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In the field of genealogy few people can claim that a book or even a simple genealogical tree is entirely their own work product. This book is no exception and the number of people who have contributed to it is beyond recognition. This book is the result of the collection of bits and pieces sent to the author over several decades. In addition the collection of data by Mel Meek is particularly significant. The late Vera Wimberly contributed to this book and my entire genealogical effort. Finally Gary Childs conducted research and provided insight into my draft volumes.



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## Introduction

In the early 1830s a group of people name Meek settled in the remote northwest corner of Arkansas in what became today Carroll County. Jeremiah Meeks is listed in the tax records of Izard County for the year 1831. Jacob Meeks is listed in 1832. These two settled in White TWP, Carroll Co., AR (later Newton County). These men were referred to by the historian Goodspeed (with negative connotations) as “Blue Jacob” Meeks and “Shotgun Jerry” Meeks.

In 1837 Jeremiah T. Meek and John E. Meek appear in the tax list for Carroll County. They settled in Osage Township. These men are believed to be the sons of Jacob Meek who died in 1824 Henry Co., TN. Jeremiah’s son Jacob A. Meek preceded the others to Carroll County having arrived in 1836. He would become one of the leading citizens of Carroll County.

These two families have been the subject of many genealogical efforts over the years. Many of those efforts contained conflicting and inaccurate information. In some cases the two families were hopelessly mixed up because the authors did not understand how many different Meek families came to Carroll County. In other cases the authors identified progenitors for these ancestors that, at best, can be described as gross speculation.

The purpose of this book is to explore what is factually known about these families and provide some order to the genealogies. In addition we will look at previous genealogies that may be noteworthy in establishing a foundation for this book.

The purpose of this book is to examine whether it is possible to identify the progenitor for these families and examine various claims made by previous authors. To that end it will be demonstrated that these families were part of a much larger group of Meek families that lived in other parts of the United States.

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When one thinks about genealogical research scientific technology is not usually something that comes quickly to mind. Today genetic genealogy uses Y-DNA to identify related families. Through this tool it is possible to show which early ancestors were related and which ones were not related. DNA will not tell us exactly how the ancestors were related. However, it is a valuable tool that can help sort out many issues relating to the family tree. We will look at information that is available from DNA testing. That will tell us if the two families were related, what early group of Meek families they were related to and which groups they were not related to.

Many of the men in the families mentioned above were **named Jacob Meek and Jeremiah Meek**. Thus it is only natural to look for a progenitor with these names as others have done before. We will examine all men named Jacob Meek(s) and Jeremiah Meek(s) found in official records anywhere in the country.

There are some records from the early days in East Tennessee and near by areas of Kentucky that will hopefully be placed in context for these families. There are also

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records available for early Arkansas. The challenge is to demonstrate which Meek family any given record is connected to.

After examining what is known from official records we will look at various genealogies from the past. In the end we will present limited genealogies that will serve as a foundation for future research. It is not the purpose of this book to provide detailed family trees which proves and documents every connection. The focus is primarily on the earliest generations and sorting out what is known for a fact verses what is myth or incorrect genealogy. If the foundation or starting point for one's research is wrong that person will never succeed.

This author has depended on records and genealogies received from other researchers. In many cases these are only abstracts of records. No effort has been made to personally track down the original records. There is certainly additional research that needs to be completed. This book is intended to be a beginning not an end. It is hoped that this book will be a guide to future research.

What is presented here is somewhat unique in that the perspective is expansive than most genealogies and this book is based on the accumulated research of many Meek families not a single family or single branch. One of the easily observed problems of past researchers is that they did not understand the scope of people named Meek in pre-Revolutionary times. In addition past researchers seldom had the historical background to evaluate the sources they relied on. Hopefully this book will help in these areas. However, people must be aware that what is not known can mess up the best theory. And there are a lot of gaps in the information available at this time.

On a note of personal style: This author tends to ignore the "s" on Meeks in many cases especially where there is no clear indication that the family spelled the name that way. The name Meek is often misspelled in many official records. The "s" can be dropped or added randomly as one looks through records. Once it is determined that a family consistently uses Meeks every attempt has been made to be consistent in this book. However, the lack of an "s" on the name in earlier generations should not be seen as an affront. In all probability the name was originally spelled Meeke.

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## Chapter 1

### Who Was Not Related

Because there were so many genealogies that erroneously identify the men in early Tennessee it is important to take a look at who could not have been related to the Arkansas families. Not only has modern research disproven many theories from the past but genealogists now have the benefit of DNA testing to prove conclusively that certain families were or were not related. It is a great advantage to know where not to focus our research efforts and this is something our predecessors did not have to their advantage.

### Progenitor Myth

One can search almost anywhere for men named Jacob Meek and Jeremiah Meek and find more than one genealogy indicating a father named Jacob Meek born 1698 Lincolnshire, England the son of Adam Meek. These genealogies are all based, one way or the other, on a book by H. B. Meek published in 1902<sup>1</sup>. That book listed 16 children for Jacob Meek including Jacob and Jeremiah. The book was based on anecdotal information and contained many errors. The author obtained some information from his uncle, Basel DeValle Meek born 1828, but it is not known where he obtained information on Jacob's children. In many cases there is so little information provided that it is not possible to identify a son as a known person named in official records.

In 1952 Carleton Meek wrote his book<sup>2</sup> which was based mainly on H. B. Meek's book in so far as the early generations were concerned. He provided additional information on some of the children but again did not base his book on factual data from recognized genealogical research. This author first published the article "*The Progenitor Myth*" in 2001, which provides an analysis that suggests there are numerous reasons to doubt the validity of the list of Jacob's children.

The Meek/Meeks Family Y-DNA Project was started in Nov 2004 and includes members who descend from seven of the supposed sons of Jacob Meek born 1698. DNA analysis demonstrates that these seven children alone came from 3 separate unrelated families.<sup>3</sup> This cast serious doubt on the truthfulness of H. B. Meek's book. There is no reason to believe that any of the families detailed in the 1902 book descend from Jacob Meek son of Adam of Lincolnshire, England. In over 100 years of research since the 1902 book no one has found any documentation regarding the children of Jacob Meek from Lincolnshire, England. There is no evidence that he even came to the United States. It is this author's opinion that people have wasted valuable time and opportunity chasing this false story.

Similarly there is no documentation concerning the sons of Jacob Meek born 1717 the son of Guy Meek. This Jacob Meek has been given the same set of children assigned to Jacob Meek of Lincolnshire, England. However, this Jacob Meek himself is well documented in Maryland records and cannot be ruled out as a possible father of some of the

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<sup>1</sup> H. B. Meek, "A Meek Genealogy", (self-published, 1902)

<sup>2</sup> Carleton Meek, "Meek Genealogy 1640-1962", (self-published, 1962)

<sup>3</sup> The Meek Family Y-DNA Surname Project with Family Tree DNA.

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supposed sons. The problem is proving a connection between any suspected son and Jacob Meek.

Many people have reported who the children of Jacob Meek were despite the fact that there is no evidence to support their claim. If any three men alive today claim to be a descendant of Jacob Meek from different sons that proposition can be tested by having them take a DNA test. If their results do not “match” then they do not share a common ancestor in the last 20 to 30 thousand years. They cannot possibly all be descendants of Jacob Meek. At least two of them are wrong and there is no way to determine which one might be a descendant of Jacob Meek at this point in time. This is exactly the situation that exists today.

No one can claim a connection to Jacob Meek because it is now known that the original source was wrong and no documentation is known to exist. Eventually a provable descendant of Guy Meek may be found. When that happens it will probably be known which group might be connected to Guy Meek I but not necessarily to Jacob Meek. He had several brothers and uncles.<sup>4</sup> DNA will never be known for Jacob son of Adam Meek because there are simply no records to prove the connection. There is no way to prove the DNA came from the Adam Meek line.

### Mecklenburg, NC/York Co., SC Families

There were a number of Meek(s) families in the Mecklenburg Co., NC/York Co., SC area in the 1770's and later. Some of these people emigrated directly from Ireland while others came from Maryland. The Maryland family generally settled in York County and it is known that some of them came from the family of Adam Meek of Cecil Co., MD.<sup>5</sup>

Alexander Meek was born 1764 (DNA Group C)  
Son of Thomas Meek of Washington Co., MD.  
He resided in Marshall Co., TN.

Adam Meek of Cecil Co., MD (DNA Group E)  
Sons to York Co., SC then  
McNairy Co., TN and Marshall Co., TN.

Moses Meek was born 1755 in Ireland (DNA Group E)  
Settled in Mecklenburg Co., NC  
Family to Dickenson Co., TN.

Adam Meek was born 1746 in Ireland (DNA Group E)  
Settled in Mecklenburg Co., NC  
Moved to Jefferson Co., TN.  
(Wrote will of Moses b: 1755)

Some of the families listed above moved into East Tennessee but none of them are thought to be the source for the subjects of this book. All of them have rather extensive descendant charts. The names Jeremiah, Jacob are not found in these charts. In addition the DNA analysis indicates these families were not related to the subjects of this book

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<sup>4</sup> Joseph L. Meek, “On Meek Families”, (unpublished, 1967)

<sup>5</sup> Mel Meek, “*Adam/ Jane (Mitchell) Meek and Descendants*”, (self-published, 1996)

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who fit into DNA Group B<sup>6</sup>. As will be explained in Chapter 4 no man in one group can be related to a man in another group.

The subjects of this book are also not related to three Virginia families. William Meeks born was about 1725. His sons were Priddy, Athe, Nacy and Littleton. This family from North Carolina is in DNA Group F. Joseph Meek born 1744 resided in Washington Co., VA. He is one who has been reported as a son of Jacob Meek which seems unlikely given his placement in DNA Group E which is decidedly Irish rather than English. John Meek born 1708 resided in Augusta Co., VA and matches DNA Group C.

### The Allegheny Co., PA Family

DNA Group A comprises four brothers who settled in Allegheny Co., PA in the early 1770's as well as the family of Jeremiah Meek who died in Westmoreland Co., PA in 1783<sup>7</sup>. They include:

**Joshua Meek** born 1731 - **Basil Meek** born 1740 MD

**John Meek** born about 1754 MD - **Jacob Meek** born 1755 MD

Basil, John and Jacob have been shown to be brothers through traditional genealogical research as well as DNA analysis. All three moved to Henry Co., KY. Jacob later moved to Wayne Co., IN. **Jacob Meek** has a continuous paper trail and never lived in Tennessee. Joshua remained in Allegheny County. He lived adjacent to John and Jacob but thus far there is neither genealogical or DNA evidence to connect him to the others. Basil moved to York Co., SC before Kentucky and will be discussed later.

Jacob was the father of **Jeremiah Lee Meek** born 1780 who is sometimes mentioned in genealogies of the Tennessee families. Again his life was fairly well documented in addition to having written his own history of his life. He did not live in Tennessee or Arkansas. However since early researchers incorrectly stated that one of the Jeremiah's living in Carroll Co., AR had the middle initial "L" they incorrectly assumed that this was Jeremiah Lee Meek son of Jacob Meek born 1755.

John also had a son named Jeremiah who was born about 1776. He moved to Wayne Co., IN and later lived in Hancock Co., IN. He was a probate judge in both places and his history is well known.

**Jeremiah Meeks** owned land in Allegheny County but moved to nearby Westmoreland Co., PA. He died in 1783 and Ralph Cherry was appointed administrator of his estate. Jeremiah's probable sons were John, Joshua and Jeremiah who all owned land next to him in Westmoreland County. Jeremiah's relationship to the four brothers in Allegheny County is unknown although it appears likely that they were related. However, he could not have been their father given that his probable sons had the same names.

Jeremiah is often identified as the progenitor of the Tennessee family. This is almost certainly incorrect. His presence in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties as well as his date of death in Westmoreland County would seem to preclude a migration to Tennessee.

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<sup>6</sup> The Meek Family Y-DNA Project

<sup>7</sup> Christopher A. Meek, *The Meek/Meeks Family of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Kentucky*, ( 2006)

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In addition his DNA would probably not match that of the Tennessee families. However, because Carleton Meek incorrectly stated that this Jeremiah went to Tennessee<sup>8</sup> many people have incorrectly assumed that he was one of the men named Jeremiah in Carroll Co., AR if not the progenitor of the Tennessee/Arkansas families.

According to an early history of Fairfield Co., OH Ann Meek, the wife of Ralph Cherry, had parents named Jeremiah and Sarah Meeks<sup>9</sup>. At least one early researcher incorrectly gave Sarah the nickname Stella. This is probably due to another incorrect fact that Jeremiah Meek born 1776, son of Nathaniel Meek, was married to Sally Roberts nicknamed Stella. Actually Jeremiah was married to Nancy Roberts and his brother Nathan was married to Sally Roberts. Someone combined the two people named Jeremiah, and two incorrect facts and then assumed that the progenitor of the Tennessee family was Jeremiah Meek married to Stella. This was not the only misconstruing of facts for the Tennessee family.

Jeremiah's son Joshua moved to Fairfield Co., OH with Ralph Cherry. It is not known what happened to the sons John and Jeremiah. Since it is not known what happened to the son **Jeremiah** one cannot rule out a migration to Kentucky or Tennessee. However, like his father and brothers his DNA would not match the families which are the subject of this book.

### **Table 1**

#### Family A1

**Jeremiah Meeks** d: 1783 Westmoreland Co., PA (1)

He had a son named **Jeremiah** - no information

DNA line through probable son Joshua and matches Family A2

#### Family A2

Joshua Meek b: 1731 (Allegheny Co., PA) No DNA

Son: Jeremiah b: 1804

Basil Meek b: 1740 MD (MD>SC>PA>SC>KY)

**Jacob Meek** b: 1755 MD (MD>PA>KY>IN)

Son: **Jeremiah Lee Meek** b: 1780 (4)

John Meek b: 1754 MD (MD>PA>KY)

Son: **Jeremiah** b: 1776 (3)

Source: The Meek/Meeks Family of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Kentucky, by Christopher A. Meek, 2006

In summary there was a large family living in early S. W. Pennsylvania who had similar names to those of the Tennessee/Arkansas families. In addition the names were not common for people named Meek prior to 1800. However, DNA analysis as well as the genealogical records clearly precludes the possibility that the two groups of people were related. Even allowing for the uncertain paper trail for Jeremiah he did not go to Tennessee. None of the ancestors listed in Table 1 went to Tennessee or Arkansas.

<sup>8</sup> Carleton Meek, "*Meek Genealogy 1640-1962*", (self-published, 1962)

<sup>9</sup> C. M. L. Wiseman, "*The Pioneer Period and Pioneer People of Fairfield Co., OH*",

## Chapter Two

### Early Records

Genealogist Joseph L. Meek wrote a letter in 1965 indicating that three men named Jacob Meek, Jeremiah Meek and Basil Meek came from Hagerstown, MD and settled in York County near other Meek families<sup>10</sup>. This appears to be pure speculation. The genealogist had a series of deed records from York Co., SC to Blount Co., TN dated over a 30 year period of time and assumed that they all concerned the same individuals that were related. It is this author's opinion that this genealogist or the records he cited in addition to Carleton Meek's book are the reasons for many genealogies assuming that a man named Jacob or Jeremiah Meek(s) was the progenitors of the Tennessee Meek family.

A deed record dated 19 Jun 1770 conveys land on Garnmore Creek, north of the Broad River to **Basil Meek**. Basil later joined the Army in Virginia and served in S. W. Pennsylvania before returning to York Co., SC. It is now known that the Basil Meek in York Co., SC was Basil Meek born 1740 in Maryland<sup>11</sup>. It is also known that Basil Meek sold his land in 1805 and moved to Henry Co., KY. He is often confused with Basil Meek born 1763 who will be discussed later. Some early genealogists apparently did not know about Basil Meek born 1740 and incorporated information about him into the history of Basil Meek born 1763, including his place of birth and military record. DNA analysis shows that the two men named Basil were not related. Additionally Basil born 1740 was not related to the Maryland families living in York Co., SC or early immigrants living in Mecklenburg, NC.

Basil Meek born 1740 has been documented to be a brother of John Meek born about 1754 and Jacob Meek born 1755<sup>12</sup>. These men along with others in DNA Group A were discussed above.

A deed record dated 20 May 1773 conveys land on Garnmore Creek to **Jeremiah Meek**. There is no known record concerning what happened to this Jeremiah Meek. Garnmore Creek is near Bullock's Creek where the Meek families from Cecil Co., MD resided in York Co., SC. There is a 1 Dec 1778 record on 35 days military service. The last known record of this Jeremiah on the Broad River was a note on military pay dated 17 Sep 1784.

Contrary to many claims it is not known who this Jeremiah was. He could not have been a son of Basil based on Basil's date of birth of 1740. Jeremiah was an adult by 1752-1755 based on the 1773 deed record. He could conceivably have been Basil's brother or father. However, this would be pure speculation.

There is no evidence known to this author that there was a person named Jacob Meek on or near Garnmore Creek with Basil and Jeremiah during the 1770's.

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<sup>10</sup> 14 Jul 1965 letter from Joseph L. Meek to John Rider, both significant Meek researchers.

<sup>11</sup> Christopher A. Meek, "*The Meek/Meeks Family of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Kentucky*", ( 2006)

<sup>12</sup> *ibid*

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A person named **Jeremiah Meek** appears in Greene Co., TN court records in 1784. Greene Co. TN County Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term Minutes 1784, Page 25 mentions a law suit involving Jeremiah Meek. In the Nov Term Jeremiah Meek served on a jury.

A person named **Jeremiah Meek** received land grant #2014 in 1787 for 400 acres on Lick Creek, Holston River. He sold his land 10 Sep 1796 according to the Greene Co., TN Deed Book #6. The deed indicates that he was a resident of Blount Co., TN. (Blount County was formed in 1795 from Knox County. Knox County was formed in 1792 from Greene County.) It is assumed that this person was born before 1764 and possibly much earlier. He may or may not be the same person who owned land in South Carolina on Garnmore Creek. However, it is noted that the universe of known men named Jeremiah Meek(s) born before 1780 is very small (See Table 3).

Jeremiah's 1796 deed was witnessed by James Swagerty. The marriage bond of James Swagerty and Delilah Meek was signed in Greene Co., TN on 30 Aug 1796. James married Delilah Meek 6 Sep 1796 according marriage records. It is not known who Delilah's father was but she was born 5 Apr 1773 according to Swagerty bible records<sup>13</sup>. Given what is known about other Meek families in the area, Jeremiah Meek is the most likely candidate for her father<sup>14</sup>. If true and it is a big if, the significance is that Jeremiah would have been born before 1755. Of course Jeremiah could also have been Delilah's brother, cousin or not related at all. The relationship remains unknown.

A person named **Jacob Meek** signed a petition for a new state in East Tennessee in 1782.

Abstraction of the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Western Country to the North Carolina General Assembly from Genealogical Record p109 September 1983. (From Journal of House of Representatives, Jan 8, 1782 to Feb 26, 1782: Edited by A. S. Salley, Jr., Historical Commission of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.)

This petition of the Inhabitants of North Carolina area west of the Appalachian Mountains was for the creation of a new government or state due to the numerous hardships and distances the people had to traverse in order to transact business with the governing body. Names of signing the pet follow.

Signed (among others) Jacob Meek, Ashel Rawlings, John Galbreath, Michael Rawlings

We do not know who this Jacob Meek was or where he lived. The name Michael Rawlings appears 29 years later in an 1811 Bledsoe Co., TN deed for Jacob Meek who moved to Henry Co., TN. See Chapter 7.

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<sup>13</sup> "Tennessee Ancestors", August 1986, Vol. 2, p 126-127 & AncestralJournals.com by Iris Teta Eubank Wagner

<sup>14</sup> Delilah's father would have been born before 1755 and possibly earlier. Delilah may or may not have been with her parents when she was married. The other Meek ancestor known to be in East Tennessee in 1796 was Adam Meek born about 1746. He married his known wife in 1781. There is no evidence that he had any children before that date. He is in DNA Group E and was not related the Meeks families from Carroll Co., AR.

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In 1795 and 1796 **Jacob Meek** serves on a jury in Blount Co., TN according to court records. On Dec 9 1796 Jacob Meek was bondsman for the marriage of John Roberts and Rachel Robenett. It is not clear if these records refer to the same person or how old that person may have been. However, a person named Jacob Meek did live in Blount County at the same time that Jeremiah, who sold his land on Lick Creek, lived in Blount County.

A person named **Jeremiah Meek** married Betsy Blevins on 8 Feb 1802 in Blount Co., TN according to court records<sup>15</sup>. John Kee was the bondsman. It is noted that John Kee was also the surety for Peter Roberts on 9 Mar 1801. Jeremiah's age was not listed in the record and it is not possible to determine if this was the same person who sold land in 1796. It is possible that there were two men named Jeremiah Meek in Blount County around 1800. It is possible that the man who married Betsy Blevins was a young man who was not old enough to purchase land in 1787. It is also possible but **not proven** that the two men were father and son.

The only thing that is proven, at this point in time, is that there were two men named Jacob Meek and Jeremiah Meek living in Blount County around 1800. There is no proof what their relationship was or even if they were related. Their ages are not proven. Finally, there is no hard evidence concerning where they came from or where they went.

### Kentucky Records

Census records for some of the grandchildren of Jacob Meek who died in Henry Co., TN suggest that the family lived in Kentucky. The 1799 tax list of **Cumberland Co., KY** names Jacob Meek Sr., Jacob Meek Jr. and Jeremiah Meek all over the age of 21. Also listed with Jeremiah is one male age 16-21.

#### 1800 Cumberland Co. Census (from 1799 Tax List South of Cumberland River):

Meek, Jacob Sr. over 21 - Cumberland River

Meek, Jacob Jr. over 21 - Cumberland River

Meek, Jeremiah 1 over 21; 1 16/21; on Smith Creek

Land grants south of the Green River became available in 1797. Requirements included being 21 and a resident for one year<sup>16</sup>. Jeremiah Meek received certificate #772 on August 25, 1798 for land on Smith Creek. He assigned this land to Edward Beck on January 14, 1799. On October 26, 1799 David Roberson assigns certificate #687 to Jacob Meek.<sup>17</sup> Cumberland County deed records from 1816 indicate that Jacob Meek of Bledsoe Co., TN sold his land. It will be shown that this Jacob Meek can be identified as the person who died in Henry Co., TN in 1824.

"The Commission for Settlement South of Green River" issued warrant #687 to David Roberson for 200 acres of land located in Cumberland co., Ky. in Stogdons Valley on the Clear Fork of Spring Creek waters of Spring Creek Obeys River. on August 25, 1798. Survey # 1966 for this land was done by virtue of warrant # 687 on October 10, 1799. On October 26, 1799 Roberson assigned this 200 acres to Jacob Meek. Grant # 1966 was issued to Jacob for this land on January 14, 1815.

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<sup>15</sup> Blount Co., TN marriage records.

<sup>16</sup> Willard Rouse Jillson, *The Kentucky Land Grants 1782-1924*

<sup>17</sup> Gary Childs research on grants, deeds and tax records for the area south of the Green River.

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C:133 - 23 Jul 1816 [abstracted] Jacob Meek of County of Bledsoe TN to Alex. Beaty of Cumberland Co. KY. Consideration One hundred pounds. Conveys land in Cumberland Co. KY on Clear fork of Spring Creek, waters of Wolf river being part of 200 acres patented in the name of Jacob Meek by grant dated 3 Jan 1815 bounded by Hallett, Crouche's line, Wright's Spring - 130 acres. .... Recorded 7 Oct 1816.

C:238(233?) - 23 Jul 1816 [abstracted] Jacob Meek of Bledsoe Co. TN & Solomon Hallett of Cumberland Co. KY. Consideration: \$200. Conveys land in Cumberland Co. KY on the Clear Fork of Spring Creek - bounded by Hallett's line, Cole's line, 81 acres. ... Filed 11 Mar 1817.

These deeds show that Jacob Meek of Cumberland Co., KY later lived in Bledsoe Co., TN.

### Pulaski Co., Kentucky

The 1802 to 1805 tax lists of **Pulaski Co., KY** names Jeremiah Meek, Jeremiah Meek Jr. and Jacob Meek. These men can be distinguished from other Meek families in Pulaski County including Nathaniel Meek, Basil Meek born 1763 and their sons.

**1801 Meek:** This film too poor to read.

1. Bazel:

2. Jeremiah.

**1802 Meek:**

2. **Jeremiah:** May 21st., 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

3. **Jacob:** May 21st., “ “ “ “.

4. **Jeremiah Jr.** May 21st., 209 or **289 ac.** #2 land on **Kings Creek**, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

5. **Nathan Sr.:** May 21st., 100 ac. granted to Jeremiah Meek, 1 w/m +21.

Also listed was Bazel on King Creek, Nathan Jr., Samuel and David

**1803 Meek:**

2. **Jeremiah:** 200 ac. #2 land on **Goose Creek** granted to Nat. Robins, 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

3. **Jeremiah Jr. 289 ac.** #2 land on **White Oak Creek** granted to Jeremiah Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

3. **Jacob:** 1 w/m +21, 1 horse.

Also listed were Bazel on White Oak Creek, David, Nathan, Samuel, Nathan Jr. and **Jeremiah, son of Nathan**, on Wolf Creek.

**1804 Meek:**

1. **Jeremiah:** April 20th., **89 ac.** #3 land on **White Oak**, entered to J. Meek, surveyed same, **2 w/m +21**, 4 horses.

2. **Jeremiah:** April 26th.

5. **Jacob:** April 26th., 200 ac. #2 land on **Kings Creek or Oak Creek**, 1 w/m +21, 3 horses.

Also listed were Nathan Sr. and Nathan Jr. on Wolf Creek and Bazel on White Oak Creek.

**1805 Meek:**

**Ed Note:** All enumerations done in June, days date too poor to read.

Also listed were Nathan, David, Nathaniel & Samuel most on Wolf Creek

5. **Jeremiah:** 200 ac. #3 land on **Goose Creek**, entered Jeremiah Meek, 1 w/m +21, 2 horses.

6. **Jacob:** 1 w/m +21, 6 horses.

**1811 Meek:**

Jeremiah Meek: 100 acres on Goose Creek, Entered Unknown

The tax records are hard to interpret. The records are not consistent from one year to the next and do not always include the water way or number of acres. Also complicating the matter Nathaniel Meek had a son named Jeremiah. However in 1803 “Jeremiah son of Nathan” is listed in addition to Jacob Meek, Jeremiah Meek and Jeremiah Meek Jr. Nei-

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ther Nathaniel nor Basil had a son named Jacob as far as can be determined. Basil did not have a son named Jeremiah and his children were not born until 1797 and later.

It seems unlikely that there were two separate sets of men name Jacob Meek and Jeremiah Meek in Cumberland and Pulaski counties in addition to the men in Blount Co., TN. There are no later records anywhere to support three sets of men with those names.

Jeremiah of Cumberland County sold his land on January 14, 1799. The records indicate that people in the area were selling or exchanging land. All of the Meeks in Cumberland and Pulaski Counties lived in close proximity to each other. It is believed that Jacob Meek Sr. and Jeremiah Meek of Cumberland County relocated to Pulaski County about 1800. In addition, Jacob's daughter Nancy married John Jones on 5 Dec 1800 in Cumberland County.<sup>18</sup>

While the three names in Cumberland County do not translate perfectly to Pulaski County it is believed that they are the same basic set of people. Jeremiah had a male age 16 to 21 living with him in Cumberland County and he sold his land in 1799. These two could have been Jeremiah Sr. and Jeremiah Jr. in the Pulaski County tax records. Jacob Sr. could have been the Jacob Meek of Cumberland County, Bledsoe Co., TN and later Henry Co., TN. Even though he does not officially transfer his land in Cumberland County for some time he is likely the person in the Pulaski County tax records who appears to leave the area for Tennessee in 1805. Jacob Jr. of Cumberland County could have been the son of either Jeremiah or Jacob. His presence or lack of presence does not alter the hypothesis that Jacob and Jeremiah moved to Pulaski County.

Jacob Meek last appears in the Pulaski County tax records in August 1805. It is believed that Jacob Meek of Cumberland Co., KY purchased land in Overton Co., TN in 1805.

### Overton Co., TN deed records:

2 Dec 1805 George Gordon of Greene Co., TN to Jacob Meek of Jackson Co., TN for 400 acres on Eagle Creek (Pickett County line). Recorded May 1810.

26 Feb 1808 Jacob Meek to Harris Hatcher<sup>19</sup>

Overton Co., TN and Cumberland Co., KY joined each other on the state border at one time. This land is 12 miles south of Jacob's land in Cumberland County (now Clinton County). It is noted that the boundary dispute between Kentucky and Tennessee was not settled until 1820. Overton County was formed from Jackson County in 1806 thus explaining the reference to Jacob Meek of Jackson Co., TN. Jacob sells this land in 1808 as indicated above.

Jacob Meek arrived in Bledsoe County when the county was first opened to settlers. He is listed in Tennessee Homesteaders and Landowners by Willis Hutcherson on page 15.

"185 acres to Jacob Meek assignee of John Hudson on 23 Aug 1808. Held by right of settlement...in Squachey Valley, joining lines with Conrad Kimm and E. Hicks. Chairmen were Elijah Hicks and **Eli Keith**".

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<sup>18</sup> Marriage abstract on Cumberland Co., TN Genweb Internet site

<sup>19</sup> Overton Co., TN Deeds, Original Book A, page 303

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Eli Keith was the son-in-law of Jacob Meek who died in Henry Co., TN. Jacob Meek purchased 56 acres on Sequatchee River in Bledsoe County in 1811 for \$150.00 from John Julian. The deed was witnessed by Michael Rawlings and David Gilbreath<sup>20</sup>.

Jacob Meek signed a petition in Bledsoe County on behalf of John Julian and others on 21 Feb 1813<sup>21</sup>. Also signing, among others, was Jacob Meek, John Meek, Jacob Meek Sn., and Jeremiah Meek. Eli Keith also signed. Knox Co., TN court minutes No. 3A 1810-1817 refer to the same petition. This record also name Mary Meek, Sally Meek and Henry Meek in addition to Jacob and Jeremiah.

Jacob Meek who died in Henry Co., TN 10 Aug 1824 was married to Mary<sup>22</sup>. He had sons named John E., Jacob W., Jeremiah T. and Henry. Sally was a daughter and Eli Keith married Jacob's daughter, Elizabeth. This would seem to tie Jacob Meek from Cumberland Co., KY to the Jacob Meek who died in Henry Co., TN because the names of his wife and children appear in both the Bledsoe County petition and the records relating to Jacob's estate.

Jeremiah Meeks received a land grant in White Co., TN 23 Jan 1816<sup>23</sup>. White County is in the same area and this is assumed to be Jacob's son, Jeremiah.

There is also evidence of additional members of the Pulaski County family. William Meek born about 1765 received a grant for 200 acres 7 Aug 1798 on Elk Spring Creek. In 1815 he was taxed on 100 acres on Wolf Creek issued to Nathaniel Sr. He is in the tax records through 1823 and a probable son Samuel is listed in the 1850 Wayne Co., KY census.

### **Henry Co., Tennessee**

Jacob Meek moved to Henry Co., TN between 1816 and 1822. On 15 Oct 1822 he purchased 500 acres on the Middle Fork of the Obion River in Range 4, Section 6 entered by Polk and Deveraux.<sup>24</sup> Jacob Meek appears to have moved frequently and/or owned land in several places. It is not known why he moved his family to Henry County. He died in 1824. On 8 Sep 1824 Henry Meek was appointed administrator for Jacob Meek.<sup>25</sup>

Jacob's wife was name Mary according to a probate record dated 8 Feb 1825. The probate record appears to have partitioned part of his 500 acre property and each child was given, in addition to other things, 16 and 2/3 acres. Jacob W. Meek, John E. Meek, Jeremiah Meek, Isaac Meek and Henry Meek are found in deed records selling that land mostly to their brother-in-law John Witt.

The major document is a deed assigning 200 acres of Jacob's original 500 to John E. Meek. It names most of the heirs. With the exception of a couple of daughters mentioned in the deeds above there is no direct proof of who Jacob's children were. However, the

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<sup>20</sup> SLC Film #593010 A-D

<sup>21</sup> See appendix

<sup>22</sup> Henry Co., TN Probate Records Book A, page 78

<sup>23</sup> FHL Land Grants, White Co, TN, Book 6, p. 308 Mt. Dist #8515

<sup>24</sup> SLC Film #575029 Henry Co., TN Deed Book A, Page 245

<sup>25</sup> Henry Co., TN Probate Records Book A, page 66

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probate and deed records are fairly persuasive that they addressed his estate and his wife and children.

Fifteen years later his family leaves Henry County. Jeremiah and John went to Carroll Co., AR in 1837 and John apparently dies before 1850. Isaac died about 1832.<sup>26</sup> Henry is in Gibson Co., TN in 1840. It is not known what happened to Jacob W. Jeremiah's children are known. However, it is not known who the children of the John and Jacob were, with one possible exception. This should be a matter of great interest to researchers. There may have been 11 sons that are unknown and likely carried on the Meek name. Imagine the genealogical information their descendants might have.

### **Cape Girardeau Co., Missouri**

Jacob and Jeremiah Meek do not appear in records of Blount Co., TN after 1802. Their whereabouts was unknown until they apparently appeared in the 1831 tax list of Izard CO., AR. The 1830 census of Cape Girardeau, MO lists Jacob Meek age 50-60 with five sons age 5 to 20 and four females age 0 to 15. There is no direct evidence of who this Jacob Meek was. However, also listed were Isham Blevins, Richard Blevins, Squire Blevins, John Roberts and Aaron Roberts. These men were in the Blount County area with Jacob Meek. Jacob Meek was the bondsman for John Roberts in 1796 and Jeremiah Meek marries Betsy Blevins in 1802. These same men appear in the Izard Co., AR tax list with the Meeks after 1831. It is not known where Jeremiah Meek was in 1830.

Despite a slight discrepancy in Jacob's age from other records it is noted that the name Jacob Meek was fairly uncommon during and before this time period. It appears that this group of people migrated together from East Tennessee to Carroll Co., AR.

### **Men named Jeremiah Meek and Jacob Meek**

While looking into the progenitor of the Tennessee families, one is drawn to genealogies with men named Jacob Meek(s) and Jeremiah Meek(s). In that regard it is important to understand just how many men named Jacob Meek(s) and Jeremiah Meek(s) can be found in official records. Table 2 and Table 3 represent this authors experience over many years of research. There may be others who missed the records keepers but one can observe that the universe of men with these names born before 1785 is very small.

The list of men named Jacob Meek and Jeremiah Meek that are documented include some men where genealogical information is available and some men where the name appears in a single record. Those with genealogical information might include a proven father, proven children or both. The former are labeled "Identified" men and the latter are labeled "unidentified" men.

Jacob Meek born 1717 was the son of Guy Meek of Anne Arundel Co., MD<sup>27</sup>. Guy Meek was a third generation Maryland resident who had documented sons named Isaac born 1710, Nathan born 1715 and Jacob born 1717. Contrary to what many have written there is no evidence regarding who Jacob's sons were.

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<sup>26</sup> Henry Co., TN Probate Records Book C, page 90

<sup>27</sup> Joseph L. Meek, *"On Meek Families"*, (unpublished, 1967)

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Very little is known about Jacob Meek of Somerset Co., MD except that he lived in that county in 1771 and his wife's name was Sarah.

With the exception of Jacob Meek born 1717 and Jacob Meek of Carroll Co., AR (Blue Jacob) all of the identified men named Jacob Meek have descendants who have been DNA tested or they have a genealogical connection to someone tested. Each of them matches DNA signature of DNA Group B. A proven descendant of the Guy Meek extended family has not been found. When one is found he may or may not match one of the existing DNA Groups.

With the exception of one man in Maryland all of the unidentified men named Jacob Meek were located in S. W. Pennsylvania, the area around Pulaski Co., KY and Blount Co., TN. These men were discussed earlier.

Men named Jeremiah Meek are more complex. Jeremiah who died in 1773 lived in Westmoreland Co., PA next to Joshua, John and Jeremiah Jr. according to deed records. While there is very little hard evidence about him he is believed to be the father of the three men who lived next to him. A descendant of Joshua is in DNA Group A discussed earlier. Jeremiah is believed to be the same person who sold land in Allegheny Co., PA next to Jacob (4) also in Group A. Since he lived and died in Westmoreland Co., PA he could not have been any of the men in Tennessee as suggested by several early authors.

Jeremiah (3) appears to have lived in and died in Anne Arundel Co., Md. His will leave the impression that he was unmarried and without children. There is some question as to his age but he clearly did not go to Tennessee. The remaining identified men named Jeremiah Meek were contemporaries of the men in Carroll Co., AR.

Jeremiah Meek of unknown age married Sarah Lee in 1731 Ann Arundel Co., MD. Nothing more is known about him. He may have been the man who died in 1773 Westmoreland Co., PA or one of the men in 1773 South Carolina or 1787 East Tennessee. There is insufficient data available to know if he ever left Maryland.

The unidentified men named Jeremiah Meek in East Tennessee and Kentucky were discussed previously. The only remaining men named either Jacob Meek or Jeremiah Meek were found in S. W. Pennsylvania. In addition to Jeremiah Meek Jr. in Mt. Pleasant TWP, Westmoreland Co., PA a man named Jacob Meek appeared in the 1783 tax list of Tyrone Township. Nothing is known about him except a man named Isaac Meek had previously lived in Tyrone Township.

1783 tax list Bethlehem TWP, Washington Co., PA list a man named Jacob Meek who is excluded from being the sons of other men living in the county. 1783 tax list Morgan TWP, Washington Co., PA list a man named Jeremiah Meek. Also listed in Morgan Township tax list was Nathan Meek who later resided in Pulaski Co., KY.

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**Table 2**

**Men named Jacob Meek(s) found in various records born before 1785.**

- (1) **Jacob Meek** b: 1717, a son of Guy Meek and Dorothy Cubby. Children Unknown/No DNA  
(A) Jacob Meek of Somerset Co., MD 9 May 1771 sells one acre. Wife Sarah mentioned.  
Children Unknown. Nothing else is known.
- (3) **Jacob Meek** b: 1755, brother of John b: 1754. (MD>PA>KY>IN) DNA Group A  
(4) **Jacob Meeks** b: about 1760, son of Walter Meeks. (Pitt Co., NC in 1800) DNA Group B3  
(5) **Jacob Meek** b: 1760, son of Samuel. (Washington Co., PA and Ohio) DNA Group B  
Son: Jacob b: 1813
- (7) **Jacob Meek** b: about 1760. (KY>Henry Co., TN) DNA Group B  
(G) Jacob Meek Sr. over 21 – Spring Creek, Cumberland River  
(J) Jacob Meek 1805-1820 Overton County deed records  
(K) Jacob Meek 1811 deed Bledsoe County court records
- (9) **Jacob (Blue Jacob) Meek** b: about 1764. (TN>AR>TX) DNA Group B  
(B) Jacob Meek 1782 petition NC-E. TN  
(C) Jacob Meek Blount County Jury 1795-96  
(D) Jacob Meek 1796 marriage bond for John Roberts  
Son: Jacob b: 1823
- (8) **Jacob Meek** b: btw 1780-90, son of Jacob Meek b: 1760 (TN>??) DNA Group B  
(6) **Jacob Meek** b: 1784, son of Isaac Meek b: 1746 (PA>OH) DNA Group B

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- (E) Jacob Meek 1783 tax list Bethlehem TWP, Washington Co., PA (Not a son of Samuel)  
(F) Jacob Meek 1783 tax list Tyrone TWP, Westmoreland Co., PA

1800 Cumberland Co., KY Census (from 1799 Tax List South of Cumberland River)

- (H) Jacob Meek Jr. over 21 – Smith Creek, Cumberland River (Possible son of Jacob #7)

Pulaski Co., KY tax records 1801-1805

- (I) Jacob Meek 1802-1805 (Not a son of Nathaniel or Basil b: 1763)  
Listed with two men named Jeremiah

Identified men named Jacob Meek are listed by age with numeral identifiers and bolded. Unidentified men named Jacob Meek are listed with alpha characters.

**Table 3**

Men Named Jeremiah Meek(s) born before 1785

Earliest known person named Jeremiah Meek

(A) Jeremiah Meek b: before 1713 - married Sarah Lee 1731 MD. **May** be (B) or (1)

(1) **Jeremiah Meek** will dated 2 Oct 1783 Westmoreland Co., PA DNA Group A  
Daughter married Ralph Cherry.

(D) Jeremiah Meek possible son of Jeremiah (1) mentioned in deed records.

(3) **Jeremiah Meek** b: 1740??. son of Joshua in the Guy Meek line. (Will dated 1790 MD)

B and C may or may not be the same person

(B) Jeremiah Meek b: bef 1755 – 20 May 1773 deed 100 acres on Garmore Creek, Broad River. 1 Dec 1778 on 35 days military service. 17 Sep 1784 Broad River, note on military pay.

(C) Jeremiah Meek b: bef 1764 – 1787 Grant No. 2014 400 acres on Lick Creek, Holston River. 10 Sep 1796 Greene Co., TN Deed Book #6, p 117 sells 400 acres on Lick Creek. Of Blount County.

(4) **Jeremiah Meek** b: 1776, son of John b: 1754 (PA>KY>IN) DNA Group A

(5) **Jeremiah Lee Meek** b: 1780 son of Jacob b: 1755 (PA>KY>IN) DNA Group A

(6) **Jeremiah Meek** b: 1776, son of Nathan Meek (PA>KY>IN) DNA Group B

(7) **Jeremiah Meek** b: 1771-1780 Married Betsy Blevins in 1802. DNA Group B  
(Blount Co., TN>AR) (AKA Shotgun Jerry)

(8) **Jeremiah T. Meek** b: 1788 (s/o Jacob Meek b: 1760) DNA Group B

1800 Cumberland Co., KY Census (from 1799 Tax List South of Cumberland River)

(F) Jeremiah Meek 1 male over 21; **1 Male 16/21**; on Smith Creek

Also listed (7) Jacob Meek b: 1760 died Henry Co., TN and second man named Jacob.

Pulaski Co., KY tax records 1801-1805

(G) Jeremiah Meek 1801-1804

(H) Jeremiah Meek Jr. 1802-1804 (Also listed was Jacob Meek.)

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(E) Jeremiah Meek 1783 tax list of Washington Co., PA Bethlehem TWP

Identified men named Jeremiah Meek are listed by age with numeral identifiers and bolded. Unidentified men named Jeremiah Meek are listed with alpha characters.

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#### Family 1a-Jeremiah T. Meek

In 1837 Jeremiah T. Meek and John E. Meek appear in the tax list for Carroll County. They settled in Osage Township. These men are believed to be the sons of Jacob Meek who died in 1824 Henry Co., TN. The names and ages as given in census records match including a younger Jeremiah and Jacob A. Meek. In addition some of Jeremiah's children were reportedly born in Kentucky with most being born in Tennessee. This is consistent with the Henry County Family.

Jeremiah's son Jacob A. Meek preceded the others to Carroll County having arrived in 1836. He would become one of the leading citizens of Carroll County.<sup>28</sup> Thus the 1840 census lists Jeremiah T. Meek, his son Jacob A. Meek as well as John E. Meek and Jeremiah Meek Jr. who is likely a son of John. The 1841 tax list also names Samuel Meek another son of Jeremiah T. Meek.

The 1850 census for Carroll County lists Jeremiah with his sons William W. Meek and Joseph J. Meek "at home" as well as sons Jacob A. Meek and Samuel S. Meek with their separate families. John E. Meek from the previous records is not present but Jeremiah Meek born 1806 is listed. Jacob A. Meek and Samuel S. Meek stayed in Carroll County. However, Jeremiah T. Meek and his son Joseph moved to Bell Co., TX shortly after 1850.

Jeremiah T. Meek was born about 1788 according to the 1850 census. He married Elizabeth Spencer 5 Sep 1809 according to his Bell Co., TX divorce record. Their first child was born in 1811. This Jeremiah Meek could not have been the person who married Betsy Blevins in 1802 Blount Co., TN. The history of this family clearly cast serious doubt on that proposition. However, modern day genealogists are forced to confront incorrect information everywhere they look. They need to avoid the temptation to think that because one bad genealogy has been copied so many times it must be correct. There were two men named Jeremiah Meek in Carroll Co., AR and both had wives named Elizabeth.

Jeremiah, John, Jacob and Henry were listed in the 1830 census of Henry Co., TN. Also listed was a younger Jeremiah who is believed to be a son of John. Henry was listed in the 1840 and 1850 censuses of Gibson Co., TN. Jacob had 7 males under the age of 20 and one age 20-30. John had 4 males living with him and in 1840 he had 2 males under the age of 20. None of these males have ever been identified with the possible exception of Jeremiah Meek born 1806.

**Table 4: Jacob's sons**

Name	1840	DOB	1850 census
John E.	AR	1780-90	Deceased
Jacob W.	??	1780-90	??
Jeremiah T.	AR	1788	Carroll Co., AR
Isaac	Deceased	1790-00	Deceased
Henry E.	TN	1806	Gibson Co., TN

<sup>28</sup> Vera Wimberly, "Meek Family Records", (self-published, 1999)

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### Family 1b-Shotgun Jerry and Blue Jacob

Jeremiah Meeks is listed in the tax records of Izard County for the years 1831 to 1833 and 1837. Jacob Meeks is listed in 1832 to 1833 and 1837. Jacob is also listed in the 1840 census for Carroll. Carroll County was formed from Izard County in 1833.

It is known that northwest Arkansas played a role in the migration of the Indian population to the west. It would appear that Jacob and Jeremiah were associated with the Indians according to the published history of Carroll County.

History of Northwest Arkansas, Carroll Co. Page 335, Goodspeed Publishing:

"1832 on Long Creek below Carrollton. There were then living in the vicinity of Carrollton, Martin Standridge, his father, "Shot-Gun" Jerry Meeks and his brother, "Blue" Jacob Meeks, "Black Squire Blevins, Richard Blevins, Sam Blevins & others of Cherokee & English descent, whose society was not appreciated by their neighbors. They were from Georgia and had not been living in this county many years prior to 1832."

ibid. p. 339: "REGULATORS: A company of regulators was organized by the citizens of Carrollton and vicinity in the spring of 1839, with Thomas A. Clarke as captain. It numbered twenty or thirty members. The object was to suppress stealing and punish the miscreants, a community of half-breed Cherokees. Several were whipped and compelled to leave the county. Two or three confessed, promised reformation, and were permitted to stay. After accomplishing the object of its organization the company disbanded."

While some members of the group may have been from Georgia there is little evidence that the Meeks came from Georgia although it is possible that they were there briefly prior to their arrival in Arkansas. Census records indicate that the children of Jacob and Jeremiah were born in Tennessee through 1828. The 1865 census of Kansas indicated that son Lorenzo was born in East Tennessee.

It is known that many families came from east Tennessee as did some of the Indian population. Richard Blevins, Isham Blevins, Squire Blevins, John Roberts, Aaron Roberts and Jacob Meek all came from Tennessee and were reported in the 1830 census of Cape Girardeau, MO. A couple of years later they are all found in Carroll Co., AR. This tends to support the census records indicating that the Meeks also came from Tennessee.

Jacob and Jeremiah Meeks settled in White TWP, Carroll Co., AR. Jacob was listed in the 1840 tax list of Carroll County age 70-80. Several of the sons are also listed including Jeremiah's son, John Meek, who was born about 1806 according to the 1850 census. Listed with him was a male age 60-70. It is assumed that this was Jeremiah and fixes his date of birth between 1771 and 1780. Unfortunately this is all that is known about Jeremiah and it leaves considerable uncertainty about this date and place of his birth. He does not appear in any records after 1840. White township became part of Newton County in 1842.

Jacob Meeks left Arkansas about 1845 and was listed in the 1850 census of Navarro Co., TX living with his son Jacob. His age was listed as 85 but his place of birth was "not known". His suspected sons lived in the immediate vicinity. Three of them had children born in Texas in 1846 and 1847.

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Also listed in Navarro County was Polly Meek age 36, and her children. Later records show that she was the wife of William Meek born 1818. She was closely associated with two of Jacob's sons. William's absence in the 1850 census is a mystery because he does not

die until 1863. There was another William Meek born in 1821 in Milam Co., TX with Jeremiah's other sons. It is not clear which William was reported in the 1840 census of Carroll C., AR but William born 1818 was married there and the census ages match his family structure.

**Table 5: Jacob's sons**

Name	1840	DOB	1850 census	
GeoWashingtonAR	1807	TN	Navarro Co., TX	
Lorenzo D.	AR	1813	TN	Navarro Co., TX
Simeon	AR	1817	TN	Navarro Co., TX
William (Polly)	AR	1818	TN	Navarro Co., TX
John Wesley	??	1820	TN	Navarro Co., TX
Jacob	??	1823	TN	Navarro Co., TX

*In 1840 Jacob had two males age 15-20(1820-1825)*

It appears that Jeremiah did not survive to be recorded in the 1850 census. With the exception of Jeremiah Jr. most of his suspected sons are listed in the 1850 census of Milam Co., TX. Jeremiah Jr. remained in Arkansas and appears in the census of Newton County. Based on the place of birth for Jeremiah's grandchildren it appears that Lewis preceded the family to Milam Co., TX about 1845 about the same time that Jacob and his sons left Arkansas. The remaining sons of Jeremiah migrated to Texas about 1849.

The names of Jeremiah's children have not been proven to this author's satisfaction. However, from the records that are available, namely the 1840 and 1850 censuses, a reasonable list of sons can be developed. John, Moses, Jeremiah, and Lewis were listed in the 1840 census. William and Squire was not listed. The younger Jeremiah had an additional male age 20-30 living with him who may have been a brother. Moses was listed as age 30-40 and also listed was a male age 20-30 who could not have been his son.

**Table 6: Jeremiah's sons**

Name	1840	DOB	POB	1850 census
John	AR	1806	TN	Milam Co., TX
Moses	AR	1811	TN	Milam Co., TX
Jeremiah	AR	1815	TN	<b>Newton Co., AR</b>
Lewis	AR	1818	TN	Milam Co., TX
William	??	1821	TN	Milam Co., TX
George	??	1824	TN	Milam Co., TX
Squire	??	1827	TN	Milam Co., TX

There were three other men named Meek living in 1850 Milam County. George age 26 KY and Richard age 28 AL lived in the same household. A descendant of George has Y-DNA that matches that of a descendant of Jeremiah Meek. Y-DNA does not prove that Jeremiah was the father of

George. It is assumed that he would also match descendants of Jacob Meek and there were also other matching ancestors in other parts of the country. Given his location in Milam Co., TX George is listed as a son of Jeremiah.

Also listed in this census was Jacob C. Meek age 23 TN wife Mary A. age 17 MS. This person is frequently listed as a son of Jacob but he clearly is not the Jacob Meek Jr. listed with Jacob in the 1850 census of Navarro Co., TX (see above).

Proving who the children of Jacob and Jeremiah were is a task that many people have worked on. It is not known to this author if someone has found marriage licenses or some other documents for the children that mention the parents. Records for this family are

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scarce and existing genealogies are incomplete and contradictory. The grouping in the 1850 census would seem to represent two separate families. However, one cannot preclude the possibility that the two families intermingled as they moved west.

### Summary

In the 1830's two families came to Carroll Co., AR from Tennessee. It is assumed that Blue Jacob and Shotgun Jerry who settled in White Township were related and possibly brothers. Until recently it seemed unlikely that they were related to sons of Jacob Meek, who died in Henry Co., TN, whose sons settled in Osage Township. They appeared to be on opposite ends of the social spectrum. It is known now through DNA analysis of descendants of Jacob Meek of Henry Co., TN and Jeremiah Meek of White TWP, AKA Shotgun Jerry, were related. Expressed in the proper way, they shared a common Meek ancestor. It is not known who that ancestor was or when he lived.

Jacob Meek of Henry Co., TN and his sons who settled in Osage Township, Carroll Co., AR are fairly well documented at this point in time. They came from Cumberland Co., KY. Where Jacob came from before that is unknown. However, it is noted that there were related Meek families living in near by Pulaski Co., KY according to the DNA project. At least one of these men came from Washington Co., PA.

Jacob Meek and Jeremiah Meek of White Township, Carroll Co., AR are less well documented. It appears that they came from Tennessee based on the place of birth for their children in the census records. Their children were born between 1806 and 1827. In addition they associated with the same people, like John Roberts, in Blount Co., Co, TN and Carroll Co., AR. There is no direct proof that they were the men who lived in Blount Co., TN or that Jeremiah married Betsy Blevins. Unfortunately, they avoided the record keepers between 1810 and 1830 except for Jacob in the 1830 census. At the same time there does not appear to be any other Meek family with these names in Tennessee except for the Henry County family.

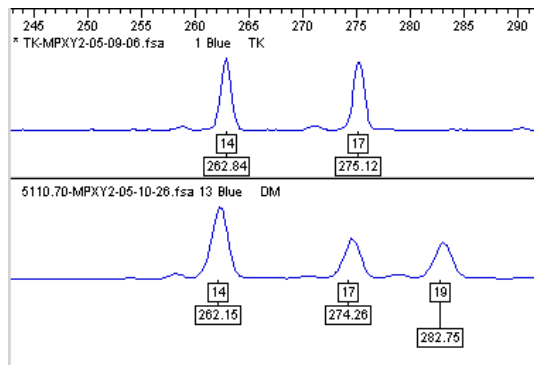
There were other Meek/Meeks families living in Tennessee as noted in Chapter 1. However, they have been proven to be unrelated by genealogy and/or DNA evidence. Therefore it is a reasonable hypothesis that the Jacob Meek and Jeremiah Meek who lived in White TWP, Carroll Co., AR were the same men who lived in Blount Co., TN around 1800.

What is unclear is whether the family in Blount Co., TN knew the family in Henry Co., TN. There is no evidence that they did. The DNA signature of both descendants is slightly different suggesting that there may have been several generations to a common ancestor. This matter needs more DNA participants and further genealogical study.

## Chapter 4

### What is this DNA Stuff All About?

In November 2004 a group of people researching their Meek(s) genealogy became interested in using DNA to help sort out the information they had collected. They joined together and began looking at the DNA results as a group. The members of the project came from seemingly unrelated families but did form smaller groups one of which was descendants of the settlers of S. W. Pennsylvania.



Y-DNA is passed down from one generation to the next through the male line relatively unchanged. Changes that do occur are passed down to subsequent generations. It is possible to compare the DNA from two living individuals and determine if they have a common ancestor within a given time frame. DNA will not reveal who that common ancestor might have been or exactly when he lived. When the results of the tests are looked at for groups of

people it is possible to determine not only who is related but who is not related. This narrows the focus of one's genealogical research. However, it still requires old fashioned genealogical research to define the actual relationship.

Although the Meek Family Y-DNA Project involves a relatively small number of people, significant results were reported within few years. In one regard the results were difficult to interpret due to the lack of a paper trail to connect members with matching DNA. However, the overall results were impressive. The results confirmed existing genealogies of some individuals and disproved theories of a couple of others. More importantly they showed connections between families that were previously unknown. They also showed that some people thought to be related to certain families were actually not related to those families at all.

This is the case with the families named Meek from S. W. Pennsylvania. More specifically, the DNA results prove that the men listed as sons of Jacob Meek in the 1902 book by H. B. Meek were **not** all related to each other. At this point it is known that there were at least three totally different unrelated families that the early author combined to come up his list of sons.

Thus far seven distinct groups of U. S. ancestors have been identified with several members not matching any of these groups. Some of these groups and different ancestors are briefly detailed in Chapter 1. The subjects of this book are listed in DNA Group B. DNA analysis has established without any doubt that the family that settled in Osage Township, Carroll Co., AR and the family that settled in White Township, Carroll Co., AR were related to each other and to the group of men who settled in Washington Co., PA in the 1770's. The Washington County ancestors who have been tested are listed in Table 7. They are probably well known to genealogists searching for men named Jacob Meek and Jeremiah Meek.

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Contrary to what has been written in many genealogies it is not known where the men from Washington Co., PA came from or who the progenitor was. However, it is now known that they were part of a large family that included the families from Carroll Co., AR as well as a couple of later ancestors from Baltimore, MD.

### **Table 7**

#### Washington Co., PA 1775-1800

a1) Samuel Meek b: 1732 **DNA**

Son: **Jacob** b: 1762

a2) Isaac Meek b: 1746 **DNA**

Son: **Jacob** b: 1784

a3) Nathan Meek b: 1740?? **DNA**

Son: **Jeremiah** b: @1776

a4) Basil Meek b: 1763 **DNA**

a5) Elisha b: 1765

Son: **Jacob** b: 1810 **DNA**

#### Blount Co., TN>AR>TX

b1) **Jacob Meek** b: @1764 No DNA

AKA Blue Jacob

Son: **Jacob Meek** b: 1823

b2) **Jeremiah Meek** b: btw 1771-1780 m: Betsy Blevins **DNA**

AKA Shotgun Jerry

It is assumed that Jacob and Jeremiah were brothers.

#### KY>Henry Co., TN

c) **Jacob Meek** b: @1760 **DNA**

Sons

John E. Meek b: btw 1780-1790

Jeremiah Meek b: about 1806 TN

**Jacob W. Meek** b: btw 1780-1790

**Jeremiah T. Meek** b: about 1788 (TN>AR>TX)

DNA proves these men were related. How they were related is unknown.

Y-DNA testing involves examining a small number of DNA pieces known as “markers”. The result that the participant receives is expressed as a series of numbers such as 13, 24, 14, 11, 11, 14 etc. The entire set of number, one for each marker, is known as a haplotype, DNA signature or the DNA profile. When there is a group of related people tested it is possible to determine the modal or ancestral haplotype for the group. The more people tested the more accurate the results. The ancestral haplotype is a representation of what the DNA of the common ancestor might have looked like.

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The DNA result for the descendant of Jeremiah Meek from White Township, Carroll Co., AR matches the Group B ancestral haplotype perfectly. The ancestral haplotype was established through multiple test from descendants of four of the five Group B ancestors who resided in Washington Co., PA during the 1770's.

The DNA result for three proven descendants of two sons of Jacob Meek who died in Henry Co., KY establishes an ancestral haplotype for Jacob Meek. He deviates from the Group B ancestral haplotype on two markers. Those two deviations are the results of mutations. What is not known is when those mutations occurred. This is a very important question as it relate to time to the most recent common ancestor (TMRCA). However a lack of mutations does not prove a closer relationship.

The two mutations carried by Jacob Meek taken together are unique in Group B. The implication is that common ancestor for Jacob Meek and the other ancestors in Group B could have been several generation further back in time. Indeed the common ancestor for all of group B could have been many generations back in time. However, it is clearly demonstrated by Jacob Meek's ancestral haplotype. Some of the Meek men in Washington County may have been brothers as the early authors suggested. But they just as easily could have been first or second cousins.

A group of three Maryland Meek ancestors born between 1808 and 1824 match the Group B ancestral haplotype with a mutation in one marker. The significance of this is not known because it is only one marker and the relationship between the ancestors is unknown. However, the picture that appears to be emerging is one of a large complex Meek family extending throughout the country in the 1700's and early 1800's.

In fact Group B is really two distantly related groups known in the DNA project as Group B1 and Group B3. Each group shares the same basic haplotype with differences indicated in the following chart. They fall in the haplogroup R-P310. The main body of Group B3 includes descendants of John Meeks born about 1700 who resided in Pitt Co., NC. With different values in four markers (genetic distance of 4) any connection between Group B1 and B3 probably predates the settlement of the United States.

Table 8

	DYS439	DYS389	DYS392	DYS458	DYS447	DYS576	DYS570	CDY	DYS442	DYS438	DYS534	DYS572
R1b	12	13-29	13	17	25	18	17	37-38	12	12	15	11
Gp B1	13	13-28	12	15	26	20	17	37-37	10	13	16	11
TN	14	13-28	12	15	26	19	17	37-37	10	13	16	11
MD2	13	13-28	12	15	26	20	18	37-37	10	13	16	11
MD1	13	13-28	12	15	26	19	18	36-37	10	13	16	10
Gp B3	13	14-29	12	15	26	19	18	36-38	10	13	16	11

DYS464=14c,14c,17c,17g for all

In the interest of completeness the Group B1 DNA signature has also been observed in a small number of other surnames. Some of these may be the result of non-paternity events. However, some surnames are thought to connect to the Meek family before the use of surnames and thus are not genealogically significant. In looking at the Meek families in Tennessee and Arkansas the focus remains Group B1 as indicated earlier.

The reader will have noticed limitation in what information DNA provides. In fact the DNA results do not, at this time, provide much guidance as to when the common ancestor

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lived. Additional participants in the DNA project may provide more clarity to that situation. However, as stated earlier, old fashioned genealogical research will be required to determine the relationships between the participants of the DNA project.

The important outcome from the DNA project is that there is a high degree of probability that the families from Carroll Co., AR were related to each other and to the families from Washington Co., PA. Without connecting genealogies one cannot be 100% certain. But given the fairly unique DNA signature for Group B and the same surname there is little question that these men shared a common ancestor.

As the DNA project grows more information will become available. Some assumptions presented here will be modified or changed completely. However, new information will become available whether it is through DNA testing or genealogical research. Knowledge in one area enhances our understanding of the other.

### **Partial list of ancestors in Group B1**

Samuel Meek b: 1732  
Isaac Meek b: 1746  
Nathan Meek b: 1740??  
Basil Meek b: 1763  
Elisha b: 1765  
Samuel Meek b: 1781  
Jeremiah Meek b: btw 1771-1780  
Jacob Meek b: @1760  
Richard Meek b: 1790 PA  
Jonathan Meeks b: 1800 VA  
Simeon Meek b: 1817 PA  
George O. Meek b: 1820 IN  
Henry Meek b: 1834 IN  
William Meeks b: 1808 MD  
William Meek b: 1824 MD  
John W. Meeks b: 1815 MD

## **Chapter 5**

### **Previous Books and Genealogies**

In doing research for this book it appeared that there was no single comprehensive source for the Meek families of Tennessee and Arkansas. One would expect to find one or more books or commonly known genealogies from times past that people relied on to build their own genealogies. There may be one or two but this author is unaware of them. There are a fair number of simple genealogies that have been circulated or are now available on the Internet. However, these seem by and large to be disorganized and contradictory as if the authors did not have anything to guide them. Consequently there does not appear to have been a recognized basic structure for the families of Carroll Co., Arkansas who came from Tennessee in the 1830's.

Even today many people do not know that there were two separate families in Carroll County including Jeremiah T. Meek and John E. Meek of Osage Township and Jeremiah Meek and Jacob Meek of White Township, also known as Shotgun Jerry and Blue Jacob. The first group came from Henry Co., TN and the second group came from Blount Co., TN. Today there is probably only a couple of people who are researching these families that know about DNA testing and the fact that both groups are related to a group of men named Meek who settled in Washington Co., PA in the late 1700's.

Past research has been complicated by the presence of two men named Jeremiah Meek in Carroll County. Both had wives named Elizabeth or Betsy. Consequently both were said to have married Betsy Blevins in 1802. Even issues such as the middle initial of the Jeremiah in Osage Township was misinterpreted and then assigned to either man depending on which one people were aware of. Also present were two younger men named Jeremiah. One was the son of Shotgun Jerry in White Township, also with a wife named Elizabeth and the other was probably a son of John E. Meek of Osage Township.

It still seems odd that people had that much difficulty figuring out that there were two different families in two different townships. People tended to ignore basic facts such as ages and dates of marriage. Otherwise they would have never concluded that the Osage Township Jeremiah whose wife was born about 1795 had married Betsy Blevins in 1802.

If one collects a few dozen genealogies of these families over a period of time one will find that the facts are hopelessly intermingled between the two families. Even those people who seemed to have figured it out had submitted incorrect genealogies previously. An experienced researcher would have trouble knowing which ones were correct without doing in depth research on their own. However, it is possible to develop a correct genealogy if one does not get bogged down trying to make sense out of other people's incorrect work.

The problems with the early genealogies extend further back in time to Tennessee with the careless assignment of a progenitor. The Osage Township family is fairly well documented in Henry Co., TN. It is much more difficult to prove a connection between the White Township family and Blount Co., TN. However, because there is a well known marriage record for Jeremiah Meek and Betsy Blevins in 1802 most people jump right to Blount County without a second thought.

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While this author agrees that it is a proper line of inquiry there is really no hard evidence that the Jeremiah Meek who married Betsy Blevins is the same person as Shotgun Jerry in Carroll Co., AR. The more faint the trail grew the more careless people became in adding names to the family tree. The father of Jeremiah Meek and Jacob Meek of White Township has been identified alternately as Jeremiah Meek who died in 1783 in Westmoreland Co., PA, Jeremiah Lee Meek born 1780 from Indiana, Jeremiah Meek born about 1776 and almost every other person named Jeremiah Meek known to Meek researchers regardless of their ages.

It is not necessary to discuss again the false trail to Jacob Meek and Adam Meek of Lincolnshire, England. It is absolutely astounding that so many people have advocated for these progenitors with absolutely no evidence what so ever. And this extends beyond the Tennessee families.

Similar problems exist for Jacob Meek of Henry Co., TN the father of the Osage Township family. This Jacob Meek has been incorrectly equated with several other men named Jacob Meek. His situation is different in that he can be placed in Cumberland Co., KY before Tennessee. Cumberland County was near Pulaski Co., KY where other Meek families resided. More importantly it is now known through DNA testing that the Pulaski County families were related to both of the Carroll Co., AR/Tennessee families.

DNA leads to the Meek families who settled in Washington Co., PA in the later 1700's, including the ones in Pulaski Co., KY. Many of these men were about the same age as the Tennessee men. It is not known where Jacob Meek of Henry Co., TN and Jeremiah Meek of Blount Co., TN came from but the search involves the Pennsylvania families.

## Chapter 6

### Summary-Who Was the Progenitor?

The underlying assumption of this book and many past and present genealogies is that the Meek(s) family of Carroll Co., AR came from Tennessee. Some but not all past researchers did not understand that there were two different families. One family included Jeremiah T. Meek and his brother John E. Meek who lived in Osage Township. The other family included Jeremiah Meeks and his probable brother Jacob who lived in White Township. They were also known as “Shotgun Jerry” and “Blue Jacob”.

While it is now known, as a result of DNA testing, that these two families were related there has been some question about that in the past. The Osage Township families were prominent members of the community. The White Township families were immortalized in early history books as people “...of Cherokee & English descent, whose society was not appreciated by their neighbors.” DNA analysis is inconclusive regarding how closely the two families were related although there is no question that they were related. Early results suggest that the two families may have been separated by several generations. There is no evidence that they even knew each other. This is a matter for future research. However, it is important that one not assume that they came from the same place during their own life time.

The evidence is fairly good that the Osage Township family came from Henry Co., TN in 1836 and 1837. The father of the family, Jacob Meek, is known to have owned land in Cumberland Co., KY and Pulaski Co., KY. Where Jacob came from before that is a matter of some interest.

The record is less specific regarding where the White Township family came from. Census records are fairly consistent that all of the children of Jacob and Jeremiah were born in Tennessee between 1806 and 1827. One census record indicates that a son was born in “East Tennessee”.

There is little evidence to extend the genealogy further back in time. There is only speculation. It appears to this author that the two Tennessee families, Jacob Meek of Henry County and Jeremiah and Jacob Meeks of Blount County, did not share the same father based on DNA evidence. They may not even have been first cousins. It is clear that one needs to pursue these connections along different research lines as they may have come from two different places.

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Most people assume that the White TWP family came from Blount Co., TN. However there is no direct evidence of this. This author also believes that they came from Blount County largely because, in addition to census records and associates, there are no known alternatives families. The records do not indicate that they were in the areas where Jacob Meek who died in Henry Co., TN lived. Other known Meek families in Tennessee are well documented and have a different DNA signature than that of Jeremiah Meeks. To believe that they did not come from Blount Co., TN one must believe that the White TWP family left no earlier footprint and the Blount Co., TN family left no later footprint.

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Jacob Meeks appears in Blount Co., TN court records in 1795 and 1796. He was the bondsman for John Roberts in 1796. In 1802 Jeremiah Meeks married Betsy Blevins. William Blevins was an early explorer in East Tennessee. Members of his family moved to Carroll Co., AR including Isham Blevins, Richard Blevins and Black Squire Blevins. These men were also mentioned in the Goodspeed's history of Carroll Co., AR. It is a reasonable hypothesis that the Meeks in Blount County migrated west with the Blevins, Roberts and others and settled in White Township, Carroll Co., AR.

The name of the progenitor for the Blount County family is not known. Over the years much attention has focused on men named Jeremiah Meek or Jacob Meek. Some genealogies seem to have settled on Jeremiah Meek. While that is probably based mostly on naming patterns there appears to have been a man named Jeremiah Meek in early East Tennessee who was likely older than Jacob and Jeremiah who were born between 1760 and 1780.

Many genealogies end up with the ultimate progenitor being Jacob Meek born 1698 the son of Adam Meek of Lincolnshire, England. As shown in Chapter 1 the source for those stories wrote an incorrect genealogy that cannot be relied on. Most people who have written about the Tennessee families have never heard about H. B. Meek or read his book. They simply copy that part of the genealogy from someone else who probably has no idea where it came from either. One must avoid the temptation of believing that because something is written down it must be true. A bad genealogy is a bad genealogy no matter how many times it is repeated.

Although seldom mentioned in genealogies there was a person named Jeremiah Meek in east Tennessee as early as 1784. He owned land near Blount County from 1787 to 1796. He may or may not have been the same person who owned land in South Carolina in 1773. He appears to have been too old to have been Shotgun Jerry who likely lived until after 1840. However, he cannot be excluded from being the person who married Betsy Blevins in 1802 and/or the person who migrated to Carroll Co., AR with Jacob without more definitive information on their dates of birth.

Some have suggested that Jeremiah Meek who sold his land in 1796 was the same person as Jeremiah Meek (#A) who married Sarah Lee in 1731 Anne Arundel Co., MD. Unfortunately there are other reasonable possibilities for this person including Jeremiah Meeks (#1) who died in 1783 Westmoreland Co., PA not to mention the Jeremiah Meek (#2) who signed a will in 1790 Anne Arundel Co., MD. However, there is some question about the latter's age and he may not have been old enough to be married in 1731.

Some people have suggested that Jeremiah Meek who married Sarah Lee was the person who died in 1783 Westmoreland Co., PA and that he was the same person who sold land in 1796 Blount Co., TN. However, people who have made this claim have ignored the fact that he died before the land in Tennessee was granted to Jeremiah Meek. It was also noted earlier that the DNA for the probable descendants of the Westmoreland County Jeremiah does not match that of Jeremiah from Carroll Co., AR who is presumed to be the man or the son of the man who sold land in 1796 Blount County.

The remaining men named Jeremiah for which there is any information were all contemporaries of the Jeremiah who lived in White Township, Carroll Co., AR. In addition their

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histories are well known with the exception of the men in Pulaski Co., KY. There were no other known men in East Tennessee named Meek who were old enough to be the father of Jeremiah and Jacob or who have not been excluded by DNA.

This author believes that the Jeremiah who sold his land in 1796 was the father of Jacob Meeks, Jeremiah Meeks who married Betsy Blevins and Delilah Meek who married James Swagerty. However, it may not be possible to prove the matter one way or the other. The reasons for these conclusions are firstly the name Jeremiah Meek(s) was very uncommon before 1780. Secondly, there was an older person named Jeremiah born before 1755 who owned land in South Carolina. Thirdly, James Swaggerty witnessed Jeremiah's deed in 1796. He married Delilah Meek, born 1773, also in 1796. This is further evidence that Jeremiah may have been born before 1755. Fourthly, the ages of the known children of Jeremiah and Betsy suggest a younger father. There is no evidence of an older set of children. Finally, Jeremiah Meeks in White Township appears to have died between 1840 and 1850. If he had been nearly 100 years old it is unlikely that he would have attracted the attention of the citizens that he did and been given the nickname Shotgun Jerry.

This is all very shaky reasoning and very much subject to criticism. The fact remains that there is no evidence regarding where the Blount County Meek family came from or who progenitor was.

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In Cumberland Co., KY in 1799 there was Jeremiah Meek over 21 with one male age 16 to 21. There were also two men named Jacob Meek in the county one of which has been identified as Jacob Meek of Bledsoe Co., TN. It is probable that this was the Jacob Meek who died in Henry Co., TN in 1824 and whose sons went to Carroll Co., AR. Jacob Meek Jr. could have been the son of either of the two other men.

In 1801 and 1802 there were two men named Jeremiah and one named Jacob in Pulaski Co., KY who have been excluded from being sons of the other Meek settlers in the area. One might at this point say hold on just a minute, there are too many Jeremiahs. There are two in Blount Co., TN, one in Cumberland Co., KY, Two in Pulaski Co., KY, the son of Nathaniel and two several counties to the north in Henry Co., KY. For a name that is uncommon there was a large number of them in a relatively small area between Blount Co., TN and Henry Co., KY. One needs to consider the possibility that there was some duplication in the records between Cumberland and Pulaski Counties. This was a very remote wilderness with very little government to keep records.

On August 14, 1800 Henry Swisher assigns certificate #374 to Nathan Meek. The witnesses to this assignment were "Marey Meek and Jackub Meek". 1802 Pulaski tax list: "Nathan Sr.: May 21st. 100 ac. granted to Jeremiah Meek, 1 w/m +21". Jeremiah of Cumberland County had already sold his land in January of 1799. Jacob appears in the tax list in 1802. It seems quite possible that Jacob and Jeremiah Meek of Cumberland County were the same men in Pulaski County. The lack of tax and other records for Cumberland County after 1799 precludes a definitive statement on the matter.

It is impossible to discuss the Cumberland County families without looking at the other Meek families who lived in Pulaski Co., KY. Nathaniel Meek and Basil Meek born 1763 came to the area about 1797 from Washington Co., PA. Basil's land grant was dated 7

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Aug 1798 and both were listed in the 1799 tax list. Their presence in Pulaski County close to Jacob Meek in Cumberland County might have been considered a coincidence were it not for the fact that DNA tests on their descendants reveals that Jacob Meek of Cumberland County was related to Nathaniel and Basil. These families also have a DNA match with other men from Washington Co., PA including Isaac Meek born 1746, Samuel Meek born 1732 and Elisha Meek born 1765.

There was an unidentified Jacob Meek in the 1783 tax list of Washington Co., PA. That person was not a son of the known ancestors from that county. There was also an unidentified person named Jeremiah Meek in the 1783 tax list of Washington Co., PA. It is not known if these two men migrated to Pulaski County with Nathaniel and Basil. However, one cannot ignore that possibility.

Census records, especially conflicting ones are a bad place to get the place of birth for a parent. Two of the daughters of Jacob Meek from Henry Co., TN lived to be recorded in the 1880 census. One entry lists the parents being born in Kentucky but Delilah's 1880 Erath Co., TX census records lists both parents being born in Pennsylvania. It seems unlikely that Jacob Meek born about 1760 was born in Kentucky. Daniel Boone did not go through the Cumberland Gap until 1775. At least one person in Delilah's family believed that Jacob Meek was born in Pennsylvania. This seems odd given that this was a southern family with no known connections to northern states. Jacob Meek may not have been born in Pennsylvania either but Delilah may have believed that her father came from that state.

It is known that Nathaniel Meek lived in Washington Co., PA before going to Pulaski Co., KY. In addition there was an unidentified man listed in the 1783 tax record of Washington County named Jacob Meek. There is no record of what happened to this Jacob Meek. It is known that Nathaniel and Jacob Meek of Cumberland Co., KY were related. Finally there is the census record indicating that Jacob was born in Pennsylvania. This data does not prove the fact but it suggests that further investigation is warranted.

There is some indication that Jeremiah in Pulaski Co., KY was older and the father of either Nathaniel and Basil or Jacob. He could not have been the father of both according to DNA analysis. One should not forget the presence of William Meek born about 1765 and younger Jeremiah. These men may have been related in some way.

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In the final analysis the progenitor(s) of the Tennessee families cannot be determined. There is a set of facts that may or may not be connected. There are many unknowns. Thanks to DNA it is known that the family from Henry Co., TN and the family from Blount Co., TN were related. Many families that they were not related to is now known. But it is unquestionable that the search for the progenitor is tied up with several families from Washington Co., PA. Whether they all came from the same place in the United States or migrated independently is unknown.

## Chapter 7

### Jacob Meek of Henry Co., TN

B51. **Jacob Meek** was born about 1760. This is an estimated date of birth and the actual date is unknown. One of Jacob's daughters, Delilah, reported in the 1880 Erath Co., TX census that both parents were born in Pennsylvania. At least one other child reports that their father was born in Kentucky, which is not likely given what is known about the settlement of Kentucky. His date and place of birth are not known. He died 10 Aug 1824 according to a Henry Co., TN court record dated March 1827. Jacob and his family are well documented in the court records of Henry County.

Census records of some of his grandchildren suggest that the family lived in Kentucky. The 1799 tax list of Cumberland Co., KY names Jacob Meek Sr., Jacob Meek Jr. and Jeremiah Meek all over the age of 21.

1800 Cumberland Co. Census (from 1799 Tax List South of Cumberland River):

Meek, Jacob Sr. over 21 - Cumberland River

Meek, Jacob Jr. over 21 - Cumberland River

Meek, Jeremiah 1 over 21; 1 16/21; on Smith Creek

Jeremiah Meek enter land August 25, 1798 for Certificate #772 bounded by Jacob Meek on the west. Jeremiah assigns this entry to Edward Beck on January 14, 1799.

"The Commission for Settlement South of Green River" issued warrent #687 to David Roberson for 200 acres of land located in Cumberland co., Ky. in Stogdons Valley on the Clear Fork of Spring Creek waters of Spring Creek Obeys River. on August 25, 1798. Survey # 1966 for this land was done by virtue of warrant # 687 on October 10, 1799. On October 26, 1799 Roberson assigned this 200 acres to Jacob Meek. Grant # 1966 was issued to Jacob for this land on January 14, 1815.

FHL - Film 804864 Cumberland Co. Kentucky Deeds Index 1799-1934

C:133 - 23 Jul 1816 [abstracted] **Jacob Meek of County of Bledsoe TN** to Alex.Beaty of Cumberland Co. KY. Consideration One hundred pounds. Conveys land in Cumberland Co. KY on Clear fork of Spring Creek, waters of Wolf river being part of 200 acres patented in the name of Jacob Meek by grant dated 3 Jan 1815 bounded by Hallett, Crouche's line, Wright's Spring - 130 acres. Condition: "That if said land is taken from said Alexander Beaty or his heirs by a military or any other prior claim the said Jacob Meek to pay unto Alex Beaty or heirs 100 pounds in young horses at their value"  
Signed: Jacob (X) Meek  
Wit: William Ward, David Cole, Soloman Hallett, Soloman Hallett Jr.  
Recorded 7 Oct 1816.

C:238(233?) - 23 Jul 1816 [abstracted] **Jacob Meek of Bledsoe Co. TN & Soloman Hallett of Cumberland Co. KY.** Consideration: \$200. Conveys land in Cumberland Co. KY on the Clear Fork of Spring Creek - bounded by Hallett's line, Cole's line, 81 acres. State of KY vested in Jacob Meek by grant 3 Jan 1815.  
Signed: Jacob Meek [no mark]  
Wit: William Wood, Soloman Hallett Jr., David Cole, Alexander Beaty.  
Certificate Liens C:235. Filed 11 Mar 1817.

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Cumberland Co. Survey Records by Butter. p. 98

Robertson's Academy 100 acres, Smith's Creek. 3/23/1817 A:457 joining

Samuel Dickson, Jacob Meek, David Cowen, Benj. Campbell, William Cowen.

Cumberland County deed records from 1816 indicate that Jacob Meek of Bledsoe Co., TN sold his land in Cumberland County. Jacob (or his son, Jacob) may be the person buying land in Overton Co., TN deed "2 Dec 1805 George Gordon of Greene Co., TN to Jacob Meek of Jackson Co., TN". Deed Book A, page 303 dated 26 Feb 1808 shows that Jacob Meek sells land to Harris Hatcher. Cumberland Co., KY and Overton Co., TN at one time bordered each on the state line. In fact his land in Cumberland Co., KY may have been in Tennessee due to the dispute over the boundary between the two states.

Jacob Meek arrived in Bledsoe County when the county was first opened to settlers. He is listed in Tennessee Homesteaders and Landowners by Willis Hutcherson on page 15;

"185 acres to Jacob Meek assignee of John Hudson on 23 Aug 1808. Held by right of settlement...in Squachey Valley, joining lines with Conrad Kimm and E. Hicks. Chairmen were Elijah Hicks and **Eli Keith**".

Jacob Meek purchased 56 acres on Sequatchee River in Bledsoe County in 1811 for \$150.00 from John Julian. The deed was witnessed by Michael Rawlings and David Gilbreath. (SLC Film #593010 A-D)

This Jacob Meek can be identified as the person who died in Henry Co., TN in 1824. His daughter Nancy was married in Cumberland County in 1800. Jacob Meek signed a petition in Bledsoe County to the General Assembly in 1813.

21-2-1813 "State of Tennessee, Bledsoe County To the Honourable, the General Assembly, of the State of Tennessee now in Session Whereas, John MISER, Tobias LONG, Wm BLEAVINS, Robert Long, John JULIAN and William HAIL were bound in a Regagnizance as Securities for the appearance of a certain Joseph PATE, against whom the State of Tennessee had instituted a prosecution

And whereas the said Pate failed to make his appearance and it became entirely impracticable for his securities to surrender him, and whereas also, the property of some of the Securities has been executed and sold which has amounted to the costs attendant on said prosecution etc...To the very great distress of said Securities Ä In consequence of all, which your honourable body that forfeiture incurred. And your petitioners will pray etc. John Miser Tobias Long

Those signing, among others, were Jacob Meek, John Meek, Jacob Meek Sn., and Jeremiah Meek. **Eli Keith** also signed.

Knox Co., TN court minutes No. 3A 1810-1817, page 36-37 refers to the same matter mentioned in the 1813 petition. This record also names Mary Meek, Sally Meek and Henry Meek in addition to Jacob Meek and Jeremiah Meek.

State VS James Todd } James Todd was bound in Recognizance at last term to appear at this term and answer a charge to be exhibited by the state against him, and it appearing that no bill had been preferred or charge exhibited against him on his motion he was discharged from said Recognizance.

John Narrimore and Jesse McKinney Justices of the Peace for the County of Bledsoe returned to Court Sundry Recognizance whereby it appears that Joseph Pate together with Tobias Long, John

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Julian, Robert Long, William, John Miser and William Blevins were jointly and severally bound in the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the appearance of Joseph Pate to answer a charge exhibited by the stae against him. That **Jacob Meek** and Saml Gault were each bound in the sum of five hundred Dollars for the appearance of **Mary Meek, Sally Meek and Henry Meek**, to give evidence against the said Joseph Pate. That Jacob Meek, Joshua Hale, and William Hill were bound in the sum of five hundred dollars for the appearance of Jacob Meek to give evidence against the said Joseph Pate, and that Isham Hale, William Hale, Jeremiah Meek and Samuel Gault were bound in One Thousand Dollars for the appearance of the said Isham Hale and William Hale to give evidence against said Joseph Pate

Which said persons being severally called came not, Therefore it is ordered that they forfeit the amount of their several recognizances.. Ni si and on motion of William Kelly Solicitor General scire facias to issue.

Jacob Meek's name first appears in a Henry Co., TN deed record in 1822. On 15 Oct 1822 he purchased 500 acres on the Middle Fork of the Obion River in Range 4, Section 6 entered by Polk and Deveraux. A probate record dated 13 Jun 1827 lists his wife, Mary. Other's benefiting from his estate were John Meek, Jacob Meek, Jeremiah Meek, Henry, and other children. Sally in the Knox County records is believed to be Jacob's daughter Sarah. Eli Keith is believed to be the husband of Jacob's daughter Elizabeth. No other Meek families can be detected in Henry Co., TN during this time frame. There is no other known group of people named Meek that could account for the names in the 1813 Bledsoe Co., TN petition. The totality of information supports the hypothesis that Jacob Meek in Cumberland Co., KY was the same person who died in Henry Co., TN in 1824.

Jacob married Mary \_\_\_\_\_, She was living in Henry County in 1835. She may be the elderly person in the 1840 Carroll Co., AR census living with John E. Meek. A Henry Co., TN deed record dated 19 Feb 1835 transfers 300 acres previously belonging to Jacob Meek, deceased, to John E. Meek. The deed identifies all of the children and the daughter's spouses except Isaac, Rachel and Nancy who had already died.

Two descendants from Jacob's son Jeremiah and one descendant from his brother Henry have 37 markers Y-DNA results from Family Tree DNA which establishes ancestral values for Jacob Meek. Jacob's ancestral values match the ancestral values for Meek Project Group B with two mutations. Jeremiah Meek known as "Shotgun Jerry" has one descendant which is a 37-37 marker match with the Group B ancestral values.

11. **John E. Meek** was born between 1780 and 1790 according to the 1830-1840 censuses. A Henry Co., TN deed record records the sell of 16 2/3 acres to John Witt which was part of Jacob Meeks estate. He married Susannah \_\_\_\_\_ according to deed records from Henry Co., TN. She was born between 1790 and 1800. He was listed in the 1830 census of Henry Co., TN with 4 males and 5 females. He was living in Henry Co., TN in Feb 1835 according to deed records. He was listed in the 1840 census of Carroll Co., AR with 3 males and 3 females.

12. **Jacob W. Meek** was born between 1780 and 1790 according to the 1830 census. A Henry Co., TN deed record records the sell of 16 2/3 acres to John Witt which was part of Jacob Meeks estate. Recorded with him in 1830 were 8 males and 5 female including a likely wife born between 1790 and 1800. He is mentioned in deed and court records of Henry Co., TN with the widow Meek, his brothers and his brother-in-laws. He was living in Henry Co., TN in Feb 1835 according to deed records.

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Note: There was a Jacob W. Meek born between 1780 and 1790 listed in the 1840 census of Holmes Co., MS. (1-0-2-0-0-0-1//0-1-0-0-0-0-1) In the 1850 census of Holmes list families Jonah Meek, age 30, and Calloway Meek, age 25, both born in Tennessee. Living with Calloway was Nancy age 56 born in Tennessee. Nancy was the appropriate age to be wife in the 1840 census. A descendant of William Wesley Meek born 1812 in Tennessee has a DNA match the descendant of Jacob Meek who died in Henry Co., TN. William's children were born in Mississippi. HOWEVER, none of this proves that Jacob moved to Mississippi.

13. **Jeremiah T. Meek** was born about 1788 according to census records. Census records do not provide a clear picture of his place of birth. A Henry Co., TN deed record dated 24 Dec 1829 Jeremiah sells 16 2/3 acres of land. It is described as "*A track of land on the waters of Middle Fork of the Obion River part of 500 acres granted to Polk & Devereaux the same that Jacob Meek, deceased, lived and died on ...*". Other children of Jacob Meek have similar deeds selling 16 2/3 acres some of which describe them as heirs or as daughters of Jacob Meek. Jeremiah's name appears on many records with other children of Jacob Meek.

He was listed in the 1830 census of Henry Co., TN born between 1780 and 1790. On 5 Dec 1831 he was appointed administrator of the estate of Isaac Meek, a brother. He was living in Henry Co., TN in Feb 1835 according to deed records.

He was listed in 1837 and 1840 tax list of Carroll Co., AR. He is listed in the 1840 census of Carroll Co., AR. He was listed in the 1850 census of Carrollton, Carroll Co., AR with his wife and two sons.

### Carroll Co., AR-23 Sep 1850

Jerry T. Meek, 62, M, Farmer, 1800, PoB unreadable, could not read/write

Elizabeth, 55, F, -, -, KY, could not read/write

William W., 20, M, Farmer, -, Tenn

Joseph J., 19, M, Farmer, -, Do (Tenn)

**Note1:** Elizabeth is not Betsy Blevins. Betsy Blevins married Jeremiah Meek in 1802 according to Blount Co., TN marriage records. This Elizabeth is too young to have been married in 1802. Jeremiah would only have been 14.

**Note2:** Jeremiah's place of birth is undecipherable to this writer. Even if it says Georgia that is arguably not true. There is nothing to indicate that Jeremiah's father ever lived in Georgia but where he was about 1788 is unknown. The 1860 census of Bell Co., TX lists J. J. Meek age 29 with wife Minerva also lists J. T. Meek age 71. The place of birth is also undecipherable. The 1880 census lists Jeremiah's children Jacob A., Samuel and Elizabeth where the father's birth place is given as Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. A census record for Jeremiah's younger sister Delilah says she was born in Tennessee which is consistent with her father's known movement at that time. Delilah's census record also says that her father (Jacob) was born in Pennsylvania. Jacob lived near Nathaniel Meek in Pulaski Co., KY and DNA proves that they were related. Nathaniel came from Washington Co., PA. Where Jeremiah was born remains an important mystery.

He signed a petition in Nov 1853 in Bell Co., TX and appears in the 1860 census with his son Joseph. His will was dated 26 Oct 1868 and probated 21 Sep 1868 in Bell Co., TX.

He married **Elizabeth D. Spencer** 5 Sep 1809 in Casey Co., KY. She was born about 1795 in Kentucky according to the 1850 census although her date of marriage might suggest an earlier birth date..

A petition for divorce dated 5 Nov 1856 in Bell Co., TX names Jeremiah T. Meek and Elizabeth D. Spencer. In the petition Jeremiah stated that Elizabeth abandoned him on 8 Mar 1852. He gave his wife's maiden name who was not present for the proceedings. He further states that they were married 5 Sep 1809 in Casey Co., KY. Jeremiah consistently used the middle

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initial T throughout his life. He is listed in other records of Bell County. His wife's name was Elizabeth and they would have been married about 1810. The divorce data was provided by Patricia Spencer Jan 2012.

It is believed that Jeremiah's parents lived near Nathaniel Meek in Pulaski Co., KY. Y-DNA proves that he was related to Nathaniel Meek. Amasa Spencer was a close associate of Nathaniel, their families having intermarried at several points. The will of Amasa Spencer was recorded July 21, 1841 (1846) in Jennings Co., IN, will record Vol. I Sept. 20, 1842--August 26, 1862. This will specifically mentions a daughter named Betsy Meek. However, unverified genealogical information regarding Amasa Spencer's daughter Elizabeth conflicts with that of Jeremiah Meek's wife regarding the date of birth.

101. **Jacob Amasa Meek** was born on 6 Oct 1811 in Kentucky. According to Goodspeed's History, Jacob came from Henry Co., TN to Carroll Co., AR about 1836 with his father, Jeremiah and brothers William, Joseph & Samuel followed. He was listed in the 1836 tax list for Carroll County. Jacob was a prominent citizen of Berryville, AR. He became the mayor on 15 Jul 1878 and held other city positions prior to his death in 1882. His will dated 26 Jan 1882 was probated in Carroll Co., AR and list his children.

He married (1) **Margaret Dunlap** (daughter of Jonathan Dunlap and Ann Sears) on 11 Nov 1834 in Henry Co., TN. She was born on 22 Jan 1817 in Kentucky. She died in 1861 in Carroll Co., AR. Jacob A. Meek and Margaret Dunlap had the following children:

211. **Jonathan Jasper Meek** was born on 26 Jul 1836 in Carroll Co., AR. He died on 13 Jan 1903 in Grant Parish, LA. He married (1) **Elizabeth Powell Carter** (daughter of William B. Carter & Judith Gains (Easley)) on 2 Oct 1856 in Carroll Co., AR. He was divorced from Elizabeth in Sep 1875. She was born on 14 Apr 1840 in North Carolina. She died on 21 Mar 1909 in Carroll Co., AR. Jonathan Jasper Meek and Elizabeth Powell Carter had the following children:

301. **Elizabeth Columbia (Lydia) Meek** was born in Oct 1857 in Carroll Co., AR.

302. **William Arthur Meek** was born in Jun 1860 in Carroll Co., AR. He died 13 Apr 1927 in Johnson Co., AR. He married **Ola Louisiana Shurley** 13 May 1888 in Johnson Co., AR. She was born 2 May 1870 in Alabama. She died 3 Apr 1968 in Johnson Co., AR. (Information provided by Larry Scott.)

411. **Herbert L. Meek** was born 13 Feb 1889 in Johnson Co., AR. He died 10 Jan 1972 in Crawford Co., AR. He married **Ruby Copeland** 29 Nov 1911 in Johnson Co., AR. She was born 26 May 1892 in Johnson Co., AR. She died 6 Feb 1975 in Johnson Co., AR. She was the daughter of James Copeland and Louisa Scott. (Louisa Scott was the daughter of John Wesley Scott who was the illegitimate son of Thomas Warren and Phoebe Scott.) Information provided by Larry Scott.

511. **James A. Meek** was born about 1915 in Arkansas.

512. **Helen Louise Meek** was born 11 Apr 1919 in Arkansas. She died 11 Aug 1996. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Culpepper.

412. **Vinnie Meek** was born 11 Jul 1892 in Johnson Co., AR. She died 28 Jan 1978 in Johnson Co., AR. She Married **William Edward Copeland** 23 Dec 1922 in Johnson Co., AR.

413. **William Elbert Meek** was born 24 1903 Clarksville, Johnson Co., AR. He died 15 Jul 1951 in Tulsa, OK. He married (1) Mollie Joe Wolf 12 Nov 1921 in Johnson Co., AR. He married (2) Doris Ruby Crane 15 Jun 1939 in Dallas, TX.

303. **J. Margaret Meek** was born in 1863 in Carroll Co., AR.

304. **Rosetta Florence Meek** was born on 8 Apr 1866 in Carroll Co., AR.

305. **Irena R. Meek** was born on 1 Oct 1869 in Carroll Co., AR. A twin to Roena.

306. **Roena A. Meek** was born on 1 Oct 1869 in Carroll Co., AR.

307. **Robert Elbert Meek** was born on 15 Mar 1871 in Carroll Co., AR. He died 13 Dec 1944 Ft. Worth, TX. He married Cora Lillian Boyer 20 Oct 1896 in Harmony, AR. She was born 4 Jul 1876 Johnson Co., AR. She died 8 Nov 1953 Ft. Worth, TX.

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401. **Cuthbert Orth Meek** was born 19 Jul 1897 Clarksville, Johnson Co., AR. He died 7 Aug 1969. He married 19 Dec 1919 **Annie L. Gunter**. She was born 27 Sep 1902 Rockwall, TX. She died 21 Jan 1976.
501. **Vera Loree Meek** was born 20 Jan 1921 Ft. Worth, TX. She married **Scott F. Wimberly** 3 Feb 1940. She is the primary researcher on this family.
601. **Sanders Gene Wimberly** was born 27 Jan 1951. Died 17 Dec 1995 Limestone Co., TX.
602. **Gay Lynn Wimberly** was born 23 Mar 1954 Harris Co., TX. She married (1) **Steven P. Harbolt**. She married (2) **Bobby Darold Lockler**.
603. **Scott Furgerson Wimberly** was born 28 May 1957 Houston, TX. He married **Kim N. Alley** 21 Aug 1988.
502. **Ruby Jean Meek** born 6 Oct 1925 Cisco, TX. She died 22 Feb 1998. She married **Fred Morrow**. He was born 20 Mar 1921. He died 5 May 1961.
503. **Robert Alvie Meek** born 8 Mar 1931 Cisco, TX. He married **Ann E. Wright** 12 Jun 1953. \*DNA Kit#28407
402. **Buford Arthur Meek** was born 11 Feb 1899 Harmony, AR. Died 14 May 1965 Ft. Worth, TX. He married **Jimmie C. Hill** 29 Apr 1921.
403. **Gladys Esther Meek** was born 30 Sep 1901 Harmony, AR. She married **James E. Worthy** 28 Apr 1918.
- Jonathan married (2) **Martha Estes** 10 Oct 1875 in Catahoula, LA. She was born 30 Dec 1855 in Louisiana. She died 24 Sep 1893.
308. **Opelia Meek** was born in 1876.
309. **Henry Meek** was born in 1879.
310. **Alma Meek** was born in 1882.
311. **Alvin Meek** was born in 1882.
312. **May Meek** was born in 1884.
313. **Elbert Meek** was born in 1886.
314. **Jennie Meek** was born in 1889.
212. **Arthur James Meek** was born on 6 Jan 1838 in Carroll Co., AR. He died on 25 Aug 1918 in Carroll Co., AR. He married **Louisa Evalina Hague** (daughter of James Madison Hague and Caldonia Berry) on 24 Dec 1868 in Carroll Co., AR. She was born on 11 Oct 1840 in Carroll Co., AR. She died on 27 Nov 1917 in Carroll Co., AR.
321. **James Minton Meek** was born 25 Sep 1869 in Carroll Co., AR. He died 12 Apr 1944 in Tulsa, OK. He married **Julia Bell Jeffries** 2 Mar 1892 in Carroll Co., AR. She was born 27 Mar 1872 in Arkansas. She died 11 Nov 1939 in Tulsa, OK.
421. **Leigh Arden Meek** was born 28 Feb 1893 in Carroll Co., AR. He died 21 May 1939 in Tulsa, OK. He married **Ruth Marie Wheeler** 14 Nov 1912 in Arkansas. She was born 18 Jan 1895 in Carnie, IL. She died 21 Jul 1932 in Tulsa, OK. Her parents where Isaac S. Wheeler and Clara D. Young.
511. **Minton W. Meek** was born about 1818 in Oklahoma.
512. **Jack Hayden Meek** was born 21 Nov 1919 in Tulsa, OK. He married **Dorothy Louise Bennett** 14 Apr 1940 in Tulsa Co., OK. She was born 20 Nov 1919 in Valparaiso, IN. Her parents were David E. Bennett and Nellie E. Knapp. They were listed in the 1930 census of Tulsa, OK. Her mother was living with them age 69.
611. **Lewis Arden Meek**
701. **Daniel Preston Meek** \*DNA Kit# 153210  
This is the family of Sharron Combs Meek McDearmont
422. **Ersel Blake Meek** was born 8 Jun 1896 in Indian Territory, OK. He died 17 Feb 1986 in Garvin Co., OK. He married **Annie Maude Barrett** 24 Dec 1919.
521. **Blake B. Meek** was born 11 Jul 1921 in in Garvin Co., OK. He married **Nina Witherspoon** 17 Jun 1949.
522. **Guy P. Meek** was born 1923 in in Garvin Co., OK.
523. **Barbara Louise Meek** was born 16 Feb 1926 in in Garvin Co., OK.
423. **Arlis Hague Meek** was born about 1899 in Arkansas. He died 2 Jun 1990 in Oklahoma.
424. **Louise Julia Meek** was born about 1904 in Arkansas.

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322. **Mary Elizabeth Meek** was born 7 Apr 1872 in Texas. She married **Robert A. Kendall**. She died 24 Mar 1959.
323. **Lena M. Meek** was born 14 Oct 1876. She died 20 Apr 1877.
324. **Roy Calvin Meek** was born 18 May 1876. He married **Laura R. Riston**. He died 30 Sep 1952.
325. **Sarena Melissa Meek** was born 15 Aug 1878. She married **John E. Wright**. She died 14 Jan 1961.
213. **Calvin Jackson Meek** was born on 7 Jan 1840 in Carroll Co., AR. He died on 12 Nov 1923. He married **Rebecca Jane Lawrence** on 3 Jul 1864. She was born on 22 Mar 1849. She died on 27 Sep 1917 in San Benetio, CA.
331. **Rachel Evelyn Meek** was born 11 Apr 1865. She married **Charles M. Chatwood**. She died 12 Apr 1925.
332. **Jacob Allen Meek** was born 24 Feb 1868 Los Angeles, CA.
333. **John Meek** was born 17 Feb 1869 Los Angeles. He died 1871 in Los Angeles.
334. **William Jasper Meek** was born 28 Mar 1913. He married **Barbary J. Main**. He died 15 Feb 1937.
335. **Lucy Jane Meek** was born 30 Sep 1873. She married **Joseph Coulthard**. She died 25 Dec 1900.
336. **Sidney Marcus Meek** was born 6 Oct 1876. He married **Myrtle I. Williams**. She died 4 May 1919.
337. **Calvin David Meek** was born 1878. He married **Violet Meek**. He died 1947.
338. **Myrtle Meek** was born 1881. She died 27 Feb 1892.
339. **Sadie Meek** was born 1884. She died 24 Feb 1892.
340. **Albert Lawrence Meek** was born 1886. She married **Edyth F. Harmond**. She died 23 Sep 1950.
341. **Alva L. Meek** was born 1886. He died 24 Jan 1892.
342. **Samuel Arthur Meek** was born 14 Dec 1890. He married **Ellen C. Ipson**. He died 2 May 1942.
214. **Silas N. Meek** was born on 9 Nov 1841 in Carroll Co., AR. He died on 27 Jan 1862 in Carroll Co., AR. Died unmarried.
215. **Samuel Binks Meek** was born on 15 Sep 1843. He died on 24 Mar 1894. He married (1)**Susan E. \_\_\_\_\_**. She was born in 1846 in Tennessee. She died before 1886. He married (2)**Roena Cox**. She was born in 1870 in Carroll Co., AR. She died in 1960.
351. **Lena Meek** was born Apr 1887. She married **J. L. Roach**.
352. **Thulla Joy Meek** was born 13 Aug 1889. She married **Will Thatcher**.
353. **Sue Alta Meek** was born 23 Aug 1891. She married **A. C. Betts**.
354. **Joel Binx Meek** was born 15 Sep 1893. He married **Beth Thomas**.
216. **Elizabeth Ann Meek** was born on 23 Oct 1846 in Carroll Co., AR. She died on 19 Apr 1912 in Modesto, CA. She was married to **George Henry Wilson** in 1864. He was born in Apr 1843 in Tennessee.
217. **Serena Louisa Meek** was born on 5 Mar 1848 in Carroll Co., AR. She died in Carroll Co., AR. She married **Jesse Waldo Freeman** in 1864 in Carroll Co., AR. He was born on 15 Mar 1846 in White Co., TN. He died on 28 Nov 1933 in Carroll Co., AR.
218. **Matilda Evelyn Meek** was born on 27 Apr 1851 in Carroll Co., AR. She married to **Samuel Levi Fanning** about 1868 in Carroll Co., AR. He was born on 12 Feb 1846 in Morgan Co., IL. He died on 18 Dec 1926 in Carroll Co., AR. She died on 20 May 1926 in Carroll Co., AR.
- Jacob married (2) **Elizabeth Eveline Dennis** about 1862 in Carroll Co., AR. She was born 28 Dec 1843 in Missouri. She died 16 Mar 1913 in Carroll Co., AR.
- 219 **Margaret Jane Meek** was born 12 Jul 1863. She died 2 Feb 1936. She married **William H. Hodges** on 8 Aug 1879 in Carroll Co., AR.
220. **Ophelia Alice Meek** was born 13 Jul 1864. She died 17 Dec 1926. She married **Winfield Scott Grim** 3 Aug 1884.
102. **Evelyn Meek** was born about 1812 in Kentucky.
103. **Elizabeth Ann Meek** was born on 25 Mar 1814 in Tennessee. She married **Arthur Asher Baker** about 1836. He was born on 20 Jan 1809 in Tennessee. He died on 8 Mar 1890 in Carroll Co., AR. She died on 3 Jun 1899 in Carroll Co.
221. **Almeda M. Baker** was born 6 Feb 1843 in Carroll Co., AR.

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222. **Ann Elizabeth Baker** was born in 1837.  
223. **Margaret Baker** was born in 1839.  
224. **Malissa Jane Baker** was born in 1841.  
225. **David Wlaker Baker** was born in 1844.  
226. **Alford T. Baker** was born in 1848.  
227. **Alinda C. Baker** was born in 1849
104. **Nancy D. Meek** was born on 25 Apr 1814 in Tennessee. She married **James Chaney** about 1829. He was born in 1804 in Kentucky.
105. **Samuel S. Meek** was born about 1817 in Kentucky. He died on 28 Jan 1896 in Carroll Co., AR. He married **Mary Ann Dunlap** based on the death certificate of A. P. Meek. She was born about 1826.
231. **Harriet J. Meek** was born about 1846. She married **E. Laswell**.  
232. **Arena Frances Meek** was born about 1848. She married 9 Feb 1873 **Jehu W. Poyner**.  
233. **Sultena Jauniline Meek** was born about 1849. She died about 1883.  
234. **Alvin P. Meek** was born 22 Jan 1851 according to his death certificate. He died 10 Dec 1930 in Brown Co., TX. He married **Lucille E. Cross**. She was born 17 Jul 1861. She died 5 Nov 1949 in Brown County. He parents were F. M. Cross and \_\_\_\_\_ Watson. In 1870 he was in Berryville with his parents. He went to Bell Co., TX and in 1873 he moved to Brown Co., TX. His name may have been Alvis.  
361. **W. Arthur Meek** was born 12 Apr 1880. He died 17 Feb 1948.  
362. **Lee Meek** was born 16 Jul 1883 in Brownwood, TX. He died 6 Apr 1964. He married **Viola Cross** adopted daughter of Riley Yares Cross, brother of Francis Marion Cross father of Lucille Cross. She was born 7 Nov 1884. She died 28 Jan 1953.  
363. **Francis Eugene Meek** was born 8 Aug 1891 in Brownwood, TX. He died 23 Apr 1966. He married **Rena French**. They were divorced in 1935.  
This is the family of Kay Elmore.
235. **Elbert N. Meek** was born in Dec 1852. He married (1) **Irene Dora Trantham** 29 Mar 1874 in Carroll Co., AR. She was born about 1852 in Tennessee. They are listed in the 1880 census of Carroll Co., TN.  
364. **Artie Valeria Meek** was born 23 May 1875. She died 18 Mar 1913 in Huntsville, AR. She married **James P. Reynolds** 29 May 1893 in Carr Lane, MO.  
365. **Clemir** was born about 1877. (Male)  
366. **Moilie** was born Oct 1879.
- He married (2) **Amelia Trantham** on 12 Mar 1882 in Carroll Co., AR. She was born Apr 1863. They are listed in the 1900 census.  
367. **Lacie E. Meek** was born about 1883.  
368. **Villie O. Meek** was born about 1885.  
369. **Gertrude C. Meek** was born Apr 1887. She died 16 Feb 1919. She married **Samuel L. Morgan** 21 Aug 1910 in Muskogee Co., OK  
370. **Duckie J. Meek** was born about 1890.  
371. **Willie M. Meek** was born about 1892.  
372. **Lester L. Meek** was born about 1895.
- Information provided by Ann and Rhonda Weldon
236. **Martha Evaline Meek** was born about 1856.
106. **Delilah Meek** was born about 1819 in Kentucky. She married **James M. Blevins** about 1837.  
107. **Martha Meek** was born about 1822. She was married to **William H. Chaney** about 1840. He was born about 1816 in Tennessee. He died in 1897 in Los Angeles, Co., CA.  
108. **William W. Meek** was born about 1830.  
109. **Joseph J. Meek** was born 15 Mar 1831 in Tennessee. He married **Minerva M. Boyd** who was born about 1833. He was single in the 1850 census and by 1860 he had moved to Bell Co., TX. He died about 1871 in Bell County.  
241. **Arminta Meek** was born about 1854. She married **M. E. Laswell**.  
242. **Sam Houston Meek** was born about 1856. He died 13 Aug 1890 in Bell Co., TX.  
243. **Novenia Isabel Meek** was born about 1858 in Texas.  
244. **Mary C. Meek** was born Feb 1860 in Texas. She married **William H. Rodgers** 1878 in Bell Co., TX.  
245. **Robert Lee Meek** was born 18 Mar 1863 Bell Co., TX. He died 10 Feb 1929 in Ash-down, Little River, AR. He married **Victoria Clynes** in 1894 Bell Co., TX. He married (2)

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**Addie Beauchamp.** He was an M.D. and moved to Arkansas in 1905. He died in Feb 1929 Ashdown, AR.

246. **Laura Meek** was born about 1867. She is listed in the 1870 census but other reporters claim she was the daughter Keziah Farmer who died in childbirth. Laura was placed with the Joseph J. Meek family until her father remarried, then she is back with her family of 2 brothers and 5 half siblings in the Correyell 1880 census.

14. **Elizabeth Meek** was born about 1795 in Tennessee according to census records. She married **Eli Keith**. They lived in McNairy Co., TN in 1835. They are listed in the 1850 census of Titus Co., TX. Deed records name her husband and tie her to her father's estate.

15. **Polly Meek** was born about 1795 in Tennessee according to census records. She married **Matthew Pate**. He was born 20 Sep 1785 in Tennessee. He died Dec 1849 in Washington, IL. In the 1850 census she is listed as a widow. Deed records names her husband and describes her as a daughter and heirs of Jacob Meek. It also indicates they are from Washington Co., IL.

171. **Matthew Pate** was born 9 Aug 1818 in Nashville, Washington Co., IL. He died 8 Sep 1893 in Round Rock, Williamson Co., TX. He married **Catherine Faulkner** 22 Oct 1835 in Washington, IL. She was born 16 Dec 1818 in Washington Co., IL. She died 10 Oct 1867 in Texas.

172. **Joseph Pate** was born about 1813 in Washington CO., IL. He married (1) Matilda Love. He married (2) **Elizabeth Goodner** Jun 1836.

173. **George Pate** was born about 1825 in Washington Co., IL.

174. **William Pate** was born about 1828 in Washington Co., IL.

175. **Mariah Pate** was born about 1829 in Washington Co., IL.

176. **Lewis Pate** was born about 1830 in Washington Co., IL. He died 27 Feb 1886 in Indian Territory, OK.

177. **Jessie G. Pate** was born about 1835 in Washington Co., IL.

16. **Isaac Meek** was born between 1790 and 1800 according to census records. He was listed in 1830 census of Brown Co., OH. He died Sep 1831 in Henry Co., TN according to court records. Jeremiah Meek was appointed administrator of his estate and court records refer to him as being from Brown Co., OH. His estate sells land previously owned by his father, Jacob. The census record indicates that he had 4 sons and 2 daughters born between 1815 and 1830.

17. **Sarah C. Meek** was born about 1799 in Tennessee according to census records. She died in 1889 in Erath Co., TX. She is buried in the Hickey Cemetery. She married (1) **John Hickey**. He was born about 1795 in Henry Co., VA. He died Aug 1826 in Gibson Co, TN. His parents were John Hickey and Sarah. She and John Bibb lived in McNairy Co., TN in 1835.

111. **Sarah R. Hickey**

112. **Joseph Hickey** died at age 12.

113. **Isaac Hickey** was a Baptist preacher in Mount Vernon, TX.

114. **Delila Hickey**

115. **West Walker Hickey** resided Erath Co., TX in 1860 & 1870.

116. **Elizabeth Hickey**

117. **Jacob Hickey** died at birth.

118. **Jane Hickey** was born in 1826. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Stockton.

She married (2) **John Elder** in Gibson County TN on 2 February 1827.

She married (3) **John Bibb** about 1829 in McNairy Co., TN. He was born about 1790 in North Carolina. They lived in McNairy Co., TN in 1830 and 1840. They were listed in the 1850 census of Titus Co., TX.

121. **Nancy Adeline Bibb** was born in 1829.

122. **William C. Bibb**

123. **Mary Bibb**

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124. **Leticia Bibb**

125. **Joyce Emiline Bibb**

She was listed in the 1860 census of Erath Co., TX living with her son West Hickey.

18. **Eleanor Meek** was born between 1801 and 1810 in Tennessee. She married **Hiram Langston** about 1824. They lived in Washington Co., AR in 1835. She died in Rusk Co., TX. On 8 Dec 1828 they sell 16 2/3 acres of land previously owned by her father to John Witt. The deed names her husband and describes her as a daughter and heirs of Jacob Meek.

131. **Delila Langston** was born in 1826 in Henry Co., TN.

132. **Martha Langston** was born 1830 in Washington Co., IL.

133. **Jesse Langston** was born 1833 in Washington Co., IL.

134. **Mary Elizabeth Langston** was born 1835 in Washington Co., AR.

135. **James Langston** was born 1841 in Newton Co., MO.

136. **William Langston** was born 1842 in Newton Co., MO.

137. **Martha Langston** was born 1844 in Newton Co., MO.

138. **Andrew T. Langston** was born 1841 in Rusk Co., TX.

139. **Tabitha Langston** was born 1841 in Rusk Co., TX.

140. **Emeline Langston** was born 1841 in Rusk Co., TX.

19. **Rachel Meek** was born 3 Mar 1802. She married **John Witt** Dec 1820 although this unverified. (He was the son of Joseph Witt and Sarah Earls. They were married in Jefferson County TN on 25 Apr 1797 and then moved to Adair County KY in mid 1801.) John purchased several plots of land previously owned by Jacob Meek from his children. She died before Mar 1827 and does not appear to be mentioned in father's probate record. He married Charity Dunlap on 21 Aug 1828. Information provided by Gerald Witt.

141. **Joseph Witt** was born 3 Sept 1821 in Jackson Co. AL. He died 26 Aug 1881 in Lake Co., TN. He married **Julie Ann Atkins** on 11 Sep 1842 in Henry Co., TN.

142. **Isaac Witt** was born 11 Apr 1823 in Jackson Co., AL. He married **Nancy Jane Hamilton** on 23 Dec 1846 in Weakley County TN. He died about 1880. He sold his property in TN and left by horseback for TX. He never arrived. We have always assumed that he was robbed and killed.

143. **Elijah Witt** was born 15 Dec 1824 in Weakley or Henry County TN. Elijah married **Hannah Clark** in Henry Co. TN on 19 Oct 1848. He died 30 Dec 1898 in Center Point, Kerr Co., TX.

20. **Henry E. Meek** was born about 1806. He was appointed administrator of his father's estate. A Henry Co., TN deed record dated 6 Nov 1827 records the sell of 16 2/3 acres similar to other children of Jacob Meek. He was listed in the 1830 census of Henry Co., TN with a wife and one son under five. He was listed in the 1840 and 1850 censuses of Gibson Co., TN. He died prior to 1860 and his wife was listed in the 1860 to 1880 censuses of Gibson Co., TN. He married **Loranna Gill**. She was born 19 Jun 1800 in North Carolina. She died 23 Mar 1883. She lived with her son William through the 1880 census after Henry died.

151. **Thomas H. Meek** was born about 1829 in Tennessee. He married **Mary Ellen Jester**. She was born about 1830 in Tennessee. They were listed in the 1860 to 1880 censuses of Gibson Co., TN. Thomas was absent in the 1880 census

251. **William Meek** was born about 1855 in Tennessee.

252. **Thomas Meek** was born about 1857 in Tennessee.

253. **Robert Meek** was born about 1859 in Tennessee.

254. **Nancy Meek** was born about 1861 in Tennessee.

255. **Martha M. Meek** was born about 1864 in Tennessee.

256. **John E. Meek** was born about 1866 in Tennessee.

257. **George Meek** was born about 1869 in Tennessee

152. **William Meek** was born about 1834 in Tennessee. He was listed in the 1860 census of Gibson Co., TN living with his mother next to his brother, Thomas. He married Margaret \_\_\_\_\_. She was born about 1846 in Tennessee. They were listed in the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Gibson Co., TN.

261. **John W. Meek** was born about 1863 in Tennessee. He married Cecily A. Wright. She was born Jun 1861 in Alabama. They were listed in the 1900 census of Crawford Co., AR

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He is listed in the 1910 census of Crawford Co., AR as a widow with children Olla and Homer.

381. **Lilly Meek** was born Dec 1885 in Arkansas.

382. **Thomas O. Meek** was born Sep 1888 in Arkansas. He married Camille V. \_\_\_\_\_. They were listed in the 1910 census of Crawford Co., AR

431. **Harold Meek** was born about 1902 in Arkansas.

383. **Olla M. Meek** was born Jun 1893 in Arkansas.

384. **Altie Meek** was born Jan 1898 in Arkansas.

385. **William Homer Meek** was born about 1901 in Crawford Co., AR. He died in 1983.

431. **James William Meek**

A. **David William Meek** \*DNA kit#180060

262. **Mary Meek** was born about 1866 in Tennessee.

263. **Lorana Meek** was born about 1869 in Tennessee.

264. **Margaret J. Meek** was born about 1872 in Tennessee.

265. **James H. Meek** was born about 1875 in Tennessee.

266. **Susan E. Meek** was born about 1877 in Tennessee.

267. **Robert S. Meek** was born 6 Jun 1881 in Tennessee.

153. **Wesley Meek** was born about 1833 in Tennessee.

154. **Jefferson Meek** was born about 1837 in Tennessee.

155. **James Meek** was born about 1839 in Tennessee. He may be J. G. Meek age 30 in the 1860 census of Gibson Co., TN with Sarah age 5, Jane age 3 and Mary age 2/3. He may be J. G. Meek age 50 in the 1880 census of Gibson Co., TN with J. C. age 49, W. A. age 12 and H. L. age 11.

21. **Delilah Meek** was born about 1806. She married (1) **Bartlett Fry** 24 Jul 1823 according to bible records. He died before 1847 in San Augustine Co., TX. They moved to Texas in 1836. She Married (2) Neil McNeil 20 Apr 1847. They did not have children. She reported in the 1880 Erath Co., TX census living with her son, Isaac. On 19 Feb 1829 they sell 16 2/3 acres previously owned by Jacob Meek. The deed record names her husband.

161. **Garrett Fry** was born 15 May 1824 in Tennessee. He died 3 Oct 1824.

162. **William L. Fry** was born 28 Aug 1825 in Tennessee. He died 16 Aug 1871 in Hunt Co., TX.

163. **Julia Ann Fry** was born 29 Apr 1827 in Tennessee. She died in 1847.

164. **Isaac Newton Fry** was born 7 Dec 1829 in Tennessee. He died 20 Apr 1892 in Bosque Co., TX. He married Narcissa M. \_\_\_\_\_. In 1880 they had 2 daughters and 1 son.

165. **Thomas J. Fry** was born 21 Jan 1832 in Tennessee.

166. **Jerome J. Fry** was born 12 Nov 1834 in Tennessee. He died May 1862 in Mississippi.

167. **James M. Fry** was born 22 Aug 1836 in Texas. He died 13 Oct in 1836 in Texas.

168. **Mary C. Fry** was born 6 Jan 1839 in Texas. She died 11 Sep 1848 in Texas.

169. **John M. Fry** was born 17 Jun 1840 in Texas. He died 15 Feb 1863 in Pine Bluff, AR.

170. **Bartlett Wesley Fry** was born 30 Jan 1843 in San Augustine Co., TX. He died 26 Dec 1915 in Webb, TX.

22. **Nancy Meek** married **John Jones** 9 Dec 1800 in Cumberland Co., KY. She is listed in father's estate settlement, Henry Co. TN, June term 1827. Her Husband is mentioned. She was not living when the children sold their share of Jacob's land to John E. Meek on 1 Nov 1836. This reference was not seen by this author.

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Note: There was a Jacob Meek in the 1830 census of Dallas Co., AL age 50-60. It is not known who this person was and there is no information to identify him.

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### Jeremiah T. Meek will

bequeaths: son Joseph J. Meek of Bell Co my tract of land of about 133 1/2 acres situate in Indian Creek in said County of Bell; my 3 brood,mares with their 3 colts each making in all 12 head of horses & also my chesnut sorrel horse purchased of G. W. Wade; my yoke of oxen, and all the money about five hundred and eighty dollars. I now have in hand, and in accordance with my express will and desire, I do furthermore give and bequest to my said son, Joseph J. all the property of whatever kind and all the money of which I may die possessed or now have.

nominate & appoint my said son, Joseph J. Meeks executor of this my last will & testament .....

Witnesses E. Walker, \_\_\_\_ Cox

Bell Co., TX

Written 24 Aug 1861 and it was filed 24 Sep 1868

Probate began during the Oct 1868 Term of Court (Vol. C, page 254-255) Complete Feb 1869

## Jeremiah Meek

1. **Jeremiah Meek** was born on 25 Dec 1806 in Tennessee. He resided about 1836 in Carroll Co., AR and appears in the 1840 and 1850 census of Carroll County. He died on 24 May 1856 in Carroll Co., AR. He married **Jane Dunlap** (daughter of Jonathan Dunlap and Ann Sears) on 31 Dec 1829 in Henry Co., TN. She was born 15 Oct 1811 in Logan Co., KY. She appears, as a widow, in the 1860 and 1870 census. She died 2 Dec 1873 in Carroll Co., AR. Jeremiah Meek and Jane Dunlap had the following children:

11. **William E. Meek** was born 29 Sep 1830 in Henry Co., TN. He was listed in the 1850 Carroll Co., AR census with the West C. Culten family at the age of 20. His occupation was Carpenter. He married (1) unknown about 1855 in Arkansas. He moved to Texas about 1860. He died 4 Mar 1883 in Burnet Co., TX.

101. **Eliza Jane Meek** was born 18 Sep 1857 in Arkansas. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Pickett. She lived in Burnett Co., TX in 1883.

102. **James M. Meek** was born 4 Feb 1860 in Texas. He married **Theo E. Cowart** 3 Dec 1890 in Limestone Co., TX. They were listed in the 1900 census of Limestone Co., TX.

201. **Elias Meek** was born Sep 1889 in Texas.

202. **Nana Meek** was born Sep 1892 in Texas.

203. **Norman Meek** was born Feb 1895 in Texas.

204. **William Meek** was born Feb 1897 in Texas.

205. **Isam Meek** was born Nov 1899 in Texas.

103. **Mary Josephine Meek** was born 9 Feb 1862 in Texas. She married **J. L. Whatley** 14 Jan 1880 in Limestone Co., TX.

William married (2) **Martha Chism** about 1865 in Limestone Co., TX. She was born 21 Oct 1842 in Nacogdoches Co., TX. She died 23 Feb 1916 in Limestone Co. She was the daughter of Isham R. Chism and Mary Walling. Martha was the widow of John Chapman.

111. **Sarah Ann Meek** was born 11 Sep 1866 in Texas. She married **William Jordon Wooten** 27 Jul 1882 in Burnet Co., TX. He was born 10 Mar 1862 in Georgia. He died 21 September 1935 in Navarro Co., TX.

112. **Eli Haden Meek** was born 8 Mar 1868 in Texas. He died at age 14.

113. **Elizabeth Caldeonia Meek** was born 21 Sep 1869 in Limestone Co., TX. She married **Tom McKay**. She died 20 Nov 1898 near Ardmore, OK.

114. **Susan Elmora Meek** was born about 1871 in Limestone Co., TX. She died in 1924 in Amarillo, TX. She married **Fred Cobb**.

115. **Isham Meek** was born 22 May 1873 in Limestone Co., TX. He died 25 Feb 1960 in Mexia, TX. He married (1) **Mellie Lee Foster** 19 Oct 1893. He married (2) **Lula Foust**.

116. **Isabella Meek** was born 31 Mar 1879 in Limestone Co., TX. She married **Lee Fenner**. She died in 1967 in Wilmington, CA.

12. **Ely Wesley Meek** was born 21 Oct 1831 in Henry Co., TN. He died 8 Nov 1862 while serving in the Confederate Army.

13. **Susan Ann Meek** was born 23 Sep 1835 in Henry Co., TN. She died 26 Jun 1900 in Carroll Co., AR. She married (1) **James C. Ward** 2 Apr 1873 in Carroll County. She married (2) **Abe H. Clark** 16 Sep 1877 in Carroll County.

14. **James Monroe Meek** was born 5 Apr 1839 in Carroll Co., AR. He died May 1864 of wounds received while serving in the military.

15. **Elizabeth Paralee Meek** was born 18 Dec 1840 in Carroll Co., AR. She died 6 Jun 1923 in Young Co., TX. She was not married.

15. **Francis Marion Meek** was born on 1 Mar 1843 in Carroll Co., AR. He resided before 1873 in Limestone Co., TX. He resided in 1881 in Atascosa Co., TX. He resided Green Forest in 1887 in Carroll Co., AR. He died on 6 Dec 1905 in Newton Co., AR. He married (1) **Nancy Ellen Parker** (daughter of John Parker and Catherine Unknown) in 1867. She was born in 1848 in Kentucky. He was divorced from Nancy Parker in 1874.

121. **Amanda Jane Meek** was born about 1869 in Arkansas.

He married (2) **Martha Jane Favor** (daughter of Hartwell Favor and Nancy Fortner) in 1873 in Limestone Co., TX. She was born in Jul 1848 in Harrison Co., TX. She died on 9 Jan 1920 in Crawford Co., AR. She married (2) **John R. Collins**.

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122. **Susan Alice Meek** was born 28 Feb 1874 in Atascosa Co., TX. She died 26 Nov 1943 in Crawford Co., AR. She married **James Crittenton Stanphill** 9 Dec 1888 in Reed Spring, MO.
123. **George R. Meek** was born 30 Jan 1876 in Atascosa Co., TX. He died in 15 Oct 1955 in Kaufman Co., TX. He married **Viola Tudor**.
124. **Martha Francis Meek** was born 4 Mar 1877 in Atascosa Co., TX. She died 13 Dec 1950 in Lamar Co., TX. She married **Oscar S. Collins**. (She may have been married three times.)
125. **Sarah M. Meek** was born 14 Mar 1880 in Atascosa Co., TX. She died in 1 Oct 1965. She married **Charley J. Gage** 29 May 1898.
126. **James Alfred Moses Meek** was born 4 Jul 1884 in Atascosa Co., TX. He died in 30 Jan 1920 in Greer Co., OK. He married **Martha Leona Baze** 11 Oct 1902.
211. **Francis Marion Meek**
212. **Martha Jane Meek** married \_\_\_\_\_ Favors.
213. **Ann Mae Meek** married \_\_\_\_\_ Forgey.
214. **Lucille Meek** married \_\_\_\_\_ Hovis.
215. **Wesly Meek**
127. **Rosie Meek** was born 4 Dec 1885 in Atascosa Co., TX. She died in 27 May 1965 in Crawford Co., OK. She married **Pink Titsworth**.
16. **Tabitha Meek** was born 10 Dec 1844 in Carroll Co., AR. She married **Marion Jones** about 1861.
17. **Mary Cordelia Meek** was born 7 Jan 1847 in Carroll Co., AR. She died 16 Feb 1928 in Carroll County. She married **John Mason Parker** 13 Feb 1868 in Carroll County.
18. **Jonathan Ephriah Meek** was born 20 Nov 1848 in Carroll Co., AR. He died 12 Aug 1923 in Santa Monica, CA. He married **Marinda A. Tharp** 24 Nov 1872 in Carroll Co., AR. He resided Beaver Co., OK in 1894.
131. **William Annas Meek** was born about 1874 in Carroll Co., AR. He died Aug 1891 at Englewood, KA.
132. **Rosa Angeline Meek** was born about 1875 in Carroll Co., AR. She died 17 Feb 1926 in Utah.
133. **Lillie Olive Meek** was born 28 May 1882 in Carroll CO., AR. She died 5 Jun 1958 in Colorado. She married (1) Robert L. Lewis. She married (2) Olin L. Shedron. She married (3) James Roy Brooks.
134. **Frederick Monroe Meek** was born 17 Feb 1888 in Beaver Co., OK. He married **Cecil Turner** in 1906.
19. **Sarah Emily Meek** was born 20 May 1852 in Carroll Co., AR. She died 8 Jan 1938 in Young Co., TX. She married **William Sherwood Purselley** 2 Mar 1871 in Carroll County.
20. **Hannah Angeline Meek** was 4 Mar 1854 in Carroll Co., AR. She died 12 Jul 1942 in Carroll County. She married **James Monroe Littrell** 10 Oct 1875 in Carroll County.
21. **Jesse Albert Jeremiah Meek** was born 8 Dec 1856 in Carroll Co., AR. He died 12 Jun 1944 in Carroll County. He married (1) **Sarah Lucinda Purselley** about 1873 in Carroll County. They were reported in the 1880 census of Carroll County.
141. **Martha J. Meek** was born 8 Dec 1874 in Arkansas. She died 6 Oct 1932. She married **H. J. Griffith**.
142. **Mary Tryphenia Meek** was born 25 Jul 1877. She married **Welza D. Casey** 20 Aug 1899 in Carroll County.
143. **Faney Ellen Meek** was born May 1880. She married **Seth Green** 4 Nov 1896.
144. **Maude B. Meek** was born 1 Mar 1882. She died 4 Sep 1886 in Carroll Co., AR.
145. **Henry Groover Cleveland Meek** was born 16 Nov 1884 in Carroll Co., AR. He died 24 Jan 1938 in Carroll Co., AR. He married **Sarah Younger**.
146. **Jo Mima Meek** was born 7 Jul 1887. She died 17 Mar 1941 in Carroll Co., AR. She married **Fred Zalmon Hoback** 7 Jul 1907 in Carroll County.
- 147 **James Monroe Meek** was born 25 Jun 1890. He died 12 Jan 1942 in San Bernardino, CA. He married **Rae F. Bennett** 22 1919.
- Jesse married (2) **Dora F. Pyatt** about 1909-1913 in Carroll Co., AR. She was born 20 Mar 1876. She died 12 Apr 1950 in Carroll Co., AR.

Note: Jeremiah came to Carroll Co., AR with the Meek family from Henry Co., TN. He was probably the son of John E. Meek, son of Jacob Meek. However, there is no proof of this. Additional research is needed.

## John Meek

1. **John Thomas Meek** married Paralee \_\_\_\_\_.

11. **Benjamin J. F. Meek** was born 4 Jun 1839 in Tennessee. He died 19 May 1910 in Bee Co., TX. He married (1) Kesiah Farmer.

101. **George W. Meek** was born about 1860 in Texas.

102. **John H. Meek** was born about 1863 in Texas.

103. **Laura A. Meek** was born about 1866 in Texas.

He married (2) **Amanda Jane Biggs** 9 Feb 1868 in Bastrop Co., TX. She was born 20 Nov 1846 in Bastrop Co., TX. She died 25 August 1919 in Bee Co., TX. She was the daughter of Dorsey W. Biggs and Catherine Gordon. They were listed in the 1870 census of Bastrop Co., TX. They were listed in the 1880 census of Coryell Co., TX. They were listed in the 1900 census of Goliad Co., TX. They were listed in the 1910 census of Beeville, Bee Co., TX.

104. **Annie Catherine Meek** was born 21 Dec 1868 in Bell Co., TX. She died 4 Apr 1959 in Haskell, YS. She married **Rufus Hallmark**.

105. **Mattie Meek** was born 16 Apr 1872 in Bastrop Co., TX. She died 21 Feb 1936 in Hidalgo Co., TX. She married **Wiley P. Hawkins** in 1890. Brookhaven, TX.

16. **Benjamin F. Meek** was born 6 Aug 1874 in Bell Co., TX. He died 24 Oct 1918 in Bee Co., TX. He married (1) **Claudia May McDanel** 2 Jun 1902 in Shawnee, OK. He married (3) Joan Bury.

201. **Jesse Meek**

201. **Luther Meek**

107. **William H. Meek** was born 28 Jul 1876 in Texas. He died 16 Nov 1959 in Terrell, TX. He married **Bessie Woodruff**. He was listed with his parents in the 1910 census.

108. **Dorsey Valentine Meek** was born 8 Jul 1879. He died 2 May 1968 in Bee Co., TX. He married **Ada Farmer** 10 Oct 1903 in Goliad Co., TX. She was born about 1881. They were listed in the 1920 census of Bee Co., TX.

231. **Fay Meek** was born about 1905 in Texas.

232. **May Meek** was born about 1909 in Texas.

233. **Gordon Meek** was born about 1911 in Texas.

234. **Grace Meek** was born about 1911 in Texas.

109. **Minnie Meek** was born 9 Feb 1882 in Brookhaven, Harris Co., TX. She died 27 Oct 1966. She married **Presley M. Baker** 20 Oct 1903 in Goliad Co., TX.

110. **Sunshine Meek** was born 31 May 1887 in Brookhaven, TX. She died 20 Nov 1970 in Orange Co., CA. She married **Charles Whitman Young** 5 Jan 1910 in Bee Co., TX.

Note: Y-DNA from a descendant of John Meek matches that of a descendant of Jeremiah Meek, son of Jacob Meek of Henry Co., TN. This is a unique marker pattern within the larger Group B.

## William Wesley Meek

1. **Wesley William Meek** was born about 1812 in Tennessee. He married **Mary** \_\_\_\_\_ about 1834. Her name may have been McBroom. They were listed in the 1850 census of Union Co., AR. She was listed as head of household in the 1860 census of San Augustine Co, TX.
  11. **Benjamin Meek** was born about 1837 in Mississippi.
  12. **William J. Meek** was born about 1838 in Mississippi.
  13. **James D. Meek** was born 1839 in Mississippi.
  14. **John Wesley Meek** was born about 1840 in Mississippi. He died in 1904 in Brady, TX.
    111. **Drizella Meek** was born Jan 1879 in Runnels Co., TX.
  15. **Thomas J. Meek** was born about 1841 in Mississippi. He married **Amanda McBroom** 8 Sep 1859 at San Augustine Co, TX. They were listed in the 1860 census of San Augustine Co, TX (name spelled Meix). Thomas died in the Civil War. Amanda married (2) William Goss. They were listed in the 1870 census of Shelby Co., TX. Her son William Meek was listed as William Doss age 9.
    101. **William Wesley Meek(s)** was born Oct 1860 at San Augustine Co, TX. He married (1) **Martha Lisenby** in 1879. (She was the daughter of John R. Lisenby.) They were listed in the 1880 census of De Soto Co., LA. He was listed in the 1900 census of Shelby Co., TX.
      201. **Luella Meeks** was born about 1875 in Louisiana. She was probably not a daughter of William.
      202. **William Henry Meeks** was born about 1880 in Texas. He died 3 Feb 1938. He married **Ollie Swan**.
        301. Son born about 1904
        302. **Cristal Meeks** was born about 1909.
        303. Son was born about 1910.
        304. **Martha Meeks** was born about 1911.
        305. **Ruth Meeks** was born about 1913.
    203. **Ambers Meeks** was born 22 Feb 1882 in DeSoto Parish, LA. He died 5 Jul 1964 Center, Shelby Co., TX. He married Gertrude **Mable Crawford Johnson** 7 Dec 1912 in Shelby Co, TX. She was born 18 May 1891 Georgetown, Grant Parish, LA. She died 25 Jun 1967 in Houston, Harris Co., TX.
      311. **Bennis Wesley Meeks** was born 1 Jan 1914 in Neuville, Shelby Co., TX. He died 24 Dec 1991 in Shelby Co., TX. He married (1) **Thelma Risinger** about 1934. They were divorced about 1936. He married (2) Gwendolyn Kyle 9 Apr 1938 in Carthage, Panola Co., TX.
      312. **Alice Irene Meeks** was born 2 Jul 1916, Shelby Co., TX.
      313. **William Weldon Meeks** was born 8 Sep 1918 in Center TWP, Shelby Co., TX. He died 5 Sep 1932 Shelby Co., TX.
      314. **Ambers Dale Meeks** was born 24 Aug 1922 in Center TWP, Shelby Co., TX. He died 18 Mar 2004, Three Rivers, Live Oak Co., TX. He married (1) **Daisy Stringer**. They were divorced. He married (2) Lynette Wright, 13 Jul 1950.
    401. **Charles Meeks**
  204. **Lula Meeks** was born about 1887 in Texas.
  205. **Alice Meeks** was born May 1890 in Texas.
  206. **Eddie Deanna Meeks** was born 7 Mar 1893. She married (1) **Asbury Adams**. She married (2) Avery Bowman Crawford 27 Oct 1911.  
He married (2) **Anna Counts Shivery**. She was born about 1884. She was listed in the 1930 census of Shelby Co., TX.
    207. **Willie Meeks** was born about 1905 in Shelby Co., TX.
    208. **Simeon Meeks** was born Shelby Co., TX.
    209. **Julie Meeks** was born about 1909.
  16. **Jacob W. Meek** was born about 1845 in Mississippi.
  17. **Mary A. Meek** was born about 1849 in Louisiana.

Note: Y-DNA from a descendant of William Wesley Meek matches that of a descendant of Jeremiah Meek, son of Jacob Meek of Henry Co., TN. This is a unique marker pattern within the larger Group B.

## Chapter 8

### Jacob Meek of Carroll Co., AR

2. **Jacob Meek** was born about 1764 based on census records. His place of birth is unknown. When and where he died is unknown. He was likely the person who signed the marriage bond for John Robert on 9 Dec 1796 in Blount Co., TN. His son Lorenzo was reported in the 1865 Kansas census as being born in East Tennessee. He was likely the same person listed in the 1830 census of Cape Girardeau, MO. Also listed were John Roberts and several Blevins who later went to Carroll Co., AR. He was listed in the 1832 and 1833 tax list of Izard Co., AR. He was listed in the 1834 and 1837 tax lists of Carroll Co., AR. He was listed in the 1840 census of White TWP Carroll Co., AR age 70-80. (Note: Carroll County was formed in 1833 from Izard County. Newton County was formed in 1842 from Carroll County.) He was listed in the 1850 census of Navarro Co., TX living near his children.

He was immortalized in Goodspeed's History of Northwest Arkansas AR, Page 335:

"1832 on Long Creek below Carrollton. There were then living in the vicinity of Carrollton, Martin Standridge, his father, "**Shot-Gun**" **Jerry Meeks** and his brother, "**Blue**" **Jacob Meeks**, "Black Squire Blevins, Richard Blevins, Sam Blevins & others of Cherokee & English descent, whose society was not appreciated by their neighbors. They were from Georgia and had not been living in this county many years prior to 1832."

Note: While some members of the larger group may have been from Georgia, there is no evidence that the Meeks were from Georgia.

His wife was not in the 1840 census and is unknown. (Note: Many people have reported that he married **Sarah Blevins**, a sister to Elizabeth who married Jacob's probable brother Jeremiah. However, the source for this is unknown.) There is no evidence known to this author to prove who Jacob's children were. It is assumed that those people who moved from Carroll Co., AR to Navarro Co., TX are more likely to be Jacob's children than those of any person named Meek. This descendant chart is highly speculative.

11. **George Washington Meek** was born in 1807 in Tennessee. He was probably the person named Washington in the 1834-1838 tax lists of Carroll Co., AR. He was listed in the 1850 census of Navarro Co., TX. He was listed in the 1860 census of Johnson Co., TX. He married **Elizabeth Ritter**. She was born 11 Jul 1810 in North Carolina. She may be the older woman living with Enoch in the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Benton Co., AR.

101. **Sarah Meek** was born about 1835 in Arkansas. She was listed with her father in 1850 (Sarah age 15 AR). She married **Edd Barton**.

102. **Nancy Meek** was born in 1838 in Arkansas. She died 27 Apr 1912 in Archer Co., TX. She was listed with her father in 1850 (Nancy age 12 AR). She married **James Charles Colgan** on 24 Feb 1858. He was born in 1826 in Ireland.

201. **John W. Colgan** was born in 1858.

202. **Susan Elizabeth Colgan** was born in 1861.

203. **Frances Marion Colgan** was born in 1866.

204. **Julia May Colgan** was born in 1869.

205. **Mary Eliza Colgan** was born in 1871.

206. **Enoch Thomas Colgan** was born in 1874.

207. **Ella Rhoda Colgan** was born in 1877.

208. **Nancy Martha Colgan** was born 13 Nov 1864. She married **David Campbell McAnally** 28 Aug 1880.

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103. **Enoch Meek** was born about 1841 in Arkansas. He was listed with his father in 1850 (Enoch age 9 AR). He was listed in the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Benton Co., AR. He married (1) Sarah Skaggs. This marriage ended in divorce. He married (2) **Malinda Ellen Wells** about 1890. She was born 26 May 1841. She died 7 Jan 1929. They were listed in the 1900 census of Sulphur Springs TWP, Benton Co., AR. They were listed in the 1910 census of Wallace TWP, Benton Co., AR.
211. **George Washington Meek** was born in 1894.
212. **Elizabeth Jane Meek** was born in 27 Jan 1897.
213. **John Wesley Meek** was born in 1900.
214. **Ruphus Marion Meek** was born in 17 Sep 1901.
104. **Marion Francis Meek** was born about 1845 in Arkansas. He was listed with his father in 1850 (Marion age 5 AR). He was killed during Civil War. Served in the 8th infantry Co. D "Moody True Blues" of Clark City, MS. He was a 2nd Lt.
12. **Lorenzo Dow Meek** was born in 1813 in Tennessee. Some genealogies say he died on 8 Mar 1882. However, he may have died in 1900 in El Reno OK and lived in Washita Co., OK. He was listed in the 1840 census of Carroll Co., AR. He was listed in the 1850 census of Navarro Co., TX living near his father. He was listed in the 1865 state census of Jackson TWP, Riley Co., KS. He was listed in the 1870 census of Sheridan TWP, Ottawa Co., KS. He was listed in the 1875 state census of Logan TWP, Ottawa Co., KS. He married **Rhoda Hampton**. She was born about 1814 in Kentucky.
105. **Sarah Meek** was born about 1837 in Arkansas. She was listed with her father in 1850 (Sarah age 13 AR).
106. **Elizabeth Meek** was born about 1841 in Arkansas. She was listed with her father in 1850 (Elizabeth age 9 AR).
107. **Jacob Meek** was born about 1844 in Missouri. He was listed with his father in 1850 (Jacob age 6 AR). He married **Lucinda Branscomb**.
223. **Charles Adolphus Meek** was born about 1868 in Kansas.
224. **Henry Meek** was born about 1869 in Kansas.
108. **Rhoda Meek** was born about 1846 in Texas. She was listed with her father in 1850 (Roda age 4 TX). She married **James Branscomb**.
109. **David Meek** was born about 1852 in Texas.
- He married (2) **Eliza Jane Pointer**.
110. **Lucinda Evaline Meek** was born in 1859 in Texas. She married **Alfred S. Wells**.
111. **George Meek** was born in 1860 in Missouri.
112. **Isom Meek** was born in 1864 in Missouri.
113. **Josephine Meek** was born in 1865 in Kansas.
114. **Martha Meek** was born in 1867 in Kansas.
115. **Samuel Meek** was born in 1870 in Kansas.
116. **Richard D. Meek** was born in 1872 in Kansas.
117. **Lorenzo Dow Meek** was born in 1874 Kansas.
118. **Eliza Jane Meek** was born in 1876.
119. **Ada Meek** was born in 1878. On Dec. 4, 1901, Ada Meek presented herself for testimony before the Dawes Commission to apply for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation by intermarriage. She states she married **James Hense Meek**, her second cousin, on Sept. 3, 1899.
120. **Alford Meek** was born in 1881.
13. **Simeon Meek** was born in 1817 in Tennessee. He was listed in the 1840 census of Carroll Co., AR. He was listed in the 1850 census of Navarro Co., TX living near his father. He died in 1862. He married **Laura A. Watkins**. She was born about 1826 in Alabama.
121. **William Meek** was born about 1840 in Arkansas. He was listed with his father in 1850.
122. **Jacob Meek** was born on 25 Feb 1842 in Arkansas. He died on 28 Dec 1928 in Robert Lee, TX. He was listed with his father in 1850. He married **Carolina Runnels**.
123. **John Seamon Meek** was born in 1843 in Arkansas. He was listed with his father in 1850.
124. **Mary Ann Meek** was born in 1846 in Arkansas. She was listed with her father in 1850.
125. **James M. Meek** was born in 1848 in Arkansas. He was listed with his father in 1850.
- Simeon married (2) Amanda Melvina Roberts. She was the daughter of Aaron Roberts and Sally Tart and the and granddaughter of John Roberts and Rachel Robinette for whom Jacob Meek was bondsmen at their marriage in Blount Co., TN in 1796. Amanda married (2) Harrison Loomis. Amanda filed for a civil war pension based on Simeon's service – as Amanda Meek in 1865. In 1870 she filed for pension benefits for their son – identified as A Loomis. Census records identify him correctly as Aaron

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Meek. Andrew Meek is not mentioned and presumed died young. She was listed in the 1880 census of San Saba Co., TX with her step son James Meek. Research by Barbara Ristow.

126. **Aaron Meek** was born 20 May 1859. He died 6 Oct 1920 in Tom Green Co., TX. He married **Elizabeth Victoria Vest**. She was born Sep 1862. She died 1 Dec 1912 in Tom Green Co., TX. They were listed in the 1900 census of Coleman Co., TX. They were listed in the 1910 census of Tom Green Co., TX. Aaron was listed with his daughter Laura in 1920 census.

231. **Naoma Meek** was born Feb 1882. She died 13 May 1960 in Taylor Co., TX.

232. **James M. Meek** was born Apr 1884. He died 24 Jun 1913 in Upton Co., TX.

311. **Adrian D. Meek** was born about 1909 in Texas.

312. **Edna Meek** was born about 1915 in Oklahoma.

313. **James Matthew Meek** was born about 1921 in Oklahoma.

233. **Laura Myrtle Meek** was born Jan 1886. She died 19 Mar 1976 in Taylor Co., TX. She married **A. B. Childress**. They were listed in the 1920 census of Taylor Co., TX.

234. **Ivy Melissa Meek** was born Feb 1888. She died 24 Jan 1975 in Taylor Co., TX.

235. **Charles A. Meek** was born Jan 1891. He died 7 Mar 1976 in Tom Green Co., TX. He married **Belva S. Stewart** 4 Feb 1912 in Tom Green Co., TX.

301. **Darwin Admurl Meek** was born 21 Nov 1912, Tom Green Co TX. He died 19 Jul 1989 Tom Green Co., TX. He married **Minnie Lorene Mullenix**. She was born 16 Mar 1915. She died 18 Dec 2000.

302. **Lillian Meek** was born about 1918 in Texas. She married **Gordon Lee Guttery**. He was born 11 Dec 1917. He died 9 Mar 1945 in Germany.

303. **Charles A. Meek** was born 2 Apr 1922 in Tom Green Co., TX.

304. **Earl Ray Meek** was born 28 Nov 1928 in Tom Green Co., TX. He died 7 Nov 2004 in Tulsa, OK. He married **Carrie Elizabeth Whittington**.

236. **Archie Admiral Meek** was born 7 Sep 1892 in Texas. He died 7 Mar 1976 in Tom Green Co., TX. He married **Bertha Isabelle Stewart**. She was born about 1897 in Texas. They were listed in the 1920-1930 censuses of Tom Green Co., TX.

305. **Lyda Morine Meek** was born about 1917 in Texas.

306. **Lila Norine Meek** was born Oct 1918 in Texas.

307. **Aaron Meek** died at age 2.

308. **A. B. Meek** was born about 1921 in Texas. He died in 1989.

309. **Audrey Meek** was born about 1923 in Texas. She died young.

127. **Andrew Meek** was born in 1862.

14. **William Meek** was born about 1818 based on military records. He died 9 Mar 1863 in Fayetteville, Washington Co., AR while serving in the Army as he and other soldiers were murdered with poison by a local merchant. He enlisted in Company C, Arkansas 1st Infantry Regiment on 12 Feb 1863 at Fayetteville, AR. A significant portion of what is known with any degree of certainty about William Meek comes from the pension record of his wife Mary

He was likely the person named William Meek listed in the 1840 census of White TWP, Carroll Co., TX (1-0-0-0-1//1-0-0-0-1). This is based on three facts; first his wife states in her pension application that they were married in Carroll Co., AR in 1836 and second his family described in his wife's pension application is listed in the 1850 Navarro Co., TX next to other Meek households that were previously listed in the 1840 census of Carroll Co., AR. However, he was not listed with his family in the 1850 census of Navarro Co., TX and none of the family can be found in the 1860 census. The ages given in the census are consistent with other records. Jeremiah Meek AKA "Shotgun Jerry" had a son named William Meek born about 1821 who had also lived in White Township. This William was listed in the 1850 census of Milam Co., TX with wife, Mary age 23 and no children. William W. Meek born about 1830 lived in Osage Township. This William was listed with his father, Jeremiah T. Meek, in the 1850 census of Carroll Co., AR presumably single.

He married **Mary Wallace** 8 Nov 1836 in Carrollton, Carroll Co., AR according to Mary's pension application. She was born about 1814 in Tennessee based on census records. Mary applied for a pension 11 Feb 1865 in Riley Co., KS based on the service of William Meek born about 1818. Mary stated in the application that her maiden name was Wallace. She stated that she had 6 children with William Meek with 4 living at that time. They were Elizabeth, Sarah, Rhoda and Perlina. Supporting statements by Jacob Meek and Lorenzo D. Meek were included in the record.

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Mary was listed in the 1850 census of Navarro Co., TX with five children including the four girls mentioned in her later pension application. Also listed on the same page were Jacob Meek Jr. age 27 TN and Lorenzo D. Meek age 37 in addition to other men named Meek who came from Carroll Co., AR about 1845. It is unknown whether William's absence was temporary. However she continued her relationship with him family for many years.

She was listed in the 1865 Kansas census of Riley Co., KS dated 10 May 1865 with her four daughters in the household of Jacob Meek age 48 TN. Also listed was James Meek age 17 TX. It is believed that Jacob Meek was the same person who provided a statement dated 31 Jul 1865 for her pension application. It is believed that he was a relative by marriage rather than a husband because in the 13 May 1866 marriage certificate for her daughter, Sarah, stated that Sarah was married at the home of "her Uncle Jacob Meek". In 1850 Jacob Meek was listed separately from Mary and her children. James Meek age 17 is not a son of Mary's and is probably a son of Jacob or other relative of Jacob's. Lorenzo D. Meek age 51 was also listed in the 1865 census of Riley Co., KS.

Mary Meek was listed in the 1870 census of Hill Co., TX at age 55 TN with the families of three daughters Elizabeth Hopper age 31 AR, Loda (Rhoda) Ham age 25 AR and Perline Schelonsky age 21 AR.

191. **Elisabeth Meek** was born Aug 1837 in Arkansas. She married William J. Hopper 23 Dec 1866 in Ottawa Co., KS. They were listed in the 1870 census of Hill Co., TX.
192. **Jacob Meek** was born about 1839 in Arkansas. He was listed with his mother in the 1850 census of Navarro Co., TX. He was not listed with his mother in the 1865 census. He was not listed as a living child by his mother in her 1865 pension application.
193. **Sarah Meek** was born Aug 1843 in Arkansas according to the 1900 census of Ottawa Co., KS. She died 1908 in Natoma, KS. She married (1) Charles Branscom 13 May 1866 in Riley Co., KS according to marriage records which say that she was married at the home of her "Uncle Jacob Meek". She appears in the 1870 census with her husband. She was age 26 born in Arkansas. Charles Branscom was born 3 March 1843. He died 9 Oct 1878. They were listed in the 1870 census of Riley Co., KS. Her age was given as 26 born in Arkansas. Sarah married (2) John Hill about 1879. They were listed in the 1880 census of Osborne Co., KS. She was age 38 born in Arkansas. They were listed with her Branscom children. She was recorded in the 1900 census Ottawa Co., KS as Sarah Branscom living with her son Edward Branscom and was listed as his mother. She was also listed in the 1905 Kansas census of Rooks Co., KS age 64 living with her son James.
194. **Rhoda Meek** Sep 1843 in Arkansas. She died 15 Mar 1914 in Kansas. She married Harman Hamm 18 Jul 1867 in Ottawa, KS. They were listed in the 1870 census of Hill Co., TX.
195. **Perlina Meek** was born about 1849 in Arkansas. She married Constantine A. Schelonsky 25 Aug 1867 in Ottawa, KS. She was listed in the 1870 census of Hill Co., TX without her husband.
15. **John Wesley Meek** was born on 4 Nov 1820 in Tennessee. He died on 6 Apr 1918. He was listed in 1850 in the Navarro Co., TX living near his father. He was listed in the 1870 census of Benton Co., AR. He married **Nancy Blevins**. She was born on 5 Apr 1825. She died on 29 Sep 1877.
131. **Polly Meek** was born about 1844 in Arkansas. She was listed with her parent in 1850.
132. **Elizabeth Meek** was born in 1846 in Texas. She was listed with her parent in 1850.
133. **Sarah Meek** was born in 1849. She is not listed in the 1850 census and this may be an error.
134. **Matilda Meek** was born in 1850 in Texas. She was listed with her parent in 1850.
135. **Lorenzo Dow Meek** was born in 1853 in Texas.
136. **John W. Meek** was born in 1855 Texas.
137. **Nancy Meek** was born 8 Dec 1856 in Texas. She died 21 Jul 1936 in Lampasas Co., TX. She married **Albert Louis Robinett** on 19 Jul 1877 in Lampassas, TX. He was the son of David Robinett and Elizabeth Clements.
215. **Alice Robinett** was born 30 Aug 1878 in Texas. She married **Ephram Priest**.
216. **Florence Robinett** was born 11 Oct 1880 in Montague Co., TX. She died 30 Jan 1964 in Lampases, TX. She married **Walter W. Allison** 21 Aug 1907 in Lampasas TX.
217. **Albert Louis Robinett** was born 7 Mar 1882 in Witcha Co, TX. She died 24 Nov 1959 in Dallas, TX. He married **Docia Therodora Latham** before 1909.
218. **Oscar Francis Robinett** was born 11 Feb 1884 in Burnet Co., TX. He died 7 Apr 1944. He married **Julia Ann Roark** 28 Sep 1909.
219. **Mittie Elizabeth Robinett** was born 11 Feb 1884. She Married **M. A. Conner**.

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220. **Richard Earnest Robinett** was born 1 Jan 1887 in Witcha Falls, TX. He died Dec 1970.

221. **John Granville Robinett** was born 21 Jan 1888 in Oklahoma. He died 20 Apr 1971 in Wichita, KS. He married **Helen Charlotte Webster** 4 Oct 1910 in Sweetwater, TX.

222. **Albertina Bertie Robinett** was born 13 Feb 1889. She married **Leonard Goss**.

Data provided in part by Debbie White

138. **Delilah Meek** was born in 1858 in Texas.

139. **Richard Meek** was born in 1860 in Texas.

140. **Isham Francis Meek** was born 11 Nov 1862 in Arkansas. He married **Lula Drennon**.

16. **Jacob Meek** was born about 1823 in Tennessee. He was listed with his father in the 1850 census. Also listed was Sally Meek age 23 TN. It is not known whether she was a daughter of Jacob Sr. or the wife of Jacob Jr. He was listed in the 1865 Kansas census of Riley Co., KS. This Jacob was not Jacob C. Meek who was listed in the 1850 census of Milam Co., TX. age 23 TN listed with Mary A. Meek age 17 MS. Some people report this Person as Jacob Clinton Meek b: 1823 married to Mary Ann Crocket b: 1823.

17. **Elizabeth Meek** married **Squire Blevins**. (Source for this child is unknown.)

18. **Sally Meek** was born about 1827 in Tennessee. She resided with his father in the 1850 census BUT may actually be the wife of Jacob born 1823.



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### Jeremiah Meek of Carroll Co., AR

3. **Jeremiah Meek** was born between 1771 and 1780. His place of birth is unknown. He lived in Blount Co., TN in 1802. He was listed in the 1831 and 1833 tax list of Izard Co., AR. He was listed in the 1834 and 1837 tax list of Carroll Co., AR. He was probably the person age 60-70 listed with John Meek in the 1840 census of White Township, Carroll Co., AR. (Later Newton County.) (Note: Carroll County was formed in 1833 from Izard County. Newton County was formed in 1842 from Carroll County.) This person is not Jeremiah T. Meek who resided in Osage Township.

He was immortalized in Goodspeed's History of Northwest Arkansas AR, Page 335:

"1832 on Long Creek below Carrollton. There were then living in the vicinity of Carrollton, Martin Standridge, his father, "**Shot-Gun**" **Jerry Meeks** and his brother, "**Blue**" **Jacob Meeks**, "Black Squire Blevins, Richard Blevins, Sam Blevins & others of Cherokee & English descent, whose society was not appreciated by their neighbors. They were from Georgia and had not been living in this county many years prior to 1832."

Note: While some members of the larger group may have been from Georgia, there is no evidence that the Meeks were from Georgia.

One descendant from Jeremiah's son Lewis and one descendant from his son George have 37 markers Y-DNA results from Family Tree DNA which establishes ancestral values for Jeremiah Meek. Jeremiah's ancestral values match the ancestral values for Meek Project Group B perfectly. The analysis is problematic because there is no proof that Lewis and George were sons of Jeremiah. However, Y-DNA proves that while related they did not descend from Jacob Meek who died in 1824 Henry Co., TN or Jeremiah T. Meek who lived in Carroll Co., AR. No other known Group B ancestor went Arkansas or Texas before 1850.

He married **Elizabeth Blevins** on 8 Feb 1802 in Blount Co., TN, according to marriage records. She was born about 1780. There is no evidence known to this author to prove who Jeremiah's children were. It is assumed that those people who moved from Carroll Co., AR to Milam Co., TX are more likely to be Jeremiah's children than those of any person named Meek. The son Jeremiah stayed in Carroll Co., AR. This descendant chart is highly speculative.

21. **John Meek** was born about 1806 in Tennessee based on the 1850 census and may be incorrect. He was listed in tax records for Carroll Co., AR between 1834 and 1840. He appeared on the census in 1840 in White TWP, Carroll Co., AR. The older man age 1771-1780 was likely his father, Jeremiah. He was listed in the census in 1850 in Milam Co., TX. He was listed in the census in 1860 in Johnson Co., TX. He was listed in the 1870 census of Stone Co., MO. In statements he made to the U. S. Southern Claims Commission John said that in 1864 he was a resident of Crawford Co., AR, in 1866 a resident of Newton Co., AR and in 1873 he was a resident of McDonald Co., MO. He married Jinnie \_\_\_\_\_. She was born about 1820 in Tennessee.

141. **Harriet Malinda Meek** was born about 1835 in Arkansas. She died in 1871. She married **John Harper**. They were listed in the 1870 census of Stone Co., MO. He married (2) Mary Austin.

142. **Elizabeth Meek** was born about 1837 in Arkansas.

143. **Jeremiah Meek** was born about 1839 in Arkansas.

144. **Thomas J. Meek** was born about 1841 in Arkansas. He married Melissa \_\_\_\_\_ 8 Sep 1859.

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145. **Esquire Hiram Meek** was born about 1843 in Carroll Co., AR. He appeared on the census in 1850 in Milam Co., TX. He appeared on the census in 1870 in Stone Co., MO. He died in 1872 in Joplin, MO. He married **Martha Jane Gentry** (daughter of Alan Gentry and Sarah Anderson) on 22 Apr 1870 in Stone Co., MO. She was born on 10 Mar 1850 in Taney Co., MO.
232. **William H. Meek** was born 1871 in Missouri. He died 12 May 1944. He married **Nora Alice Brown** about 1895 in Elk, OK. She was born 25 Jul 1880 in Texas. She died 25 Oct 1956. They were listed in the 1900 census of Indian Territory. They were listed in the 1910 and 1920 censuses of Stone Co., MO. They were listed in the 1930 census of LaFlore Co., OK. They were buried in Stone Co., MO. Tombstone dates conflict with census data.
301. **Martha Elizabeth Meek** was born about 1896 in Indian Territory.
302. **Lee Meek** was born 1900 in Indian Territory. He is not listed in the 1910 census.
303. **Myrtle Meek** was born about 1902.
304. **Jeff Meek** was born about 1904.
305. **Gladys Meek** was born about 1907.
306. **Edward Meek** was born in 1909 in Missouri.
307. **Unknown Meek**
308. **Maude Meek** was born about 1913 in Missouri.
309. **Rex A. Meek** was born about 1917 in Missouri.
146. **Mary Jane Meek** was born about 1849 in Texas. She married Janette McDaniel, brother of Tom McDaniel.
147. **Jackaline L. Meek** was born about 1854 in Hill Co., TX. She appears in 1870 Stone Co., MO census home of John Harper between John Meek and Squire Meek. She married (1) Samuel Massey. She married (2) Thomas McDaniels. She married (3) James Rainy. This is the family of Glynda Mae Campbell
148. **William Meek** was born about 1857 in Texas.
22. **Moses Meek** was born about 1811 in Tennessee. He was listed in the 1834-1840 tax list of Carroll Co., AR. He was listed in the 1840 census of Carroll Co., AR. He was listed in the 1850 census of Milam Co., TX. He was killed by Indians in Bell Co., TX on the Cowhouse Creek in 1852. The name of his first wife is unknown.
152. **John W. Meek** was born about 1834 in Arkansas.
153. **Henry Meek** was born about 1836.
154. **Sarah Meek** was born 4 Jun 1840 in Arkansas. She died 2 Jan 1863 in Texas. She married **Waddy Thompson Barton** in 1855 in Henderson, Rusk Co. TX. He was born 5 Apr 1834 in Pickens Dist., SC. He died 10 Dec 1917 in Whitney, Hill Co. TX.
155. **Lewis Meek** was born about 1843 in Arkansas. He married **Talitha J. Jones**. She was born about 1848 in Arkansas. They were listed in the 1870 census of Newton Co., AR. Talitha was listed as head of household in the 1880 census of Newton County.
251. **Elizabeth Meek** was born about 1867 in Arkansas.
252. **John Meek** was born about 1868 in Arkansas.
253. **Eliza Meek** was born about 1870 in Arkansas.
254. **William Meek** was born about 1872 in Arkansas.
255. **Mary Meek** was born about 1875 in Arkansas.
256. **Lutisha Meek** was born about 1878 in Arkansas.
156. **Rachel Meek** was born about 1845 in Arkansas.
- He married (2) **Rhoda Langston** about 1848. She was born about 1832. Rhoda's mother was Lydia Langston living near Moses and Rhoda in 1850 in Milam Co. TX. Rhoda also had a sister name Lydia Margaret born 1841 who married Washington Hill and a brother named William.
- Rhoda married (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson (possibly James). He was an Englishman, with whom she had William (Bill) Anderson, b. 1854 and Misellana Annabelle Anderson, b. 1855, (AKA Miscellacy Ansebella). The next we see of Rhoda she is listed in the 1860 census Denton Co. TX. She married (3) Elisha Dotson Hollowwa, The couple had two, possibly three, children, The first was James Martin Hollowwa (who may have been the last child of Elisha Hollowwa and his last wife; Lusinda Hollowwa) and Morgan Armstead Hollowwa.
- She married (4) **Asa Lorenzo Bullard** by who she had Elijah Jan 1868 and Mary 1870. Asa and Rhoda are listed in the 1870 of Hill Co., TX. The Hollowwa Children are also listed. They are listed in the 1880 of Young Co., TX. He died 28 Sep 1889.

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157. **Lydia Margaret Meek** was born 16 Apr 1849 according to her pension application. She died 30 Jun 1936 in Altus, Jackson Co., OK. She married (1) **Houston Blankinship** about 1865 in Spring Hill, Navarro Co. Texas. He died in 1865. He was apparently already married and they were together only a few weeks. She married (2) **William Sidney Killian** 8 May 1868 in Hill Co., TX. He was born 12 Jan 1842 in Tennessee. He died 9 Jul 1919 in McLennan Co. TX. He married (1) Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ in Madison Co., AR. Nancy died in 1867. William served in the Civil War from Washington Co., AR. William and Lydia are listed in the 1880 census of Montague Co., TX. Lydia applied for a pension in 1920 and mentioned her parents and only full brother, Noah. This is the family of Robert Kimble
158. **Noah Langston Meek** was born Sep 1850. He died Apr 1919 in Denton, TX. He had five wives. He married Lucinda Meek about 1878. She was born 20 Jan 1852 in Arkansas. He married lastly Ida Mae Ripley in 1900. She was born in 1875.
234. **Aaron Meek** was born on 20 Sep 1905 in Gholson, McLennan Co., TX. He died on 4 Dec 1984. He married **Jewell Lightfoot**, daughter of F. L. Erah Lightfoot, on 3 Jun 1945 in Waco. She was born on 23 Apr 1897 in Hill County. She died on 18 Jun 1985. No Children.
- Information provided in part by Dorothy Yates Jackson
23. **Jeremiah Meek** was born about 1815 in Tennessee. He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. She was born about 1827 in Tennessee. He was listed in the 1840 census of White TWP, Carroll Co., AR. He was listed in the 1850 and 1860 censuses of Newton Co., AR. (This is the family of Kathy Fine.)
161. **Eliza Meek** was born about 1837 in Arkansas.
162. **Elizabeth Meek** was born about 1838 in Arkansas.
163. **John E. Meek** was born about 1840 in Arkansas.
164. **Mary Meek** was born about 1842 in Arkansas.
165. **Richard Meek** was born about 1844 in Arkansas.
166. **George W. Meek** was born about 1846 in Texas.
167. **Rhonda Jane Meek** was born about 1849 in Arkansas. She died 2 Nov 1913 in Pope Co., AR. She married **Alexander M. Ross** 6 Oct 1866.
168. **Halaford Meek** was born about 1850 in Arkansas.
169. **William Meek** was born about 1854 in Arkansas.
170. **Eliza Meek** was born about 1856 in Arkansas.
24. **Lewis Meek** was born about 1818 in Tennessee. He married Mary \_\_\_\_\_. She was born about 1825 in Arkansas. They were listed in the 1850 census of Milam Co., TX. They were listed in the 1860 census of Bosque Co., TX living next to brother, William They were listed in the 1870 census of Williams TWP, Stone Co., MO living next to possible sons Moses age 25 and William age 18.
171. **Moses Meeks** was born about 1841 in Arkansas. He died 1879 in Colbert Station, Indian Territory.. He married **Martha Beach** in 1863. She was born 1840 in Arkansas. He was listed in the 1850 census with his parents. He was listed in the 1860 census of Bosque Co., TX living with his parents. They are thought to be the family listed in the 1870 census of Stone Co., MO living next to Lewis Meek age 55. Children James H. age 3, Nancy age 2 and Jeremiah age 1. Martha was listed in the 1900 census with her son Henry. It indicated that she had 7 children with 4 still living.
241. **John Henry Meeks** was born about 1867 according to the 1870 census of Stone Co., MO. He was **also known as Henry**. He was shot and killed at a dance in Bryan Co., Ok in 1902 according to family legend. He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ about 1888. They were listed in the 1900 census of Chickasaw Nation, OK. She had five children with 3 living. Also listed were Malissa Meeks, sister, born Dec 1877 and James Meeks, servant, born Jun 1879. She may be the Betsy Meeks age 56 living with Robinson and Julia Kemp in the 1910 census of Bryan Co., OK. She listed as a daughter. Also listed is Isaac Meeks age 24 grandson and Reuben Meeks age 19 grandson.
311. **Reuben Meeks** was born 20 Nov 1891 in Oklahoma according to two draft registrations and Social Security Death Index. He died Jan 1977 in Bryan Co., OK. He married **Hilary Tillery**. They were listed in the 1920 census Brown TWP, Bryan Co., OK. They were listed in the 1930 census of Howard Co., TX.
401. **Reuben Douglas Meeks** was born about 1912. He married **Gussie E. Rice**.
501. **Rondal Douglas Meeks** married **Betty Calloway**
502. **Norma Gale Meeks** married **Montgomery Gibbs Clark**.
503. **Wallace Dixon Meeks** married **Carolyn Sue Wilson**.
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402. **Henry Martin Meeks** was born about 1917. He had no children  
403. **Agatha Meeks** died at age 3  
312. **Docia Meeks** died young  
242. **Nancy Meeks** was born about 1868 in Arkansas.  
243. **Jeremiah Meeks** was born about 1869 in Texas.  
172. **Jeremiah Meeks** was born about 1843 in Arkansas. Not listed in the 1860 census.  
173. **Henry J. Meeks** was born about 1845 in Texas. He was listed in both the 1850 and 1860 census with parents.  
174. **William R. Meeks** was born about 1847 in Texas. He was listed in both the 1850 and 1860 census with parents. He may have been the William age 18 living next to Lewis in 1870 census.  
175. **Elizabeth Meeks** was born in 1850 in Texas. Not listed in the 1860 census.  
The following children were listed in 1870 census. The earlier children are out of the home.  
176. **Richard Meeks** was born about 1854 in Texas. He was listed in both the 1860 and 1870 census with parents.  
177. **George Meeks** was born about 1858 in Arkansas. He is not listed in the 1860 census.  
178. **Harriet Meeks** was born about 1857 in Texas. He was listed in both the 1860 and 1870 census with parents.  
179. **Eliza Meeks** was born about 1858 in Texas. He was listed in both the 1860 and 1870 census with parents.  
180. **Lewis Meek** was born about 1860 in Texas.  
181. **John Meeks** was born about 1862 in Arkansas.  
25. **William Meek** was born about 1821 in Tennessee. He married Mary \_\_\_\_\_. She was born about 1828 in Arkansas. They were listed in the 1850 census of Milam Co., TX without children. They were listed in the 1860 census of Bosque Co., TX living next to brother, Lewis. Also listed is Mary A. age 1.  
26. **George W. Meek** was born about 1824 in Tennessee according to census records. He died 1852 in Texas. He married **Martha Jane Sims** 15 Apr 1847 in Pope Co., AR according to marriage records. She was born 21 Dec 1826 in Alabama. She died 28 Jul 1880 in Pope Co., AR. They were listed in the Oct 16, 1850 census of Milam Co., TX. They were listed with George W. age 8/12 in the same household as Richard Meek age 28 AL and Elizabeth P. Meek age 18 AR. Martha is believed to be Martha J. Hill age 33 with Alston Hill in the 1860 census of Pope Co., AR. With them is James H. Meek age 12 and Richard Meek age 8. Pope Co., AR marriage records record a marriage on 6 Nov 1859 between Alston Hill and Martha Meeks.

George is not usually listed as a son of Jeremiah Meek and Betsy Blevins. However, his location in the 1850 census of Milam County suggests a relationship as does a Y-DNA test on a descendant. This descendant is a 36-37 match with a descendant of George's possible brother Lewis.

101. **James Henry Meek** was born 29 Jan 1848 in Choctaw Nations, OK. He died 23 Nov 1930 in Garland Co., AR. He was listed with parents in 1850 census. He married **Mary Francis Hill**. They were listed in the 1900 and 1910 censuses of Montgomery Co., AR. They were listed in the 1920 census of Garland Co., AR. He was listed in the 1930 census of Yell Co., AR living with his daughter Esther C. Anderson.

251. **William Henderson Meek** was born 10 Mar 1869 in Arkansas.  
252. **Esther C. Meek** was born 28 Apr 1878 in Arkansas. She married **Robertson Anderson**.  
253. **Lillie Drucilla Meek** was born 13 Sep 1879 in Arkansas.  
254. **John Arthur Meek** was born 14 Nov 1881 in Avant, Garland Co., AR.  
255. **James Oscar Meek** was born Jun 1883 in Buckville, Montgomery Co., AR.  
256. **Martin Luther Meek** was born 24 Aug 1887 in Avant, Garland Co., AR.  
257. Samuel Jones Meek was born 10 Jan 1890.  
102. **George W. Meek** was born about 1849. He was listed with parents in 1850 census.  
103. **Richard Henderson Meek** was born 25 Dec 1852 in Texas. He married **Frances C. Robbins** 13 Jan 1878 in Logan Co., AR. She was born about 1862. She died 18 May 1923 in King Co., WA. In the 1860 census of Pope Co., AR James H. Meek age 12 and Richard Meek age 8 are living with Auston Hill and Martha J. Hill age 33. Richard and Francis were listed in the 1880 census of Logan Co., AR. They lived next to Auston Hill age 62 KY and Martha J. Hill age 52 AL. They were listed in the 1910 census of Garland Co., AR. Richard H. Meek age 78 is listed in the 4 Apr 1930 census of Yell Co., AR living with his niece Esther C. Anderson.  
261. **William Henry Meek** was born about 1879 in Logan Co., AR. He died 2 Dec 1924 in Garland Co., AR. He married Mima Eliza Echols 17 Mar 1901 in Montgomery Co., AR ac-

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according to her marriage record. She was born 14 Mar 1874 in Arkansas. She died 9 Nov 1959 in Hot Springs, Garland Co., AR. They were listed in the 1910 and 1920 censuses of Hale, Garland Co., AR.

321. **Richard Meek** was born about 1902 in Arkansas.

322. **Dora Meek** was born about 1904 in Arkansas.

323. **John Meek** was born about 1905 in Arkansas.

324. **Viola Meek** was born about 1906 in Arkansas.

325. **Thomas Meek** was born about 1909 in Arkansas.

326. **Homer Meek** was born about 1912 in Arkansas.

327. **Walter E. Meek** was born in 1914 in Arkansas. He died in 1982.

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308. **Ida Meek** was born about 1916 in Arkansas.

262. **Joseph Meek** was born about 1887 in Arkansas.

263. **Thomas Meek** was born about 1891 in Arkansas.

264. **Ruth Meek** was born about 1896 in Indian Territory.

265. **Annie Meek** was born about 1904 in Arkansas.

27. **Squire Meek** was born about 1827 in Tennessee. He died 25 Aug 1864 in Little Rock, AR. His family is listed in the 1850 census for Milam Co., TX. He married **Louisa Nediffer** in Benton Co., AR. She was born in 1831.

182. **Lucinda Meek** was born 20 Jan 1852. (Is listed in 1850 census age 1/12)

183. **Henry Meek** was born 6 Feb 1854.

184. **Lizzie Meek** was born 14 Mar 1859.

185. **Lousia Meek** was born 8 Apr 1859.

186. **Matty Meek** was born 10 Mar 1861.

187. **Manny Meek** was born 5 Jan 1863.



## Chapter 10

### Other Related Families

The following abbreviated genealogies are for the Meek families who came to Washington Co., PA in the 1770's. Some information is not verified. While this book is not about the Pennsylvania families they are presented here to give the reader an idea of the scope of those families related to the Tennessee families based on DNA testing. The connection between them is unknown and could pre-date their arrival in America. There are other early ancestors born after 1800 whose connection is also unknown.

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B21. **Samuel Meek** was born about 1732 (source unknown). He resided in Bethlehem Twp., Washington Co., PA in Mar 1781 according to the tax list. He is also listed in the 1783 tax list and the 1790 census for this area. He received a land grant for land named Snake Den on 27 Jan 1785. The patent was dated 31 Mar 1788. Subsequent deed records indicate that this land adjoined that of John Meek. Samuel's wife Charity is mentioned.

Samuel served in the American Revolution as a Private in the Continental Line of Washington Co, PA Militia. (Vo. 2, p. 56 5th Series Penn Archives. Vol 4, p. 413 & 712, 5th Series Penn Archives.)

He signed a will on 27 Feb 1793 in Washington Co., PA. He died on 12 Feb 1799 in Washington Co., PA. His estate was probated on 13 Mar 1799. His wife and children mentioned in his will.

He married **Charity** \_\_\_\_\_. She signed a will on 6 Feb 1803 in Washington Co., PA. She died on 10 Feb 1803 in Washington Co. Her estate was probated on 21 Mar 1803. Many histories give her maiden name as Boyd. The will of Thomas Meek dated 29 Oct 1776 list witnesses William Boyd Jr., Charity Boyd and Benjamin Boyd. It is not known what the relationship of her husband, Samuel Meek was to Thomas Meek. However, it is unlikely that Samuel's wife would have been referred to as Charity Boyd in 1776.

11. **John Meek** was born in 1751. He is listed in the 1781 and 1783 tax list for Bethlehem TWP. He is listed in the 1790 census with one female. He received a grant for land on the North fork of Ten Mile Creek in West Bethlehem TWP named Black Oak Flat bounded by John Meek Jr and William Meek. The warrant was dated 01/27/1785. The patent was dated 17 Mar 1788. Deed records continue through 1806 and mention his wife, **Mary**. He also purchased land named Mt. Pleasant in 1790. He is reported in the 1800 census for West Bethlehem TWP, Washington Co., PA. He does not appear in deed records after 1806.

101. **John Meek** was born before 1775. He resided in Pittsburgh in 1820. The census reports one female age 26-45, one male under 10 and 3 females under 10. Washington County deed records establish the existence of a younger John Meek but his connection to John born 1751 is not established. He resided next to John Meek Senior and is mentioned in his deed records. He is listed in the 1800 census of West Bethlehem TWP, Washington Co., PA age 16-26. He had one son and one daughter under the age of 10. He is not in the 1810 census. Based on his will, John Jr. had connections to both Greene Co., OH and Philadelphia. He may have had two wives. His will was dated 14 Nov 1826 in Allegheny Co., PA. The will mentions his wife and children. He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_.

102. **William Meek** was born between 1774 and 1884 according to the 1800 census of West Bethlehem TWP, Washington Co., PA. A deed record dated 19 Nov 1806 refers to him as the son of John Meek and gives his wife's name as **Cassy**. He sells land 1804 that was originally part of father grant and resided next to his father. He may be man in either the 1810 of Washington County or Greene County. He is distinguished from other men named William by his age and the name of his wife.

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12. **Samuel Meek** was born on 1 Feb 1752 in Washington Co., PA. He died on 16 Feb 1843. He was buried in Old Cemetery, East Palestine, Columbiana Co., OH. He served in the Revolutionary War. He received a Virginia land grant on 23 Apr 1780 described as Rocky Ridge on Mingo Creek. Mingo Creek is in modern day Nottingham TWP. The patent was dated 11 Oct 1788. In 1789 deed records mention his wife Catherine. He bought a tract of land in Washington County called "Myrtle" adjoining "Snakes Den" on 10 mile run on 12 Feb 1799. (Deed bk. 1-P p. 49). This is also the date of his father's death. He was reported in the 1820 census of Unity TWP, Columbiana Co., PA with his wife. He married **Catherine Parkison** 26 Jul 1768 in Cumberland Co., PA according to church records. (Junken Tent, near Kingston, Cumberland Co., PA on the farm of Joseph Junken.) She was born 1 Feb 1753 the daughter of William Parkison. She died 7 January 1825 in Columbiana Co, OH.

111. **William Meek** was born about 1769 in Cumberland Co., PA. He was baptized Aug. 6, 1769 according to church records. He died in 1813 in Wayne Co., OH. He married **Rachel Macky**. She was born between 1760 and 1770 the daughter of James and Mary Mackey. William may have been the person reported in the 1810 census of West Bethlehem TWP. She may be the person reported in the 1830 census of Wooster TWP, Wayne Co., OH, age 60-70.

112. **Robert Meek** was born about 1770. He was baptized 30 Sep 1770.

113. **Samuel Meek** was born 1 Feb 1772. He may be the person in the 1810 census of Pittsburgh. (2-0-0-1-0/1-1-0-1-0) He was reported in the 1820 census of Unity TWP, Columbiana Co., PA, age over 45. He was reported in the 1830 census of Unity TWP, Columbiana Co., PA, age 60-70. He was reported in the 1840 census of Unity TWP, Columbiana Co., PA, age 70-80.

114. **Rachel Meek** married **David Cassidy**.

115. **Margaret Meek** married **William Magner**.

13. **William Meek** was born in 1755. His will was dated 2 Sep 1820 and Probated on 10 Apr 1821. He died on 9 Sep 1820 in Washington Co., PA. His will list his children

He married **Margaret Thomas** about 1790. She was born in 1756 in Washington Co., PA. She died after 1825 in Belmont Co., OH. She was the daughter of Samuel & Rachel Thomas.

121. **George Meek** was born on 18 Oct 1794 in Washington Co., PA. He resided in 1823 in Belmont Co., OH. ST Clairville, Richland Twp He died on 16 Jun 1869 in Belmont Co., OH. He married **Mary Ann Gayman** (daughter of Isaac Gayman) on 23 May 1811 in Washington Co., PA. She was born on 17 Jan 1795 in Washington Co., PA. She died on 6 Apr 1874 in Belmont Co., OH. They were listed in the 1850-1860 censuses of Richland TWP, Belmont Co., OH. In 1860 Mary C. Meek age 11 is listed but she is not in the 1850 census.

122. **Henry J. Meek** was born about 1796 in Washington Co., PA. He died on 1 May 1850 in Belmont Co., OH. He was reported in the 1820-1840 censuses of Richland TWP, Belmont Co., OH. He married **Anna J. Horn** (daughter of Christopher Horn and Catherine Watson) about 1815 in Washington Co., PA. She was born 30 Mar 1793 in Washington Co., PA. She died 11 Jan 1876 in Belmont Co., OH.

123. **Fanny Meek** She married **Richard Liams**.

124. **Sarah Meek** She married **Robert McMaster**.

14. **Richard Meek** was born in 1757 in Washington Co., PA. He died in 1815. He married **Nancy Cheney**.

131. **David Meek** was born on 15 Aug 1794 in Pennsylvania. No evidence has been found to identify his parents. DNA tests indicate that he shared a common ancestor with a group of men who resided in Washington Co., PA in the late 1700's. How he is connected to that group is unknown. He died in 1855 in Porter Co., IN while migrating west. The family returned to Coshocton County. He is reported in the 1820-1850 censuses of Coshocton Co., OH. He married **Elizabeth Geary** on 27 Feb 1814 in Coshocton Co., OH. She was born on 23 Dec 1792 in Sussex Co., NJ. She was the daughter of Cornelius Geary and Mary Elliot. She was reported in the 1880 census of Decatur Co., IA living with her son George. She died on 19 Dec 1881 in Decatur Co., IA.

15. **Mary Meek** was born in 1759. Spouse may be **Joseph Beedle**. He was born about 1749. They moved to Warren Co., OH and then Miami Co., OH. Later in life they moved to Wingate, IN. They are buried in the Beedle/Riffle Cemetery in Fountain Co., IN.

16. **Elizabeth Meek** was born in 1761. Spouse may be **John Hardesty**.

17. **Jacob Meek** was born about 1762 in Westmoreland Co., PA. (Other sources have given his date of birth as 3 Sep 1777.) He died 1848 in Hocking Twp., Fairfield Co., OH. He was reported in the 1820-1830 censuses of Hocking TWP, Fairfield Co., OH. He is not in the 1840 census of Ohio. He married **Sarah Smith** 1 Mar 1801 in Green Co., PA. She was the daughter of Dennis Smith and Elizabeth Zook. She was born about 1785. Jacob Meek and Sarah Smith had the following children:

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141. **David Meek** was born between 1794 and 1804.
  142. **James Meek** was born between 1794 and 1804.
  143. **Mary Ann Meek** was born about 1804 in Wash. Co., PA. She died on 19 Oct 1885 in Winfield, Cowley Co., KS. She married **Martin Beeman** about 1822. He was born on 2 Oct 1796 near Lake George, NY. He died in Jun 1848 in Kirksville, MO. She married (2) Andrew J. Burnard 16 Aug 1849. She married (3) Volentine O. Judd 28 Sep 1857.
  144. **Thomas Jefferson Meek** was born about 1808 in Pennsylvania. He married **Margaret Rudolph**. She was born about 1808 in Ohio. They were listed in the 1850-1870 census of Pettis TWP, Adair Co., MO. Margaret is listed in the 1880 census with her son Thomas. They lived next to James Meeks, age 22, and Jacob Meeks, age 22, in 1850. They appear to be sons.
  145. **Elizabeth Meek** was born about 1810. She married **Russel Dewey**.
  146. **Jacob Meek** was born about 1813 in Ohio.
  147. **Catherine Meek** was born between 1810 and 1815. She married **Jacob Staley**.
  148. **Pamelia Meek** was born between 1810 and 1815. She married **Thomas Clark**.
  149. **Abrahan Meek** was born between 1810 and 1820 in Fairfield Co., OH.
  150. **Isaac Meek** was born between 1810 and 1820.
  151. **Sarah Ann Meek** was born 1 Dec 1829 in Fairfield Co., OH. She married **Ephraim S. Fletcher**.
  152. **Amanda Meek** was born on 3 Aug 1826 in Fairfield Co., OH. She married **George W. Ury** on 30 Oct 1845.
  153. **Susan Meek** married \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers.
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**B25. Isaac Meek** was born 14 Jan 1746 according to family tradition. Census records support this date. He died on 12 Dec 1840 in Jefferson Co., OH . He was buried on Joshua Meek's farm formerly belonging to Isaac Meek. (source family tradition).

Isaac Meek buys 50 acres on Buffalo Creek from Derrick Hoagland in 5 Jun 1775, Deed Book 1 p13 . Lt. Isaac Meek served in the Virginia Militia in 1781 serving at Ft. Pitt and Ft. Henry. A person named Isaac Meek received a land grant 10 Nov 1785 in Ohio Co., VA. This land adjoined Silas Hedges. Silas Hedges was listed in the 1810 census of Brooke Co., VA. Living next to him was Jacob Meek, age 16 to 26. James Meek, age 26 to 45 was near by. This land is east of the Ohio River in modern day West Virginia, just a few miles from Washington Co., PA. By 1820 Silas Hedges, Jr. was in Harrison Co., OH.

Isaac Meek purchased 680 acres in Jefferson Co., Ohio on 5 Dec 1798. He settled on Short Creek near the town of Mount Pleasant. He is listed in the 1806-09 tax records of Smithfield TWP, Jefferson Co., OH. He was reported in the 1820-1840 census of Smithfield TWP, Jefferson Co., OH. Living in the vicinity was Joshua Meek and Isaac Meek, Jr. throughout this time period.

It is noted that there were other men named Isaac Meek living in the same area as our subject. Some records attributed to this Isaac Meek may belong to another person. There was a person named Isaac Meek reported in the 1810 census of Armwell TWP, Washington Co., PA over the age of 45. A person named Isaac Meek was reported in the records of SW Pennsylvania as early as 1773 in the area of modern day Fayette County. There may well have been two men named Isaac Meek that were approximately the same age and who live in close proximity to each other. In addition, there was an Isaac Meek who purchased land in Harrison Co., WV in 1778.

He married Mary Robinson 1770 Ohio Co., VA according to traditional genealogies. Note: Much of the information contained here is undocumented. Sources include family genealogists including J. W. Meek and Dwight Freeburn. There is no evidence known to this author to prove which Isaac Meek settled in Jefferson Co., OH or who his father might have been.

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11. **Sylvester Meek** died 27 Jun 1847. He married (1) **Rachel Hoagland** a daughter of Jacobus Hoagland. He married (2) Rachel Wood in 1812. She was born in 1797.

12. Rachel Meek married **John McComb** on 18 Sep 1791 in Washington Co., PA. The marriage was recorded in Ohio Co., VA.

13. **Moses Meek** was born between 1770 and 1780 in Ohio Co., VA. He married **Margaret Glass** on 16 Sep 1796 according to marriage abstracts from Ohio Co., VA. He is reported in the 1820-1840 censuses of Muskingum Co., OH.

14. **Joshua Meek** was born on 20 Mar 1773. He died on 4 Sep 1847. He married **Elizabeth Hedges** on 31 Oct 1797. She was born between 1770 and 1780. She was the daughter of Silas Hedges and Margaret Hoagland. They were reported in the 1820-1840 census of Smithfield TWP, Jefferson Co., OH. Census records indicate that Joshua had as many as 6 sons and 5 daughters. These records also indicate that the older female in the 1840 census was born between 1790 and 1800. This would indicate that Elizabeth died before 1840. The children are not verified.

101. **Joseph Meek**

102. **Mary Meek**

103. **Margaret Meek**

104. **Love Pumphry**

105. **Elizabeth Meek**

106. **Ruth Meek**

107. **Isaac Meek**

108. **Susan Meek**

109. **Jacob Meek** was born 17 Jun 1810. He died 28 Oct 1859. He married **Hannah Hasting** 8 Sep 1831. She was born 7 May 1811 in Ohio. She died 17 Dec 1876. She was the daughter of James Hasting and Martha Black. They resided in Byesville, OH. They are listed in the 1850 census of Smithfield TWP, Jefferson Co., OH. Hannah and some children are listed in the 1860 census of Jackson TWP, Guernsey Co., OH.

110. **Soloman Meek**

111. **Rebecca Meek**

15. **Elizabeth Meek** was born on 9 May 1776 in Ohio Co., VA. She died on 27 Jul 1842 in Guernsey Co., OH. She married **Beal Pumphrey** on 17 Apr 1794 in Washington Co., PA. The marriage was recorded in Ohio Co., VA. He was born on 7 May 1767. He died on 27 Sep 1843.

16. **James Meek** was born on 13 Jan 1778 in Ohio Co., VA. He died on 23 Jun 1826 in Mt. Vernon, IN. He married **Elizabeth Tingley** in 1802 in Warrenton, OH. She was born on 12 Jan 1783. She died on 8 May 1869.

112. **Eveline Meek** was born 15 Sep 1803 in Jefferson Co., OH. She married **Nathan Schugert**.

113. **Maria Meek** was born 12 Aug 1805. She married **Malon Melon**.

114. **Isaac Newton Meek** was born 4 Jun 1807. He died 24 Jul 1892 in Kinmumdy, IL. He married (1) **Margaret Cady**. Some sources claim that he married Virginia Shankland. However, this seems unlikely.

115. **Emily Meek** was born 10 Sep 1809. She died 11 Aug 1896. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Tierman.

116. **Love Pumphrey Meek** was born 12 Aug 1812. He died 9 Apr 1852 at Wheeling, WV. She married **George Bladen**

117. **William Tingley Meek** was born 7 Nov 1817 in Brownsville, PA? He died 8 Nov 1907 in Columbus, OH. He married **Elizabeth Shankland** on 2 Jan 1840 at Barnsville, OH. She was born 29 Jan 1823. She died 17 Jan 1902 in Columbus, OH. She was the granddaughter of James Barnes who founded Barnsville. They are listed in the 1850-1870 censuses of Barnesville, Clermont Co., OH. They are listed in the 1880 census of Columbus, Franklin Co., OH.

118. **Asa James Meek** was born 10 Jul 1820. He died in 1865. He married **Virginia Shankland**. She was born 25 Dec 1830 at Barnsville, OH. She died 10 Dec 1910. She was the granddaughter of James Barnes who founded Barnsville.

119. **Edwin Gray Meek** was born 5 Oct 1822.

17. **John Meek** was born on 7 Jul 1781. He died on 31 Dec 1860 in Cemet Co., OH. He married **Anna Jones** on 1 Jan 1807. She died on 25 Feb 1845.

18. **Jacob Meek** was born on 24 Apr 1784 in Buffalo Creek, W. Liberty, Ohio Co., WV. He died on 3 Dec 1870 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. He married Rachel Lanning on 11 Sep 1806 in Jefferson Co., OH. She was born on 24 Oct 1782. She died 3 Sep 1858 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. She was the daughter of Richard Lanning born 12 Mar 1763. He may be the person listed in the 1820 census of Guernsey Co., OH. They were reported in the 1840-1850 census of Washington TWP, Tuscarawas Co., OH.

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131. **Mary Meek** was born 9 Nov 1808. She died 13 Feb 1865. She may be the person who married **Cherdon Jones** in 1826.
132. **Elizabeth Meek** was born 9 Nov 1808. She married **Phillip Wolf** 4 Jul 1833 in Tuscarawas Co., OH.
133. **Jemima Meek** was born about 1810. She died 27 Jan 1883 in California. She married **Huston Beal** 12 Apr 1836 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. They listed with her brother, Aaron, in the 1850 census of Peoria, IL.
134. **Joshua Meek** was born 29 Jun 1812 (source unknown). He died before 1850. He married **Hannah Ripley** 7 Nov 1833 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. She was born in 1804 the daughter of John Ripley and Elizabeth Sheets. She died 14 Feb 1898. He was reported in the 1840 census of Clay TWP, Tuscarawas Co., OH. She was reported in the 1850 census of Warren TWP, Tuscarawas Co., OH living with the John Ripley (age 85) family.
135. **Hannah Meek** was born 16 Jan 1813. She married **Lambert Neighbour** 5 Dec 1833 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. She died 19 Oct 1843.
136. **Aaron Meek** was born 29 Jul 1814. He died 19 Sep 1892 in San Leandro, CA. He married **Rhoda Gardner**, daughter of James Gardner. She was born about 1826 in Ohio. They were listed in the 1850 census of Peoria, IL. They were listed in the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Scott Co., IA. The source for this family group is the J. W. Meek papers. Mr. Meek corresponded with some of the children. Census records were also used by this author.
137. **Annie Meek** was born 16 Jan 1818. She died 24 Mar 1834. Some data in published genealogies seems to conflict with data concerning her sister, Mary.
138. **Synthia Meek** was born 6 Sep 1815 in Jefferson Co., OH. She died 16 Apr 1903 in Alexandria, OH. She married (1) **James Loveridge** 11 Oct 1838 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. She married (2) Samuel Loveridge.
139. **David R. Meek** was born 1 Jan 1820 in Washington TWP, Tuscarawas Co., OH. He died 17 Feb 1901 in Washington Twp, Harrison Co, OH. He married **Hannah Moore** 28 May 1842 in Guernsey Co., OH. She was born 3 Feb 1824 in Harrison Co., OH. She died 3 Jan 1909 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. They were reported in the 1850 census of Washington TWP, Tuscarawas Co., OH living next to his father.
140. **Ruth Meek** married **John Ruley** 1 Jan 1849 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. Source Mrs. Freeburn. Not listed in the J. W. Meek papers.
19. **Mary Meek** was born on 28 Mar 1788 in Ohio Co., VA. She died on 8 May 1850. She married **Francis Scott** on 10 Oct 1809 in Jefferson Co., OH.
20. **Aaron Meek** married **Mary Lanning** 22 Oct 1812. He died in 1815.
- He married **Rachel Hedges** 31 Jan 1792. She was the daughter of Joseph Hedges and Margaret Van Meter.
21. **Ruth Meek** was born in 1792. She died 10 Aug 1810. She married **James Clemmins** on 14 Apr 1814 in Jefferson Co., OH.
22. **Isaac Meek** was born in 1795. He died in 1866. He married **Mary Storey** in 10 Aug 1820 in Jefferson Co., OH. She was born in 1802. She died in 1867. They were reported in the 1820-1840 censuses of Smithfield TWP, Jefferson Co., OH. They were reported in the 1850-1860 censuses of Washington TWP, Tuscarawas Co., OH. They were reported in the 1870 census of Washington TWP, Marion Co., IA living with son James.
141. **Love Meek** was born about 1825 in Ohio.
142. **Catherine Meek** was born about 1827 in Ohio.
143. Male Meek was born about 1830 in Ohio.
144. Male Meek was born about 1836 in Ohio.
145. **James Meek** was born about 1839 in Ohio. He married Hannah \_\_\_\_\_. She was born about 1837 in Ohio. They were reported in the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Washington TWP, Marion Co., IA
23. **Jemima Meek** was born on 26 Mar 1799 in Brooks Co., VA. She died on 20 Apr 1865 in Deersville, OH. She married (1) **Cornelius Howard** 29 Apr 1824. She married (2) Nathan Johnson 10 Apr 1830.
24. **Daniel Hitt Meek** was born on 15 Aug 1801 in Jefferson Co., OH. He died in Feb 1874 in Tuscarawas Co., OH. He married **Marilda Cole** on 7 Apr 1822 in Jefferson Co., OH. She was born in 1803. She died in 1874. They were reported in the 1840-1850 census of Oxford TWP, Tuscarawas Co., OH.
146. **Sylvester Meek** was born about 1836 in Ohio. He married **Lucretia Davis**. He died in Civil War. He is listed in the 1850 census with his parents.

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25. **Margaret Meek** was born between 1802 and 1804 in Guernsey Co., OH. She died in Feb 1874 in Harrison Co., OH. She married **Joseph Taylor** on 7 Aug 1823.

26. **Joseph Meek** died in Harrison Co., OH.

27. **Nancy Meek**. Died age 17

28. **William Meek** was born on 16 Feb 1808. He died on 12 Aug 1881. He married **Matilda G. Parterman** on 30 Mar 1845.

151. **Winfred Scott Meek** Resided in Ft. Scott, Jefferson Co., OH. He was reported to be in possession of his father's bible which indicated that Isaac Meek was born in 1746 at Annapolis, MD and that he was of Welsh descendant. This should not be considered documentation as it appears to be the work of a family genealogist and may be the source of the family lore regarding the progenitor.

152. **Addie Meek** married \_\_\_\_\_ Holmes.

29. Infant Meek.

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B22. **Nathanial Meek** died in 1827 in Pulaski Co., KY. He is likely the person listed in the 1783 tax list of Morgan TWP, Washington Co., PA In 1794 he signed an oath of allegiance in West Bethlehem TWP. He witnessed the will of William Iiams on 1 May 1795 in Washington Co., PA.

He was in the 1799-1816 tax lists for Pulaski Co., KY. The "Hoosier Journal of Ancestry" indicates that he came to Jennings Co., IN about 1816-1817 with other families from Pulaski County, including Basil Meek. He appears in the 1820 census of Jennings County.

Nathan returned to Pulaski Co., KY about 1822. His will was dated 9 Oct 1826 and probated 17 Sep 1827 in Pulaski Co., KY. He leaves everything to his daughter Polly Spenser. Research conducted by Gary Childs. The following children are often listed as the children of Jeremiah Meek born in 1739 based on an error in the book by Carleton Meek. However I believe this information suggests that these children were associated with Nathan.

11. **Nathan Meek** was born between 1775 and 1780 in PA according to census records. He died in 1822 in Jennings Co., IN. He paid taxes for land on Wolf Creek in Pulaski Co., KY from 1802 to 1812. Between 1813 and 1816 he appears in the Shelby Co., KY tax records. In 1817 and 1818 he is listed in the tax records of Henry Co., KY. In 1817 he obtained the SE1/4 S26 T6N, R7E in Jennings Co., IN and he resided there from 1818. There is evidence that made trips to Jennings County as early as 1816 and obtained land in that year. He married Sally Roberts on 15 Apr 1802 in Pulaski Co., KY. She died in 1862 in Jennings Co., IN. She was a sister of Nancy Roberts, wife of Jeremiah Meek. On 13 Apr 1802 Nathan Meek and David Meek post a \$50 bond. Connection to his children is not clearly established. Richard's marriage indicated that his father was Nathan. The 1820 census lists three possible children.

101. Female born between 1804 and 1810.

102. Female born between 1804 and 1810.

103. Male born between 1810 and 1820.

12. **Jeremiah Meek** was born about 1776 in PA. He died after 1849. He is listed in the Pulaski County tax records between 1803 and 1814. He is listed in tax records of Henry Co., KY between 1817 and 1818. He is listed in tax records of Jennings Co., IN from 1819 and appears in the 1820 census of that county. In 1842 he sells land in Jennings County and is said to be a resident of Pike Co., IL. He may have moved to Platte Co., MO. He married Nancy Roberts on 16 Jan 1804 in Pulaski Co., KY. She was a sister of Sally Roberts, who married Nathan Meek. He is connected to his father through an 1803 tax records which refers to him as the son of Nathan.

111. **John Meek** was born in Jennings Co., IN.

112. **Betsy Meek**.

113. **Jeremiah Meek** was born in Jennings Co., IN.

200. **George Meek**

114. **Nathan Meek** was born in Jennings Co., IN.

115. **Owen Meek** was born about 1821 in Jennings Co., IN.

116. **James Meek** was born in Jennings Co., IN.

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117. **Sallie Meek** was born in Jennings Co., IN.
118. **Cynthia Ann Meek** was born in Jennings Co., IN.
119. **Nancy Meek** was born in Jennings Co, IN. She married **John Sullivan**.
13. **David Meek** was born about 1781 according to census and tax records. He died in 1842 in Jennings Co., IN. He resided on Wolf Creek in Pulaski Co., KY according to an 1802 deed record. In 1816-1817 his name appears in the tax records for Henry Co., KY as David from Pulaski Co. In 1817 he obtained SE 1/4 section 20 T6N, R8E in Jennings Co., IN. He married **Cassander Eadour** 27 Jan 1803 in Pulaski Co., KY. David Meek and Samuel Meek posted a \$50 bond on 24 Jan 1803. His children are listed in the probate record.
121. **John Meek** was born in Pulaski County, KY.
122. **Samuel Meek** was born about 1810 in Pulaski Co., KY. Called "Big Sam". Moved with parents to Burnettsville, IN. He was listed in 1850 census, Jennings Co., IN. He married **Rebecca House** 23 Mar 1832 in Jennings Co., IN. She was born about 1816.
123. **David Meek** was born in Pulaski County, KY.
124. **William Meek** was born in Pulaski County, KY.
125. **Louis Meek** was born about 1813 in Pulaski County, KY. Called "Big Louis". He married **Jane McWhorter** 3 Nov 1842 in Jennings Co., IN. She was born about 1813. They are in the 1850 census of Jennings County.
126. **Mary Meek** was born in Jennings County, IN. She married **James House**.
127. **Sarah Meek** was born in Jennings County, IN. She married Amos McWhorter 29 Dec 1829 in Jennings Co., IN
128. **Nancy Meek** was born in Jennings County, IN. She married **Amasa Spencer, Jr.** 7 Feb 1833 in Jennings Co., IN.
129. **Catherine Meek** was born in Jennings County, IN. She married **William Spencer** 2 Mar 1842.
130. **Richard D. Meek** was born on 5 Aug 1817 in Summerset, KY. He died on 21 Feb 1864 in Jennings Co., IN. He married (1) **Nancy Crockett** 24 May 1832 in Jennings Co., IN. Listed 1850 census, Jennings Co., IN He married (2) **Eleanor (Ellen) House** on 15 May 1836 in Jennings Co., IN. She was born on 4 May 1817. She died on 10 Feb 1864 in Jennings Co., IN.
131. **Millisa Meek**
132. **James Meek**
14. **Sarah Meek** was born about 1782 in PA. She married **William Cummins** 25 Dec 1803 according to marriage records. William Cummins and William Meek posted a \$50 bond on 24 Dec 1803.
15. Elizabeth Meek was born about 1783 in PA. The connection to Nathaniel is not certain.
16. **Mary (Polly) Meek** was born between 1781 and 1785 in PA. She married **Amasa Spencer** December 17, 1801 in Pulaski Co., KY. Her fathers name is listed as Nathaniel Meek. Nathan's Will mentions his daughter Polly Spencer.
17. **Samuel Meek** was born about 1784 in PA based on census records. He died after 18 Aug 1860. He paid taxes for land on Wolf Creek in Pulaski Co., KY between 1802 and 1814. He is listed in the 1815-1816 tax records for Shelby Co., KY. He then moved to Jennings Co., IN and is listed in the 1820 and 1840 censuses. He was listed in the 1850 census of Platte TWP, Andrew Co., MO with wife Nancy and several children living next to his daughter Indiana. He was listed in the 1860 census of Little Osage TWP, Vernon Co., MO living with his daughter Louisa Dryden and son Andrew. He married **Nancy Childs** on 20 Sep 1803.
133. **Henry Meek** was born 7 Mar 1803 in Pulaski Co., KY. He died 15 Mar 1886 in Andrew Co., MO accord to death records. He Married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_. She was born about 1812 in Kentucky. He is listed in the 1850-1880 censuses of Platte TWP, Andrew Co., MO.
134. **Polly Meek** was born in 1806 in Pulaski Co., KY. She died on 24 Dec 1892 in Haden, IN. She married **Andrew Thomas** on 22 Sep 1825. He was born on 22 Aug 1803 in VA. He died on 6 Mar 1868 in Plymouth, IN.
135. **Sarah (Sally) Meek** was born on 18 Mar 1810 in Pulaski Co., KY. She died on 26 Mar 1892. She married **Elisha Boner** on 22 Jan 1829 in Jennings Co., IN. He was born on 4 Jul 1807. He died on 18 Apr 1881.
136. **Elizabeth (Betsy) Meek** was born on 10 Mar 1812 in Pulaski Co. KY. She died on 10 Feb 1855. She married **Henry Sullivan** on 15 Apr 1828 in Vernon, IN. He was born on 11 Feb 1806 in Lawrence Co., SC. He died on 26 Jul 1898.

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137. **Samuel Meek** was born about 1818 in Pulaski Co., KY. Called "Young Sam". He married **Julia Ann Childs** on 9 Dec 1838 in Delaware Co., IN. She was born on 15 Oct 1819. She died on 1 Dec 1857.
138. **Nancy J. Meek** was born abt 1820 in Jennings Co., KY. She died 16 Jul 1895 in Marshall Co., IN. She married **John Green** on 26 Dec 1841 in Jennings Co., IN. Lived in Fulton Co., IN. He married **Maria Baker** on 29 Nov 1822 in Jennings Co., IN. He married **Sarah Johnson** 9 Mar 1828 in Jennings Co., IN. She was born in Shelby Co., KY. They were divorced 24 Aug 1831.
139. **Willis S. Meek** was born on 2 Feb 1828 in Jennings Co., IN. He married **Margaret Jane Truitt** on 1 Jan 1854. She was born on 7 Sep 1830. She died on 27 Apr 1901. He may be the person listed in the 1850 census of Metamora TWP, Franklin Co., IN living with Milton Gerwing. Willis, his father and Milton Gerwing were all listed with an occupation of Cooper. He is listed in the 1860 census of Madison TWP, Jefferson Co., IN. He is listed in the 1870 census of Lawrenceburg TWP, Dearborn Co., IN. He is listed in the 1880 census of Lawrenceburg TWP, Dearborn Co., IN.
- He married Mrs. Nancy McFarland on 1 Sep 1831 in Jennings Co., IN. She was born on 28 Oct 1808 in IN. She was a widow with 2 sons at time of this marriage.
140. **Marcus L. Meek** was born in 1832 in Jennings Co., IN. He died 5 Jun 1913 Tarrant Co., TX. He moved with parents to Andrews Co., MO and later to Vernon Co., MO. He is listed with his parents in the 1850 census of Andrew Co., MO. He married (1) **Susanette Jackson** in 1853. She died in 1861. He married (2) Susan J. Elliott in 1867. She was born 24 Mar 1843. She died 4 Dec 1883. He married Katie Smith before 1902.
141. **Indiana Meek** was born in 1834 in Jennings Co., IN. Lived in Allen, KS. She married **Joseph Lanning** 22 Feb 1848 in Andrews Co., MO. He was born about 1824 in Ohio. They are listed in the 1850 and 1860 censuses off Andrew Co., MO.
142. **Martha Jane Meek** was born in 1836 in Jennings Co., IN. She married **Andrew Tribble**.
143. **Louisa Meek** was born on 28 Oct 1838 in Jennings Co., IN. She died on 20 Jan 1882. She married **John G. Dryden** on 6 Oct 1857. They are listed in the 1860 census of Vernon Co., MO.
144. **Francis M. Meek** was born in 1840 in Andrews Co., MO. Moved with his father to Vernon Co., MO.
145. **Andrew J. Meek** was born in 1845 in Andrews Co., MO. He married Julia \_\_\_\_\_. She was born about 1847. He is listed with his sister Louisa and their father in the 1860 census. He and his wife were listed in the 1870 census of Osage TWP, Vernon Co., MO.
146. **Marion Meek** lived in Vernon Co., MO before moving to Seattle, WA in 1890.
18. **William Meek** was born about 1788 in Washington Co., PA according to his tombstone. He died 10 Jan 1874 in Jennings Co., IN. He connected to his father by parental consent letter dated 13 May 1809.
- He paid taxes for land on Wolf Creek in Pulaski Co., KY from 1810 to 1816. He is identified as William Meek of Pulaski Co. in 1817 and 1818 tax records for Henry Co., KY. He is identified as being from Henry Co., KY in 1817 tax records for Jennings Co., IN. He is listed in the 1820-1860 census of Jennings County.
- He married to **Sarah Spencer** 1 Mar 1810 in Pulaski Co., KY according to marriage records. She was the daughter of Amasa Spencer. William Meek and Sarah Spencer had the following children:
151. **Nathan Meek** was born about 1810 in KY. He married **Amanda Ann McCammon** on 1 Jan 1839 in Jennings Co., IN. She was born about 1823. They were listed in 1850 and 1860 censuses of Spencer TWP Jennings Co., IN.
152. **Amasa Meek** was born about 1814 in Jennings County, IN.
153. **Sarah Meek** was born about 1816 in Jennings Co., IN. She married **Ephraim Groce** on 20 Nov 1833 in Jennings Co., IN.
154. **Delilah Meek** was born about 1818 in Jennings Co., IN. She married **Peter Smith** on 8 Apr 1847 in Jennings Co., IN.
155. **Cassia Meek** was born about 1820 in Jennings Co., IN. She married **Peter Kinder** on 8 Jan 1846 in Jennings Co., IN.
156. **Caswell Meek** was born about 1822 in Jennings Co., IN. He died Jun 1863 in Caddo Parrish, LA. He married **Mary (Polly) Meek** (daughter of Lewis Meek and Abigail Ritchie) on 17 Sep

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- 1843 in Jennings Co., IN. They were listed in the 1850 census of Shelby Co., TX. She was born in Jul 1825 in Jennings Co., IN. She was living with her son William in the 1900 census for Erath Co., TX at age 78.
157. **Pleasant Meek** was born about 1824 in Jennings Co., IN. He married **Sarah Kinder** 24 Dec 1846 in Jennings Co., IN. They were listed in 1850 census of Spencer TWP, Jennings Co., IN.
158. **James Meek** was born about 1826 in Jennings Co., IN.
159. **Anna Meek** was born about 1828 in Jennings Co., IN.
160. **Charity Meek** was born on 8 Mar 1830 in IN. She died 23 May 1921 in Jennings Co., IN. She married **Peter Kinder** on 10 Nov 1853 in Jennings Co., IN.
161. **Jane (Jennie) Meek** was born about 1832 in Jennings Co., IN. She married **John T. Dixon** on 11 Sep 1854 in Jennings Co., IN.
- He married (2) **Matilda Walker** 14 Aug 1851 in Jennings Co., IN.
162. **Marion Meek** was born about 1852 in Jennings Co., IN. He married **Orlando Sturgiss** 18 Nov 1876 in Jennings Co., IN. He was living in Weston, IN in 1902.
163. **William Meek** was born about 1856. He married **Lillie Ellen Spencer** 26 Nov 1876 in Jennings Co., IN. She died 3 Dec 1925. She married (2) Baxton Justice William and Lillie are both buried in Oilton, OK.
164. **Richard Meek** was born about 1854 in Jennings Co., IN. He married **Lucinda Vance** 29 Apr 1875 in Jennings Co., IN. He lived in Weston, IN.
19. **Priscilla Meek** was born about 1791 in PA according to census records. She married (1) **Elijah Fitzjerrell** on 19 May 1808 in Pulaski Co., KY. Her father Nathaniel signed a consent letter 13 May 1809. She married (2) **Amasa Spencer** on 3 Jan 1836 in Jennings Co., IN.
20. **Lewis Meek** was born about 1800 in Kentucky. He died between 1858 and 1860. Lewis served for six months during 1850 as a private in Grumble's Company of Texas Mounted Volunteers in an Indian War. He is listed in the 1850 census of Shelby Co., TX. He is listed in the 1851-1858 Shelby Co., TX assessment roll between 1851 and 1858. He is not with his wife in the 1860 census. He married **Abigail Ritchie** (daughter of Thomas C. Ritchie and Mary Bonnell Blackford) 14 Sep 1824 in Jennings Co., IN according to marriage abstracts. She was born about 1803 in Kentucky. She died about 1864 in Hunt Co., TX. Abby is listed in the 1860 Hunt Co., TX census with her son David and daughter Sarah.
21. **Mary (Polly) Meek** was born Jul 1825 in Jennings Co., IN. She married **Caswell Meek** (son of William Meek and Sarah Spencer) on 17 Sep 1843 in Jennings Co., IN. He was born in Jennings Co., IN. They lived across the Sabine River from Shelby Co., TX in LA. Polly was living with her son William in the 1900 census for Erath Co., TX at age 78.
22. **Richard Meek** was born in 1803 in Pulaski Co., KY. He died 19 Jan 1858 in Platte Co., MO. His will was dated 2 Dec 1857 and list his children. The will was probated 3 Feb 1858. He is listed in the 1830 and 1840 census of Jennings Co., IN. He is listed in the 1850 Census of Platte Co., MO.
- He married (1) **Catherine Riddell** 27 Jan 1818 in Henry Co., KY. She was born about 1790. She married (1) Major D. Johnson in 26 Mar 1811 in Henry Co., KY. She was 21 years old when married. She was listed in the 1840 Census of Platte Co., MO. She died before 1844.

Marriage bond and license from Henry Co.KY

"This is to certify that Nathan Meek is willing to the eshewing of lincinse for my son Richard Meek that is under age this the 27 of January.1818  
teste Jacob Wm Meek, Lewis Meek"

Also on the bond a John Edwards signed as security with Richard. It states widow of Maj D Johnson.

Tax records indicate that Nathan Meek born about 1775 who married Sally Roberts was a resident of Henry County when the marriage bonds were signed.

171. **Richard Meek** was born about 1819 in Indiana. He married **Margaret Biggs** 27 May 1839 in Jennings Co., IN. She was born about 1824. He is listed in the 1850 census of Platte Co., MO living next to his brother James. Richard is listed in the 1859 census of Brown Co., KS.

172. **James Meek** was born 7 Dec 1822 in Indiana. He died 20 Jan 1912 in Buchanan Co., MO. He married **Cynthia Boyles** 27 Jan 1843 in Andrew Co., MO. (She was the daughter of George Boyles and Martha Sproat.) James came to Missouri in 1841. He is listed in the 1850 census of Platte Co., MO living next to his brother Richard.

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He farmed in Section 33 near Wallace. He served in the State Guard's Confederate service for three months and was in the Pea Ridge Battle. ("The History of Buchanan Co. MO Crawford Twp." page 1049-1050)

Richard, born 1803, married (2) **Melinda Dean** 31 Jan 1844 in Platte Co., MO. She was born about 1826 in Kentucky

173. **Elizabeth Meek** was born about 1845. She married Edward G. Heriot, Esq 25 Dec 1860.

174. **Mary Meek** was born about 1847.

175. **Andrew Jackson Meek** was born about 1848.

176. **William Meek** was born about 1852.

177. **Amanda Meek** was born about 1854.

178. **Melvina Meek** was born about 1855. She died before 1860.

179. **Samuel Meek** was born about 1856.

180. **Joseph Meek** was born about 1858. He married Mary Moore, daughter of Valentine Moore and Sarah Meek.

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1. **Basil Meek** was born on 7 Mar 1763 in Hagerstown, MD. He died on 12 Jan 1844 in Woodford Co., IL.

He first appears in the records of Clark Co., Ky as a bondsman for Thomas Hulse on 7 Feb 1795. Thomas Hulse was the son of Paul Hulse and Nancy Meek who came from Berkeley Co., WV. He is listed in the 1795 and 1796 tax rolls of Clark Co., KY. In 1795 he had 2 horses. By 1796 he had 2 horses and 10 head of cattle.

He filed for a warrant for land to the Commission for Settlement South of Green River on 7 Aug 1798. This claim was located in Lincoln Co., Ky. on Kings Creek. The area was later Pulaski County. He was closely associated with Nathaniel Meek from this point forward. He resided in Pulaski Co., KY between 1798 and 1816 where he was sheriff.

He moved to Jennings Co., IN in 1817, where he was sheriff. He was reported in the 1840 census of Tazewell Co., IL, age 70-80 with one female age 60-70. Living on either side are sons Joseph and Henry.

He married **Eleanor Roberts** on 18 Aug 1796 in Clark Co., KY. She was the daughter of William Roberts. The bondsman was Jacob Marsh. She was born on 28 Sep 1777 in SC. She died on 10 Nov 1847.

Basil Meek and Eleanor Roberts had the following children:

11. **Joseph Meek** was born on 7 Jun 1797 in Pulaski Co., KY. He died on 2 Jun 1890. He was buried in Meek Cemetery, near Eureka, IL. On 18 Nov 1816 Basil Meek assigns his 200 acres on King Creek to Joseph. He moved with parents to Jennings Co., IN about 1817. In 1830 he is mentioned in records for Eureka, IL. He is listed in 1840 census of Tazewell Co., IL, age 40-50, with the oldest female age 30-40. He is listed in the 1850 census of Woodford Co., IL. He is listed in the 1860 census of Green TWP, Woodford Co., IL. Also listed is Daniel Meek, age 10.

He married **Euranie Sullivan**. She was born on 12 Jan 1800 in NC. She died on 21 Jan 1848.

101. **Eliza Meek** was born on 5 Oct 1820. She died in Jan 1848. She was married **John Sadler** on 25 Jun 1840 in Tazewell Co., IL. John Sadler died on 6 Dec 1896.

102. **Emily Meek** was born on 5 Apr 1822. She died in Oct 1828.

103. **Daniel Roberts Meek** was born on 24 Jul 1824 in Jennings Co., IN. He married **Elmira L. Watkins** on 24 May 1849 in Winnebago Co., IL. She was born on 14 May 1833 in Woodford Co., IL. They were reported in the 1850 census of Woodford Co., IL with daughter Nancy age 6 months. They were reported in the 1860 census of Woodford Co., IL in the home of Charles and Nancy Watkins.

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104. **Jackson Meek** was born on 5 Jan 1826 in Jennings Co., IN. He died in Oct 1828.
105. **Ezra Peabody Meek** was born on 20 Nov 1828 in Jennings Co., IN. He married **Mary Ann Boyd** on 21 Apr 1850 in Woodford Co., IL. She was born on 5 Feb 1833 in Christian Co., KY. They are listed in the 1860 census of Woodford Co., IL.
106. **John Meek** was born on 6 Sep 1830 in Woodford Co., IL. He died on 7 Mar 1858. He was buried in Meek Cemetery. He was living with his father when the 1850 census was taken. He married **Mary Means** on 13 Mar 1856. She was born on 27 Jul 1838 in Flemingsburg, KY.
107. **William Marshall Meek** was born on 12 Aug 1832 in Woodford Co., IL. After retiring from farming, he moved to Eureka, IL. He was living with his father when the 1850 census was taken. He married **Julia Ann Jones**. She was born on 19 Mar 1840 in Staffordshire, ENGLAND.
108. **Jesse E. Meek** was born on 5 Apr 1834 in Woodford Co., IL. He was buried in Meek Cemetery. He was living with his father when the 1850 census was taken. He married **Mildred H. Lamb** on 10 Oct 1857. She was born on 17 Mar 1838 in Augusta Co., VA.
109. **Sarah Ellen Meek** was born on 28 Oct 1837 in Woodford Co., IL. She died on 17 Jun 1860. She was living with his father when the 1850 census was taken. She married **William Finley** on 3 Jan 1855 in Woodford Co., IL. William Finley was born on 18 Nov 1826 in IRELAND. He died on 10 Feb 1862.
- He married **Barbara Groves** in Apr 1848. She Married (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Shafer. She was born on 10 Oct 1810 in VA. She died on 8 Aug 1896. She was buried in Meek Cemetery, near Eureka, IL. She is listed in the 1860 census with Joseph. Also listed are Simon Shefer, age 21, and Nancy Shefer, age 18.
110. **Joseph Willis Meek** was born on 21 Feb 1850 in Woodford Co., IL. He lived in Matamora, IL. He was living with his father when the 1850 census was taken. He married **Ella Boyd** on 18 Dec 1871 in Woodford Co., IL. She was born on 25 Jun 1851 in Woodford Co., IL. She died on 27 May 1897.
12. **Daniel Meek** was born on 15 Jul 1799 in Boone Co., KY. He died on 16 Mar 1874. He moved with parents to Jennings Co., IN. He was one of the first settlers of Eureka, IL and is mentioned in 1827 records. He was the first Justice of Peace, Cruger Township. He moved in 1836 to Knox Co., IL. He is listed in the 1850 census of Indian Point, Knox Co., IL with wife Salina. He is listed in the 1860-70 censuses of Knox Co., IL with wife Permelia. He married **Nancy Killiam** in 1825. She was born in 1798 in Woodford Co., IL. She died in 1844.
111. **Joseph Meek** was born on 28 Jun 1826 in Jennings Co., IN. He died on 23 Oct 1863. He married **Mary Louise Lattimer** 13 Nov 1850 in Knox Co., IL according to marriage abstracts. They were listed in the 1850 census of Knox Co., IL. He was divorced from Mary Louise Lattimer before 1857. She was born on 15 Aug 1831 in Sagamon Co., IL. He married **Minerva J. Ogden** on 26 Feb 1857. She was born on 26 Aug 1840 in St. Augustine, IL.
112. **Caroline Meek** was born on 15 Jan 1828 in Woodford Co., IL. She died on 13 Feb 1899. She was the first white child born in Cruger Township, Woodford Co., IL. She married **Elisha Cady Amsden** on 1 Apr 1852. He was born on 14 Oct 1828. He died on 16 Nov 1873.
113. **Julia Ann Meek** was born on 15 Jan 1830 in Woodford Co., IL. She married **Jacob Alexander Latimer** on 21 Feb 1850 in Knox Co., IL. He was born on 20 Apr 1827 in Robertson Co., TN. Moved to Winnebago City, MN in 1857.
114. **Amanda Jane Meek** was born on 15 Mar 1832 in Woodford Co., IL. She married (1) **William W. Brown** before 1865. He was born on 24 Jun 1832 in Greenfield, OH. He died on 25 Jun 1865 in Clarksville, TN. She married (2) **Henry West** on 10 Feb 1874. He was born on 25 Mar 1850. He died in 1888.
115. **Sarah Ellen Meek** was born on 18 May 1834 in Woodford Co., IL. She married **Silas Waters Emery** on 7 Oct 1856.
116. **William Henry Meek** was born in 1836. He died on 17 Jul 1936. He married **Eveline Withers**. She was born in 1840. She died in 1875.
- Information provide by Ken Meek.
- He married (2) Hattie \_\_\_\_\_ who died before he did.
117. **Mary Frances Meek** was born on 7 Mar 1839 in Knox Co., IL. She married **Thomas L. Perry** on 11 Dec 1857. He was born on 5 Aug 1830. He died on 16 Jan 1899.
- He married **Salina Delph** 7 Nov 1844 in Knox Co., IL according to marriage abstracts. She was born about 1830.
118. **Elizabeth Meek** was born on 16 Feb 1845 in Knox Co., IL. She married **Samuel Marion Reynolds** on 14 Feb 1867. He was born on 28 Aug 1843. He died in 1913.

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119. **Harriet Meek** was born on 3 Feb 1848 in Knox Co., IL. She married **George Sidney Moshier** in 1867. He was born on 22 Feb 1844 in Warren Co., IL.
120. **Samford Bassett Meek** was born on 10 Apr 1850 in Knox Co., IL. He married **Sallie Shumaker** on 31 Jan 1873. She was born on 27 Oct 1849 in Knox Co., IL.
121. **Parthenia Meek** was born on 8 Jan 1852 in Knox Co., IL. She is not listed in the 1860 census with her parents. She is listed in the 1870 census with her widowed sister Amanda J. Brown. She married **Oliver E. Finch** on 13 Dec 1871. He was born on 24 Feb 1848.
122. **Salina Meek** was born on 12 Apr 1854 in Knox Co., IL. She died on 11 Apr 1895. She is not listed in the 1860 census with her parents. She is listed in the 1870 census with Thomas Perry and her sister Mary. She married **William Newell**.
- He married **Permelia Goodwin Trice** 18 Sep 1854 in Warren Co., IL. She was born on 25 Jul 1835 in Meta, KY.
123. **Kate Meek** was born on 25 Jun 1855 in Warren Co., IL. She married **David Henry Mosier**. He was born on 7 Nov 1841 in Andrews Co., MO.
124. **Daniel Gandy Meek** was born on 7 Oct 1857 in Knox Co., IL. He married **Mrs. Elizabeth Moulton** in 1899.
125. **Ransom Perry (Dick) Meek** was born on 15 May 1859 in Knox County, IL. He died on 14 Feb 1878.
13. **Henry Basil Meek** was born on 11 Aug 1804 in Pulaski Co., KY. He died on 20 Sep 1883. He was buried in Meek Cemetery, near Eureka, IL. He moved with parents to Jennings Co., IN about 1819. He is mentioned in 1830 records Eureka, IL. He is listed in the 1840 census of Tazewell Co., IL, age 30-40, living next to his father and brother. The oldest female was age 20-30. He is listed in the 1850 census of Woodford Co., IL with Hannah, age 31, and all of his living children. He is listed in the 1880 census of Cruger TWP, Woodford Co., IL.
- He married **Parthenia A. Perry** on 3 Jan 1828. She was born on 10 Nov 1810 in Knoxville, KY. She died on 29 Dec 1889. She was buried in Meek Cemetery.
131. **Basil Duvalle Meek** was born on 6 Dec 1828 in Jennings Co., IN. He died on 3 Apr 1909. He was buried in Meek Cemetery, near Eureka, IL. He was an attorney. He was elected County Treasurer for 2 terms, and in 1857 County Judge. He was a Lt. Colonel in Civil War, was in the battle of Shiloh and others. Returned in 1863. His wife may have been **Sarah E. Ward**. He is listed in the census of Woodford Co., IL from 1850-1880. In 1860 his wife's name was Elizabeth, age 21. Living with them was Fanny, age 2, and John F. F. Ward, age 56. In 1870 his wife's name was Frances, age 31, and John Ward continues with them. In 1880 his wife's name is Sarah E., age 42. In 1910 Elizabeth age 72 was listed as the mother of Louis F. Meek Jr.
132. **Ransom Perry Meek** was born on 4 Mar 1831 in Woodford Co., IL. He is listed in the 1860 census with his parents. He is listed in the 1870 census of Woodford Co., IL with Betsy, age 25, and daughters Minney and Nancy. He is listed in the 1880 census of Cugar TWP, Woodford Co., IL. He married **Nancy Killiam** before 1863. She was born on 2 May 1843 in Knox Co., IL. She died on 16 Jan 1863.
- He married **Isabella McClure** before 1857. She was born on 2 Dec 1833 in IL. She died on 21 Apr 1857.
- He married **Mary E. Campbell** on 29 Nov 1894 according to marriage abstracts. She was born on 25 Jan 1833 in Franklin Co., IL.
133. **Noel Byron Meek** was born on 1 Sep 1833. He died on 17 Jun 1887. He was buried in Butler, MO. Sheriff for 4 years in Matamora, IL; moved to his farm in Woodford Co., IL, and then in 1867 to Bates Co., MO, where he was Sheriff and Justice of the Peace. He married **Ellen Cornelia Compton** on 18 Dec 1858. She was born on 7 Nov 1841.
134. **Missouri Meek** was born on 7 Apr 1836. She married **Samuel Hamilton McClure** on 11 Jun 1856. He was born on 2 Nov 1827 in Danville, IL. He died on 15 Sep 1897.
135. **Joshua Meek** was born on 18 May 1840. He died on 10 Sep 1841.
136. **Mary Ellen Meek** was born on 1 Mar 1843 in Woodford Co., IL. She married **James Albert Briggs** on 6 Mar 1861. He was born on 12 Feb 1839 in Courtland Co., NY. He was an attorney in Eureka, IL.
14. **Nancy Meek** was born on 4 Feb 1807 in Pulaski Co., KY. He moved to Woodford Co., IL in 1834 or 1835; then to Matamora Township in 1837. She died on 30 Nov 1898. She married **Joseph Wilkinson** on 27 Jul 1826 in Jennings Co., IN. He was born on 1 Mar 1798 in Clark Co., KY. He died on 25 Aug 1853.

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15. **Joshua Meek** was born about 1808 in Pulaski Co., KY. Deed records from Jennings Co., IN indicate that he resided in Jefferson Co., KY in 1823. He died about 1825.
  16. **Noel Meek** was born on 15 May 1810. He died on 13 Jun 1849 in Woodford Co., IL. He was well educated, a fine mathematician, and public school teacher. Single.
  17. **Jackson Meek** was born in 1812 in Pulaski Co., KY.
  18. **Polly Meek** was born in 1814 in Pulaski Co., KY. She died in infancy.
  19. **Amanda Jane Meek** was born on 2 Jul 1820 in Jennings Co., IN. She died on 9 Feb 1902 in Eureka, IL. She moved with her parents to Woodford Co., IL. She was married **William Russell Willis** on 9 Nov 1837. He was born on 14 Oct 1813 in Hopkins Co., KY. He died on 13 Jan 1888. They are reported in the 1850 census of Woodford Co., IL.
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B24. **Elisha Meek** was born between 1760 and 1764. He appeared on the census in 1800-1840 in Morris TWP, Greene Co., PA. He signed a will on 20 Dec 1837 in Greene Co., PA. The will list children John, Elisha and Jacob. His will was probated on 20 Oct 1843. He married **Mary Short**. She was born between 1760 and 1764. Note: *The 1800 census indicated that Elisha had two sons born between 1790 and 1800, two daughters born between 1790 and 1800 and one female born between 1784 and 1790. By 1810 there were 11 people reported in Elisha's household. With a male and female age 16 to 26 it appears that two separate families may have been reported together.*

11. **John Meek** was born about 1791 in Greene Co., PA. He died on 3 Feb 1878. He married **Elizabeth Boyd**. She was born on 12 Dec 1800. She died on 24 Dec 1869. Both are buried W. Bethlehem Baptist Cemetery, Greene Co., Pa.

101. **James L. Meek** was born on 8 Apr 1821 in Greene Co., PA. He married **Mary Smith** on 20 Oct 1842. She was born on 10 Jul 1824 in Washington Co., PA.

-This is the family of David Paul Meek.

102. **Jane Meek** was born Nov 1824 in Morris Twp., Greene, PA. She died 12 Feb 1911 in Richhill Twp., Greene, PA according to county records. The dates on her tombstone verify this. She married **Abraham Clutter** on 12 Jan 1845. Abe was born 18 May 1822 in Greene County. He was the son of William Clutter and Sallie McNay Clutter. Abe died 7 Oct 1908 in Richhill Twp., Greene, PA. Both Jane and Abe are buried at Jacksonville Cemetery in Richhill Twp.

103. **Cephas Meek** was born on 24 Jan 1832 in Greene Co., PA. He died on 25 Jun 1880. He was living with his parents in 1860. He married **Phoebe J. Conklin** on 2 Apr 1868 in Washington Co., PA. She was born on 2 Dec 1838 in Washington Co., PA. She was the daughter of William and Catharine Ross. They were listed in the 1880 census of Washington TWP, Greene Co., PA with son William age 11.

104. **Andrew Jackson Meek** was born about 1826 in Greene Co., PA. He died in 1857. His probate was dated 21 Feb 1857. He married **Sarah Huffman** in 1849. She was born 22 Nov 1828 in Greene Co., PA the daughter of James Huffman and Lydia Ross.

105. **John Meek** was born on 29 May 1833 in Greene Co., PA. He died 19 Jul 1919 according to a 24 Jul 1919 article in the Wayneburg Republican. He was married **Jane Simpson** on 15 Oct 1859 in Greene Co., PA. She was born on 7 Feb 1840 in Greene Co., PA. She was the daughter of John Simpson and Mary Auld. He was listed in the 1850 census of Washington TWP, Greene Co., PA with his father. John and Jane were listed in the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Centre TWP, Greene Co., PA.

106. **Mary Meek** was born about 1836 in Greene Co., PA according to the 1850 census. She was residing with her parents in 1860.

107. **Miles Meek** was born about 1838 in Greene Co., PA according to the 1850 census. He was residing with her parents in 1860. He married Maria \_\_\_\_\_. They were listed in the 1880 and 1900 censuses of Washington TWP, Greene Co., PA.

108. **Elizabeth Meek** was born about 1839 in Greene Co., PA according to the 1850 census. She was residing with her parents in 1860.

109. **Rachel Meek** was born 17 Nov 1842 in Washington TWP, Greene Co., PA according to the 1850 census. She died Jun 1916 in Waynesburg, PA. She married **Davis W. Johns** on 24 Feb 1870. Davis was born 21 May 1838 in Washington TWP, Greene, PA and died Apr 1923 in

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- Waynesburg. He was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Ross Johns and a brother of Abner Johns, who married James and Mary Smith Meek's daughter Elizabeth.
12. **Elizabeth W. Meek** was born about 1793 in Pennsylvania. She died on 13 Jan 1858 in Missouri. She married **John Fee** in 1816 in Greene Co., PA. He was born in 1782 in Cecil Co., MD. He died on 23 Nov 1858 in Clark Co., MO.
- 13 **Delilah Meek** was born on 6 Jun 1796 in Greene Co., PA. She died on 6 Sep 1876 in Greene Co., PA. She married **William Iams** (son of John Iams and Elizabeth Hampton). He was born on 4 Feb 1792. He died on 4 Apr 1869. Both are buried in the Franklin Cemetery, Greene Co., Pa.
- 14 **Sarah Meek** was born about 1798 in Greene Co., PA. She married **John Knight**.
15. **Elisha Meek** was born on 17 Jun 1802 in Greene Co., PA. He died on 21 Jun 1884. He was buried in Amity, PA. He married **Jerusha Cary**. She was born in 1808. She died on 16 Mar 1871 in Washington Co., PA. She was the daughter of Daniel Cary and Mary Copper. He was first listed in the 1830 census of Morris TWP, Greene Co., PA. He is listed in the 1850 census of Washington TWP, Greene Co., PA. He is listed in the 1860-1880 censuses of Morris TWP, Greene Co., PA.
111. **Emaline Meek** was born about 1832 in Morris TWP, Greene Co., PA. She died 17 Apr 1910 in Morris TWP. She married **Frederick Loughman**. He was born 28 Jun 1822 in Morris TWP. He died 13 Aug 1890 in Morris TWP. He was the son of David Loughman and Christeny Fonner.
112. **Carey Meek** was born 11 Mar 1833 in Morris TWP, Greene Co., PA. He died 5 Nov 1873 in Washington TWP, Greene Co., PA. He married **Jane Milliken**. She was born 12 Jul 1841 in Morris TWP and died 3 Dec 1841. She was the daughter of David and Lydia Rogers Milliken. They are listed in the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Washington TWP.
113. **Caroline Meek** was born 11 Mar 1833 in Morris TWP, Greene Co., PA. She died 22 Jun 1909 in Center TWP, Greene Co., PA. She married **Wiley Hampson**. He was born 24 Mar 1818 in Morris TWP, Washington Co., PA. He died 11 Nov 1897 in Greene Co., PA.
114. **Asa Meek** was born about 1840 in PA. He was listed in the 1850 census.
115. **Mary Meek** Name comes from County Histories. She is not in the 1850 census.
16. **Mary Meek** was born about 1803 in Greene Co., PA.
17. **Jane Meek** was born on 10 Jun 1805 in Greene Co., PA. She died on 20 Jan 1899. She was buried in Pike Co, IL. She married **Hamilton Gray** on 1 Sep 1831 in Knox Co., OH. He was born on 10 Jan 1802. He died on 10 Oct 1862 in Dent Co., MO.
18. **Susanna Meek** was born about 1807 in Greene Co., PA.
19. **Jacob Meek** was born on 24 Dec 1810 in Greene Co., PA. He died on 13 Jun 1897 in Cherokee Co., KS. He married **Jane Cravett**. She was born about 1815. They are listed in the 1840 through 1860 Census of Greene Co., PA. They are listed in the 1870 census of Camanche, Dewitt TWP, Clinton Co., IA living with daughter Elizabeth and her husband Jesse Gilbert. He was listed in the 1880 census of Benton Co., IA without Jane.
121. **James Alexander Meek** was born 9 Dec 1837 in Greene Co., PA. He died 21 Nov 1878 in Benton Co., IA. He married **Mary Bissett** 15 Aug 1861 in Greene Co., PA. Mary is listed in the 1880 census of Canton TWP, Benton Co., IA with her children.
122. **Rebecca Meek** was born about 1840.
123. **John L. Meek** was born about 1843.
124. **Elizabeth Meek** was born 20 Jun 1847. She died 28 Feb 1929 in South Dakota. She married **Jesse H. Gilbert** about 1869
125. **Nancy Lenora Meek** was born 11 Feb 1851. She died 18 Dec 1932 in Kansas. She married **Thomas Mitchell** 19 Nov 1872.
126. **Jacob Meek** was born about 1855.
127. **Louisa C. Meek** was born about 1858. She was listed with her parents in 1870.

## **Chapter 11**

### **Epilog**

It is hoped that this book will help current and future genealogists have an easier road in the search for their ancestors from Arkansas and Tennessee. The past has been difficult and there are many misleading family histories available today. This book is not intended as the last word on the Arkansas/Tennessee families. It is a beginning that hopefully makes the road ahead less cluttered with incorrect data. But there are no easy answers and much work needs to be done.

We have examined the myths and mistakes from the past. We have looked at what information is available in actual records and tried to avoid speculative and undocumented theories. Hopefully a sound family structure has been provided as a starting point.

There were two different families in Carroll Co., AR in the 1830's and 1840's. The Osage Township family included Jeremiah T. Meek and John E. Meek. The White Township family included Jeremiah Meek and Jacob Meek also known as Shotgun Jerry and Blue Jacob. They were related but it is not known how closely. They both came from Tennessee but from different areas.

It is believed that Jacob Meek who died in 1824 Henry Co., TN was the father of the Osage Township family. It is believed that Jeremiah Meek who sold his land in 1796 Blount Co., TN was the father of the White Township family. This takes the paper trail back to about 1800. However, the evidence is not conclusive in either case and we all need to be aware that new evidence may become available in the future that contradicts this hypothesis or provides an alternative hypothesis.

The Y-DNA results are very significant in that they show three important facts. (1) They show that the Osage Township family and the White Township family were related. (2) They show that both families were related to a group of Meek families who lived in Washington Co., PA at or before the time that the Meeks went to Tennessee. (3) The Osage Township family has a unique DNA signature within the larger Group B signature.

The DNA results are inconclusive about how closely the two families were related. Said another way we do not know when the common ancestor lived and it may have been before the different families came to America. The results can be interpreted in two different ways. There are two key mutations for the Osage Township family which are not present for the White Township family. This may indicate a greater distance to the common ancestor. On the other hand the larger Washington Co., PA group tends to have a higher than normal number of mutations than the general population. In that regard the Y-DNA for the Osage township family may be very consistent with all of these related people. This interpretation would provide a neutral inference regarding the length of time to the common ancestor.

There is no evidence to extend either family further back in time. However, it seems almost impossible for people not to speculate about the matter. Hopefully this book has dispelled any notion that the genealogy extends back to Jacob and Adam Meek of Lin-

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colnshire, England. The original source for this contention has been proven to be a very bad piece of genealogy.

Y-DNA evidence has now shown that most of the known pre-Revolutionary War Meek ancestors could not have been the progenitor of the Arkansas/Tennessee families. Of those remaining known ancestors who were old enough none stand out. In this author's opinion the next progenitor on the tree would have to have been born before 1745 and probably earlier.

Given the number of Tennessee and Pennsylvania ancestors it also seems that we are looking for a large family where the given names of Jacob and Jeremiah are used. When all of these criteria are used the only family in the United States that would match is the Guy Meek family of Maryland. This family has not previously been discussed and there is NO EVIDENCE or DNA that would lead anyone to connect them to the Tennessee/Arkansas families. However, we are also looking at a period in time when there were many people in the British Isles and Europe who were migrating to America, especially to North Carolina and South Carolina.

The most immediate line of inquiry should be the connection between the Tennessee families and the Pennsylvania families. It is noted with strong emphasis that there is very little evidence regarding where either Jacob Meek from Henry Co., TN or Jeremiah Meek of Blount Co., TN came from. There are hints that Jacob may have come from Pennsylvania and that Jeremiah may have come from South Carolina. It will be difficult to find hard evidence for either proposition. Beyond this the hard work of documenting each and every descendant should continue. In the end this is the bread and butter of genealogy.

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