

Migrations of Gentry's
Family originated from England
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Uprising in Jamestown, VA

29 January 1677

Nicholas & Samuel Gentry, arrive in America as two Redcoats in a British regiment with the fleet to quell Bacon's Rebellion, but General Nathaniel Bacon, Jr. had already died and peace was quickly made. In ca. 1683 the Gentry brothers were discharged & chose to stay in VA.

Nicholas came to VA as a British soldier with the regiment which landed at Jamestown in 29 January 1677, sent over by the King to quell the Bacon rebellion. He entered land in New Kent Co., VA prior to October 21, 1684. After Hanover Co., was cut off from New Kent Co., in 1720, the Parish Records of St. Paul's Parish of Hanover show that Nicholas Gentry lived in that county. Sent from England with brother Samuel as Redcoats "British Marines" to quell Bacon's Rebellion, 1677. Landed in Jamestown, VA 29 January 1677. They were discharged in the Fall of 1683. Granted land for their service on Totopotomoy's Creek on the South side of the York River in Kent Co., VA, just east of present day Richmond.

21 October 1684

Samuel patented 200 acres in New Kent Co. on the south side of the York River on Totopotomoy's Creek adjoining his brother, Nicholas property. This is now in the south-western end of Hanover Co. to the north-west of Richmond and north of I-64, St. Pauls Parish and formerly in St. Peters. Probably on the South Anna River, now west of Rockville. Their children and grandchildren stayed here and spread into Louisa Co., which was cut from the western end of Hanover Co. and even into Albemarle Co. to the west.

ca. 1750

About 1750, during the French and Indian War, some Gentry families settled in Lunenburg Co., to the south and on the North Carolina border, and later Halifax Co., North Carolina, and South Carolina. 1750 was about the time Robert Gentry I, s/o Nicholas & Mary (Brooks) Gentry II, married, Judith Joyner, in Albemarle and had a family.

ca. 1776-1784

This was the time period of the Revolutionary War. Robert Gentry I took his family 340 miles west to what is now Jefferson Co., TN, four miles east of Dandridge and close to I-40 Interstate. It was thought that it was Virginia but later found to belong to North Carolina, which caused much confusion especially with land deeds. After the Revolutionary War, North Carolina granted deeds to her veterans for land which had already been granted by Virginia and which people were already living on.

Robert Gentry I, was born in Hanover Co., VA about 1730; married Judith Joyner, daughter of Philip Joyner of Albemarle C., VA. In 1776 Robert Gentry conveyed 234 acres of land on which he lived in Albemarle, VA to John Woodson, in which his wife Judith joined. He is described as a planter of the parish. The Will of Philip Joyner dated February 19, 1761, names, among other legatees, his grandsons Charles and Jesse Gentry, giving each of them 200 acres of land, and names his granddaughters, Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary. The land on which the Virginia University stands is a part of this legacy. He moved to Tennessee and settled on the north side of the French Broad River, 4 miles east of Dandridge, Jefferson Co., Tennessee, in 1783. He married second wife Rachel West, in Tennessee, November 13, 1804. She had no children. "Ramsey's History of Tennessee," page 277, mentions Robert Gentry among the first settlers in Jefferson Co., Tennessee in 1783. Robert Gentry, four miles above Dandridge, Tennessee.

ca. 1803

Bartlett Gentry, s/o Robert I & Judith (Joyner) Gentry I, moved to White Co., Tennessee, 18 miles from Sparta, which became known as A-1 and the Mine Lick area and in 1855 became Putnam Co., Tennessee. The town of Baxter was founded about 1890 when the railroad was built. Bartlett Gentry md Elizabeth Whitman and had a large family, their son Robert Gentry II md Nancy Harris.

Bartlett Gentry born in Albemarle Co., VA about 1761. He emigrated to Tennessee with his father, who was one of the first settlers of Jefferson Co., TN in 1783. He raised his family in White Co., TN about 18 miles from Sparta, and in his old age he moved to Alabama with some of his children, and died near Belfant in that state.

ca. 1817

d/o Robert II & Nancy (Harris) Gentry was Elizabeth Gentry –
b. 14 December 1817, Jackson Co., TN -
d. 29 January 1897, Putnam Co., TN –
md Aden (Aiden) S. Henley (Hendley)

* See Aden (Aiden) S. Henley (Hendley)– Chapter 7 for complete family listing.