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&
Allied Families

Dr. Absolem Penland (1808 - 1895)



Buford Penland of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has provided us with a copy of a photo of Dr. Absolem Penland (1808-1895) from the records of his deceased sister, founding member and past president of The Penland Historical Society, Elvita Setzer. Elvita had a note on her copy which stated, "Yancey County, son of Alexander and Elizabeth Gibbs Penland, grandson of William and Anna Donnal Penland."

The information available, so far, on Absolem Penland is very sketchy and some of it may be in question. We need someone familiar with Absolem's lineage to come forward.

Why does he appear in Yancey County, North Carolina, after his parents established a home in Ohio? Was there more than one Absolem during the same time period? Why is Absolem referred to as "Dr." when the 1850 census gives his craft as cabinet maker?

So far, this is for the record:

Absolem was the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Gibbs) Penland. Alexander and his family moved to Preble County, Ohio, about 1809-1810. Absolem, was born Jun 12 1808, Buncombe County, North Car-

olina. He married (1) ARIAN _____? (2) c.1844, m. MARY CAROLINE RAY (b.1828), daughter of Jesse Ray and Rosannah McKinney, and (3) m. ELIZABETH (Cindy) LUCINDA RIDDLE. Wife, Mary C., age 22, Charles A., age 5, Jesse, age 3, and James W. Penland, age 1, were living with Absolum Penland, a cabinet maker, in the 1850 Yancey County, NC, federal census. Absolem was buried June 07 1895, in the Penland Cemetery, Pensacola, Yancey County, North Carolina.

Children of Absolem and Mary Caroline (Ray) Penland:

- 1 CHARLES ALBERT PENLAND b. Apr 23 1845, Yancey Co., NC, m. Dec 31 1868, Yancey Co., NC, to INDIANA DELLINGER. General Pension Index, 1861-1934: A military pension was claimed first by Charles A. Penland; second, by his widow, Indiana Penland. Charles' unit was Company G, 3rd NC Mounted Infantry. State from which filed: North Carolina. No children listed to date.
- 2 JESSE R. PENLAND b. Nov 24 1846, Pensacola Twp., Yancey Co., NC, m. Jan 24 1875, Yancey Co., NC, to MARY LUCRETIA YOUNG b. Jun 08 1857, Yancey Co., NC, d. Mar 13 1931, Yancey Co., NC. In the General Pension Index, 1861-1934: Jesse filed for a military pension in North Carolina. He served in Co. G, 3rd NC Mounted Infantry. He died Oct 21 1931, Yancey Co., NC.
- 3 JAMES WESLEY PENLAND b. Mar 29 1849, Yancey Co., NC, m. (1) Jan 10 1875, Yancey Co., NC, SAMANTHA RAY, (2) c.1870, m. AMANDA PRICE, b. 1855, Rutherford Co., NC, d. Apr 1946, Burnsville, Yancey Co., NC, buried in Family Cemetery, Bolens Creek Church. James died Dec 08 1932, Yancey Co., NC, is buried in Penland Cemetery, Pensacola, Yancey Co., NC. He had seven children; four females, three males.

- 4 JOHN PENLAND b. Oct 09 1850, Pensacola, Yancey Co., NC, m. Jan 16 1879, Yancey Co., NC, ELIZABETH "Lizzie" RAY.
- 5 RACHEL PENLAND b. Jul 19 1851, Yancey Co., NC, m. Nov 02 1873, Yancey Co., NC, ADOLPHUS HENSLEY.
- 6 SARAH LOUISE PENLAND b. Apr 30 1854, Yancey Co., NC, m. Yancey Co., NC, MARCUS CLINGMAN HENSLEY.

Child of Jesse R. Penland and Mary Lucretia Young:

- 1 SAMUEL BARTUS PENLAND b. Nov 2 1879, Yancey Co., NC, d. Jul 3 1950, Yancey Co., NC, m. Jun 02 1898, SALLIE EMMA MAE RAY b. Jan 25 1881, Yancey Co., NC, d. Nov 10 1967, Yancey Co., NC.

Child of Sallie Emma Mae (Ray) and Samuel Bartus Penland:

- 1 RUBY ERNESTINE PENLAND b. Feb 16 1908, Yancey Co., NC, d. Dec 14 1978, Buncombe Co., NC, m. Oct 14 1927, JOE HENRY DELLINGER b. Oct 14 1903, Yancey Co., NC, d. Mar 19 1982, Buncombe Co., NC.

Child of Ruby Ernestine (Penland) and Joe Henry Dellinger:

- 1 THOMAS "Tom" PENLAND DELLINGER b. Nov 27 1933, Buncombe Co., NC, m. Jul 28 1956, NORMA "Nonnie" ELAINE STEEDMAN b. Jan 27 1935, Buncombe Co., NC.

Children of "Nonnie" Elaine (Steedman) and "Tom" Penland Dellinger:

- 1 KELLY ELAINE (DELLINGER) RICE who has two children: JENNIFER ELAINE and ANDREW NEIL RICE.
 - 3 STANLEY "Stan" THOMAS DELLINGER and wife, MARGARET MARIE (HOSKINS) DELLINGER.
- ★ Stan and Margaret expect their first child August 20 1998.

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*Picture from the files of Buford Penland, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Lineage from the files of
Thomas Penland Dellinger, Huntsville, Alabama
Norleen Penland Barta, Olympia Washington*

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PHS S.T.E.P., (Source and Trace Every Penland), PROGRAM

Thanks to PHS members, the first test of this program was a success. New family lines were added to the William Pentland family of Tennessee, and old information was updated. Now it is time to send the program into full swing.

In reviewing earlier PHS bulletins, it is clear that many people have bits and pieces of information that need to be laid on the table and compared with others — because some are not in agreement. That's o.k., because the mission of the STEP program is to try and reconcile these disagreements.

Recently, my father and I went through many of the old PHS bulletins, and using bits of information we constructed a "strawman" Penland family tree. (We concentrated on ancestors born prior to 1900 to keep it more manageable.) Conflicts were identified in areas such as dates, relations of family members, spouses, etc.

Here's what you can do: You should review your research notes and your own "branch" family group sheets and speak up with any comment you have about any branch that is presented.

The plan is to establish a record of "authority" for all verified information so we will know the source of all our facts.

By working together we should be able to get a fairly accurate record of the "roots" from which we all spring...and hopefully discover some missing links!

For now, let's sort out the information on those born prior to 1900. To kick it all off I have attached family group sheets for the earliest known Penland family in America, that of **Henry Pentland** and his son **John Pentland**. If anyone has any new or different information on these family groups, send it in (even if you've sent it in before)! Also, if

you have information about any other Pentlands in America as early (or earlier) than Henry, send it in!

Since I am in the process of moving to Virginia, your point-of-contact for this first important STEP will be the following PHS member (my father):

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All inputs and/or comments should be mailed (or e-mailed) to him

WITH THE SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION, IF KNOWN.

All results will be published in the very next newsletter.

Thanks for your support,
Patrick Penland, PHS STEP Manager

Abraham D. Penland
(c.1791 - ?)
- Another Branch -

"Strawman Penland Family Tree"

HUSBAND: Henry Pentland		
Born:	1623	in:
Married:	1645	in:
Died:	1695	in:
WIFE: Jane	?	
CHILDREN		
1	Name: John Pentland	
	Born: November 28, 1641	in: Edinburgh, Pa Midloth Scottish
M	Married: 1670	in: Edinburgh, Pa Midloth Scot
	Died: June 23, 1719	in: Edinburgh, Pa Midloth Scot
	Spouse: Jean	?
HUSBAND: John Pentland		
Born:	November 28, 1641	in: Edinburgh, Pa Midloth Scot
Married:	1670	in: Edinburgh, Pa Midloth Scot
Died:	June 23, 1719	in: Edinburgh, Pa Midloth Scot
Father:	Henry Pentland	
Mother:	Jane	?
WIFE: Jean	?	

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More information has arrived from a direct descendant on the children of Abraham D. and Frances Elizabeth (Jones) Penland.

Reference PHS bulletin 2, May 1998, page 61, Charles Penland, sixth child of Abraham D. and Frances.

First of all, corrections need to be made regarding the information in the article: His name is Charles T. Penland (last name was spelled P-e-n-d-l-a-n-d in the census), born c.1812 in Buncombe Co., North Carolina, married Elizabeth (unknown maiden name), born c.1810 in Buncombe Co., North Carolina, not Susan Kerr. In the 1850 census Charles and Elizabeth were in Cherokee Co., North Carolina, pg 26, house 344. In the 1860 Federal census they were in Cherokee Co., North Carolina, pg 248, dwelling 1071, Charles T. was listed as a farmer.

Generation 2
Children of Charles T. and Elizabeth Penland:

1 Leander Penland, b. c.1834, Cocke Co., Tennessee. In the 1850 census Leander was a farmer, age 16 years.

"Strawman" Penland Family Tree, *continued from page 110*

CHILDREN			
I	Name: Nathaniel William Pentland Born: 1671		in: Old Scotts, Monmouth, East Jersey
M	Married: 1702 Died: 1741 Spouse: unk, Jonet Lyllie		in: Edinburgh, Pa Midloth Scot in: Monmouth, East Jersey
2	Name: Henry Pentland Born: 1673		in: Monmouth, East Jersey
M	Married: 1698 Died: 1727 Spouse: unknown		in: Monmouth, East Jersey
3	Name: Jean Pentland Born: 1675		
F	Married: 1696 Died: Spouse: Henry Ross		

Abraham D. Penland (c.1791 - ?) - Another Branch -

continued from page 110

- Lorenza D. Penland, b. c.1836, Cocke Co., Tennessee, age 14 years in the 1850 census, married Emaline (unknown maiden name).
- William N. Penland, b. c.1838, Cocke County, Tennessee, age 12 in the 1850 census.
- Francis C. Penland, b. c.1840, Cocke County, Tennessee, age 10 in the 1850 census.
- Solomon W. Penland, b. c.1842, Cocke County, Tennessee, age 8 in the 1850 census.
- Charles Brownlow Penland b. c.1844, Newport, Cocke County, Tennessee, married May 26 1878, in Cocke County, Tennessee, Susan Kerr, who was b. July 15, 1852, in Asheville, Buncombe Co., North Carolina. Charles died about 1880. Susan remarried after Charles' death to John Holland. She and John had no children. Susan died February 1911, Knoxville, Knox Co., Tennessee. Charles is 6 years old in the 1850 census.
- Hiram Jackson Penland, b. c.1847, Cherokee Co., North Carolina, age 3 in the 1850 census.
- Rebecca M. Penland, b. c.1848, Cherokee Co., North Carolina, age 2 in the 1850 census.
- Elizabeth K. Penland, b. c.1849, Cherokee Co., North Carolina.
- Virgil L. Penland, b. c.1851, Cherokee Co., North Carolina, m. Molly (maiden name unknown), b. c.1868.

Generation 3

Children of Charles Brownlow and Susan (Kerr) Penland:

Two known children of this marriage are Theodore W. Penland and Birdella Penland.

- Theodore W. Penland, born February 1879 at Newport, Cocke Co., Tennessee. He married (2) March 04, 1906, Sarah Melissa Runnion at Knoxville, Knox Co., Tennessee. Wife #1 unknown. He died April 11, 1914, in Knoxville, Knox Co., Tennessee. According to an ancestor report from Patricia Lee Penland Owens, Theodore W. had three children, Sarah Melissa had two. Sarah was born October 13, 1880, at Flag Pond, Unicoi, Tennessee. She died August 27, 1943, at Knoxville, Knox Co., Tennessee. Sarah's

Abraham D. Penland
(c.1791 - ?)

parents were Thomas J. Runnion, b. April 16, 1855, in Marshall, Madison Co., North Carolina, who married, June 25, 1873, in Marshall, Madison Co., North Carolina, Nancy B. Verzella Higgins. Nancy was b. February 27, 1855, in Tennessee. Thomas and Nancy died in Tennessee.

2 Birdella Penland (*No information is known about Birdella at this time.*)

Generation 4

Children of Sarah Melissa (Runnion) and Theodore W. Penland: (*Two children are known of this marriage. One is listed here.*)

1 James Walter Penland, b. September 01, 1911, Knoxville, Knox Co., Tennessee, m. April 26, 1930, at Union, Tennessee, Lucille Smith. Lucille was b. November 25, 1909, at Leadvale, Jefferson, Tennessee. James died May 07 1947, at Knoxville, Tennessee. Lucille's parents are Bessie Lee (Moyers) and Charles Porter Smith. Charles was b. September 22, 1877, at Morristown, Hamblen, Tennessee. He m. Bessie, September 13, 1906, at Hamblen, Tennessee. He died January 17, 1949, at Knoxville, Tennessee. Bessie was b. April 15, 1885, Morristown, Hamblen, Tennessee, d. January 17, 1953. Charles died January 17, 1949, at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Generation 5

Children of Lucille (Smith) and James Walter Penland: (*Two daughters are known of this marriage, only one is listed here.*)

1 Patricia Lee Penland, b. March 25, 1946, Knoxville, Knox Co., Tennessee. Patricia m. February 14, 1969, at Knoxville, Tennessee, Mr. Owens.

*Submitted by Patricia Lee (Penland) Owens,
Miami, Florida,
with assistance of census data from
Robert A. Penland,
Soldotna, Alaska*

Absalom Penland (1808-1895) -Corrections & Additions-

Additional information and corrections have been forthcoming since the article on Absalom Penland in PHS bulletin 3, August 1998, page 76.

Many variations of spelling Absalom's first name have been found in early documentation. In the previous article the headline refers to Absolep Penland. According to Thomas Penland Dellinger of

Huntsville, Alabama, who is a direct descendant of Absalom, and who visited the cemetery where Ab is buried, and who had access to the family bible record, found on Ab's tombstone and in the Bible record the name spelled A-b-s-a-l-o-m.

"Dr." Absalom Penland was a cabinet maker, **not** a doctor. This error was made and repeated by mis-reading the 1850 Fed-

eral census on more than one occasion by more than one reader. Under the column, "occupation," Absalom's neighbor, the listing above Absalom's family in the 1850 census, was a cabinet maker and the words, "cabinet maker," were written for the neighbor's occupation. In place of the words, cabinet maker, for Ab's occupation was the abbreviation for "ditto," (meaning "same as above") which was "Do." The "o" in "Do" was not clearly written and could easily be misinterpreted as "Dr." Thus, the error of assuming that Absalom was a doctor. The abbreviation for "doctor" had been penciled in on documents in front of Absalom Penland's name.

According to Harry William Penland of Kansas City, Kansas, **Absalom's birth date is June 01, 1808.** His first wife's name was Cary Arian or Arian Cary. Arian and Absalom had a daughter by the name of Rachel, born March 16, 1835, in New Paris, Preble County, Ohio. She married a Barton.

Preble County Land Records Vol. III 1828-1833 Books 9-13 page 3/7/1832 lists an Absalom and Arian Penland selling land to Alfred Penland so Arian (Cary) must be Absalom's first wife.

On July 13, 1833, land was sold by Caleb and Joseph Wiley of Darke County, Ohio, for \$100.00 to Absalom Penland of Preble County: pt S4 T9 R1. Line - Fletcher Doloff, Race creek. Wit. John Purviance & Thomas Dolloff. Recorded September 10, 1833.

Assistance to correct records by
 Thomas Penland Dellinger,
 Huntsville, Alabama &
 Harry William Penland,
 Kansas City, Kansas.
 1850 Yancey Co., NC census page
 submitted by Mary Penland,
 Littleton, Colorado.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
65	Abraham	Allen	26	7	10			Self Occupied
66	Abigail D		2					
67	Abigail		1					
68	Abraham	Ray	27	11	Thomas		1816	
69	Abraham		2					
70	Abraham		2					
71	Abigail		26	7				
72	Abigail		5					
73	Abraham W. Penland	Thomas	27	11	Thomas		1816	
74	Abraham M		16					
75	William H		7					
76	John W		6					
77	James B		15					
78	James		26	7				
79	James B		1					
80	Stephen M. Penland	Thomas	70	11	Thomas		1816	
81	William A		21		Abraham			Self Occupied
82	John		15		do			
83	Stephen		60	8				
84	John H. Penland	Thomas	25	11	Thomas			
85	Elizabeth		22	7				
86	John A		1					
87	Thomas H. Penland	Thomas	3	11				
88	Joseph	Thomas	27	11	Thomas			
89	William		46	11				
90	John A		30					
91	Mary B		10					
92	William B		24	11	Bedford Penland			
93	James B		19	7				
94	Henry B		22	11	Bedford Penland			
95	John B. Penland	do	37		do		1816	
96	Charles		6					
97	Abigail		3					
98	Abigail W		1					
99	John W		20	11				
100	William B		20	11				

Descendants of Rachel Elizabeth (c.1776) & William Penland (1767-1809)

1 William Penland b. Apr 1767 d. 1809. Parents are **William and Annis (Donnal) Penland**.

William married c.1791, **Rachel Elizabeth Penland** b. c.1776. Rachel's parents are **George and Ann (Alexander) Penland**.

William owned land in Burke County in 1793, and in Buncombe County in 1809. His widow, Rachel, is in the 1810 census. Reference "Land records 1789-1808, Burke County, NC." Land Records, 1809, Buncombe County, Book B, page 212. MCPOS- Jan, page 468, April, page 475. 1810 Buncombe County. MCPOS- April 1812, Buncombe County, NC.

William Penland "was an educated man, as evidenced by the inventory of his rather meager estate, in which are listed one writing desk, one dictionary, and twelve books."

There is a transfer of property on record, March 27, 1833, from Elizabeth Casey, Anthony Casey, Hugh Harvey Penland and Noble A. Penland, indicating that the mother, Elizabeth, had remarried. (From Buncombe County court and deed records.)

PHS bulletin book 2, part 1, 1991, pg 18, is a corrected Group Sheet changing date of death to 1809.

.....**2 Noble Alexander Penland, Sr.** b. 1792,

married Jun 09 1826, **Jane Everett** b. c.1800.

The 1830 Jackson County, Alabama census index shows Noble A. Penland, page 137, W. of 4T. The 1840, Walker County, Alabama census index shows Noble A. Penland, page 284, NTL. There is one white male age 0-5, one white male age 10-15, and one white male age 30-40, (Noble A). There is one white female age 0-5, one white female age 5-10, one white female age 15-20, and one white female age 30-40, (Jane).

According to Leslie Gray of Kingsport, Tennessee, "Noble was a Justice of the Peace (1844-1846) and a Constable (1847) in Fayette County, Alabama. According to family lore, he took Samuel James and Clarissa Westall to Alabama to the Presbyterian College where he taught in order for them to be educated. Several letters referring to their time at college exist. According to Julia Westall Wolfe, Noble was a Presbyterian minister who was president of a college somewhere near Birmingham, Alabama. After his sister, Matilda, died he educated her children, Samuel James and Clarissa Westall."

The 15th div., Fayette County, Alabama, 1850 census dated Oct 30, 1850, page 59, family 71, shows: Noble A. Penland, age 58, white, farmer, born in North Carolina; Jane Penland, age 50, white, born in Tennessee. Robert Penland, age 21, white, farmer, born in Alabama, Sarah Penland, age 18, white, in school, born in Alabama; Matilda Penland, age 16, white, in school, born in Alabama; Noble A. Penland, age 12, white, in school, born in Alabama.

The 1850, Franklin County, Alabama census index shows N. A. Pendland, with a slave schedule, page 197. That same census shows another N. A. Penland, page 199. (Two N. A. Pendlands in Franklin County, Alabama??) The 1860 census shows a Noble A. Pendland in the 10th Division, Greene County, Tennessee, page 325. Another Noble Penland is in District 5, Hamilton County, Tennessee, page 38.

.....**3 Robert Penland** b. c.1829

October 30, 1850 Federal census of Fayette County, Alabama, 15th div., family 71, page 59 shows Robert living with his father, mother and siblings, age 21, farmer, born in Alabama.

.....**3 Sarah Penland** b. c.1832

.....**3 Matilda Penland** b. c.1834

.....**3 Noble A. Penland, Jr.** b. c.1838 married c.1853 **Elizabeth** ___? b. c.1822

.....**4 Samuel Penland** b. c.1854

.....**4 Eliza Penland** b. c.1857

.....**4 Susannah Penland** b. c.1859

.....**2 Matilda Jane Penland** b. Jun 30 1799 d. Jun 21 1841,

married May 31 1827, **William Brittain Westall Sr.** b. Nov 15 1805 d. Nov 22 1882.

William's mother was **Mary Brittain** and his first wife was **Eliza Madelyn Angel**.

Quoted from Richard Walser in "The Thomas Wolfe Review" (1984). Walser said that "Matilda Penland came from one of the most progenitive and ubiquitous families in the mountains." Another writer described her as a "good woman, a good Presbyterian who sent her children to Sunday School." According to Julia Westall Wolfe, Matilda is buried in an unmarked grave in Vance Cemetery, Weaverville, North Carolina.

.....**3 Caroline Westall**

Caroline, the illegitimate child of William B. Westall, was raised by Matilda as one of her own. Caroline was born before Matilda's children.

.....**3 Samuel James Westall** b. Sep 26 1828 d. Nov 14 1897

married Jan 31 1853, **Naomi Angelina Horton** b. Dec 10 1832 d. Mar 1913.

Parents of Naomi are **Mary Ann (Young)** and **Col. Nathan Horton**. Samuel is listed in the 1850 census as a 22-year-old hatter with a 16-year-old wife, Naomi A.

.....**4 Mary Matilda Westall** b. Oct 05 1850

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