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## Solomon, Ransom, Joshua, Samuel - Rev War Service

All of these men served under Captain John Nelson whose soldiers seem to have come from Guilford Co, NC. Many of the men who served under Nelson stated that they enlisted at the Guilford Courthouse.

I think that these men are all sons of William and Judith Dudley Prewitt. Samuel stated that he was born in James City Co, VA near Williamsburg in 1751. He died in Abbeville Co, SC. Joshua died in Anderson Co, SC. Ransom died in Bedford Co, TN. Solomon in Cumberland Co, KY.

Their brother Dudley Pruett was a Loyalist. He served under Captain Shadrack Lantry and Major Daniel Plummer in the Fair Forest Militia (Union/Spartanburg Co's, SC).

William Prewitt was NOT a child of Thomas Prewitt Jr. Thomas' son William was younger and couldn't have been the father of these men born in the early 1750's. New information shows that there has been a generation missing in this family. Thomas' son William was born c 1738.

Besides his age, Thomas' son William was a doofus. He was always in trouble and badly in debt. Judith Dudley came from an upper society family, was born 1731 in Middlesex Co, VA, and never would have married William (Thomas).

There aren't an abundance of records for James City Co. That could be why there hasn't been anything found on William and Judith's origins and why they have been tied to the Henrico/Goochland family. It doesn't help that both Williams ended up in the same area of SC and have been combined and confused for years.

If the descent of Group B is from William and Judith, it certainly explains why the illusive Francis Marion was living among their descendants.

### Comments



**John W. Pruett-VA DF13** Nov 30, 10

At the Library of VA the only record of a Pruett in Williamsburg City was in book of Bruton&Middleton Parish Register. This is the very famous Bruton Parish Church of Williamsburg VA. I looked at two other books on Bruton Parish Church and couldn't find any Pruetts. The Library of VA had no court records for Williamsburg City.

The only record from the book F234 .W7 V64 2004 p 84 on Bruton Parish Church was "Doll a Negro girl belonging to Jonathan Prewitt dyed Jan'y, 26 1717.

In James City County which borders Williamsburg City the only references to a Pruett was where Benjamin Prewet paid taxes each year on 136 acres from 1790 until his death in 1805. The only other James City record was a 1692 reference to a Pruers line of trees in a April 29 1692 deed. .



**Marcia McClure** Nov 30, 10

There's a vestry book from Blisland Parish (James City / New Kent) which covers 1721 - 1796. No register though. Ill try to check the Blisland book soon.

Unfortunately, there are few government records for James City Co from the 1700's. William Pruett's line is interesting, since I think that we are looking for a William, but probably a younger one.

(I have checked the Blisland Vestry book and found no Prewitt names.)



**John W. Pruett-VA DF13** Nov 30, 10

In the Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish of New Kent County the only Pruett reference is on p 550: 1739 Sarah Daughter of John and Jane Pruet birth Feb 18 Baptism March 25.

There were no Pruetts in the New Kent County court records at the Library of VA.



**Marcia McClure** Nov 30, 10

1739 - we're getting closer to 1751 when Samuel says that he was born in James City Co.



**Wayne Pruitt** Dec 10, 10

I think we need to be explicit in identifying which Thomas or whomever we are talking about. There are so many of the same given name that lived during the same time frame we can get lost and confused, at least I am.

Marcia: I do not show a son Solomon for William son of Thomas (Tygar) in my data base. Where was he born and when?



**Marcia McClure** Dec 11, 10

Sony Wayne - there are a few Thomases! They belong to the Henrico/Goochland family and are father (c1680 Henrico - c 1745 Amelia), son (c1705 Henrico - c 1760 Halifax), and grandson (c 1735 Amelia - 1807 Spartanburg Co, SC). It is the grandson who was "Old Tygar Tom," not Thomas Jr. Thomas Jr died in Halifax and never lived on the Tyger River. See this for more detail: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~greengarden/Prewitts%20of%20Henrico%20Amelia%20Halifax/descendants%20of%20Henry%20Prewitt%20sr.htm>

Our DNA results show that Group B is not related to Group C (Henrico/Goochland Prewitts).

One of the Williams who appears in the 1790 and 1800 Spartanburg census was Tygar Tom's brother William (c1738 Amelia - after 1800 Spartanburg). The other William was Tygar Tom's son William (c1762 Halifax Co, VA - 1849 Meigs Co, TN). The latter William left a Rev War pension statement where he said that he served as a substitute for his father who had been drafted. This means that Tygar Tom was not an elderly man in 1780.

Tygar Tom's brother William was too young to have been the father of many of the "sons" attributed to him. He was born about 1738. William was in Halifax Co, VA through 1767, then in Spartanburg before 1770. There's no evidence that he ever lived in NC.

Samuel, Joshua, and Ransom all left pension statements saying that they enlisted in NC. The men that they served with were from Guilford Co. Solomon's statement has some problems. He said that he enlisted in VA but served under the same captain as Samuel, Joshua, and Ransom. Samuel stated that he was born in James City Co, VA - near Williamsburg - in 1751. Most of the records for that area are gone.

In Rockingham Co, NC, which was formed from the northern part of Guilford, there is a Prewitt's Fork, a fork off of Hogar's Creek on the border with Caswell Co. This is where these men lived. The tax and various other records show a William (who cannot be the brother of Tygar Tom as he was elsewhere), a Richard Prewitt Sr, and a Richard Prewitt Jr. I believe that it was Richard Jr who married Frances Sandridge in Guilford Co 10/4/1771. Richard Jr was in Surry Co, NC in 1784 and moved to Union Co, SC about 1785.

Joshua appears in the 1790 Rockingham Co, NC census. Willis Pruett was in the 1800 Stokes Co, NC census and died there in 1821. Ransom was in Newberry Co, SC by 1790. Solomon never lived in SC to my knowledge. John was in Abbeville by 1795. Peter was in Surry Co, NC in 1787, Stokes in 1790, and later in Spartanburg Co, SC.

Samuel, Joshua, Ransom, and John all lived in Abbeville Co, SC at one time.

Solomon doesn't say where he was born, just that he enlisted in VA. His age increases dramatically from the 1830 to 1840 to 1850 census, so it's a question mark to me. He died in Cumberland Co, KY in 1852. (Mardine and Jim in Group B are descended from Solomon. Elaine's Frances Marion lived in a nest of Ransoms descendants in AL and TN.)

Dudley Pruett is most likely a brother of this group. He was in SC long before the others and served under Renney Belue's old friend Major Daniel Plummer in the Fair Forest Militia (Loyalist). He was in Anderson Co, SC (the county north of Abbeville) in 1800 and died in Edgefield Co, SC in 1803.

As for William (Thomas Jr, Thomas Sr, Henry) - his children seem to be:

- Obediah (c1760)
- Shadrach (c 1762)
- Nathan/Nathaniel (c1775)
- Benjamin (c 1780)
- Jesse (c1785)
- son (born between 1784 - 1790)
- daughter (c 1790)



**Wayne Pruitt** Dec 11, 10

Marcia: Your comment on "Tygar" makes sense. Thomas Jr, would have been Thomas Sr b:1692/93 Henrico, would he not since Henry b: 1654 Charles River was his father and Thomas b:1616 his grandfather or am I confused. (I notice you have it this way just above this comment). This would make Thomas b:1721 Henrico "Tygar/Tyger" and Jr? I have William b:1725 Son of Thomas Sr and brother of Thomas Jr. "Tyger" as the father of Samuel b:1751, Obediah b:1752, Joshua b:1753, Ransom b:1754, John b:1755, Dudley b:1756. Peter b:1760. Shadrach b:1762 all born in Halifax Co, VA. I also have a son listed as Willis b:1749 Lunenburg Co, VA which I am not sure of but fits the information you gave.

I have a Solomon Pruett b: 1785 Henry Co., VA son of Elijah and an unidentified spouse. Solomon had a son Solomon II, b:1807 Madison Co., Kentucky. Solomon had 3 brothers that died in Madison Co, KY, so my guess he died there also, but have no information. SolomonII<SolomonI<Elijah<David<Richard



**Marcia McClure** Dec 12, 10

You can forget Thomas Prewitt bc 1616. No one has any proof that he left any children or that any of us are descended from him. The first of the Group C line is Henry bc 1654 and he is first found in Henrico in 1679.

What has been commonly written about Henry's son Thomas is incorrect. That's what is explained in the link that I gave above. Here's a link to my rootsweb tree which also explains the errors: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=marciamcclure&iid=11069>

What has been written about the family of "William and Judith Dudley Prewitt" is also incorrect.

Henry's son Thomas Sr was born c 1680 and he is the one who married Mary Chastain Ducre as his second wife. The 2 of them apparently had no children. Thomas Sr died in Amelia c 1746. This Thomas and Thomas Jr have been combined into one man. They were actually father and son.

Thomas Sr's son Thomas Jr was born c 1705 and died c 1760 in Halifax Co, VA.

Thomas Jr was the father of Renney. His illegitimate sons were OLDER than his legitimate sons.

Thomas III, "Old Tygar Tom," was born c 1735 in Amelia. He died in Spartanburg in 1807.

William (Thomas Jr, Thomas Sr, Henry) was the second born legitimate son of Thomas Jr and he was born c 1738.

William cannot be the father of Samuel who was born in 1751 in James City Co, VA according to Samuel's pension statement. William was about 13 in 1751 and was living in Halifax. Samuel, Joshua, Ransom, Willis, John, Dudley, and Peter were NOT from the Group C family - not descendants of Henry Prewitt. Their father may have been a William, but it was a different William who has not been researched or documented. (A William was in Guilford as was a Richard at times when Thomas Jr's son William was in Halifax Co, VA and Spartanburg Co, SC.) These men who left Rev War pension statements (Samuel, Joshua, and Ransom) lived in Guilford Co, NC on Prewitt's Fork, not Halifax Co, VA. Thomas Jr's son William never lived in NC.

The Solomon that you referred to is not the same man as the one who lived and died in Cumberland Co, KY. DNA puts Solomon (of Cumberland) in the same group as the Prewitt's Fork bunch. His origins have been a mystery, but DNA ties him to the Guilford Co, NC family. There is a rather lengthy Rev War pension file for him.

Obediah was William's son but Obediah was born later - c 1760 not 1750. As I listed above, Obediah was likely William's oldest son - William (Thomas Jr, Thomas Sr, Henry).

Finally - if Judith Dudley was married to a William Prewitt, it was likely to the William who ended up living in Guilford. Judith was born in Middlesex Co, VA in 1731 and her family had long standing ties to Williamsburg. Judith was in a different social class than William (Thomas Jr, Thomas Sr, Henry) who spent his young adult years in Halifax in debt and with some serious legal problems.



**Mary and Herbert Max Bradley (PRUITT) edens** Apr 13, 12

I have for some time now believed I accurately trace my line (which my Pruitt roots are all from my mother, Ruth Francis Pruitt of Anderson, S. C., back to Joshua and that Joshua died in S. C. Does everyone agree that Joshua is the correct heir leading to Willis Crayton Pruitt and Edward Bruce Pruitt in later years? I keep looking at the dates and there seems to be some confusion there regarding William, but it appears in several versions of genealogy's on Ancestry.com. So is it correct? That is the question?



**Karen Kolbinsky** Apr 13, 12

Herbert...please tell me if in your research you have come across Peter and Mary Pruitt and/or George W. Pruitt. Again, I have sent a message to you via one of the pages on this site but not sure how it all works yet so am still learning to navigate. I am trying to find out about the Pruitt family because my grandfather's only full blooded sister, Pearl Hartsell, married George W. Pruitt sometime around 1920. He was from SC near Anderson. My aunt Pearl lived there in her early years of marriage to him but by 1930 is listed on the census living with her mother Hattie Mae Poston, in Salisbury. I have good reason to believe it's possible my father could have been also his son but was adopted by my grandparents (Pearl's brother Willie Bell Hartsell and wife Martha Ella Overfelt) shortly after they'd married. My father's birth certificate was at some point changed (the year of his actual birth) I really don't know if I'm right, my only living relatives old enough to remember have such vague recollection of events surrounding my great grandmother's life and death as they have Aunt Pearl and Richard Pruitt (her son) who are both listed in the 1930 census. My father was born in either 1931 or 1932. Since the year was tampered with on the birth certificate nobody can be absolutely sure.

My grandmother took to the grave with her a secret as she'd even with alzheimer's continued telling us Aunt Pearl didn't exist. She'd lived only an hour away in NJ when she died and it seems had lived there from about 1931 or 32 ... according to what we were told by my father's only living cousin (the nephew who never knew her) His only recollection of a story told to him by his grandmother had to do with a very terrible car wreck near their home when he yet a baby or maybe before he'd been born, he couldn't remember. He thought it may have involved Pearl somehow but that she either hadn't survived or had been responsible in some way for the accident and that some body (or some people) involved didn't make it out alive. This happened in Salisbury in the early 1930's. There were no death records or anything we could find in way of news about the story. Later we found our Aunt Pearl died in NJ the same year our grandfather did, 1989.

Richard died later in a prison in Massachusetts. My dad's cousin, Charlie, told me that Richard was a thief and spent most of his life in prison from the time he was old enough to leave his grandmother's home. He showed me a post card that had been sent to Hattie Mae from Richard where he called her "Mom" In our family there have been some situations that definitely seem to me a repeat of history here, especially if our father had been born to the sister of the man who ended up raising him as his own son because of a life controlling situation that had overtaken Pearl...whether her fault or not we can never know. What I have found out is that it was my grandmother (Ella) who was lying to us all along for whatever reason when she insisted to the grave that Pearl didn't exist. Even though my dad had taken notes from his father while Willie (grandfather) was on his death bed and those stories included not only Pearl but George Pruitt having been her husband then later having divorced her for whatever reason.

It's all my story but one I'd love to solve in my lifetime. Family (good or bad or indifferent) is family. The thought of Pearl having been so cut off as to have been considered "dead" by every one who should have loved her is unsettling for me...especially if she were our grandmother and my dad's real mother. I would like to at least visit her grave and give honor to whom honor is due. Regardless of whether or not she measure up in the eyes of the rest of the family I think I'd have liked to have been given a chance to know her and decide for myself whether she'd been worthy of our love.

thanks for sharing your story here and I look forward to reading the rest of what you have gone through searching for your Pruitt family. It will be interesting if somehow George was related to you as well.

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**Mary and Herbert Max Bradley (PRUITT) edens** May 22, 12

I have spent many hours on this effort and have almost come up empty. We seem to have no formal records of a possible connection in our line, although all these Pruitts definitely must have been in Anderson county area at the same time so it seems there was more than their own distinct line there and the records I have are incomplete, as most records seem to be. I must go over and tramp the cemeteries again I think. There is a possible link in this era by the Saylor's. My grandmother was a Saylor's and William Jasper Saylor's 1861-1942 was married to Palmyra Elizabeth Kerr 1865-1941. They had 14 children and #11 was Pearl 1901-1901/! Could this infant death explain the confusion on the name? All the 14 children were born in Anderson. And of course the Saylor's/Pruitt connection I have in detail but this is the only Pearl I find in Anderson connected to Pruitt in any way. I have a photo here made at a Saylor's reunion at Saylor's crossroads about 1910 or so under a big tree which appears in a lot of photos of Saylor's reunions and it sure would be nice to ID the folks in that photo but it is impossible! Must be about a 100 folks standing there and I bet one of them could solve this mystery for us! A lot of work to do in Anderson, S. C!



**Mardine Campbell** Aug 6, 12

Marcia, I've been offline for several months. You have Solomon Prewitt of Cumberland as connected to William Prewitt. However I remember researching William Prewitt's Solomon and as I recall he went to Madison county KY and then to the Ohio country. It's been several years since I researched this but I just haven't been able to connect Solomon of Cumberland to William or any one else for that matter.



**Marcia McClure**  
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Well its official, Ancestry is shutting down our Pruet/Pruitt/Prewitt Project on September 5th

What happens to this information

The PREWITT - PRUITT RECORDS of VIRGINIA by Richard A. Prewitt has been uploaded to the file section.

Seeking a Y-DNA Tested Direct Male Descendant of James Burriss Pruitt (1832-1914) of Anderson, SC

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