

JAMES MERCER 1713-1790

ITEM 39

Tyrrell District North Carolina Militia - 1756
Patriotic Service, Revolutionary War 1776-1783

by First Marriage to possibly Ann Jones?

1. Lydia Mercer
2. Rhoda Mercer - died a single person.
3. Reverend Silas Mercer, Major-Chaplain, Rev. War, Ga., N. C. & Va. born February 1745, Currituck Bay, North Carolina d. 8-1-1796, Wilkes Co., Ga. m. c1768, Halifax Co., N. C. Dorcas Green b. 12-30-1746, Stafford Co., Va. d. 9-7-1819, Wilkes Co., Ga., daughter of William Green m. 12-18-1743 Ann Robinson, Overwharton Parish, Stafford Co., Virginia.

By Second Marriage to Sarah Simmons c1748

4. Reverend Thomas Mercer, Baptist, Pvt., Rev. War, Georgia b. c1750, Currituck Co., N. C. d. by 10-16-1819, Amite Co., Mississippi m. (1) c1772, Halifax Co., N. C. Annis Green b. 3-15-1749, Stafford Co., Va. d. c1806, Wilkinson Co., Miss., daughter of William Green m. 12-18-1743 Ann Robinson, Overwharton Parish, Stafford Co., Virginia. m. (2) 8-13-1808, Wilkinson Co. Mississippi Elizabeth Jackson b. 2-22-1789, Georgia d. September 1868, Amite County, Miss. m. (1) 10-27-1803 Walter Rollins (3) 10-4-1827 John Straughan d. August 1841, Amite County, Mississippi.
5. Jacob Mercer, Pvt., Rev. War, Georgia b. 4-15-1753, Currituck Co., N. C. d. 8-6-1837, Jasper Co., Ga. m. c1772, Halifax Co., North Carolina Joel Green b. 11-12-1753, Stafford Co., Va. d. after 12-15-1810, Jasper Co., Ga. daughter of William Green m. 12-18-1743 Ann Robinson, Overwharton Parish, Stafford Co., Virginia.
6. Vashti Mercer b. c1759, Currituck Bay, North Carolina d. 1836 Jefferson Co., Georgia m. (1) Reverend George Franklin (2) Daniel Harris (3) Mr. Boyd.
7. Sarah Mercer
8. Mary Mercer
9. James Mercer b. 1769, Halifax District, N. C. d. December 1850, Cowata Co., Georgia m. 4-11-1807 Wilkes Co., Ga. Elizabeth Williamson b. 1786, Virginia (See 1850 Census Cowata Co., Ga. Household No. 290).
 1. Williamson S. Mercer b. c1815, Jasper Co., Ga. m. 2-7-1838 Wilkinson Co. Miss. Frances Jones.
 2. James Francis Mercer b. c1819
 3. Hulda Mercer c1813 m. William Chapman
 4. Amanda Mercer b. 4-22-1822, Jasper Co., Ga. d. 9-20-1903, Carroll Co., Ga. m. 11-14-1839, Cowata Co., Ga. William O. Meadows d. 12-25-1868 Carroll Co., Ga.
 5. Elizabeth Mercer b. 1835 m. 1-30-1851 Cowata Co., Ga. John F. Dickson.
 6. Vashti Mercer b. 1837 m. 10-13-1851 Cowata Co., Ga. James Williamson.
10. Caleb Mercer b. 1771 d. s. p. 12-11-1823, Jasper County, Georgia.
11. Chloe Mercer b. 1773, Ga. d. after 1840, Scott County, Mississippi m. John Whittington.
12. John Mercer, Colonel Indian War b. October 1776, Wilkes Co., Georgia d. 3-23-1852, Lee Co., Ga., m. (1) c1801 Sally Chivers b. c1782 d. by 7-14-1836, Lee Co., Georgia, daughter of Thomas and Jane Chivers (2) 5-1-1838 Mrs. Sarah Towers b. 1786 d. 11-30-1862, Palmyra, Lee Co., Ga.
 1. Leonidas Bennington Mercer b. 1803, Wilkes Co., Ga. m. (1) 8-23-1826 Taliaferro Co., Ga. Lovicia James b. 1810 d. 9-13-1841, Cedar Valley, Paulding Co., Ga. (2) 9-20-1842, Hancock Co., Ga. Mary Ann Hillsman
 2. Joel Ellett Mercer b. 1805 m. (1) Miss Terrell (2) 1837 Taliaferro Co., Ga. Nancy Nelma. (See Household 275, Lee Co., Ga. 1850 Census)
 3. Rebecca b. c1808 m. 1826 Taliaferro Co., Ga. William James, Jr.

Received of Walker W Lee By cash in full
of all demands due to this date
Oct 28 - 1846

Willis Allen

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| Amount of Book account 1845 | \$ 38.90 |
| To Balance for 1846 | 15.33 1/2 |
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| | \$ 54.23 1/2 |
| to A W Allen | 5.00 |
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| | \$ 59.23 |
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| \$ 100.00 | |
| 59.00 | |
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| 41.00 | |

Don Mercer said he'd read all the film^{on} record for 100 years in Norfolk Co, Va to find the Mercer connection. I guess because Norfolk Co & Currituck Co are side by side we may never know exactly where some of these people were born.

I am making a trip to Austin next week for 3 days of looking at State Archives. If I find anything of great interest I'll send a copy to you.

Again, I do so appreciate your work and the clippings.

Happy holidays,

Earlane Simpson

In looking through some notes - Ga. Genea. Mag
Vol 7-10 1963, I think

Geo Franklin adm. of ~~the~~ Wm. Franklin
decd. adm. bond dated Feb 9, 1797

Vol 11-1#
1964

p. 664 same as above

Geo. Franklin applies for adm. of Wm
Franklin estate (12/10/1796 Warren Co.)

As you can see from the Chart I'm stuck on Boone!

I have been to Austin & found several things I didn't know but nothing of Franklins & Mercers.

Happy holiday!

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11: A. M.

Rev. James W. Hawkins, Pastor
Miss Barbara Ann Stapleton, Pianist

Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow No. 481

Invocation

Hymn Leaning On The Everlasting Arms No. 276

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music Whispering Hope Mrs. Elmer Shepherd
Mrs. I. C. Wood
Miss Virginia Adkins, Pianist

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Special Music The Mansion Over The Hill Top Mrs. Rollie Bell
Mrs. Alma Everett
Mrs. Louise Porter, Pianist

Offering

Sermon Homecoming Rev. James W. Hawkins

Invitation Hymn Just As I Am No. 162

Benediction

DINNER
12:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SONG SERVICE
2:00 P. M.

Mrs. R. A. Godfrey, Speaker

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
8:00 P. M.

Welcome—"Back To Bethel "

O this church that we love in the old oak grove --
What memories flooded us here !
How the days now long gone ,and the loved ones passed on
With us seem hovering near !

Here our mothers prayed for the child who strayed,
And here God answered prayer;

When His presence came as a living flame ,
Hard hearts were melted here;

Here we've come to lay our loved ones away,
Beneath this hallowed sod ;

Here have found the balm our sorrows to calm --
The comfort of our God.

The' scattered afar , all her children are,
To Bethel e'er glad to come back;

To you each we would say ,on this Home-coming day,
Not one shall a warm welcome lack!

We recall how God told His servant of old
Back unto Bethel to turn,

Where his vows he had given when first he glimpsed Heaven,
There Jehovah's face to discern.

Back to Bethel he went , and the whole night he spent
Wrestling in agonized prayer,

Till the blessing he sought was unto ^{him} ~~him~~ brought,
And God' plan revealed to him there.

Thus may all here today so mightily pray
They shall know God's presence anew:

With no pow'r of their own , in His might alone,

Go forth all His bidding to do,
May the joys that we know here ,today, but foreshew
The glorious, sweet bye-and-bye,
When ~~the~~ saints all shall meet ,each other to greet,
On God's Home-coming day in the sky !

Bethel Baptist Church met in conference Sunday
July 17. Plans for cleaning up church and grounds
for Home coming Church voted for Rev. A. Caldwell
of Macon to preach the sermon at morning services
at the morning service of Aug. Betty Joe Young
came under watch care of church from White
Spring Church. During revival services week
after first Sun in August Joe Ann Bell
Mrs. Louie Young Shirley Young joined
for baptism. Luvennie Beluer had
joined back in March for baptism.
These four were baptized 3rd Sun
in Aug at 4 p.m.

Eva Water (Clerk)
Rev. W. L. Attridge (mod)

Bethel church

The VINEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH Church(Name of church)
255 F VINEVILLE AVE.of MACON, GEORGIA

(Name of town and state)

to the Bethel Baptist Church

(Name of church)

Inverton, Georgia

(Name of town and state)

This is to Certify, That Yetta Lee Payne (Mrs. H. D. Payne) is a memberof this church in regular standing, and, in compliance with her request is given thisletter cordially recommending her to your fellowship. Activities indicated on reverse side.By order of the church July 16 1957

(over)

(Mrs.) Josephine M. Melbrook
Office Secretary for Church Clerk



To Bethel Baptist Church Church
(Name of church)

of Irwinton, Ga.
(Name of town and state)

Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Lavender
(Name)

Has united with our church on the promise of a letter from your church.

Please grant it and send to us if meeting your approval.

Morningside Baptist CHURCH
(Name of church)

Macon, Ga.
(Name of town and state)

Date 5-28 1958

Mrs. Maxine Hardwick
Church Clerk

To Bethel Baptist Church
 (Name of church)

of Irwinton, Ga. R-1
 (Name of town and state)

Mr Elmer Stapleton
 (Name)

Has united with our church on the promise of a letter from your church.

Please grant it and send to us if meeting your approval.

Irwinton Baptist CHURCH
 (Name of church)

Irwinton, Ga.
 (Name of town and state)

Date: June 8 1958 Mrs Wendell Lewis
 Church Clerk

To Bethel Baptist Church
 (Name of church)

of Irvington, Ga.
 (Name of town and state)

Ms Eva Waters
 (Name)

Has united with our church on the promise of a letter from your church.

Please grant it and send to us if meeting your approval.

Irvington Baptist CHURCH
 (Name of church)

Irvington, Ga.
 (Name of town and state)

Date Feb. 8 1959

Ms Mary Alice Luvender
 Church Clerk
Rte 1, McIntyre, Ga.

Request for Church Letter

To Bethel Baptist Church
(Name of church)

of Irwinton Ga
(Name of town and state)

Mrs Louise) Willie Clyde Brewer
(Name)

Has united with our church on the promise of a letter from your church.

Please grant it and send to us if meeting your approval.

White Springs Baptist CHURCH
(Name of church)

Gordon, Ga.
(Name of town and state)

Date 6/4 1959 Mrs L. H. Brown.
BROADMAN SUPPLIES NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE McIntyre Ga Church Clerk
PL 1



Rev John Hughes's father
came to this country from
Ireland when he was
nine years old during
the revolutionary war.

His name was Wm. Thomas
and his wife was Ann
Childs daughter of Joel
Childs and wife Elizabeth
Hitchcock. They settled
in Wilkinson Co near

Providence and raised
a large family among
them John who married
Peggy White H. B. Hughes
was their oldest son.

John Hughes moved to
to Bethel settlement and
build a home, taking up
land on the plot and
grant system.

He was a lay preacher.

John Hughes
and immediately began
work among the people who
were without religious in-
fluence. Other Christian people
joined in and they organized
a Missionary Baptist Church
and named it Bethel.

The church called Bro John
Hughes as pastor and re-
quested New Providence
church to ordain him, and
on July 5 1832 he was ordained
to the ministry.

He served the church as
pastor for 10 years and
passed on to his reward

Pres by Terry
Samuel Wright
George Smith
and others

and B B H. Cannon

... of faithfulness

Therefore be it resolved that the removal of this consecrated life from our midst leaves a vacancy that will be deeply felt and will prove a loss to the community in which he labored so lovingly and faithfully.

That with deep sympathy for his children we express our hope that even so great a loss to us may be overruled for good by our loving Father.

That a copy of this be given his dear children, one placed on our minutes and one sent to the county paper

In Memory of Bro. W. H. Carlow.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." All who knew him could but feel that our beloved brother, William H. Carlow, was indeed among the blessed, when, on June 15, 1927, he departed to be with Christ. For he not only died in the Lord, but, for the larger part of his long pilgrimage of eighty years he also lived in Him - which is far better.

Born in this section of Wilkin-son County, he lived near here all his life ~~about~~ except for about fifteen years in the upper part of Twiggs. He was married to Miss Jane Johnson

at Bethel, which office he held till his death. In this position he was always about his Father's business, seeking to promote the interests of the church, and striving to live up to the Bible standard for the deaconship. He was elected clerk of the church in Dec. 1890, and faithfully discharged the duties of that office for six years. For seven years Bro. Barlow ^{served} ~~served~~ as superintendent of the Sunday school at Bethel, and when he moved to Twigg, continued to lead in S.S. work there. Eternity alone can reveal the full results of his loyal service in this department of the church.

Even after he became too feeble to act as an officer, he was always present when he could attend, and his manifest interest in the lessons with his prayers from a heart full of love for the cause were a power and inspiration which still abide with us.

But it was during the suffering and weakness of his last months on earth, ^{that} the light of his faith in Christ seemed to shine forth in its clearest beauty. There was never a question in his mind but that his Lord had a home prepared for him; and, though he longed for the hour of that happy home-going,

he always expressed his
 submission to his Father's will.
 The very spirit of Christ breathed
 through his cheerful patience,
 his humble trust, and his
 deep interest in the spirit-
 ual welfare of all his neigh-
 bors and relatives. And we
 who were privileged to associ-
 ate with him in these last
 months were drawn nearer to
 God as we were drawn closer
 to our brother. We miss him
 as friend and brother. His
 pastor misses his warm sym-
 pathy and support. His family
 miss his affection and his
 wise counsel. But we may
 all profit by his example
 of faithful devotion to his

and our Master, and loving
 service in ~~His~~ all the
 activities of His church.

"Servant of God, well done!
 Rest from thy loved employ.
 The battle o'er the victory won,
 Enter thy Masters joy."

Mrs. Benton Lavender.

Mrs. Joel Waters.

Mrs. Noble Beall Ward.

In memory of Mrs Jane
Johnson Barlow.

God is a Gracious God.
and His will and power
are beyond our under-
standing. He manifested
His will on the morning
of Jan. 20 1927 by taking
from our midst our
dear sister Mrs Jane
Johnson Barlow

Her death cast a
shadow of sorrow over
our church and
community, but we're
consoled with the
thought that she is
face to face with

Sister Barlow was by nature endowed with a sweet gentle disposition happy in spirit making the world brighter for her presence in it. Her crowning grace was her beautiful home life which was built of love for her husband and children. To know her was to love her in her life was the very essence of goodness and every thought of her is praise for she still

lives with us in words
and deeds.

We commend her
example both in public
and private life to every
member of Church as
being worthy of emu-
lation.

We shall miss her
but we bow in humble
submission to the will
of our Heavenly Father.
Therefore be it resolved
that we extend to the
bereaved family our
deepest sympathy

and commend them to
the God of comfort who
has said "my grace is
sufficient for thee". Be
it resolved further that
a copy of this be sent to
her dear husband and
children a copy sent to
our county paper and
one placed on the minutes

Mrs Sol Horton

Mrs Hrewid Davidson

Mrs Joel Waters

Mrs Benton Lander

"J. B. Davidson"

June 15, 1941

Sethel Baptist Church met
in conference and a letter
was granted to Mrs Bell
Dixon and Mr Edwin Dixon.
The Clerk of Irwinton Baptist
Church and the Clerk of a
Milledgeville Baptist Church
requested the letters. There
being no other business
the meeting adjourned.

Rev. D. M. Smith, Mod.
Alice Brown. Clerk.

morning services

Nov. 8, 1942 Bethel Baptist Church met in conference. The minutes of the last conference was read and adopted. A letter was read from Dr. Merritt and the Church voted to still ask the South Baptist Convention to pay \$5.00 on the Pastor's salary. The committee was not ready to report on the Deacons. Brother Denton Lavender had ordered the shingles for the Church but had not heard from them. The Church asked him to still see about getting the shingles.

night services

The Church call Rev. Woodrow Wilcher as pastor. He would not give an answer until January. He will preach in December as he is going to the hospital. He made a

suggestion for the members
to repair the church and then
he believed the church would
be better. The church voted
for Bro. Wilcher to act as
moderator. Bro. Benton Lovender
acted as moderator while the
church called a pastor, then
Bro. Wilcher took charge. The
motion was made by Bro
Jim Barlow and second by
Bro. Benton Lovender the
conference adjourned. The church
was dismissed by prayer by
Bro. Wilcher.

Rev. Woodrow Wilcher, mod.
Alice Brown, clerk.

May 3 1942 Bethel Baptist Church met in
conference and a letter was
granted to Mrs Louie Young.
She has joined the White
Springs Baptist Church and the
Club had written for her letter.
The Church also went back
to quarter time services
and the Southern Baptist
Convention agreed to pay \$5.00
a month on the Pastor's
salary. There being no other
business, conference adjourned.

H. G. Hayes, mod.
Alice Brown. Club.

mar. 29, 42 We the Bethel Baptist Church met in conference and the motion was made and second that we request the southern baptist Convention to apy half of the pastor's salary for the time being. The Church promise to apy \$5.00 a month. The motion was second by Mrs. Joel waters that we put the church back to quarter time basis and that being every first sunday morning and night. There being no other business the meeting was closed by Miss Alice Brown leading in prayer.

Rev. Hugh G. Hayes, Moderator

Alice Brown, Clerk

Aug. 14, 42 The Bethel Baptist Church met in conference to discuss
and
Sept 6, 42 the sins of two members of the church. The members are
Sister Oma Bell and Brother Freeman Lavender. A committ-
ee was appointed to go to see these members and give them
the chance to own their sins. The committee were, Brother
Ira Brown, Sister Mattie Barlow and Sister Sallie Beall.
Brother Lavender told them if he wasn't at church on the
first Sunday afternoon at conference to turn him out.
Sister Bell told them that she didn't want to be turned out
and that she was not coming to conference. The committee
gave their report and the motion was made and voted upon
that they both be turned out of the church. The following
members were present at the conference: Mrs. A. G. Lavender,
Mrs. Eva Waters, Mrs. Mattie Barlow, Mr. Ira Brown, Miss
Sallie Bell, Miss Mattie Davidson, Miss Kitty Justice, Mrs.
Larry Hall, Mr. Junior Lavender, Mr. Benton Lavender, Miss
Alice Brown, Mr. Jim Barlow. Mr. Farris Bell, Miss Ola Bell,
and Mr. John Bell did not vote. The committee recommended
that they be turned out of the church and all members voted
and authorized the Clerk to turn them out . The Clerk was
also requested to send them a card telling them that they
were being turned out.

is able to come so the motion was made and second that the church point a committee to get another deacon or as many as they need. The committee are Miss Sallie Bell, Mr. Jim Barlow, Mrs. Larry Hall, Miss Sallie Bell, and Miss Bell is to bring report back to the church.

The motion was made and second that the expense of writing etc of the clerk be taken care of by the church. The clerk was authorized to write each member that is not active in church to write them and invite them back to church and to request an answer. Then if she doesn't get an answer writing to them a letter telling them that they are being turned out of the church.

The motion was made and second that we ajourn and pray was lead by Brother Benton Lavender.

H. G. Hayes, Moderator

Alice Brown, Clerk