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88 JOHN (7) BILLINGSLEY

(Samuel 6, James 5, William 4, William 3, John 2, Francis 1.)

Born Onslow County, North Carolina 10 September 1781, moved to Sullivan County, Tennessee with his parents in 1787. He married (1), 10 October 1802 Martha Blackwood, born North Carolina 12 March 1786. From a published account in Biographical Album in 1898 and furnished by his son, Leander T. Billingsley, the claim is made that John and his bride started from North Carolina on a blind pony to find themselves ahome. They finally reached the Sequatchie Valley with a cash capital of one dollar and twenty five cents. This marriage may have taken place in North Carolina but we feel that as no documentary evidence exists to prove it the logical presumption is that it occurred either in Sullivan or Washington County, Tennessee and it was from this point they made the trip to Sequatchie Valley. They located in Bledsoe County cleared some ground and made a crop with the pony. During the spring of the following year the pony fell and broke its leg and the second crop was made with a young bull.

Martha died 11 March 1829 and he married (2) 15 September 1831 Jane Hoodenpile, born North Carolina 21 April 1812, a daughter of Philip Hoodenpile, a native of Holland. From an humble start John became one of the wealthy and prominent citizens of Bledsoe County. He served some forty years a member of the County Court, and part of the time its Chairman; he also represented the County in the State legislature. At the time of his death 25 May 1856 his property was valued at \$85,000. Jane survived him many years and died 3 September 1894. Family Baptists. He and his two wives are buried in the old Smyrna graveyard, the graves of John and Jane are marked but that of Martha on his side is unmarked.

Children

- i. Samuel (8) : b 3 Oct. 1803.
- ii. William: b 20 Sept. 1805, died 1811.
- iii. Nancy: b 7 July 1807 Bledsoe Co., Tenn., she m prior to 1831 John Hutcheson, b Tenn. 1800. He was a farmer. Both were living in 1860, resided Bledsoe Co., Tenn. They had, known
 1. Flavius Joseph Hutcheson: b 1831, m prior to 1855 Narcissus A. Myers, b Tenn. 1834, daughter of John Myers, see Myers Excursus. Resided Bledsoe Co., Tenn. both were living in 1880. They had, known: (unfortunately the census records do not show full names of these children.)
 - a. G. T. Hutcheson: b 1855, son.
[[Note by RR - This is Leander Travis (Lee) Hutcheson, 24 Mar 1857-22 Nov 1907]]
 - b. M. M. Hutcheson: b 1857, daughter.
[[RR: Martha Melcina (Cinnie) Hutcheson, 25 Mar 1857-22 Nov 1907]]
 - c. J. B. Hutcheson: b 1859, son, was living 1932 at Doyle, Tenn. no information obtainable from him.
[[RR: James Billingsley Hutcheson 10 Mar 1859-20 Oct 1888]]
 - d. T. H. Hutcheson: b 1862, son. [[RR: Thomas Alfred Hutcheson 16 Mar 1862-18 Apr 1952]]
 - e. D. L. Hutcheson: b 1864. Is a minister in the Christian Church, we have had several letters from him but he has never furnished any details of the family, mostly tells of the various Billingsleys he has met in his travels.
[[RR: Darius Lee Hutcheson 25-May 1864-aft 1910]]
 - f. N. S. Hutcheson: b 1867, daughter.
[[RR: Nancy Samantha (Nannie) Hutcheson 20 Jun 1888-17 Jul 1922; married a cousin, James McDonald Hutcheson 7 Feb 1864-2 Nov 1946]]
 - g. A. Campbell Hutcheson: b 1868, m Elizabeth Farmer, daughter of W. F. Farmer and Viola Billingsley, 1st cousins.
[[RR: Alexander Cambell Hutcheson 19 Dec 1868-10 Nov 1944]]
 - h. S. E. Hutcheson: b 1871, daughter.
[[Susan Evalista (Eva) Hutchson 27 Feb 1871-Aft 1930]]
 2. Martha E. Hutcheson: b 1833.
[[RR: Martha Ebenida Hutcheson 18 Sep 1832-03 Apr 1892]]
 3. Mahala Hutcheson: b 1835.
[[RR: Rebecca "Mahala" Hutcheson 30 Aug 1835-18 Jul 1885]]
 4. [[RR: #4 Nancy Jane Hutcheson 24 Dec 1837-04 Mar 1838]]
- iv. Mary: b 7 Sept. 1809, m James Griffith, a Methodist minister, moved to Ala. or Miss. and died quite young leaving no children.

- v. John Calvin (8) : b 12 Feb. 1812.
- vi. Andrew Blackwood (8) : b 1 Feb. 1814.
- vii. Mahala: b 6 July 1816, m prior to 1843 John Munsey, b Va. 1816, they moved to Ky. after 1850. resided Bledsoe Co., Tenn. to that date, not known where they lived in Ky. They had, known
1. Elizabeth Munsey: b 1843.
 2. James C. Munsey: b 1845.
 3. Alexander Munsey: b 1849.
- viii. James Davis (8) : b 27 Oct. 1819.
[[RR: 27 Oct 1819-24 Sep 1877]]
- ix. Martha Jane: b 15 Mar. 1822, she m prior to 1847 Thomas S. Myers, b Tenn. 1818, son of John Myers, see Myers Excursus, they moved to Warren Co., Tenn. about 1849. Both were living in 1860. They had:
[[RR: 15 Mar 1822-28Jan 1888]]
1. Davis Myers: b 1847.
 2. John A. Myers: b 1849, a lawyer, resided Pikeville, Tenn. in 1931.
 3. Mary Myers: b 1851, m a Mr. Northcut, had a son Dee.
 4. Andrew C. Myers: b 1854. Resided McMinnville, Tenn. in 1930 and furnished some information on the family.
 5. Arcadia Myers: b 1856, died small.
 6. Susan Josie Myers: b Oct. 1859.
 7. Martha Myers: b 186 .
- x. Elizabeth E.: b 4 Nov. 1824, m prior to 1848 James Rankin, b Tenn. 1824, resided Bledsoe Co., Tenn. to 1860, not stated where they moved to. They had, known:
1. Samuel Rankin: b Aug. 1848.
 2. Martha Rankin: b 1851.
 3. John Rankin: b 1853.
 4. James Rankin: b 1855.
 5. Samantha Rankin: b 1858.
 6. Joannah E. Rankin: b Mar. 1860.

Children: (2d wife) [[Note by RR - 2nd wife of John Billingsley. i.e. Jane Hoodenpile]]

- xi. Theola Mary: b 14 Oct. 1832, m prior to 1850 Reuben Rankin, b Tenn. 1825, resided Bledsoe Co., Tenn., he was living in 1870, she died 27 Dec. 1885.
[[RR: FindAGrave.com says she died 27 Dec 1908]]
They had, known:
1. John Rankin: b 1856.
[[RR: John Marshall Rankin 15 Nov 1855-02 Jun 1882, First husband of his 2nd cousin, Martha Melcina Hutcheson, dau of Flavius Josephus Hutcheson]]
- xii. Philip Marshall: b 28 Sept. 1834. He married 9 Sept. 1858 Mary M. Smith, b 5 Nov. 1838, daughter of Martin Smith, of Bledsoe Co., Tenn.
He enlisted Sept. 1862 Co. C, 22nd Battery Term. Inf., C. S. A., for 3.years; elected 1st Lieut. 10 Sept. 1862, resigned 8 Apr. 1863 on account of physical condition, chronic diarrhoea.
She died 16 Apr. 1877, he survived her and died 28 Mar. 1905, resided Marshall Co., Tenn. They had:
1. Jessie: b 30 June 1859 Bledsoe Co., Tenn., m 1912 W. E. Harris, of New Mex., she resided Lewisburg, Tenn. 1931.
 2. Hortense: b 21 Feb. 1861 Bledsoe Co., Tenn., m 21 Sept. 1891 J. T. Finley, resided Lewisburg, Tenn. They had:
 - a. Briton Finley: b 18 .
 - b. Murphy Finley: b 1 .
 3. Amanda: b 3 Mar. 1863 Bledsoe Co., Tenn., m 1 Sept. 1897, J. T. Campbell, b Bedford Co., Tenn., resided Lewisburg, Tenn. She furnished data in this family but mentioned no children of her own.
 4. Lillie: b 28 Feb. 1865 Warren Co., Tenn., m 14 Jan. 1905 J. C. Alsup, b Tenn. 18 , moved to Texas and resided at Grand Saline, where he was Vice president and cashier of a State bank, he died March 1933. No children.
 5. James S.: b 5 Apr. 1867 Giles Co., Tenn., died 22 Aug. 1876.

6. Ella: b 13 Oct. 1869 Marshall Co., Tenn., m 8 Sept. 1891 R. C. Edwards, she died 11 Jan. 1904 in New Mexico. They had:
 - a. Arthur Edwards: b 18 .
 - b. Cecil Edwards: b 18 .
 7. Cleared: b 24 Jan. 1872, resides Grand Saline, Tex.
 8. John L.: b 19 Aug. 1874, died 28 Jan. 1904.
- xiii. Amanda M.: b 29 Oct. 1836, m 13 Jan. 1857 John L. Rankin, b 20 Apr. 1832 in Tenn., resided Bledsoe Co., Tenn, where he died 27 Feb. 1862, she survived him and died 10 Feb. 1919. They had:
1. Florentha Rankin: b 18 Oct. 1857, died 2 Aug. 1862.
 2. Gertrude Rankin: b 3 Dec. 1859, m 27 Oct. 1875 Dr. J. P: Barnett, he died 15 June 1910, she survives him and resides Pikeville, Tenn. She furnished information on this family. They had:
 - a. Mabel Barnett: b 7 Dec. 1876, m 29 Nov. 1899, Joseph Otto Kittell, reside Mobile, Ala.
 - b. Herman Barnett: b 1 Oct. 1878, m 14 Jan. 1901 Susie Worley, reside Chattanooga, Tenn.
 - c. Myrtle Barnett: b 18 Apr. 1881, m 29 Nov. 1899 James Roberson, reside Pikeville, Tenn. had a daughter Margaret.
 - d. Idele Barnett: b 13 Oct. 1884, m 27 Feb. 1905 A. B. Cranwell, she died 11 Aug. 1916, resided Pikeville, Tenn.
 - e. Margaret Barnett: b 26 Mar. 1890, m 13 Mar. 1912 Finley Carter Dorris, reside Gallatin, Tenn.
 - f. Marion Barnett: b 14 Dec. 1898, m 20 Dec. 1916 Frank L. Robertson, reside Dallas, Tex.
- xiv. Hixey O.: b 3 Nov. 1838, m 1859 Jesse Hall, b Tenn. 1837, she died 6 Feb. 1895. No record of children.
- xv. Viola C.: b 15 May 1841, m prior to 1863 William W. Farmer, b Tenn. 1835, resided Bledsoe Co., Tenn. where he died before 1898, she survived him and died 18 Apr. 1921. They had:
1. Periah J. Farmer: b 1863, called "Nina," m after 1880 John Greer, reside Bledsoe Co., Tenn. They had:
 - a. Mahala Greer: b 18 , m Estil Swafford.
 - b. William Greer: b 18 .
 - c. Joseph Greer: b 18 , m Marie Parker. They had:
 - 1) Bettie Jean Greer.
 - 2) Joe Joe Greer.
 - 3) James Greer.
 - d. Leonard Greer: b 1 , m Credea Farmer, no children.
 - e. Audley Greer: b 1 , m Bobbie Jones, no children.
 2. Rhoda P. Farmer: b 1865, m after 1880 Riley Hoge, no children.
 3. Lucretia Farmer: b 1867, m Dr. W. H. Harris. They had:
 - a. Angie Lee Harris: b 18 , m William Wheeler, she is deceased.
 - b. Florrie Harris: b 18 , m E. Ross Swafford. They had:
 - 1) Ernestine Swafford.
 - 2) Frances Swafford.
 - 3) E. Ross Swafford, Jr.
 - c. Kenneth Harris: b 1 , m Samuel Jackson. They had:
 - 1) Mary Ross Jackson.
 - 2) Idell Jackson.
 - 3) Henry Frank Jackson.
 - 4) Lola Vianna Jackson.
 4. Thomas Andrew Farmer: b Feb. 1870, m Lena Billingsley, daughter of John T. Billingsley, see No. 213. They had:
 - a. Wade Farmer : b 18 .,
 5. Anna Farmer: b 1871, died small.
 6. Elizabeth Farmer: b 1873, m A. Campbell Hutcheson, b 1868, see Nancy Billingsley, No. 88. They had:
 - a. Freda Hutcheson: b 1 , m Charles Brown. They had:
 - 1) Frances Brown.
 - 2) Elizabeth Brown.
 - 3) Clarence Brown.
- xvi. Leander Travis (g) : b 20 Oct. 1843.
- xvii. Statira A.: b 15 Dec. 1845, m Tullers A. Reynolds, said to have resided White Co., Tenn.
- xviii. Sarah Flora: b 15 Nov. 1847, m 9 Feb. 1868 at Pikeville, Tenn. William Franklin Hutcheson, b. Meigs Co., Tenn. 24 Dec. 1835, resided Pikeville, Tenn. where he died 28 Mar. 1915 and she died 22 Apr. 1923. They had:

1. Josie Hutcheson: b 18 Dec. 1868, m 27 June 1894 James Robert Lee, b Bledsoe Co., Tenn. 12 Feb. 1861. Reside Sparta, Tenn. She has furnished information on this family. They had:
 - a. William Franklin Lee: b 24 Apr. 1895, m 12 June 1923 Ruth Young, reside Sparta, Tenn.
 - b. James Robert Lee, Jr.: b 6 Nov. 1901, m 17 June 1924 Bernice Fancher, reside Sparta, Tenn.
 - c. John Thomas Lee: b 14 Oct. 1903, m 22 May 1928, Frances Pearson, reside Sparta, Tenn.
 - d. Gordon Ball Lee: b 22 Oct. 1905.
 2. Charles Phillip Hutcheson: b 5 Jan: 1871.
 3. Maggie Eva Hutcheson: b 9 Apr. 1873, m Albert H. Carpenter, reside Spring Hill, Tenn.
 4. Della Grace Hutcheson: b 4 Apr. 1881, m Samuel Walter Swafford, reside Pikeville, Tenn.
- xix. Evalista J.: b 6 Apr. 1853, m John Swafford, reside Stamford, Texas in 1931, no record of children.