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# Joseph Pruitt(b 1755 in Bedford Co. VA) and Leah Moss (Joseph's 1808 Will)

Ritch, you asked a question on this board about Joseph Pruitt(Henry's Line) and Leah Moss earlier and I found this in Richara A. Prewitt's book on Kentucky on page 181. I noticed that Joseph,son of Micheal,Sr., did have a second marriage to Mary "Polly" Price.

JESSAMINE CO. KY

1801, July 26 - MARGARET "Peggy" PREWITT m. Chydister Howard. She was born in Lincoln Co.,

KY in 1784 to Joseph Prewitt and Leah Moss.

1802, Jan. 28 - ELIZABETH PREWITT m. George Joseph Bryan, She was born about 1785 to Byrd

Prewitt and Sarah Hurt. He was born in 1774 to Morgan Bryan and Mary Forbes.

1802 - JOSEPH PREWITT bought 183 acres on Jessamine Creek from Lewis Craig (Jessamine Bk A P

382).

1802 - MARTHA PREWITT born to Byrd Prewitt and Sarah Hurt.

1803, Feb, 17 - SARAH MOSS PREWITT m. Col. Thomas Hickman, She was born in Lincoln Co., KY

on Oct. 20, 1785 to Joseph Prewitt and Leah Moss, He was bora in Bourbon Co., KY on Aug. 17, 1782

to David Lewis Hickman and Clara McClanahan.

1803, Aug. 12 - JOSEPH PREWITT m. 2nd; Mary "Polly" Price; bondsman, WiUiam Price; Rev.

Shackeford officiating (Bk 1, p. 48). He was born in Bedford Co., VA in 1755 to Michael Prewitt, Sr.

and Elizabeth Simplins.

1804 - ELIZABETH PREWITT born to Joseph Prewitt and Mary Price.

1804 - JOSEPH PREWITT bought 51 acres from Lewis Craig (Jessamine Bk B, p. 11).

1804 - SARAH PREWITT born to Byrd Prewitt and Sarah Hurt.

1804, Oct. 17 - ELISHA PREWITT and Tabitha and Lewis Craig and EUzabeth, sold 200 acres on

Jessamine Creek to Thomas Shanklin (Jessamine Bk B, p. 37). Acknowledged Aug. 8, 1808 (Jessamine

BkB, p. 445).

1805, July 22 - JOEL MOSS PREWITT m. 1st: Mary Ann Netherland. He was born in Fayette Co., KY

in 1787 to Joseph Prewitt and Leah Moss. She was born in North Carolina to Benjamin Netherland and

Theodocia Bramlette.

1806 - SUSAN PREWITT born to Joseph Prewitt and Mary Price. "

1806, Aug. 21 - NANCY PREWITT ra. Jefferson Rice, by Rev. John Metcalf (Box 1, p. 51). She was

born in 1788 to Joseph Prewitt and Leah Moss. He was a son of Fisher Rice and Agnes Pulliam.

Jefferson Rice and Joseph Prewitt signed the bond.

1807, July 29 - NANCY PREWITT m. Fleet Howard. She was bora about 1787 to Byrd Prewitt and

Sarah Hurt.

1808, Feb - JOSEPH PREWITT died. He was bora in Bedford Co., VA in 1755 to Michael Prewitt, Sr

and Elizabeth Simplins. Joseph made his will on Jan. 31, 1808, and it was offered for probate on Feb.

19, 1808 (Bk AP- 197).

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Joseph Pruitt's 1808 Will is in the comment section.

**John W.Pruett-VA DF13** Jun 7, 10  
Joseph Pruitt's Will: JESSAMINE CO. KY  
In the name of God, Amen, I, Joseph Prewitt of Jessamine County, and State of Kentucky, am sensible of the mortality of this body and being in the Exercise of my right senses and memory and having a desire to settle all my Temporal consumes, do constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament. In the manner and form following. To wit:  
Item first I lend my beloved wife Polly (during her lifetime) two negroes to wit - Frank a man and Cate a woman and her child Malinda. And after her death the sd negroes and their increase and profits arising from their labor is to be disposed of as follow eth, first the two children that I have had by my said wife Polly is to be made equal in property of equal value to those children I had by my former wife, and then the residue of sd property and their increase is to be equally divided between all my children. I also lend my wife one third of the tract of land I live on to include my dwelling house. I also leave my said wife two beds and furniture, also a sorel Horse and colt called altha, and two cows and Calves, also six head of sheep. I also leave her twenty pounds worth of the other property.  
Item I now give to my daughter Patsy T. Tolbert one mare Saddle and Bridle worth thirty-five pounds, also one negro named Thody at sixty pounds, one Bed and furniture at twelve pounds, and six pounds in Cash all now in her possession.  
Item I give unto my daughter Sally M. Hickman one Negro named Darkis at sixty pounds and one mare Saddle and bridle at thirty-five pounds. And one bedstead and furniture at twelve pounds and fifteen shillings. Pr. of Harth irons and Kettle six Dollars, half Doz en knives and forks. lea cups and saucers 2 dollars. Also one stud horse at Seventy pounds, two Ews and lambs and four geese at five dollars, one Cow and Caff ten dollars, all which I have Delivered to her.  
Item I give to my son Joel Prewitt one mare at eighty-seven dollars, one ax at nine shillings, one Negro boy named Rob at seventy pounds, one Cow and Calf and yearling L3.18 shillings, Bedstead and furniture twelve pounds fifteen shillings, four hundred pounds pork L3.14 shillings, 2 ewes and lambs 4 geese, six plates 1.14 P. & all which he hath Reed.  
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Item I give unto my daughter Peggy Howard one horse saddle and bridle at seventy dollars, one negro girl named Critty at fifty pounds, one bed. bedstead and furniture at twelve pounds fifteen shillings. Also 300 pounds of pork at nine dollars.  
I give and bequeath to my son Price Prewitt one Negro boy named Ned.  
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I give to my daughter Judy Prewitt one negro girl named Easter.  
Also my wish and desire is that there shall be a young Negro purchased out of the estate or sale of my movable Property for my son Moss Prewitt, and that my last four mentioned children be Educated out of my Estate and my three sons put lo trades at the Discretion of my Executors, futher my will is that my 182  
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And lastly I constitute and appoint Robert Prewitt and Bird Prewitt, William Prewitt, Joel Prewitt and George Walker sole Executors of my Estate. In Testimony whereof I have this thirty first day of January in the year of eighteen and eight sel my hand and seal.  
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**Ritchie Pruitt** Jun 7, 10  
From the looks of it, I am going to have to revisit each and every NC Pruitt between Major and Joseph Jr. It is good to revisit every so often anyway.  
It is frustrating that there is so little on the NC Pruitts. I had to dig from the present to Ralph.  
There is supposed to be Pruitt of NC book by the famous Richard A Prewitt, but I cannot find anything on it except it being out of print in a few places. I curious to see if he even talks about the Wilkes Co. Pruitts or the information matches up.

**Ritchie Pruitt** Jun 7, 10  
Richard A. Prewitt  
1800 N W 81st St.  
Des Moines, IA 50325- 5631  
Does any one have anymore contact information on him than just an address?

**John W.Pruett-VA DF13** Jun 8, 10  
This seems to be the only address for Richard A. Prewitt. This address is a business where you can order his books. I dont know if they would past on any correspondence to Richard.  
I think this is a 2004 list  
Books in Stock. Prices include shipping  
Order from:  
Richard A. Prewitt  
1800 N.W. 81st St.  
Des Moines, IA 50325-5631  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Alabama (1995), 252 pages, \$21.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Arkansas (1995), 77 pages, \$8.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Georgia (1996), 188 pages, \$16.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Illinois (1997), 125 pages, \$12.50  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Indiana (2003), 378 pages, \$26.00 (NEW)  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Kentucky (2000), 449 pages, \$32.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Louisiana (1995), 35 pages, \$4.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Mississippi (1995), 98 pages, \$9.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Missouri (2002), 296 pages, \$21.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of North Carolina (1995), 145 pages, \$14.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of South Carolina (1995), 159 pages, \$14.50  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Tennessee (1997), 310 pages, \$22.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Texas (1998), 396 pages, \$26.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Records of Virginia (1996), 266 pages, \$21.00  
Abraham Pruett & Rebecca Branson, Their Descendants (2001), 247 pages, \$20.00  
Archibald Pruett, Revolutionary War Soldier (1997), 146 pages, \$14.00  
Beasley Pruitt - His Descendants (2000), 111 pages, \$12.00  
Brite Pruitt - His Descendants (2000), 140 pages, \$15.00  
Byrd Pruitt & Nancy Dyer, Their Descendants (1995), 205 pages, \$16.50  
Field Pruitt, Sr. & Mary Burke, Their Descendants (1995), 86 pages, \$8.00  
Isham Prewitt & Frances Maddox, Their Descendants (1996), 292 pages, \$21.00  
John Pruett & Alice Addison, Their Descendants (1996), 202 pages, \$16.50  
John Pruett & Eady Spencer, Their Descendants (2000), 209 pages, \$16.50  
John Pruett & Elizabeth Bradford, Their Descendants (1996), 199 pages, \$16.50  
Moses Pruitt, Sr. & Rachel, Their Descendants (1997), 224 pages, \$17.00  
Samuel Pruitt I & Elizabeth Hawker, Their Descendants (1997), 358 pages, \$25.00  
Samuel Pruitt & Hannah Higgins, Their Descendants (2001), 29 pages, \$4.00  
William Pruett, Sr. & Mary Martin, Their Descendants (1996), 387 pages, \$26.00  
County Maps (2000), 122 pages, \$12.50 - Maps of all states showing all counties  
Pruett-Pruitt-Pruett, 1850 Census (2001), 142 pages, \$14.00  
Pruett-Pruitt Newsletters, Vol. 1 thru Vol. 44 (2003), \$16.00

**John Pruitt(Kathy Marsh)** Jun 8, 10  
Richard Prewitt has about 13 pages on Wilkes Co., NC Prewitts. I have a copy of the book. What can I look up for you?

**Ritchie Pruitt** Jun 8, 10  
The first thing I would want to know is if this is the proper son/father relationship. As far as I can tell, these relationships match up via the documentation I have been able to dig up. Major and Ralph give me some pause, but they appear to be correct on the scant information I found on both.  
Martin Van Pruitt: (my paternal great grandfather)  
13 Aug 1887 North Carolina, United States  
D: 9 Aug 1952 Winston-Salem, Forsyth, North Carolina  
Major Pruitt (maybe William Major or Prince Major?)  
Major Pruitt  
B: 1832 Wilkes, North Carolina, USA  
(I have a relative trying to find his grave in Traphill area...it could be possible he moved to Texas late in life, not sure)  
Ralph Pruitt  
B: 1801 Wilkes, North Carolina, USA  
D: 1860 Wilkes, North Carolina, United States  
(Ralph might be the youngest of the Joseph's children and seems to have led a pretty non-descript existence)  
Joseph Jr.  
B: 16 Jul 1754 Pittsylvania County, Virginia, USA  
D: 1 Aug 1833 Ashe County, North Carolina, USA  
(Things always seem to get a little mixed up around Joseph Jr./Sr. or other Joseph Prewitt/Pruett/Pruitt in this time frame)  
If there is a clear connection between this Joseph (Jr.) and Joseph (Sr.), then it is very likely my line is connected to the case...then my "Swedish Milkman Hypothesis" is still in effect. :-)

**John Pruitt(Kathy Marsh)** Jun 8, 10  
Richard A. Prewitt's book, "Pruett - Pruitt Records of North Carolina" lists the following children of Joseph Pruitt, Jr.: John Pruitt (b.1779 Wilkes Co., NC); Joel Pruitt (b. 1786); Catherine Pruitt (b. 1787); Andrew Pruitt (b. 1790); Benjamin Pruitt (b. 1791); Jacob Pruitt (b. 1794); Ralph Pruitt (b. 1800).  
1830 census, Wilkes Co., NC - Ralph Prewitt, (Sarah ?), no children.  
1831 - Ralph Pruett, land grant recorded Wilkes County Book P, p.35.  
No Ralph listed for 1840 census.  
1850 census, Wilkes Co., NC - Ralph, Sarah, oldest son, Major (age 17), and eight other children.  
1856, Aug 2 - James Matthew Pruitt born to Major Pruitt and Caroline Purdue.  
1860 census, Ralph and Sarah Prewitt listed for Wilkes Co., NC, page 98  
1860 census, Major and Caroline Pruett, children James M. Mintz P., Sarah Ann, on page 97  
James Matthew died 10 July 1925 and is buried at Traphill Baptist Church, NC.  
Under Lineage: Joseph Pruitt, Sr., Richard A. Prewitt lists Joseph, Sr. as the son of Uriah Pruitt, Sr. Joseph, Sr. was born in Henrico Co., VA, about 1724. He married Rachel ? and had these two children: Joel Prewitt, Sr. b. about 1745 in Lunenburg Co., VA; and Joseph Pruitt, Jr., b. 16 July 1758 in Pittsylvania (then Halifax) Co., VA. Joseph, Sr. died in Wilkes Co, NC in 1790. His will was probated Dec. 1790 with Henry Pruitt as administrator.  
Richard A. Prewitt states that Joseph, Jr. moved from Wilkes Co., NC to Ashe Co., NC in 1829, and died in Ashe Co., NC after 1 Aug 1833. He states Ralph Pruitt died in Wilkes Co., NC after 1860.

**Ritchie Pruitt** Jun 8, 10  
Thank you for that post! What you posted matches up with what I have found out about Joseph Jr. to Major and Caroline.  
Caroline's full name was Elizabeth Caroline Pardue and they had the children mentioned. It appears that Caroline died somewhere between 1880-1887. I have not been to exactly pin that down.  
Major got remarried to Mary Jane Nicholson (b: circa 1850) and had two children: Martin Van and Harrison. There is a 1900 Census which has a badly spelled (phonetic) with a likely Major/Minor with the two children. In 1930 Census, the probable widow Mary Jane Nicholson is taken in by her brother Thomas Nickolson. Major's death does not show up anywhere, the assumption is that he is dead.  
On my great-grandfather's (Martin Van) death certificate it lists Mary Jane Nicholson and Major Pruitt as his parents...and Coy (my grandfather/Martin Van's son) as the witness.  
Now the only place that I could see a possible issue is at Major. Is that Major the same Major? It would appear so, how many Majors would have been born in Traphill in 1832? But, with the crazy turns things take, it is not out of the realm of possibility. Major has been a "major pain"...okay extremely bad pun.  
Thanks again for taking the time to look that up for me.

**John Pruitt(Kathy Marsh)** Jun 8, 10  
Ritch, if your Y-DNA is the 1d line, we still have a problem, right? The Swedish Milkman Theory? Can you track down another male descendant of Major or one of his brothers for testing?

**Ritchie Pruitt** Jun 8, 10  
We have a problem, Houston...  
The Swedish Milkman Theory is one about infidelity...a previously unknown "deliverer"... I am 11d (Scandinavian/Southern Sweden)  
It is possible I could find someone to test...I will give it a look...I do have a fifth cousin 2 markers (1 Pruitt) who is related to me via Joseph Jr. and he is 4 generations removed at 67 Markers...only 2 markers Lee a piece) difference....we are mostly definitely related...I have (and John) has tried making contact with him...no answer  
So going by that...something happened around Joseph Jr....The inferences that could be made...Is it a different Joseph all together?... Joel (Joseph Jr 1st son) is Alan's ancestor, Ralph (Joseph's Jr. 7th son) is my ancestor. I cannot see adoption/or step-child kind of thing considering. Infidelity is a possibility but with the exact same man over 15 years apart? It does not seem plausible.  
If you (or any one) have any other theories, I am open to any probabilities.

**Ritchie Pruitt** Jun 8, 10  
Is any one else here related directly to Joseph Jr.?  
That would be a simple conclusion to the differences.