

Part 1

The Author's Garrett Line

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As best that I can determine, the first Garrett that came to America was a **William Garrett** who was with the first group that attempted to settle in **Jamestown** in 1609. He was an unmarried bricklayer and was one of the few survivors when the next group arrived years later. Little is known of his descendents -- his line may have died-out.

I found one report of another **William Garrett** that landed in Jamestown in 1624 but again little information is found about his descendants, if any.

There was a **Dr. Thomas Gerrard (Garrett)** who settled in Maryland and while he had a considerable effect on American History, his line died-out. See

Appendix 1, [The Maryland Garrett Line](#) on this website.

All other lines of Garretts appear to have come through **Lord John GARRETT**, including this one that describes my line of Garretts which I have named [The Author's Garrett Line](#).

For the older Garretts from 900 AD to 1600 AD, see my report entitled [The Garretts Before America](#) on this website.

Lord John GARRETT The Family of (1600-1680)

John GARRETT, I (later called **Lord John GARRETT**) was born between 1600 and 1615 in Leicestershire England. (He was not named John Garrett, the 1st ---- I have added the "I" to keep all of the John Garrett's separate).

John GARRETT, I married **Ann Dunston** in England which resulted in a son, **John GARRETT, II** born on January 10, 1631. Ann possibly died in childbirth. Shortly thereafter (1631) **John GARRETT, I** and his brother-in-law, **John Dunston**, landed in Virginia. John came to Virginia as an indentured servant

to his brother-in-law, **John Dunston**. Apparently, **John GARRETT, I** had little money when he left England but when he returned to England in about 1636, he either had gained some wealth or became wealthy when he married **Lady Mary Bible**. As a result, he was qualified to be called a Lord.

There are records of **John Dunston** (Ann Dunston brother) obtaining tracts of land in 1636 along the James River (near Jamestown) with the head rights that he received for bringing **John GARRETT, I** and others to Virginia.

Lady Mary BIBLE was born 1612 in Deal, Kent County, England and died 1660 in Stratford, England. Little is known of her. From a book, "Garrett Folklore & Fact", **Lady Mary BIBLE** was of royal blood.

Lord John GARRETT's children (by two wives) were:

By Ann Dunston:

- i. **John GARRETT, II** was born January 10, 1631 in Hosse, Leicestershire, England and died 1706 in New Kent, VA

By Lady Mary Bible:

- ii. **Elizabeth Garrett** was born January 10, 1637.
- iii. **Sarah Dorothe Garrett** was born April 30, 1640 and died December 13, 1661.
- iv. **Mari Garrett** was born May 15, 1642.
- v. **William (the Quaker) Garrett** was born August 21, 1643 in Hose, Leicester, England and died February 7, 1723 in Philadelphia, Pa..
- vi. **Catren Garrett** was born May 26, 1646 in Stratford, Fairfield, Ct and died October 28, 1662.
- vii. **Thomas Garrett** was born May 17, 1649 in Yorkshire, England and died December 1, 1684 in Brandywine Creek, near Chaddsford, Chester Co., PA.

There is a report that a Garrett Bible printed in 1634 contained the following notations:

" John garat wa borne the 10 day Januari 1631 and baptised forteenth.

"__ garat was borne the 30 day of Aprill, 1640 baptised the third of May. (Must be Dorothe)

"Mari garat was baptised the fifteenth of May 1642.

"William garat borne 21 of August and baptised the third of september 1643.

"Catren garatt baptised May 26 in the year of our lord god 1646.

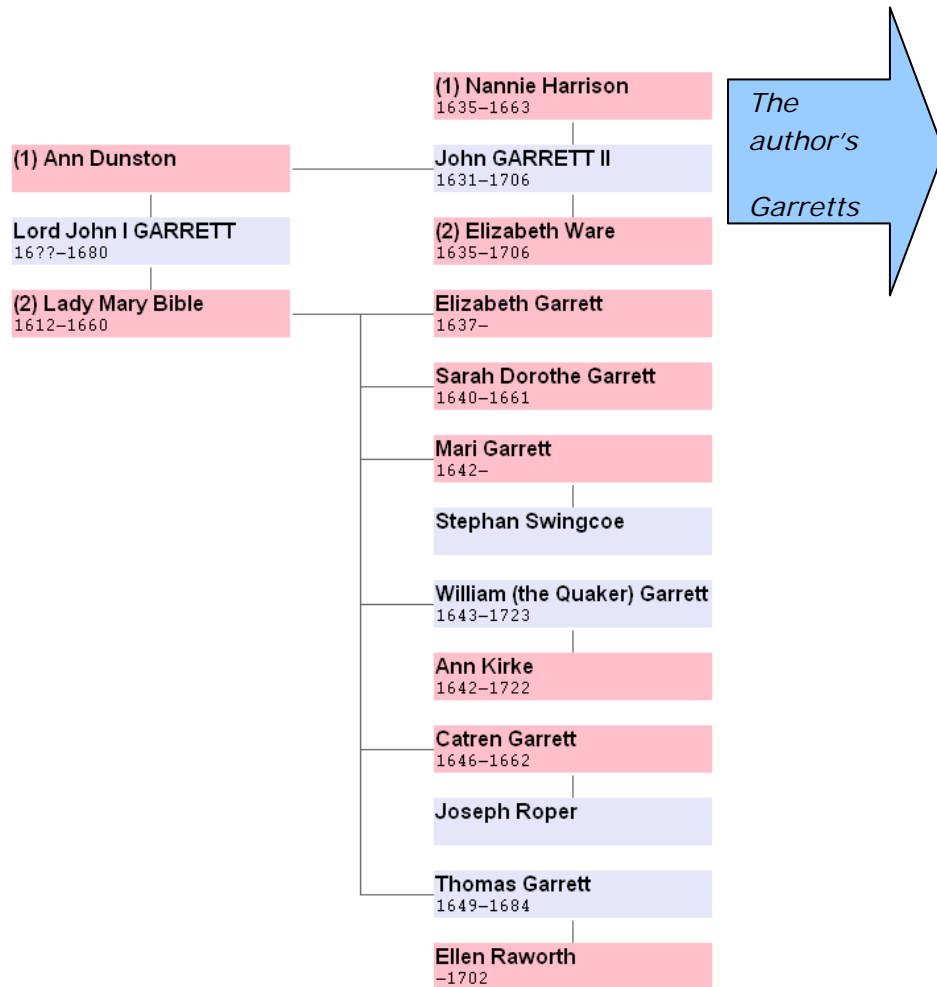
"Thomas Garrat the sonne of John Garratt and Mary his wife was baptised in May the 17, 1649."

Note that there is not an Elizabeth in the above notation. I can find no record of marriage or death for Elizabeth. Maybe she died young. There are some data that she married a Nicholas Ware but none of them have a date or children so I tend to doubt it.

*There is a question as to whether, his first born, **John GARRETT, II** was by his first wife, **Ann DUNSTON** or his second wife **Lady Mary Bible**. Since there is a skip of 6 years between the birth of **John GARRETT, II** and **Elizabeth Garrett** (or 9 years to Dorothe, if there was no Elizabeth) and since this corresponds with his trip to Virginia, I believe **Ann DUNSTON** was his mother. Also, most records show that **Lord John GARRETT, I** married **Mary Bible** 5 years after **John GARRETT, II** was born.*

*Indications are that in 1664, **Lord John GARRETT, I** again immigrated, this time to Pennsylvania with his children by **Mary Bible**. Most of the genealogical records show his death in Upper Darby, Chester, PA. on August 31, 1680. Lord John's 2nd wife, Mary Bible had died in England in 1660. So, **Lord John GARRETT, I** apparently arrived in Pennsylvania as a widower close to the same time that his son **John GARRETT, II** immigrated to Virginia.*

The chart below schematically shows the family of **Lord John Garrett, I.**



Looking at the chart, **John GARRETT, II** is the starting ancestor of my line of Garretts being the Virginia-Alabama-Arkansas Garretts.

The Family of John GARRETT, II (1631-1706)

John GARRETT II was born January 10, 1631 in Hosse, Leicestershire, England. He was about 32 years old when he immigrated to Virginia (probably to claim the land that his father had obtained when he was there with John Dunston about 30 years earlier).

He married **Nannie Harrison** in about 1660 when he was about 29 years old. She was born 1635 in England and died 1663 in England. They had two children (I believe):

- i. **William GARRETT** was born February 12, 1661 in Derby, Leicestershire, England.
- ii. **Mary Garrett** was born 1662.

He married 2nd **(2) Elizabeth Ware** in 1664, probably in England. She was born February 13, 1635 in Dublin, Ireland.

Most records show that Mary and William's mother was **Elizabeth Ware**, however, they were born before Elizabeth Ware married John and shortly before Nannie Harrison died. Probably Nannie's death resulted from Mary's birth.

John GARRETT, II was acquainted with the Ware's while he lived in England.

Elizabeth Ware's father, **Peter Ware** and at least a part of his family probably immigrated first in the Plymouth Colony, but due to religious disagreement moved by 1646 to the Hampton Parish in Virginia. We find **Peter Ware** in Ireland in 1636 selling his property before coming to America by way of England. Some records have all of **Peter Ware's** children immigrating with him in 1646 -- if so **Elizabeth Ware** would have been 12 years old. Other records report that **Elizabeth Ware** "wanted to join her father and brother in Virginia" thus suggesting that she did not immigrate in 1646 but stayed in England until she came over with **John GARRETT II** in 1664.

Peter Ware's ancestors were named De La Warre and according to the Ware Family History, **Lord De La Warre** commanded the supply ships that saved the Jamestown Colony in 1610 and the state of Delaware is named after him.

It is also reported that **John GARRETT, II** came to America with his father and half-brothers Thomas and William (the Quaker) -- but **Lord John GARRETT, I** and Mary Bible's children (including Thomas and William (the Quaker)) immigrated to Philadelphia, PA. So, we don't know if one of the two groups split off while immigrating.

Children of **John GARRETT II** and **(2) Elizabeth Ware**:

- i. **Thomas Garrett** was born 1674 in New Kent Co., VA and died April 2, 1734 in Cowan Co., NC.
- ii. **John Ware Garrett III** was born 1675 in New Kent, VA and died 1728 in Stafford, New Kent Co., VA.
- iii. **Nicholas Ware Garrett** was born 1676 probably in VA. He apparently never married. He may have died young.
- iv. **Elizabeth Garrett** was born 1678 in King and Queen Co., VA and died in about 1750 in King & Queen Co., VA.
- v. **Robert Garrett** was born 1680 in New Kent Co., VA and died 1743 in King & Queen Co., VA.

John GARRETT II and his brother **Nicholas Ware Sr.**, patented land in New Kent County on the north side of the Mattaponi River on the head branches of Hartequack Swamp on 8/21/1665. The area was later made part of King and Queen County, VA.

The year (1664) that John and Elizabeth were married, **Archbishop James Usher** of the Church of Ireland, made a careful study of the Bible and other historical sources and concluded that the Earth had been created at midday on October 23, 4004 B.C.

Also, during **John GARRETT II's** lifetime, **Isaac Newton** made his famous discoveries; including differential and integral calculus and, his work in physics and celestial mechanics, which culminated in the theory of universal gravitation.

The Family of William GARRETT (1661-1727)

The next direct ancestor was **William GARRETT, (John GARRETT's, II oldest son)**. **William GARRETT** was born February 12, 1661 in Derby, Leicestershire, England and died March 5, 1727 in Virginia. He was 3 years old when his father, **John GARRETT, II** came to America in 1664 with his new wife, **Elizabeth Ware**. Presumably, 3-year old William came with them.

He married **Mary Rebecca Smith** 1709 in Chester Co., Pa.. She was born November 1, 1664 in England and died February 11, 1742 in Virginia, daughter of **John Smith** and **Eleanor Dalby**.

Child of **William GARRETT** and **Mary Rebecca Smith**:

(1) **John GARRETT III** was born 1690 in Amelia Co., VA and died February 15, 1743 in Prince George Co., (later Amelia) VA.

There are many genealogy records that show several more children, but on closer inspection, they were born in Pennsylvania which makes them the children of a different William Garrett. The confusion is because there was a Pennsylvania William Garrett born in 1679, son of William Garrett and Ann Kirke who married a Mary Smith.

In 1716, **William Garrett** obtained by grant 125 acres in Westmorland, VA.

William GARRETT's son, **John GARRETT, III** is the next ancestor.

The Family of John GARRETT, III (1690-1743)

John GARRETT, III was born in 1690 in Amelia Co., VA and died February 15, 1743 in Prince George Co., (later Amelia) VA.

He married **Susannah Featherstone Burton** in 1717 in Amelia or Henrico Co., VA. She was born 1695 in Henrico Co., Virginia and died after 1744 in Chesterfield Co., Virginia.

Children of **John GARRETT III** and **Susannah Featherstone Burton**:

- i. **Isaac Burton-Garrett** was born December 9, 1719 in Henrico., Virginia and died 1775 in Chesterfield Co., Virginia.
- ii. **Anne Garrett** was born September 22, 1721 in Henrico Co., VA.
- iii. **Susannah Garrett** was born September 1, 1723 in Henrico Co., VA.
- iv. **John D. Burton Garrett** was born on July 10, 1726 in Henrico Co., VA. and died in 1825 in Culpepper County, Virginia.
- v. **Abraham Burton Garrett** was born July 3, 1729 in Henrico Co., VA.
- vi. **Thomas Burton Garrett** was born December 6, 1730 in Prince George Co., (later Amelia) VA and died September 16, 1816.
- vii. **Stephen Burton Garrett** was born April 9, 1733 in Prince George Co, (later Amelia Co.) Virginia and died after 1803 in Buckingham Co., VA.
- viii. **Charles Burton GARRETT** was born 1735 in Prince George Co., (later Amelia) VA and died May 1782 in Buckingham, VA.

New Kent and King and Queen Counties of Virginia are considered burned counties, because their records suffered considerable damage at several points in their history, from fire, not once, but several times. Accordingly, little data is available.

However, there is a record that says "In September 1730 John Garrett of Henrico County secured a patent to 400 acres in Prince George (later Amelia) County. Later deeds show the land was on Persimmon Slash. During August 1740 John Garrett conveyed via deeds of lease and release 140 acres to Isaac Garrett, who we presume was his brother. Isaac sold this land to William Vasser in July 1744. Susanna, Isaac's wife, relinquished her dower right"

John Garrett died in Amelia County in 1743 (will dated 15 Feb. 1742/3, recorded 18 May 1744). His family sold much of their land that they inherited to neighbor William Vasser in the 1750s. Isaac, Anne, and John Garrett sold 55 acres to Vasser in March 1750/51. Isaac was in the "Province of Carolina"

in November 1752 when he sold 55 acres to Vasser. John Garrett Jr. was still in Amelia County in September 1747 when he exchanged his 80 acres on Persimmon Slash for 150 acres on Sandy River that Isaac Garrett, his posited uncle, had. Stephen Garrett three times sold 55-acre tracts to Vasser: 55 acres in January 1753/4, 55 acres in July 1753, and 55 acres in July 1754.

In the history of son, Charles Burton Garrett, it states that in John Garrett's Will of 1742, "John Garrott gives Charles "his plantation he lives on--"

*Of John and Susannah's eight children, the youngest, **Charles Burton Garrett** is next in this line.*

*The Family of Charles Burton GARRETT
(1735-1782)*

Charles Burton GARRETT was born 1735 in Prince George Co., (later Amelia) VA and died May 1782 in Buckingham, VA. He married **Mary Mollie Ayers** in 1755 in Albemarle County, Virginia. She was born in 1735 in Prince George Co., (later Amelia) VA and died between 1812 and 1817, daughter of **Matthias Ayers, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Ann Hales**.

Children of Charles Burton GARRETT and Mary Mollie Ayers:

- i. **Mary Garrett** was born between 1756 and 1765 in Buckingham, VA.
- ii. **John Ayers Garrett** was born in about 1756 in Buckingham, VA and died 1795 in Buckingham Co., Va.
- iii. **Isaac Ayers GARRETT** was born between 1758 and 1761 in Buckingham, VA and died October 28, 1825 in Henry Rives Place, Montgomery, TN.
- iv. **Charles Ayers Garrett** was born in about 1758 in Amelia Co. or Buckingham Co., Virginia and died September 8, 1836.
- v. **Edmond Ayers Garrett** was born 1770 in Buckingham, VA.
- vi. **Elizabeth Garrett** was born in 1763 or 1769 in Buckingham, VA.
- vii. **Judith Garrett** was born in 1757 or 1771 in Amelia Co. or Buckingham Co., Virginia and died November 5, 1829.
- viii. **Susannah Garrett** was born on February 22, 1772 or 1767 in Buckingham, VA and died December 2, 1813 in Logan Co., KY.

Notes on Charles Burton GARRETT

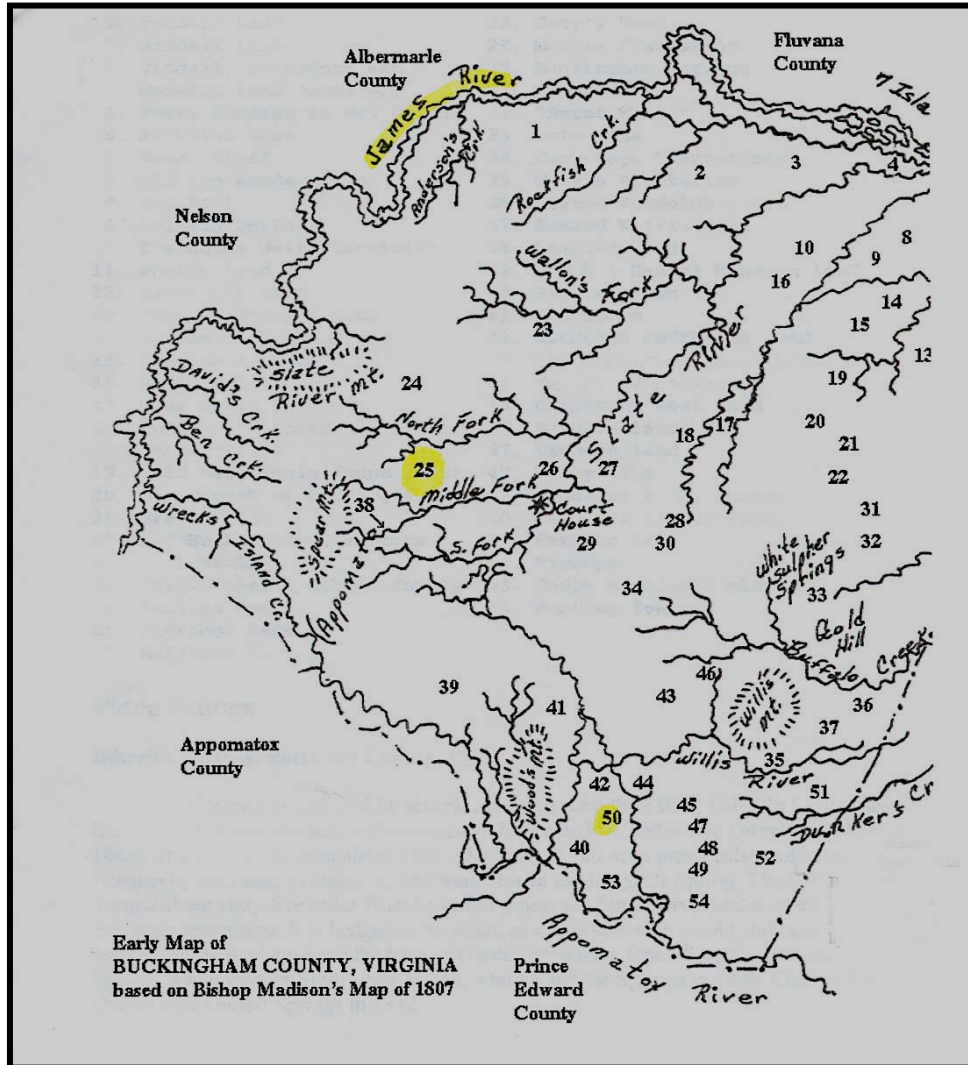
He died in May of 1782 in Buckingham County, VA.

Data from Tax Records, Bible & Family records of Ayres, Garrett & Manire families; "A Book of Garretts" by Hester Elizabeth Garrett; William Turner; Ann Garrett Echard; Ann Humphrey Manire.

Charles was a beneficiary of the 1742 will of his father. He was in Albemarle County in July 1756 when he sold the 159 acres that he inherited to William Finney.

***Charles Burton GARRETT** was in the Revolutionary War, and is approved by the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR, but, I have found no information that details his military record.*

*Below is a copy of an old map of Buckingham County, Virginia that shows the location of various land owners. There was an index with the map that gave the name of the land owner associated with each number. Number "23" is labeled "Garrett land". Apparently that is where **Charles Burton GARRETT** and wife **Mary Mollie Ayers** lived and raised their children.*



Number "50" is the location of **Peter Francisco's** land who played an important role in my efforts to trace the Garrett lineage. We have two Garrett sons with the unusual middle name of Francisco --- why was that? It was due to a **Peter Francisco** being an idol at that time.

Peter Francisco made a mysterious appearance in Buckingham County as a child. He was abandoned by a ship's captain at City Point, VA in the year 1765. No one knew his age or where he came from, but his clothing and silver buckle shoes would suggest that he was of a prosperous family, apparently from Portugal and undoubtedly he had been kidnapped.

*Captain Anthony Winston took him home and cared for him. Anthony Winston lived in Buckingham County, Virginia and became the foster-father of **Peter Francisco**. Captain Winston was a sheriff of that county, member of the first conventions of 1775, Burgess of that county in 1775 and a Revolutionary War soldier.*

***Peter Francisco** grew up to be a man of enormous size and strength. He was said to have been six feet and six inches in height and to have weighed 260 pounds. He volunteered for service in the Revolutionary War when very young and was noted for a number of single-handed exploits. On the battlefield of Gilford Courthouse there is a monument marking the spot where he killed eleven men in fierce combat. He made many exhibits of his enormous strength and valor that are on record. There is a place in Nottoway County, VA, for example, that marked where he defeated single-handed nine of Tarleton's British dragoons soldiers in July of 1781.*

*Early in the war he complained that the regular swords were not big enough for him and one was specially made at **General Washington's** direction over five feet from hilt to point. A massive sword given him by Colonel Mayo is in the Virginia State Library. After the war he served for many years as door-keeper of the House of Delegates.*

*So, in 1810 **Edmond Garrett** names his son **Peter Francisco Garrett** and in 1812 **Isaac Ayers GARRETT** names his son **Charles Francisco GARRETT**.*

The Family of Isaac Ayers GARRETT (1758-1825)

***Isaac Ayers GARRETT** was born between 1758 and 1761 in Buckingham, VA and died October 28, 1825 at Henry Rives Place, Montgomery, TN.*

*He married 1st **(1) Mary Elizabeth Ford Agee** in 1780. She was born between 1755 and 1764 in Buckingham, VA and died in about 1803 in Buckingham, VA, daughter of **James Agee** and **Mary Elizabeth Ford**.*

He married 2nd **(2) Phoebe Fossee** In about 1803. She was born in about 1780

He married 3rd **(3) Mary Yarnell**. She was born in about 1785 .

Children of **Isaac Ayers GARRETT** and **(1) Mary Elizabeth Ford Agee**:

- i. **Chloe Garrett** was born in 1782 in Buckingham, VA and died in August 1868 in Christian Co., Kentucky.
- ii. **Hercules A. Garrett** was born in about 1784 in Buckingham, VA and died 1822 in Greene Co., KY.
- iii. **Edmond Garrett** was born in 1786 in Buckingham, VA and died on September 5, 1850 in Belle Mina, Limestone Co., Alabama.
- iv. **Elizabeth Garrett** was born on May 5, 1787 or March 5, 1789 in Buckingham, VA and died April 2, 1869 or Sept. 2, 1867 in Christian Co., KY.
- v. **Polly Garrett** was born June 20, 1788 in Buckingham, VA and died in Christian County, Kentucky.
- vi. **Ruth Garrett** was born in 1790 in Buckingham Co VA.
- vii. **Isaac Agee Garrett** was born on July 7, 1792 in Buckingham, VA and died on August 16, 1868 in Christian Co., KY.
- viii. **Martha Garrett** was born in 1794 in Buckingham, VA and died before 1827.
- ix. **Susanna Garrett** was born in 1796 in Buckingham, VA and died after 1870.
- x. **Nancy Garrett** was born on August 9, 1797 in Buckingham, VA and died on May 10, 1876 in Cadiz Trigg, Kentucky (Caledonia) or Christian Co., KY.
- xi. **Jacob Garrett** was born 1798 in Buckingham, VA and died in Illinois.
- xii. **Virginia Ann Garrett** was born September 7, 1800 in Buckingham, VA and died June 7, 1837 at Indian Mound, Stewart Co., TN.

- xiii. **Pleasant Bonaparte Garrett** was born June 5, 1802 in Buckingham, VA and died December 12, 1875 in Christian Co., KY.

Children of **Isaac Ayers GARRETT** and (2) **Phoebe Fossee**:

- xiv. **Charles Francisco GARRETT** was born 1812 in Buckingham, VA. and died after 1868 in the Cherokee or Creek Nations – now Oklahoma.
- xv. **George (died in infancy) Garrett** was born 1814 and died in infancy.

Children of **Isaac Ayers GARRETT** and (3) **Mary Yarnell**:

- xvi. **No children.**

Mary Elizabeth Ford Agee was a Huguenot. She descended from the Agee's who were one of the 700 Huguenots that arrived in 1700 and settled on land that had belonged to the Manakin Indians before they were driven off. The settlement was in about 60 miles east of the Buckingham Garretts at a place on the James River named Manakitowne (now Manakin). At the time, Manakitowne was in Henrico County but is now in Powhatan County.

Isaac Ayers GARRETT's first wife, **Mary Elizabeth Ford Agee**, died in about 1803 and within a few years he married **Phoebe Fossee**. Their first child was born in 1812 and their second in 1814 at which time, Phoebe died.

This left Isaac with a 2 year old child with no mother to take care of him. I believe that Isaac called upon his son, Edmond to take Charles in. Edmond's son, Peter, was 2 years older than Charles and Nicholas was 1 year younger.

For some reason, in about 1820, Isaac and his children left Virginia. Where they went to is listed below:

Isaac Ayers GARRETT went to Montgomery Co., TN. He dies "at Henry Rives Place" in Montgomery Co., TN in 1825. I found a **Henry Rives** living in Tennessee whose parents were from Virginia. Apparently, **Isaac Ayers GARRETT** and the Rives knew each other in VA.

Chloe Garrett went to Christian County, KY.

Hercules Garrett went to Greene County, KY.

Edmond Garrett went to Limestone County, AL.

Elizabeth Garrett went to Christian County, KY

Polly Garrett went to Christian County, KY.

Isaac Agee Garrett went to Christian County, KY

Martha Garrett married in Mecklenburg Co. VA

Susanna Garrett married in Christian Co., KY then moved to Montgomery Co., TN.

Nancy Garrett married in Christian County, KY.

Jacob Garrett had died in France.

Virginia Ann Garrett married in Christian Co., KY and dies in TN.

Pleasant Bonaparte Garrett went to Christian County, KY. He started spelling his name, "Garrott" and names one of his sons, **Marcellus Aurelias Garrott**.

Charles Francisco GARRETT went to Limestone Co., AL

Most of **Isaac Ayers GARRETT's** offspring's go to Christian County, Kentucky but Edmond and family go to Belle Mina, Limestone County, Alabama. I think that the two groups had different views on slavery.

See Appendix 2 – Edmond Garrett's Line

Isaac's son, **Edmond Garrett**, was 26 years old and was well along in raising his own family when my direct ancestor, **Charles Francisco Garrett** was born.

*The Family of Charles Francisco GARRETT
(1812-1868)*

Charles Francisco Garrett, the only living son of Isaac's second wife, **Phoebe**, is the next direct ancestor.

Charles Francisco GARRETT was born 1812 in Buckingham, VA and died after 1868 in the Cherokee or Creek Nations in what is now Oklahoma. He married **Rutha (Bertha) Miller** October 29, 1835 in Limestone Co., Alabama. She was born in about 1811 in North Carolina died after 1868 in The Cherokee or Creek Nation, daughter of **John Miller** and **Mary Polly Hudspeth**.

Children of **Charles Francisco GARRETT** and **Rutha (Bertha) Miller**:

Elizabeth Garrett was born 1837 in Limestone Co., AL

- i. **Molly or Polly Garrett** was born 1839 in Limestone Co., Alabama and died February 5, 1925 in Siloam Springs, AR.
- iii. **James Carter Garrett** was born December 29, 1840 in Limestone Co., AL and died January 13, 1933 in Llano or Burnet Co., TX.
- iv. **Louisa V. Garrett** was born 1842 in Limestone Co., Alabama.
- v. **John GARRETT** was born November 25, 1844 in Limestone Co., Alabama and died February 25, 1919 in Benton County, AR.
- vi. **Joseph (Joel) Garrett** was born 1847 in Limestone Co., Alabama.
- vii. **Millie F. Garrett** was born 1849 in Yell Co., AR.
- viii. **Samuel Garrett** was born 1852 in Yell Co., AR and died 1931 in Allen, OK.

*Sometime after Charles arrived in Alabama with Edmond and family, he obtains some land and began his own family. He married Rutha Miller on Oct. 4, 1835. While his nephew, **Peter Francisco Garrett** in starting his plantation in Belle Mina, AL and buying slaves, **Charles Francisco Garrett** settles a little north of Belle Mina, AL within 3 miles of the TN state line.*

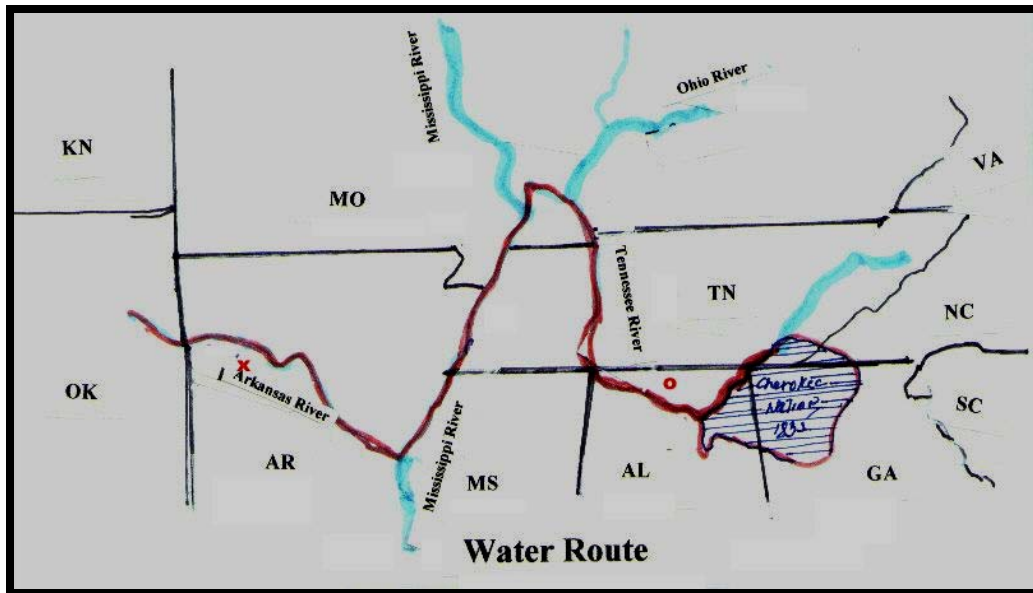
In the 1840 Census, Charles is in Limestone County with wife and two females (Elizabeth and Molly) under 5 years of age.

In 1848 Charles moved his family from Alabama to Yell County, Arkansas

*In the 1850 Census, Charles and his entire family are in Yell County, Arkansas. Also present is **Isaac Garrett** (probably Charles' uncle) and his son, **Merrill Simpson Garrett**. Several genealogists have been trying to decipher the identity of the **Isaac Garrett** shown in this Census. He was in Limestone County the same time as Edmond and Charles were there – so he probably moved there with them. But, neither him being Charles' brother, or half-brother works out. On the other hand it all fits if Isaac was Edmond's oldest son --- and that is the way I have treated it in this study. It would also be likely that Edmond would name his first son after his father.*

It appears to me that the Garrett family divided over slavery. Edmond and his family had many slaves while his father and the rest of the family only had one (Owned by Isaac while still in Virginia).

*Charles' oldest son was named **James Carter Garrett** and from his obituary, we find how the Garretts moved from Alabama to Arkansas. The obit states, he (James Carter) removed to Arkansas when nine years of age. His parents and other family kin went by way of the Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers, on a boat constructed especially for the pioneer movers' use. They built the boat themselves.*



The above map shows the route taken from Alabama to Arkansas. They initially went down the Tennessee River to the Mississippi River; then down it to the Arkansas River where they then had to go upstream.

While Charles Garrett's second son, **John Garrett** is my Great Grandfather, because of the Civil War, his life is intertwined with his older brother, **James Carter Garrett**.

On November 10, 1861, 7 months after Fort Sumter, **James Carter Garrett** joined the Confederate States army, Company H, 1st Mounted Rifles under Captain **Robert P. Parks** who was a neighbor of the Garretts. He enlisted at Fayetteville, AR. A neighbor and friend of James named **Nathan Maxwell** also enlisted. **John Garrett** is 17 years old.

In 1862, **James Carter Garrett**, (in the battle of Murfreesboro) was wounded and captured. Records show that he was captured on January 5, 1863, 13 months after his enlistment. James' friend, **Nathan Maxwell** was "shot by a Yankee sniper because he was peeping around a tree when he shouldn't have been." Nathan did not die right away, and **James Garrett** claimed he carried Nathan with him "until he died."

During the months when **James Carter Garrett** was a prisoner, he was first in Nashville, where he contracted smallpox. Afterwards, he was sent to a hospital in Point Lookout, Maryland

On October 15, 1863, at the age of 18, **John GARRETT** joined the Union Army, as a Private in Company E, 3rd Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry. This was 10 months after his brother, James' capture which supports my theory that John joined the Union Army with the intent of getting James paroled.

In March and April of 1864, **John GARRETT** (now a Union soldier) went on detached duty and traveled to Point Lookout, Maryland and got **James Carter Garrett** paroled into his care. It is unclear as to where John took James – it may have been to Yell County, Arkansas or to Llano County, TX. At any rate, **James Carter Garrett** ended up in Texas with his neighborhood friends from Yell County.

The Family of John GARRETT (1844-1919)

John GARRETT was born on November 25, 1844 in Limestone Co., Alabama. He died February 25, 1919 in Benton County, AR. He married **Ana Cornelia (Julia) Neel** February 24, 1869 in Benton County, AR. She was born June 25, 1856 in Washington Co., AR and died on April 9, 1935 in Benton County, AR. Cause of her death was breast cancer.

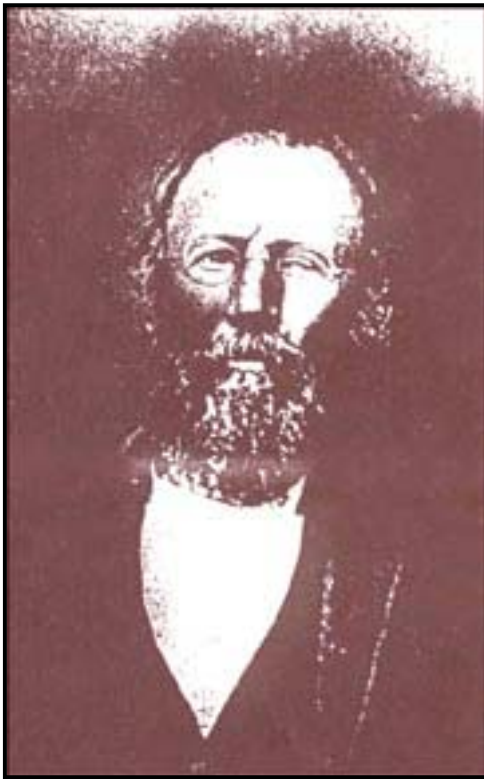
Children of **John GARRETT** and **Ana Cornelia (Julia) Neel**:

- i. **Charles Pearson GARRETT** was born July 22, 1872 in Benton County, AR and died April 7, 1955 in buried in Johnson Cemetery, OK.
- ii. **Thomas Marion Garrett** was born February 19, 1876 in Benton County, AR and died October 2, 1948 in buried in Siloam Springs.
- iii. **Nora (Lenora) Garrett** was born March 1, 1879 in Benton Co., Arkansas and died November 3, 1958 in Skiatook, OK.

John Garrett served as a Private in the Union Army, Company E, 3rd Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry. He joined on Oct. 15, 1863 (after **James Garrett** had been captured). Records say that he was 5' 8" tall with hazel eyes, hair dark, complexion light.. On detached duty in March and April 1864, he apparently traveled to U.S. General Hospital in Point Lookout, Md. to pick up his brother, James, from the prison hospital on March 17, 1864. James was paroled into his care (James was a Confederate soldier who had been

wounded and captured at Murfreesboro, TN). Family lore is that John "nursed" James back to health.

From **John GARRETT's** pension application we find the reason for him being "sick" as reported on the Muster Roll. From his pension application, it was because, "while on escort from Little Rock, Ark. to Batesville Ark. they had a fight with the enemy and were driven on forced march to Batesville and in crossing Little Red River they were forced to swim the river from which he caught cold which settled in his eyes which resulted in total blindness of left eye partial blindness in right eye."



Picture on the left is John Garrett with his bad eye.

John applied for a disability pension in 1890 (blind in left eye) and found that he was classified as AWOL from the army. (John stated that the war was over so he just went home). Working through his Congressman, the U. S. Congress gave him an honorable discharge on 12/18/1891. He was granted a pension of \$16 per month starting Oct. 24, 1912; then \$20 per month starting Sept. 27, 1915 and then \$24 per month starting Sept. 27, 1920. However, he died in 1919.

The pension did not come easy – a mistake was made as to which eye was blind and many affidavits had to be prepared and submitted by relatives and acquaintances of **John GARRETT** to get it cleared up. I have a copy of these affidavits. A photo of **John GARRETT** with his bad eye is on the left.

In the 1870 Census, he and his wife, "Julia", were in Benton Co., AR probably in Siloam Springs. Also, in his home in 1870 were his brother Samuel, sister Polly and sister Louisa.

I can find no record of **Charles GARRETT** or **Rutha Miller** Garrett dying. When I was a child I remember asking my father and my Uncles, "where are the Garretts from?". The answer was "out around Inola, Oklahoma", which is 57 miles west of Benton County, AR in what is now Rogers County, OK. As I recall, I was told that **John GARRETT's** son, **Charles Pearson GARRETT** visited them once. Combining this with a letter I once found on the internet from an official in Bureau of Indian Affairs in Kansas City, Kansas to a John Garrett that in effect stated that "in regard to your enquiry, the Indians would not look favorably on a white person settling in their territory", I believe that **Charles GARRETT** and his wife, Rutha moved into Indian Territory shortly before 1870 and settled in either the Creek or Cherokee Nation.

Why the Garretts migrated to Benton County, AR is a mystery. And where did the parents (Charles and Rutha) go? **James Carter Garrett** moved to Llano County, TX along with several neighboring Yell County families such as the Millers and Maxwells. Note, however, none of James' siblings went to Texas. Why didn't any of the other Garretts go to Texas?

The probable reason that they left Yell County was the post Civil War politics involving Carpet Baggers and Scallywags. An excerpt from a book I found in the Library concerning the history of Yell County, AR is as follows:

When the soldiers came home actually their hardships began. Embarrassment followed insult and it would appear that only the Carpetbagger movement had a say~ so. Taxpayers in general, both Republican and Democrat were robbed and the money spent by a click (clique). Records in the courthouse at Danville, reveal that each year up until 1874, every resident of this county was forced to take an oath. of allegiance, to the United States government. Many hated and despised this insult and called it "swallowing the puppy." Several actually took what they hoped would be temporary leave, it was then that the "Abandoned Property Act," began to work for these tyrants. Seizure of a "rebels" property was in a great majority of cases equivalent to condemnation and forfeiture, a pretexts and screen for unmitigated robbery. Then it was that the honest public official was an exception not the rule.

So, I still do not know, why Benton County, AR and especially why Charles and Rutha would go into Indian Territory – if they did. When they moved to Yell County the availability of cheap land was probably a big draw, so, in 1870

they may have figured that Indian Territory land was there for the taking. Alternatively, the reason may have been political. Texas had been a Confederate state and their friends and relatives in Llano and Burnet Counties, TX were pro-South. Perhaps, the rest of the Garretts were pro North and felt more comfortable in Northwest Arkansas.

In Benton County, AR, **John GARRETT** becomes the patriarch. He marries 12 year-old **Ana Cornelia (Julia) Neel**, daughter of Thomas Neel, on February 24, 1869 in Benton County, AR. She was born June 25, 1856 in Washington Co., AR and died April 9, 1935 in Benton County, AR, Garrett folk lore was that John found **Thomas Neel** and his four young daughters "starving" in Washington County, AR and that he took care of them.

I have a copy of the Justice of the Peace's hand written record of their marriage. As best that I can interpret the writing it states:

....this hereby certify that on the 24th day of February 1869, at the County of Benton in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage, John Garrett of Benton County, State of Arkansas aged 22 years, and Ana Neel of County of Benton and State of Arkansas 14 years of age, and then and there declared them to be husband and wife. Thomas Neel the father of said Ana Neel, was present at the marriage, and did not seem to find any objections to the marriage. Given under my hand this 24th day of Feb, 1869. John P. Truesdale.

Note that the above oath gives Ana Neel's age as 14; however she was 4 months shy of her 13th birthday.

The photo on this page is purported to be their wedding picture.



According to the US Census of 1870:

Charles GARRETT cannot be found. His age would have been 58.

Rutha Miller Garrett cannot be found. Her age would have been 59.

*Elizabeth Garrett age 32 was living next door to brother, **John GARRETT**. and keeping house for who appears to be **Thomas Neel**, age 33, (**John GARRETT's** father-in-law)*

*Molly or Polly Garrett age 31 is not listed but will become **John Farley's** 3rd wife in Benton County in 1874.*

James Carter Garrett age 30 was in Burnet or Llano County, TX

*Louisa V. Garrett age 25, living with **John GARRETT**.*

John GARRETT and wife, Julia, living in Benton County, AR

Joseph (Joel) Garrett age 23 – cannot find anywhere. No marriage or death records.

Millie F. Garrett age 21 cannot be found –no marriage or death records.

*Samuel Garrett age 17 with his wife Polly, 16, living with **John GARRETT**.*

From the above, it can be seen that Benton County, AR is where a lot of the Garretts settled.

***John GARRETT** left little to be remembered by in Benton County, AR. He was reported to be a farmer. In 1911 his house in, or near, Siloam Springs burned down and his son Thomas lent John his house which was in Delaware County, OK about 3 miles west of Siloam Springs until **John GARRETT's** house was rebuilt. A street, in Siloam Springs is named "Garrett", apparently after him.*

*An article in the History of Adair County published in the mid 1990's states that **John GARRETT's** final residence was at 622 Alpine Street in Siloam Springs, which "is still standing".*

John GARRETT is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs within a mile of where he spent most of his life. His wife Ana is buried there, also.

Charles Pearson Garrett, my grandfather, is the next direct ancestor.

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Of

The Author's Garrett Line