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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



CLAUDE EUGENE "GENE" COOK
AND WIFE
VIOLET (BRYAN) COOK

Claude Eugene "Gene" Cook has done extensive research on his family lines during the past 20 years. He is the author of the book *LITTLE OTTER TO LOST RIVER* which the Pierre Chastain Family Association plans to publish.

Gene Cook was born September 20, 1922, in the town of Campbellsburg, Indiana. He graduated from Campbellsburg High School in 1940 and worked at different jobs until 1942 when he went into the U.S. Army. He served overseas in Algeria and Tunisia in North Africa and in Sicily with General George Patton's Seventh Army.

In early 1946, Gene Cook returned to Campbellsburg after his discharge and resumed his career in the "odd jobs" trade. He then moved to Indianapolis where he worked for Electronic Rectifiers, Inc., and stayed there until February 1959. At that time, he became a clerk in the Indianapolis Post Office. He is still working with that agency.

He met his wife, Violet Bryan, in Indianapolis and they were married in Tampa, Florida, on March 7, 1952. They have a son, Glenn, who lives in Salem, Indiana, and a daughter, Mary, who is a senior in high school and a member of the National Honor Society.

Gene Cook's parents were William J. Cook and Lona M. Shoults. His mother is 80 and she is the daughter of Richard (continued on page 20)

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HELEN (CHASTAIN) SANDERS
AND HUSBAND
LEE O. SANDERS



Helen Chastain is a retired beautician and she is the daughter of Ira L. Chastain and Georgianna Jenkins Chastain. She was born January 7, 1910, and is a native of Orleans, Indiana. Her brothers and sisters are: Lelah Edna, Freddie, Carl H., Arrietta, and Elwood J. Chastain. Helen Chastain married Lee O. Sanders on December 24, 1935. He is a retired truck driver. (Continued page 20)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR GENEALOGIST

Our genealogist, Elby F. Bowman, has written: "NO! We have not moved. However, the Post Office Department has decided we need a route and box number, and has requested that we use it. So please note the correct address is now: Star Route 1, Box 442, Shell Knob, Missouri 65747."

IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE THOMAS CHASTAIN -- age 96, died in February 1978. He is survived by his wife, Willie Estell Chastain, his son, Ted Chastain, and a daughter, Ara Mae Wages, also four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. George Thomas Chastain was the son of George Washington Chastain and his second wife, Elizabeth Moore Johnson Chastain, of Wilson County, Tennessee.

WAYNE L. CHASTAIN -- passed away August 22, 1978, in Long Beach, California. He is a native of Indiana. His wife is Eska Chastain.

MRS. MABEL A. CHASTAIN -- resident of Fayetteville, Arkansas, died Sunday, October 29, 1978. She was the widow of W. E. Chastain. She was age 90 and was born in Grayville, Illinois. She is survived by two sons, John and Frank Chastain, two daughters, Mrs. Eloise Grubbs and Mrs. Sally Ray Compton. (See clipping below)

MRS. LINDELL EATON CHASTAIN -- of Springfield, Missouri, died of a heart attack around the early part of November 1978.

MRS. SARAH GOLDBERG -- died in Dallas, Texas, on November 18, 1978. She was the aunt of our Membership Chairperson, Mary Fields.

MRS. MARTIN L. (LUCILLE) ANDERSON -- of Kiefer, Oklahoma, died Sunday, November 19, 1978. She was the Second Vice President of the Pierre Chastain Family Association. (See clipping below)

CLAUD D. CHASTAIN -- died on December 7, 1978, of a massive heart attack in Mulberry, Arkansas. His wife, Virginia, wrote that he was a wonderful husband and companion for 37 years and a dear and loving father and grandfather.

-Sapulpa (Okla.) Herald, Monday, November 20, 1978

Mrs. Martin

Anderson Dies

Mrs. Martin L. (Lucille M.) Anderson, 60, of Kiefer, died Sunday morning at her home.

She was born in Kellyville Dec. 9, 1917, and had lived in Kiefer seven years, moving from Sapulpa. She had worked at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home 1½ years.

Survivors are her husband Martin of the home; two sons, Jack Anderson of Carney and Jerry Anderson of Tryon; three daughters, Marlene

Face of the Kiefer home, Lorene McGuire of Kiefer and Betty Stafford of Kiefer; 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Roy Chastain of 822 N. 10th, Sapulpa, and Jack Chastain of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Thelma Cavin of Fort Gibson and Cathy McGee of Tallahassee, Fla.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1978.
FAYETTEVILLE

Mrs. Mabel A. Chastain, aged 90, of Fayetteville, widow of W. E. Chastain, died Sunday. Born at Grayville, Ill., she was a member of Central United Methodist Church at Fayetteville. Survivors are two sons, John and Frank Chastain, both of Hutchinson, Kan.; two daughters, Mrs. Eloise Grubbs of Springfield, Mo., and Mrs. Sally Ray Compton of Fayetteville; a sister, Mrs. Mary Green of Judsonia, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be by Powell Funeral Home of Judsonia.

TIPS ON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN NORTH CAROLINA

by Jo White Linn

(Mrs. Stahle Linn, Jr., Box 1948, Salisbury, North Carolina 28144, is certified as an American Lineage Specialist and is the author of nine books on North Carolina research. She is a frequent lecturer at the National Archives and Samford Institute and she is President of the North Carolina Genealogical Society.)

The North Carolina Department of Archives and History, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 28144, has published more finding aids for researchers than any other Archives in the country. A Guide to Research Materials in the N.C. State Archives, Section B: County Records is available for \$5.00 and lists by county the original records available for the county and, separately, those available on microfilm. Thus, one can determine at a glance whether the early land records, etc., are extant for the county, and, if not, what alternate record is apt to have the information that will help prove the lineage.

As a further aid to the researcher, the Archives has published North Carolina Local History: A Select Bibliography, frequently updated, which lists by county the published material available, either early histories, magazine articles, published abstracts.

Also available are fifteen Archives Information Circulars of varying prices, a list of which will be sent you upon request and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. One of the most valuable of these is #1: "North Carolina's Revolutionary War Pay Records," which is fifty cents (50¢). It describes North Carolina's part in the war, the difference between militia and Continental Line service, and the accompanying records that may provide proof of Revolutionary Service:

1. Register of Military Land Warrants (no bounty land was granted to North Carolina or any other soldiers within the present-day boundaries of North Carolina. Bounty land was granted only to Continental Line soldiers.)
2. Revolutionary War Vouchers and Certificates, which number approximately 50,000 and are indexed.
3. Revolutionary Army Accounts, 31 volumes compiled after the war to explain and detail North Carolina's war expenditures when the state's military accounts with the federal government were being settled.
4. Revolutionary War Final Settlements (about 600 accounts) a part of the Military Series of the Treasurer's and Comptroller's Records.

5. State Pensions to Invalids and Widows, important in view of the fact that the federal pension rolls prior to 1813 were destroyed when the British burned Washington.
6. Delamar Transcripts of petitions of militia and Continental Line Soldiers and others appearing in the Legislative Papers, abstracted and indexed.
7. Revolutionary War Military Papers in the Secretary of State's records, containing names of approximately 8,000 soldiers, their parents, widows, other kinsmen, comrades-at-arms, clergymen, and neighbors. Card index to this.
8. The Colonial and State Records of North Carolina, a 30-volume work by Saunders and Clark with a 4-volume index by Stephen Beauregard Weeks. Available in most genealogical libraries.

The Archives staff for \$2.00, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, will search these records for a single individual. One ancestor to a letter, please. It should be pointed out that the National Archives also has service records and that sometimes proof of service will appear in the county's Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions and nowhere else.

The North Carolina Archives has published on microfiche the extant marriage bonds for North Carolina from the earliest period to 1868, some 172,381 of them, arranged alphabetically. No longer do the marriage bonds have to be searched county by county. The microfiche is available in major genealogical libraries or will be checked by the Archives staff for \$2.00 and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. It should be noted that there are bonds for perhaps only 20 percent of the marriages that took place in North Carolina. Many people were married by Banns, which was quicker and cheaper; and many bonds have been destroyed.

There are published indices to the 1790, 1800, 1810, and 1840 North Carolina censuses. Do not use the highly inaccurate computerized printouts of these censuses as accurate published records are available.

As for wills, the earliest wills were recorded with the Secretary of the Province and a card file of those wills is in the Search Room at the Archives. After 1773, the wills were recorded with the Clerk of Court of each county. In North Carolina, there are no records of intestates in the will books. Archives does have, arranged by county, loose estate papers for some intestates. Additionally, one will find a record of an administrator being appointed in the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county in which the intestate died. Often, there are inventories, sales, divisions, etc.

The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal has completed its fourth year of publication. A subscription is \$12., Box 1492, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602. This magazine publishes primarily abstracts of hitherto unavailable material of an archival nature. It publishes very few county records, as there is someone publishing abstracts of county records in most areas of North Carolina.

The North Carolina Archives offers seminars for beginning and advanced researchers. Anyone who would like to know when these educational programs are offered can write Mr. Paul P. Hoffman at the Archives address and ask to be notified.

DEDICATION OF PLAQUE AT MANAKIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Virginia Branch of the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin met at Lynchburg, Virginia, this year instead of at Manakin.

The Reverend Lawrence W. Mason, Rector, Manakin Episcopal Church, Powhatan, Virginia, was informed that the dedication of the Chastain plaque and pew at Manakin Episcopal Church will take place at a later date. Queries regarding the dedication should be sent to Miss Susan Epling, President, Virginia Branch of the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin, 7700 Tremayne Place, #109, McLean, Virginia 22101.

QUERIES

MRS. STANLEY J. (HELEN) SOWA, 7314 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305 -- Would like to know what the Chastain motto was in France and from what source was it found? She states that in her research she could only find that the two brothers were surgeons and one was Stephen. She wants to know what kind of doctor Pierre was and from what medical school did he attend in France or Switzerland? What proof was there that Pierre was a doctor? She would also like to know who were the Chastains on the side of the Confederacy in the Civil War? In Atlanta, Georgia, there is a large recreational park where they hold outdoor concerts and she wants to know from what Chastain was this park named? She states she has a triple lineage back to Pierre and both her father and mother were Chastains and both her paternal grandparents were Chastains.

PENSION RECORDS

(Editor's Note: These records were obtained by written request from Claude E. "Gene" Cook or in person by Loyce Coolidge from the National Archives, Washington, D. C.)

ABNER H. CHASTAIN

Civil War -- Company E, 2nd Arkansas Cavalry, and Company A, 2nd Arkansas Cavalry

Widow's Pension Application #537151; filed 11 January 1872 in Arkansas

Abner H. Chastain transferred to Company A, 2nd Arkansas Cavalry, on 1 January 1864, when he was age 19. His physical description is listed as: 5'11" tall, fair complexion, gray eyes, and dark hair. He was a farmer and was born in Gordon County, Georgia.

Declaration for widow's pension was dated 4 January 1892 in Yell County, Arkansas, and was made by Jane M. Chastain, age 57 or 37, of Danville, Yell County, Arkansas. She stated that she married under the name of Jane M. Few to Abner H. Chastain on 13 December 1885, but, the place of marriage was not given.

Affidavits of W.L. Heck and Adam Chastain (relationship not known) stated they were at, and assisted in, the burial of George Few, first husband of Jane M. Chastain, late widow of Abner Chastain and that he, G. Few, died 4 April 1883 in Yell County, Arkansas. The affidavits were dated 20 September 1892, Bellville, Arkansas.

Affidavit of Dr. J.B. Heck stated that he attended Mrs. Cynthia Chastain, wife of A. H. Chastain in her last illness and that she died in June 1885. (She was evidently the first wife of Abner H. Chastain.)

Affidavit of Thomas Buckman stated that he was present at the wedding of Jane Few to Abner H. Chastain on 13 December 1885.

(Obtained by Claude E. Cook)

ANDREW J. CHASTAIN

Civil War -- Company D, 24th Missouri Infantry

Annie L. Chastain (Minor) Pension Application #389723; Certificate #554653

Andrew J. Chastain, John J. Chastain (five years older) and Martha K. Woodfill were brothers and sister. After the death of their mother (evidently their father had died previously), Andrew J. Chastain lived with the parents of his cousin, Francis Marion Chastain. His parents names were not mentioned. Sarah M. Chastain was the wife of either Francis M. Chastain or his brother, William Chastain. Francis Marion Chastain was age 70 in 1902 (born ca 1832).

Andrew J. Chastain married Isabell Owens on 18 May 1865 in Green County, Missouri. He died 7 February 1871. They had three children (the last was born several months after the death of the father). Children were:

1. Thomas J. Chastain - born 23 July 1866, Round Grove, Lawrence County, Missouri. He died 3 January 1894 near Miller, Lawrence County, Missouri. His wife, Ruth Arthur, signed a statement on 24 December 1900 when she was age 27, which stated she was his wife and she then lived in Webster County, West Virginia.
2. Mary I. Chastain - born 28 February 1868 in Cherokee Nation Indian Territory. She married S. J. Hendricks of Lawrence County, Missouri, on 15 November 1886 and lived in Green County, Missouri. The marriage record is recorded in Marriage Record Book E page 1, Lawrence County, Missouri.
3. Annie L. Chastain - born 30 April 1871 in Hall Town, Lawrence County, Missouri. She married first on 30 May 1889 in Republic, Green County, Missouri, to Andrew J. Montgomery (Marriage Record Book J, page 119, Green County, Missouri); and married second to William H. Essex (he was 36 and she was 23) in McAlester, Indian Territory, on 22 February 1894.

Isabell (Owens) Chastain married second to John Monroe Walker. She died 25 July 1882. Her mother was Nancy Owens. Her brothers and sister were Sampson B. Owens, Bernicia (?) Breakbill, and Andrew J. Owens.

(Copied by Loyce Coolidge)

BARNETT/BARNARD CHASTAIN

Civil War -- Company D, 22nd Indiana Infantry

Pension application #616840 and certificate #396572 -- Name also appears SHASTINE.

Barnett Chastain was age 63 in January 1904.

Levi Shastine, age 55 in October 1887, Hillham, Dubois County, Indiana, stated in an affidavit he knew Barnett Shastine for 30 years and they were comrades together.

Peter Chastain, age 47 in February 1888, stated he was a neighbor of Barnett Shastine (note spellings of Chastain/Shastine). Relationship, if any, was not mentioned.

Barnard Chastain is how the name appears on the pension application #616840. Certificate (#396572) stated that his wife was dead but no name was given. They were married on 15 November 1865, Campbellsburgh, Washington County, Indiana. He was not previously married. He had no living children. The certificate was dated 4 May 1898.

(Copied by Loyce Coolidge)

BENJAMIN F. CHASTAIN

Civil War -- Company A, 4th Arkansas Mounted Infantry

Pension application #1126899 -- Rejected. No record of 4th Arkansas Mounted Infantry

Benjamin F. Chastain was age 46 at the time of the application, dated 12 August 1892, and he resided at Macoupin, Macoupin County, Illinois.

(Copied by Loyce Coolidge)

BENJAMIN L. CHASTAIN

Civil War - Company H, 4th Arkansas Cavalry

Pension Application #617190; Certificate #562629

Benjamin L. Chastain was born 6 December 1845 in Lafayette, Walker County, Georgia. His family moved to Arkansas in 1856. William F. Chastain was a brother of Benjamin L. Chastain and he had two sisters who married A. J. Dyer and W. A. Dyer.

Benjamin L. Chastain married three times: (1) Margaret Chastain Wilson, in 1867 at Pleasant Hill Church in Saline County, Arkansas. No children. She died in February 1868.

Her brother was John J. Wilson. (2) Benjamin L. Chastain married in 1869 to Elizabeth Ann Miller (widow of Jasper Miller), in Brazil, Saline County, Arkansas. She died in 1879. Children of this second marriage were:

1. Unnamed - born dead.
2. William W. Chastain - born 16 July 1870
3. Martha P. Chastain - born 18 September 1872; married Jasper Leroy Sharp. She was still living in 1899.
4. John M. Chastain - born 21 January 1875
5. Benjamin Chastain - born 1878

Benjamin L. Chastain married (3) to Mary Margaret Pitts in 1881 in Benton, Arkansas. Her first marriage was to James A. Wray, in June 1872. They divorced in 1880. Children of this third marriage:

6. Minnie Chastain - born 25 July 1881; still living in 1899
7. Myrtle Chastain - born 21 November 1882; still living in 1899
8. Charley Chastain - born 4 February 1884; still living in 1898
9. Lewis Chastain - born 26 October 1885; still living in 1898
10. Henry M. Chastain - born 8 February 1887; still living in 1899
11. Baxter(?) Chastain - born 31 May 1889; still living in 1899
12. Arthur B. Chastain - born 31 August 1891; was age 40 in 1933. He married in that year to Frances _____.
13. Ned Chastain - born 9 February 1893; still living in 1898

NOTE: A number of those children may not have been living in January 1899 because only those indicated "still living in 1899" were listed at that time.

Charles L. Chastain was listed as a witness (may have been "Charley" listed as #8 above. William F. Chastain is believed to have been dead by 15 January 1907.

Benjamin L. Chastain died 30 December 1932, Perry, Arkansas, and was buried 31 December 1932 in Wolf Cemetery.

A Katie Chastain (probably colored) from Minneapolis, Minnesota, wrote that Benjamin Chastain was her husband but she was denied pension for this Benjamin L. Chastain.

(Copied by Loyce Coolidge)

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

(Contributed by Lowell B. Chastain, 331 North Locust Street, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022)

On August 14, 1978, I again visited the Franklin County Courthouse at Rocky Mount, Virginia. A young man, Mr. Powell, asked if he could be of assistance. I explained I was looking for information about William Chastain who lived in the county from 1785 to about 1800. Mr. Powell showed me boxes of records in a very top row all around the room. Each box was labeled with a different year, beginning in 1710 up and past 1800. Mr. Powell said that these records had never been included in present indexes and that many wills and deeds were never recorded. I did not get an explanation of why these records dated back to 1710, much before the county was formed in 1785-1786, but suspect that a district court was located there.

Mr. Powell told me that the State of Virginia had selected Franklin County as a pilot project to index all of these old records into a computer and that the project would be completed in about a year. As an example, he got one box down and we examined the contents. One packet of papers had apparently been included as evidence in a court case. It consisted of a list of taxpayers who had paid taxes to the County Sheriff who was charged with retaining the taxes for his personal use.

So, Chastain Cousins, there is still hope that we will find more information on William Chastain of Franklin County, Virginia.

OLD UNION CEMETERY AT LOST RIVER

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, VERNON TOWNSHIP, INDIANA

(Also contributed by Lowell B. Chastain)

1. Renny Chastain -- died May 23, 1860
about 84 years
2. Massy Chastain -- died February 14, 1863
Wife of R. Chastain 84 years

COMMENT: This Renny Chastain was a brother to George Chastain, Sr. George and Rebecca Chastain are buried in an unmarked grave about 1/2 mile south. At the time of George Chastain's death, he was living with his son Barnett and he was buried to the rear of the house which is no longer in existence. George, Valentine, Robert, Barnett, and Renny, and a sister, Malinda "Linny," all appear to be children of William and Sary Chastain and all came from Franklin County, Virginia, to Henry County,

Kentucky about 1803. Two more Chastains, Elizabeth "Betsy" and John seem to have been in this same Chastain family but no record of them has been found to prove it. Renny's wife was Massy Robbins of Franklin Co., Va. Date of marriage bond was 14 Sep. 1795. Bond was signed by Renny Chasteen, William Robins, Jacob Robins and Valentine Chasteen. The following nearby graves are apparently Robbins family descendents:

3. Richard Robbins - Jan. 3, 1838 - Jan. 18, 1926
4. Margaret - 1847 - 19
5. Bertha E. Chastain - wife of A. M. Robbins
- Feb. 26, 1892 - Apr. 30, 1922
6. Mary Ann - Sep. 26, 1844 - Mar. 16, 1931
7. W. Reny Chastain - d. Sep. 15, 1898
- age 92 y, 2 m, 14 d
8. Nancy - wife of W. Reny Chastain
- d. Nov. 9, 1878 - age 72 yrs.
COMMENT: Son of Renny (1); married Elizabeth Rubison
1st. Nancy J. Frakes was 2nd wife.
9. Andrew Jack Chastain - Stone reads Andrew J. Chastain
- 1844 - 1914
Phoebe Jane Chastain - Stone reads Phoebe J. Chastain
- 1835 - 1909
COMMENT: Andrew Jack Chastain was the son of W. Reny Chastain (no. 7). He was a brother to Andrew John Chastain. There are two stones in this same cemetery marked Andrew J. Chastain and two for Phoebe J. Chastain; however, they are different persons. Only the dates are different. Wife, Phoebe Jane Frakes.
10. Renna F. Chastain - 1868 - 1953
- Bible records list him as Francis C. Chastain) -- son of Andrew Jack Chastain, No. 9.
11. Elsie May Chastain - Wife of Renna
- 1886 - 1915 -- dau. of Allen Sherman and Eliza Ann (Smith) Chastain
12. Lemuel Chastain - Jan. 18, 1865 - Jan. 16, 1949
- Son of Andrew Jack Chastain. Bible records list him as Amber Rose Emmett Chastain
13. Laura E. - Wife of Lemuel Chastain
- Jan. 22, 1866 - Jul. 4, 1955
14. Mabel - Dau. of Lem and Laura E.
- d. May 18, 1899 -- age 3y, 7m, 3d
15. Lewis S. Chastain - Dec. 25, 1870 - Dec. 15, 1954
- Son of Andrew Jack, No. 9 (the "S." means "Strickland")
16. Minnie Chastain - Wife
- Jan. 10, 1878 - Nov. 27, 1966
17. Leo Chastain - Dec. 7, 1908 - Nov. 26, 1974
- Son of No. 15, Lewis, known as "Chick"
18. Clarence C. Chastain - Mar. 19, 1898 - Mar. 22, 1968
- Son of No. 15, Lewis

19. Andrew John Chastain - 1851 - 1926
 - Stone reads Andrew J. Chastain
 - Son of W. Reny Chastain, No. 7
20. Phoeba Julia Chastain - 1854 - 1926
 - Stone reads Phoeba J. Chastain
 - Brothers Andrew John Chastain
 and Andrew Jack Chastain married
 sisters, Phoeba Julia Frakes and
 Phoeba Jane Frakes (spelled
 Phoebe above)
21. Girtie M. Chastain - 1875 - 1937
 - Dau. of Andrew Jack Chastain,
 No. 9
22. Thomas Chastain - 1873 - 1935
 - Son of Andrew Jack Chastain,
 No. 9
23. Closs O. Warren - 1889 - 1960
24. Cappie (Chastain)
 Warren - 1883 - 1961
 - Wife of Closs O. Warren
 - Dau. of Andrew Jack Chastain,
 No. 9
25. Valentine Robins - d. 1849
26. Hanah Robins - Wife
 - d. 1876 June 7 - Age 62 yrs
 - Dau. of Renny Chastain, No. 1
27. A. B. Robins - 1908
28. Elizabeth - Wife of R. Chastain
 - D. Feb. 24, 1857 -- age 55y,
 2m, 23d
 - (See W. Reny Chastain, No. 8.
 This was 1st wife, Elizabeth
 Rubison)
29. Calzy Chastene - Son of R and E
 - Oct. 1843, age 6y
30. Matilda - Dau. of Richard and Jane Ruberson
 - D. Aug. 11, 1859 -- age 35y,
 11m, 24d
31. John T. Robbins - 1864 - 1933
32. Sarah E. Robbins - 1864 -
33. Barnet Chastain - B. Dec. 1814 -- D. Jul. 2, 1896
 - Son of George Chastain, Sr.
 (See notes in No. 1)
34. Synthe Chastain - Wife of Barnet Chastain
 - Mar. 24, 1813 - Dec. 7, 1890
 - On stone, "Joined the regular
 Baptist Church, Aug. 27, 1831"
35. William H. Chastain - Son of B. and S.
 - D. Feb. 28, 1854 -- 17y, 1m, 23d
36. Alfred C. Chastain - Son of B. and S.
 - D. Mar. 12, 1840 -- 2y, 10m, 17d
37. Noah P. W. Chastain - Son of B. and S.
 - D. Sep. 28, 1853 -- 11y, 7m, 3d
38. Zachariah T. Chastain - Son of B. and S.
 - D. Sep. 11, 1853 -- 7y, 1m, 14d
39. Harrison C. Chastain - Son of B. and S.
 - Aug. 27, 1855 - Apr 12, 1915

40. Marietta J. Hall - Wife of Harrison Chastain
- Sep. 27, 1852 - Aug. 19, 1934
41. John A. Chastain - Apr. 13, 1835 - Jan 2, 1907
- Son of B. and S.
42. Mary A. Maudlin - Wife of John A. Chastain
- Jan. 17, 1838 - Nov. 27, 1930
43. George Allen Chastain - Aug. 12, 1848 - D. Dec. 26, 1936
- Son of B. and S.
44. Sarah C. - Wife
- Nov. 11, 1848 - D. Nov. 25, 1938
- Dau. of Barnett and Mary Chastain
45. Abraham Chastain - Dec. 21, 1887 - Oct. 23, 1911
- Son of George Allen Chastain,
No. 43
46. Charley T. Chastain - 1870 - 1951
- Son of George Allen Chastain,
No. 43
47. Margie W. Warren - Wife (Margaret)
- 1870 - 1934
48. Infant - Son of John A. and Mary A.,
No. 41
- D. Oct. 22, 1869 -- age 9m, 5d
49. Infant - Child of J. and M. Chasteen
- D. Jan. 1848 -- age 3 days
50. Bessie - Dau. of Marietta Chastain
- D. Mar. 8, 1888
51. Jacob Rice Chastain - Nov. 12, 1850 - Oct. 1, 1930
- Son of B. and S.
52. Elizabeth Olive Hardin - Wife
- Oct. 26, 1856 - Jan. 29, 1930
53. Infant - Son of J. R. and E. Chastain
- Twin to Oliver Chastain
- D. Oct. 13, 1892 -- age 22d
54. Oliver Chastain - Son of Jacob Rice Chastain,
No. 51
- Sep. 21, 1892 - Apr. 6, 1930
55. Lona Blanche Green - Wife
- Jan. 5, 1894 - Oct. 30, 1933
56. Bernie LaRue Chastain - Sep. 27, 1916 - Nov. 16, 1916
- Son of Oliver
57. Marjorie Alice Chastain - Dec. 11, 1918 - Mar. 20, 1942
- Dau. of Oliver
(Married Leonard Lee Hosey)
58. Rebecca Stark - Wife of Jacob Stark
- D. Oct. 28, 1851
- Mother of Synthe Chastain
59. Christian Stark - D. 1864
- Married Catherine Chastain
60. Nellie (Chastain)
Stephenson - Nov. 19, 1883 - Dec. 27, 1959
- Dau of Jacob Rice Chastain, #51

(To be Continued)

DESCENDANTS OF PIERRE CHASTAIN, IMMIGRANT

by Elby F. Bowman

(CORRECTION: Ref: THE CHESTNUT TREE, Vol. III, No. 4, Oct. 1978, p. 39. After this issue was published, your genealogist received additional information from Mrs. Robert J. Buxton, Albuquerque, N.M., relative to the No. x. child of Abner Chastain and Rachel or Cassie Barnes. The correct name is JOHN MARION CHASTAIN rather than John Martin Chastain, as stated. Mrs. Buxton also sent information regarding the issue of John Marion Chastain. Therefore, the statement "No more data" should be deleted. She credits the source of the below information from the notes of Benjamin J. Kincaid (now deceased) of Miami, Florida.

- x. John Marion Chastain⁵ (Abner⁴, John³, Pierre Jr.², Pierre Sr.¹) b. 31 Oct. 1813, Buncombe Co., N.C.; md. (1) 5 Mar. 1832, Haywood Co., N.C., Hannah Drucilla Barnes, b. 1818; dau of F. George Barnes. She d. 13 Feb. 1847, and he md. (2) ca. 1848, Hannah Massengale, b. 1820 (age 30, 1850); md. (3) ca. 1854, Phoebe Adeline Kelly, b. 1831, S.C.; d. 1905. The notes from Benjamin J. Kincaid state that John Marion Chastain was said to have had 27 children. Your genealogist would credit the children to the wives as listed below. Known issue:

Issue by first wife:

1. Mary Rosetta Chastain, b. 9 May 1832; md. in Walhalla, Oconee, S.C., Silas Frix. No more data.
2. Alex Sloan Chastain, b. 1835, N.C.; md. Sarah Nicholson. He d. 1875. No more data.
3. George Washington Chastain, b. 1837, N.C.; md. Sarah Morgan. He d. 1876. No more data.
4. Arie Arzula Chastain, b. 1841, N.C.; md. Josep Scroggins. Said to have resided in Augusta, Ga. No more data.
5. Edward Chastain, b. 3 Feb. 1843, N.C.; md. 5 Jan. 1865, Mary Jane Shelton, b. 15 Jun. 1845. She d. 23 Nov. 1900. Said to have resided in Calumet, Canadian, Okla. No more data.
6. Preston McKinney Chastain, b. 1844 (age 6, 1850), N.C.; d. 8 May 1862. No more data.

Issue by second wife:

7. Mariet (Meredith-?) Chastain, b. 1849 (age 1, 1850), prob. Haywood Co., N.C. No more data

Issue by third wife:

8. Ephraim E. Chastain, b. 1855; md. 1878, Martha _____. No more data.
9. Samuel A. Chastain, b. 31 Jul. 1857; md. 1879, Nancy Jones. Said to have resided in Santee Ga. No more data.

10. Elizabeth Frances Chastain, b. 4 Mar. 1860; md. John Shook. Said to have resided in Titus, Ga. No more data.
11. James Chastain, b. ca. 1862. No more data.
12. William C. Chastain, b. 12 Jun. 1864; md. (1) 1882, Mary Smith; md. (2) Irene McFall. No more data.
13. Nancy Chastain, b. 18 Apr. 1866; md. (1) Jack Clark; md. (2) in Dallas, Paulding, Ga., Carl Clark. No more data.
14. Joseph Hudson Chastain, b. 28 Apr. 1868; md. Livie Arrado Cowart. Said to have resided in Pressley, Ga. No more data.
15. Lucy Chastain, b. ca. 1870. No more data.
16. Jonathan Parker Chastain, b. 5 Jun. 1872; md. (1) Nela Nation; md. (2) Ada Allen. Said to have resided Anderson, Anderson, S.C. No more data.
17. Caroline Chastain, b. 11 May 1874; md. Parks Nicholson. She died 1914. No more data.

(REF: Mrs. Fredda C. Cremean, Longview, Tex.; Mrs. Robert J. Buxton, Albuquerque, N.M., who sent notes from B. J. Kincaid; 1850 census Haywood Co., N.C., as sent by Mrs. Buxton.)

This ends the corrected section.)

Having concluded the family of Abner Chastain, son of John (the Ten Shilling Bell), and his wife, Mary O'Bryan, we will now proceed to some of John (the Ten Shilling Bell) Chastain's other children.

2. John Chastain⁴ (John³, Pierre², Pierre¹) b. ca. 1766, probably in Buckingham Co., Va.; md. Jemima Denton. Issue:

- i. (Rev.) Maxwell Denton Chastain md. Melinda Robinson. No more data.
- ii. Abner Chastain md. Temperance Allen. No more data.

(REF: A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HUGUENOTS AND THREE FAMILY TREES: CHASTAIN, LOCHRIDGE, STOC-
TON, pub. 1933, by Rev. James Garvin Chastain, p. 272; Records of Benjamin J. Kincaid, Miami, Fla.; KITH AND KIN OF GEORGIA RIDGE, pub. 1973, by Mary Avilla Farnsworth, p. 59; family records of Troy M. Chastain, Atlanta, Ga.)

3. Martha Chastain⁴ (John³, Pierre², Pierre¹) b. ca. 1768, prob. in Buckingham Co., Va.; md. John Blythe. Known issue:

- i. Elijah Blythe

(REF: James Garvin Chastain, p. 276-277; Farnsworth, p. 60)

- i. Elijah Blythe⁵ (Martha Chastain⁴, John³, Pierre², Pierre¹) md. a Miss Daniel. He d. ca. 1870, Iuka, Tishamingo, Miss. Issue:
 1. John Jefferson Blythe b. prob. in Iuka, Miss.
 2. Elijah Blythe b. prob. in Iuka, Miss. No more data.
 3. Elizabeth Jane Blythe b. prob. in Iuka, Miss.

(REF: James Garvin Chastain, p. 276-277; Farnsworth, p. 60)

1. John Jefferson Blythe⁶ (Elijah⁵, Martha Chastain⁴, John³, Pierre², Pierre¹) b. prob. in Iuka, Miss.; md. Cleopatra Usry. Issue:
 - i. William Franklin Blythe - No more data.
 - ii. Thomas Blythe - No more data.
 - iii. E. D. W. or "Buck" Blythe - No more data.
 - iv. James Blythe - No more data.
 - v. Jefferson Blythe - No more data.
 - vi. Robert Lee Blythe - No more data.
 - vii. Jordan Blythe - No more data.
 - viii. Ida Blythe - No more data.

(REF: James Garvin Chastain, p. 276-277; Farnsworth, p. 60)

3. Elizabeth Jane Blythe⁶ (Elijah⁵, Martha Chastain⁴, John³, Pierre², Pierre¹); md. James Cunningham. Issue:
 - i. William Wade Cunningham b. 25 Oct. 1853, prob. in Booneville, Printess, Miss.; md. Nancy Carmack, b. 1857; d. 1921.

(REF: James Garvin Chastain, p. 276-277; Farnsworth, p. 60)

4. Edward Brigand Chastain⁴ (John³, Pierre², Pierre¹) b. 29 Mar 1769, prob. in Buckingham Co., Va.; md. 1787, Hannah Brown, b. 1771, dau. of Daniel Brown. Issue:
 - i. Delilah Chastain b. ca. 1788, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; md. 1808, David Hudson. Said to have moved to Missouri. No more data.
 - ii. Jemimah Chastain b. ca. 1790, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; d. ca. 1808. No more data.
 - iii. John Chastain b. ca. 1792 (age 58, 1850), prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.
 - iv. Rainey Chastain b. 26 Sep. 1793, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.

- v. Hannah Chastain b. ca. 1795, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; unmarried. No more data.
- vi. Mary Chastain b. 10 Jul. 1796/7, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; md. Alfred Nicholson. No more data.
- vii. Griffith Chastain b. ca. 1798 (twin-?), prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; d. young. No more data.
- viii. Cyrus Chastain b. ca. 1798 (twin-?), prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; d. young. No more data.
- ix. Elizabeth Chastain b. ca. 1799 (twin), prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.
- x. Nancy Chastain b. ca. 1799 (twin), prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; md. William O'Kelley. No more data.
- xi. (Rev.) Jehu Chastain b. 30 Dec. 1801, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.
- xii. (Rev.) Abner Chastain b. 25 Dec 1803, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.
- xiii. Martha Chastain b. ca. 1805, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; md. Jeremiah Stover. No more data.
- xiv. Edward Bruce (or Ned) Chastain b. 5 Nov 1809, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C., or Haywood Co., N.C.
- xv. (Rev.) Joseph C. Chastain b. ca. 1811, prob. Haywood Co., N.C.

(REF: James Garvin Chastain, p. 278; Farnsworth, p. 48-51, 61, 71-72, 77; 1850 census Union Co., Ga. on reverse of p. 229; Mrs. Fredda C. Cremean; THE COMPENDIUM OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY, Virkus, Vol. IV, p. 539)

- iii. John Chastain⁵ (Edward Brigand⁴, John³, Pierre², Pierre¹) b. ca. 1792 (age 58, 1850), prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; md. 14 Dec. 1819/20, Nancy Withrow, b. 1803 (age 47, 1850), N.C. He d. 13 May 1880 in Union Co., Ga. Issue:
 - 1. Withrow Chastain b. ca. 1824, Ivy Log, Union Ga. No more data.
 - 2. James Chastain b. ca. 1830 (age 20, 1850), Ivy Log, Union, Ga. No more data.
 - 3. Joseph D. Chastain b. 23 Sep 1830, Ivy Log, Ga.; md. 1855, Eliser Henrietta McDonald. He d. 16 Nov. 1917, Calhoun, Gordon, Ga. No more data.
 - 4. Malinda McDaniel Chastain b. ca. 1833 (age 17, 1850), Ga. No more data.
 - 5. Susanna Chastain b. ca. 1835 (age 15, 1850), Ga. No more data.
 - 6. Hannah Chastain b. ca. 1838 (age 12, 1850), Ga. No more data.
 - 7. Benjamin Chastain b. ca. 1839 (age 11, 1850), Ga. No more data.

8. John Chastain b. ca. 1842 (age 8, 1850), Ga.
No more data.
9. Elisha Chastain b. ca 1844 (age 6, 1850), Ga.
No more data.

(REF: Farnsworth, p. 48-51, 61, 71-72; 1850 census Union Co., Ga.; Mrs. Fredda C. Cremean, Longview, Tex.; Dorothy Jean Chastain Johnson, Bynum, Ala.; Lindell Chastain, Springfield, Mo.)

- iv. Rainey Chastain⁵ (Edward Brigand⁴, John³, Pierre², Pierre¹) b. 26 Sep. 1793, prob. Pendleton Dist., S.C.; md. 17 Mar. 1814, Mary Nicholson, b. 14 Feb. 1791, Greenville, Greenville, S.C., dau of John Nicholson. He d. 30 Dec. 1889, Rara Avis, Itawamba Miss. She d. 16 Oct. 1868 and is buried at Lafayette, Walker, Ga. Issue:

1. John Nicholson Chastain b. ca. 1815; md. 1834, Walker Co., Ga., Elizabeth Self. Said to have moved to Saline Co., Ark., where he raised a large family. No more data.
2. Elizabeth Denton Chastain b. 16 Jul. 1817.
3. Edward Jordan Chastain b. 9 Aug. 1820, Asheville, Buncombe, N.C.
4. Emily Chastain b. ca. 1822; md. Nimrod Sutton. No more data.
5. Benjamin Lafayette Chastain (Sr.) b. ca. 1824, prob. Walker Co., Ga.
6. Rainey Chastain, Jr., b. ca. 1826. No more data.
7. Mary Chastain b. ca. 1828; md. Seaborn Durham. Said to have resided and died in western Arkansas. No more data.
8. William Chastain b. ca. 1830.

(REF: James Garvin Chastain, p. 283-284; Farnsworth, p. 72-73; booklet "Some History of the Chastain Family," pub. 1906, by B. L. Chastain, Sr., Walker Co., Ga.)

NOTE: The Pierre Chastain Family Association, Inc., has been able to obtain the Bible of No. iv. Rainey Chastain, above. There is no family data contained therein. Inscribed on the fly leaf is the notation, "Rainey Chastain Book - Nov. 16, 1857. (See THE CHESTNUT TREE, Vol. II, No. 3, Jul 1977, pp. 24-25.)

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CLAUDE E. "GENE" COOK (CONTINUED)

and Cordelia Chastain Shoults. Cordelia Chastain was the daughter of James H. and Mary L. Elliott Chastain. James H. Chastain was the son of George and Rebecca Staton Chastain and it is thought that George Chastain was the son of William and Sary Chastain.

Although he has known many Chastains over the years, Gene Cook stated he did not know many of his Chastain relatives. His grandmother Chastain died when his mother was young.

Violet Bryan Cook was born in Washington County, Indiana, and was the daughter of Millard and Etta Shoults Bryan. She is also interested in genealogy and has helped her husband in his research. Gene Cook plans to write the history of the Town of Campbellsburg, Indiana, after he retires.

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HELEN CHASTAIN SANDERS (CONTINUED)

Ira L. Chastain was the eldest of ten children (Ira, Clara, Rebecca, Frank, Stella, Ola, Delaney, (infant), M. Elta, and Laughlin) born to Marion F. and Mary Ellen (York) Chastain. Marion F. Chastain was born May 4, 1847, in Washington County, Indiana. (See photo below)

The parents of Marion F. Chastain were Valentine and Sally (Wade) Chastain and they had eleven children: Lucinda, Henry, Silas, Louisa, Rebecca, Marion F., Meredith, Valentine Jr., Sarah, Farabee and Laura. Valentine Chastain was born October 9, 1809, and married Sally Wade on November 14, 1833.

Valentine Chastain's brothers and sisters were: Absalom, Elizabeth, Margaret, Renne Jr., Valentine, Abner, Hannah and James. His parents were Renne Chastain (born 1776, Buckingham County, Virginia) and Martha (Robbins) Chastain. Renne Chastain was the son of William and Sarah Chastain.

MARION FRANCIS CHASTAIN

Marion Francis Chastain is shown with his wife, Mary Ellen York, and five of their children. In the back row (L to R standing) Frank, Rebecca, Stella and Ola. Mary Elta is standing between her parents.

These are the grandparents of Helen Chastain Sanders and the picture was furnished by Helen Sanders.

