

## CHAPTER 1

EARLY HISTORY OF THE MCNEW - CAWOOD<sup>1</sup> FAMILIES

The Cawood family took its name from the village of Cawood, eight miles south of York in Yorkshire, England. The prefix 'CA' means field or hollow, and is of Anglo-Saxon origin. The name, therefore, refers to a wooded field or hollow.

The earliest recorded use of the surname (discovered thus far) is by Johannes de Kawode, hereditary forester of the kings' forests between the Ouse and Derwent rivers during the reign of King John (1199-1216). During the next few centuries, the name (now usually spelled Cawood) appears more and more often in various lists of freemen, clerks, debtors, etc, always in Yorkshire. Specific lines of descent, however, have not been worked out.

The castle of Cawood, now in ruins, was for many years the home of the Archbishops of York. Its name most likely came from the town, and not because the Cawood family lived there.

The most likely ancestor of the American Cawoods is Thomas CAWOOD. He first appeared on the parish register of Ackworth in Yorkshire in 1574. His wife's name is not known. Thomas died in Ackworth, and was buried at this church on 10 June 1585.

Children of Thomas CAWOOD: (from Ackworth Parish Register)

- \* Robert, b. 21 Aug 1574; m. Isabel JACKSON
- Thomas, b. 6 Dec 1576;
- Henry, b. 26 May 1577;
- Anne, b. 24 Mar 1579;
- Alis, b. 29 May 1583;

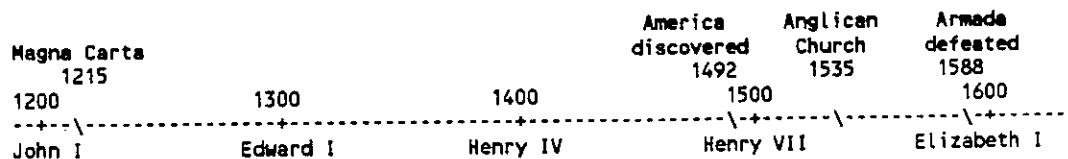
Children of Robert and Isabel JACKSON CAWOOD: (Ackworth Parish)

- Simon, b. 30 Oct 1603;
- \* Stephen, b. 2 Nov 1606;
- Ann, b. 27 Feb 1609.

Children of Stephen CAWOOD: (Pontefract Parish Register)

- Robert, b. June 1629;
- \* Stephen (I), b. 14 May 1630; (1st American)
- Mary, b. 4 Jan 1633;
- Thomas, b. 21 Apr 1634.

<sup>1</sup> All information on this page and through 1 - 9, unless otherwise noted, is taken from THE CAWOOD FAMILY by Dr. Arthur Leslie Keith and Lt. Col. James Cawood Presgraves, Corroborator, 1985. Library of Congress CS71.C392.



STEPHEN (I) CAWOOD

Stephen (I) CAWOOD, who is recorded as being in Charles County, Maryland, in 1670, is almost certainly the same Stephen who was born in Yorkshire and baptized at Pontefract on 14 May 1630. It would appear that he married in England, and left his wife and family there when he sailed to Maryland.

In 1671, he was given right to 50 acres of land for his service to the colony. During the years 1671-1675, he was a party in several transactions using land rights (in lieu of money), with much trading back and forth, until he had gathered rights to 600 acres. On 13 May 1675, he was granted warrant for this amount. He chose a location on the main branch of the Mattawoman Creek. Patent for this tract was issued 8 May 1676, and the name "Hull" was given to it.<sup>1</sup> (This plantation lies three miles northwest of Waldorf, MD and about ten miles south of the present District of Columbia. The Mattawoman Creek now forms part of the boundary between Charles and Prince Georges counties.)

Having gained sufficient land rights, Stephen evidently sent to England for his wife and children, as an Ann CAWOOD arrived in Maryland in 1676. Meanwhile, the Susquehannock Indian War ravaged the Maryland and Virginia colonies, claiming many lives. Among those who died was Stephen CAWOOD. He was still living on the 7th of October 1675, when he was mentioned in the will of another soldier, Giles Cole.<sup>2</sup> He was killed probably in early November, 1675, during the siege of the Susquehannock Fort. This means that when patent for "Hull" was issued in May 1676, it was to his widow, who had arrived in Maryland after his death.

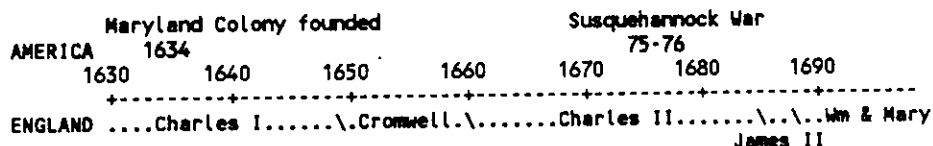
The bequest of Giles Cole mentioned above was eventually paid by Henry Hawkins, executor, to "the widow of Stephen Cawood, deceased" before October, 1677 when the account was presented in court.

On 16 May 1676, an act was introduced in the Assembly of Burgesses and Delegates providing a pension for Ann, as it was argued that if widows were not provided for, husbands would not serve with the defense forces. This was the first pension granted in Maryland for a soldier's widow.

"...providing that in consideration of the great poverty of Ann Cawood, widow and relict of Stephen Cawood, lately slain in the service and defense of

<sup>1</sup> THE CAWOOD FAMILY, p. 16

<sup>2</sup> TWO FORGOTTEN HEROES, Dr Arthur L. Keith, Maryland Hist. Soc, ca 1925.



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this province whose death is the occasion of her and her children's distress they pay Ann Cawood for herself and children 1500 pounds of tobacco per annum for the next three years."<sup>1</sup>

Although the above act mentions "children", we know of only one child of Stephen and Ann CAWOOD:

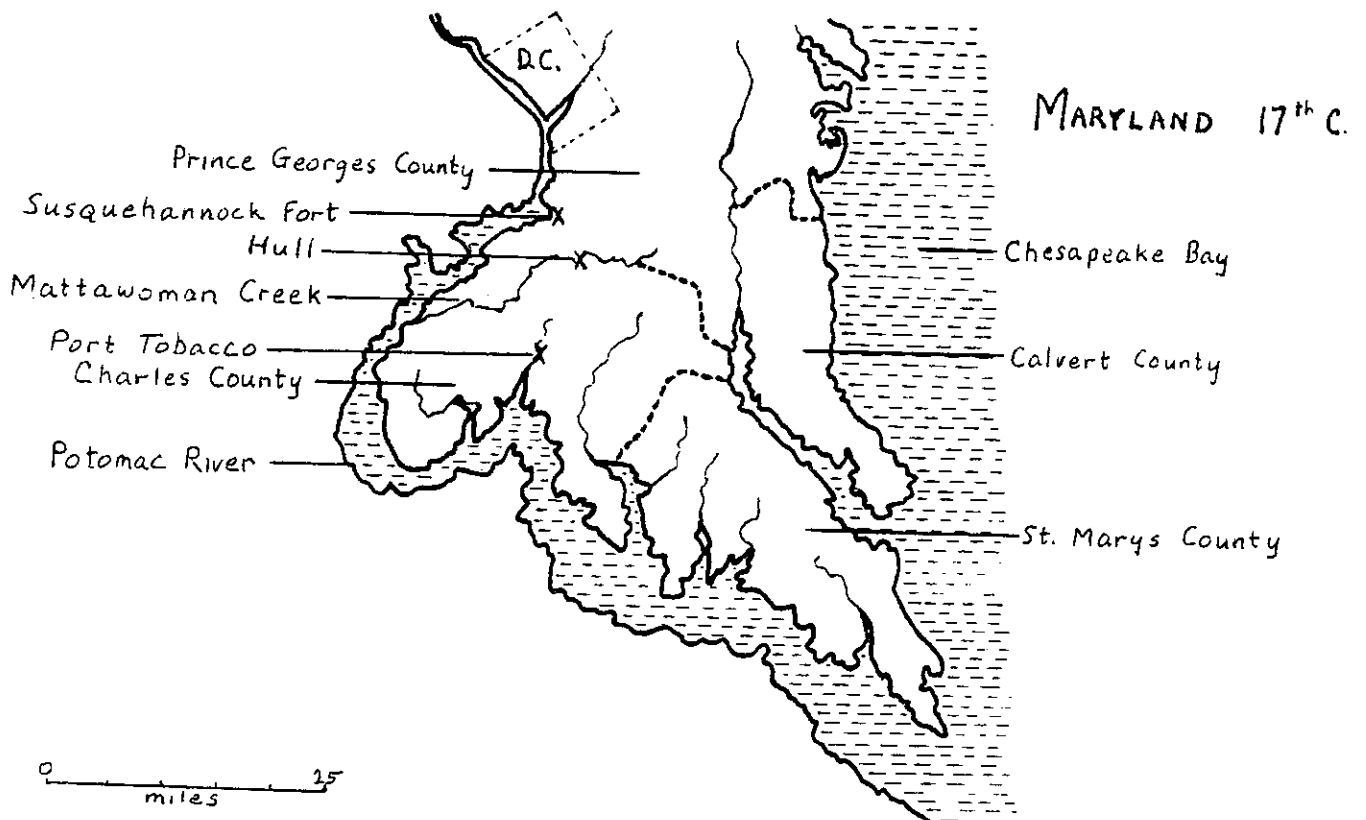
- \* Stephen (II), b. about 1670; m. Mary COX, St Marys Co, MD  
d. 1735, Charles Co, MD

Ann was married again in 1678 to Dr. John WYNNE and moved to Saint Marys County, Maryland. Dr. Wynne died in early 1684, after which Ann married Dr. Samuel BERRY, also of Saint Marys County.<sup>2</sup>

Ann's date of death is not known.

<sup>1</sup> MARYLAND ARCHIVES, Vol II, p. 563.

<sup>2</sup> THE CAWOOD FAMILY, p. 19.



## STEPHEN (II) CAWOOD

Stephen (II) CAWOOD was born in 1670, and it is thought that he was born in England at about the time his father emigrated to Maryland. In any event, we know that he was in America, in Charles County, Maryland, by 1676.

He moved with the family to Saint Marys County, just south of Charles, when his mother married Dr. WYNNE in 1678. Between 1690 and 1692, Stephen married Mary COX (daughter of John and Mary COX who had immigrated in about 1670). They remained in Saint Marys County until 1695, at which time Stephen returned to Charles County to reclaim "Hull", his father's land.

Their first child, John, was born in Saint Marys County. All (or most) of their other children were born at "Hull", where Stephen and Mary resided for the rest of their lives.

Stephen (II) died in the autumn of 1735. His will, dated on 9 September 1735, gave part of "Hull" to his oldest son, John, but all the rest of his estate was to be kept for his widow's use, and divided only after her death.

Mary COX CAWOOD died in February 1748. There must have been some squabbles among her heirs, for on 25 May 1749, at the instance of John (her oldest son and administrator) his brothers, Thomas and Stephen, and brother-in-law, John Robinson, were cited by the court "to show why they conceal effects of Mary Cawood."<sup>1</sup> The matter seems to have been settled peaceably by 1750.

## Children of Stephen and Mary CAWOOD:

- \* John (I), b. 1693?, St Marys Co, MD; m. Elizabeth SMALLWOOD;  
d. 1769, Frederick Co, VA;
- William, b. 1695?; m. Sarah \_?, Charles Co, MD; d. 1760?;
- Thomas, b. 1697?, Charles Co, MD; m. Ann \_?; d. 1766;
- Stephen, b. 1700?, Charles Co, MD; m. Eleanor \_?; d. 1767;
- Ann, b. ?, Charles Co, MD; m1. William ATCHISON,  
m2. John THOMAS; d. ?
- Mary, b. ?, Charles Co, MD; m. Charles WILLETT; d. ?;
- Hester, b. ?, Charles Co, MD; m. John ROBINSON; d. ?;
- Penelope, b. ?, Charles Co, MD; m. Ralph ROBEY; d. ?.

<sup>1</sup> THE CAWOOD FAMILY, p. 26.

Susquehannock  
War 1675-76

1670	1680	1690	1700	1710	1720	1730
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.....Charles II.\.\.\.Wm & Mary.\.\.Anne.....\.\.George I.\.\.Geo. II..						
James II						

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Following is the inventory of Stephen's estate. Except for personal clothing, every single item was counted, no matter how insignificant. Slaves, being the most valuable "property", were listed first.

INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN CAWOOD<sup>1</sup>  
(Appraisals given in Pounds, Shillings, Pence)<sup>2</sup>

An Inventory of the goods and Chatties of Stephen Cawood Late of Charles County Decd appraised in Current money by us the Subscribers as followeth viz.

(Spellings are as in the original.)

1 Negro man called Peter	30.	0.	0
1 Negro man called Pompey	30.	0.	0
1 Negro woman called Leasey	30.	0.	0
1 Negro Boy called Charles	30.	0.	0
1 Negro Boy called Henry	15.	0.	0
1 Negro Girl called Fanney	25.	0.	0
5 Beds and Furniture at 8/	40.	0.	0
1 Bed with Covering	4.	0.	0
1 flockbed	2.	0.	0
2 Chaff beds	2.	0.	0
1 Draft Horse	7.	0.	0
1 old mare	2.	0.	0
2 young mares at 3/	6.	0.	0
12 head of Sheep at 7/	4.	4.	0
8 Cows and yearlings	4.	0.	0
5 Cows and 4 yearlings	10.	0.	0
1 Large Steer	2.	10.	0
1 Small Steer	1.	15.	0
1 Large Bull	1.	5.	0
3 young Cows	4.	10.	0
22 two year old Hoggs at 10/	11.	0.	0
21 one year old Hoggs at 5/	5.	5.	0
87 pieces of new pewter	6.	10.	6
25 pieces of old pewter	0.	12.	6
186 pieces of pott Iron	3.	2.	0
1 pc of peper, 3 old wedges	0.	10.	0
3 Ells of Garlic linnen at 2/6 <sup>3</sup>	0.	7.	6

<sup>1</sup> THE CAWOOD FAMILY, Keith and Presgraves, p. 24.

<sup>2</sup> In British currency: 12 pence = 1 shilling and 20 shillings = 1 pound.

<sup>3</sup> English unit of measure, 1 ell = 45 inches.

## INVENTORY (continued)

2 yards of Chaque Linnen	0.	4.	0
8 yards Course Sheeting at 3/	1.	4.	0
45 Ells of Ozenis at 2/6	3.	7.	6
3 yards of white sheeting	0.	12.	0
21 yards of Cotton at 3/	3.	3.	0
8 yards Kiersey at 4/	1.	12.	0
2 pair of Course Sheets	2.	0.	0
1 pair of Holland Sheets	2.	0.	0
1 Buck Skinn and 1 Iron Pestle	0.	12.	6
1 pair of old Sheets	0.	10.	0
1 box Iron and 1 old Chest	0.	16.	0
4 1/2 pieces Coulard thread at 5/	1.	2.	6
5 pieces of London Salls at 6/	1.	10.	0
4 yards of blue Linnen	0.	4.	0
8 Napkins and 1 Table Cloath	1.	5.	0
1 Table and 5 old Chairs	1.	10.	0
1 Large Trunk and 3 Small Trunks	1.	10.	0
1 Small glass and 1 pr Stillyards	1.	0.	0
4 Drinking glasses and 3 Tea Cups	0.	2.	0
9 glass Bottles and 4 Drinking Muggs	0.	10.	6
3 Stone Juggs and 5 butter potts	1.	12.	0
1 old Saddle and bridle	1.	10.	0
Cash	1.	8.	5
1 box of Doctor's medicine	0.	10.	0
1070 Gallons of Syder at 6/	26.	15.	0
1 pair fire Tongs and Shovell	0.	10.	0
4 Candlesticks	0.	10.	0
24 lb of Bacon at 6/	0.	12.	0
1 grind Stones and 2 frying panns	0.	15.	0
5 Cyder Casques at 5/	1.	5.	0
22 Bushells of Beans at 3/	3.	4.	6
23 Geese and 20 Turkeys at 1/6	3.	4.	6
16 of wool at 6/	0.	8.	0
17 1/2 Bushells wheat at 4/	3.	10.	0
19 lb of Tallow at 6/	0.	9.	6
73 1/2 Barrills of Indian Corn at 10/	36.	15.	0
old Lumber	5.	0.	0

Given under our hands and Seals this 19th Day of December 1735

William Middleton

Thos Hawkins

Robert Innes, Creditor

No other known Creditor

kinn: Thos Cawood

William Cawood

<sup>1</sup> Either this was copied incorrectly in my source book or there was an error in arithmetic.

## MCNEW - EARLY HISTORY

## JOHN (I) CAWOOD

John (I) CAWOOD, son of Stephen (II), was born in Saint Marys County, Maryland, but moved to "Hull" in Charles County when very young. In 1711, when only 18, he married Elizabeth SMALLWOOD, daughter of Thomas Smallwood and grand-daughter of Col. James SMALLWOOD who had immigrated in 1664. John was left part of "Hull" by his father, and the four children of Elizabeth and John were born there. Elizabeth died sometime between 1737 (when she signed the inventory of Benjamin SMALLWOOD as next of kin) and 1745 (when her husband alone signed over property to his son, John, Jr.)

John (I) later relinquished his part of "Hull" to his oldest son, Benjamin, and in about 1753, moved westward to Frederick County, Virginia (now Berkeley County, WV) with other Cawoods and possibly with McNews, Smallwoods, and Berrys, following the route called "The National Road". (This trail later became U.S. Route 40). His three younger sons, John, Stephen and Moses, went with him.

He became a member of the Virginia Militia in Frederick County, and is listed on a "muster roll" in July of 1758.<sup>1</sup> John (I) died in about 1769 in Frederick County, Virginia.

## Children of John (I) and Elizabeth CAWOOD:

Benjamin, b. 1712?, Charles Co, MD; m. ?; d. 1783, MD;

John, b. 1720?, Charles Co, MD; m1. Elizabeth \_?;

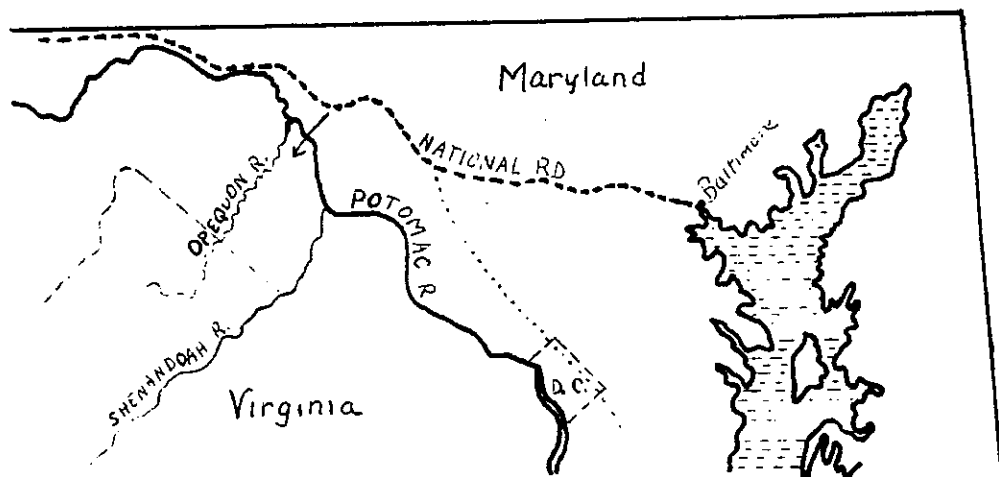
m2. Agatha \_?; d. 1803;

\* Stephen (III), b. 1724, Charles Co, MD; m. Esther BERRY, 1746?

Charles Co, MD; d. 1810, Wash. Co, VA;

Moses, b. 1725?, Charles Co, MD; m. Jemima SMALLWOOD BERRY;

d. 1809.



<sup>1</sup> COLONIAL SOLDIERS OF THE SOUTH 1732-1774, Murtie June Clark, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD, 1983, p. 518.

## STEPHEN (III) CAWOOD

Stephen (III) CAWOOD was born at "Hull" on 6 August 1724. He was married about 1746 to Esther BERRY (born in 1729), and for a while continued to live on part of the "Hull" estate. Esther is thought to have been the daughter of William and Esther BERRY, also of Charles County, Maryland, and granddaughter of Dr. Samuel BERRY, Ann CAWOOD's third husband.<sup>1</sup>

The oldest two or three children of Stephen and Esther were born in Maryland, before the family made the move to Frederick County in Virginia with Stephen's father and brothers. There is no record of him owning land in Frederick County, but his name does appear in several court suits.

In 1773, Stephen and Esther moved south along the "Great Valley Road" through the Shenandoah Valley and into Fincastle (later Washington) County in southwestern Virginia. Again this move was made with other Cawood, McNew, and related families. In April of that year, Stephen was one of the signers of a petition asking for a Presbyterian minister for that area. On the 4th of December 1774, he had 50 acres surveyed in Rich Valley, payment for services rendered in Col. Byrd's regiment. He gradually added to this until, by 1787, he had 200 acres. Official county records spell his name variously: Keewood, Kewood, Kaywood, and Cawood. His home was described as a two-story log house situated halfway between Saltville and Glade Spring.<sup>2</sup>

At some time during those years, he left the Presbyterians and joined the Methodists. Bishop Francis ASBURY presided at the first "Conference of the Methodist Church west of the Alleghanies" which was held at Stephen's house in May of 1788. It is reported that Elizabeth RUSSELL, the wife of Gen. William RUSSELL and sister of Patrick HENRY, attended these meetings and became a convert.<sup>3</sup>

Stephen CAWOOD made his Will on 6 November 1810, and died four days later, at the age of 86. The Will was probated on 20 November 1810. His widow, Esther BERRY CAWOOD, lived until March 1828, being then either 98 or 99 years of age.<sup>4</sup>

The children of Stephen (III) and Esther CAWOOD are listed on the next page. Their order of birth (after the first) is not known.

<sup>1</sup> THE CAWOOD FAMILY, Keith and Presgraves, p. 54.

<sup>2</sup> THE CAWOOD FAMILY, Keith and Presgraves, p. 55. See map on 1-10.

<sup>3</sup> THE CAWOOD FAMILY, Keith and Presgraves, p. 55

<sup>4</sup> THE CAWOOD FAMILY, Keith and Presgraves, p. 54-55.

Settlers move into Shenandoah Valley			French/Indian War 1754-60		Rev. War 1775-83	Constitution 1789			
1720	1730	1740	1750	1760	1770	1780	1790	1800	1810
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..George I..	.....George II.....		.....\.....		.....George III.....	..V..Washington.		Jefferson..	Madison



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Stephen and Esther CAWOOD:

1. Berry, b. 1747, MD; m1 Nancy SCOTT; m2 Lucy BAILEY;  
(served under George Rogers CLARK in 1778) ; d. 1848
2. Moses, b. ?; d. ?;
- \* 3. John (II), b. ?; m. Lucy \_?; d. before 1811;
4. Benjamin, b. ?; m. Polly POSTON; d. 1823?;
5. Joseph, b. ?; m. ?; d. 1849?;
6. Stephen, b. 1765, VA; m. Sarah KELLEY; d. 1806;
7. Thomas, b. 1776?, VA; m. Sally SCOTT; d. ?;
8. Priscilla, b. ?; m. James COCHRANE; d. ?;
9. Esther, b. ?; m. John WALKER; d. ?;
10. Elizabeth, b. ?; m. John BERRY; d. ?;
11. Mary Ann, b. ?; d. ?;
12. Rebecca, b. ?; m. William LOVELACE; d. ?

## JOHN (II) CAWOOD

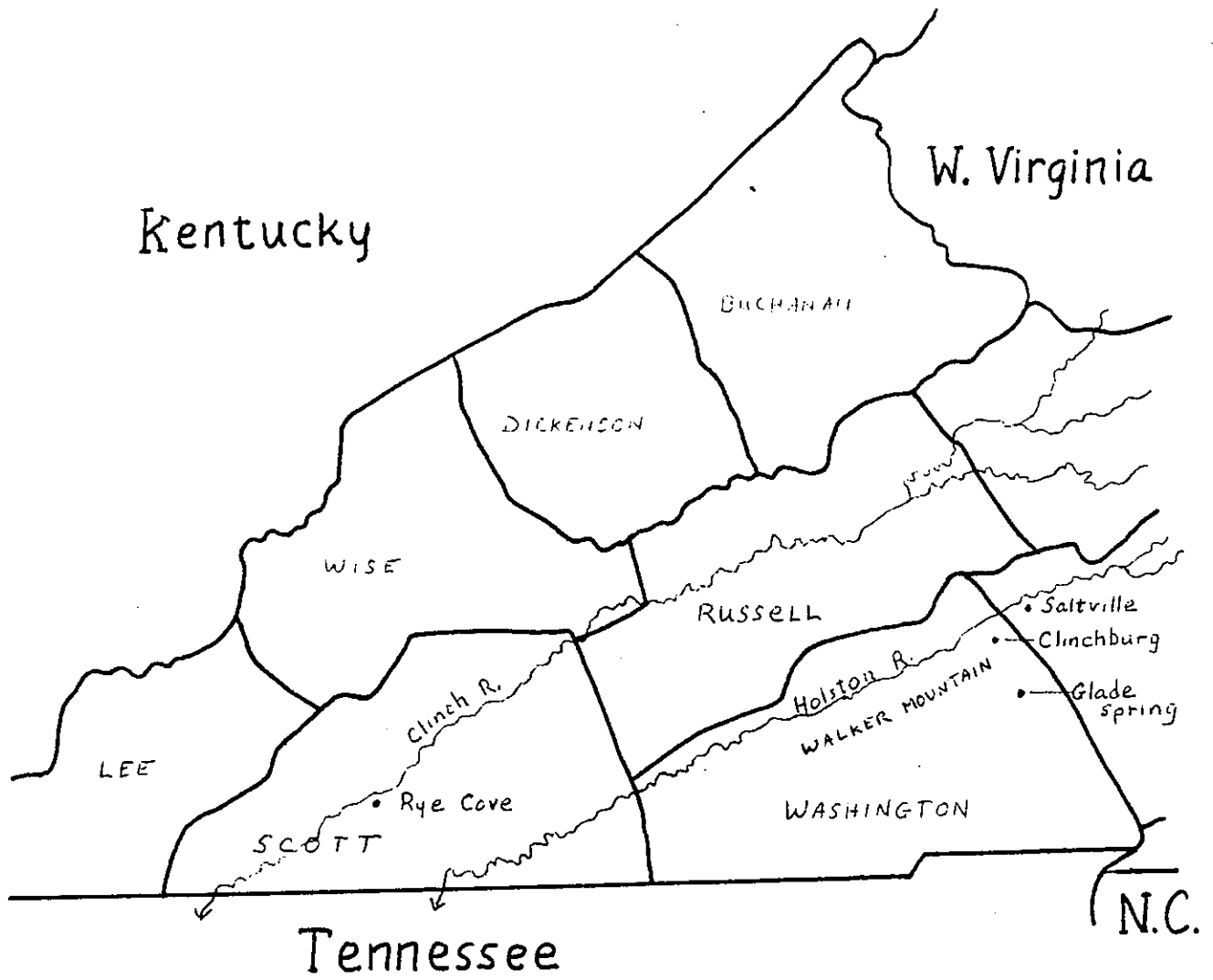
Not very much is known about John CAWOOD, one of the older children of Stephen and Esther, not even whether he was born in Maryland or Virginia. He may have served in the Revolution, but this has not been proved. He married Lucy (maiden name unknown) and they lived in Washington County, Virginia. On 6 March 1793, he took up 39 acres on the north side of Walker Mountain. He died before his father, as Stephen's will in November of 1810 lists him as deceased. Lucy, his widow, died on 3 July 1816.

Children of John and Lucy CAWOOD:

1. Stephen, b. ?, VA; m. Helen MCNEAL; d. ?;
2. Nancy, b. ?, VA; m. George SCOTT; d. ?;
- \* 3. Elizabeth (Bettie), b. 1793, Wash. Co, VA; m. William  
MCNEW, 5 Jun 1806, Wash. Co, VA; d. 30 Jun 1879,  
Scott Co, VA;
4. Esther, b. ?, VA; m. Samuel MILLER; d. ?.

(While there is no real proof that this Bettie is the same Elizabeth CAWOOD who married William MCNEW, she is approximately the right age, living in the right place, and the only girl of that name known to be in the area. Therefore, Cawood researchers have generally accepted that this is the right family for her.)

Elizabeth's family will be continued on page 1-18.



### SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA

Earliest McNew and Cawood families settled near Clinchburg, in Washington County while Montgomerys settled in Russell County. Some from both families later moved westward into Scott County.

## MCNEW - EARLY HISTORY

JEREMIAH (I) MACKNEW<sup>1</sup>

Our MCNEW line is descended from Jeremiah (I) and Phillis MACKNEW who arrived in Charles County, Maryland Colony in 1668 with a son, John Howard.<sup>2</sup> (Their birthplace is not known as of now, but almost all immigrants into that part of Maryland at that time were from the northern areas of England.)

Perhaps Jeremiah (I) had enough money to pay only his fare, for Phillis Mackneugh (Macknew) was indentured to William Barton until 1674 for payment of her passage.<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah (I) and Phillis arranged for the indenture of their son, John Howard, on 10 January 1670.

"John Howard Macknew...Province of Maryland  
(court) holden at Porttobacco in Charles  
County...the 10th day of January 1670:  
Jeremiah Macknew and Phillis his wife with  
the consent of the Court doe bynde their  
sonn John Howard to Robert Littlepage till  
he attayne the yeares of 21."<sup>4</sup>

It is not known how old John was at the time of immigration or indenture. This indenture would not only allow John to learn a trade, but would also free his parents from supplying his food and clothing while he was a minor.

A second son, Jeremiah (II) was born after their arrival in Charles County, Maryland colony, almost certainly after Phillis' period of servitude was completed, which would mean the mid to late 1670s. There is no record of his being indentured during his childhood, so perhaps the financial situation of Jeremiah and Phillis had improved by that time.

Dates of death for Jeremiah (I) and Phillis are not known.

## Jeremiah (I) and Phillis MACKNEW:

1. John Howard, b. before 1668; immigrated 1668; d. ?;
- \* 2. Jeremiah (II), b. after 1674?, MD; m. Sarah MARLEY, 1708, MD;  
d. 1715/1716, MD.

<sup>1</sup> Much of the early McNew history was either first brought to my attention or verified by Jack HOCKETT of St. David's, PA.

<sup>2</sup> EARLY MARYLAND IMMIGRANTS, G. Skordas, Liber 11, Folio 524.

<sup>3</sup> THE EARLY SETTLERS OF MARYLAND, ed. Skordas, Liber 18, Folio 111.

<sup>4</sup> PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COURT OF CHARLES COUNTY, 1666-1674, Vol. LX, Court Series 9, MD Historical Soc., 1943, p.281

	Maryland Colony founded				Susquehannock War			
AMERICA	1634				75-76			
	1630	1640	1650	1660	1670	1680	1690	1700
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ENGLAND	.....Charles I.....\Cromwell\.....				Charles II.....\..Wm & Mary..\			
	James II							

## JEREMIAH (II) MACKNEW

Jeremiah (II) was the first American-born MACKNEW, entering this world in Charles County, Maryland, (in an area which became part of Prince Georges County in 1695) just a few miles from the the area chosen 100 years later to become the nation's capital.

As a young adult, Jeremiah (II) indentured himself in 1703 for five years to pay off debts.

"Indenture made the 31st day of July 1703 between Jeremiah Macknew, planter, and James Bigger, Gent. ... for divers good causes and considerations ... hath of his own free and voluntary accord bound himself a servant ... to James Bigger ... of five years ..."<sup>1</sup>

Five years later, Jeremiah (II) was married to Sarah MARLEY (or MARLER) presumably at the end of his indentured servitude, i.e. about August, 1708. Sarah may have been the daughter of Edward MARLER who came to Maryland in the same year as the Macknews.<sup>2</sup>

The four children of Jeremiah (II) and Sarah MACKNEW were all born in Prince Georges County, Maryland. They are recorded in baptismal records of St. John's Parish (Episcopal) in that county.<sup>3</sup>

1. Lucy, b. 8 Feb 1709, MD; m. John SMALLWOOD; d. ?
2. Anne, b. 8 Nov 1711, MD; m. Moses ORME, 1734; d. ?
3. Edward Marley, b. 14 Aug 1713, MD; m. ?; d. ?;
- \* 4. William (I), b. 14 Aug 1715, MD; m. Mary \_?, 1735, MD; d. 1792, Washington Co, VA.

Jeremiah (II) died not long after William's birth, for his estate was inventoried on 12 March 1716 when the baby wasn't yet seven months old. His widow, Sarah, soon thereafter married Timothy MAUHANE, by whom she had several more children.<sup>4</sup> It is believed that Sarah died early in 1728, as her Macknew sons appeared in court in March of 1728 to choose guardians.

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<sup>1</sup> PRINCE GEORGES, MD DEED BOOK C, p. 123

<sup>2</sup> EARLY MARYLAND IMMIGRANTS, G. Skordas, Liber 11, Folio 555.

<sup>3</sup> INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX - 1988 Edition, Maryland.  
St. John's was sometimes called King George's Parish.

<sup>4</sup> PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND, INDEXES OF CHURCH REGISTERS 1686-1885, p. 86.  
"Macknew, Sarah m. April 7, 1716 to Timothy Mauhane". p.247 on original document, as reported by Jack Hockett in WILLIAM MACKNEW, 1715-1791 AND WIFE, MARY..., Manuscript, 1990.

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WILLIAM (I) MCNEW

William MACKNEW was born 14 August 1715 in Prince Georges County, Colony of Maryland. He was raised by his mother and step-father until he was 12. As mentioned previously, his mother died then and William and his brother were allowed to choose their guardians. William chose his uncle, Ralph MARLER (MARLEY), while his brother, Edward, was "bound" to another uncle, Edward MARLER (MARLEY).

"March 1728 MACKUNE (Macknue), William: aged as tis said - twelve years Sometimes last August present here in Court is bound to his Uncle Ralph Marler from this time for Seven Years and the said Ralph in his proper person in Court here Engages to use his Endeavour to Learn his nephew the Carpenters trade and at the Expiration of his time to give him a decent Suit of Apparel..."<sup>1</sup>

In 1735 or shortly thereafter, probably dressed in his new "decent Suit of Apparel", William married Mary (maiden name unknown). Four sons were born to them in Prince Georges County; Jeremiah, John, Shadrack and Elisha.

In the early 1750s, William, Mary and their children moved from Maryland westward to Frederick County, Virginia to an area called the "Barrens of the Opeckon" (now Berkeley County, WV). They, like the Cawoods, would have taken "The National Road" westward.

William's name is recorded in Frederick County as being a chain carrier with several surveying crews.<sup>2</sup> It also occurs in court records in several land transactions,<sup>3</sup> and as a defendant, sued for non-payment of debts.<sup>4</sup> Two more sons, Edward and George, were born to them in Frederick County. During these years, the preferred spelling of the name became 'McNEW'.

The McNews and Cawoods had dealings with each other as exemplified by the following lease agreement drawn up at Winchester, Frederick County:

"between Moses KEYWOOD of Parish of St Mark's in County of Frederick (to) Wm McNEW of Parish aforesaid...consideration

<sup>1</sup> ORPHANS AND INFANTS OF PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND, 1696-1750, comp. by Dorothy H. Smith, 1976. p. 72.

<sup>2</sup> NORTHERN NECK WARRANTS AND SURVEYS: FREDERICK COUNTY (Abstracts) 1747-1780, Vol II, pp 86, 159.

<sup>3</sup> FREDERICK COUNTY, VA DEED BK 10, pp 512, 513.

<sup>4</sup> FREDERICK COUNTY, VA, ORDER BOOK 15, pp 23, 24, 177, 247; and FREDERICK COUNTY, VA, ORDER BOOK 16, p 811.

Settlers begin moving into Shenandoah Valley			French/Indian War 1754-60		Rev. War Constitution				
1710	1720	1730	1740	1750	1760	1770	1775-83	1789	Purchase
							1780	1790	1800
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.Anne I..\..George I..\.....George II.....\.....George III.....\ Washington Jefferson									

of five Shillings...Tract of Land containing one Hundred and Twenty Seven Acres more or less...situate lying and being upon the East side of Opecon River...Rent of an Ear of Indian Corn on the feast of St. Michaels next..."<sup>1</sup>

In 1773, William, Mary and their four youngest sons, Shadrack, Elisha, Edward and George, moved southwest along the "Great Valley Road" through the Shenandoah Valley to Fincastle County, Virginia (now Washington County). He appears on the Washington County tax lists in 1782 and 1787. When he was in his 75th year (1789) and perhaps because of it, the county Fee Book records "William MCNEW, order for exemption from paying tax".<sup>2</sup>

William would have been recorded in the first Census, taken in 1790. Unfortunately, the 1790, 1800 and part of the 1810 Census of Virginia were destroyed during the War of 1812 when the British burned Washington, D.C.

William died in Washington County in early 1792 at the age of 76. The inventory and appraisal of his estate was taken on 30 March 1792 and recorded on 19 April 1792.<sup>3</sup> The estate wasn't finally settled until 1797, at which time his widow, Mary, was still living.<sup>4</sup> Since she was not mentioned in the will of her son, Elisha, in 1803, it must be assumed that she died before then.

William and Mary MCNEW:<sup>5</sup>

1. Jeremiah, b. 1735-1740?, Prince Georges Co, MD; m. Keziah \_?; d. 1788, KY
2. John, b. 1740-1745?, Prince Georges Co, MD; m. ?; served in Rev. War; d. Mercer Co, KY;
3. Shadrack, b. 1740-1750?, Prince Georges Co, MD; m. ?; d. 1823?, Greene Co, TN;
4. Elisha, b. 1745-1750?, Prince Georges Co, MD; m. Catherine SMYTH, 1778?; d. Jan 1804, Wash. Co, VA;
- \* 5. Edward, b. 1755, Frederick Co, VA; m. Nancy \_?, 1785? d. 29 Jul 1827, Wash. Co, VA;
6. George, b. 17 Nov 1763, Frederick Co, VA; m. Amelia HARGIS, 1781?; d. Apr 1860, VA.

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<sup>1</sup> FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DEED BOOK 10, p. 512. As quoted by Jack Hockett in WILLIAM MACKNEW...

<sup>2</sup> Untitled Manuscript, Anne Smith, Item 80: Wm McNew; copy in Virginia State Archives.

<sup>3</sup> WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA WILL BOOK 2, pp 2, 10

<sup>4</sup> WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA WILL BOOK 2, p 160.

<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM MACKNEW (MCNEW) 1715-1791 AND WIFE, MARY \_\_\_ OF PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD, FREDERICK (BERKELEY) COUNTY, VA AND FINCASTLE (WASHINGTON) COUNTY, VA - AN EARLY SETTLER TO THE COUNTY OF FINCASTLE (WASHINGTON), 1773. Manuscript by Jack Hockett of St. David's, PA and Janice Snead of Saltville, VA, 1990.

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EDWARD MCNEW

Edward MCNEW, fifth son of William and Mary MCNEW, was born in "Fall 1755" (family bible record transcription) in Frederick County, Virginia. He was 17 when the family moved to Fincastle County in 1773. In 1774, he served in James THOMPSON's Company (militia) of Fincastle County, Virginia, for 46 days.<sup>1</sup> (Washington County was formed from this part of Fincastle in 1776).

Edward married Nancy (maiden name unknown) in about 1785. A family bible gives her birthdate as 8 September 1771, so she was still in her early teens when she became Edward's wife. Edward was listed as a Virginia taxpayer (indicating that he owned land) by 1787.<sup>2</sup> In 1795, Edward purchased 110 acres "in the Rich valley on a branch of the North fork of the Holstein (Holston) river" in Washington County.<sup>3</sup> He can be found in census records in Washington County in 1810 and 1820.

1810 Census: Household of Edward McNew:<sup>4</sup>  
 Males: (0-9) 1, (10-15) 1, (16-25) 1, (45 +) 1;  
 Females: (0-9) 1, (16-25) 2, (26-44) 1, (45 +) 1.

1820 Census: Household of Edward McNew, Sr.:<sup>5</sup>  
 Males: (10-15) 1, (16-25) 1, (45 +) 1;  
 Females: (10-15) 1, (16-25) 1, (45 +) 1.

His will, written in 1827, is on file in that county. Edward died 29 July 1827 at the age of 72. Nancy lived for another twenty one years, until the 4th of April 1849. She was 77 at the time of her death.

Edward and Nancy MCNEW:<sup>6</sup>

- \* 1. William (II), b. 11 Nov 1785, Wash. Co, VA; m. Elizabeth CAWOOD,  
 5 Jun 1806, Wash. Co; d. 1837?, Wash. Co, VA; (continued on next page)

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<sup>1</sup> Information from Regina Moore Bish given to Jack Hockett.  
<sup>2</sup> VIRGINIA TAXPAYERS 1782-1787  
<sup>3</sup> DEEDS I, 1778-1797, WASHINGTON COUNTY, VA.  
<sup>4</sup> 1810 Census, Washington Co, VA, p. 36.  
<sup>5</sup> 1820 Census, Washington Co, VA, p. 964.  
<sup>6</sup> These birth dates were taken from a Bible, published in 1818, formerly owned by William Wheeler McNew, Clinchburg, VA. Marriages are from WASHINGTON COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTER 1785-1902, Vol 2.

		Rev.War	Constitution	Louisiana	War		
		1775-83	1789	Purchase 1803	1812-15		
1760	1770	1780	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+							
..\\.....George III.....\\.....Washington..Jefferson...Madison.....Monroe							

2. John C S, b. 23 Jun 1788, Wash. Co, VA; m. Alcey BROWN, 21 Apr 1808, Washington Co, VA; d.?
3. Tabitha, b. 10 Apr 1790, Wash. Co, VA; m. Moses CAWOOD, 29 Jan 1807, Wash. Co, VA; d. ?
4. Mary (Polly), b. 10 Apr 1790, Wash. Co, VA; m. Benjamin CAWOOD?; d. ?; (twin of Tabitha)
5. Rhoda, b. 1 Jul 1792, Wash. Co, VA; m. Joseph HURST, 1818, Claiborne Co, TN; d. ?;
6. Sally, b. 1 Jun 1795, Wash. Co, VA; m. Aaron HURST; d. ?, TN;
7. James, b. 11 Apr 1797?, Wash. Co, VA; m1. Mary MEADOWS, m2. Sarah STURGEON: d. 1870;
8. Edward, b. 23 Mar 1799?, Wash. Co, VA; m. Delia CAWOOD; d. ?;
9. Elizabeth, b. 9 Apr 1801, Wash. Co, VA; m. James JOHNSTON; d. TN; 1876
10. Isaac, b. 1803?, Wash. Co, VA; m1. Permelia HALFINGER, 1820?; m2. Mary Ann (Polly) ARNWINE, 1 Apr 1845, Claiborne Co, TN; d.1863.

Following is the Will of Edward MCNEW, made three days before his death. It is on file in Washington County, Virginia.

#### WILL OF EDWARD MCNEW

In the name of God Amen. I Edward McNew, weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made and dispose of my worldly estate in the manner following, to wit;

1st to my beloved wife Nancy I leave and bequeath during her natural life all that part of my plantation laying South of the salt works road with the privilege of any necessary using timber from the North side of said road; also a horse beast worth eighty dollars, two cows and calves, ten head of hogs and ten head of sheep of her own choosing out of my stock of each; one side saddle and bridle, two bedsteads and furniture together with all the rest of my household and kitchen furniture; also the use of my Negro woman Elsey and her future increase, if any, until she arrives to the age of forty five, at which time it is my wish and desire that she be emancipated - on condition of her complying with the requisitions of the law, and her increase, if any, to be disposed as is hereinafter directed.

2nd I leave and bequeath to my sons James, Edward and Isaac, all my land on the North side of the salt works road during the life of their mother and at her decease, that on the South side of said road also to be equally divided amongst the three, to be so laid off as to give to James and Edward the land where their dwelling houses stand, and to Isaac that upon which my dwelling house stands, allowing to each an equal right to use the water from the spring.



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3rd To my daughter Tabitha Cawood I leave a Negro girl child named Jane - To my daughter Sally Hurst I leave a Negro boy child named Lewis - To my daughter Elizabeth Johnston I leave a Negro boy child named Anderson.

4th To my son John, I leave and bequeath a debt of three hundred dollars which he owes me as the dividend which I intended for him of my estate; to my son William and the children of my daughter Mary deceased, I leave nothing - they having been previously portioned off.

5th The remaining part of my personal estate remaining undivided, I wish sold in a reasonable time after my death upon a reasonable credit and the proceeds after paying my just debts and funeral expenses to be equally divided between my daughters Tabitha Cawood, Sally Hurst, Elizabeth Johnston and the children of my daughter Rhoda Hurst. I also wish the personal property devised to my wife sold at her death, except so much of it as may be necessarily used and the proceeds to be divided as above. I also wish the future increase of my Negro woman Elsey, if any, at the death of my wife equally divided between my daughters Tabitha Cawood, Sally Hurst, Elizabeth Johnston and the children of my daughter Rhoda Hurst.<sup>1</sup> It is further my wish that that part of my estate equally devised to the children of my daughter Rhoda be retained in the hands of my Executor for their benefit unless it may appear to him that my daughter Rhoda is in suffering circumstances and if it should so appear I then wish him to contribute to her necessities out of the means left for her children as he may think reasonable.<sup>2</sup>

I do hereby constitute and appoint Joseph MILLER Executor of this my last Will and Testament. - Given under my hand this 26th day of July 1827.<sup>3</sup>

Edward McNew

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<sup>1</sup> In 1838, five of Elsey's children were sold to John MCNEW for \$2278. In 1849, her three youngest children (11, 9 and 7) were sold for \$1241. This money was divided among Tabitha, Sally, Elizabeth and the children of Rhoda. (Information from Jack Hockett)

<sup>2</sup> Rhoda and Joseph HURST were living in Missouri at the time of Edward's death. She later divorced Joseph, and in 1847 was sent \$30 from the estate to pay her way back to Virginia. The estate was finally settled, after many difficulties with her family, in 1860, with Rhoda's nine children all receiving a share. (Information from Jack Hockett)

<sup>3</sup> Presented in Washington County court and proved by oath of witnesses on 21 August 1827.

## WILLIAM (II) MCNEW AND ELIZABETH CAWOOD

William (II) MCNEW, son of Edward and Nancy, was born on the 11th of November 1785 in Washington County, Virginia. Elizabeth CAWOOD's date of birth is not certain. One researcher has found entries for her in a family Bible which gives 1793 as birth year. This would mean she was only 13 when married.

William and Elizabeth were married in Washington County on the 5th of June 1806.<sup>1</sup> (The ceremony was performed by Rev. Nicolas Reagan, a Lutheran). They made their home at Rye Cove, which was then in the same county. It later was included in Scott County, when the latter was formed in 1814.

The 1830 Census showed William as over 40 and Elizabeth as between 30 and 39. (This would agree with her birth in 1793.) Four sons and three daughters were living with them, the eldest daughter, Polly, having already married and left home. Unlike William's father, they did not own any slaves (which were listed in separate columns on census forms).

1830 Census: Household of William MCNEW:<sup>2</sup>

Males: (0-4) 1, (5-9) 1, (10-14) 1, (15-19) 1, (40-49) 1;

Females: (0-4) 1, (10-14) 2, (30-39) 1.

William was apparently in financial trouble much of his life, as there were several lawsuits involving his property, and his father's Will gives him nothing because "he has already received his inheritance". For example, his parents sold William some land in 1805.<sup>3</sup> In 1811, William used this land to secure a debt.<sup>4</sup> In 1814, it was released to his father, Edward, who evidently paid the debt for his son.<sup>5</sup>

William died between 1835 and 1840, in his early fifties, survived by his wife and eight children. No will has been found for him as yet.

The 1840 Census shows Elizabeth as a widow, with an age of at least 50 (too old for being born in 1793). Living with her were three sons and two daughters.

<sup>1</sup> MARRIAGE REGISTER, WASHINGTON COUNTY, VA 1785-1902, Vol. 2, p. 293.

<sup>2</sup> 1830 CENSUS, SCOTT CO, VA, p. 21.

<sup>3</sup> WASHINGTON COUNTY DEED BOOK 3, p. 401. This and following data was collected by John G. McNew, and sent to me by H. C. Mcnew.

<sup>4</sup> WASHINGTON COUNTY DEED BOOK 4, p. 429.

<sup>5</sup> WASHINGTON COUNTY DEED BOOK 5, p. 478.

Louisiana Purch. 1803	War 1812-15				Mex. War 1846-48	Civil War 1861-65			
1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	
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Jefferson			Jackson			Lincoln			

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1840 Census: Household of Elizabeth MCNEW:<sup>1</sup>  
 Males: (15-19) 2, (20-29) 1;  
 Females: (10-14) 1, (20-29) 1, (50-59) 1.

In 1850, she shared her home with her son, Moses, and his family. This farm was probably sold by Elizabeth in 1853, at the same time as another piece of land was sold by Elizabeth, Moses, and William (her youngest son).<sup>2</sup> At this time, Elizabeth moved in with her youngest daughter, Sarah, and Moses moved his family back to Kentucky. Unlike her grand-daughters who often aged less than ten years in a ten-year Census period, Elizabeth seemed to age twelve years in ten. She died 30 June 1879 in Scott County,<sup>3</sup> having been a widow for over forty years. If her year of birth was really 1793, she was about 86 when she died.

1850 Census: see Chapter 3. (Elizabeth is 62)

1860 Census: Scott Co, VA, Estillville (see next page)

Elizabeth McNew	74
Solomon Owens	35
Sarah A	32
Easter	9 (probably Esther)
John	7
Joseph	3
Samuel	1

In 1870 the Owens family is listed but Elizabeth is not with them.<sup>4</sup> She may have moved in with another of her children we haven't yet located in that Census.

Children of William and Elizabeth MCNEW: (all born at Rye Cove)

1. Mary (Polly), b. 28 Mar 1810, Wash. Co, VA; m. Harry CARTER, 13 May 1828, Scott Co, VA; d. 7 Oct 1903;
2. Joseph, b. 1812?, Wash. Co, VA; m. Mary Ann COCKREHAM, 17 Oct 1855, Hawkins Co, TN; d. ?, out West?;
3. Elizabeth, b. 1815?, Scott Co, VA; m. Joseph CARTER, 24 Mar 1835, Scott Co, VA; d. ?;
4. Anne (Nancy), b. 1817, Scott Co, VA; m. Richard RIGGS, 16 Sep 1840, Scott Co, VA; d. 1857, Owsley Co, KY;
5. Moses Cawood, b. 3 Jun 1820; m. Clarissa JONES, 17 Nov 1844, Morgan Co, KY; d. 3 Jun 1860, Owsley Co, KY;
6. William, b. 1821?, Scott Co, VA; m. Mary Power, 22 Feb 1849, Floyd Co, KY; d. 11 Sep 1857, Floyd Co, KY;
7. John B, b. 15 Oct 1823, Scott Co, VA; m. Jemima STANLEY, 1845, Scott Co, VA; d. 27 Dec 1888, Scott Co, VA;
8. Sarah A, b. 1828?, Scott Co, VA; m. Solomon OWENS, 9 Mar 1849, Scott Co, VA; d. ?

<sup>1</sup> 1840 CENSUS, SCOTT CO, VA, p. 290.

<sup>2</sup> WASHINGTON COUNTY DEED BOOK 10, p. 142.

<sup>3</sup> Death date also from family Bible mentioned on page 1-18, which this author has not been able to verify.

<sup>4</sup> 1870 CENSUS, Scott Co, VA, Taylor Township, p. 20.

SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of Scott State  
of Virginia enumerated by me, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1880. John Hickam Ass't Marshal  
Post Office Estilville Va.

1	2	3	4			6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13	14
			5	5	5			Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate						
Dwelling occupied by the head of family		The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1880, was in this family.		Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year	Attended School within the year	Can read and write	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.		
1			George	m	W				VA						
2	1880	1880	Elizabeth McNew	f	W	Spinster									
3			John	m	W	Farmer									
4			Laura	f	W										
5			Elizabeth	f	W										
6			William	m	W										
7			Lawrence	m	W										
8			Thomas	m	W										
9			John	m	W										
10			Walter	m	W										
11			John	m	W										
12	1880	1880	Solomon Owens	m	W	Farmer	\$1200		VA						
13			Sarah A Owens	f	W	Spinster									
14			Easter A	f	W										
15			John	m	W										
16			Joseph	m	W										
17			Samuel N	m	W										
18			Samuel Hensley	m	W										
19	1880	1880	Elizabeth McNew	f	W	Spinster									
20			Richard	m	W	Farmer	\$100	\$100	Tenn						
21			William	m	W	Farmer									
22			George	m	W										
23			John	m	W										
24			John	m	W										
25	1880	1880	Elizabeth McNew	f	W	Spinster		\$100	VA						
26	1880	1880	David McNew	m	W	Farmer	\$400	\$255	VA						
27			Elizabeth	f	W	Spinster									
28			Elizabeth	f	W										
29			John	m	W	Farmer									
30			James	m	W	Spinster									
31			John	m	W										
32			William	m	W	Farmer									
33	1880	1880	Andrew McNew	m	W	Farmer		\$100							

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line	12	Solomon Owens	35	m	Farmer	\$1200	VA
	13	Sarah A Owens	32	f	Spinster <sup>1</sup>	"	"
	14	Easter A "	9	f	"	"	"
	15	John	7	m	"	"	"
	16	Joseph	3	m	"	"	"
	17	Samuel N. "	1	m	"	"	"
	18	Samuel Hensley <sup>2</sup>	13	m	"	"	"
	19	Elizabeth McNew	74	f	Spinster	"	"

<sup>1</sup> Any adult woman who could spin yarn was called a spinster.  
<sup>2</sup> We have no information on the identity of this child.

