

# family history

The Kimbrough family came to North Carolina from Louisa County, Virginia. Thomas Kimbrough's will is probated in Caswell County in December 1777 in which he mentions his wife, Eleanor, daughter of Thomas and Ann Graves of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and the following children: Thomas, John, William Robert, Graves, Suckey, Mary, Sarah, Betsy, Nancy, and Franky. Thomas Graves was a son of John Graves. Source: *The Heritage of Caswell County, North Carolina*, Jeannine D. Whitlow, Editor (1985) at 341 (Article #423 "Thomas Kimbrough" by Shirley Hassler Hern).

The Thomas Kimbrough referred to in the will of Thomas Graves, married Eleanor Graves, sister of John Graves, and they are the "Kimbrow" referred to by Bartlett Yancey [in his 1810 letter to the editor describing Caswell County]. Thomas Kimbrough died in Caswell Co., N.C. in 1777. In his will (Caswell Rec. W.B. A, p. 25) he mentions wife Eleanor and "to sons John, Wm., and Thos. all estate due me for my wife's legacy or portion from the estate of my sd. wife's decd. father, Thos. Graves, to be equally divided." Source: *Graves: Twelve Generations, Some Descendants and Kin*, Louise Graves (1977) at 58.

Caswell County Will Book A, Page 25 (December Court 1777)

Thomas Kimbrow - Will - Written 20 Sept. 1777. Wife Elleanah; sons John, William, Robert, Thomas; daughters Suckey Nowel, Sarah Brown, Mary Bryant, Betty Bruce, Nancy Turner, Frankey Carman; son Graves. Sons to receive all part from estate of wife's deceased Father, Thomas Graves. Exec: sons John and William. Wit: William Gooch and Jesse Benton. Source: *Caswell County North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814 and 1814-1843*, Katharine Kerr Kendall (1983) at 2.