

## BURWELL MOORING

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In the 1769 tax list for Dobbs County, North Carolina, John Mooring Sr., and two of his sons are identified. The sons are Burwell and William. The slave mentioned in John Mooring's father's will dated 27 December 1751 is named in this tax list as Agg Taylor. This clearly proves that John Mooring of Wayne is the same John Mooring as the one named in Christopher Mooring's will in Surry County, Virginia. The son, John Mooring Jr. made his home in Beaufort County, the part which was called Pitt County by 1760.

Burwell Mooring served during the Revolutionary War. He was a Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Williams' Company of Dobbs Militia

on the expedition to Moore's Creek Bridge against the Insurgents. This was in February and March, 1776. By April 22, 1782 he was a Major of the Wayne Regiment of Militia. He is called Colonel Burwell Mooring in the State Records. He represented Wayne County for ten years in The House of Commons and the Senate. He was a Mason. He was a member of St. John's No. 3, in New Bern in 1787. By 1797 he was a member of Columbian No. 28, in Wayne County. When Waynesborough was started in 1782, Burwell Mooring was one of the original trustees. In 1787 the town was incorporated with about 150 inhabitants and it was named for General Anthony Wayne, who was in the Revolutionary War. Waynesborough was a stopping place between the Colonial Capital at New Bern and the new Capital at Raleigh. The last record I have found in the public records, of Burwell Mooring is in the Greene County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, February, 1809.

Burwell Mooring, born circa 1745 in Surry County, Virginia, died after 1809 in Greene or Wayne County. He made his home on Button Branch on the border between the two counties. He was the son of John Mooring Sr., born circa 1695 in Surry County, Virginia, died 1777 in Pitt County, and his first wife, Ann Burwell. To date I haven't learned Burwell Mooring's wife's name. She is listed in the 1800 Census for Wayne County as Female - 26 to 45, and Burwell is listed as Male - 45 and up.

The boys are 2 males - 10 to 16, 2 males - 16 to 26. The girls are 2 females - under 10, 2 females - 10 to 16, and 1 female - 16 to 26. Nine slaves are listed. In the 1790 Census for Wayne County there are 3 males - 16 and up, 4 males - under 16. There are 6 females and 9 slaves listed. From this information we can see there were 6 boys and 6 girls in this family.

The known boys in this family are John, James, Thomas, Benjamin, and Henry. The other son I am not sure of. The daughters are harder to identify. Henry Mooring is my ancestor. When his daughter, Dorcas, died, her obituary was recorded in the Newborn Church records. This church is located in Greene County, near the village of Jason. This paper states that Dorcas was the daughter of Henry Mooring and his wife, Sarah (Sally) Best, and the granddaughter of Burwell Mooring. According to the 1850 Census, Dorcas Mooring was born in 1810. She married John Wells Sr. The death date on the gravestone is August 8, 1887. The other known children of Henry Mooring and Sarah (Sally) Best are: Henry Jr., James, Burwell. According to the 1800 Census for Greene County, the family was as follows: Henry Mooring (26 to 45), Female (26 to 45), Female (26 to 45), Male (16 to 26), 2 males (under 10), 2 daughters (under 10). The 1810 Census for Greene County is missing, so this family is incomplete.

James Mooring (1790-1845/50), son of Henry Mooring and Sarah (Sally) Best, married Patience Best (1795-1850), daughter of Henry Best (1762-1839) and his wife, Winifred Hardy (1765-1841). The grandparents of Patience Best were Benjamin Best and his second wife, Margaret Williams; and Lemuel (Lamm) Hardy Jr. and his wife, Mary Sutton. The

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This record proves that your ancestor, James Mooring (8:2) was the son of Thomas Mooring and not Henry Mooring. Henry + Thomas were sons of Burwell Mooring (8:8)  
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