

THE FAMILY OF CALEB TALLEY & ELIZABETH STUART
of
Hanover County, VA & Greene Co. GA
with
Related Families: Stuart, Rivers, Ralston,
Cox, Harvey

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Chart No. 2

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Date _____

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
p.m. Place of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

32 WILLIAM TALLEY

b. _____ (Father of No. 8)
p.b. _____
m. _____
p.m. _____
d. ca 1799
p.d. Hanover Co. VA

16 CALEB TALLEY

b. 16 Oct 1757 (Father of No. 32)
p.b. Hanover Co. VA
m. 1784
p.m. Hanover Co., VA
d. 16 Feb 1803
p.d. Greene Co., GA

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b. _____ (Mother of No. 32)
p.b. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

8 JOHN WESLEY TALLEY

b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
p.m. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

34 ALEXANDER STUART

b. _____ (Father of No. 33)
p.b. Scotland (?)
m. _____
p.m. _____
d. Jun/Jul 1807
p.d. Greene Co. GA

17 ELIZABETH STUART

b. 17 Sep 1764 (Mother of No. 34)
p.b. Hanover Co., VA
d. Fall, 1822
p.d. Greene Co. GA

35 MARGARET SOUTHERLAND

ROSETTA BLACK RALSTON

b. _____ (Spouse of No. 8)
p.b. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

b. _____ (Mother of No. 35)
p.b. _____
d. Before 1807
p.d. Hanover Co. VA or
Greene Co., GA

64 ELKANAH TALLEY

b. _____ (Father of No. 32)
p.b. _____
m. _____
p.m. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

65

b. _____ (Mother of No. 32)
p.b. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

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b. _____ (Father of No. 33)
p.b. _____
m. _____
p.m. _____
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p.d. _____

67

b. _____ (Mother of No. 33)
p.b. _____
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b. _____ (Father of No. 34)
p.b. _____
m. _____
p.m. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

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b. _____ (Mother of No. 34)
p.b. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

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b. _____ (Father of No. 35)
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d. _____
p.d. _____

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b. _____ (Mother of No. 35)
p.b. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

A Family Record

Alexander Stuart - from Scotland 1740, young man
 Margaret Sutherland do do

They were married Hanover Co. VA. No friend to the English Tyranny, he was active in Revolution of W. S., often bore dispatches from Army to another and made some hairbreadth escapes from the British Scouts.

Grand Ma had been kidnapped in a pleasure boat when a child, with several others, and brought to the New World in a British ship. Her family were wealthy.

They had but two children, a son John Stuart, who raised a family in Greene Co., GA, and my mother, Elizabeth Stuart, who was married to my father in Hanover Co., VA, 1784. She was then 20 years of age and (had) four children before they left VA in 1792 for Greene Co. Georgia.

From the old Family Bible now at Bro Nathan's -
 Caleb Talley was born in Hanover Co., VA Oct 15, 1757
 Elizabeth Talley do do Sep 17, 1764
 Margaret Stuart, daughter of C. & E. do Sep 5, 1785
 She died in her 10th year-Buried at Bethany Church.
 Greene (Co) GA.
 William Sutherland, 1st son of C. & E. T. VA Feb 20, 1787
 Alexander was born Hanover Co., VA Feb 16, 1789
 Nicholas do do May 2, 1791
 Caleb do Georgia, Greene Co. Apr 2, 1794
 Elkanah do do do Feb 17, 1796
 Nathan do do do Jun 1, 1798
 John Wesley do do do Dec 6, 1800
 Elizabeth do do do Jul 23, 1803

My beloved Father died Feb 16, 1803 and was buried at Bethany Church on the Ogeechee R., Greene Co., GA where my sister had been buried and the church near where he first purchased and settled. He afterwards moved up near Greensborough where he embraced religion, joined the M. E. C., lived and died a pious man.

My bro, William T. left D & B Sanford as a clerk in a dry goods store at Father's request to take charge of the plantation and negroes in his 16 year. Col. George W. Foster (the grandfather of Bishop G. Pierce) acted the faithful part of a Guardian to us all, the family were kept together and raised. (Explanation: This would be in 1803, the year Caleb died. -JWT)

THE TALLEY FAMILY

Nothing is known about exactly where the Talley family originated or about its early life in America. All we have is contained in "The Outline", a history of the family written by Nicholas Talley, son of Caleb Talley, in the 1850s - 1860s. A complete copy of this document is printed elsewhere in this family history and it is suggested that it be carefully read. On page 18 of Nicholas' Outline he states: " my ancestry can be traced but for a few generations. Elkanah, William and Nicholas, three brothers left England for the Colonies in the new world and settled in Virginia and Maryland where they raised large families. William Talley of Hanover (Co.) Virginia was the oldest son of Elkanah Talley. (He) had several sons: Elkanah, an Episcopal clergyman of Richmond; (not legible) Talley, a Methodist traveling preacher; William Talley, a planter of Hanover (Co.); Caleb, my father who removed to the State of Georgia in my childhood and settled in Greene County".

To make it more difficult to trace the Talley family in Hanover Co. almost all records such as Probate, Various courts and real estate of that county were destroyed during the Civil War. The records had been transferred to Richmond for "safe keeping" and were apparently lost when Richmond was burned at the end of the war.

The Rev. William Ralston Talley, grandson of Caleb, wrote some family history entitled "An Autobiography of Rev. William Ralston Talley With a condensed History of The Talley Family". This was written during the 1920s. It appears that most of his information on the earlier ancestors was likely taken from "The Outline" (see above). However, his knowledge of his generation, his cousins and their families was very helpful in this compilation. His book (handwritten in a bound farm journal type book), has been placed in the Georgia State Archives, Atlanta, GA where it is available for reference. Each branch of his family has received a photo copy of the original as well as a typewritten copy. Copies of each have been placed in the Georgia Archives and in the genealogy section of the Washington Memorial Library, Macon, Ga. and are available to interested persons. The typed version consists of some 63 pages and is too lengthy to be included in this compilation. It is strongly recommended that every descendant of WRT read the entire book. Copies can be arranged by contacting the compiler or another family member with a copy.

2/64 Talley, Elkanah

No details known - See "The Outline"

CHILDREN:

2/32 Talley, William
 b ? d ca 1799, Hanover Co. VA
 Wife unknown

The following information helps to tie William's family together. It appears in printed records of VA and is listed as "Hanover Co. Taxpayers, St. Pauls Parish 1782-1805. Under the name of William Talley the following details are given:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Other Names</u>	<u>Slaves</u>	<u>Horses</u>	<u>Cattle</u>
1782	None	7	4	10
1783	Petitioner, Caleb, Wm. Talley	5	3	8
1784	Wm. Jr, Caleb Talley	6	2	6
1785-6	No names	5	1	6
1787	Wm. Talley, Jr	5	2	10
1788-94	No names	1	3	
1795-00	No names	3	2	
1801-03	Estate of (Wm Talley)	1	1	

It is of interest to note that under the same records for Alexander Stuart, 1782-1792, Caleb Talley is listed as living with him for 1785-87 (Caleb & Elizabeth m. 1784) and Caleb Talley is listed in his own name for 1790 with no slaves or animals. The Caleb Talley and Alexander Stuart families moved to GA in 1792-1793.

CHILDREN: (Order of children not certain)

2/32:1 William, Jr. No details known
 2/16 Caleb (Also see below)
 b 16 Oct 1757 Hanover Co. VA
 2/32:3 Elkanah No details known. Episcopal minister
 of Richmond
 2/32:4 ? Male. No first name known (It is not
 legible in "The Outline")
 Was Methodist minister

2/16 Talley, Caleb
 b 16 Oct 1757 Hanover Co VA
 d 16 Feb 1803 Greene Co GA
 m 1784 Hanover Co VA to Elizabeth Stuart, b 17 Sep
 1764 Hanover Co VA; d Fall 1822 Greene Co GA
 (both are buried in unmarked graves at Old Bethel
 Church (Presbyterian) Greene Co GA) d/o Alexander

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Stuart and Margaret Sutherland

Caleb & Elizabeth moved to Greene Co GA in 1792-3 with Alexander Stuart and his family. They brought 4 children with them. After Caleb's death in 1803 Elizabeth m 10 May 1805 John Walker and continued to live in Greene Co GA. There were no children of this marriage.

There is no evidence that Caleb owned land in Greene Co. GA. The Washington Memorial Library, Macon, GA has film for Greene Co Tax Digest 1798-1808 (reel # 1172) (I checked only through 1804). This shows the following data on Caleb Talley:

1798 No land; 1 Free Male; 1 Negro; Tax \$.62 1/2
(Capt Richard C. Royston Dist)

1799 Not found listed

1801 No real estate; 1 Free male; 5 negroes; Tax \$1.87 1/2

1802 No R/E; 1 Free Male; 5 negroes; Tax \$1.87.5
(Capt Watts Dist)

1803 Did not find listed

1804 Shows Elizabeth Tally (sic)
No R/E 3 negroes; Tax \$.93 3/4

Reel # 1171 - Re: Caleb

1796 No land; 1 Free male over 21; 1 negroe; Tax \$.75
(Capt Rich Royston Dist)

1797 Ogeechee land III #2 @.75 - 193A) on Ogeechee adjoins
#3 @.43 - 193A) Stewart
(Capt Rich Royston Dist) Tax \$1.00 3/4

Note: I do not understand this entry. Believe it is mixed up with Alexander Stuart who owned 2 tracts of land on the Ogeechee River and in 1797 reported as follows: Ogeechee Land III (Capt Richard C Royston Dist) #2 - 200A; #3 - 185A
1 Free male; 2 slaves Tax 1-7-3 3/4
It seems obvious that Caleb and his family lived with Alexander Stuart.

Caleb died 16 Feb 1803 in Greene Co GA without leaving a will. "The Outline" states that "he was buried at Bethany Church on the Ogeechee River, Greene Co GA where my sister had been buried and the church near where he first purchased and settled" "He afterward moved up near Greensborough where he embraced religion, joined the M.E.C. (Methodist Episcopal Church), lived and died a pious man."

Since Caleb left no will there was an administration. The following information in Reel # 329, Washington Memorial Library. Green Co GA: Sales, Inventories, appraisements, etc, Estates 1798-1806 - Book E, page 66 (First Index) Re: Estate of Caleb Talley:
Feb 21, 1803. Elizabeth Talley applied for Letters of Administration
June 13, 1803 Elizabeth Talley granted Letters of Administration

INVENTORY & APPRAISAL OF ESTATE OF CALEB TALLEY, DECD

From: Reel 329, Greene Co GA Sales, Inventories, Appraisements,

etc. Estates 1798-1806, Book E page 292 (First Index). See also page 238 - Second Index.

18th June 1803. Dry 4 cows 40.00. seven yearlings	
15.00, 1 negroe boy, Frank 400.00, one do James 350.00	805.00
1 do do (Negro boy) Bob 300.00, 1 sorrel horse 90.00	
1 horse 40.00, 15 shoats 15.00, 12 hogs 30.00, 1 stack of	
fodder 3.00, 3 cow hides 6.00, 1 grindstone 3.00	481.00
1 log chain 2.00, plantation tools 30.00, 1 shot gun	
1.00, bed sted and furniture 20.00, 1 bed do 20.00, one do	
18.00, one trunk 1.00, one small chest .50, one small trunk	
1.00, one looking glass .50	94.00
Crockery ware knives & forks Stillards 1.50, old side	
saddle .50, one chest 2.00, 1 jugg (sic) .75, mans saddle 3.00	
one table 1.00, 7 chairs 3.00, books 4.00	18.75
11 yds cotton baging 3.96, 20 lb clean cotton 2.40,	
twenty geese 10.00, two shoats 1.00, three barrels, a parcel	
bacon & fat 30.00, one loom with aparatuses for weaving 10.00	
2 wheels one pair of cards 5.00	62.36
 Kitchen Furniture 11.75, one 1/2 bushel .75, parcel of	
corn 30.00, 6 bushels of clean (?) 3.00, 300 lbs of Tobacco 7.00,	
4 hogsheads 1.50, crop of corn, Tobacco, Potatoes, wheat, rye	
& oats 139.00, 2.00 cash	193.00
	Total 1554.11
	add 11.50
	Total 1565.61
Apprs.: Jno Walker; Jno Johnston; Saml Sharp	
The Apprs. Sworn before Tho. Carleton, J.P. & Clk	
18th of June 1803	

Notes: *	These add to	487.00
**	These total	15.75
***	These total	195.00
(a)	Total of amounts shown is actually \$1664.11	
(b)	Correct amount is \$1665.61	

For some unknown reason the records contain two entries of this appraisal. The other copy shows the correct amounts although item is shown as 487.00 (the correct amount)

The one copied above is from the one that photocopied better. There was little punctuation in this item and a little was added.

NOTES OF INTEREST CONCERNING ELIZABETH STUART TALLEY

AFTER CALEB'S DEATH

At the time of Caleb's death Elizabeth was 38 years old. Her oldest living child was 4 days short of 16 years old. There were six other living children with ages as follows: 14-11-8-7-4-2. In addition she was pregnant with her 2nd daughter, Elizabeth, who was born some 5 months after Caleb's death.

She had no land and Caleb's estate was of little consequence.

Her father, Alexander Stuart was living in Greene Co, GA and owned several hundred acres of land. It is a good assumption that Caleb's family lived with Alexander. There is no evidence when Elizabeth's mother died. She is not mentioned in Alexander's will in 1807. but Nicholas Talley states in the Outline that Elizabeth was "buried in the famly burying ground near her Father & Mother." So she evidently died after the family moved to GA.

Elizabeth had plenty of problems facing her!

On 10 May 1805 Elizabeth married John Walker. Although we know little about John Walker it appears that he made a good step father to the children and, it is assumed, a good husband to Elizabeth. There were no children from this marriage.

Alexander Stuart died in Jun/Jul 1807 and willed 200 acres of land on the Ogeechee River to Elizabeth. It would be logical to assume Elizabeth and John Walker used this land for farming.

On 16 Aug 1817 John Walker & Elizabeth Walker (formerly Elizabeth Talley) gave a warranty deed to the land Elizabeth had received from Alexander Stuart to her children. The consideration was love and affection for the children. John Walker relinquished all rights he may have as her husband. This deed is recorded in records of Greene Co GA in Deed Book FF, p. 363 and can be found on Reel 325, Washington Memorial Library, Macon, GA.

The following agreement between John Walker and the Talley children, as heirs, is recorded in Greene Co, GA Ordinary's minutes 1816-1828, page 33. It can be found in microfilm reel 2015 in the Washington Memorial Library, Macon, GA.

Georgia, Greene Co : We the heirs of Caleb Talley, Senr., decd, desirous of coming to a just and equitable settlement with John Walker, Administrator on the Estate of the said dec'd in right of his wife, Elizabeth Walker, who was formerly Elizabeth Talley, do consent to the following arrangement VIZ - That the said John Walker shall pay to the heirs the amount to which the perisable property of said dec'd was appraised and shall deliver up the negroes at the end of the present year or sell them agreeable to law with the reservation however of his wife's share of said property this Eleventh day of September One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen.

(s) Alexander Talley	Nicholas Talley
Caleb Talley	Elkanah Talley
John Walker, Guardian of Nathan Talley, John Talley, Elizabeth Talley	

Georgia, Greene Co: I do hereby certify that I have heard William S. Talley, one of the heirs of Caleb Talley, Senr., say that he was willing to settle the business of the Estate of said dec'd on terms less advantageous to the heirs than those which (have) been agreed to as above and I do therefore feel entirely safe in assuring the Honorable Court of the Ordinary of said county that he will consent to the above arrangement. This 30 July 1817.

(s) Alexander Talley

The above paper was this day examined by the Court of Ordinary, admitted and ordered to be entered of record.

The following petition is recorded in Green Co Ordinary minutes 1816-1828, page 36 and on microfilm reel 2015, Washington Memorial Library, Macon, GA. The date appears to be 3 Nov. 1817:

On petition of John Walker, Administrator in right of his wife, Elizabeth Walker, formerly Elizabeth Talley, widow of Caleb Talley, decd, praying leave to sell the negroes belonging to said Estate of said decd VIZ: Frank & Jim, and it appearing to the Court that the legatees of said Estate have consented to said sale, it is ordered that the Administrator have leave to sell said negroes Frank & Jim after advertising as the law requires.

All we know about Elizabeth Talley (other than childrens names etc) is contained in The Outline written by Nicholas Talley in about the 1860s and the writings of John Wesley Talley in the 1870s. Both these sons emphasize the deep religious beliefs of their mother which she held for some 30 years prior to her death. She must have had a strong influence on her children since five of her sons were ministers of the Methodist Church. From what we know of the children they all lived good, fruitful lives and had good family lives. No one, as far as is known, got rich or famous but they were good solid citizens. A good example for those of us who followed.

CALEB TALLEY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The public records of Hanover Co. VA were destroyed during the Civil War making family research very difficult. One item I could not trace was evidence that Caleb Talley had service in the Revolutionary War. Eunice Talley Watkins, d/o William Ralston Talley had professional help trying to locate a Talley ancestor's service for the purpose of obtaining membership in the DAR. The search was not successful. 2/

I located 2 references to Caleb Talley indicating his Rev War service. I have not traced these to their source and neither do I know with certainty that they refer to our Caleb. 2/

Ref. #1: This reference appeared in "The Talley Sheet", an informal genealogy publication sent to some 100+ persons interested in the Talley families for the short period of 1969-71. Editor was Joan Talley Page (Mrs. F.M.) of Baltimore, MD. In Vol 2, 1971, pages 43-44 Mrs. Page had this information: 2/

VIRGINIA REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE RECORDS (From Card Index at VA. Archives, Richmond, VA) 2/1

The following documents prove civilian service to the War effort; proof of this type of service is as acceptable as proof of military service for membership in the DAR & SAR 1/8 2/1

CALEB TALLEY, Hanover County

Court Booklet I, p. 13: Cert. to Caleb Talley dated Aug. 22, 1781 by Peter Kane, A.F.M. for 5 1/2 barrels of corn @ 10 sh. per barrel. 2 pounds, 15 sh.

Comm'rs. Book III, p 204: Warrant to Caleb Talley for corn furnished to Continental Army, 2 pounds, 15 sh.

Other Talleys from Hanover Co. were Christian, Nathan Nathaniel & Thomas

Ref. #2: From - "Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in GA" Vol III (McCall) p. 221:

CALEB TALLEY, b. Hanover Co, VA; d. Greene Co., GA. Served as private, VA Line. Married Elizabeth Stuart and moved to Lincoln Co. GA in 1797.

Children: (5 of sons were Methodist Ministers)

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| 1. Dau | 2. William |
| 3. Nicholas | 4. Alexander |
| 5. Caleb | 6. Elkanah |
| 7. Nathan | 8. John Wesley, b.1800;
d.1885 TX.m.
Rosetta Ralston |

This certainly refers to our Caleb. However the source of Mrs. McCall's information is not known. Also her accuracy is often in question so I'm told.

Caleb's age was OK for service but we just don't know.

CHILDREN OF CALEB & ELIZABETH STUART TALLEY

- 2/16:1 - Margaret Stuart b 5 Sep 1785, Hanover Co. VA
d 1795, Greene Co., GA
buried Bethany Church, Greene Co.
- 2/16:2 - William Sutherland (More details page 8)
b. 20 Feb 1787, Hanover Co. VA
- 2/16:3 - Alexander (More details page 10)
b. 16 Feb 1789, Hanover Co. VA
- 2/16:4 - Nicholas (More details page 14)
b. 2 May 1791, Hanover Co., VA
- 2/16:5 - Caleb, Jr. (No other details known)
b. 2 Apr 1794, Greene Co., GA
d. Ca 1835 - Alabama (in accident)
Moved to AL as young man, married and had children
- 2/16:6 - Elkanah (More details page 31)
b. 17 Feb 1796, Greene Co., GA
- 2/16:7 - Nathan (More details page 34)
b. 1 Jun 1798, Greene Co., GA
- 1/8 - John Wesley (More details page 48)
b. 6 Dec 1800, Greene Co. GA
- 2/16:9 - Elizabeth (More details page 106)

b. 23 Jul 1803, Greene Co., GA

2/16:2 TALLEY, William Sutherland

b 20 Feb 1787, Hanover Co VA

d Sep 1826, Greene Co. GA

m 1813 on Santee River, Mathews Parish, SC To:

Eugenia Irwin Sagar (Widow of George Barsh) b 1792

St. Mathews Parish, SC

NOTE: Greene Co GA Deed Book B, 1793-1802 (undated) gives authority to Geo W. Foster, et al to divide the negroes belonging to Estate of Geo Barsh, late of SC 1/3 to Wm S. Talley in right of his wife, Eugenia I. Talley, former Eugenia I Barsh; 2/3 to Anne C. Barsh, orph of said George.

William was a Methodist minister. His history with the church is shown in the "minutes of the Methodist Conferences annually held in America From 1773 to 1813, Inclusive. Printed 1813; Reprint 1983.

Re: William (S) Talley:

p 436	Admitted on Trial - SC Conference	1809
455	Stationed: SC Conf. Saluda Dist, Edisto	"
466	Remains on Trial - SC Conf.	1810
488	Stationed: SC Conf; Camden Dist; Little Peedee	"
500	Admitted to Full Connexion, SC Conf	1811
502	Ordained Deacon this year, SC Conf	"
524	Stationed: SC Conf Saluda Dist.; Charleston	"
538	Listed as Deacon - SC Conf	1812
559	Stationed: SC Conf; Camden Dist; Fayetteville	"
574	Elected & Ordained Elder this yr. SC Conf	1813
603	Station: SC Conf; Broad River Dt; Columbia	"

Per W. R. Talley William's health failed and returned to GA soon after his marriage and was no longer part of the itinerancy of the church.

On 16 May 1821 William gave warranty deed to 2 acres of land John Walker, Ambrose Hutchison, Nathan Winfield, Geo W. Foster Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Walkers Meeting House. Consideration was \$5.00. Witnesses were Ann Sager, Geo Foster and William Sager. (This is apparently where this church is still located (1990) and where the Talley family attended.)

William d ca Sep 1826 (will probated 4 Sep 1826) leaving a will which is recorded in Greene Co, Will Book F, p. 125. A