

Notes for PENELOPE NEWSOM:

Will dated April 22, 1812 (NH WB 3:76) of Winborn Newsom names sister Penelophy [sic] Stephens, Winborn Stephenson and named Arthur Stephenson as executor. The will was witnessed by Etheldred Martin, Benjamin Stevenson and Thomas Martin.

Notes for CHERRY DAVIS:

See Estate Records in Notes for Arthur (d. 1823).

Land Records:

1. Division of lands of Arthur Davis dated November 12, 1834, commissioners including James Stephenson report on the division of the land of Arthur Davis, deceased, on the petition of his heirs Cherry Davis, Sterling Davis and others; a plat shows the land adjoined the west side of Cypress Swamp and the north side of pine branch. NH DB 26:359.

Census Records:

1. 1840 Federal Census (page 92): Cherry Stevenson--1 white female 40-49; 1 slave.
2. 1850 Federal Census (page 42): Cherry Stephenson--Cherry, age 57; Priscilla Tamm, age 30; James Tamm, age 6; Samuel Tamm, age 3; value of real estate \$435.

Tax Records:

See introductory note under Tax Records in Notes for William.

1. 1834 Tax List (District 7): Cherry Stevenson--1 free poll; 1 black poll; 57 acres of land valued at \$142.
2. 1836 Tax List (District 7): Cherry Stephens--2 black polls; 175 acres of land valued at \$497.
3. 1837 Tax List (District 7): Cherry Stevenson--2 black polls; 175 acres of land valued at \$437; "lying on the south of Coyroy Swamp adj. the lands of Hillary Davis and others"; log house.
4. 1838 Tax List (District 7): Cherry Stephenson--2 black polls; [no acreage stated].
5. 1846 Tax List (District 7): Cherry Stephenson--2 black polls; 174 acres of land valued at \$435.

Slave Schedules:

1. 1850 Schedule of Slave Inhabitants (page 36): Cherry Stevenson--1 male (age 38).

Children of ARTHUR STEPHENSON and PENELOPE NEWSOM are:

- i. POLLY STEPHENSON⁶ (FUTRELL), m. NOAH FUTRELL.

Notes for NOAH FUTRELL:

The first name of Polly's husband is based on research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

- ii. DAVID STEPHENSON, b. 1801.

Notes for DAVID STEPHENSON:

Deeds:

1. See deeds 6 and 7 under Deeds in Notes for Arthur (d. 1823).
2. Benjamin Clifton to David Stevenson dated October 27, 1827, \$75 for 30 acres adjoining David Stevenson, the branch and Benjamin Boon; witnessed by John and Charles Stevenson. NH DB 24:143.
3. Benjamin Clifton to John Stephenson, as trustee for David Stephenson, dated January 26, 1828, deed of trust to secure debt of Clifton covering land adjoining David Stephenson, Benjamin Boon and others; witnessed by B. F. Wells and Benjamin Stevenson. NH DB 24:190.
4. John Stephenson, as trustee, to David Stevenson dated July 15, 1828, \$73.28 for the land described in deed 3 above after being sold at auction to David as the highest bidder; witnessed by Zaccheus Martin and Willie Parker. NH DB 25:33.

Census Records:

1. 1830 Federal Census (page 123): David Stephenson--1 white male 15-19; 1 white male 30-39; 1 white female 20-29; 4 slaves.
2. 1840 Federal Census (page 113): David Stephenson--1 white male 40-49; 1 white female 5-9; 1 white female 15-19; 10 slaves.
3. 1850 Federal Census (page 30): David Stephenson--David, age 49; Jane, age 30. Both are listed as illiterate.

Tax Records:

See introductory note under Tax Records in Notes for William.

1. 1823 Tax List (District 7): David Stephenson--1 free poll; 3 black polls; 135 acres of land valued at \$472.
2. 1824 Tax List (District 7): David Stephenson--1 free poll; 2 black polls; 135 acres of land valued at \$472.
3. 1828 Tax List (District 7): David Stephenson--1 free poll; 3 black polls; 162 acres of land valued at

\$539.

4. 1834 Tax List (District 7): David Stevenson--1 free poll; 3 black polls; 235 acres of land valued at \$714.

5. 1836 Tax List (District 7): David Stephens--1 free poll; 3 black polls; 292 acres of land valued at \$850.

6. 1837 Tax List (District 7): David Stephenson--1 free poll; 4 black polls; 235 acres of land valued at \$705; situated "on the south side of Deberry's mill pond adj. Ben Boon and others"; dwelling house.

7. 1838 Tax List (District 7): David Stephenson--1 free poll; 3 black polls; 235 acres of land valued at \$705.

Slave Schedules:

1. 1850 Schedule of Slave Inhabitants (page 19): David Stevenson--males (age): 1 (57); 1 (30); 2 (16); 1 (19); 1 (13); 2 (10); 1 (9); 1 (6); 1 (2)----females (age): 1 (60); 1 (20); 1 (14); 2 (11); 1 (5); 1 (3); 1 (22)----total: 18.

19. iii. JENNY STEPHENSON.
iv. JESSE STEPHENSON, b. 1804, Northampton County, North Carolina; d. 1854, Northampton County, North Carolina.
v. BETSY STEPHENSON (SUMNER), m. JOSEPH SUMNER.

Notes for JOSEPH SUMNER:

The identity of Betsey's husband is based on research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

20. vi. REBECCA STEPHENSON, b. Abt. 1813.
vii. ABRAHAM STEPHENSON, b. Abt. 1813; d. 1854.
viii. WINBORNE STEPHENSON, b. Aft. 1805; d. 1847.

Notes for WINBORNE STEPHENSON:

Winborne's birth date is estimated based on the fact that he still had a guardian to represent him in 1826. See item 6 under Estate Records in the Notes for Arthur (d. 1823).

Census Records:

1. 1830 Federal Census (page 134): Winborne Stephens--1 white male 20-29; 1 slave.

2. 1840 Federal Census (page 90): Winborn Stevenson-- 1 white male 30-39; 4 slaves.

Tax Records:

See introductory note under Tax Records in Notes for Jesse.

1. 1834 Tax List (District 7): Winborn Stevenson--1 free poll; 1 black poll; 57 acres of land valued at \$171.

2. 1836 Tax List (District 7): Winborn Stephens--1 free poll; 1 black poll; 114 acres of land valued at \$342.

3. 1837 Tax List (District 7): Winborn Stephenson--1 free poll; 1 black poll; 114 acres of land valued at \$255; "lying on the south of Coyroy swamp adj. the lands of Kinchen Powell and others"; dwelling house.

4. 1838 Tax List (District 7): Winbourn Stevenson--1 free poll; 1 black poll; 146 acres of land valued at \$438.

5. 1846 Tax List (District 7): Winborn Stephenson--1 free poll; 3 black polls; 152 acres of land valued at \$462.

Children of ARTHUR STEPHENSON and CHERRY DAVIS are:

21. ix. LITTLEBERRY⁶ STEPHENSON, b. 1813.
- x. TABITHA STEPHENSON.
- xi. PENELOPE STEPHENSON.

15. JENKINS⁵ STEPHENSON (*ABRAHAM⁴, ARTHUR STEPHENSON³ SR., ABRAHAM STEPHENSON², JOHN¹ STEPHENSON*) was born Bet. 1780 - 1785, and died March 1815. He married MARTHA UNKNOWN in Near Ahoskie, Hertford County, North Carolina.

Notes for JENKINS STEPHENSON:

Jenkins' birth date is estimated based on the 1810 Federal census and the estimated birth date of his brother Arthur. See Census Records below and the introductory note in the Notes for Arthur (d. 1823).

Information as to the place of Jenkins' marriage is based on research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified. These notes state that Jenkins lived where Conway now is.

As indicated by the estate records, Jenkins was an educated man who appears to have studied law. See the list of items in his estate, which included a book of justice (item 2). Minutes of the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions show that Jenkins was a justice of that court at the time of his death.

Estate Records:

1. Jenkins died intestate. Benjamin Stephenson, his brother, was appointed administrator of his estate. See bond dated September 5, 1815, signed by Benjamin Stevenson, Arthur Stevenson and Winborn Odom.

2. Inventory dated March 18, 1815, includes various farm implements and tools, one riding cart and wheels, 8 cattle, 4 horses, 4 sheep, a dozen geese, 9 hogs, a gun, powder horn and shot, two razors and stroops, a parcel of books, a candle stand, two ink stands, a compass, a slate, a silver watch, a large and small trunk, a chest, 3 beds and furniture, a cupboard, a table, chairs, earthen plates, a sugar box, an umbrella, a cradle, 2 sleighs and harnesses, saddles, pots and pans including a cooking glass, frying pan, skillet and tea kettle, a blowing horn, 2 basins, 2 pewter plates, knives and forks, 2 bowls, a spice mortar, 2 bread trays, a cow bell, 3 spinning wheels and vegetables including corn.

A report of the sale of estate property dated September 20, 1815, shows Martha, Arthur, Charles, John and Benjamin Stevenson, and several members of the Jenkins family, among

others, purchased items, which included a book of justice, a book of arithmetic, a hymn book, a bible, a woman's saddle, a brandy barrel, silver-plated spoons, a shot gun and a man's saddle.

3. At the 1815 Spring Term of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Jenkins' widow, Martha, petitioned for her dower rights to a portion of 170 acres of land, adjoining Benjamin Stevenson, Etheldred Martin, Thomas Martin and others included in Jenkins estate, and requested that Winborn Odom be appointed to determine a proper division of the land between Martha and Jenkins' five minor children (under the age of 21), Sally, Burket, Charity, Matilda and Deberry [sic--other records show his name was Littleberry] for whom a guardian had not been appointed. The petition stated that Jenkins died in March 1815.

On November 17, 1815, a jury that included Zaccheus Martin, Arthur Davis, Nathan Britten, John Martin, Etheldred Martin and others awarded Martha one-third of the land, her tract adjoining Randolph Odom, Etheldred Martin and the road.

4. John Stephenson [probably Jenkins' brother] was appointed guardian for Jenkins' minor children (under the age of 21), Sally, Burkett, Charity, Matilda and Littleberry, who were still minors in 1825. See bond dated March 10, 1825, signed by J. W. Stevenson, Wright Allen and James Daughtry. Burket, Charity and Matilda were still minors in 1827. See item 6 below.

5. An accounting by John, as guardian for Jenkins' minor children, reports the sale of one slave, girl Chery, on December 23, 1815, for \$212.25, and the sale of another, girl Reany, to James Martin for \$175 on December 17, 1816. A report by John on September 1, 1817, states that he held as guardian for Jenkins' minor children 170 acres of land and 11 slaves, which property remained undivided. A report by John on April 24, 1824, reports the sale of slaves for a total of \$535 on behalf of Jenkins' children, Matilda and Littleberry.

6. At the 1827 December Term of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Wade Garris and his wife Sally, Jenkins' daughter, petitioned for a division of 170 acres of land among the petitioners and Burket, Charity and Matilda Stevenson, represented by John Stevenson their guardian. [It is not apparent why Jenkins' son Littleberry, if still alive, was not included.]

On July 10, 1828, the land was ordered divided among Burket, Charity, Matilda and Wade Garris (through the right of his wife Sally). The description of the division and a plat show the land adjoined Zaccheus Martin, a branch, Patty's Delight, Thomas Martin and Benjamin Stevenson.

Census Records:

1. 1810 Federal Census (page): Jenkins Stephens--1 white male under 10; 1 white male 26-44; 2 white females under 10; 2 white females 16-25; 8 slaves.

Tax Records:

See introductory note under Tax Records in Notes for William.

1. 1823 Tax List (District 7): Jenkins Stevenson Hrs--1 free poll; 4 black polls; 113 acres of land valued at \$453.

2. 1824 Tax List (District 7): J. Stevenson's heirs--113 acres of land valued at \$455.

Notes for MARTHA UNKNOWN:

Census Records:

1. 1840 Federal Census (page 117): Martha Stephenson--1 white male 10-14; 1 white male 60-69; 1 white female 30-39. [It is not certain that this is Jenkins' widow. There is another Martha Stephenson on page 127 of the 1840 census listed as age 15-19.]

Children of JENKINS STEPHENSON and MARTHA UNKNOWN are:

i. LITTLEBERRY⁶ STEPHENSON.

Notes for LITTLEBERRY STEPHENSON:

ii. SALLY STEPHENSON, m. WADE GARRIS.

iii. BURKETT STEPHENSON, b. Aft. 1806; m. BETSEY NEWSOM.

Notes for BURKETT STEPHENSON:

Burkett's birth date is estimated based on the fact that he was still being represented by a guardian in 1827. See item 6 under Estate Records in the Notes for Jenkins.

The identity of Burkett's wife, Betsey Newsom, is based on information taken from research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

Tax Records:

See introductory note under Tax Records in Notes for William.

1. 1828 Tax List (District 7): Burkit Stephenson, following John Stephenson and above Charity and Matilda Stephenson [John was their guardian]--47-1/3 acres of land valued at \$118.

Notes for BETSEY NEWSOM:

iv. CHARITY STEPHENSON, b. Aft. 1806; m. WILLIAM GARRIS.

Notes for CHARITY STEPHENSON:

Charity's date of birth is estimated based on the fact that she was still being represented by a guardian in 1827. See item 6 under Estate Records in the Notes for Jenkins.

Tax Records:

See introductory note under Tax Records in Notes for William.

1. 1828 Tax List (District 7): Charity Stephenson, following John and Burkit Stephenson and above Matilda Stephenson [John was their guardian]--52-5/8 acres of land valued at \$107.

Notes for WILLIAM GARRIS:

The identity of Charity's husband is based on information taken from research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

v. MATILDA STEPHENSON, b. Aft. 1806; m. AMOS VICK.

Notes for MATILDA STEPHENSON:

Matilda's date of birth is estimated based on the fact that she was still being represented by a guardian in 1827. See item 6 under Estate Records in the Notes for Jenkins.

Tax Records:

See introductory note under Tax Records in Notes for William.

1. 1828 Tax List (District 7): Matilda Stephenson, following John, Burkit and Charity Stephenson [John was their guardian]--25-7/8 acres of land valued at \$103.

Notes for AMOS VICK:

The identity of Matilda's husband is based on information taken from research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

16. BENJAMIN THOMAS⁵ STEPHENSON (*ABRAHAM⁴, ARTHUR STEPHENSON³ SR., ABRAHAM STEPHENSON², JOHN¹ STEPHENSON*) was born 1788, and died 1875. He married EDITH JENKINS.

Notes for BENJAMIN THOMAS STEPHENSON:

According to research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown), Benjamin lived in the field where B. J. Ricks lives.

Deeds:

1. See deeds 6 and 11 under Deeds in the Notes for Abraham (d. Abt. 1823).
2. Benjamin Stephenson to Thomas B. Stephenson dated September 20, 1866, deed of gift to his son Thomas B. Stephenson of 196 acres adjoining the lands of Elisha Flythe, Jack Flythe, Joseph Garris and others, where Benjamin Stephenson now resides, Benjamin reserving to himself a life estate in the land; Benjamin signed [no mark indicated]; witnessed by A. H. Stephenson and Matthew W. Briant. NH DB

Will dated July 5, 1873 (proved December 5, 1873) (NH WB 6:127):

"In the name of God amen. I Benjamin Stephenson of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament in

manner and form following, that is to say:

First that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all necessary funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son Thomas B. Stephenson the sum of five dollars in money to be paid by my executor, to have and to hold in fee simple forever, and no more.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my four daughters, Mary A, Edith, Emeline Stephenson, and Patience Newsom, my two tracts of land, one tract known as the Everett place west of where I now live, and the other lying on Poticas Creek containing fifty acres more or less to be equally divided between the four above mentioned Mary A, Edith, Emeline and Patience to have and to hold to them their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my three daughters Mary A, Eadith [sic] and Emeline Stephenson all my stock of horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep, of every description to be equally divided and all of my household and kitchen furniture of every description to be equally divided between my three daughters Mary A, Eadith and Emeline Stephenson to have and to hold to them their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item the 4th I give and bequeath to my four daughters Mary A. Stephenson, Eadith Stephenson, Emeline Stephenson and Patience Newsom all of my crop now growing of every description to be equally divided among them, and all of my provisions now on hand, to be equally divided between the last mentioned four, to have and to hold to them their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to Mrs. Lavinia A. Davis the sum of twenty-five dollars in money to be paid by my executor, to have and to hold to her her heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my grand children, William B. Ricks, Benjamin Stephenson, Samuel C. Stephenson and Sarah L. Stephenson and Elizabeth Stephenson two dollars each to have and to hold to them their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 7th My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate if any, after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned, shall be equally divided between my three daughters Mary A. Stephenson, Edith Stephenson, and Emeline Stephenson to have and to hold to them their heirs in fee simple forever.

In witness whereof I the said Benjamin Stephenson do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 5th day of July A.D. 1873.

Benjamin (his

mark) Stephenson

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the said Benjamin Stephenson's last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

J. B. Lassiter

John N. Hedgpeth"

Estate and Court Records:

1. In February 1875, Mary Ann Stephenson, Patience Newsom, Emma Stephenson and Edith Stephenson, daughters of Benjamin, petitioned the Northampton County Superior Court

for a division of 120 acres of land adjoining Hillory Davis, H. S. Britton, Junius Flythe and others, which had been devised to them by their father, and another tract containing of which they were tenants in common and . In March 1875, five commissioners, including David N. Stephenson, appointed by the court report on the division with a plat showing the division.

2. In December 1875, on a petition by Thomas B. Stephenson, the court orders a division of 190 acres of land into eight parts: 91 acres to Thomas B. Stephenson, 15-6/9 acres to each of Paline Stephenson, Emaline Stephenson, Mary Ann Stephenson, Edith Stephenson, Benjamin Ricks and Lavinia Davis, and a total of 11 acres divided among Benjamin Stephenson, Samuel Stephenson, Sarah Stephenson, James Garriss and wife Eliza Ann. The division includes a plat. NH DB 49:157.

Census Records:

1. 1830 Federal Census (page 135): Benjamin Stephenson--1 white male under 5; 1 white male 10-15; 1 white male 15-20; 1 white male 40-50; 2 white females under 5; 2 white females 10-15; 1 white female 15-20; 1 white female 20-30; 1 white female 40-50; no slaves.

2. 1840 Federal Census (page 33): Benjamin Stevenson, three away from A. Stephenson--1 white male 5-10; 1 white male 10-15; 1 white male 20-30; 1 white male 50-60; 1 white female 5-10; 1 white female 10-15; 2 white females 15-20; 1 white female 20-30; 1 female 40-50; 1 slave.

3. 1850 Federal Census (page 107): Benjamin Stephenson--Benjamin, age 62; Edith, age 57; Henry, age 22; Edith, age 22; Mary, age 21; Susan, age 20; John, age 17; Henry Flythe, age 8; John Flythe, age 6; Benjamin and wife Edith, daughters Edith and Mary, and Henry are listed as illiterate.

4. 1860 Federal Census [cannot find]

5. 1870 Federal Census (page 570): Benj. Stephenson--Benj., age 82; Emeline, age 40 (keeping house); Mary, age 38; Edith, age 32; Jesse Tablen (?), age 21 (farm laborer); [illegible] Edwards, age 40 (female domestic); Rosa, age 3; Henry, age 1. [Mary's age is inconsistent with the 1850 census.]

Tax Records:

See introductory note under Tax Records in Notes for William.

1. 1823 Tax List (District 7): Benjamin Stevenson--1 free poll; 5 black polls; 170 acres of land valued at \$595.

2. 1824 Tax List (District 7): Benjamin Stevenson--1 free poll; 4 black polls; 170 acres of land valued at \$595.

3. 1828 Tax List (District 7): Benjamin Stephenson--1 free poll; 1 black poll; 170 acres of land valued at \$595.

4. 1834 Tax List (District 7): Benjamin Stevenson--195 acres of land valued at \$672.

5. 1836 Tax List (District 7): Benjamin Stephens--195 acres of land valued at \$672.

6. 1837 Tax List (District 7): Benjamin Stephenson--195 acres of land valued at \$585; "situated on the north of Bennets road adjoining the lands of W. Stevenson and others"; dwelling house.

7. 1838 Tax List (District 7): Benjamin Stephenson--1 black poll; 195 acres of land valued at \$585.

8. 1846 Tax List (District 7): Benja. Stephenson--192 acres of land valued at \$480.

Children of BENJAMIN STEPHENSON and EDITH JENKINS are:

- i. PATIENCE STEPHENSON⁶ (NEWSOM).
22. ii. THOMAS BOONE STEPHENSON.
- iii. EMILINE STEPHENSON, b. 1828.
- iv. EDITH STEPHENSON.
- v. MARY ANN STEPHENSON, b. 1829.

17. CHARLES⁵ STEPHENSON (*ABRAHAM⁴, ARTHUR STEPHENSON³ SR., ABRAHAM STEPHENSON², JOHN¹ STEPHENSON*) was born Bef. 1795, and died 1837 in Hertford County, North Carolina. He married PRISCILLA NEWSOM.

Notes for CHARLES STEPHENSON:

A record documenting that Charles was a son of Abraham (d. Abt. 1823) has not been found. This information, other than the records described below and the first name of Charles' wife, Priscilla Newsom, was taken from research notes of Gilbert Stephenson (date unknown); not been independently verified. According to the notes, Charles lived in Hertford County near Ahoskie. In addition, a Charles Stephenson appears at estate sales recorded in the estate records of Jenkins and Arthur Stephenson, as does John Stephenson, a brother of Jenkins and Arthur. Charles and John Stephenson also appear as witnesses to deeds involving Arthur. These facts strongly suggest that he was a close relative, and probably the brother, of Jenkins and Arthur. See Notes for Jenkins and Notes for Arthur.

Charles' birth date is estimated based on the 1820 Federal census. See Census Records below.

Deeds:

1. John Pipkin to Charles Stevenson dated January 10, 1817, \$1,300 for 270 acres, part of the land of John Pipkin, deceased, adjoining Benjamin Boon, [illegible] Deberry and Charles

J. Stevenson; witnessed by Jess R. [illegible] and John J. Stevenson. NH DB 19:51. See also division of land of John Pipkin, deceased (NH DB 18:36).

2. See also deeds 6 and 7 under Deeds in Notes for Arthur (d. 1823).

Will dated December 24, 1836 (proved February Term 1837) (Hertford WB A:94):

"I Charles Stevens of the county of Hertford and state of North Carolina do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz.
First I commend my soul in the hands of almighty God and give my body to be buried.
I Charles Stevens doth lend unto my dear wife Priscilla Stevens all of my property after paying my debts as long as she lives my widow and if she marries the property which I have lent to her then remains no longer hers but must be divided equal among all my lawful heirs and if she remain my widow until death it must be also divided as above written.
I also constitute and appoint my wife Priscilla Stevens as sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other and former wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator Charles Stevens as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Jno. Odom

Charles Stevens

S. B. Stevenson

as witnesses"

[The entry of proof in the court record uses the name Charles Stevenson.]

Census Records:

1. 1820 Federal Census (page 260): Charles Stevenson--1 white male 26-45; 3 white females under 10; 1 white female 16-26.

[Add Hertford Co. census records.]

Tax Records:

See introductory note under Tax Records in Notes for William.

1. 1823 Tax List (District 7): Charles Stevenson--1 free poll; 2 black polls; 135 acres of land valued at \$450.

2. 1824 Tax List (District 7): Charles Stevenson--1 free poll; 1 black poll; 135 acres of land valued at \$450.

3. 1828 Tax List (District 7): Charles Stephenson--1 free poll; 2 black polls; 135 acres of land valued at \$450.

[Check Hertford Co. tax records.]

More About CHARLES STEPHENSON:

Burial: Hertford County, North Carolina

Children of CHARLES STEPHENSON and PRISCILLA NEWSOM are:

- i. JOHN⁶ STEPHENSON, m. UNKNOWN HIGGS.

Notes for JOHN STEPHENSON:

All information for John is taken from research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

- ii. MARY STEPHENSON, m. LUKE MCGLAUGHIN.

Notes for MARY STEPHENSON:

All information for Mary is taken from research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

Notes for LUKE MCGLAUGHIN:

See Notes for Mary.

- iii. MARTHA STEPHENSON, m. WILLIAM THOMAS.

Notes for MARTHA STEPHENSON:

All information for Martha is taken from research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

Notes for WILLIAM THOMAS:

See Notes for Martha.

- iv. EMILY STEPHENSON, m. UNKNOWN COWENS.

Notes for EMILY STEPHENSON:

All information for Emily is taken from research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

Notes for UNKNOWN COWENS:

See Notes for Emily.

- v. CHARLES STEPHENSON, m. UNKNOWN.

Notes for CHARLES STEPHENSON:

All information for Charles was taken from research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

18. AMY STEPHENSON⁵ (MARTIN) (*ABRAHAM⁴ STEPHENSON, ARTHUR STEPHENSON³ SR.,*

*ABRAHAM STEPHENSON*², *JOHN*¹ *STEPHENSON*) She married THOMAS MARTIN. He died 1829.

Notes for AMY STEPHENSON (MARTIN):

A record documenting Amy as Abraham's daughter has not been found. All information regarding Amy, other than the first name of her husband, is taken from research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified. The identity of Amy's husband is taken from research notes of Ed Barnes.

More About AMY STEPHENSON (MARTIN):

Burial: Northampton County, North Carolina

Notes for THOMAS MARTIN:

See Notes for Amy.

Children of AMY (MARTIN) and THOMAS MARTIN are:

- i. STEPHENSON⁶ MARTIN, m. UNKNOWN.
- ii. DOROTHY "DOLLY" MARTIN (FLYTHE), m. SOLOMON FLYTHE, August 01, 1833.

Notes for SOLOMON FLYTHE:

The identity of Dolly's husband is based on research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

- iii. SYLVIA MARTIN (DEBERRY), m. ZACHARIAH DEBERRY, August 15, 1833.

Notes for ZACHARIAH DEBERRY:

The identity of Sylvia's husband is based on research notes of Ed Barnes.

- iv. POLLY MARTIN (GARRIS), m. CAGEY GARRIS.

Notes for CAGEY GARRIS:

The identity of Polly's husband is based on research notes of Gilbert T. Stephenson (date unknown); not independently verified.

- v. MARIAN MARTIN (BRITT), m. JOSEPH BRITT.

Notes for JOSEPH BRITT:

The identity of Miriam's husband is based on research notes of Ed Barnes.

Generation No. 6

19. *JESSE*⁶ *STEPHENSON* (*ARTHUR*⁵, *ABRAHAM*⁴, *ARTHUR STEPHENSON*³ *SR.*, *ABRAHAM STEPHENSON*², *JOHN*¹ *STEPHENSON*) was born 1804 in Northampton County, North Carolina, and died 1854 in Northampton County, North Carolina. He married RHODA MARTIN

December 05, 1831, daughter of ETHELDRED MARTIN and MARTHA UNKNOWN. She was born 1817.

Notes for JESSE STEPHENSON:

Marriage Bonds:

Jesse Stephenson, groom; Rodah Martin, bride; December 5, 1831; K. Powell, bondsman. NH Marriage Bonds, p. 187.

Deeds:

1. Etheldred Odom to Jesse Stephenson dated February 10, 1833, \$[illegible] for Odom's right, title and interest in a piece of land [acreage not specified] formerly belonging to Etheldred Martin and one slave, Jinny; witnessed by [illegible] Martin and Noah Odom. NH DB 26:142.
2. James Martin to Jesse Stephenson dated June 25, 1833, \$[illegible] for Martin's divided interest in 4 slaves, [first two names illegible], Malon and Sammy, that had belonged to the estate of his father Etheldred Martin; witnessed by A. Powell. NH DB 26:141.
3. Martha Martin to Jesse Stephenson dated [torn off], 1833, \$[torn off] for the land left to her during her first widowhood [acreage not specified] and [description of adjoining land torn off].
4. William B. Wise (of Hertford Co.) to Jesse Stevens dated September 16, 1844, \$775 for two tracts of land: (a) the "house tract" of 175 acres where William Goodman formerly resided and then occupied by Nicholas Boone on the public road leading to Murfreesboro and adjoining James W. Hill, Henry White and others, and (b) the second tract of 102 acres on the south side of the road to Murfreesboro and touching the former tract adjoining Howell Francis, Henry White and others; witnessed by Henderson Martin and Danny Deloach. NH DB 32:192.
5. William Britt to Jesse Stephenson dated February 4, 1848, \$880 for 350 acres on Kirby Creek extending on the creek from Ramsay's mill tail to the Meherrin River adjoining Lucy Peebles and Uriah Vaughan, of which about 80 acres was bought from Foreman and others and 270 acres formerly belonged to Crawford Tyner; witnessed by William Smith and Alexander Britt. NH DB 32:349.

Estate Records:

1. Jesse died intestate. His widow Rhoda was initially appointed administrator of the estate. See bond dated December 4, 1854, signed by Rhoda Stephenson [with a mark], David Stephenson [with a mark], Abram Stephenson and Henry White [with a mark]. [The Abram who signed the bond must have been Jesse's son Etheldred J. Abraham. Jesse's brother

Abraham had died prior to this date in 1854.]

2. In the 1854 December Term of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Rhoda petitioned for her dower rights in the "house tract" adjoining James W. Hill, Henry White and others and in the "Meherrin tract", and named Jesse's sons Etheldred J. A. Stephenson and Joseph [Lorenzo J. W.] Stephenson as minors without a guardian. It appears that an allotment of land to Rhoda did not occur until 1859 (see items 4 and 5 below).

3. Also in the 1854 December Term, Rhoda petitioned the court for one year's support for her and her family and for an allotment to Rhoda of one feather bed and furniture and one wheel and pair of cards as her property. On January 5, 1855, Rhoda was awarded 5,200 pounds of pork, 175 barrels of corn, 15,000 pounds of fodder, 50 bushels of seed peas, 10 bushels of salt, one bed and furniture, one spinning wheel, one pair of cards, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs, 150 pounds of picked cotton, 250 pounds of brown sugar, 75 pounds of coffee, 10 gallons of molasses and 4 barrels of flour.

4. In the 1858 December Term of the Northampton County court, Howell Francis, to whom Rhoda was then married, and Rhoda petitioned the court for a division and allotment of slaves, who numbered 25 or 26, in Jesse's estate, one-third to Howell Francis in right of his wife and one-third each to E. J. A. Stephenson and L. J. W. Stephenson, L. J. W. being a minor without a guardian. Howell Francis and Rhoda also petitioned for a division and allotment of land between them and E. J. A. and L. J. W. that included 700 acres adjoining Wade H. Garris and 300 acres adjoining James B. Barnes.

5. On July 17, 1859, a jury that included Augustus Stephenson awarded 210 acres to Howell Francis in right of his wife Rhoda, representing one-third of the total value of the land in Jesse's estate. The award included a plat of this tract, which appears to include the "house tract" described in deed 4 above. The tract awarded included the dwelling house and out houses and was bounded by the road leading from Genomi Park's to Providence Meeting House [probably present county road 1360], the Murfreesboro road [probably present county road 1351] and James Garris.

6. The records include notes from Thomas Bolton and M. W. Smallwood for \$137 for the hire of a slave, Samuel, for the year 1859 and \$106 for the hire of a male slave [name not specified] for the year 1859, such slaves "to be furnished with usual clothing a hat and blanket and [are] to work on no public work".

Census Records:

1. Jesse does not appear in the 1820 or 1830 Federal censuses.
2. 1840 Federal Census (page 124): Jesse Stephenson--1 white male under 5; 1 white male 5-9; 1 white male 30-39; 1 white female 20-29; 1 white female 60-69; 8 slaves.
3. 1850 Federal Census (page 1): Jesse Stevenson--Jesse, age 46; Rhoda, age 33; Abram [E. J. A.], age 16, listed as a student; Lorenzo, age 9; Martha Martin [Rhoda's mother], age 70; Rebecca [Jesse's sister], age 37; John Belch, age 21, listed as a laborer; both Abram and