ Peddy, Glen. 10 Sep 2005. Accessed 29 Aug 2006.
<http://freepages.genealogy.Rootsweb.com/~peddy/alliedfamilies>.

- ii. CHARLES NICHOLAS FEATHERSTON, b. 25 October 1839 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 1 August 1909; m. SALLIE ANN JONES; b. 1852; d. 11 December 1909.

Children of CHARLES FEATHERSTON and SALLIE JONES are:

1. CHARLES NICHOLAS FEATHERSTON, d. infancy
 2. LUCIUS HORACE (alias CHARLES NEAL) FEATHERSTON, b. 11 Sep 1891; d. 21 Nov 1927 Rome, Floyd Co., Ga.; m. MARIE CUMMING 18 Jan 1913; b. 3 Mar 1895; d. 10 Mar 1950.
- iii. GILES WINFIELD FEATHERSTON, b. 10 June 1842 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 20 December 1905; m. (1) ROSA MAY RICHARDSON; m. (2) WILLIE LEE LUMPKIN; b. 1869; d. 1949.

Children of GILES FEATHERSTON and ROSA RICHARDSON are:

1. EARNEST FEATHERSTON, died in infancy
2. ESTELLE FEATHERSTON, died in infancy.
3. ROSA MAY FEATHERSTON, b. 30 Sep 1872; d. 1972 Cedartown, Ga.; m. (1) FRANK SWANSON BUNN; m. (2) WILLIAM CARTER WRIGHT, b. 6 Jan 1866; d. 11 Jan 1933.

Children of GILES FEATHERSTON and WILLIE LUMPKIN are:

4. CARRIE LEE FEATHERSTON, b. 5 May 1900; m. (1) HOWARD MCCUTCHEON; m. (2) S. O. SATTERFIELD 25 Mar 1941.
 5. KATHRYN GILES FEATHERSTON, b. 20 Feb 1902; m. CHARLES ANDREW WATKINS 11 April 1936; b. Mar 1903.
- iv. LUCIUS HORACE FEATHERSTON, JR., b. 25 August 1844 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 19 May 1912 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; m. JOSEPHINE HILL CLEVELAND 5 December 1867 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; b. 26 September 1848; d. 25 June 1930.

Children of LUCIUS FEATHERSTON and JOSEPHINE CLEVELAND are:

1. LILLIAN BELLE FEATHERSTON, b. 20 Nov 1868 Homer, Claiborne Par., La.; d. 18 Sep 1968; m. PERRY CARTER WIDEMAN 18 July 1890; b. 3 Apr 1859; d. 18 July 1915.

Although I do not recall every meeting "Cousin Lillian" she was part of a humorous story involving my great aunt, Kathleen Featherston Wright. When I was visiting Emory in the spring of 1966, as mentioned under Katie May Peddy's entry, I spent the night with "Aunie." That Sunday, before catching the train back to Washington, we went out to a house near Grant Park where her nephew, and honorary son, Wright, was living. Aunie was then 83, and got to talking about her progressive infirmities, but then got to talking about "Cousin Lillian" who was then 98. After thinking about Lillian, Aunie commented that it made her feel like a "spring chicken." At 18, I thought the concept of an 83 year old woman as a spring chicken was hilarious. Now, I understand.

2. RICHARD NICHOLAS FEATHERSTON, b. 17 Dec 1870 Homer, Claiborne Par., La.; d. 2 Mar 1956; m. MINNIE CARATHERS 5 Aug 1893; b. 18 Oct 1875.

3. LUCIUS HORACE FEATHERSTON, b. 24 Jun 1872 Homer, Claiborne Par., La.; d. 8 Sept 1937; m. ALICE LOUELLA BEASLEY 1 Dec 1898; b. 29 Sep 1871.
4. ROSA DELL FEATHERSTON, b. 28 July 1873 Homer, Claiborne Parish, La.; d. 23 Nov. 1894.
5. JOHN WINFIELD FEATHERSTON, b. 7 Mar 1875 Homer, Claiborne Parish, La.; d. 12 May 1963; m. MARY MCCUTCHAN 28 June 1909; b. 12 Apr 1880; d. 29 Nov 1960.
6. SALLIE MAE FEATHERSTON, b. 20 Feb 1877 Homer, Claiborne Par. La.; d. 2 Apr 1951; m. SAMUEL CLARENCE ESPY 23 Dec 1903; b. 9 Dec 1876; d. 1 Jul 1956.
7. KATHERINE CLEVELAND FEATHERSTON, b. 2 Mar 1881 Homer, Claiborne Par., La.; d. 3 Nov 1934 Hinds Co., Miss.; m. BENAJAH STEELE 16 Aug 1903 Claiborne Par., La.; b. 23 Feb 1874 Georgetown, Copiah Co., Miss.; d. 9 Oct 1942 Hinds Co., Miss.⁶⁶
8. CHARLES G. FEATHERSTON, b. 27 Sep 1883 Homer, Claiborne Par., La.; d. 2 Nov 1930.
9. JOSEPHINE FEATHERSTON, b. 11 Oct 1886 Homer, Claiborne Par., La.; d. 27 July 1970; m. GULLIVER WENTWORTH DAWSON 26 Oct 1910; b. 4 Oct 1880; d. 30 Mar 1949.
10. ANNIE LAURIE FEATHERSTON, b. 11 Oct 1886 Homer, Claiborne Par., La.; d. 3 Jun 1916; m. HARRY MCKENZIE 9 Apr 1913; b. 10 Oct 1887; d. 23 Dec 1955.
- v. EDWARD PITTS FEATHERSTON, b. 5 November 1846 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 5 October 1882 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.
- vi. JOHN HENRY FEATHERSTON, b. 23 January 1849 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 16 January 1920; m. MARY ELIZABETH KEITH; b. 4 January 1859.

Children of JOHN FEATHERSTON and MARY KEITH are:

1. MARY GLENN FEATHERSTON, b. 24 Oct 1879; d. 2 Apr 1976 Broward, N. C.; m. LAURENCE HOLDINGS RILEY; b. 1881; d. 1913.
2. BESSIE BAXTER FEATHERSTON, b. 9 May 1881; d. about 1894.
3. JOHN LUCILLE FEATHERSTON, b. 24 Mar 1888; m. FRED B. FLOWERS.
4. MARIE KEITH FEATHERSTON, b. 30 Apr 1891; m. ROBERT W. ACKERMAN.
5. JOHN HENRY FEATHERSTON, b. 26 Feb 1898, d. 1962; m. MARGARET WILCOX HUNTER.
- vii. SARAH MARIA FEATHERSTON, b. 3 May 1851 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 26 September 1895, Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.
- viii. WILLIAM STEAGALL FEATHERSTON, b. 27 September 1853 Franklin Co., Ga.; d. 11 June 1932 Atlanta, Ga.; m. (1) EUGENE HARRIS MANN 22 November 1877; b. 8 January 1856; d. 2 August 1884; m. (2) LAURA GRANT DUBOSE 22 November 1887; b. 29 August 1860; d. 20 January 1944, Atlanta, Ga.

Children of WILLIAM FEATHERSTON and EUGENE MANN are:

⁶⁶ Watson, Rebecca. The Cross is My Family Tree. 12 July 2006. Located at <http://worldconnect.rootsworld.com>, (db. rlwatson.)

1. EUGENE FEATHERSTON, b. 24 May 1882 Cedartown, Polk Co., Ga.; d. 13 Mar 1971 Decatur, DeKalb Co., Ga.; m. ROBERT BARRY TUFTS 19 Dec 1907; b. 4 Oct 1876 Kirkwood, Ga.; d. 30 Apr 1959 Decatur, DeKalb Co., Ga.

Eugene Tufts was always our favorite Featherston cousin, because she was very direct and plain-spoken, and it was obvious that she and Aunie were good friends as well as first cousins. Curiously, the one thing I distinctly remember was going to the house of her daughter, Frances, and eating watermelon from a large tin container filled with ice. Since the house in Atlanta did not have air-conditioning, this was an old-fashioned way to cool down that is no longer practiced.

2. BESSIE FEATHERSTON, b. 5 Mar 1884 Cedartown, Polk Co., Ga.; d. 17 Feb 1894 Cedartown, Polk Co., Ga.

Children of WILLIAM FEATHERSTON and LAURA DUBOSE are:

3. JULIUS DUBOSE FEATHERSTON, b. 24 Oct 1888; d. 31 May 1890.
 4. LAURA FEATHERSTON, b. 24 Nov 1892; d. 16 Jan 1919; m. HAROLD MCQUEEN SHIELDS 28 Jun 1917.
 5. ANNE CAROLYN FEATHERSTON, b. 19 Dec 1894; d. 22 Mar 1987; m. JOSEPH HARLAN GILMORE 18 Nov 1915; b. 4 Oct 1887; d. 14 Apr 1961.
- ix. MARY EMMA⁷ FEATHERSTON, b. 10 February 1856 Franklin, Heard Co., Ga.; d. 25 February 1945 Atlanta, Fulton Co., Ga.; m. HENRY SUMMERFIELD WRIGHT; b. 18 September 1857 Monticello, Drew Co., Ark.; d. 9 April 1911 Atlanta, Fulton Co., Ga.

"Gran", as we called her at her insistence, Grandma or variations sounding too old for her, was a typical Southern Belle with all of the negative connotations. She was, next to Aunie, a real character. I remember her listening to Ma Perkins, a daily radio soap, standing behind a sofa in the living room with her ear pressed up against the radio. Another time she and my brother Denny were in the car in front of the house during a terrible thunderstorm. Suddenly, rain or no, Gran jumped out of the car and ran into the house. As she passed me she was heard to exclaim "those cars are fixed to kill folks!" Denny had given her a story about how the car attracted lightning and the water running down the tires grounded the car."

"She also hated 'Damn Yankees'. Mom finally won acceptance only after Gran approved of her disciplinary control over Denny and me. I remember one day, as she was telling us about a very nice lady down the street, she commented with surprise, 'and she's a Yankee!' The reason there was never a building across West Peachtree from her house was that she fought it. Aunie told us that she went to a City Council meeting, shook her finger under the nose of a Councilman in his sixties and said: 'Young man you can't do that!' He bowed graciously and said: 'Thank you, Ma'am,' and they never did in her lifetime."⁶⁷

Children of MARY EMMA FEATHERSTON and HENRY S. WRIGHT are:

⁶⁷ Recollections of her grandson, Lucius F. Wright, Jr., in 1999.

1. KATHLEEN FEATHERSTONE⁸ WRIGHT, b. 10 November 1883 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; d. 30 June 1970 Atlanta, Fulton Co., Ga.
2. LUCIUS FEATHERSTONE WRIGHT, b. 9 November 1885 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; d. 3 November 1956 Atlanta, Fulton Co., Ga.; m. KATHRYN PEARL DENNY 3 February 1920 Denver, Colo.; b. 26 July 1896 Hampton, Iowa; d. 10 July 1943 Alexandria, Rapides Par., La.
3. MARIE WRIGHT, b. 1887, Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; d. before 1958, New Jersey; m. (1) CLIFTON COX CALLAWAY; b. 20 June 20, 1886; d. September 1968 Orlando, Orange Co., Fla.; m. (2) RAYMOND HALE CURLIS; b. 12 October 1894; d. April 1972, Mercer Co., N. J.
- x. THOMAS MIDDLETON FEATHERSTON, b. 27 March 1858 Franklin Co., Ga.; d. 27 May 1874, Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.
 As a child I remember seeing an obituary in Aunie's collection of things when "Tommy" drowned during a swimming party with a group of other young people from Newnan. I have not looked for the obituary in the newspaper archives for Newnan.
- xi. ANNIE ELIZABETH FEATHERSTON, b. 5 April 1860 Franklin Co., Ga.; d. 26 March 1870 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.
- xii. JOSEPH ERNEST FEATHERSTON, b. 23 March 1863 Franklin Co., Ga.; d. 20 November 1933 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; m. MARY CLARA PARKS 30 June 1904 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; b. 30 June 1877; d. 23 April 1960 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.

Child of JOSEPH FEATHERSTON and MARY PARKS is:

1. MARY ELLA FEATHERSTON, b. 14 Apr 1905 Newnan, Coweta Co., Ga.; d. 1 Nov 1960.