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A-6-1 Hardin Pruitt (5). Julia A. Pruitt (A-1-2) was the daughter of Hardin Pruitt and Lucinda Brooks (A-12-1). They had the following children.13,32,113 Sources: Ref 13, p393; Ref 271, p23-4, 37-43.

1. Joel Andrew Pruitt 3/ 5/1855 - 7/20/1934
2. William Preston (Press) Pruitt 8/ 3/1857 – 11/28/1933
3. Hardin Marcus (Mark) Pruitt 4/14/1859 - 2/26/1927
4. John C. Pruitt 1861 -
5. Sarah Jane Pruitt 8/ 4/1864 – 11/24/1951
6. Mary Lucinda Pruitt 11/ 3/1866 - 6/ 4/1926
7. Isaac Winfrey (Went) Pruitt 7/13/1869 - 1/ 2/1942
8. Augustus Joshua (Josh) Pruitt 4/20/1871 - 8/25/1950
9. Nancy J. Pruitt 7/13/1874 - 8/14/1943
10. *Julia A. Pruitt 6/ 7/1875 - 3/12/1944
11. Rosie A. Pruitt 7/ 2/1877 - 3/ 1/1919

The 1860 Wilkes Co, NC, census lists this family in Traphill Township in house #680/680 as follows: Hardin Pruett (33, farmer), Lucinda (25), Joel A. (5), Wm P. (2), Hardin (1), and Augustus (24). Their real estate was valued at $400, while their personal estate was valued at $250. Lucinda could not read or write.113 Augustus ($150 real estate, no personal estate)113,280 is probably Hardin's first cousin.

The 1870 Wilkes Co census lists them in Edwards Township in house #254/254: Harden Pruet (43, farmer), Lucinda (37), Joel A. (15, school), William P. (12, school), Harden M. (10, school), John C. (9), Sarah J. (6), Mary L. (4), Isaac W. (1). Their real estate was valued at $250, and their personal estate at $368.113,242

They are listed in the 1880 Wilkes Co census in Traphill Township, p31, in house #205/208 as follows: Hardin Pruitt (53, farmer), Lucinda (47, wife), William P. (22, son), Hardin M. (21, son), John C. (19, son), Sarah J. (16, dau), Lucinda (14, dau), Isaac W. (12, son), Augustus J. (10, son), Nancy M. (8, dau), Julia A. (6, dau), and Rosie (2, dau).113,281

The 1900 Wilkes Co census lists this family in Traphill Township #2, p224B, house #11: Augustus J. Pruitt (29, born April 1871, farmer, married 4 years), Sallie (28, born Oct 1871, wife), Wm. P. (42, born Aug 1857, brother), and Hardin (73, born Nov 1826, father, widower). All could read and write.113,282

1. Joel Andrew (or, Joel Ander, Joelando) married Lodema Bauguess on 3/14/1876 in Wilkes Co.13,62,64,172,223,283 In 1900 he was living with the family of his son and was listed as a widower and a store keeper who could read and write.113,282
Joel A. Pruitt, age 47, applied for voter registration on 10/23/1902, Traphill Township, where he stated that he was a descendant of Hardin Pruitt who was a voter on 1/1/1867.195
His obituary says that he first joined Rachel Bap Ch before moving to Roundhill Bap Ch.172,223 It also says that his first wife died about 1898, and he later remarried.172,223 He married his second wife Louisa Jane Brewer on 4/5/1903 in Wilkes Co.66,113,238,271,284
[(1880 Wi, Traphill, p31, #206/209)113,281); (1900 Wi, Traphill2, p224B, #13)282; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #16)113; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p5A, #81/81)113] [b13,48,62,172,223,271, d13,48,62,172,223,271] Ref 13, p325; Ref 62, p417.

2. Press (or, William Pressley)64 married Fannie Absher on 6/16/1901 in Wilkes Co.172,223,283 William P. Pruitt, age 45, applied for voter registration on 10/18/1902, Traphill Township, where he stated that he was a descendant of Hardin Pruitt who was a voter on 1/1/1867.195 In 1910 he is listed as a "boarder", married 9 years, but living only with Elisha F. Rhoads (31, male, boarder, merchant for dry goods).113 His wife and daughter are living nearby with his 73 year old mother-in-law.113 In 1920 he is living with his wife and daughter.113
He was a farmer and is buried at Roundhill Bap Ch.64 According to his obituary he joined Roundhill Bap Ch at the age of 47.172,223
[(1900 Wi, Traphill2, p224B, #11)282; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #15")113; (1920 Wi, Traphill, #149)113] [b64,113,172,223,271,282, d64,172,223,271]

3. Mark appears to have been in some trouble in Alleghany Co in August 1877, at the age of 18. It appears that his parents were forced to put their land and horse up as collateral on the condition that "Hardin M. Pruitt" would appear at the next term of court. There is no mention of why he had to appear or of what the outcome was.67
He married Margaret Bryant about 1890.3,113,223,268,282 The 1900 Wilkes Co census says he was a farmer who could not read or write.113 He joined Round hill Bap Ch in 1908 and is also buried there.48,64,223 While his obituary says he died on 2/4/1927, both his death certificate and his headstone say 2/26/1927.223
[(1900 Wi, Traphill2, p224B, #14)282; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #11)113; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p2B, #30/30)113] [b48,64,223,268,271,282, d48,64,223,268,271]

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4. John probably died before 4/13/1896 when a land deed mentions a sourwood on the Pruitt property at the corner for John Pruitt, deceased.67 [b271]

5. Sarah married Lewis Horton Bauguess on 1/17/1884 in Wilkes Co.62,271,283 She died in Traphill of pneumonia.64 They are buried at Stony Ridge Bap Ch.48,64 [b48,64,271, d48,64,271]

6. Mary married Meredith (Merti) Lyon on 6/4/1889 in Wilkes Co.13,32,64,223,271,283 They were living with his parents in 1900.282 They lived on King Billings Rd. in Austin in a house which is still standing in 2002.32 She was a member of Rachel Bap Ch.223 She is buried at Knobbs Bap Ch.32,64 While her obituary says she died on 5/19/1927, her death certificate says 6/4/1926.223
After Mary died, Meredith Lyon remarried about 1927 to Pheba according to the 1930 census.113
[(1900 Wi, Traphill1, p211B, #16)282; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #220)113; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p7A, #96/96)113]
[b13,64,113,223,271, d13,64,223,271] Ref 13, p326.

7. Went married Mary Ann Wiles on 1/14/1894 in Wilkes Co.13,64,113,223,271,283 They lived on Shepherd's Crossroads in Traphill.13 Isaac W. Pruitt, age 33, applied for voter registration on 10/18/1902, Traphill Township, where he stated that he was a descendant of Hardin Pruitt who was a voter on 1/1/1867.195 He was a member of and was buried at Roundhill Bap Ch.13,64,223
On 2/23/1928, a line in The Wilkes Journal reads: "Mr. H. M. Bauguess, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woods visited Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Pruitt Sunday."325
[(1900 Wi, Traphill, p224B, #12)282; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #12)113; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p2A, #27/27)113]
[b48,64,223,271,282, d48,64,223,271] Ref 325, 2/23/1928.

8. Josh married Sallie Adeline Holbrook on 5/10/1896 in Wilkes Co at Roundhill Bap Ch.3,271,283,388 They lived on Shepherd's Crossroads in Traphill.32 Agustus J. Pruitt, age 31, applied for voter registration on 10/18/1902, Traphill Township, where he stated that he was a descendant of Hardin Pruitt who was a voter on 1/1/1867.195 He is buried at Roundhill Bap Ch.48,243
He was caught for making liquor at least once and served a sentence for it.32 There is a story about when Josh was brought into court and stood before the judge. The judge asked him, "Are you the Joshua that made the moonshine?" And Josh replied, "No sir, I'm the Joshua that made the sun stand still!" He was jokingly referring to a passage in the Bible (Joshua 10:12-13).
On 8/15/1921 Joshua Pruitt and L. D. Lowe pleaded guilty to Manufacturing and Retailing. Six days later they were each ordered to pay a $100 fine, and a $500 bond was issued against them. According to the court order, the bond would be dropped if they appeared at each session of criminal court for the next two years and maintained good behavior. Perhaps his quick-witted remark earned him that punishment. However, on 3/7/1922 and 8/7/1922, Josh was not present in court, and one would assume that he suffered the consequences.373
On 2/23/1928, a line in The Wilkes Journal reads: "Mr. Spencer Bowman visited at the home of Mr. A. J. Pruitt Saturday night."325
[(1900 Wi, Traphill2, p224B, #11)282; (1910 Wi, Traphill, #13)113; (1920 Wi, Traphill, #176)271; (1930 Wi, Traphill, p2A, #26/26)113] [b48,64,113,243,271, d48,64,243,271]
Ref 243, 8/28/1950, p1; Ref 373 (Vol 19, p126,156,253,376).

9. Nancy married Robert Monroe Bauguess about 1894.3,271,282,455,456 She is buried at Roundhill Bap Ch.48
[(1900 Wi, Traphill2, p228A, #90)282] [b271,282, d271]

10. Julia married James Madison Bauguess, Jr. on 1/10/1892 at her father's home in Wilkes Co.62,66,283 She died in Wilkes Co of "apoplexy"64 and was buried in the Bauguess Graveyard.48 [b48,64,271, d48,64,243,271]
Ref 243, 3/16/1944, p7.

11. Rosie married Oliver R. Richardson on 2/20/1894 in Wilkes Co at her father's house.3,113,271,283 She died in Wilkes Co and is buried at Roundhill Bap Ch (Bk 5, p259).286
[(1900 Wi, Walnut Grove, p246A, #8)282; (1910 Wi, Traphill 179, p4A, #68)113,212] [b113,271,282, d271,286]

On 8/6/1877, Hardin Pruitt of Wilkes Co appeared in Alleghany Co court, stating his indebtedness to J. R. Wyatt, Alleghany Sheriff in the amount of $50. The fee was due on 10/1/1877, or the sheriff would sell at auction Hardin's bay mare which turned 12 years old in June 1877. (Alleghany DB 3, p416).67

On 8/6/1877, Hardin and Loucinda Pruitt of Wilkes Co agreed to sell land to J. R. Wyatt, sheriff of Alleghany Co, for $200. The land was on the waters of Roaring River, adjacent to his own land, James M. Baugues' line, and widow Billings' line. However, the deed would be void if Hardin M. Pruitt appeared at the next term of Alleghany court. Both Hardin and Lucinda signed with their marks. It was witnessed by Joel A. Pruitt and Stanley Gentry. (Alleghany DB 3, p417-9).67

On 12/31/1883, Hardin Pruitt bought 22 acres on the east side of Roaring River at the corner of J. A. Pruitt, from the State of NC at a price of 12 ½ ¢ per acre. (Wilkes Co DB 4, p585).67

On 12/18/1885, Hardin and Lucinda Pruitt sold 187 acres on Roaring River to Joel A. Pruitt for $200. (Wilkes Co DB 15, p38).67

On 4/13/1896, Hardin and Loucinda Pruitt sold their homeplace consisting of 50 acres on Sparks Creek to (their son) A. J. Pruitt for $500. This was to take effect "after our natural death". The land in Traphill was adjacent to H. M. Pruitt to the north, and I. W. Pruitt on the south. In describing the property boundaries, the deed mentions a sourwood at the corner for John Pruitt, deceased (probably their son). (Wilkes Co DB 28, p107).67

Hardin and Loucinda Pruitt sold their mill site and mill property to (their sons) H. M. and A. J. Pruitt for $50. It was one acre on the west branch of Sparks Creek below H. M. Pruitt's dwelling house. This deed includes all the water power and room for the mill house. (Wilkes Co DB 28, p110).67

A-6-2 Joel Pruitt, Sr. (6). Hardin Pruitt was the son of Joel Pruitt, Sr. and Polly.13 They had the following children.113,140,268,271 Sources: Ref 13, p393; Ref 271, p15-24.

1. Isaac John Pruitt 1810 - 6/22/1863
2. Sally Pruitt 1813 –
3. Joel Pruitt, Jr. 1815 -
4. Jeremiah Pruitt 1823 -
5. Lucinda Pruitt 1/ /1823 -
6. *Hardin Pruitt 11/ /1826 –

The 1810 Wilkes Co, NC, census includes the family of Joel Prewit with one male (under 10), one male (16-26), and one female (16-26).275

The 1820 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Joel Pruett with one male (under 10), one male (10-16), one male (26-45), one female (under 10), and one female (26-45).276

The 1830 Wilkes Co census lists the family of Joel Prewett (p344) with one male (under 5), one male (5-9), one male (15-19), one male (20-29), one male (40-49), one female (5-9), one female (15-19), and one female (40-49).277

The 1840 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Joel Pruitt in Johnson's District, Bugaboo, with one male (10-15), one male (15-20), one male (50-60), one female (15-20), one female (20-30), and one female (50-60).113,278

The Wilkes Co school census dated 5/1/1841 for the 33rd District states that Joseph Prewit was sending three children to school: Jeremiah, Hardin, and Lucinda. Also, Joel Pruit was one of the three men who were responsible for taking this census.140
According to information I have found, Joseph Pruitt was Joel's father, or Hardin's grandfather. Joel's children could not have been living with their grandfather, because he moved to Ashe Co, NC, in 1829. My guess is that the Joseph listed in this school census is really Joel Pruitt, their father. Ref 140, p93.

The 1850 Wilkes Co census lists them in house #91 as follows: Joel Pruett (64, farmer, can not read/write), Polly (63), Sally (37), and Hardin (22).113 Their real estate was valued at $400.279

The 1860 Wilkes Co census lists them in Wilkesboro Township in house #628/628: Joel Prewitt (72, farmer), Sarah (47), and Hampton (18, school). Their real estate was valued at $300, while their personal estate was valued at $325.113,280 Hampton was a grandson, the son of Joel Jr.387

The 1870 Wilkes Co census lists them in Edwards Township in house #257/257: Joel Pruet (84, farmer), Sarah (55), and Sallie (21). Their real estate was valued at $200, and their personal estate was $186.113,242

1. Isaac married Charlotte Phereby Richardson on 5/21/1835 in Wilkes Co.271 His death date was found in a family book handed down through the generations.271
[(1840 Wi, Spicer's)271,278; (1850 Wi, #72)271,279; (1860 Wi, Wilkesboro, #358)271,280, (1870 Wi, Edwards, #255)242] [b271, d271]

2. Sally lived with her father until the 1870s.113 She was living with her nephew Joel Andrew Pruitt in the 1880 census.281
[(1880 Wi, Traphill, p31, #206/209)113,281] [b113,268]

3. Joel, Jr. married Elizabeth Durham on 11/9/1835 in Wilkes Co.268,270,271
[(1840 Wi, Johnson's)271,278; (1850 Wi, #906)271,279; (1860 Wi, Mulberry, #12)271,280; (1870 Wi, Union, #80)242,271; (1880 Wi, Mulberry, p63, #41/44)271,281] [b268,270]

4. Jeremiah married Rebecah.271
[(1850 Wi, #83)271,279] [b113]

5. Lucinda married William Spicer.13 She was a widow living with her daughter's family in 1900.282
[(1870 Wi, Walnut Grove, #126)242; (1880 Wi, Traphill, p33, #240/244)281; (1900 Wi, Walnut Grove, p246A, #7)] [b13,113,282] Ref 13, p501.

6. Hardin married Lucinda Brooks about 1853 at Round Hill Bap Ch.13,268 He was living on 3/17/1903 when his oldest son got married.66 However, he must have died before the 1910 census.271
He is NOT the "Hardin Pruitt" who was about twelve years younger and enlisted with the Confederacy on 5/4/1861 in Stokes Co which he claimed as his residency.268,320 He was 23 years old and enlisted as a private for twelve months.268,320 He served in Co A, 2nd NC Battalion Reg.268,320,366 He was absent without leave on 9/6/1864 through February 1865.268,320 This man's widow Paulina, age 63, applied for his pension in Mt. Airy in 1906.366 [b13,113,268]

On 2/5/1811, sheriff William Hampton auctioned the land of Isaac Collins to the highest bidder. Joel Pruit bought the 125 acres for £17, 5 shillings. The record was recorded on 3/20/1815. (Wilkes Co DB I, p38).67

On 11/30/1821, Joel Pruitt received Grant #3231 for 50 acres on both sides of Sparks Creek at the waters of Roaring River, adjoining Widow Buttery and Spicer's line.271

On 1/6/1837, Joel Prewit bought 50 acres on the waters of Long Branch from John Wood for $50. It was witnessed by Anderson Wood, Jr, and Claborn (x) Wadell (i.e. Claiborn Waddell). (Wilkes Co DB S, p447).67

On 12/28/1852, Joel Prewet bought 100 acres on Roaring River from Thomas Baugefs (i.e. Bauguess) for $100. It was witnessed by Isaac Prewett and James Burchet. The deed was registered on 11/2/1857.271 (Wilkes Co DB T, p72).67

On 8/16/1854, Joel Prewitt sold 50 acres on Roaring River to Isaac Prewitt for $150. It was witnessed by Harden (x) Prewitt and Jeremiah Prewitt. (Wilkes Co DB T, p84).67

On 8/11/1871, Joel Pruitt sold 100 acres (at the corner of James Bauguess, near the river) to Hardin Pruitt for $100. (Wilkes Co DB A2, p521)67

A-6-3 Joseph Pruitt, Jr. (7). Joel Pruitt, Sr. was the son of Joseph Pruitt, Jr.13 He and his wife had the following children.133,271 Ref 271, p13-17.

1. John Henderson Pruitt 1779 -
2. *Joel Pruitt, Sr. 1786 –
3. Catherine Pruitt 1787 –
4. female Pruitt 1789 –
5. Andrew Pruitt, Sr. 1790 –
6. Benjamin Pruitt 1791 -
7. Ralph Pruitt 1798 -

The 1787 census for Wilkes Co, NC, lists Joseph Pruitt with one male (21-60), two males (under 21, over 60), and three females. He is the only Pruitt on the census.271,272 While it is possible that this is actually listing his father, I tend to think it is the family of Joseph Pruitt, Jr.

The 1789 tax list for Capt. S. Johnson's District includes two listings for Joseph Pruitt. While one is for his father, his listing is for 150 acres and one poll.158

The 1790 Wilkes Co census lists the family of Jo. Prewitt in the Sixth Company with one male (over 16), two males (under 16), and three females.133,273 The only other family of this name listed is that of Lus Pruitt, also in the Sixth Company, with one male (under 16), and two females.273 It appears that "Lus" is a lady, possibly Lucy or Lucinda? Could she be the newly widowed wife of Joseph Prewitt, Sr?

The 1792 Wilkes Co tax list for Hammon's District includes Joseph Pruit with one poll and 150 acres.158 In 1793, in the same district, Joseph Prewit had one poll and 150 acres.158 Nothing changed in 1794 and 1795 except that he was listed as Joseph Pruet.158 The 1796 lists for the same district list him as Joseph Prewit with one poll and 150 acres.158 In 1797 Joseph Pruitt is listed in Hammon's Dist. with one poll and 150 acres.158 In 1799 Joseph Prewit was in the same district with one poll and 200 acres.158

The 1800 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Joseph Prewet with one male (under 10), one male (10-16), one male (16-26), one male (26-45), three females (under 10), one female (10-16), and one female (26-45).274 He is the only Pruitt listed.

The 1810 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Joseph Prewit with one male (under 10), one male (16-26), one male (over 45), and two females (10-16).275

The 1820 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Joseph Pruitt with one male (16-18), one male (16-26), one male (26-45), one male (over 45), and one female (16-26).276

1. John Henderson married Sarah Blackburn.271 He appears to have died before the 1870 census.271
[(1810 Wilkes)275; (1850 Ashe, #738)271; (1860 Alleg, Gap Civil, p34, #250/218)212,271] [b271]

2. Joel, Sr. married Polly.13,271 [b13,268,271]

3. Catherine married Henry Hanks on 9/16/1807.271 [b271]

4. A female child is indicated by the census records as being born before 1790.

5. Andrew, Sr. married Mahala.271 The 1830 Wilkes Co census for Andrew Prewitt lists his household as one male (40-50) and one male (80-90), meaning that his father was probably living with him.271 He may have died before the 1870 census.271
[(1830 Wi, p346)271,277; (1850 Ashe, #9)271; (1860 Alleg, #251)271] [b271]

6. Benjamin (listed as "Benj. Prewit") married Peggy Tyre on 7/11/1808 in Wilkes Co.271,371 [b271]

7. Ralph married Sarah Brinegar about 1830.271 They may have died before the 1880 census.271
[(1830 Wi, p346)271,277; (1840 Wi, Spicer's)278; (1850 Wi, #104)271,279; (1860 Wi, Traphill, #698)271,280; (1870 Wi, Walnut Grove, #115)242,271] [b271]

Information on the Revolutionary service of Joseph Pruit is found in his pension request (#R8506) dated 8/1/1833 in Wilkes Co, NC.170,271 He gave his age as 79, being born on 7/16/1754.170,271 He said that at the age of 19, he moved to Wilkes Co, entering the service under Benjamin Cleveland fighting against the Cherokees. He also served under Capt. Larkin Cleveland and Capt. William Waugh. He was discharged by Capt. Cleveland at Wilkes Courthouse. He served against the Tories for three months and again for five weeks on New River. He was with Col. Cleveland at Ramseur Mills. He says William Spicer and Benjamin Hammon served with him. He said he moved to Ashe Co, NC, in 1829, but most of his family still lived in Wilkes. His pension request was rejected.271 On 6/23/1853, his son Joel Pruett signed as power of attorney in Wilkes Co in an attempt to obtain his father's pension.170,271

A-6-4 Joseph Prewitt, Sr. (8). Joseph Pruitt, Jr. was the son of Joseph Prewitt, Sr., and his wife Rachel. They had the following children.268,270,271 Ref 271, p10-14.

1. *Joseph Pruitt, Jr. 7/16/1754 –
2. Henry Pruitt

They lived in Lunenburg Co, Halifax Co, or perhaps Charlotte Co, VA, before moving to Wilkes Co, NC. A marriage is recorded in Charlotte Co, VA, for "Mary Prewit, daughter of Joseph Prewit" to James Adams, Jr on 10/16/1788.407

1. Joseph, Jr. may have been born in Halifax Co, VA.268 He moved to Wilkes Co (then Surry), NC, about 1773 according to his Revolutionary pension request in 1833.13,271 He moved to Ashe Co, NC, in 1829 where he died.271 [b170,271]

2. Henry

Joseph Prewitt, Sr's wife Rachel may have been born in 1736 in Halifax Co, VA.268 I have not seen any records that show her name to be Rachel. It is possible that the deed shown below dated 1/5/1769 was confused by other researchers. That Rachel relinquished her dower right so that her husband Henry Clay could sell their land.

In 1764, in Lunenburg Co, VA, Joseph Prewitt is listed with 12 tithes and 900 acres.271

On 10/3/1768, Joseph Pruitt was a witness for one day in court (Charlotte Order Bk 2, p183).271

On 1/5/1769, Joseph Pruet bought 100 acres from Henry Clay and his wife Rachel for £25. The land was on Hogans Creek, bounded by Morris and Marable. (Charlotte Co DB 2, p163).168

On 12/12/1771, Joseph Prewett of Halifax Co sold 100 acres to John Cox, Jr, of Mecklenburg Co, VA, for £50. The land was in Charlotte Co, VA, bounded by Mathew Marable, Henry Clay, and John Herndon. The transaction was recorded on 7/6/1772 (Charlotte DB 3, p104).168,271

On 10/1/1775, Isham Prewit of Cornwall Parish sold 87.5 acres to William Mitchell for £52, 10sh. The land was on Ward's Fork and was part of a larger tract where Isham and Joseph Prewit now live. It was bounded by John Cook. (Charlotte DB 3, p550).168 Ward's Fork is located about a mile west of the town of Drakes Branch in Charlotte Co.

The Charlotte Co Will Book 1 has at least three references to Joseph Prewitt. On 1/25/1777 he took the inventory of an estate (p154). On 5/30/1781 he was on a list of credits for 1778 (p271). In 1790 he appraised an estate (p436).167 Since our Joseph Prewitt was already in Wilkes Co, NC, by 1779, it is unlikely that these records refer to him. The following records are from Wilkes Co.

On 8/28/1778, in Wilkes Co, land entry grant #293 was to Joseph Pruet for 100 acres on the south fork of Roaring River near a "foard" above his house including his improvement. (Wilkes Co Land Entry Book).168

On 2/8/1779, land entry grant #800 was to Joseph Pruet for 100 acres on Camp Branch at the mouth of Johnacake Branch including his own improvements. (Wilkes Co Land Entry Book).168

In 1782, Joseph Prewett first appears in Wilkes Co, NC, tax lists in Capt. John Morgan's District with 100 acres, no negroes, one mule or horse, and six cattle.158,271

The 1784 Wilkes Co tax list includes Joseph Prewit with one poll and 100 acres of land.158

The 1787 Wilkes Co tax list has Joseph Pruitt in Capt. S. Johnson's District with one poll and 100 acres.158

In 1788, Joseph Prewitt is found on the Wilkes Co tax list in Capt. Johnson's District with 75 acres and no polls, indicating that he had reached age 60.158,271

The 1789 tax list for Capt. S. Johnson's District includes two listings for Joseph Pruitt. The one for the father is for 75 acres and (either one158 or no271) poll(s).158,271 If he was charged with a poll, then someone must have moved in with him since he was too old to be counted.

The 1790 Wilkes Co census includes the family of Lus Pruitt in the Sixth Company with one male (under 16), and two females.273 It appears that "Lus" is a lady, possibly Lucy or Lucinda? Could she be the newly widowed wife of Joseph Prewitt, Sr?

On 7/27/1790, the estate of Joseph Pruitt, deceased, was administered by Henry Snow, Jesse Franklin, and Moses Snow (Wilkes WB 1, p28).271

In December 1790, the will of Joseph Prewit was proven, with Henry Prewit the adminstrator and Jesse Franklin and Moses Snow as securities (Wilkes WB 1, p289).271

A-6-5 Uriah Prewitt, Sr. (9). Joseph Prewitt, Sr., may have been the son of Uriah Prewitt, Sr. and his wife Elizabeth.268 They had the following children.268,270,271 Ref 271, p8-11.

1. Rebecca Prewitt
2. Uriah Prewitt, Jr. 1720 –
3. Henry Prewitt 1722 - 1790
4. *Joseph Prewitt, Sr. 1724 - 1790
5. Ishem Prewitt 1725 - 1806
6. Thomas Prewitt 1733 –
7. Beasley Prewitt 1740 – 1839
8. Benjamin Prewitt 1742 –
9. Agnes Prewitt 1746 -

They lived in Henrico Co, VA, where most of the children were born.268 This area became Goochland Co, VA, in 1727. Ref 271 does not include children Rebecca and Ishem. Because there were several different "Joseph Pruitt"s living in southern and eastern VA, it has been difficult to prove this link.

1. Rebecca

2. Uriah, Jr. may be the "Uriah Prewit" who had 175 acres surveyed on 1/28/1766. The land was on the north fork of White Oak Creek in Pittsylvania Co.411 [b268]

3. Henry died in Wilkes Co, NC.268 [b268, d268]

4. Joseph, Sr. married Rachel.268 He died in Wilkes Co where his will was administered.268,271 [b268,271, d268,271]

5. Ishem died in Mercer Co, KY.268 Several Charlotte Co, VA, land tranactions between 1766 and 1775 refer to "Isham Prewit and his wife Frances".67,168 [b268, d268]

6. Thomas [b268]

7. Beasley first married Eleanor Humphreys about 1770.270 His married his second wife Lucy Sims Rodgers in 1808 in Rapids Parish, LA.270 He died in West Liberty (now Dayton), Liberty Co, TX, where he is buried.270 However, this Beasley may actually be the son of Uriah Prewitt, Jr.271 [b268]

8. Benjamin [b268]

9. Agnes [b268]

Uriah Prewitt, Sr.'s wife Elizabeth was born about 1703 in Goochland Co, VA.268

A-6-6 Henry Prewitt, Sr. (10). Uriah Prewitt, Sr. may have been the son of Henry Prewitt, Sr. and Rebecca Dobbs.268 They may have had the following children.268,270,271 Ref 271, p3-7.

1. James Prewitt
2. Samuel Prewitt 1684 - 4/ /1760

3. Thomas R. Prewitt 1692 - 1759
4. Andrew Prewitt 1695 - 1763
5. Hugh Prewitt 1697 – 1750
6. Richard Prewitt, Sr. 1698 - 1757
7. *Uriah Prewitt, Sr. 1699 -
8. Rebecca Prewitt 1702 -
9. Henry Prewitt, Jr. 1704 –
10. John Prewitt 1706 -

They lived in Henrico Co, VA, where the children were born.268 Henry was first married to Ann Fields and they may have had a son Fields Prewitt.270 Ref. 271 lists only six children, leaving out James, Samuel, Henry Jr., and John.

In the February 1719 Henrico Co Court, Thomas Randolph sued Andrew, Hugh, and Thomas Pruit.268

In the February 1720 Henrico Co Court, Michael Holland entered suits against John, Thomas, and Hugh Pruit.268

1. James

2. Samuel died in MD.268 [b268, d268]

3. Thomas was a blacksmith.270,271 His first wife is not known, but he married his second wife Mary Magdalene Chastain in 1719 in Henrico Co.268,270 In the May 1721 Henrico Co Court, Thomas Jefferson sued Thomas Pruit and his wife Mary for 3 pounds, 16 shillings. The case was settled for 15 shillings, 10 pence.268 (This would be too early to be President Thomas Jefferson, but he could perhaps be a relative.)
On 5/7/1722, Thomas Pruit was summoned to appear in court and give security for the estate of Nicholas Ducrey (or, perhaps Dunay), deceased.268 On 10/1/1722, it was found that a great part of the estate had been wasted by Thomas Pruit who had married the widow of Nicholas Ducray.268 (Henrico Minute Book 1719-1724, p174, 211).413
Thomas and wife Mary settled further up the James River than his father's land at Almond Creek in Henrico Co.268 Goochland Co was formed in 1727, and Thomas was one of the first residents.268 The 1729 Tithables list for King William Parish, Goochland Co lists Thomas Prouet with one tithe.268 In that same year he was fined 50 pounds of tobacco for saying a bad word.268 In the June 1731 Goochland Co Court, Thomas was fined 50 pounds of tobacco for swearing.268 There is a deed between Edward Scott and Thomas dated 3/2/1731 in Goochland Co.268
Thomas purchased land on Stocks Creek, Amelia Co, VA, in 1737, where he lived until he moved to southern VA.270 On 7/19/1745, he began to dispose of his land on Stocks Creek.270,271 Over the next two years, he purchased 1,000 acres on Catawba Creek in Brunswick (Lunenburg) Co, VA.270 That area became Halifax Co in 1752.270 About 1750 he sold ?35 acres on the south fork of "Cattoba" Creek to John Bales for £2, 3sh. Thomas signed with his mark "T", and the deed was acknowledged in Halifax Co court on 7/2/1752. (Halifax DB 1, p5).67 On 5/16/1759, Thomas Prewitt, blacksmith, gave three of his sons each 150 acres on Catawba Creek.270 He died soon after on Catawba Creek, Halifax Co, VA.268,270,271 [b268,270,271, d268,270]

4. Andrew married Agnes.270,271 They lived in the Northern Parish of Goochland Co. He sold 100 acres in Goochland Co to Robert Adams on 9/9/1750.271 On 10/20/1751, Andrew Pruet appeared before the court stating that since he has lost his sight, it has prevented him from maintaining himself and he should be free from paying his county leveys (Order Bk 7, p75).271 He later moved to Bedford Co, VA, where he died and his will was proven (Bk 3, p79,89).268,270,271 [b268,271, d268,271]

5. Hugh seems to have been a regular in the Henrico Co court. In February 1719 he was sued by Thomas Randolph, in February 1720 by Michael Holland, in April 1722 by Thomas Randolph, and in May 1722 by Thomas Randolph.271 When Goochland Co was formed, he was sued by Peter Bolton on 3/16/1729 and again in July 1730.271 In Lunenburg Co, VA, he was sued by Edward Booker on 9/1/1746.271 [b268,270, d270]

6. Richard, Sr. married Frances Murrel about 1725 in Henrico Co, VA.270,271 [b268, d268]

7. Uriah, Sr. married Elizabeth about 1730 in VA.268 One source says he died in Henrico Co, VA, on *2/6/1746,268 while another source says that on that date he bought two different tracts of land in Lunenburg Co.271 Apparently the Uriah Prewitt who was in Lunenburg (which became Halifax, then Pittsylvania Co) is found there as late as 1782 when he was charged property tax for one male, three horses, and 16 cows, but this is probably Jr.271 [b268,271]

8. Rebecca married James McGehee in 12/9/1721 in Henrico Co, VA.268,270,271 She died before 1774 in Granville Co, NC.270 [b268]

9. Henry, Jr. [b268]

10. John [b268]

On 4/25/1679, Henry was taxed in Henrico Co to support an army to defend against the Indians.268,271

On 8/25/1681, Henry Prewitt testified in the Henrico Co court, Varina Parish. He was granted 40 pounds of tobacco for his one day of testimony.268

On 4/20/1687, Henry Pruet and John Fields (possibly his brother-in-law) were granted 440 acres in Henrico Co in Varina Parish for the transportation of nine people into the colony. The land was on the North side of the James River, at Almonds Creek, adjacent to the line of Thomas Fields and Samuel Bridgewater. (VA Patents #7, p569).268,271,314 The land is now part of Richmond, VA, between I-95, I-64, and I-295.

In 1688, Henry patented 411 acres.268

In 1690, Henry Prewitt was listed on the tithables list for Henrico Co.268

On 8/1/1691, Hen. Prewett gave his age as about 37 years when he gave a deposition in court (Bk 5, p219).268,271

On 8/3/1691, Hen. Prewett, supported by John Fields, was sued by Hon. William Byrd, Esq. For his one day of testimony, he received 40 pounds of tobacco from John Fields. Henry's land on Almond Creek was about 20 miles up the James River from William Byrd's plantation Westover. William Byrd also operated a trading post near Henry's land (Bk 2, p364).268,271

On 8/25/1691, Hen. Prewett testified for two days as a witness for Ed Jones who had brought suit against Fra(nces) Reeves in court held at Varina Parish. He received 80 pounds of tobacco (Bk 2, p283).268,271

On 9/1/1691, Hen. Prewett gave his age as about 37 years when brought to testify in court. He testified that at some point he had seen a black bull of Thomas Fields' mark which belonged to Ed Jones floating upon the river against Mr. Reeves low ground (Bk 5, p229).268,271

On 4/17/1693, Henry was listed as a member of a Grand Jury.268

On 2/1/1695, Henry testified in court, receiving 40 pounds of tobacco from John Pleasants. Later that month, Henry and three others recorded the inventory of Edward Jones' estate, returning the list on 2/19/1695 (Order Bk 5, p628).268,271

On 6/1/1695, Henry testified in court, receiving 40 pounds of tobacco from Allanson Clarke.268

On 4/1/1697, Hen. Prewett of Henrico Co sold 220 acres to Mary Jones. The land was on the north side of the James River, being part of the land he and John Fields received in 1687, "and upon which I live now", it being the southernmost end of the said tract next to Thomas Fields' creek (Henrico Co DB 5, p701), (Bk 3, p141).268,271

On 12/1/1699, Henry was listed as a member of a Grand Jury.268

On 4/1/1702, Henry sold 220 acres to Thomas Cardwell for 4000 pounds of tobacco to be paid over three years. The land was on the north side of the James River, part of the patent that he and John Field received in 1687. Henry's wife Rebecca released her dower.268

In June 1711, Henry Pruet was overaged, and therefore exempt from paying poll tax (Orders 1710-1717, p73).271

On 6/4/1722, Rebecca Pruit, widow of Henry Pruit, late of Henrico Co, was summoned to take administration of her husband's estate. Since she failed to appear, the administration was granted to Tarlton Woodson, a Quaker. It was ordered that William Kent, John Huckaby, John Lewis, and William Womack appraise the estate. (Richmond Minutes, 1719-1722, p182).268,271 (Henrico Minute Book 1719-1724, p182).413

A-6-7 Thomas Prewitt (11). Henry Prewitt, Sr. was the son of Thomas Prewitt.268 He and his wife had the following children.268,270,271 Ref 271, p1-3.

1. John Prewitt 1648 -
2. William Prewitt, Sr. 1651 - 2/10/1748
3. *Henry Prewitt, Sr. 1654 - 1722

They lived in Charles City, York Co, VA, where William and Henry were born.268

1. John was born at Tangier Island, VA.268 He married Sarah Lessene in 1683 in Bladensburg, Frederick Co, MD.268 [b268,271]

2. William, Sr. married Mary Stone in 1699.268,270 He died in Caroline Co, VA.268 [b268,270,271, d268,270,271]

3. Henry, Sr. first married Ann Fields.268 He married his second wife Rebecca Dobbs on 8/20/1691 in Henrico Co, VA.268,271 He died in Henrico Co.268,271 [b268,271, d268,271]

Thomas was born about 1616 in Salisbury, Wiltshire, England. Thomas Prewitt was brought to Charles River Co, VA, in 1636 by Joane Bennet, a Quaker widow, who arranged for his travel (Patent Bk 1). She received 450 acres in the county on the Poqueson River for the transfer of eight people. Since Thomas was an indentured servant, he would receive land after about five years of service to the person who brought him over.268,271

On 6/2/1636, Thomas Privett was granted 50 acres of land in Charles River Co, VA. The land was a neck of ground at the New Poqueson, due to him for the transportation of one servant to the colony. It is believed that the "servant" was his wife, but since they were Quakers and not married according to the rules of the established church, the marriage was not recognized.268 It is interesting that Thomas was an indentured servant who also had his own indentured servant.

In 1646, Thomas Prewitt confessed to borrowing a canoe from John Wilson and losing it. He was ordered to pay two bushels of corn for it on the next November 1.268,271

In 1647, John Thomas secured a debt against Thomas Prewitt for 600 pounds of tobacco.268,271

On 5/24/1648, in York Co (Charles River Co was changed to York Co), Thomas Pruitt confessed judgment to Robert Abrall for 1202 pounds of tobacco to be paid next October 10 at the house of Pruitt in York Co. Three cows were bound in security. Cattle were very valuable at this time since it was very expensive to bring them over by ship.268,271

In 1648, Thomas Prewitt confessed judgment to William Hockaday, for 1.5 bushels of corn and 56 pounds of tobacco.268,271

On 12/6/1648, Thomas Prewitt bound himself to pay John Madison 600 pounds of tobacco before next October 1. A steer and a heifer were held as security.268,271

Thomas may have died about 1658 at Port Charles River, VA.268 He might be the son of John Prewitt.270 The Prewitt/Pruitt name is thought to come from one of two Anglo-Saxon words: Pryte, meaning "justly proud or with self respect", or from Prut, meaning "haughty or arrogant".271

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