## Chapter VIII

## Charles Stephenson (Abt 1781- 1836) and Priscilla Newsom (1797- ) Son of Abraham Stephenson ( ) and wife unknown

Comment:: No public record has been found that proves that Charles is the daughter of Abraham Stephenson, the patriot. The notes of Gilbert Stephenson cite Charles as the son of Abraham but no source has been found for his notes that were written in the 1950s. The notes differ from the public record in places, but are generally correct. Wife is Priscilla Newsome rather than Betsey. A Lemuel Stephenson is married to an "Elizabeth." Newsome. Charles and Lemuel may be related. Only a few records have survived the burning of the courthouse during the Civil War making confirmation of this family difficult or near impossible.

Siblings: Jenkins Stephenson ( ), Arthur Stephenson ( Thomas Stephenson (1788-1873), Charles Stephenson (	-1823), Amy Stephenson ( ), John Stephenson (	), Benjamir
Children:, Mary Stephenson, (abt 1819- ), Sarah Stephenson Martha Stephenson (1829- ), Emily Stephenson (1831-	n (abt 1820- ) John Stephenson ), Charles Stephenson (?)	(1825- ),

#### Census:

1850 Hertford County, NC, Page 324, Dwelling 183, Southern District, on 8/29/1850, Priscilla Stevenson 53, farmer, Sarah 30, John 25, Martha 21, Emily 19.

1850 Hertford County, NC, Page 300, Dwelling 220, Northern District, Luke A. McGlohon 31, farmer, Mary McGlohon 30, William 8, Annie E. 6, Martha 4, Charles 1.

Note: The 1850 Hertford County census shows a Luke McGlohon age 58 and wife Nancy 54, living at dwelling 175. Southern District and also listing for a Lemuel Newsom, indicating that Charles Steveneson, Luke McGlohon and the Newsom familieswere living in the same neighborhood. In the year 2000, a Chester McGlohon and Douglas McGlohon are living Ahoskie.

Will: Hertford County- (Hertford County . NC Wills 1830-1856, page 57 and 59, Sandra Lee Alsmay), dated 1836, Probated Feb Court 1837.

Note: The following note of Gilbert Stephenson states that Charles' wife was Betty Newsoms rather than Priscilla. Gilbert's note is believed to be in error. PRISCILLA STEVENSON was a NEWSOME—and in Sarah Newsome's will she called Priscilla a "Stevenson" and also called another sister Elizabeth a "Stevenson". Elizabeth was married to a Lemuel Stevenson. She didn't mention any nieces or nephews in her will. Same cite as above, page 59)

Other: Notes of Gilbert Stephenson, not dated. "Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Abraham. Lived in Hertford County near Ahoskie. Married Miss Betty Newsoms. Farmer and Slaveholder. His children were John (Miss Higgs, 2<sup>nd</sup> widow in Virginia), Mary (married Luke McGlaughn), Martha(married William Thomas), Emily (married Cowens), Charles (married away from N. C.). Buried in Hertford."

## John Stephenson ( ) Son of Abraham Stephenson and wife (unknown)

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Siblings: Jenkins Stephenson (	), Arthur Stephenson (	-1823), Amy Stephenson (	), Benjamin
Thomas Stephenson (1788-1873),	Charles Stephenson (	), John Stephenson (	

Children: None- did not marry.

## Real Property:

Bk. 21, Pg 326- Deed of gift- Dated March 17, 1823, Rec Sept. 20, 1823— Abraham Stevenson to son John Stevenson for natural love and affection plus \$1.... all of my land which I am now possessed ... all of my negroes, names 10, and other property....3 beds of furniture,... all of my hogs, cattle, sheep, one buffet, and all perishable property... Signed Abraham (x) Stevenson. Wit. James Deberry, John Suter.

### Other:

Note 1. Notes of Gilbert Stephenson lists John as without any comment about him.

Note 2. A hand written document of unknown origin- Given to me by Mildred Davis, daughter of Ethel Woodard Davis ".Mr. Thomas Stephenson- Mrs. Nancy J. Stephenson- Pendleton, N. C. Mit (married Davis) Henry, & Jno Jenk (?)) Amy (did not marry, Mary (did not marry, Thomas married Nancy Woodard) Susan married Tom Ricks) Jno died in war), Buried at home, John -5th -?-- of Abraham, He did not marry. Did not amount to much."

# Abraham "Abram" Stephenson (1813- 1857) and Elizabeth Powell (1815-Abt 1857) Son of Arthur Stephenson ( ) and Penelope Newsome ( )

Siblings: Jesse Stephenson( Winborne Stephenson ( Betsy Stephenson (	), Benjamin Step ), Jennie Stephenson		), Abraham Ste d Stephenson (	ephenson (1813- abt 1857) ), Polly Stephenson (	
Children: Mary Jane Stephen Penelope E. Stephenson (1842 (1845-), Cordelia A.		nchen Stephense		), Jesse B. Stephenson (18: ), David Newsoms Stephe )	

#### Census:

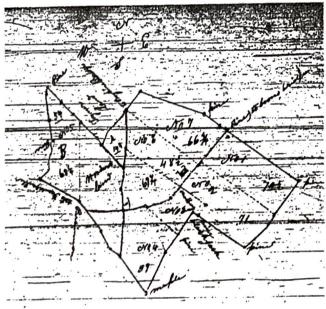
1850: Dwelling 467: Abram Stevenson 37, Farmer, \$1,705, real, NC; Louisa Stevenson 35, NC, Rhoda Stevenson 14, Jesse Stevenson 12, William Stevenson 10, Penny Stevenson 8, David Stevenson 5, Adelia Stevenson 1, John Britton, 30, Overseer.

Marriage: Northampton County Bond - Abraham Stephenson to Elizabeth Powell on Oct. 1, 1833, Bd/Wit: David (x) Stephenson

## Real Property Transaction: Northampton County

Deed Book 35, page 5- December 6, 1852, Abraham Stephenson to Starkey Woodard, son- in law, for love and affection, beginning at a fork in the road leading to Margaretsville then up that road to a persimmon tree standing near the road then something like a north course to George Tyner's line then to the road leading to Boykins Bridge Road then along that road toward the Chapel until it comes near the place where the said Woodard intends building then across the road to take in one acre over the road against the house then to the road again then along the road to the first station. Signed Abraham Stephenson Wit: Jesse Woodard. Recorded Dec 9, 1852.

Deed Book 37, page 20- Division of Land- December Court 1857- (Abstract) Appoints Henry Maddrey, a Justice of the Peace, William Boone, James Atkinson, Benoni Park and Drewry Strickland as Commissioners,... the County



Surveyor .... go upon a certain tract of land in this County containing three Hundred & ninety five acres and formerly the property of Abram Stephenson and adjoining the lands of Drewry Strickling (sic) et als and divide...and set apart to Rhoda F., Jesse, Penny, Kinchen, David, Cordelia, and Arthur Stephenson tenants in common one share each.... the commissioners shall charge the more valuable dividend or dividends, with sums of money as will make the division equal . Issued this  $16^{th}$  day of December 1857. Signed Issac Peele, C. C. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Northampton County--

Lot No. 1. Delia Stephenson 72 1/2 acres, valued \$145.00 receives from No 4, \$21.00

Lot No 2. Rhoda F. Stephenson 71 acres, valued \$160.00 receives from No 4 \$6.00.

Lot No 3 David C. Stephenson 69 3/4 acres, valued \$160,00 receives from No 4 \$6.00

Lot No 4 Arthur E. Stephenson 59 acres

# Abraham "Abram" Stephenson (1813- 1857) and Elizabeth Powell (1815-Abt 1857) Son of Arthur Stephenson ( ) and Penelope Newsome ( )

valued \$295.00 pays No 1 \$21, 2- \$6., 3- \$6, 6- \$16 and No. 7 \$80. Lot No. 5 Jesse B. Stephenson 68 1/4 acres, valued \$ pays No. 7 \$19.00

Lot No. 6 William K. Stephenson 48 1/2 acres valued \$150.00 receives from No 4 \$16

Lot No. 7 Penelope E. Stephenson 67 3/4 acres valued \$67 receives from No. 4 \$80. and No. 5 \$19

Given under our hands and seals this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December A. D. 1857. Signed Wm. Boone, James Atkinson Drewry Stricklin, Benoni Park.

Lot No 1. Drawn by Delia Stephenson containing -- 72 ½ acrss...beginning at a corner pine on the road running thence said road S 38 W 73 poles to a stake then S 53 ½ E 163 poles to J. F. Johnson's line then his line N. 34 E 74 poles to his corner pine the N 54 ½ W. 158 poles to the first station.

Lot No. 2 Drawn by Rhoda F. Stephenson, 71 acres,... containing seventy one acres beginning at a stake on the road the corner of No. 1 running by lot No. 1 S 57 ½ E 163 poles to said Johnson's line then his line S 34 W 21 poles to a dead pine (Johnson) then Woodard's line S 47 W 56 poles to a pine stump then N 57 W 100 poles to a stakethen N 37 E 25 poles to a stake then N 54 W 58 poles to the road 78 poles to the first station.

Lot No. 3 Drawn by David C. Stephenson, 69 3/4 acres....beginning at an old corner blackjack & running S 33 W 46 poles to a corner pine & oak then N 49 W 78 poles to a corner on the road the down said road to a branch then up said branch a certain distance and out to the Boykin Bridge road so as to exclude one acre for Starkey Woodard then up the said road to a corner pine or stake the a dividing line S 54 E 178 poles across the road to a corner stake then S 33 1/5 W 25 poles to corner in the old line then said line N 57 W 12 poles to the first station.

Lot No. 4 Drawn by Arthur E. Stephenson, 59 acres, beginning at a corner pine and oak running then S 33 ½ W 41 poles to a red oak then S 22 W 82 poles to a corner maple thence N 35 W 38 poles then said road to Woodards cross roads then thru the Boone Bridge road to a corner then S 49 E 78 poles to the first station.

Lot No 5 Drawn by Jesse B. Stephenson, 68 1/4 acres, in two pieces, lot A lying between the Tyners line and the Boykins road, Lot B ......beginning at Starkey Woodard's persimmon tree on the road leading to Francisville running thence said Woodards line N 164 poles to his corner in the linethence said line N 43 ½ W 88 poles to a corner pine in a branch thence down said branch to the aforesaid road then along said road to the beginning. The angular piece at "A" containing fourteen & one fourth acres. The lot "B" fifty four acres. The lot "A" beginning at Starkey Woodard's corner stake in the Boykin Road Running thence Woodard's line N 43 ½ W 58 poles to George Tyner's corner thence his line of marked trees to the road aforesaid thence the road to the first station.

Lot No. 6 Drawn by William K. Stephenson containing 48 1/2 acres including the dwelling house & beginning at a corner mulberry in the line of No. 3 on the Boon Road running thence said line N 54 W 120 poles to a corner stake on the Boykin road thence along said road 74 poles to a corner pine (for No. 7)Thence S 51 ½ E 167 poles to a stake in the first named road thence said road S 38 W 50 poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 7. Drawn by P. E. Stephenson containing sixty six and three fourths acres beginning at a corner pine in the George Tyner line on the Boon Bridge road running thence Tyners line N 54 ½ W 50 poles to a pine stump thence N 68 ½ W 124 poles to a corner ....?... then said Tyners line S 7 W 42 poles to a pine a corner for this and no. 6 thence S 51 ½ E 167 poles to a stake in the Boon Bridge Rd thence said road N 38 E 81 poles to the first station.

## 1. Mary Jane Stephenson (Sept. 1834 - March 17, 1906) and Starkey Sharpe Woodard (Sept 1822-

Children: Henderson Sharpe Woodard (1849-Woodard ( ), Alice Emma Woodard (1856-Woodard (1862- ), Ella Clair Woodard (1868 ), Ella E. Woodard (1880- )

Census: Northampton County

1850: Visitation 434, Starkey Woodard 25, Wheelmaker; Mary J, Woodard 16, Henderson Woodard 8 mos. 1860: Visitation 809, 9/12/1860, Starkey Woodard 35, Mechanic, Real \$300, Pers. \$300, Mary Jane Woodard 25.

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Abraham "Abram" Stephenson (1813-1	857) and Elizabeth Powell ( 1815-Abt 1857
Son of Arthur Stephenson (	) and Penelope Newsome (

seamstress, Henderson Woodard 10, Martha J. Woodard 6, Norfleet Woodard 4, Alice Woodard 3, Infant 3 mos. 1870: Pg 20, Dwelling 140, 8/6/1870, Starkey Woodard 47, Mary J. Woodard 36, Henderson S. Woodard, Merchant; Martha Woodard 16, Abram Woodard 14, Emma Woodard 12, William Woodard 10. 1880: Vistation 158, 6/3/1880; Starkey Woodard 56, Mechanic, Mary J. Stephenson 44, William Woodard 30, Charles Woodard 18, Ella Woodard 12, Eula Woodard 10, Ida Odom 4, Granddaughter. 1900: Visitation 147- Kirby Township, Pendleton Village, taken June 13 1900, Starkey Woodard 77, Sept. 1822, wheelwright; Mary J. Woodard 65, Sept 1834, Married 51 years, Children 11/6 living.

Marriage: Northampton County Bond: Starkey Woodard to Mary J. Stephenson on 12-20-1848 Bd- Issac Baughum Wit: Richard Weaver

**Burial-** Site- Church yard of Roberts Chapel Church-Two crude hand carved stones bearing initials "SSW" and "MJW". A modern stone bearing the words "Family of Starkey Woodard" believed to have been placed there by his grandson Winfred Martin from Graham NC.

2. Rhoda F. Stephenson ( 1836-	) and Benjamin Kelly White (	)
Children: Julian J. White (	), Rufus White	
3. Jesse B. Stephenson (1839-Mar	ch 29, 1864) and Julia W. Park (	)

Children: None Identified

Marriage: Northampton County Bonds- Jesse B. Stephenson to Julia W. Park on December 26, 1859

### **Real Estate Transactions:**

Other: North Carolina Troops, Vol 5, pg 246, Infantry, 12<sup>th</sup> Reg. Company, JESSE B. STEPHENSON, Sergeant, Born in Northampton County where he resided prior to enlisting in Northampton County at age 22, August 2, 1861. Mustered in as Sergeant. Present and accounted for until transferred to Company D, 32<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, N. C. Troops in October 1861.

North Carolina Troops, Vol 9, Infantry, Pg 44, Company D, 32<sup>nd</sup> Reg. JESSE B. STEPHENSON, Sergeant, Previously served in Company O, 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment N. C. Troops (2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment N. C. Volunteers), Transferred to this Company in October 1861 with the rank of Sergeant. Present and accounted for until he died at Camp Terrill, Va. March 29, 1864 of disease.

4. Penelope E. . H. "Penny" Stephenson (1842And Richard Thomas Lassiter (1848-1870)
And Babe Bridgers ( )

Children:

5. William Kinchen "Poss" Stephenson (1840- ) and

### Children:

Other: North Carolina Troops, Vol 5, pg 246, Infantry, Co O, 12th Regiment, WILLIAM K... STEPHENSON, Sergeant, Born in Northampton County where he resided prior to enlisting in Northampton County at age 21, August 5, 1861. Mustered in as 1st Sergeant. Present and accounted for until transferred to Company D, 32nd

## Abraham "Abram" Stephenson (1813-1857) and Elizabeth Powell (1815-Abt 1857) Son of Arthur Stephenson ( ) and Penelope Newsome ( Regiment, N. C. Troops in October 1861 North Carolina Troops, Vol 9, Pg. 36, Infantry, Co. D. 32nd Regiment, WILLIAM K. STEPHENSON, Captain, Previously served as 1st Sergeant of Company O, 12th Regiment N. C. Troops (2nd Regiment N. C. Volunteers), Transferred to this Company in October 1861 with the rank of 1st Sergeant. Elected Captain on May 1, 1862. Present and accounted for until captured at Spotsylvania Courthouse, Virginia, May 10, 1864. Confined at Fort Delaware, Delaware May 17, 1864. Released at Fort Delaware on June 16, 1865 after taking oath of allegience. 6. David Newsome "Mack" Stephenson (Oct 5,1845-Mar 2, 1931) and Mollie Maddrey (1845-) And Lucy Gay ( Children: (With Mollie Maddrey)-), Edgar T. Stephenson ( ), Mollie Dixie ), Martha Viola Stephenson ( Lillie L. Stephenson ( Stephenson ( Children With Lucy Gay-), William Harry Stephenson ( ), Louis ), Cecil Eugene Stephenson ( Robert David Stephenson ( ), Mary Elizabeth Stephenson ( ), Reuben Thomas Stephenson ( ), Jesse Paul Stephenson ( ), Hugh Pete Stephenson ( ). Bennie Newsoms Yellowley Stephenson ( ), Clara Belle Stephenson ( ) Stephenson ( ), Lennie Goodwin Stephenson ( Other: North Carolina Troops, Vol. 2, pg. 648, Calvary, Co. B, 15th Regiment, DAVID N. STEPHENSON, 3rd Lieutenant. Resided in Northampton County where he enlisted September 5, 1863 for the war. Appointed 3rd Lieutenant September 7, 1864 to rank April 12-13, 1864, Present and accounted for through October 1864. 7. Cordelia A. Stephenson (Aug 5, 1849-Nov. 10, 1878) And Wiley P. Sykes (Mar 10, 1849-Mar 20, 1908) Children: Mary "Mollie" Sykes ( ) Other: 7 a. Mary "Mollie" Sykes (1871-) and Stephen Harris ( And Robert K Stephenson (1868-abt 1898), And James M. Burgess (1880 -), Viola Stephenson (April 29,1896-April 30, 1976) Children: Carrie Belle Harris (Feb 1893-U. S. Census: 1900: Northampton County/Kirby township/ Pendleton: Mary Stephenson 29, July 1870, Carrie Harris 7, Feb 1893, Dau., Viola Stephenson 4, Mar 1896, Jesse P. Stephenson 18, Jun 1882, Boarder. 1910: James Burgess , Mollie Burgess, Carrie Harris, Stepdaughter, Viola Stephenson 12. (Nearly illegible) 1920: James M. Burgess 40, Mollie E. Burgess 49, Carrie(?) Harris 26, S-d, Viola Stephenson 22, S-d. Marriage: Index: Stephen A. Harris 28, to Mollie Sykes 21 on December 1, 1891 Robert K. Stephenson 27 to Mollie E. Harris 25 on December 26, 1895. J. M. Burgess 30 to M. E. Stephenson 38 on February 17, 1909

Church: Roberts Chapel Baptist Church Records, Pendleton: Book 2-Robert K. Stephenson Baptized 1882

# Abraham "Abram" Stephenson (1813- 1857) and Elizabeth Powell (1815-Abt 1857) Son of Arthur Stephenson ( ) and Penelope Newsome ( )

(Notation-Dead), Mollie E. Sykes-Harris-Stephenson (*Sykes and Harris struck through*) Baptized 1884. Book 3- Mollie E. Stephenson Daughter of W. P. Sykes, Carrie Belle Harris Granddaughter of W. P. Sykes.

### **Real Estate Transactions:**

Northampton County, NC, Deed Book 105, page 264, dated November 21, 1898, Mary Jane Woodard and Starkey S. Woodard to Mollie E. Stephenson, all of Northampton County......for \$75.00.......containing one acre and adjoining the lands of Roanoke and Tar Railroad and Mary Jane Woodard, beginning at the street near the front of Stephenson and Sykes house now occupied by W. T. Lee, thence a square line from said street to a stake in the field, thence to sixty two yards to right-of-way on R. & T. Railroad, thence up Railroad right of way to street in front of T. B. Stephenson's storehouse thence sixty yards to the first station......signed by Mary J. Woodard and S. S. Woodard......attested by K. R. Maddrey.....registered December 12, 1898. Note: Location is the last lot on the right as you proceed from the church to where the railroad crosses the road at Pendleton. House is still standing in year 2000.

7 a 1. Carrie Belle Harris (Feb 1893- ) and ( )

Children: None

7 a 2. Viola Stephenson (April 29, 1896-April 30, 1976) and James Rossie Layton (1911- Unk)

Children: None

Marriage License: Applied for on November 12, 1958. James Rossie Layton of Pendleton, age 47 son of June Layton and Ella Layton, both dead, residence not given and Viola Stephenson age 57, daughter of Bob Stephenson and Mollie Stephenson, both dead, residence not given. Married on November 15, 1958 by Reverend Randolph Phillips at Roberts Chapel Church, Pendleton. Witnesses: R. C. Stephenson, James W. Jenkins, Mrs. E. J. Burgess

Death Certificate: Viola Stephenson Layton, age 80, born April 29, 1896 resident of Pendleton, Northampton county, father-Bob Stephenson, mother- Mollie Sykes. Died on April 30, 1976, cause heart attack.- Dr. J. A. Fleetwood, Jr., Conway. Buried at Roberts Chapel Church Cemetery, Pendleton. Funeral by Bridgers Furneral Home, Conway, NC. Informant-Mr. Rossie Layton

Other: Summary of a conversation with Martha Lou Stephenson on January 25, 2000. Martha Lou was raised in Pendleton as a child, left and has returned to live near Pendleton: She remembers both Viola and her sister, Carrie Harris. She describes Viola Stephenson as being very smart, musically talented, somewhat eccentric, short of statute, plump and rather dumpy, and had a disability which caused her to limp. Viola seemed to have sufficient income to be well dressed and to drive a large up to date car. She was the organist at Roberts Chapel Baptist Church for years and gave private piano lessons in her home. In fact Martha Lou took piano lessons from her and remembers that Viola and her sister, Carrie, had a lots of extremely fine antique furniture in their home. Viola belonged to the Music Club and was an avid and smart bridge player,. She was well liked and well known in the community and her church. Carrie did not seem to be as smart as Viola and followed Viola's lead. Late in her life, Viola married a man named, Rossie Layton, who was not from the area. Carrie in turn married a man Martha believes was a friend of Rossie Layton. As a part of Roberts Chapel's one hundred and fifty year celebration, the Church made improvements to the cemetery and made a census of the graves. They were not able to find Viola's grave nor Carrie's. They could not remember whether she was buried there or at her home. Martha thinks that they are probably buried in the cemetery and not having any

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8. Arthur E. "Coon" Stephenson	n ( ) and Mary P. Fl	eetwood (	)	
		sson ( Matte Stephenson)	), Reuben A. Ste on ( ), E	ephenson ( ), Edd. L llizabeth Stephenson (
8 J 1. Wiley C. Stephenson (	) and Martha Vinson (	)		
Children: Earl Stephenson ( Stephenson (	), Edith Stephenson (	), Wiley Step	henson, Jr. (	), Martha Lou