

Appendix 3

The Cherokee Connection

The first connection between this Garrett line and the Cherokee Indians was when my Grandmother **Blackwood** married **Charles Pearson Garrett** on April 6, 1893. This was when the Cherokee Nation still existed 14 years before that area became the state of Oklahoma. This connection goes back to a Cherokee "princess" called **Hannah (Cheto Wolf) Fawling** of the Wolf Clan, born in about 1718 in the Cherokee Nation East (Georgia). Cheto Wolf was a full blood Cherokee. She married an English soldier.

The Blackwood ancestors include the Wards, Welchs, McSwains and the Downings. The Welch and Ward families experienced the "Trail of Tears" being forced to move from the Cherokee Nation East to the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). **Chief George Washington Welch** lived in the Cherokee Nation East, (the portion that is now Forsyth Co., Georgia). There, he was a business man with a few slaves that built a grist mill, a saw mill and a store. He was forced to relinquish his property via the Cherokee Removal Act in 1838.

Will Rogers is a descendant of this Indian line.

The Family of Margarett Louise BLACKWOOD

Margaret Louise Blackwood (John William) was born September 15, 1877 in Cypress Co., Crossroads, TN and died December 30, 1948 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery. Margaret's Roll #1872 - 1/16th Cherokee. She married **Charles Pearson GARRETT** on April 16, 1893. He was born July 22, 1872 in Benton County, AR and died April 7, 1955 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery, OK, son of **John GARRETT** and **Ana Cornelia (Julia) Neel**.

Children of **Margaret Louise BLACKWOOD** and **Charles Pearson GARRETT**:

- i. **John E. GARRETT** was born August 8, 1894 in Mosley Prairie, Going Snake Dist., Cherokee Nation, Delaware Co., OK and died July 14, 1973 in Woodland Manor (Siloam Springs) after a stroke. He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs, AR.

- ii. **Gracie G. Garrett** was born February 10, 1899 and died in Deleware Co., OK.
- iii. **Loy D. Garrett** was born February 12, 1901 and died May 4, 1975 in Arvin, CA.
- iv. **Annie Elizabeth Garrett** was born June 8, 1903 and died August 26, 2007 in Siloam Springs, AR.
- v. **Ted R. Garrett** was born February 18, 1905 and died April 2, 1991 in Siloam Springs, AR. He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs, AR.
- vi. **Thomas Henry Garrett** was born November 18, 1908 and died May 1982 in Siloam Springs, AR. He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs, AR.
- vii. **Ruby Irene Garrett** was born December 19, 1911 and died in about 1998 in Siloam Springs, AR. She is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs, AR.
- viii. **Carmen Julius Garrett** was born May 27, 1918 and died 1919 in 18 months old.

Father: **John William Blackwood** was born August 7, 1855 in Wayne Co., TN and died March 24, 1906 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.

Mother: **Emma Elizabeth Ward** was born November 22, 1858 in Winton Co., AL and died January 27, 1932 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.

Siblings: **Mary Catherine Blackwood** was born September 17, 1879 in Cypress Co., Crossroads, TN and died December 26, 1932 in Deleware Co., OK.

Lydia Ann Blackwood was born December 12, 1881 and died July 12, 1936.

William Isaiah Blackwood was born April 24, 1884.

Cora Emma Blackwood was born September 28, 1885.

Leander Harrison Blackwood was born July 7, 1889.

Isaac Burr Blackwood was born October 31, 1891.

John Henry Blackwood was born March 30, 1894.

Roxie Grace Blackwood was born August 12, 1896.

The Family of Emma Elizabeth WARD

Emma Elizabeth WARD (William Green, W.) was born November 22, 1858 in Winton Co., AL and died January 27, 1932 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery. He married **Emma Elizabeth WARD** July 19, 1876. She was born November 22, 1858 in Winston Co., AL and died January 27, 1932. She is buried in Johnson Cemetery, daughter of **William Green Ward** and **Margaret Ann WELCH**. Her Cherokee Roll # 22629. She was 1/8th Cherokee. She moved to Indian Territory in 1879 with child **Margarette Louise Blackwood**.

Children of **Emma Elizabeth WARD** and **John William Blackwood**:

- i. **Margarette Louise BLACKWOOD** was born September 15, 1877 in Cypress Co., Crossroads, TN and died December 30, 1948 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.
- ii. **Mary Catherine Blackwood** was born September 17, 1879 in Cypress Co., Crossroads, TN and died December 26, 1932 in Deleware Co., OK.
- iii. **Lydia Ann Blackwood** was born December 12, 1881 and died July 12, 1936.
- iv. **William Isaiah Blackwood** was born April 24, 1884.
- v. **Cora Emma Blackwood** was born September 28, 1885.
- vi. **Leander Harrison Blackwood** was born July 7, 1889.
- vii. **Isaac Burr Blackwood** was born October 31, 1891.
- viii. **Jasper Henry Blackwood** was born June 9, 1892 and died September 13, 1892 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery, OK.
- ix. **John Henry Blackwood** was born March 30, 1894.
- x. **Roxie Grace Blackwood** was born August 12, 1896 in 1897.

Father: **William Green Ward** was born February 24, 1831 in Georgia and died February 14, 1900 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.

Mother: **Margaret Ann WELCH** was born December 17, 1832 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, East GA and died December 27, 1919 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.

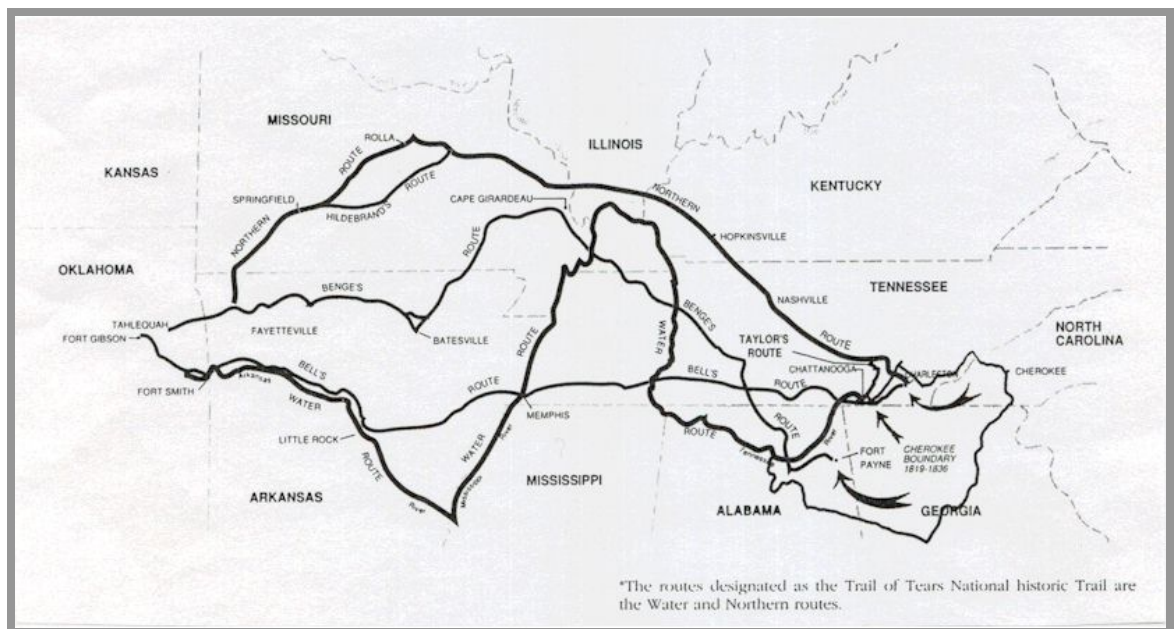
Siblings: **Mary Ward** was born March 8, 1854 in Winton Co., AL and died January 27, 1937.

George Ward was born September 12, 1856 in Winton Co., AL and died 1925.

Emma Elizabeth Ward was born November 22, 1858 in Winton Co., AL and died January 27, 1932 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.

Frances Anderson Ward was born August 30, 1861 in Wayne Co., TN.

Rebecca Ward was born May 22, 1866 in Wayne Co., TN and died April 13, 1945.



The Blackwoods, Wards and Welch's "traveled" from the Cherokee Nation East (Georgia or Alabama) to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). The above map shows various routes taken by the Cherokees. I think my ancestors probably traveled the "Bell" route which is the most southern of the land routes shown on the map.

The Family of William Green WARD

William Green Ward (W.) was born February 24, 1831 in Georgia and died February 14, 1900 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery. He married **Margaret Ann WELCH** October 31, 1851 in Cherokee Co. She was born December 17, 1832 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, East GA and died December 27, 1919 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery, daughter of **George Washington WELCH** and **Margaret Jones**.

Children of Margaret Ann WELCH and William Green Ward:

- i. **Mary Ward** was born March 8, 1854 in Winton Co., AL and died January 27, 1937.
- ii. **George Ward** was born September 12, 1856 in Winton Co., AL and died 1925.
- iii. **Emma Elizabeth WARD** was born November 22, 1858 in Winston Co., AL and died January 27, 1932 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.
- iv. **Rebecca Ward** was born May 22, 1866 in Wayne Co., TN and died April 13, 1945.
- v. **Francis Anderson Ward** was born August 22, 1861 in AL and died December 27, 1906 in Delaware Co., OK.

Father: **W. Ward** was born in about 1796 and died between 1841 and 1888

Mother: **M. Ward** was born in about 1797 and died between 1841 and 1892

Siblings: None known

Margaret Ann Welch (George Washington David,) was born December 17, 1832 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, East GA and died December 27, 1919 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery. Family moved to Indian Territory in covered wagon in about 1881? She was 1/4th Cherokee. Her Cherokee Roll # 1871.

They built their house on Margaret's land allotment which is Section 33, T20N, R25E located 5 miles west of state line and 1/2 mile south of old Highway 33 in Delaware Co., OK. It is 3/4 mile north of the Adair-Deleware County line. The house has subsequently been modified and modernized but remains at the original location.

She married **William Green Ward** October 31, 1851 in Cherokee Co. He was born February 24, 1831 in GA and died February 14, 1900 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery, son of **W. Ward** and **M. Ward**.

Father: **George Washington WELCH** was born in about 1795 in Georgia and died March 20, 1840 in Cherokee Co., GA.

Mother: **Margaret Jones** was born in about 1800 in Fauquier Co., Virginia and died July 26, 1851 in Cherokee Co., GA.

Siblings: **David Welch** was born September 25, 1819 in Forsyth Co. GA (Cherokee Nation East) and died in on the way to Indian Territory.

Lemuel Bruenton Welch was born September 15, 1824 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA and died November 17, 1879 and is buried at Baptist Mission.

Sidney Elizabeth Welch was born July 9, 1827 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA and died 1910 and is buried in Aberty Chapel Cemetery near Westville, OK.

Diana Welch was born June 9, 1831 in Forsyth Co. CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA and died 1810 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.

Margaret Ann Welch was born December 17, 1832.

George Washington Welch, Jr. was born July 2, 1837 in Ophir, Cherokee Co. GA and died 1890 and is buried at Baptist Mission.

Rosana Welch was born May 1, 1840 in Cherokee Co. GA.

The Family of Chief George Washington WELCH

George Washington WELCH (David₁) was born in about 1795 in Georgia and died March 20, 1840 in Cherokee Co., GA. Chief George Washington Welch thought to be 1/2 Cherokee. He married **Margaret Jones** in about 1818. She was born in about 1800 in Fauquier Co., Virginia and died July 26, 1851 in Cherokee Co., GA, daughter of **John Jones** and **Mary Tullos**.

Children of **George Washington WELCH** and **Margaret Jones**:

- i. **Margaret Ann WELCH** was born December 17, 1832 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, East GA and died December 27, 1919 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.
- ii. **David Welch** was born September 25, 1819 in Forsyth Co. GA (Cherokee Nation East) and died in on the way to Indian Territory.
- iii. **Lemuel Bruenton Welch** was born September 15, 1824 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA and died November 17, 1879 and is buried at Baptist Mission.
- iv. **Sidney Elizabeth Welch** was born July 9, 1827 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA and died 1910 and is buried in Aberty Chapel Cemetery near Westville, OK.
- v. **Diana Welch** was born June 9, 1831 in Forsyth Co. CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA and died 1810 and is buried in Johnson Cemetery.
- vi. **Margaret Ann Welch** was born December 17, 1832.
- vii. **George Washington Welch, Jr.** was born July 2, 1837 in Ophir, Cherokee Co. GA and died 1890 and is buried at Baptist Mission.
- viii. **Rosana Welch** was born May 1, 1840 in Coryell, TX.

- Father: **David Welch** was born in about 1780 and died Before 1851 in per Quinton Ward.
- Mother: **Elizabeth McSWAIN** was born in about 1772 in Cherokee Nation East and died between 1799 and 1866.
- Siblings: **Elizabeth Nix Welch** (alias "Elizabeth Nix Welch") was born November 11, 1811 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA) and died 1862.
- Sidney Welch.**

George Washington WELCH Notes:

When one associates history with Forsyth County, Georgia that individual usually thinks of Poole's Mill Bridge, only one of two structures in the county currently included on the National Register of Historic Places.

The bridge, however, was secondary in historical significance to the mill nearby, for the mill was the center of agrarian activity. Known by three names---Welch's Mill, Scudder's Mill, and Poole's Mill---the mill operated for over a century on the banks of picturesque Settendown Creek in northwest Forsyth County.

The mill for which the site is named was constructed circa 1820 with slave labor by Cherokee Chief George Welch. Forest Wade in "Cry of the Eagle" declared the dimensions of Welch's structure to be 45 feet high, 40 feet wide, and 60 feet long. The use of pulleys in its operation enabled the overshot water wheel to power both a grist mill and a slash-type sawmill.

Chief Welch might have continued to run the mill for years had not the lottery system in 1832 and the Cherokee Removal in 1838 limited his time as a miller. At the time he was dispossessed, the U.S. Government appraised his entire holdings at \$12,500.00 with the mill valued at \$719.50.

When the lands of the Cherokee nation were awarded to white settlers in the Gold Lottery of 1832, land lot 436 in the Third District, First Section of Forsyth County---the lot on which the Welch's Mill stood----was drawn by John Maynard of Jackson County. Then in 1833, Jacob Scudder, a brother-in-law of Chief Welch, purchased the property from Maynard for \$250.00.

George Welch (born ca. 1798, died 1849) married Margaret Ann Jones in 1919. Records of historian Don Shadburn suggest that Margaret Ann Jones was the younger sister of Jacob Scudder's wife, Diana Jones Scudder.

Hence the area came to be known as Poole's Mill, and this designation remains to the present.

The addition of a cotton gin to the milling operations in 1920 was popular with Forsyth County farmers. But shortly thereafter, King Cotton suffered plummeting prices and farmers turned to the chicken industry for their livelihoods. The structure was finally abandoned in 1947 and burned by vandals in 1959. Foundation stones are all that remain today---a testimony to a way of life in a bygone era.

Fortunately the covered bridge on the same land lot (436) did not experience the same fate as the mill. However, the erection of the bridge, as related by Dr. Pool's grandson, Vell Pool Fowler, illustrates a shaky beginning to what has proven to be an enduring structure. A flash flood in 1899 washed away the simple wooden bridge, which had probably been constructed under a county contract, and, according to court minutes, a millwright named John Wofford received the county contract to build another. Heart poplar was sawed at the mill and Wofford set in about boring holes for the wooden pegs. Discovering that he had miscalculated and that the pegs and holes did not match up, Wofford took the easy way out: He purchased a gallon of corn whiskey and departed the county. Bridge- building was then placed in the hands of a more responsible person, for Bud Gentry received the assignment for the completion of the span. And finish the job he did---by boring a new set of holes---in 1901.

The bridge was constructed by Town lattice design, so called for Ithiel Town, who patented the plan in 1820. Planks pegged together at 45 degree angles are fastened at intersections. Approximately 5000 holes and 1680 wooden pegs are required for each hundred feet of a bridge of this type.

Poole's Mill Bridge went through a second period of uncertainty in the 1980s when it collapsed into Settendown Creek. Responding to public outcry, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners came to the rescue by placing the beloved structure on supports until it could be rebuilt.

Recently, through the efforts and concern of the County Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Department, the scenic area containing the bridge and shoals has been converted from private ownership to county- owned Poole's Mill Bridge Park. Dedicated April 3, 1997, the park offers county residents the opportunity to picnic, hike, and reminisce. Once a bustling section, Poole's Mill is now a tranquil setting for reflecting on the good old days.

Hightower and Itawa of Forsyth Co. GA were two separate places about a mile apart. Hightower was a crossroads township and Itawa an Indian Village. Hightower was also known as Frog Town. George Welch 1/4 blood Cherokee and minor chief was the first merchant of Hightower ca 1830 with the exception of Jacob Scudder about a mile east. Welch was displaced in the Georgia Land Lottery and his store after 1835 was operated by HARRISON SUMMEROUR and T.J. Hightower.

In the book "Those Who Cried - The 16,000" by James W. Tyner, on page 54, Etowah River, Forsyth County, Georgia, is lists "George Welch - Six quarter bloods. One slave. One marriage with the white race. One farmer. Two readers of English. One weaver and two spinners

Margaret Jones (John) was born in about 1800 in Fauquier Co., Virginia and died July 26, 1851 in Cherokee Co., GA.

Father: **John Jones** was born March 27, 1764 and died between 1812 & 1856.

Mother: **Mary Tullos** was born between 1759 & 1777.

The Family of Elizabeth McSWAIN

Elizabeth McSWAIN was born in about 1772 in Cherokee Nation East and died between 1799 and 1866. She married **David Welch** after 1790 in Cherokee Nation (East). He was born in about 1780 in North Carolina and died before 1851 in per Quinton Ward.

Children of **Elizabeth McSWAIN** and **David Welch**:

- i. **George Washington WELCH** was born in about 1795 in Cherokee Co., Georgia and died March 20, 1840 in Cherokee Co., GA.
- ii. **Elizabeth Nix Welch** (alias "Elizabeth Nix Welch") was born November 11, 1811 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA and died 1862.
- iii. **Sidney Welch**.

Father: **Alexander "Trader" McSwain** was born in about 1740 in Unknown and died in Unknown.

Mother: **Nannie Downing** was born January 20, 1744 in Etowah, Alabama and died December 12, 1815 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST. *She is Great-Great Grand Mother to Will Rogers*

Siblings: **Margaret "Peggy" McSwain** was born 1775 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA and died 1857. *She is Great Grand Mother to Will Rogers.*

The Family of Nannie Downing

Nannie Downing (Major John, John B. II, John B., Sr., Capt. George William) was born January 20, 1744 in Etowah, Alabama and died December 12, 1815 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST. Nannie (Nancy) married 1st **Alexander "Trader" McSwain** which ended in divorce. He was born in about 1740 in Unknown and died in Unknown. Nannie (Nancy) married 2nd **Pettit**. Nannie (Nancy) married 3rd **Charles Crittenden** 1765 . He was born 1749 in England .

Children of **Nannie (Nancy) DOWNING** and **(1) Alexander "Trader" McSwain**:

- i. **Margaret "Peggy" McSwain** was born 1775 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA and died 1857.
- ii. **Elizabeth McSWAIN** was born in about 1772 in Cherokee Nation East and died between 1799 and 1866.

Children of **Nannie (Nancy) DOWNING** and **(2) Pettit**:

- iii. **Thomas Pettit**.

Children of Nannie (Nancy) DOWNING and (3) Charles Crittenden:

- iv. **James Crittenden** was born 1768 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA.
- v. **Jenny Crittenden** was born 1772 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST, GA.

Father: **Major John Downing** was born in about 1710 in England and died October 14, 1793 in Northumberland Co., Va. (or in Etowah, Alabama).

Mother: **Hannah (Cheto Wolf) Fawling** was born 1718 in CHEROKEE NATION EAST and died after 1755 in Unknown.

Siblings: **John Downing** (alias "John B. Downing") was born in about 1740 in Etowah, Alabama.

William Downing was born in about 1745 in Etowah, Alabama.

George Downing was born in about 1738 in Etowah, Alabama.

The Family of Major John Downing

Major John Downing (John B. II, John B., Sr., Capt. George William) was born in about 1710 in England and died October 14, 1793 in Northumberland Co., Va. (or in Etowah, Alabama). Some genealogist claim that John Downing was tortured, mutilated, and burned at the stake. He was a British soldier. He married 1st **Hannah (Cheto Wolf) Fawling**. from the Wolf Clan Cherokee). She was born 1718 in CHEROKEE NATION EAST and died after 1755 in Unknown, daughter of **Redman (Charles) Fawling** and (unknown). He married 2nd **Annie Beehunter** .

Children of **Major John DOWNING** and **(1) Hannah (Cheto Wolf) Fawling**:

- i. **Nannie (Nancy) DOWNING** was born January 20, 1744 in Etowah, Alabama and died December 12, 1815 in CHEROKEE NAT EAST.
- ii. **John Downing** (alias "John B. Downing") was born in about 1742 in Etowah, Alabama.
- iii. **William Downing** was born in about 1745 in Etowah, Alabama⁴.
- iv. **George Downing** was born in about 1740 (or in about 1738).

Children of **Major John DOWNING** and **(2) Annie Beehunter**:

- v. **George Downing.**
- vi. **John Downing.**
- vii. **William Downing.**

Father: **John B. II Downing** was born 1667 and died February 16, 1717/18.

Mother: **Elizabeth Mattingly** born in about 1669.

The Family of John B. II Downing

John B. II Downing (*John B., Sr., Capt. George William*) was born 1667 in England and died February 16, 1717/18, probably in England. He married **Elizabeth Mattingly** born in about 1669.

Children of **John B. II DOWNING** and **Elizabeth Unknown**:

- i. **Major John DOWNING** was born in about 1710 in England and died October 14, 1793 or 1762.
- ii. **Edward Downing** was born 1694 and died 1739.

Father: **John B., Sr. Downing** was born 1638 and died May 18, 1698.

Mother: *Unknown*

The Family of John B Downing, Sr.

John B., Sr. Downing (*Capt. George William₁*) was born 1638 in England and died May 18, 1698, probably in England. He married **Elizabeth Unknown**. She was born 1643 and died October 15, 1715.

Children of **John B., Sr. DOWNING** and **Elizabeth Unknown**:

- i. **John B. II DOWNING** was born 1667 and died February 16, 1717/18.
- ii. **Sarah Downing** was born 1665 and died 1710.
- iii. **Ann Downing** was born 1669.
- iv. **Samuel Downing** was born 1671 and died 1715.

Father: **Capt. George William Downing** was born in 1616 (probably in England) and died February 9, 1682/83 in Wicocomoco River.

Mother: Unknown