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Descendants of John May, Jr.

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN² MAY, JR. (JOHN¹) was born Bef. 1750, and died Aft. 1814. He married SUSANNA RIDENS. She was born Bef. 1755.

Notes for JOHN MAY, JR.:

From Gene Boswell: John MAY, Jr., b. by 1750, d. aft. 1814. We believe this is the correct John MAY to be the son of John MAY, Sr. He possibly m. ?Susanna RIDENS (?RIDINGS)? or ?Penny COTTON?. She was b. bef. 1755. In 1778, John received a Land Grant for 350 acres on Little Lick Creek in Wake Co., NC in 1778, adjacent James COMER (?CONNER) & Gilbert EVANS, including the improvement where he (MAY) lives. Later that year, Joshua SMITH & Robert SMITH each entered 250 acres adjacent James COMER & John MAY. In 1779, Robert SMITH bought 250 acres adjacent John MAY & Joshua SMITH. See also the land records listed under John MAY, Sr.

John MAY sold property to William WALLACE in 1787 in Orange Co., NC. (Note: Polly MAY m. William WALLACE in 1823 in Orange Co., NC.) In Sep 1791, John HALL, John LEIGHT & Robert CAMPBELL made a deed to John MAY, Jr. In 1790, Thomas YOUNG proved John MAY's bill of sale to Abram MARTIN. In 1791, there was a deed from John HALL, John LEIGHT, & Robert CAMPBELL to John MAY, Jr. in Wake Co., NC. John MAY was a witness for Benjamin PEELER & John GRANT of City of Wake in 1804. John MAY was on the 1790 census of Wake Co., NC with Thomas & William MAY. He bought from the estate sale of William CUMMINGS in 1791.

John was in the 1800 census along with Absolam, Charles, Thomas, & William MAY. In that census, John MAY & Thomas MAY were b. bef. 1755 & the others were younger. He was on the 1809 Tax List in Wake Co., NC with 100 acres of land & no slaves. He was on the 1810 Tax list of Lick Creek District with 220 acres of land & 1 poll. He was probably the John MAY, Sr. who bought from the estate sale of John TILLEY in 1811, along with Charles MAY.

He was on the 1811 Tax List of Lick Creek District with 35 acres of land & 1 poll. He was on the 1812 Tax List of Lick Creek District with 40 acres & 1 poll. He was on the 1814 Tax list of Lick Creek District, but that list did not contain any further information. The 1810-20 census records of Wake Co., are not extant, & no MAY families appear in the 1820 Tax Lists as residents of Lick Creek, or in the 1830-40 census records.

We are not sure if this MAY family connects with the TILLEY family, but there are TILLEYs on the Tax Lists of Lick Creek District, Wake Co., NC, along with these MAY families, from at least 1810-1814. Geroge RIDENS was also in the Lick Creek District. There were RIDINGS/RIDENS/REDDINGS on these Tax Lists in Buffalo

District 1810-1814.

Children of JOHN MAY and SUSANNA RIDENS are:

2. i. ABSOLAM³ MAY, b. Bet. 1770 - 1774, N. Carolina; d. Bet. 1830 - 1840.
3. ii. CHARLES MAY, b. Abt. 1775, N. Carolina; d. Aft. 1850, Good Hope, Edgefield County, SC.
4. iii. PENELOPE MAY, b. Abt. 1780, N. Carolina; d. Bef. 1843.
- iv. LUCY MAY, b. Abt. 1781, N. Carolina; m. JOHN CALLIHAM.

Notes for LUCY MAY:

She was listed as the sister of John May III, and Charles May in the research on their families after they settled in Edgefield, SC. She married John Calliham. They moved to Mississippi in 1800.

Notes for JOHN CALLIHAM:

Moved to MS in 1800

5. v. JOHN MAY, b. Abt. 1782, N. Carolina; d. Bet. 1850 - 1860, Edgefield Co., SC.
- vi. JAMES MAY, b. Bet. 1783 - 1790, N. Carolina; d. Abt. 1867, Greene Co., IL; m. (1) SALLY SMITH, 1811, Wake County, NC; b. Abt. 1792; m. (2) SARAH, Abt. 1818; b. 1790, Georgia.

Notes for JAMES MAY:

In 1812, James MAY was a witness for a deed wherein Owen O'NEAL of City of Albany, sold to Michael CAROLIN of City of Philadelphia, a tract of land on the East fork of Drake's Creek of the Barron River, Witnesses: Charles B. STUBBINS, James MAY, acknowledged in Davidson Co., TN. James & his family were in the 1820 census of Sumner Co., TN. Living with them is a female b. 1794-1804.

William "Bill" PENNY – Wpenny@msn.com - the researcher of the line of James MAY, b. 1789 in GA, d. c1867 in ?Greene Co., IL, believe this James in the 1820 census of Sumner Co., TN was this line. He m. Sarah _____ in c1818. Sarah was b. 1790 in GA

James' children in 1820 were:

- a. (female) MAY, b. 1810-20
- b. (male) MAY, b. 1810-20
- c. (male) MAY, b. 1810-20

- vii. MAJOR MAY, b. Bet. 1784 - 1790, N. Carolina.

Notes for MAJOR MAY:

. A Major MAY was listed as a brother of Penelope MAY RIDINGS in her Bible, but we can find no further record of a Major MAY who would have been the correct age to be Penelope's brother.

- viii. POLLY MAY, b. Bef. 1790, N. Carolina; m. WILLIAM WALLACE, 1823, Orange Co., NC.

Notes for POLLY MAY:

It is uncertain if this daughter was named Polly.

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Descendants of John May, Jr.

Generation No. 2

2. ABSOLAM³ MAY (*JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born Bet. 1770 - 1774 in N. Carolina, and died Bet. 1830 - 1840.

Notes for ABSOLAM MAY:

. He m. unknown. She was b. 1770-75. Absolam was mentioned in Penelope MAY RIDINGS's Bible as being her brother. He was in the 1800 census of Wake Co., NC. He bought from the estate of Spencer WATTS in 1803, along with John MAY. He was on the 1810 Tax List of Lick Creek District, Wake Co., NC, paying on 50 acres of land & 1 poll. He was in the 1820-30 census of Bedford Co., TN. We do not find them on census records after this time.

Children of ABSOLAM MAY are:

- i. MAY⁴, b. Bet. 1794 - 1800, N. Carolina.

Notes for MAY:

. (He possibly ?m. Cintha _____ who was b. 1790-1800? Cintha is living near George MAY & William MAY in the 1840 census of Marshall Co., TN with a female b. 1820-25, a female b. 1825-30, & a female b. 1835-40. We note this here only by age & proximity. This Cynthia MAY's husband is not known, but she & her children are listed under MAY Families of TN.)

- ii. MAY, b. Bet. 1794 - 1804, N. Carolina.
- iii. ABSOLAM MAY, b. Bet. 1802 - 1804, N. Carolina; m. PHEBE HARRIS, 1824, Sumner Co., TN.

Notes for ABSOLAM MAY:

There was an Absolam MAY who m. Phebe FARRIS in 1824 in Sumner Co., TN (Bond: Craddock MAY), but this may have been a 2nd marriage for Absolam, Sr.

- 6. iv. WILLIAM SMATE MAY, b. 30 Aug 1804, Wake Co., NC.
- 7. v. GEORGE R. MAY, b. Abt. 1810, Wake Co., NC; d. Bet. 1870 - 1880, Howell Co., MO.
- vi. MAY, b. Bet. 1810 - 1820.
- vii. REBECCA MAY, b. 1817, Bedford Co. TN; m. ROBERT NEATHERY, 1838, Marshall Co., TN.

3. CHARLES³ MAY (*JOHN*², *JOHN*¹)^{1,2,3,4,5,6} was born Abt. 1775 in N. Carolina, and died Aft. 1850 in Good Hope, Edgefield County, SC. He married (1) MARY HUSKEY 29 Jan 1798 in Wake County, NC. She was born Bet. 1774 - 1784, and died Abt. 1799 in Wake County, North Carolina. He married (2) MARY ANN

LOVELESS Abt. 1799. She was born Abt. 1781 in NC, and died 1870 in Good Hope Community, Edgefield, SC.

Notes for CHARLES MAY:

Editor Note: This history does not contain all children names, other than the Asa May line. Please refer to the Charles May book for other children.

Charles May married first married Mary Huskey and then about a year later married Mary "Polly" Loveless. It is assumed Mary Huskey died shortly after the marriage either of disease or complications of childbearing. Charles and Polly Lovelass had 11 children. All were raised in Edgefield District, South Carolina. In a letter, a Grandson of Charles May wrote, in part, that Charles May and family came to South Carolina from near Charlotte, North Carolina. All of the children had large families except William and John -they never married. Most of the family lived to be upwards of 80 years old, and:

"All of the family was of a high tone, a truthful, honest family. I never heard of any of them ever to be in court. Their motto was to tell the truth and act honestly. Of the children that each raised, all conducted themselves nicely as good citizens. All of this large May family were reared in Edgefield County. I can gladly say that I am proud of the lives of the May Family..."

Charles bought a 300 acres tract of land at Good Hope, SC, at May's Cross Roads. He was buried there in the old May Family Cemetery where they settled. It is about a mile from May's Cross Roads. This is about two miles from the Good Hope Baptist Church, nine miles north of Saluda on the Saluda-Greenwood Highway. This church was the center of activity for the May's at that time. In 1947, the May Family Association installed a monument to Charles May on the Saluda-Greenwood Highway leading to May's Cross Roads. Source: "Charles May and His Descendants" 1956, The May Family Assn.

Charles & his wife were in the 1800 census in Wake Co., NC with 1 son. He bought from the estate sale of John TILLEY in 1811, along with John MAY, Sr. He was on the 1810, 1811 & 1812 Tax List of Lick Creek District with 50 acres & 1 poll. He was on the 1814 Tax list of Lick Creek District, but that list did not contain any further information. In 1820 when he given power of attorney for disposing of land for John HUSKEY in Brunswick Co., VA. He was the administrator of the estate of Joel "Joseph" HUSKEY in Edgefield Co., SC in 1831.

He was in the 1820-30 census of Edgefield Co., SC. Living with him in 1820 is a male b. bef. 1775, who may be his brother, John. In the 1830 census, Polly appears to be living with a Sarah MAY. Polly is in the 1850 census of Edgefield Co., SC. Living with her was her granddaughter, Sarah RAUTON.

Notes for MARY HUSKEY:

Mary Huskey and Charles May were married just a short time. It appears Mary died within a year after her marriage to Charles. No Children. Charles continued to serve the Husky family after his marriage to Polly Loveless.

Marriage Notes for CHARLES MAY and MARY HUSKEY:

Bond made by Dennis Sampson.

Children of CHARLES MAY and MARY LOVELESS are:

8. i. AMASA⁴ MAY, b. 1799, Good Hope, Edgefield, South Carolina; d. 1890.
9. ii. JOHN HIRAM MAY, b. 01 Jul 1802, Edgefield S. Carolina; d. 27 Nov 1884, Home site, May's Crossroads, Saluda Co., SC.
- iii.

WILLIAM MAY, b. 1806, Edgefield, S. Carolina; d. 05 Jul 1850,
Edgefield, SC.

Notes for WILLIAM MAY:

William never married. He was a twin to Alfred May.

10. iv. ALFRED MAY, b. 1806, Edgefield, S. Carolina; d. 1876.
11. v. LEWIS MAY, b. 04 Jul 1808, Edgefield, S. Carolina; d. 21 Feb 1864,
Edgefield, (Now Saluda County) S. Carolina.
12. vi. MARY ANN "POLLY" MAY, b. 1810, Edgefield, S. Carolina; d. 1870.
13. vii. ELIZABETH (BETSY) MAY, b. 23 May 1810, Edgefield, S. Carolina; d.
29 Dec 1890.
14. viii. STANFORD MAY, b. 1813, Edgefield, S. Carolina; d. 1871.
15. ix. MIRANDA MAY, b. 1818, Edgefield Co., S. Carolina.
16. x. ASA MAY, SR., b. 08 Oct 1820, Edgefield, SC; d. 13 May 1878,
Hopeful Plantation.
17. xi. CHARLES MANLY MAY, b. Abt. 1823, Edgefield, SC; d. 1875.

4. PENELOPE³ MAY (*JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born Abt. 1780 in N. Carolina, and died Bef. 1843. She married JOEL RIDINGS 1799 in Wake County, NC.

Notes for PENELOPE MAY:

They were in the 1800 census of Orange Co., NC. They moved to TN prior to the War of 1812. After Penelope's death, Joel m. 2nd Nicy WHITE COWEN in c1843. She was b. c1803 in Bertie Co., NC. In 1820, Joel, Penelope & Susannah RIDINGS were members of Richland Creek Baptist Church in Humphreys Co., TN, along with Joseph, John, Martha, & Agnes MAY. We have not identified these MAYs. Joel's second wife, Nicy WHITE COWEN, was also a member of this church in 1820.

Penelope & Joel's children were: William, Elizabeth, Louisa, James, Matilda, Emily (b. 1809), Rebecca, Martha, George, & Absolam RIDINGS. This is the line of Sally TOMLINSON, Nancy McBRIDE, & LouAnn CAMERON. Penelope & Joel's son, William RIDINGS of Henderson Co., TN, sold 100 acres of land to John SUMMERS of Stewart Co., TN in 1823. Two of the witnesses to this deed were: George RIDINGS, his brother, & Joel H. MAY (b. by 1802) who is unknown.

Sally TOMLINSON, whose husband was a descendant of Joel & Penelope [MAY] RIDINGS, says that a letter dated 4 Oct 1973 from his aunt., Bertha Izora TOMLINSON HUDSON (1882-1979), great-granddaughter of Penelope & Joel, states: "in Penelope May's Bible which I have she lists her brothers as John May, Major May, William May, James May, and Absolam MAY." "I also find the name Penny COTTON in the Bible. Don't have any idea who she was. (17 Jan 1974)"

Sally TOMLINSON was never able to get a copy of the information in Penelope MAY's Bible before Bertha's death. Some of the other information from Bertha's letters is confusing. She calls Absolum and Susanna RIDENS (RIDINGS) Penelope's parents in one place, but says in other places that she does not know Penelope's parents names. She also states that Penelope was b. in 1791 (Penelope m. Joel RIDINGS in 1799)

Sally also shared information from a letter written 24 Oct 1922 in Augusta, Hancock Co., IL by Angeline Rachel BOOKER TOMLINSON, daughter-in-law of Emily RIDINGS TOMLINSON, which states: "Daniel TOMLINSON was born Oct. 10, 1806, died Oct. 24, 1859; married Emily RIDINGS Aug. 30, 1830. Emily RIDINGS was born Jan. 27, 1809. Her father was Joel RIDINGS. Her mother was Penelope MAY, the daughter of John MAY....Emily RIDINGS TOMLINSON had 9 children, John May (RIDINGS) lived 11

days...".

Marriage Notes for PENELOPE MAY and JOEL RIDINGS:

Bond: George Riding

Children of PENELOPE MAY and JOEL RIDINGS are:

- i. ABSOLAM⁴ RIDINGS.
- ii. REBECCA RIDINGS.
- iii. WILLIAM RIDINGS.
- iv. ELIZABETH RIDINGS.
- v. LOUISA RIDINGS.
- vi. JAMES RIDINGS.
- vii. MATILDA RIDINGS.
- viii. MARTHA RIDINGS.
- ix. GEORGE RIDINGS.
- x. EMILY RIDINGS, b. 1809.

5. JOHN³ MAY (*JOHN², JOHN¹*) was born Abt. 1782 in N. Carolina, and died Bet. 1850 - 1860 in Edgefield Co., SC. He married LYDIA HUSKEY 1808 in Wake County, NC. She was born Bet. 1780 - 1790, and died Bet. 1839 - 1840 in Edgefield Co., SC.

Notes for JOHN MAY:

.. He bought from the estate of Spencer WATTS in 1803 in Wake Co., NC, along with Absolam MAY. He bought from the estate sale of Timothy REACH in 1806.

He was on the 1809 Tax List of Wake Co., NC. He was on the 1810 Tax List of Lick Creek District of Wake Co., NC where he paid 1 poll. In 1812, he bought from the estate sale of John RENCHER. He was on the 1811, 1812, & 1813 Tax List in Lick Creek District with 50 acres of land & 1 poll. He was on the 1814 Tax list of Lick Creek District, but that list did not contain any further information. The 1810-20 census records of Wake Co., NC are not extant, & no MAY families appear in the 1830-40 census records.

He was in the 1830-50 census of Edgefield Co., SC. In the 1840 census, he had 1 slave. In 1850, he is a farmer with property valued at \$80

Margaret Stapleton notes reflect there were two sons and three daughters.

Marriage Notes for JOHN MAY and LYDIA HUSKEY:

Bond: Darren Hall, witness: William Hill

Children of JOHN MAY and LYDIA HUSKEY are:

- 18.
- i. LEMUEL⁴ MAY, b. 09 Oct 1809, Edgefield, SC; d. 01 May 1895, Lake Bird, Taylor County, Florida.
 - ii. DAU. MAY, b. Bet. 1820 - 1825, SC.
 - iii. ALVIN MAY, b. 1821, SC; m. CAROLINE MURRAY, Sep 1848; b. Abt. 1833, Jefferson Co., FL.

Notes for ALVIN MAY:

Moved to Florida about 1840, per Margaret Stapleton notes. Clerked in Asa May's store.

- iv. LEAH MAY, b. Abt. 1824, SC; m. JOHN BUTLER.

Notes for LEAH MAY:

She was living with her father in the 1850 census of Edgefield Co., SC. She m. John BUTLER in 1858 in Edgefield Co., SC, & was said to have many descendants living there in 1956.

Members of Good Hope Baptist Church, Saluda County, SC.

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