

## THE WYMAN CHRONICLES

(Abridged)

Long, LONG, ago, two streams came together to form a river called the "Wye". From Mount Plynlimon (elev. 2468 feet) in Cardigan and Montgomery Counties in Northern Wales, the River Wye runs one hundred and thirty miles to the Severn Estuary at the Bristol Channel in southwest England.

Dr. "Andy" Anderson, retired professor of Zoology at Clemson University and long-time student of Nomenclature, tells us that the people living along this river were known as 'men of the Wye'... According to ancient custom, this was gradually simplified and 'man of the Wye' became 'Wye man'. Somewhere along the line the 'e' was dropped and the surname 'Wyman' remained.

The name first came on record in the seventh (7th) century in the person of Wymand, son of Witlar, King of the Mercians. Mercia was a kingdom in central England, formed from the fusion of smaller states, near the end of the sixth (6th) century. Wymand, the King's son, held Wymondham in Leicestershire, England, as part of his privance. This was in the time of the Anglo-Saxons and they had several variations of the name, which mean little to us. In the eighth (8th) century, Mercia was the most powerful

of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Early in the ninth (9) century Mercia merged with Wessex.

The next record of this surname is a mention of the Will of Francis Wyman, of the Parish of West Mill, County of Herts, England..In this Will he mentions two sons, Francis and John, as being beyond the seas. No date is given for the Will. West Mill records show that the son, Francis, was baptized May, 2nd, 1617...

Francis and John Wyman came to America in the 1630's. They settled in the town of Woburn, Massachusetts Bay Colony. They were tanners, and Francis built the first Tannery in Woburn. In 1663 he paid fifty (50) pounds for five hundred (500) acres of land in that part of Woburn which is now the town of Burlington.. There the Francis Wyman house was built in 1666.

#### LINE OF DESCENT.

1. Francis Wyman, b. May 2, 1617; d. November 28, 1699

Married Abigail Reed, October 2, 1650

2..Timothy, b. Sept. 15, 1661; d. ?, 1700

Hannah, married about 1686

3. Joseph, b. November 1, 1695; still living in 1772

Married Ruth Baldwin, ?

4. Joseph, b. September 10, 1725; d. 1775

Mary Johnson, married April 16, 1752

5. David, b. March 18, 1767; d. March 7, 1839

Huldah Brown, married March 4, 1794

(note: See attached record on Mayflower descent through Huldah BROWN.)

(A) Children of David and Huldah Brown Wyman

1. Huldah, b. July 31, 1795; d. Oct. 4, 1800
2. Jonas, b. December 4, 1796; d. Oct. 5, 1800
3. Harriet, b. October 25, 1798; d. Oct. 6, 1800
4. JOEL, b. December 6, 1800; d. June 13, 1883
5. Benjamin, b. August 13, 1802; d. Oct. 22, 1894
6. Hulday, b. Oct. 22, 1804; d. January, 24, 1865
7. Sally, b. March 31, 1806; d. December, 8, 1901
8. Franklin, b. January 20, 1808; d. August 12, 1893
9. Marcus, b. October 10, 1809; d. ?
10. David, b. February, 8, 1812; d. October 11, 1836
11. Harrison, b. October 20, 1813; d. October 11, 1855
12. Adaline, b. April 5, 1816; d. August 24, 1862
13. Alfred, b. March 13, 1819; d. June 13, 1895

(note: The first three (3) children, ages 5 - 4 - 2, all died within three days - it would be interesting to know why, as the others lived a long time for those days.)

JOEL WENTWORTH WYMAN was born at Westminster, Massachusetts, December 6, 1800. He prepared for college at the academies in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and Amherst, Massachusetts. He was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1825. His was the first class to be graduated from Amherst. He was awarded a Master of Arts degree by Amherst in 1828. (note: There is a discrepancy in the records at this point. The Curator of Amherst advised in a letter dated March 13, 1952 that Joel Wyman taught at the Boiling Springs Academy, Barnwell County, S.C., in 1828-1829. However, in a letter Joel wrote to a brother telling of his situation was dated January 16, 1826 (Copy attached). So it is not known how

the Amherst records show him awarded a Masters Degree in 1828, unless he went North in the summer or wrote his thesis in absentia. There is a letter to his brother Benjamin, dated June 16, 1825, in which he advised he was going South in the Fall (Copy attached), so it is clear that he did go South in 1825.)

To continue - Joel Wyman was preceptor of the Boiling Springs Academy for several years. During this time he boarded with the family of Lewis Hay, and was interested in their lovely daughter, Catherine Clementine. In 1829 he entered the South Carolina Medical College to study medicine. He graduated in 1831 with highest honors. He wrote his thesis in Latin, and the South Carolina Medical Society presented him with a hand-made silver urn for the best thesis, the inscription reads:

J.W.WYMAN A Soc. Med. CA. Aust,

Datum. Est Hoc Poculum

Pro Thesi Opt. in Lat.

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Translation:

To J.W. Wyman by the Medical Society of South Carolina this cup is given for the very best thesis in Latin.

15th Kalendar Day, April, 1831

(Note: The thesis and urn are now on display in the Joseph I. Waring Medical Library at the Medical University. The urn was given to the University by the Wyman family.) It should be known that this class was the first to graduate from this Medical School.

He began practice in Prince William Parish, Beaufort District, which is now Hampton County. About a year after he graduated he married Catherine Clementine Hay-(note; See Special Descent, page #1, for her line of descent from the Emperor Charlemagne)- They had six sons and three daughters, as follows; but it should be noted before continuing with their children that Joel Wyman died at the home of his son, Dr. H.Hastings Wyman, in Brunson, South Carolina, in 1833. No record is given for the passing of his wife.

#### Their children

1. William Hutson Wyman, graduated from the S.C. Medical College in 1858. Was a surgeon in the Confederate Army. Had a son, Dr. Joel Wyman, who graduated in 1881. Both father and son died at a relatively young age.
2. Lallah Wyman, married Walter D. Smith, an attorney. Their daughter, Helen, married Dr. C.P. Vincent. Dr. Hugh Vincent, in Anderson, S.C., is a great, great grandson of the first Joel.
3. Benjamin Wyman, medical graduate in 1869. A Captain in the 11th South Carolina Regiment, Hagood's Brigade. He married Mary Edwards. Living descendants are the McNairs of Aiken, S.C.
4. Edward Holbrook Wyman, Landholder and Gentleman Farmer, married Clara Vincent. (NOTE; This being the Line we are concerned with, the children and descendants of these will be shown on a separate page, attached.)
5. Marion Hay Wyman, and
6. Hastings Wyman, twin sons.

( The twins ran away from a Military Academy to join their older brothers in the army of Virginia in 1861. They were sixteen years old. Hay Wyman was killed in a battle near Petersburg in 1863. Hastings served until the end of the war, then went on to graduate from the S.C. Medical College in 1875. He married three times - <sup>1</sup>A. Edwards, <sup>2</sup>Martha Davis, <sup>3</sup>Marian Aldrich. His children and descendants are given on a separate page.)

7. Gertrude Wyman, married Howard Vincent. Children included a Pharmacist son, Howard, Jr.

8. Harriet Huldah Wyman, married Lewis Hay Frampton. Their children follow:

a. Dr. James Frampton, graduated from S.C. Medical College in 1894.

b. Mary Frampton, married H. Freeman. One son, Dr. C. Courtenay Freeman, graduated from S.C. Medical College in 1951.

c. Other children are - Joel, John, Harry Hastings, and Gertrude Freeman.

9. Dr. Frampton Wyman, youngest child of Joel and Clementine, graduated from the S.C. Medical College in 1881. Married Rosamond Gordon Hack. Their children, as follows:

a. Dr. Harry Hastings Wyman. Had one son, Dr. Dibble Wyman, graduated S.C. Medical College in 1951.

b. Virginia Gordon Wyman, married her first cousin, Vincent Wyman. Their children,

1. Dr. Frampton Wyman

2. Hugh Vincent Wyman
3. Edward Holbrook Wyman
4. Virginia Wyman, married Wesley Willingham Lawton, of Lena, S.C.  
There were two children, a son and a daughter.

**NOTE:** Additions should be made to the record of -

(9) - a. Dr. Harry Hastings Wyman. Had three sons, one of whom is Dr. Dibble Wyman, who graduated from the Medical College in 1951. Had one daughter, Ada.

Addition - c. Dr. Holbrook Wyman. He was a Dentist in Aiken, S.C. Had one daughter, "Bertie", who married Fred Shealy, and now lives in Seneca, S.C.

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