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Some Stapleton and May families of early Georgia, USA.

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Stapleton-May of Georgia

- *ID:* I01695
- *Name:* **John MAY , Sr.**
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* BEF 1720
- *Death:* AFT 1790 in Orange Ao., NC
- *Note:*

The following is courtesy of Gene Boswell, leading researcher of May families:

"John MAY, Sr. of Orange Co., NC

John MAY, Sr., b. by 1720, d. aft. 1790 in Orange Co., NC. He lived in St. Mary's District (Eno River area) of Orange Co., NC. This part of Orange Co., became Durham Co., NC in 1881. On the map designated the "Landowners in Old Orange Co., NC now Durham Co., NC in the 1740-1810 Period", John MAY's land is adjacent to: John ROSS, Joshua SMITH, Robert SMITH, Gilbert EVANS, & James CONNER. The next nearest neighbors were: Thomas SEARLS, Mark PATTERSON, Davis GRESHAM, Spencer WATTS, John HALL, & David WILLIAMS.

There was a John MAY, Jr. who appeared in the 1762 court records of Orange Co., NC in a suit vs Benjamin WILLIAMS. John MAY was ordered to be recommended to the Assembly in 1764 as a "Proper Person to be exempted from paying Publick taxes." John MAY was again recommended for exemption in 1779 & 1783 because he was "ancient, infirm, & poor." It is possible that this was John MAY, Sr., or it may have been that his father was also named John MAY. Present in this court were: John BUTLER, James FREELAND, & Eli McDANIEL, Esquires. John MAY was a grand juror in 1766.

John MAY was on the 1779 tax list of Orange Co., NC, along with Daniel MAY (German), John MAY, Jr., Samuel MAY, & Thomas MAY. In 1779, this John MAY, Sr. still had land which he later sold or gave to his son & grandson, so we do not believe he could be said to be poor

In 1780, Deed Book 2, p. 404, NC sold to John MAY 400 acres on New River called Ellebys Creek, adjacent LEWIS, BAKER, Edward GRISHAM, & Thomas SIMS, witnesses: Richard CASWELL & William SHEPPARD. This land had been entered in 1778. In Feb 1785, Deed Book 2, p. 168 (& Will Book A, p. 350 in May 1785) of Orange Co., NC, John MAY sold to James DESERN land (no acres given in abstract) on Elibeas Creek, adjacent John BAKER, John VICKERS, & GRISHAM.

In May 1785, James DESERN sold this same land to John MAY of Orange Co., NC,

witnesses: Samuel MAY & Matt CLINTON. This may be John MAY, Jr. On the next page of Will Book A, 351, is the deed from Samuel MAY to his son, Southerland, & daughters Molly & Sally, as listed below. Also in Will Book A, on the page bef., 349, Thomas MAY is a witness to a Power of Attorney from John TRICE to Edward TRICE, Sr. to execute a deed to Thomas GWINN for land adjacent Edward GRISHAM, Sr. & Jr.

In 1779, William SOUTHERLAND entered 640 acres land on both sides of "the crossroads", adjacent John MAY, John VICKERS, Edward GRISHAM, Jr., Aquilla RHODES, & Henry BUNCH. In 1779, John MAY entered 80 acres land on the south side of Eno River, adjacent Benjamin FARRIS, Mary SHOEMAKER, Charles ABERCROMBIE, Samuel MAY, & William CHIZENHALL, including his own improvement. This may be John MAY, Jr.

In Oct 1786, Orange Co., Deed Book 3, p. 1147, John MAY, Sr., planter, (no county given) to John MAY, Jr. (no county given), for & in consideration of natural love & affection which he hath & beareth unto the said John MAY & his beloved son and for the better maintenance & livelihood of him, the said John MAY, Jr., 165 acres on the west side of my Spring Branch, bounded by LEWIS, VICKERS, & BAKER, 2 beds & furniture, 3 pots & hooks, & all of my stock of cattle & hogs & shepp & all other my household good & furniture that I am possessed with or hereafter shall be possessed with - signed John MAY, witness: Henry BUNCH & William CLARK, proved Nov Term by BUNCH.

In 1789, John VICKERS, Jr. of Orange Co., NC, sold Nathaniel DESERN of Granville Co., NC, 85 acres on the southside of Elibars Creek, adjacent John PICKET, John MAY, James DESERN, & Reley VICKERS. John MAY was on the 1790 tax list of Orange Co., NC in St. Mary's District, along with Samuel MAY.

We believe John MAY was the father of:

*A. John MAY, Jr., b. by 1750 (we believe this is the correct John MAY)

*B. Samuel MAY, b. bef. 1755 (by 1753) in ?VA

*C. Patrick MAY, b. by 1765. At the estate sale of John MITCHEL, dec'd, in 1785, Patrick MAY bought 1 matax & 1 bell. This is the only mention we find of him in Orange or Wake Co., records. He could be connected with another MAY family in that area. The names of the other purchasers did not match any of the names listed in this section, but were English or Scotch-Irish surnames. There was a Patrick MAY, b. 1760-70, probably from Anson Co., NC, who received a land grant in Greene Co., AL in 1819, & was there in the 1830 census.

Marriage 1 Spouse Unknown

Children

1. John MAY, Jr. b: ABT 1750
2. Samuel MAY b: ABT 1753 in ? VA
3. Patrick MAY b: BEF 1765


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RIDINGS, MAY, COTTON, TOMLINSON, HUDSON

The little Bible of Penelope May Ridings (C1780?, NC-c1842, Humphreys Co., TN) disappeared in Pensacola, Escambia Co., FL before the death of its last owner, Eleanor T. Hudson, in 2007; her house had been burglarized several times.

She inherited it from her mother, Bertha Izora Tomlinson Hudson. Bertha, the family historian, said, "In Penelope May's Bible which I have she lists her brothers as John May, Major May, William May, James May and Absalom May. . I found the name Penny Cotton in the Bible. I don't have any idea who she was." (1974, Pensacola)

Penelope May married (bond) 8 Aug 1799, Wake Co., NC, Joel Ridings (1770/5, SC? NC?-before 4 Aug 1845, Humphreys Co., TN). Their children were William, Elizabeth, Absalom M., George, Emily, James Rober(t)son, Louisa Neel, Matilda and Martha Stinson Ridings.

William, Elizabeth, Emily, Louisa and Martha migrated from Humphreys Co., TN to Illinois.

Bertha's marriage certificate turned up at an antique dealer's in Wyoming who had bought it at a church sale in Florida for the frame. Has Penelope May Ridings' Bible suffered a similar fate? we would like so much to restore it to the family.

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Re: Bible Lost: Ridings, May, Cotton

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I noticed that you had said in your post that you did not know who Penny Cotton was. The notes that I have show Penny Cotton was the mother of Joel Ridings. Joel Ridings (1770/8-4-1845) married Penelope May (12-6-1780/1842) on 8-8-1799. I do not have any info on who Penny Cotton married. Parents of Penelope May were John Absalom May (5-8-1756/1819) and Susanna Ridens. Joel & Penelope are my mother's great great great great grand parents on her mother's side. Please email sometime at justmetonymc@aol.com

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Where is the marriage certificate in Wyoming??

I am in Northern Colorado and could possibly go retrieve it for family reasons...

We had a similar experience at a family estate sale. An antique dealer only wanted a picture frame with a picture of my husband's grandfather in it. They wanted money for the picture which they would have thrown away.

email me at amcbride@frii.com

Nancy (Ridings) McBride,

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