

Descendants of William Fleming¹

3. WILLIAM³ FLEMING was born before August 1732 in Nottingham Twp., Chester Co., Pa., and died before 15 April 1782 in Augusta Co., Va. He married MARGARET REABURN before 1755 in Augusta Co., Va., daughter of JAMES REABURN and ELIZABETH. She married (2) JAMES McGONIGAL before 22 August 1783 Augusta Co., Va.

Administration of the estate of William Fleming was granted to his widow, Margaret, on 15 April 1782 in Augusta Co., Va.² On 22 August 1783 James McGonigal and his wife Margaret, late Margaret Fleming, administratrix of the estate of William Fleming, deceased, were granted judgment against Griffith Evans in a suit.³ This record establishes that James Fleming of Pendleton District, S. C., was selling his interest in the estate of William Fleming to the widow. While it does not establish that James Fleming was the son of William, I think this is the most likely interpretation, since James Fleming's only known daughter was named Margaret.

James McGonigal and his wife, Margaret, filed suit against Mr. Bailey and on 19 August 1784 bond was posted by one William Fleming of Paxton (Paxtang) Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., to William Bailey of Yorktown, Virginia, coppersmith.⁴ This bond indicates a connection to Lancaster Co., Pa., for William Fleming of Augusta Co., Va., a connection strengthened by other records discussed shortly.

William Fleming's estate settlement was filed 18 September 1787,⁵ but was then amended by an additional appraisement 21 April 1791⁶, and the actual final settlement about the same time.⁷ There is also a notation from 19 Aug 1779 says a suit was abated by the death of William Fleming.⁸ Taken at face value, this would show that Margaret Fleming waited almost three years to apply for probate of William Fleming's estate. This would be unusually long, given the state's interest in collecting taxes. On the other hand, it is clear that settling the estate was a protracted affair. A more detailed review of the probate records may shed light on his affairs.⁹

¹ Updated 6 May 2007.

² Augusta Co., Va., Court Order Book 17:375.

³ Augusta Co., Va., Court Order Book :114. *Chronicles* 1:232. The name McGonigal has numerous spellings—for simplicity I have chosen to spell them all this way.

⁴ Augusta Co., Va., Court Records. Located at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/augusta/court/court09.txt>.

⁵ Augusta Co., Va., Will Book 7:26. *Chronicles* 3:178.

⁶ Augusta Co., Va., Will Book 7:357. *Chronicles* 3:194.

⁷ Augusta Co., Va., Will Book 7:384. *Chronicles* 3:195.

⁸ Augusta Co., Va., Court Order Book 17:66. [19 Aug 1779]. Located at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/augusta/court/or17-207.txt>

⁹ It is possible she had trouble establishing clear claim to his lot in Staunton. Elizabeth Hill, widow of James Hill relinquished her dower interest in a piece of property, not further described, to William Fleming 19 Nov 1779. [Augusta Co., Va., Court Order Book 17:171. [19 Nov 1779.]

Margaret Fleming was the daughter of James “Ryburn” as attested by a suit filed by William Allison against William Fleming, his “son-in-law.”¹⁰ Students of this family have identified Margaret Reaburn as the daughter of James Reaburn and Elizabeth.¹¹

The connection of William Fleming to Pennsylvania is strengthened by the following record from August 1753 when James Evans sued William Fleming, “otherwise lately called William Fleming of Nottingham Township, County of Chester, Pennsylvania.”¹² The following records seem to describe the same man, and indicate he was a “joiner” or carpenter. William Hall sued William Fleming for keeping his son, John, while William Fleming was recovering from smallpox in May 1756.¹³ William was explicitly described as a carpenter in a court record from 23 Nov 1762.¹⁴ On 4 June 1765, William Fleming, carpenter, had his suit against Edward Sharpe heard by William Fleming., gentleman, thereby neatly establishing that the carpenter and the gentleman were both present. To confuse matters William Fleming, gentleman, owned lot 16 in Staunton, while William Fleming, carpenter, owned lot 18.

About the same time, William Fleming, “late of Pennsylvania” was sued by one Alexander Moore of Bladen Co., N. C., for debt.

William Fleming, late of Pennsylvania, debtor, 1761, to sundries diets and lodgings, #1, 4, 4; to sunderie clubs for drinking, #0, 14, 4; to freight for saddles from Wilmington, #0, 6, 0; to passage for yourself and rum for seven days, #0, 12, 0; to one mare lent, which you killed by riding, #14, 0, 0; cash lent, #0, 6, 8. Affidavit to above account by Alexander Moore, in Bladen County, North Carolina, 6th May, 1765.¹⁵

In a note to this entry, William was described as the son of Samuel Fleming of New London, Virginia. However, the basis for this statement is not clear. Presently, it seems probable that William Fleming was a grandson of

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/augusta/court/court05.txt>] Perhaps James Hill died before William Fleming could prove his deed. By the same token, this suggests that William Fleming was not dead by 19 Aug 1779.—see previous note.

¹⁰ Augusta Co., Va., Court Order Book March 1768.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/augusta/court/court15.txt>

¹¹ Kraus, Richard A. Casebolt Lineages. 12 Nov 2006. Located at <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com>, (db. dickkraus02).

¹² Augusta Co., Va., Court Order Book August 1753.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/augusta/court/court02.txt>

¹³ Augusta Co., Va., Court Order Book May 1756.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/augusta/court/court02.txt>

¹⁴ Augusta Co., Va., Court Order Book March 1764.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/augusta/court/court14.txt>

¹⁵ Augusta Co., Va., Court Order Book November 1766.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/augusta/court/court04.txt> In a footnote, Chalkely added that “Sd. Fleming is son to Samuel Fleming, of New London, and assisted in building a house for William Montgomery in Salisbury.” New London, Va., was then in Bedford, now Campbell Co., Va., and quite a distance further south from Staunton. To date, I have found no evidence of Samuel Fleming in Bedford Co., Va., records. This is clearly one of those references that needs to be checked against the original films.

William Fleming, who died before 5 May 1726 in Chester Co., Pa. Proof of the connection has yet to be established.

Children of WILLIAM FLEMING and MARGARET REABURN are:

- i. JOHN⁴ FLEMING.
John Fleming was cared for by Mrs. William Hall in 1755/56 when his father, William was ill with smallpox. (see above.)
 4. ii. JAMES⁴ FLEMING, b. about 1760 Augusta Co., Va.; died 2 April 1831 in South Carolina or Georgia; m. ANN.
4. JAMES⁴ FLEMING (*WILLIAM*³) was born about 1760 in Augusta Co., Virginia, and died 2 April 1831 in either South Carolina or Georgia. He married ANN _____. She died 15 May 1831.

The Flemming family came to this country from Ireland.¹⁶ They were a family of social prominence, having their own coat-of-arms, which was worn after coming to this country on shoe and knee buckles. (My grandfather wore one of these until his death in 1857.)

The tradition is that there were four brothers living in Ireland and the elder [sic] brother inheriting the estate the three younger ones decided to immigrate to the colonies. The date, which could not have been later than 1730, is not now known nor the place where they first settled. On the voyage a storm came up and the vessel was wrecked near the coast of the United States. One of the brothers was drowned; the two others reached land in safety, one of them being rescued by a Negro man on a rafter. A son, or more probably a grandson of this man last mentioned was born in Virginia or North Carolina about 1756 or 1760. His name was James Flemming and he married a Miss Ann _____. They had three sons, John, George, and James. James, the youngest son, was killed when a young man in battle probably during the war with England in 1812. My great grandfather, James Flemming died April 2, 1831. /s/ Frances Flemming Dixon.

Since John Fleming and Frances Bailey were married in South Carolina in 1808, and he listed his birthplace as South Carolina in the 1850 Census,¹⁷ I looked for James Fleming there. The 1790 Census shows five men named James Fleming, one in Pendleton District, one in Lancaster Co., one in Newberry Co., and James and James, Jr., in Prince Georges Parish, Georgetown District.

¹⁶ Paper originally found among the papers of Kathleen F. Wright, and probably written about 1900. The original was transcribed by me about 1965, but the original was lost after her death in 1970. In 2007, at a visit to the DAR Library, I found where the papers of Frances Fleming Dixon had been collected and stored. These papers include the information that I have recorded here verbatim. Since Mrs. Dixon died in 1918, the papers were originally written around 1900-1910, as originally speculated upon. [Dixons, Flemings, Poseys, Ridgways, Stewarts, & Other Allied Families. GA GRC S1-V298, 1961.

¹⁷ 1850 Census Coweta Co., Ga., p. 318, #496/496. He stated his age as 64, yielding an estimated birth year of 1786, which accords with the date recorded in family records of 10 April 1786.

James Fleming of Pendleton District has himself as the only male over 16, but has four males under 16, five women, and one slave.¹⁸ Since Pendleton District is in the upper northwest part of the state adjacent the Savannah River on the west and Abbeville District on the south, I think he is the most likely candidate to be our ancestor.¹⁹

The 1800 Census shows James Fleming in Pendleton District, with himself over age 45, one son under 10, one 10-16, and one 16-25, as well as one daughter 10-16, two daughters 16-26, and his wife over 45, plus one slave.²⁰ This matches the information in the 1790 Census with the exception of one female, who could be a daughter who married prior to the census.

James Flemming is present in Pendleton District in 1810, although the recorded data are not consistent with it being the same man as the one present in 1800.²¹ Examination of the record shows only one James Fleming who could be the same man who was in Pendleton District, S. C., in 1800, and that is the man present in Spartanburg.²² If this is the correct person, it appears that his wife has died and that he has at least one of his children and his/her family living in the household.

The 1820 Census shows John Fleming²³ and George Flemming in Pendleton Dist., S. C.²⁴

Unfortunately, I have not been able to identify James Fleming with certainty in the 1820 Census. There are four possibilities in South Carolina, of whom the most likely is the James Fleming living in Laurens County.²⁵ The household structure appears to be that of an older man with two adult males living with him, but no women. The men may, or may not, be sons. It is also possible that this is the same man living in Spartanburg Co., S. C., in the 1810 Census, who is tentatively identified as this man.

Considering the received information that James Flemming had three sons: John, George, and James, and that James was killed during the War of 1812, we can confidently conclude that this matches the family in Pendleton

¹⁸ 1790 Census Pendleton Dist., S. C., Roll 11, p. 13.

¹⁹ Lancaster Co., Roll 11, p. 241, shows James, but the copy I had on Heritage Quest was illegible. Lancaster Co., p. 232 includes Bailey, (2020-0) and Daniel, (1130-0). Newberry Co., S. C., roll 11, p. 64 (1210-0). The men in Georgetown district have been studied by others, and appear to be descended from John Fleming, pioneer settler of the Williamsburg District, who died in August 1750. {Wells, Lawrence K. and Holcomb, Brent H. South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research, Vol. 1-20 [database online]. Provo, UT: MyFamily.com, Inc., 1999. (Vol. 2, #2, Spring 1974, p. 108.)}

²⁰ 1800 Census Pendleton District, S. C., roll 50, p. 107, #202. (The enumerator assigned a number to each man on the list.)

²¹ 1810 Census Pendleton Dist., S. C., roll 61, p. 250. James Flemming (20010-20100). This seems likely to be a son of our ancestor.

²² 1810 Census Spartanburg Co., S. C., roll 61, p. 313. [20201-01010]

²³ 1820 Census Pendleton Dist., S. C., roll 120, p. 295. [300010-11010-01]

²⁴ 1820 Census Pendleton Dist., S. C., roll 120, p. 244. [200010-20100].

²⁵ 1820 Census Laurens Co., S. C., roll 119, p. 82. [000021-00000].

District from 1790 to 1820, although I cannot trace James Fleming in the census with confidence after 1800.

Children of JAMES FLEMMING and ANN _____ are:

5. i. JOHN⁵ FLEMMING, b. 10 April 1786 Washington District, S. C.; d. 1 Dec 1859 Coweta Co., Ga.; m. FRANCES BAILEY 8 Dec 1808 Abbeville Co., S. C., daughter of JAMES BAILEY and MARY WRIGHT.
- ii. JAMES⁵ FLEMMING, b. before 1785 Washington District, S. C.; d. about 1814.
James Flemming is living in Pendleton Dist., S. C., in 1810, with a wife 16-26, and four children, two boys and two girls. Nancy Fleming is living in Abbeville Co., S. C., in 1820, with a similar family structure, although with the addition of three children. This makes it unlikely that she is the widow of James Flemming, although not impossible.
- iii. GEORGE⁵ FLEMMING, b. before 1795 Pendleton District, S. C.
George Flemming is in Pendleton District in 1820, age 26-45, so he had to have been born before 1795 and after 1775. It seems likely that James was the eldest, as he had four children in the 1810 Census, and, at age 26, had to have been before John Flemming.
- iv. ROBERT A.⁵ FLEMMING, b. 1797 Pendleton Dist., S. C.; d. Coweta Co., Ga.; m. REBECCA A. BAILEY (?).

Although not listed by Frances Fleming Dixon, Robert Fleming is listed as a child of James Fleming by Paul Fleming, who apparently inherited the family story essentially the same as recorded here.²⁶ Robert Fleming, 53, born in Georgia, is living in the 4th District of Coweta Co., Ga., in 1850. His occupation was listed as "B. Clergyman" and he had a net worth of \$4500.²⁷ John, by comparison had a net worth of \$2000, as did his son Joshua Parks Fleming.²⁸ The family structure is complex, as he has three daughters, Alice B., 4, and Rebecca J., 2, and Jane E., 1/12, all born in Georgia, and Alice Bailey, 82, b. SC. He also has two other children, Robert Harris, 8, and Beretta Harris, 6, living with him. I do not know if these are orphans he had taken in, or perhaps boarders. He also had Emanuel Jackson, 24, farmer, living in the household, presumably to work his land while he was busy with his duties as a teacher and preacher.

²⁶ Fleming, Paul. 13 June 1999. Accessed 2 December 2006. Located at <http://listsearches.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/iftch2?u1/textindices/F/FLEMMING+1999+266362775+F> (two line URL.) "Family lore says that three brothers, John, James and William came to the Colonies from Ireland and settled in Virginia before the Revolutionary War. Before the war they moved to S.C. and fought with units from S.C. James married a lady named Annie. Their children were: John, George, William, Robert and Margaret. They lived in Abbeville, S.C. At some time George moved to Jacksonville, Al., William to TN, Robert to South Georgia. Margaret never married and lived with William. John married Frances Bailey and they had their children in Abbeville. The family moved to Newnan, Ga. around 1826. The father of Frances Bailey lived in S.C. and fought in the Revolutionary War with John, James and William." Cited afterward as Paul Fleming. This information is also reported in the Dixon papers cited previously. Interestingly, Thomas was stricken out, as noted by the editor. His inclusion here remains problematic.

²⁷ 1850 Census Coweta Co., Ga., roll 66, p. 339, #783/783.

²⁸ 1850 Census Coweta Co., Ga., roll 66, p. 350, #932/932.

Robert A. Fleming was appointed as headmaster at the Newnan Female Academy in 1839 and served in that capacity into the 1850's.²⁹ He was appointed as pastor of Newnan Baptist Church for six years from 1845 to 1850, and again for six months in 1852.³⁰

“A record says, ‘He did noble work; was an acceptable preacher and pure teacher.’ In addition to this labor in two such exacting fields, he wrote much for the press, publishing several books: “John’s Baptism,” “The Life of Humphrey Posey,” “The Georgia Pulpit,” “The Confederate Spelling Book” and writing an English Grammar that was never published.”³¹

v. MARGARET⁵ FLEMING.

Margaret never married and lived with William.³²

vi. WILLIAM⁵ FLEMING.

William Fleming reportedly moved to Tennessee. There was a William Fleming in the 6th District of Coweta Co., Ga., in 1832 who may be this man. He is not present in the 1830 Census. William Fleming is present in the 1840 Census for Coweta Co., but I am not sure this is the right man.³³ Based on age, the more likely man is living in Hall Co., Ga., in 1820.³⁴

5. JOHN⁵ FLEMING was born 10 April 1786 in Pendleton Dist., S. C., and died 1 December 1859 in Coweta Co., Ga. He married FRANCES BAILEY 8 December 1808 in Abbeville Co., S. C., daughter of JAMES BAILEY and MARY WRIGHT. She was born 18 August 1785 in Abbeville District, S. C., and died 14 November 1862 in Coweta Co., Ga.

Frances Fleming listed her birth as being in Virginia in the 1850 Census,³⁵ although it is clear that the Bailey family was in South Carolina following emigration from Ireland.

To John and Frances Bailey Fleming nine children were born: four sons and five daughters, Mary, James, Joshua Parks, Ann, George Washington, Melissa Isabel, Eliza H., Thyrza Frances, and John Wyatt.

James, the second child and oldest son was born in Abbeville District, S. C. Aug. 3, 1811. After acquiring the rudiments of education near home, he was sent to Greenville, S. C., to board with his uncle George Fleming where he attended school with his cousin Harrison Fleming. He left school about 1826 and moved

²⁹ Jones, Mary G. Coweta County Chronicles For One Hundred Years. (Atlanta, Stein Printing Co., 1928, pp. 82, 100. Cited henceforth as *Coweta Chronicles*.

³⁰ *Coweta Chronicles*, pp. 92, 100, 101.

³¹ *Coweta Chronicles*, p. 100.

³² Paul Fleming.

³³ 1840 Census Coweta Co., Ga., roll 39, p. 333. He has one son under five, one 5-10, himself, 20-30, two girls, one under five and one 5-10, and his wife, 30-40. This would suggest he was born about 1810, which is possible, but makes him quite a bit younger than his brother. Since he was probably named after his grandfather, I am not sure this is the same man.

³⁴ 1820 Census Hall Co., Ga., roll 6, p. 83. [011101-00101-03]

³⁵ 1850 Census Coweta Co., Ga., roll 66, p. 318, #496/496. John is listed as 64, and Frances as 65. “Theresa” age 24 is surely Thyrza.

with his father's family to Coweta Co., Ga. For a few years he assisted his father and a few slaves in establishing a home.

Much had to be done; houses built, trees felled, rails split, fields enclosed, and the land cultivated. Here young James did the first and only hard manual labor of his life and was often overworked and tired much to the grief of a loving and sympathetic mother.

A comfortable home was soon made. I do not know just when the big house was built, but in my childish eyes it was quite a fine house. It was built on a slight eminence and was a neat frame house painted white. On the first floor there were two large front rooms divided by a wide hall in which was the staircase, and in the rear two small shed rooms also divided by a wide hall. There was no back verandah but a small side porch instead. On the second floor were two large rooms and a hall with stair steps leading to an attic on the third floor. There was the usual square porch on first and second floor with huge columns. On top of this on a kind of gable were painted the words in black letters "Our Home." The front porch was neatly enclosed and was shaded by a number of large cedar trees.

A little to the left of the house near the side porch was a smaller house of two rooms, one used for the cool room and the other for a dining room. In this room stood a large old fashioned clock, (not running then) with doors which opened down to the floor. Once when playing "hide and seek" I hid in the old clock and became so much interested in the heavy weights on both sides as to lose interest in the play.

In the rear of the house the ground sloped to a small ravine where there was a spring of good water, the stream which flowed from it was cut down into a ditch which was about a foot and a half deep. A wide plank was placed across it for a bridge and a path to the house led across this bridge. A few large trees and a number of smaller bushes made the place very attractive, this was the favorite playground of my cousins, my sister and myself during our visits there. These cousins were the children of my uncle, Joshua Parks Fleming, who a few years after his marriage had returned to live at this house of my grandfather's. There were two boys older than I, "Wade" and William, a girl a few months younger than I who had the same name, Fanny Fleming a younger boy, James, and two little girls, Beatrice and Mattie. A Negro girl, Charlotte was usually with us.

After a few years' work on his father's farm James went to Newnan to clerk in a dry goods store. He save some money and bought an interest in the firm of Turrentine and Watts of Columbus, Ga. The firm went into bankruptcy soon after and with a small stock of goods he went to Chambers Co., Ala., and started a store on the farm of Drury Ridgway. He married Emily Catherine Ridgway Nov 5, 1839. Four children were born to them, three daughters and one son. In 1857 he moved with his family to West Point, Ga., and became a partner in the hardware firm of J. M. and B. F. Reed. He sold his farm in Chambers Co., Ala., to a Mr. Woody and his stock of dry goods to his bother John Wyatt Fleming who lived three miles away in New Harmony.

He died in West Point July 24, 1859. He was universally esteemed as an upright, honest citizen. He was an ideal husband and father and a true Christian.

(signed) Kathleen F. Wright

Although the letter was signed "Kathleen F. Wright," I think it most likely was written by Frances Fleming Dixon, who was a cousin that she had corresponded with back in the 1920's. I think Aunie just signed her transcription, which was the basis for my transcription. The original was probably lost when the family home was broken up in 1970. However, she may have put it in the Wright family files at Emory.³⁶

John Fleming was in Coweta County by January 1827, when he was elected tax collector.³⁷ He was re-elected as "tax receiver" in 1828 and again in 1829.³⁸ John Fleming of district 4, Captain Craven, was a successful drawer of two lots in the 1832 Land Lottery.³⁹ He was present in the 1830,⁴⁰ 1840⁴¹ and 1850⁴² Census for Coweta Co., Ga. There is no will of record, but probate files have not been examined.

Details about the children were originally found in the papers cited above, and have been supplemented by postings by Paul Fleming. (see reference under James above.)

Children of JOHN FLEMING and FRANCES BAILEY are:

- i. THYRZA FRANCES³ FLEMING, b. 28 November 28, 1829 Coweta Co., Ga.; d. 12 September 1907, Troup Co., Ga.; m. JOHN ANDREW WRIGHT 7 Feb 1856 Campbell Co., Ga., son of JOHN WRIGHT and LUCY GARLAND ANDREW; b. 9 Oct 1831 Clarke Co., Ga.; d. 16 Jan 1859 Monticello, Drew Co., Ark.
- ii. MARY FLEMING, b. 10 October 1809 Abbeville Co., S. C.; d. 26 March 1838; m. SAM WILSON 11 February 1827 Coweta Co., Ga.
- iii. JAMES FLEMING, b. 3 August 1811 Abbeville Co., S. C.; d. 24 July 1859 West Point, Troup Co., Ga.; m. EMILY RIDGWAY 4 November 1839 Coweta Co., Ga.⁴³
- iv. JOSHUA PARKS FLEMING, b. 20 January 1814 Abbeville Co., S. C.; d. 15 December 1892 Coweta Co., Ga.; m. MARTHA H. MAXEY 6 July 1837 Coweta Co., Ga.⁴⁴ She died 4 October 1852, Coweta Co., Ga.

³⁶ See also Smith, John M. 23 Dec. 2001. Located at <http://genforum.genealogy.com/fleming/messages/3483.html>. As noted earlier, Mrs. Dixon's papers were collated and published by the Georgia DAR, and are on file at the NSDAR Library in Washington, D. C., where I found them in May 2007. The dates of birth for the children are on pp. 30-31 in these papers, although I found them originally in Kathleen F. Wright's papers.

³⁷ *Coweta Chronicles*, p. 52.

³⁸ *Coweta Chronicles*, p. 53, 60.

³⁹ 1832 Land Lottery, Coweta County, Ga. William Fleming, of the sixth district, was also a successful drawer. Located at www.georgiagenealogy.org/Coweta/1832_land_lottery.html. Accessed 2 December 2006.

⁴⁰ 1830 Census Coweta Co., Ga., roll 16, p. 370. [0012001-2110001]

⁴¹ 1840 Census Coweta Co., Ga., roll 39, p. 332. [01010001-01101001]

⁴² 1850 Census Coweta Co., Ga., Coweta Co., Ga., roll 66, p. 318, #496/496.

⁴³ Their children were (*Fleming*) (1) Frances Catherine, b. 10 Mar 1842 Chambers Co. Ala.; d. 2 Oct 1919; (2) Lucy Ann, b. 6 Dec 1843; (3) Emily J., b. 1 Sep 1849; (4) James Ira, b. 25 Jul 1856; d. 31 Oct 1856. Source Paul Fleming. Frances Catherine Fleming married Mr. Dixon, and was the source of the information recorded in the files of Kathleen F. Wright cited above.

Georgia, Coweta County⁴⁵

I Joshua Parks Flemming of said state & county, being of sound and disposing mind & memory do make this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item First: I direct that my Extr. first of all pay my debts.

Item Second: I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Beatrice Flemming to be disposed of by her as she sees fit & to be hers & her heirs & assigns forever in fee simple the following property, to wit: The East half of the North half of lot of land No. Eighty One (81) in the Fourth District of said county of Coweta containing fifty acres & also the six acres bought by me from T. J. McKoy, Sr., off of the South half of same Lot which is my Dwelling & all out houses & garden & stables & horse lots and which six acres joins said first mentioned fifty acres & also all my Household & kitchen furniture & all my wagons Carts & buggies & Farming utensils.

Item Third: I give to my son Mack Flemming Fifty Dollars.

Item Fourth: I give and bequeath unto the children now living of my son W. E. Flemming One hundred Dollars to be paid to my said son W. E. Flemming & he to use same for said children without having to make returns to any Court as to his acts & doings in the premises.

Item Fifth: I do not give anything to my daughter Martha Ann McKoy, because I feel I have heretofore given her & her husband as much as any of my children, except my daughter Elizabeth Beatrice will receive by this will.

Item Fifth (sic): I give to my daughter Francis Adamson one half of the remainder of my estate and unto the two daughters of my son James B. Flemming deceased, the other half of said remainder.

Item Sixth: I appoint James B. Strong Extr. of this will This 19th May 1890.

(s) Joshua Parks Flemming

Signed declared & published by Joshua Parks Flemming as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his instance & request & of each other, he signing in our presence & we signing in his.

P. B. Murphey

Alvan D. Freeman

H. H. North

⁴⁴ Their children were (*Fleming*) (1) Edward M., b. 1838. He went to Texas before the Civil War and fought with a unit from Texas. He married after the war and raised two children, Mabel and Gus. (2) William Elder, b. 17 Feb 1840; m. Sarah Sallie Perry 6 Nov 1866 in Coweta Co. Ga.; d. 13 Nov 1923. Their children: (a) Perry E., b. 20 Jan 1869; d. 25 Aug 1875; (b) Inez, b. 10 Apr 1870; d. 14 Oct 1886; (c) Emeline Lucy, b. 5 Sep 1871; d. 17 Dec 1962; (d) William Alvin, b. 19 Aug 1873; d. 30 Nov 1963; (e) Mattie Ellen, b. 12 Jul 1876; d. 13 Mar 1972; (f) John Park, b. 10 Oct 1878; d. 25 Sep 1931; (g) Laura Owen, b. 20 Apr 1883; d. 18 Jul 1975.

(3) Mary F., b. Jun 1843, m. James G. Adamson in 1868. Lived in Carroll Co. Ga. Their children: (a) Euela E., b. 1869; (b) Beatrice F., b. Apr 1870; (c) Nita M., b. Jul 1872; (d) William F., b. 1874. (4) James B., b. 1848, m. Martha English in Ellis Co., Tex. 20 Oct 1878. Their children: (a) Anna, b. Oct 1879; (b) Maggie, b. Aug 1884.

(5) Elizabeth Beatrice b. 1850. She was single, living with her father when he died.

(6) Martha Ann b. 1854. Martha married a "McKoy". Source: Paul Fleming.

⁴⁵ Coweta Co., Ga., Will Book C:100.

Recorded Jan 5th 1893.

W. H. Persons, Ordinary

- v. ANN FLEMING, b. 25 July 1817 Abbeville Co., S. C.; d. 4 October 1852 Troup Co., Ga.⁴⁶; m. BENJAMIN ASKEW 29 November 1846 Coweta Co., Ga.; b. 28 Aug 1810 Hancock Co., Ga.; d. 16 Nov 1894 Coosada, Elmore Co., Ala.⁴⁷

Thyrza Frances (Fleming) Wright is living in the household of her nephew, John Lewis Askew, in 1900.⁴⁸ He lists his birth as March 1848 in Georgia, and is married to Susie. Also living with them is their daughter, Vollie, b. June 1877 In Alabama, Louis, b. Feb. 1872 in Alabama, and daughter Mary W., b. August 1892 in Georgia.

An Internet file⁴⁹ lists John Lewis Askew b. 20 Mar 1848, d. 28 Nov 1910, son of Benjamin Simms Askew and Ann C. Fleming. Benjamin Askew was b. 28 Aug 1810 Hancock Co., Ga., d. 16 Nov 1894 Cusetta, Alabama; Ann C. Fleming was b. 25 Jul 1817 and d. 3 Jul 1851, St. Cloud, Ga. These dates are slightly different than those obtained from Aunie's notes. The date of the marriage was the same, however. They had two children: James Brittain Askew, b. 29 Dec. 1850 and John Lewis Askew, b. 20 Mar 1848. This file also shows that Benjamin Simms Askew married (2) Harriett L. Frederick 28 Dec 1851, presumably in Georgia. Examination of the gazeteer suggests this should be Coosada, Elmore Co., Alabama. I have not been able to locate St. Cloud, Georgia.

Benjamin Askew is in Chambers Co., Ala., in 1860 (Southern Div., p. 893). He had married Harriet by then. Chambers Co., Ala., is across the river from Troup Co., Ga.

- vi. GEORGE WASHINGTON FLEMING, b. 10 April 1820 Abbeville Co., S. C.; d. 25 June 1898 Coweta Co., Ga.; m. SARAH A. JOHNSON⁵⁰ 5 October 1846 Coweta Co., Ga.

In 1860 George W. Fleming, 35, Sarah 36, Georgia A., 12, Emily F., 11, John B., 6, and Marietta, 3, are living in Coweta Co., Ga.⁵¹ Troy Bramlett gives his date of death as 25 June 1896 in Carroll Co., Ga., and the marriage date as 5 Nov 1846.⁵²

- vii. MELISSA ISABEL FLEMING, b. 11 April 1823 Abbeville Co., S. C.; d. 17 April 1891 Atlanta, Fulton Co. Ga.; m. JAMES G. MCLIN 12 March 1839 Coweta Co., Ga.

⁴⁶ Mrs. Dixon reported here date of death as 3 July 1850, age 33.

⁴⁷ Their child was J. L. Askew, who died Nov 1910 in West Point, Ga. Source: Paul Fleming.

⁴⁸ 1900 Census Troup Co., Ga., Militia Dist. 701, p. 209B, #121.

⁴⁹ Johnson, Michael. Johnson. 13 Apr 2004. Located at <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com>, (db. 2851121.)

⁵⁰ Their children were (*Fleming*) (1) Georgia Ann, b. 5 Jan 1847; d. 16 Feb 1928 in Texas; (2) Emma F., b. Mar 1848; d. 5 Nov 1922; (3) John Randolph, b. 15 Dec 1853; d. 18 Mar 1924; (4) Boyd Monroe, b. 14 Jan 1855; d. 12 Sep 1896; (5) Etta E., b. 25 Mar 1857; (6) James Henry, b. 24 Apr 1867; (7) Eula B., b. 19 Apr 1870. Source: Paul Fleming.

⁵¹ 1860 Census Coweta Co., Ga., p. 831, #1302/1103.

⁵² Bramlett, Troy. Our Paths Cross. 11 Dec 2005. Located at <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com>, (db. :3172599)

The 1840 Census for Coweta Co., Ga., shows John Fleming followed by David McLin, who was 60-70, followed by Joshua P. Fleming, and the James G. McLin.⁵³ David is probably the father of James G. McLin.

James G. McLin listed his occupation in the 1880 Census as “Sheriff of the Georgia Supreme Court.”⁵⁴

Henry S. Wright, nephew of Melissa (Fleming) McLin was apparently raised in his youth in their household. Her picture had a place of honor in the living room of his house at 1335 W. Peachtree St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga., when I visited as a child. The house was torn down in the early 1970’s, and the location of the painting is uncertain.

- viii. ELIZA H. FLEMING, b. 29 December 29 1825 Coweta Co., Ga.; d. about 1900, Palmetto., Ga.; m. PARKS PEACOCK 12 November 1845 Coweta Co., Ga.
- ix. JOHN WYATT FLEMING, b. 5 October 1832 Coweta Co., Ga.; d. December 1901 Dadeville, Tallapoosa Co., Ala.; m. CATHERINE SHANNON 28 October 1855, Dadeville, Tallapoosa Co., Ala.

Appendix

Fleming of Abbeville County

The 1800 Census for Abbeville County shows David Fleming, Henry Fleming and Keziah Fleming.⁵⁵

The 1810 Census for Abbeville Co., S. C., shows John Fleming who has a wife 16-26, and one daughter.⁵⁶ There is a second John Fleming, 26-45, his wife, in the same age range, and one son under ten.⁵⁷ Henry Fleming is still present and living next to him is William Fleming, who is likely a son.⁵⁸ There is also a James Fleming, who is likely older than William, but is still under 45 years of age.⁵⁹

The 1820 Census shows John Fleming in Abbeville Co., S. C.,⁶⁰ but this is the second John of the 1810 Census, based upon his family structure. He is near Bailey Fleming and Nancy Fleming.⁶¹ The presence of Bailey Fleming suggests

⁵³ 1840 Census Coweta Co., Ga., Dist. 4., roll 39, p. 334.

⁵⁴ 1880 Census Fulton Co., Ga., p. 527C, family 439. His age was listed as 63, so he was born about 1817 in South Carolina. In addition to his wife, Melissa, 56, he had his daughter Mary E., 23, and her husband, H. V. Barron, and his daughter Fannie Sue, 19, living with him, plus a number of boarders.

⁵⁵ 1800 Census Abbeville Co., S. C., roll 47, p. 21, (one male 10-16; three males 26-45, and one over 45) living next door to Keziah Fleming, a single woman over 45. On p. 27 is David Fleming, 26-45, with one male under 10, two females under 10, and one woman 26-45.

⁵⁶ 1810 Census Abbeville Co., S. C., p. 45. His father-in-law, James Bailey, is on p. 25, (001011-00001-1). This is consistent with both Wyatt Bailey still at home, but also has an unidentified male, 26-45.

⁵⁷ 1810 Census Abbeville Co., S. C., roll 60, p. 23.

⁵⁸ 1810 Census Abbeville Co., S. C., roll 60, p. 76. Henry Fleming [10101-20001-11]; William Fleming [00100-00010].

⁵⁹ 1810 Census Abbeville Co., S. C., roll 60, p. 89. James Fleming [01010-31010].

⁶⁰ 1820 Census Abbeville Co., S. C., roll 118, p. 45. [001110-10100]

⁶¹ 1820 Census Abbeville Co., S. C., roll 118, p 43 (Bailey Fleming [101200-00100]) and p. 41 (Nancy Fleming [110000-22110]).

this group of Flemings is related to those of Lancaster Co., S. C., where William Bailey Fleming, whose Revolutionary War services are documented, originated. This particular marriage of Fleming and Bailey appears to have occurred in North Carolina, and presently I have nothing to suggest a connection to James Bailey of Pendleton District, S. C.