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Archibald Cathey, Senr, on 25 Oct 1758, reconveyed by deed to Andrew 1 Aug 1769, and lastly by Andrew and wf Rebecca to George Cathey, Senr, and John Cathey, Junr, in joint tenancy by deed of 12 Jul 1779. George Cathey, Senr, bought the undivided interests of John Cathey, Junr, at public auction for 50 lb. Wit: Richard Mason. Ack in Apr 1791 Ct by Graham. Isaac Alexander, CMC. <sup>3</sup>

Research on the Cathey Family has resulted in identifying the persons mentioned in the above transaction. They are:

George Cathey, Senior (RN=5355): Among the many George Catheys who were living at this time in North Carolina, this person has been identified as George Cathey (1735-1825/6) who married Ann Price in Mecklenburg County in 1763. George had nine known daughters and two sons - George Jr. (RN=5362) and William (RN=12261). This family moved to the Tennessee Territory and lived in Wilson County, Tennessee, in the 1820s. <sup>4</sup>

● Esther (Barber) Cathey: Esther Barber (RN=139) (1742-1825) married John Cathey, Jr. who was captured by the British and died in Charleston, South Carolina. Esther's mother was Mary McConnell (RN=9759) (1720-1791). Following her marriage to Mr. Barber, she married James Graham (RN=322) (1714-1785) in 1755 and had 5 children by him. Esther was about 13 years old at the time of her mother's marriage to James Graham.

● John Cathey, Jr. (RN=20): As mentioned above John, Jr. was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and died in Charleston after being captured by the British. It is possible the John was fighting with Gen. Griffith Rutherford (RN=325) at Camden, South Carolina, when Gen. Gates was defeated by the British. Gen. Rutherford, who was also captured, was released late in the War and participated in the late action against the British, prior to the Yorktown surrender. John Cathey, Jr. was the son of John Cathey (RN=19) (1725-1788) and the nephew of Andrew Cathey (RN=84). <sup>5</sup>

Alexander Cathey, Jr. (RN=21): As stated in the above Court Record, Alexander Cathey, Jr. was the eldest son and heir of John Cathey, Jr. Why he was called "Alexander, Jr." is not known. Alexander lived 1771-1844.

Andrew Cathey (RN=84): Andrew (1721-1786) was the eldest son of George and Jean Cathey who lived in Rowan County, where it is speculated that George died, circa 1765. Jean continued to live in Rowan County for a while and later moved to Mecklenburg County where she died in 1777. Research shows that all of the sons of George and Jean moved to Mecklenburg County prior to the Revolutionary War. Many of the other pioneer families settling in Mecklenburg came from Rowan County, either prior to or after the Revolution.

Mecklenburg records, dated 21 October 1758, show that Andrew received 4 tracts of land on the east side of the Catawba River below the mouth of Paw Creek. Each tract was 600 acres in size.

Mecklenburg County Records show that Andrew had a wife named Martha. Later records show his wife as Rebecca. It is concluded that Martha died between 1764

and 1767 and that Andrew married the widow, Rebecca Armstrong, who had two sons, Robert Armstrong (RN=6426) and James Armstrong (RN=6427). In Andrew's 1786 will, both Robert and James were given land in the Tennessee Territory. <sup>6</sup>

Archibald Cathey (RN=87): Archibald (1737-1777), who never married, was the youngest son of George and Jean. It is interesting to note that both Archibald and his mother both died in 1777 and are buried next to one another. Archibald was 40 years old and Jean was 85. Jean was born in 1692, (supposedly in Northern Ireland) and she has the earliest birth date of any person buried in the cemetery of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Mecklenburg County.

Now that the persons mentioned in the Record are identified, known events are listed chronologically and analyzed to gain insight into the lives of these individuals.

1758 Andrew Cathey (RN=84) is granted four 600-acre tracts of land in the Paw Creek area of Mecklenburg County. <sup>7</sup>

1764-1767 Period in which Andrew's first wife, Martha, died and when he married Rebecca Armstrong, widow.

1767 Andrew and wife, Rebecca, deeded 300 acres (upper half of 600 acre tract, granted Andrew 21 Oct. 1758) to Archibald Cathey (RN=87) - his youngest brother, age 30. The 15 January 1767 deed shows a sale price of 5 shillings - a token amount considering the value of the land. NOTE: A 16 January 1767 entry is identical to the above, except that the price is 10 pounds current money of North Carolina. There is little doubt that these two entries are for the same tract.

1769 On 1 August 1769, Archibald (RN=87) sold the same property back to his older brother, Andrew Cathey (RN=84), and his wife Rebecca. The price was 250 pounds.

Note: One wonders if Andrew's marriage to the widow Rebecca Armstrong had any bearing on this transaction. Remember that Rebecca had two grown sons who were about the same age as Archibald.

1779 Andrew Cathey (RN=84) and his wife Rebecca sold the property ... "to George Cathey, Senr, and John Cathey, Junr, in joint tenancy by deed of 12 Jul 1779."

1781 In 1781, John Cathey, Jr. (RN=20), half-owner of the 220-acre tract, was fighting the British and Tories as a soldier in the North Carolina Militia. John Jr. was captured and died at Charleston, South Carolina in 1781. John Jr.'s portion of the 220-acre tract passed to his son, Alexander Cathey, Jr. (RN=21). Alexander was 10 years old at this time. Alexander's mother, Esther Barber Cathey, was the administrator of her husband's estate. Joseph Graham, guardian of Alexander, Jr., is almost certain to be Gen. Joseph Graham (RN=11058) (1759-1836), who is documented in *General Joseph Graham and His Revolutionary Papers*. Gen. Joseph Graham was a fellow officer and brother-in-law of John Cathey, Jr. <sup>8</sup>

*Fanny 1781-1838 NIL*

RN=233 George Carruth CATHEY, b. 4 Aug. 1815, NC; m. Nancy Allen CATHEY (RN=234), 5 Dec. 1839, Mecklenburg Co.; d. 2 Dec. 1896, NC, bur. Steele Creek Presbyterian Ch., Mecklenburg Co., NC.

= > Children of Andrew CATHEY (RN=3233)

(Needs further research)

= > Children of Elizabeth CATHEY (RN=95) & ??? LIGHTEL (RN=144)

(Needs further research)

= > Children of Elizabeth CATHEY (RN=95) & Richard MASON (RN=145)

(Needs further research)

= > Children of John CATHEY, Jr. (RN=20) & Esther BARBER (RN=139)

RN=99 Esther CATHEY, b. ?? ; m. Robert HANNA (RN=4450); d. Jan. 1857.

RN=101 Margaret CATHEY, b. 8 Jan. 1769, Mecklenburg Co., NC; m. James ARMSTRONG (RN=300), 1793, Mecklenburg Co., NC; d. 3 Mar. 1860, Greene Co., GA.

RN=98 Jane CATHEY, b. 1770, NC; m. Philip SADLER (RN=4449); d. 16 May 1832, bur. Steele Creek

RN=21 Alexander CATHEY, b. 27 May 1771, NC; m. Esther WADDELL (RN=97), 17 Feb. 1804; d. 11 Nov. 1844

RN=100 Mary CATHEY, b. 1774

RN=102 George CATHEY, b. 1778; m. 1) Patsy WILSON (RN=4396), m. 2) Melinda Ticer (RN=4400), 10 Mar. 1842; d. after 1860, Mecklenburg Co., NC.

RN=103 John CATHEY, b. 1773, Mecklenburg Co., NC; m. Elizabeth (Betsy) CALHOUN (RN=801), 19 Mar. 1800, Mecklenburg Co., NC; d. 1876, Marshall Co., TN, bur. N. of Caney Spring, TN.

RN=104 Frances "Fanny" CATHEY, b. 1781; d. 1838, NC

= > Children of Eleanor CATHEY (RN=92) & Robert BARKLEY (RN=146)

RN=9967 Henry BARKLEY, b. 22 Aug. 1771, m. ??? CAWTHORN, ca. 1801. Ancestor of V-P Alben Barkley.

RN=7548 Archibald BARKLEY, B. ???; M. Elizabeth HILL, 10 Jan. 1811.

RN=9968 Mary BARKLEY

RN=9969 Avis BARKLEY

RN=9970 James BARKLEY, b. 1788, m. Delilah JAMES, 22 Apr. 1813, Rowan Co., NC.

= > Children of Mary "Polly" CATHEY (RN=94) & John SMITH (RN=142)

Husband was killed at Battle of Ramseur's Mill, near Lincolnton, NC. She may have remarried.

= > Children of Jean "Jane" CATHEY (RN=93) & ??? Erwin (RN=140)

(Needs further research)

= > Children of Jean "Jane" CATHEY (RN=93) & Hugh Waddle (RN=141)

RN=7541 Archibald WADDELL

(Research still underway on Waddell - Cathey)

= > Children of Capt. Archibald CATHEY (RN=96) & Mary CALDWELL (RN=143)

RN=197 Nancy Agnes CATHEY, b. 5 Jan. 1800, Mecklenburg Co., NC; m. Joseph McKnitt ALEXANDER (RN=198), 3 May 1817; d. 20 Nov. 1855, Marengo Co., AL.

RN=188 William Caldwell CATHEY, b. 15 Apr. 1801 or 1803; m. Suzannah WORK (RN=189); d. ?? , AL.

RN=186 John Caldwell CATHEY, b. 1802; m. ??? WORK (RN=187); d. ?? , AR.

RN=190 Archibald Pinkney CATHEY, b. 3 July 1804, NC; m. Mary Cynthia TORRENCE (RN=191); d. 5 Jan. 1870, AR.

RN=192 Henry Alexander CATHEY, b. 17 Nov. 1808, Mecklenburg Co., NC; m. 1) Rebecca W. JOHNSTON (RN=193), 23 Jan. 1834, m. 2) Nancy Melvina CORNELIUS (RN=194), 2 Jan. 1843; d. 10 Mar. 1873, Mecklenburg Co. or Iredell Co., NC.

RN=195 Andrew Caldwell CATHEY, b. 28 Jan. 1811; m. Elizabeth Ann (Amanda) MILLER (RN=196), 1835; d. 29 Sep. 1841, AL.

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= > Children of Rebecca CATHEY (RN=184) & Dr. James L. ARMSTRONG (RN=6428)

(Needs further research; moved to Tennessee) <sup>3</sup>

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GEORGE CATHEY (RN = 18)

RN=390 Robert Carruth CATHEY, b. 19 Feb. 1856, NC; m. Lelia Leroy COCHRAN (RN=391), 24 Feb. 1897; d. 1 Feb. 1930, bur. Steele Creek Church, Mecklenburg Co., NC.

RN=392 Amanda Allen CATHEY, b. 30 May 1859, NC; m. William A. SLOAN (RN=3231), 31 Dec. 1896; d. 9 Aug. 1923, bur. Steele Creek Ch., Mecklenburg Co., NC.

=> Children of Frances Henry CATHEY (RN=230) & William Henry CLARK (RN=7140)

RN=7549 Robert F. CLARK, b. 7 June 1819; died during Civil War as Confederate Soldier, bur. Steele Creek Ch., Mecklenburg Co., NC

RN=353 Sarah Adeline CLARK, b. 25 Feb. 1821; m. William Albury CATHEY (RN=351), 15 Jan. 1845; d. 1 Nov. 1866.

RN=7550 Elizabeth Jane CLARK, b. 16 Feb. 1823.

RN=7551 Margaret S. CLARK, b. 24 Mar. 1825.

RN=7552 Mary Ann CLARK, b. 26 Jan. 1827; Single, D.Y.; d. 28 Oct. 1842, bur. Steele Creek Church.

RN=7553 William H. CLARK, b. 25 Oct. 1829; d. 1 Mar. 1881, bur. Steele Creek Church.

RN=7139 James McNeely CLARK, b. 26 Sep. 1831; m. Sarah Elizabeth CATHEY (RN=228); d. 4 Nov. 1891, bur. St. Marks Lutheran Church, Gaston Co., NC

RN=7554 Fannie A. CLARK, b. 8 Sep. 1833

RN=7555 George H. CLARK, b. 29 July 1835; Single, D.Y.; d. 9 Oct. 1843, bur. Steele Creek Church.

RN=7556 Eliza Amanda CLARK, b. 22 May 1837; m. George C. NEEL (RN=7560); d. 5 Mar. 1917, bur. Steele Creek Church.

RN=7557 Matilda Sloan CLARK, b. 1 Mar. 1839; m. ???? FORD; d. 30 Apr. 1900, bur. Steele Creek Church.

RN=7558 Harriet Caruth CLARK, b. 26 Feb. 1841; d. 19 Mar. 1886, bur. Steele Creek Church.

RN=7559 Albertus Watson CLARK, b. 13 May 1845; d. 14 Feb. 1893, bur. Steele Creek Church.

=> Children of Peggy Ann CATHEY (RN=231) & ???? ALLISON

(Needs further research; moved to IL)



GEORGE CATHEY (RN = 18)

=> Children of Eliza Jane CATHEY (RN=232) & William CATHEY (RN=105)

(Children are listed under husband.)

=> Children of Esther CATHEY (RN=99) & Robert HANNA (RN=4450)

(Needs further research) 4

=> Children of Margaret CATHEY (RN=101) & James ARMSTRONG (RN=300)

RN=1781 Mary ARMSTRONG, b. 24 Feb. 1794, Greene Co., GA; m. Jiles Young (RN=4402) (Had 8 children) 5

RN=1782 Robert James ARMSTRONG, b. 17 Mar. 1798, Greene Co., GA; Single, D.Y., Greene Co., GA

RN=1783 John ARMSTRONG, b. 1 Apr. 1796, Greene Co., GA; m. Sarah SWANSON (RN=4403), 17 Jan. 1822; d. 6 Feb. 1866 (Had 5 children)

RN=1784 George ARMSTRONG, b. 17 Jan. 1801, Greene Co., GA; m. Lucinda EDMONDSON (RN=4404) (Had 7 children)

RN=1785 Rebecca ARMSTRONG, b. 29 Dec. 1802, Greene Co., GA; m. Samuel DURHAM (RN=4405) (Had no children)

RN=1786 Henry ARMSTRONG, b. 31 July 1806, Greene Co., GA; Single

=> Children of Jane CATHEY (RN=98) & Philip SADLER (RN=4449)

(Needs further research; Steele Creek, Mecklenburg Co. NC)

=> Children of Alexander CATHEY (RN=21) & Esther WADDELL (RN=97)

RN=22 John E. CATHEY, b. 14 Nov. 1805, Mecklenburg Co., NC; m. 1) Mary "Polly" NEAL (RN=122), 3 Mar. 1830, m. 2) Ann Mellisa NEAL (RN=123), 14 May 1846; d. 13 June 1875.

RN=105 William CATHEY, b. 1 June 1808, Mecklenburg Co., NC; m. Eliza Jane CATHEY (RN=232); d. 23 Nov. 1893, Mecklenburg Co., NC, bur. Steele Creek Church

RN=106 Alexander CATHEY, b. 1811, Mecklenburg Co., NC; m. Mary BLANCHARD (RN=600), 28 Aug. 1832, Mecklenburg Co., NC; d. 25 Oct. 1889, Louisiana, bur. near Arcadia, LA.

RN=107 George CATHEY, b. 11 June 1813; m. Margaret Leeper (RN=3833), 24 Jan. 1846, Lincoln Co., NC; d. 1877.

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