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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



LUCILLE MAE
CHASTAIN
ANDERSON

Second Vice
President

Lucille Mae
Chastain Anderson *
states she was born *
9 December 1917 in *
Kellyville, Okla- *
homa, of "poor but *

proud parents" -- Nancy Virginia (Waters) and Johnathon William Chastain. There were 10 children and she was the second so she was her mother's helper -- mostly baby-tender. To quote her further, Mrs. Anderson stated her parents were very strict about school and she attended regularly. She finished about the limit in those days -- the eighth grade.

She married Martin L. Anderson on October 15, 1932, when she was 15. Her first baby was born a month before she was 16; followed by five more children -- four girls and two boys (including twin girls but one died a few hours after birth). She has 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her children are: Marlene Rosa (married Raymond Pace); Nancy Lorene (twin, married William R. McGuire); Minnie Irene (twin, died); Jack Chastain (married Sylvia E. Gaylar); Betty Jean (married Jack L. Staford); and

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* Geraldine (Brown) Buland is a * native of Oklahoma. She spent most of * her childhood and all of her school * years in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. In * 1936 she was the youngest member of the * Tulsa Symphony Orchestra, after having * studied piano and cello for many years. * She was voted the Outstanding Girl of * her Senior Class.

* She received a music scholarship her * freshman year at Oklahoma State Univer- * sity then transferred to the University * of Tulsa for her sophomore year, where * she met and later married Joe A. Buland. * Their children are: Nancy Joe Buland * (married Virgil Wildey; two children:

* MRS. JOE
* A. BULAND
* nee
* Geraldine
* Joy Brown
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The Pierre Chastain Family Association welcomes all Chastain descendants and invites them to join our organization. Membership fees are \$5.00 a year, payable upon joining and renewable on or before the date of the annual reunion which is scheduled for the Sunday before Labor Day each year. Members will receive "The Chestnut Tree" and back issues of the quarterly are \$1.25 each. Write the Secretary-Treasurer for applications or information. Input for publication should be sent to the Editor, Ms. Loyce Coolidge.

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BLESSED NEWCOMERS

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* Born 24 April 1977, the newest Chastain
* descendant is Sarah Katherine Short. She
* is the daughter of Glenn and Jeanne (Moody)
* Short and her proud grandmother is Loyce
* Coolidge.
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* Jesse Lee Shanks, son of Daniel Allen
* and Carmen Marie (Johnson) Shanks, was
* born March 30, 1977. He is the grandson
* of Rev. Jack D. and Shirley Joyce (Moody)
* Shanks of Houston, Texas.
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* (NOTE: Both of the above babies are
* great-great grandchildren of Mrs. Flora
* Mae (Chastain) Moody.)

LUCILLE MAE CHASTAIN ANDERSON (continued from page 22)

Jerry Lee (married Joanne McCully). Mrs. Anderson makes all her own clothes as well as the clothes of her daughter, Marlene Pace. She said she used to enjoy making quilts but has had to give up close work because of her eyesight. She is presently employed as a cook's helper at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home.

Johnathon William Chastain was the son of Katie Barnes and Joseph Edward Chastain. Mrs. Anderson's Chastain grandparents were Belinda Paralee Orrick and William M. Chastain. He was born in Georgia and died in Muldrow, Oklahoma. His parents were Nancy Melvina Rogers (born 25 August 1816, in Georgia, and died 12 June 1891 in Arkansas) and Edward Bruce Chastain who was born 5 November 1809 in North Carolina and died 6 November 1888 in Arkansas. Edward Bruce Chastain was the son of Hannah Brown and Edward Brigand Chastain and the grandson of Rev. John Chastain and his wife, Mary O'Bryan Chastain.

GERALDINE JOY BROWN BULAND (continued from page 22)

Kristen and Scott Wildey); Charles Paul "Chuck" Buland, married Virginia Faye "Ginger" Brown (one son: Jim Buland); and Anthony Dale "Tony" Buland who is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University. Gerre Buland's husband, Joe, is a Sales Engineer for Gaso Pump Company, Inc., in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Her parents, Charles Samuel and Eva (Carter) Brown, were both reared on farms in southwest Missouri. Her Brown grandparents, Samuel James and Emily Jane (Rubison) Brown raised their 13 children in Greene County, Missouri, and according to friends and neighbors, her grandfather Brown played the best "fiddle" in the country.

Gerre Buland's great-grandparents were Reason Rubison and his third wife, Mary Ann Chastain. He was born 17 July 1824 in Washington County, Indiana, and Mary Ann Chastain was born in July 1818 in North Carolina. He had married first on 9 November 1843 in Washington County, Indiana, to Rebecca Chastain, daughter of Peter Chastain, and they had two children: Julia A. Rubison (married first to a Mr. Hutchinson and second to a Mr. Hopper) and Lucinda Rubison. Mary Ann Chastain was married first to John Bassinger and they had five children. She was the daughter of Rene and Massey (Robbins) Chastain. Rene Chastain was born ca 1776 in Franklin County, Virginia, son of William and Sarah or Sary Chastain. Parents of William Chastain and his wife, Sarah, have never been established.

ACQUISITIONS

Mr. Lowell B. Chastain of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, presented the Pierre Chastain Family Association "A Settlement Map of Franklin County, Virginia" (size 25" x 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ "") which gives names and locations of early settlers from 1786 to 1886, including the location of George Chastain, son of William and Sara(h) or Sary Chastain, under date of 1801. Adjoining the property of George Chastain is that of George Staton (date of 1768). George Chastain married Rebecca Staton, 18 August 1791 in Franklin County, Virginia. She was the daughter of George Staton. This map was made for the Franklin County Historical Society by Mrs. Gertrude C. Mann, Historian-Researcher, and is dated 1 January 1976. Our thanks to Mr. Chastain for donating this map to our Association.

Mr. H. L. "Shorty" Wilkins donated a Bible to our Association which has a notation in long hand on the inside cover page which reads "Rainey Chastain Book Nov. 16, 1857." The title page reads: "The New Testament of our Lord and

Saviour JESUS CHRIST: Translated out of The Original Greek; and with The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised. Stereotype Edition. Philadelphia: Published by The Bible Association of Friends in America." The following page says "Sherman & Co., Printers"; however, it is undated. Regretfully, there is no family information contained in this New Testament. It is, however, a fine memorabilia to add to our Association's collection. Mr. Wilkins has a hobby of collecting old pictures and books, some of which date back to the late 1700s. This Bible was presented to Mr. and Mr. Elby Bowman for the Association. Mr. Bowman has stated "I know I can express to Mr. Wilkins each member's heartfelt thanks for his kindness in allowing us to acquire this valuable memento of one of our ancestors, Rainey Chastain, who was a grandson of John (The Ten Shilling Bell) Chastain and grandfather of Rev. James Garvin Chastain, who in 1933 wrote "A Brief History of the Huguenots and Three Family Trees: Chastain-Lochridge-Stockton." Thanks again, Mr. Wilkins, from all of us who are Chastain descendants."

SOME RECENT DISCOVERIES OF MINE

(Contributed by Lowell B. Chastain, 331 North Locust, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022. Contact him for reproductions and prices.)

Amherst County Courthouse in Virginia

Marriage Bond -- Jesse Shasteen to marry Ellenor Coffee, widow of Archelaus Coffee, dated 21 November 1785; Thomas Fortune on bond; witnesses: John Taliaferro, Dupuy Carden, and an illegible name.

Marriage Bond -- James Shasteen, bachelor, to marry Nancy Kenedy, daughter of John Kenedy, dated 4 November 1786; consent slip signed by Nancy Kennidy; witnessed by Milley Layne and Nancy Layne; William Horsley on bond and witnessed by Jno. Taliaferro.

Minister's Return, recorded 1 July 1782, by Rev. Benjamin Coleman, which certified he married James Chastaine to Phebee Pagett, 10 April 1782.

Deed, 20 April 1789 -- James Shasteen and Elinor, his wife, and Elizabeth Wade, sold 50 acres to Jacob Puckett -- land at fork of Daveses Creek, formerly owned by John Wade.

Deed, 17 June 1799 -- James Shastead purchased 100 acres on Otter Creek from Ambrose Gatewood and Margaret, his wife; witnessed by Benjamin Shackelfords, Thomas Jenkins and Roland Biass.

Deed, 14 September 1812 -- James Shartead and Phoebe, his wife, sold 100 acres to John Ellis on Otter Creek, a branch of the James River; witnesses: Richard Eubank, Charles Burks son David, John Tardy, Peter Markham and Jno. H. Lively.

Rockbridge County Courthouse in Virginia

Marriage Bond (Bk. 1, Page 94), dated 7 February 1804 -- Robert Chasteen married Nancy Caskey, daughter of Archibald Caskey, dec'd.; married by Sam Houston; Joseph Grigsby on Bond; Teste Alexander Reed.

CORRECTIONS IN VOL. II, NO. 2

1. Caption under the photograph, page 11, should read "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Creekmore, Sr." not "Jr."
2. Page 13, Avilla Farnsworth Milligan not Mulligan.
3. Mrs. Mildred Carrington Hart Ewell states that her ancestor, Isham Chastain, was a son of Rene, son of Peter Chastain, Jr. (not Rev. Rene). This was in the reprinted article on pages 16-17.



William Benjamin Chastain

Chastains prominent in early history of state

A picture of the Chastain Building in Newport in 1905, on the cover of the January 1972 issue of the Jackson County Historical Journal, prompted T. L. Southerland of Concord to recall the prominent roles Chastain relatives have performed, and continue to perform, in Cleburne and other counties in the state.

The owner of the brick building, two stories high, was William Benjamin Chastain, who was a native of Georgia, but came to Arkansas in the latter part of the 19th century and established a mercantile business in 1879 in Newport. The building was destroyed by fire Nov. 18, 1971. He served as constable, member of the Newport City Council, Mason, alderman and helped organize the Farmer's Bank. In 1899 he platted 28 acres of land adjoining Newport's city limits and named it Chastain's Addition. Mr. Chastain's nephews, Cal and Tom, also lived at Newport.

The Chastain family has been traced back to the 11th century and there were two coats of arms. The spelling of the name in France was Chasteigner, which means a Lord, a Count, or a Nobleman. The spelling was changed when they came to the United States. The Chastains in the United States seem to all come from the family of Pierre (Peter) Chastain, born about 1660 in the southeastern part of France and there are descendants still in France.

Three of the Chastains, Peter, John and Stephen, abandoned their estates in France during the religious persecution and went to England and from there to the states. They landed in Virginia with between 500 and 700 French Huguenots and settled on the south side of the James River about 20 miles above Richmond.

Considered now of Southern origin, Ben Chastain's father, Calvin Chastain, was born in 1820 in North Carolina and his vocation was that of a farmer.

The elder Mr. Chastain brought his family to Arkansas in the year 1852 and eventually located in Cleburne County in the vicinity of Heber Springs. Although the native county of the subject was Union at the time of the Civil War, his father was a Secessionist and was an Arkansas soldier of the Confederate service, being under Generals Marmaduke and Price, participating in the famous Price raid and closing his service in the Trans-Mississippi department. In Cleburne county, this venerable gentleman served as postmaster of DeKalb and filled the office of justice of the peace.

Calvin Chastain first married Martha Garrett, who died in 1855. Their children were Rebecca, who married Z. N. Dill and resided in Cleburne county; James, who died in 1855; Calvin, who lived in Batesville and was a Confederate soldier; William Ben, the merchant; and Sara J., the wife of Isaac W. Snelson. His second wife was a Miss Dill and their children were Jesse of Oklahoma; Adaline, wife of John Stone; Lucinda, wife of Wat Davis; Thomas of Cleburne

county; Joseph, who passed away in Cleburne county; Marion, a farmer, who lived near Heber Springs, and Caroline, who married William Foust, a Baptist minister.

Calvin was the father of Thomas J. Chastain and the grandfather of Hale Chastain of Drasco, who was born March 29, 1894 at Tumbling Shoals near Chastain Chapel. He married Miss Flora West on Feb. 23, 1922. Their two sons are Huey Chastain, Heber Springs Assistant Chief of Police, and Quentin Chastain, merchant and road construction supervisor. The father and sons, as their forebears, possess keen vision, sound judgment and executive capacity, and their ideas have a gratifying way of becoming realities.

Among other prominent Chastain relatives living in the county are Hale's sisters, Odda Belle Elms of Ida and Ollie Whitworth of the Altom community; a brother, John Chastain, also of the Altom community, and two cousins, Joe Chastain, a well-known farmer, and Reuben Chastain, a skilled carpenter, both of Tumbling Shoals.

Contributed by
Mrs. Huey Chastain

Contributed by
Mrs. Jeanne Short

On the cover



Chesterfield, Va., Aug. 15, 1773 — Under cover of darkness, Rane Chastain of Buckingham baptized nine converts in the James River. The candidates for baptism were converted under the preaching of John Weatherford, a Baptist minister. Weatherford was at that time confined to the Chesterfield County Jail. Following the baptismal service, authorities ordered Chastain to leave Chesterfield County or face imprisonment.

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PENSION RECORDS

(These pension records were copied by Loyce Coolidge at the National Archives in Washington, D. C.)

James Chasteen Revolutionary War Pension Claim W-2917

James Chasteen enlisted in Fluvanna County, Virginia, in 1777 and served as a private in Captain Holman Rice's Company of Colonel Francis Taylor's Virginia Regiment. He served three years and later enlisted in Captain Robert Kirk's Company in Armand's Corps of Horse. He was in the siege of Yorktown and was discharged the following day. James Chasteen married in October and there were three different years 1783/1784/1785 in Amhearst County, Virginia, to Nancy Kennedy who was born in Albemarle County, Virginia. In one statement James Chasteen mentioned six children. In a statement dated 13 March 1821, he gave the names of five children but also stated that John Chasteen was the third child. The children were:

Elizabeth - age 25 when the 13 March 1821 statement was made; she was married to a Durham.
_____ - possibly deceased before 13 March 1821.
John - age 23 and was married but no name given (third child?).
Polly - age 22 and married but no married name given.
Jesse - age 21 and married but wife's name not given.
Nancy - age 18 and married but married name not given.

Nancy (Kennedy) Chasteen's statement, dated 31 October 1843, stated James Chasteen and Nancy Kennedy were married prior to 7 January 1784 in Amhurst County by a Methodist Preacher. They moved to Kentucky in October 1791 and had two children before moving to Kentucky and four children after they moved (three of whom were still living, according to her statement). They lived in Madison County until it became Rockcastle County, Kentucky. In a statement by William Abney, dated 31 October 1843, he gave James Chasteen's wife's name as Nancy Canaday. James Chasteen died 28 February 1841, in Rockcastle, Kentucky.

Jacob Chastain War of 1812 Pension Claim W.O. #16244/W.C. #21661

In a "Claim of Officer or Soldier for Invalid Pension" dated 24 April 1871, Jacob Chastain, age 87, stated he volunteered for service at Buckingham County, Virginia, on or about 28 August 1814 for six months. He served in Captain John Garraway's Company, Virginia Militia. He was honourably discharged in Richmond, Virginia, in February 1815. He received land warrants for 111 acres of land. A certified statement of marriage for the marriage of Eleanor Britt and Jacob Chastain on 21 December 1818, Logan County, Kentucky, was signed by Leonard Page, Minister. The Logan County Clerk was W. A. Newman, dated 3 June 1878, at Russellville, Kentucky. Jacob Chastain died 17 October 1873. At age 77, Ellen Chastain appeared before Eli T. Rhea, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri, to file a declaration of Widow for Pension. She stated she was married under the name of Ellen Britt to Jacob Chastain on 23 December 1819 by Leonard Page, County of Todd, State of Kentucky, and that her husband died in Henry County, Missouri. Witnesses were Mamie Arthur and Maud Chastain (relationship not stated). A form 3-405 (Pensioner Dropped) was filed, dated 30 July 1892, notifying Ellen Chastain was dropped as pensioner because of her death (date not given).

JOHN CHASTAIN

War of 1812 Pension Claim #W.O. 41553

Nancy Chastain, widow of John Chastain, filed a Widow's Brief on 27 September 1881. She gave her P. O. Address as Ivy Log, Union County, Georgia. His alleged service was under Captain Hollman Battles, North Carolina. The name, John Chastain, does not appear on the alphabetical arranged accounts of the State of North Carolina Militia War of 1812. Several small pieces of paper listed Chastain as Chastine, Chaston, Chastan. In her declaration for pension, Nancy Chastain stated she married John Chastain 14 December 1819 as Nancy Withrow, in Haywood County, North Carolina. John Chastain died 13 May 1880 at Union County, Georgia.

JOSEPH CHASTAIN

War of 1812 Pension Claim S.O. #24880/S.C. #17189

On 30 June 1871, Joseph Chastain, age 76, appeared in the County of Greenville in South Carolina, and swore that he was married to Mary McMillan whom he married at Spartanburg, South Carolina, on 1 January 1831, and that he served a full period of sixty days in the military service of the U. S. in the War of 1812. The record states "that he is the identical Joseph McMillan" (sic) who was enrolled in Captain William Turner's Company at Greenville, South Carolina, on the 7th of November 1814. Witnesses were Jefferson Ward and Martha H. Barnett. His P. O. Address is listed Mush Creek, Greenville County, South Carolina. He enlisted 6 November 1814 and was discharged 127 days later on 12 March 1815. His certificate of pension, #17189, was dated 3 June 1872. He received Bounty Land #6578-80-50 and Bounty Land #19372-80-55.

JOHN CHASTANG

War of 1812 Pension Application #34445

The pension application of John Chastang, dated 27 December 1879, was rejected 25 March 1880. He stated he was a beef driver under General Twigg (then Major Twigg); however, the name John Chestang does not appear on the roles of the War of 1812 on file. His P. O. address is St. Stephen's, Washington County, Alabama. In a claim dated 18 October 1879, John Chastang's age is given as 91. He stated he was drafted by General Jackson at Mount Vernon on or about the month of July or August in 1812 for the term of the Indian War and continued in actual service for the term of 45 days and was honourably discharged after the Treaty with the Indians. He is described as Creole and five feet eight inches tall. Witnesses were John Collin (Creole, age 79) and Sidoine J. Chastang (age 60). They stated they had known John Chastang from childhood. Sidoine J. Chastang stated further that John Chastang was his maternal great uncle.

ABRAHAM CHASTEEN

War of 1812 Pension Claim #10564

Martha Chasteen, widow of Abraham Chasteen, filed a brief and gave her address as Rabun County, Georgia. Her maiden name was Martha Swafford. The date of her marriage was not given and the County where they married was too difficult to read. Abraham Chasteen died in Hall County, Georgia, in 1856. An affidavit by Nancy Swafford (relationship not known) was dated 26 October 1874. She stated that she had known Martha Chasteen for about fifty years and Abraham Chasteen from 1826 and "I have known them to live together from that date up to Abraham's death about 14 years ago." William Godfrey said he knew Abraham Chasteen married Martha Swafford prior to 17 February 1815 in his affidavit.

Thirty-five years after this Henrico deed, on 8 Nov. 1762 "Abraham David of the Parish of St. Helena in Granville County in the Province of South Carolina" sold to David LeSueur of the Parish of King William in Virginia for £8 his interest in "land in King William Parish, 66 acres coheired by Rachel, Susanna, and Elizabeth Morell" (Cumberland Co., Va., Deed Bk. 3:371). While this deed at least names all three heiresses, it too disappoints by its omissions of vital information: just how Abraham David obtained his interest, for example, and what became of Susanna and Elizabeth Morell. If Abraham claimed an interest through Rachel (Morell) David, it is difficult to see why she had not extinguished his interest by her sale of 1727/8; and if David LeSueur had obtained one-third of his interest in 66 acres by marriage with Elizabeth (Morell) and two-thirds by purchases from the other two heiresses Susanna Morell and Rachel (Morell) David, why had he to make this belated purchase from Abraham David? Still, since we know that David LeSueur's first wife was named Elizabeth, I believe, despite the unsolved factors in the situation, that Mrs. Elizabeth LeSueur can be identified as Elizabeth Morell.

After this first wife's death, LeSueur married secondly, ca 1732-3, Elizabeth Chastain. Their first child was born in November 1733; Elizabeth served as Godmother (as "Elizabeth Chastain") to her niece Magdelaine, daughter of her brother Jean, following the child's birth in January 1731/2, so these dates set outside limits to the date of marriage.

At about the time of his first marriage, LeSueur began to acquire land, starting, as we have seen, with the Morell patent. On 16 Feb. 1733 William Salle of the County of Goochland sold 97 acres to David Lesueur (Goochland Co., Va., Deeds, Wills, &c., 1:491). On 9 Aug. 1735 David Lesueur received his grant as a Huguenot refugee, being 51 acres between the two Manacan creeks (Va. Patent Bk. 16:123). By Sept. 1739 LeSueur was serving on the vestry of King William Parish (KWP Vestry Bk., VMHB 13:183) and on 6 Oct. 1740 he was elected Church Warden (ibid., 13:186).

By 20 Aug. 1745 LeSueur was looking farther afield for new land outside King William Parish and was granted 400 acres in Goochland on both sides of Hunts Creek, a branch of Slate River (Va. Patent Bk. 23:1065). This part of Goochland became successively Albemarle County and Buckingham County. On 7 June 1760 David Lesueur of the Parish of King William and County of Cumberland purchased from Robert Mosely of the Parish of Southam, Cumberland County, 400 acres on Joshua's Creek of Slate River (Albemarle Co., Va., Deed Bk. 2:261).

Despite his purchases in the Slate River region, LeSueur remained a resident of old King William Parish in which he died between 10 Dec. 1771 and 24 Feb. 1772, the dates of making and probate of his will (Cumberland Co., Va., Will Bk. 2:48). His King William Parish lands he left to his other surviving sons, Fell and Martell, after giving the two Slate River tracts in Buckingham County to his three sons James, Chastain, and Samuel. He was survived by his widow Elizabeth.

Issue of David LeSueur, pere, by his first wife Elizabeth (Morell?):

- i. Elizabeth LeSueur, b. 9 Nov 1728, King William Parish; her father left her by will a negro, simply calling her "my daughter Elizabeth."

Probably she was unmarried at the time; certainly she was yet a maiden lady at the date of her brother David's will, May 1769. On 20 or 28 Feb. 1774 (date of bond) she m. Samuel Short (Cumberland Co., Va., Marriage Bonds, William & Mary College Quarterly, 2:7:291, and 1:20:27). On 19 June 1780 he made his will naming wife Elizabeth and sons Pleasant Short and Fleming Short, and made provision "in case my wife Elizabeth should now be with child," which considering her age at the time (51 years) would seem to have been a remote contingency (Chesterfield Co., Va., Will Bk. 3:305). He named Martell Lesueur executor; the will was witnessed by his mother-in-law Elizabeth (x) Lesueur. His estate was appraised 30 Sept. 1782. It seems probable, despite her age at marriage (45 years) that Elizabeth Lesueur was the mother of Pleasant and Fleming Short.

Issue of David LeSueur, pere, and Elizabeth (Chastain):

- ii. David LeSueur, fils, b. 25 Nov. 1733; d. young.
- iii. Catherine LeSueur, b. 12 Nov 1735; named for her paternal grandmother; m. Robert Thompson.
- iv. David LeSueur, fils, b. 4 Oct. 1738; d.s.p. between 24 May 1769 and 26 June 1769, when his will was made and proved (Cumberland Co., Va., Will Bk. 1:453). His will mentioned "the money my grandfather left me in England." He appointed his father David LeSueur executor of his will, and left his property for division among "all my brothers and sisters: namely James, Chastain, Samuel, Peter, Fell and Martell LeSueur, Catherine Tompson and Elizabeth LeSueur."
- v. Jacques (James) LeSueur, b. 25 Dec. 1740; inherited land in Buckingham County where he may have settled briefly, and then probably pushed on to Edgefield District, S.C., where in 1787 "James Lesure" helped take inventory of the estate of "Rane Chastain" (Willie Pauline Young, Abstracts of Old 96 and Abbeville District; Wills and Bonds as on File in the Abbeville, S.C., Courthouse, 1950).
- vi. Chastain LeSueur, b. 24 Dec. 1744; settled in Buckingham County where in 1782 he was taxed on 800 acres.
- vii. Samuel LeSueur, b. 15 Oct. 1747; settled in Buckingham County where in 1782 he was taxed on 287 acres. He m. Martha Brian, b. 12 Jan. 1754 (KWP Register, VHS Collections, 5:110), the dau. of Jacques and Clark () Brian, of King William Parish. On 10 Sept. 1801 "Samuel Leseur and Martha his wife of the County of Buckingham" sold a tract "left to her by her father James Bryant decd." to Silas Bryant (Powhatan Co., Va., Deed Bk. 3:68).
- viii. Peter LeSueur (twin), b. 23 Oct. 1750; though not mentioned in his father's will, he apparently settled in Buckingham County, where he was taxed in 1782 on 163 acres.
- ix. John LeSueur (twin), b. 23 Oct. 1750; probably d. before May 1769, the date of his brother David's will.
- x. Fell LeSueur, b. say 1755.

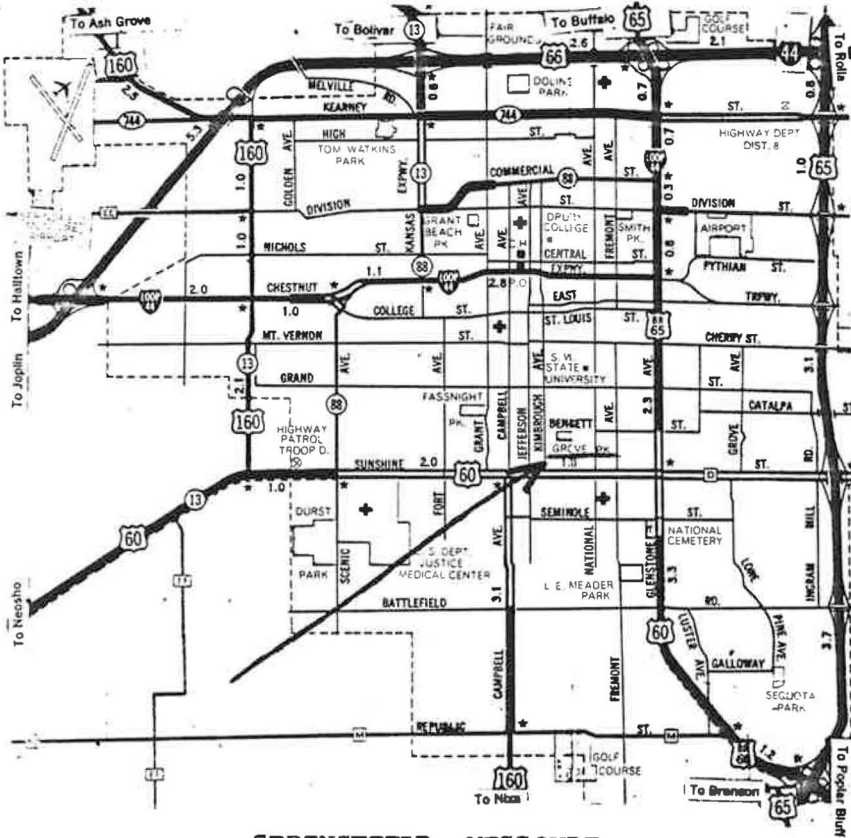
- xi. Martell LeSueur, b. 6 Mar. 1758, King William Parish; m. in Chesterfield Co., Va., 10 June 1781, Elizabeth Bacon. Martell served in the Revolution in the Companies of Capts. George Markham, Thomas Harris, Robert Hughes, Edward Mumford, Obadiah Smith and Isaac Porter. He resided variously in Powhatan Co., Charlotte Co., Henry Co., Patrick Co., Grayson Co., and from 1815 on in Franklin Co., Va., where he d. 10 Aug. 1843. (Revolutionary Pension Rec.; Will Bk. 5:512, Franklin Co.)

7. Rene Chastain, b. ca. 1713, was first mentioned as a tithable in 1730, though he is possibly represented as a number on the tithe list of 1729. He married ca 1732/3 a young widow, Mrs. Judith (Martin) Gevedon, daughter of Jean Martin and widow of Thomas Gevedon and mother of one child, Jean Gevedon, b. 1 Mar. 1729/30. Thomas Gevedon was dead by 25 Oct 1731 when Judith Givodan had a slave child baptized (KWP Register in VHS Col. n.s. 5:86). Jean Martin of St. James Parish, Goochland County, by his will made 12 Mar. 1736, probated 15 May 1739, remembered "Judith Chateen my beloved daughter" and "her son John Jeffedon" and referred to the "estate left by Tho^s Jeffedon dec^d, to be delivered to Reny Chasteen till John Jeffodon is of age" (Goochland Co., Va., Deeds &c., 3:210).

Rene Chastain on the death of his father in 1728 inherited the 379 acre tract on Jones Creek his father had patented in 1724. Two hundred acres of this he sold for £40 to Joseph Tanner on 6 Aug. 1740 (ibid. 3:372) and the remaining 179 acres he sold 24 Dec. 1741 to his brother-in-law James Robinson for £60 (ibid. 4:16). On 23 Sept. 1737 he had taken oath as a newly-elected vestryman and Church Warden (KWP Vestry Minutes in VMHB 13:178). He is last recorded as having attended a meeting of vestry on 7 Jan. 1743/4 (ibid. 13:190). Shortly thereafter he removed from the parish. The tithe list of June 1744 significantly accounts "For Rene Chastain: Tho. Godsee, Betty -2." Obviously Rene himself was not counted as being in the parish (VHS Col., n.s. 5:112-5). On 15 Dec. 1749 he patented 400 acres in the County of Goochland on Pidey Rock of Wilks' River (Va. Patent Bk. 29:70). On 19 May 1752 Robert Holt of St. Anns Parish in the County of Albemarle sold 200 acres for £20 to Rane Chastain of the Parish and County aforesaid (Albemarle Co., Va., Wills and Deeds No. 1, p. 460). On 3 Oct 1751 he sold to his stepson John Givodan for £160 "one parcel of Negroes, man Will, woman Luce, and three children, Ginne and Nane and Olimp" (ibid. 2:314). The same day Givodan sold him for £150 "one parcel of negros, one woman named Bate, another named Mary & one boy named Jack and one girl named Base" (ibid. 1:386).

Rene Chastain continued to live in this neighborhood until after Buckingham County had been severed from Albemarle, the mother county. Consequently the records of sale of his Virginia Lands perished with the Buckingham records. He migrated with a portion of his family to Edgefield District, South Carolina. There he died, sometime between the dates of the making and probate of his will, 27 Jan. 1786 and 6 Dec. 1786, respectively. Therein he named his sons Peter and Rane; his daughter Jude Winfree; and alluded to "my son and daughters in Virginia." He named Leroy Hammond and son Peter Chastain to be executors. (Edgefield District Wills, preserved at Abbeville County Courthouse, Abbeville, S.C.; defectively abstracted in Willie Pauline Young, Abstracts of Old 96, and in Huguenot Society, Founders of Manakin in Virginia, Publications No. 4, p. 51). This will clearly does not list all of his issue.

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