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Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add info on Husband	
C	1740		BIRMINGHAM TWP	CHESTER	PA	REV WAR	
OL	JUN	1772	ST GEORGE I/O	NEWCASTLE	DE	LIEUT 1773	
C	DEC	1815	MORGANTON	BURKE	NC	CAPT. 1779	
"	"	"	W M PENLAND PROPERTY CEMETERY			NC	

Place of Residence PA DE NC
 Occupation FARMER JP (1772) Church Affiliation PRESBYTERIAN Military Rec CAPT NC MORGAN DIST 3
 Name of any No 1112 etc (State sheet for each mar)
 Her JOHN PENLAND Mother's Maiden Name JEAN ?

Wife's Full Maiden Name ANNIS DONNAL

Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add info on Wife	
C	1742		NEW LONDON TWP	CHESTER	PA		
C	1830		MORGANTON	BURKE	NC		
			OLD UPPER CREEK SAME AS HUSBAND			NC	

Place of Residence PA NC
 Occupation Church Affiliation PRESBYTERIAN Military Rec
 Name of any No 1112 etc (State sheet for each mar)
 Her JAMES DONNAL Mother's Maiden Name ANNIS STEEL

Children's Names or Full Name (in order of birth)	Children's Sex	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add info on Children
1 JOHN		29	NOV	1764	ST GEORGE I/O	NEWCASTLE	DE	REV WAR
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.		1789	MORGANTON	BURKE	NC	NO PENSION
Death		C		1855	ENKA	BUNCOMBE	NC	
Burial					ENKA PENLAND CEMETERY			NC
2 JAMES		FEB	1765		ST GEORGE I/O	NEWCASTLE	DE	CONSTABLE
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.		1788	MORGANTON	BURKE	NC	BURKE 1792
Death				1816	"	"	"	2 SONS
Burial					FATHER'S CEMETERY ?			
3 ANNA		Birth		1766	ST GEORGE I/O	NEWCASTLE	DE	
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.						
Death				?	FATHER'S CEMETERY			NC
Burial								
4 WILLIAM JR		Birth		APR 1767	SALISBURY DIST	ROWAN	NC	BURKE
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.		1805	"	"	"	TAX 1743
Death				1809	REEMSCREEK	BUNCOMBE	NC	BUNCOMBE
Burial					YANCE CEMETERY "			1809
5 JEAN		Birth		OCT 1768	SALISBURY	ROWAN	NC	
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.		OCT 1788	"	"	"	
Death				?				
Burial				?				
6 PETER		Birth		JAN 1769	SALISBURY	ROWAN	NC	
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.		?				
Death				?				
Burial								
7 ABSOLEM		Birth		MAR 1771	SALISBURY	ROWAN	NC	
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.		?				
Death				?				
Burial								
8 MARTHA		Birth		JUN 1772	SALISBURY	ROWAN	NC	
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.		?				
Death				?				
Burial								
9 ABRAHAM		Birth		C 1775	MORGAN DIST 3	BURKE	NC	1810 CENSUS
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.		?				4 SONS
Death				?				WAR 1812
Burial								
10 GEORGE W		Birth		C 1780	MORGAN DIST 3	BURKE	NC	BURKE TAX
Full Name of Spouse		Marr.		C 1803	"	"	"	1783-1810 CN
Death				C 1857	REEMSCREEK	BUNCOMBE	NC	BUNCOMBE
Burial								1820-1850

Additional Children and Sources:

Husband's name WILLIAM PENLAND Wife's name ANNIS DONNAL

Child #	Name	Birth	Death	Birth Loc	Death Loc	Other
11	ALEXANDER	22 DEC 1782	07 FEB 1825	MORGAN DIST 9 BURKE NC	MORGANTON BURKE NC	WAR
	Full Name of Spouse					
	ELIZABETH GIBBS	28 AUG 1820	1820	JEFFERSON TWP PREBLE OH	JEFFERSON TWP PREBLE OH	SECT 2 TWP C
12	MARGARET	c 1785	SEP 1810	MORGAN DIST 9 BURKE NC	MORGANTON BURKE NC	
	Full Name of Spouse					
	CHARLES MOORE	P ?		ENNA BUNCOMBE NC	ENNA BUNCOMBE NC	
	Full Name of Spouse					
	CHARLES MOORE			ENNA BUNCOMBE NC	ENNA BUNCOMBE NC	
13						
	Full Name of Spouse					
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	Full Name of Spouse					
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Sources for Husband: MARRIAGE RECORD NEW CASTLE CTY DE/PA
 CENSUS 1790-1800-1810 NC SESSION RECORDS CTY COUNT
 Wm SOLD OR DIVIDED 1640 ACRES TO HIS CHILDREN AND WIFE REC. 557 ACRES O
 1790-1800-1810 CENSUS BURKE CTY COURT RECORDS 23 APRIL 1785-JULY 1800
 L.S. FILM - 858,674 SIGNER PETITION 1771 TO MAKE BURKE CO

Sources for Wife: PENN ARCHIVES VOL XX PP 444-598 CUMBERLAND CTY 1780
 BROTHERS - ? JOHN VOL XII PP 731 - VOL XIII - PP 831 FRANKLIN CTY 1784
 SAMUEL VOL XX PP 502 FROM CHESTER CTY 1683
 THOMAS VOL XX PP 54 ? MATTHIAS MORTON JACO
 SISTERS - ? MARGARET JEAN HANNAH SARAH & NEW LONDON & CHESTER
 MARTHA

Sources for Children (1) 1795-96 1803 TAX RECORDS 1807 COURT BURKE CTY 1810-20-30-40-50 CENS
 (2) 1803 TAX RECORD 1792-1816 COURT BURKE CTY 1800-10 CENSUS NC 1816 COURT B. R.
 (4) 1792-1803-09 TAX RECORD (BOOK B PP 212) 1810 CENSUS (HIS WIDOW) BUNCOMBE CTY NC PP 4
 (5) TO BE FOUND (6) 1830 BUNCOMBE CTY CENSUS (TO BE FOUND) (10) 1803 TAX RECORD AND 1810
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Family Group Sheet TO MATCH CENSUS 1790-1800-1810-1820
 Chart No. G+6 1820

Husband's Full Name **GEORGE PENLAND**

Day	Month	Year	City Town or Place	County or Province, etc	State or Country	Acc info on Husband
ca	1750		Salisbury Dist	Rowan	NC	1750-50
1771			Salisbury Dist	Rowan	NC	1771-76
1824			Rowan Co	Buncombe	NC	1824-26

Places of Residence **PA/DE NC**

Occupation **Planter** Church Affiliation **Presbyterian** Military Rec **CAPT. BUNCOMBE MILITIA**

His Father **JOHN PENLAND** Mother's Maiden Name **JEAN P**

Wife's Full Maiden Name **ANN ALEXANDER**

Day	Month	Year	City Town or Place	County or Province, etc	State or Country	Acc info on Wife
ca	1754		SALISBURY DIST	ROWAN	NC	OVER 45
ca	1833		Rowan Co	BUNCOMBE	NC	1800 CENSUS

Places of Residence **NC**

Occupation **H W** Church Affiliation **Presbyterian** Military Rec

Her Father **JAMES ALEXANDER** Mother's Maiden Name **RACHEL P**

Sex	Day	Month	Year	City Town or Place	County or Province, etc	State or Country	Acc info on Children
M	1	ROBERT WILLIAM	1771	SALISBURY DIST ROWAN	NC	REMOVED TO	
		Mary ? Casey	29 JUN 1811	ROWAN TN	TN	AS POSSIBLE	
			1848	COCKE TN	COCKE TN		
M	2	CHRIS F	1774	SALISBURY ROWAN	NC	1820 CENSUS	
		? ? ?	? ? 1796			AS "D.F." PENLAND	
F	3	RACHEL ELIZABETH	1776	SALISBURY ROWAN	NC	3 BRITAIN	
		WILLIAM PENLAND JR	? 1805			3 BRITAIN	
F	4	JEAN	1778	SALISBURY ROWAN	NC	RECORDS	
M	5	GEORGE JR	? JUN 1790	MORGAN DIST 3 BURKE	NC	1850 CENSUS	
		Mary "Polly" ?	? 1802			70 YRS - POLY 73 SON JOHN 45	
F	6	ANN	12 APR 1792	MORGAN DIST 3 BURKE	NC	RECORD	
M	7	ALEXANDER	1284	MORGAN DIST 3 BURKE	NC	1850 CENSUS	
		LUCINDA PENLAND	? ? 1827			ALEX 44 LUCINDA 43	
F	8	UNKNOWN	1828	MORGAN DIST 3 BURKE	NC	RECORDS	
M	9	JAMES	1792	REEMS CREEK BUNCOMBE	NC	RECORDS	
F	10	MATILDA JANE	30 JUN 1799	REEMS CREEK BUNCOMBE	NC		
			31 MAY 1827	BUNCOMBE	NC		
			21 JUN 1841	CIELO	NC		

WILLIAM BRITAIN WESTALL

M 11 WILLIAM LORANZO 05 11 1801 (49 YRS 1850 CENSUS)
 MARY ALEXANDER 24 1832 (24 YRS 1850 CENSUS)

M 12 (MRS) ELIZABETH ROBERTS 1817

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PENLAND FAMILY
By Buford Penland
1995

David Setzer, our reunion host, has asked that I give you a brief Penland Family history. Let me explain that I am merely passing on to you the results of some hard, tedious work by others. First, I want to recognize Blanche Penland Browder for her book, THE PENLAND FAMILY OF NORTH CAROLINA, which covers the years from before the Revolutionary War down to the early years of this century. The book is no longer available, however, somewhere among the Penlands 200 copies exist. Next, we should recognize Elvita Penland Setzer, who created voluminous files on various branches of the family covering the period down to her death in 1992. Much of the data in my Brothers Keeper Computer records came either from Blanche's book or Elvita's files. We should also thank Gordon and Mary Penland for their work, still going on, of publishing our Penland Historical Society Newsletter and especially for their search of pre-Revolutionary war Penland history.

Now, lets talk about our family's history, and especially about the early American Penlands. We believe our European ancestors were the Pentlands of Scotland. Note that there was a "T" in the middle of the name. We don't know if our ancestors came by way of Ireland or directly from Scotland, but probably directly from Scotland. A Nathaniel Pentland was in Lynn Massachusetts prior to 1690. It appears that a John Pentland was an early emigrant to what is now Monmouth County New Jersey, a few miles south of New York City. The area was once known as Old Scotts. The Dutch started settling the East Jersey coast around 1617. The Scots started arriving at Old Scotts around 1625, and were evidently welcomed to settle by the Dutch. The East Jersey Dutch were conquered by the English in 1702, thus, these Scottish people who as Presbyterians had fled the English rule of Charles I, (1625-1642) were again under English rule, but no longer under a Catholic English king.

Some of the colonial Pentland names were Henry, John, Nathaniel, Alexander, George, Thomas, William and James, names which keep appearing down through the years in the Penland family. In the 1730s there was another migration of Penlands, this time from Old Scotts to Eastern Pennsylvania, where tax records list Alexander, John and George. Alexander and John had dropped the T from the spelling of their name.

John Penland who lived from around 1706 to 1781, settled, first in Chester County Pennsylvania, then later in St. Georges 100, an area which later still was made part of northern Delaware, near New Castle. John appears to have been the father of those Penlands, William, Robert and George, who around 1760 moved to North Carolina and of Alexander who moved to Kentucky around 1779. Therefore John is probably the common ancestor of all of us Penlands here today. When those of us who are members of the Penland Historical Society pay our annual dues the form asks that we name our family branch, if known. What is expected is that we put down the name of whichever of these four brothers is our ancestor, William, Robert, Alexander or George.

The first mention of William is when he married Annis Donnal in Chester County PA in 1762. Robert and George appear in the records only after the brothers moved to North Carolina in the mid 1760s. In 1771 the settlers, in what was to become Burke County, petitioned the North Carolina Colonial Government to create a new county from the western part of Rowan County. Of the 144 signatures on that petition, three were Penlands; William, Robert and George.

In one Revolutionary war record William is listed as a lieutenant. He appears to have been active in Burke County political affairs after the war including becoming a Justice of the Peace in 1788. That was an important office in those days. Justices were appointed by the governor. They sat as judges, performed marriages and appointed other county officers. William and Annis' children were John, James, Anna, William, Jr., Jean, Peter, Abraham, George W., Alexander and Margaret. He lived in Burke County until his death in 1815 at age 51.

Robert was one of Colonel McDowell's soldiers at the Battle of Kings Mountain and also fought at Ramsaur's Mill. His name is listed on a marker at the Kings Mountain battle site. According to A. C. Avery's history, 'Presbyterian

Churches at Quaker Meadows and Morganton'. Robert was one

of the first elders of the Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church. He married Elizabeth Brank. Their children were Priscilla, Jean, Elenor, George, Robert, Peter, Leah, Henry, Ruth, and Rachel. He lived in Burke County until his death in 1828 at age 84.

George married Ann Alexander. There were many marriages between the Penlands and the Alexanders. Sometime between 1790 and 1794 George and Ann moved to The Reems Creek area of the newly formed Buncombe County. In the 1800 census George's was the only Penland family listed in Buncombe County. Their children were Robert, Christopher, Rachel,

Ann. Jane. George Jr., Alexander, and William L. George died in Buncombe County in 1829 at age 76.

We know that Alexander's wife was named Mary. We don't know exactly when the family moved to Fleming County Kentucky, but it is known that Alexander fought at the Revolutionary War battle of Blue Licks Kentucky in 1782. Alexander and Mary's children were William, Sarah, James, Nancy, Sabina, Lavina, John, George, and Mary (Polly). Alexander died in Fleming County Kentucky in February, 1814 at the age of 67.

Now, in a brief speech I will not have time to talk about what happened to all those children and their offspring. Therefore, I will choose just a few who I think may have descendants here. Please, forgive me if your favorite ancestor is not included.

William's son John was born November 9, 1764 in Pennsylvania, grew up in Burke County, at age 17 served in a militia company, married Captain Bill Moore's daughter Alice, moved to Buncombe County before 1810, died in 1855 at age 88 and is buried beside his wife Alice in a cemetery very near the Enka High School. A few years ago Glenn Penland, one of John's descendants, showed me John's grave. John's son John Harvey Penland represented Union County Georgia in the legislature in 1849-50 and in 1868-69 and was a member of the Georgia Constitutional Convention in 1865. This is Sue Jones' grandfather.

William's son James was probably born in Burke County and lived there all his life. William Jr. grew up in Burke County, was living in Buncombe County before 1807, but had died before the 1810 census. Peter moved to Buncombe before 1810 probably died around 1840 or 1850. George married Mary Erwin and before the 1820 census the family had moved to Reems Creek in Buncombe County. The Arthur Penland and the Lee Penland families of Clay County are descendants of Williams' son George. Alexander married Elizabeth Gibbs and moved to Preble County, Ohio. He is the ancestor of Gordon Penland who publishes our Penland Historical Society Newsletter.

It is my guess that most of the people here today descend from Robert's son, George. George was born on Canoe Creek in Burke County in 1778. He married Rachel, another of Captain Bill Moore's daughters in 1804. By 1805 they were living in Buncombe County as evidenced by the fact that their oldest daughter, Margaret, was born in Buncombe County in 1805. Before 1812 the family had moved to Fines Creek in Haywood County, where his brother, Robert, had

already settled. Robert had married Mary E. (Polly) Moore, Rachel's sister. In the War of 1812 both George and Robert served under the command of Lieutenant Elijah Dever in Captain John McClure's Company of Detached Militia from Haywood County. In 1820 George bought land in what was to become Otto in Macon County, where he lived until his death in 1877 at age 99.

Robert's youngest son, Henry Penland was born in Burke County in 1786. He married Elizabeth Parks. Some time before 1820, Henry, Elizabeth and their five children had moved to Turkey Creek in Buncombe County where he lived until his death in 1854 at age 68. Henry's descendants became prominent citizens of Buncombe, Yancy and Mitchell Counties. The town of Penland was named for the Yancy County Penlands. The Hyams family, who I hope are here today, descend from Henry.

Now, each of you who descend from William, please raise a hand. If you descend from Robert, please raise a hand. Is there a descendant of Alexander here today? If so, please raise a hand. Are there descendants of George present? Please raise your hands. Thank you.

Now that I have told you about these early American Penlands, what do I wish you to do?

First, I want you to be proud and happy that you descend from such outstanding people. My mother used to say to her children: "Aren't you glad you descend from a church elder, rather than from a horse thief?"

Next, if you have not already done so, I hope you will be inspired to trace your own ancestry back to one of those people discussed here.

Then, I wish you would provide to me Family Work Sheets for your immediate family, for your ancestors and for your children and their families. I will then record that information in my Brother's Keeper computer records and send you copies.

And last, I wish to invite you to join the Penland Historical society.