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. John Bynum (c1757 – 1841) John was apparently living on his father's Orange County land in 1790 and witnessed the deed for the sale of that land a year later, as noted above. He is mentioned several times in Pendleton County records. He applied for a Revolutionary War pension in 1832 while living in Rutherford County, Tennessee.[25] He stated that he didn't know his age but his parents told him he was 19 when Independence was declared [making him born about 1757]. He declared that he was born in Chatham County, North Carolina, enlisted on 2 July 1777 while living in Wilkes County, Georgia, returned to Chatham County, North Carolina in 1780 after concluding his service, and later lived in South Carolina, then Tennessee. His widow's application for a pension identified her as Elizabeth Sear. John and Elizabeth Bynum appear in Pendleton District, South Carolina as witnesses to a will in late 1795 and he recorded a grant on Wolf Creek in 1798 which adjoined William Bynum. He and Elizabeth apparently left there after selling off their lands in several transactions in March 1807. He evidently went, with his brother Benjamin, to Bedford County, Tennessee, probably to the part that became Franklin County, for one of his sons was married there in 1810 and . John appears in the 1820 census of Franklin County. The 1800 Pendleton census shows him with three males and one female, all under 10, and two females 10-16. The 1820 census for Franklin County shows he and his wife, both over 45, and a single female under 10, with three known sons living nearby. By 1830 he was in Rutherford County, aged 70-80, with his wife and one female 15-20. The 1840 Cannon County census shows John and his wife, with a marginal note that John Bynum was aged 83 years. John Bynum appears adjacent to his son George Bynum on one side and Mary Bynum, the widow of William Bynum, on the other. John Bynum died intestate in Cannon County, Tennessee. He was alive in October 1840 when the census was taken, but dead by June 1841 according to the pension file. Jonathon Marchbanks (possibly a son in law) was granted administration of his estate in September 1841.[26] As an interesting sidelight, he stated in his pension application that he "has lost his discharge papers...and he knows of but one person, if he is now living, by whom he can prove the said service, and that person now lives in the State of Alabama, and when he last heard from him he was alive – he was an old man, about the same age or older than himself." Could this be a reference to his brother Isaac Bynum? Subsequent records identify the children as:

1.1. Sarah Bynum (c1785 -), the wife of Jonathan Marchbanks, although one record has her name as Mary.[27]

1.2. Pumphrey Bynum (c1788 – 27 July 1846) married Elizabeth Wright, who (as Betty Bynum) was a heir of her mother Johanna in 1843 He appeared in the 1820 census in Bedford County and in the 1830 census in Rutherford. In 1836 he moved to Jackson County, Missouri where he died intestate in 1846.

1.3. William Bynum (c1790-c1829) was in the 1820 Rutherford census but not in the 1830 census. His widow Mary Bynum was adjacent John Bynum in 1840, and his widow Mary and children were legatees of his father's estate in 1841. The widow and children later sold his land. [28]

1.4. George Bynum (c1793-1840s) was near his father in 1830 and 1840, but apparently died not long after his father. His widow Rebecca Thomas (a second marriage) is in the 1850 and 1860 Cannon County censuses with several of his children.

1.5. Mila Bynum (c1795 – 1880s), the wife of John Ferrill, is thought to have been a daughter.

1.6. Elizabeth Bynum (c1810-?) is probably the younger daughter in the 1820 and 1830 censuses, and is probably the Elizabeth Bynum living with children of her brother William in 1850 and 1860.