THE DESCENDANTS OF JONAS AND FRANCES MEADOR

OF

ESSEX, CAROLINE AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES, VIRGINIA

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PREFACE: II This manuscript is a sequel to the brochure published in 1965 entitled "THE MEADOR LINEAGE OF JULIA ANN MEADOR, 1630-1874.

While the above captioned book deals with the direct descent of Julia Ann Meador from Jessee Meador the son of Jonas and Frances Meador, this issue is primarily with the siblings of Jesse Meador, and their issue.

It is being presented in narrative form, better to furnish some family history, along with genealogical data contained herein. Included are a name index and source of material.

INTRODUCTION: III - In our research for the publication in 1965 of the MEADOR LINEAGE OF JULIA ANN MEADOR, a considerable amount of material was found, and continues to develop, on collateral members of the Meador/Meadow family. This data developed in many forms, not only in direct research by the author and other Genealogists, the loan of work sheets already developed by some member of the clan, but also in no small part from many others tracing their individual lines and freely exchanging notes with us.

The compiler feels that some of this accumulation may prove of use and time saving to others researching various branches of Meador lineage. This book is therefore an attempt to sort the material in our files, bringing the connected lines together as far as possible under one cover, to be more readily available for those interested.

It should be clearly understood that the information as tabulated herein, is such as exists in our present files with no attempt made to search in depth any of the Collaterals of Julia Ann Meador. No attempt has been made to extend any of the descendants herein to nearer present generations. There is other dis-connected Meador material in our files, not of the direct line of Jonas – Frances Meador.

IV: We are presenting information, gleaned from a large mass of records, covering many years of study of the direct line, ascending and descending, of our paternal grandmother, JULIA ANN MEADOR, the wife of ROBERT C. NUNNALLY.

By Major Perkins Nunnally "Nine Oaks", Pine Bluff, Arkansas June 5th, 1968

Note: E-mail to Audrey J. Lambert (Aug. 2008). I have just viewed *The Descendants of Jonas and Frances Meador of Essex, Caroline and Cumberland Counties, Virginia* that you have posted on-line. My grandfather, **Emmett James Jenkins, assisted Major Perkins Nunnally as he researched the information for the brochure compiled in the late 1960s as documented in the early manuscript.** My grandfather had a wonderful memory to his dying day. He died shortly after Mr. Nunnally had the brochure printed and never saw it. Mr. Nunnally, not knowing my grandfather had passed away, mailed him a copy. My uncle gave it to me knowing my interest in family history that Grandpa instilled in me.

Thank you for the additional information in this up-dated version.

Gail McClure



Pictured left:

Emmett James and Lucy Blackwell Jenkins. This picture was probably taken around 1915.

Picture courtesy of Gail McClure. Emmett James and Lucy Blackwell Jenkins are Gail's grandparents.

Gail McClure's lineage:

Jesse Meador Sr. - Jesse Meador, Jr. - Albert Burley Meador - Emily Jane Meador Jenkins (great grandmother)- Emmett James Jenkins (grandfather)- Lucy Mae Jenkins Mahone (mother).

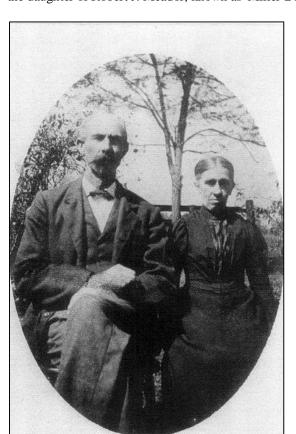
Jesse Meador Sr. was the son of Jonas and Frances Meador.

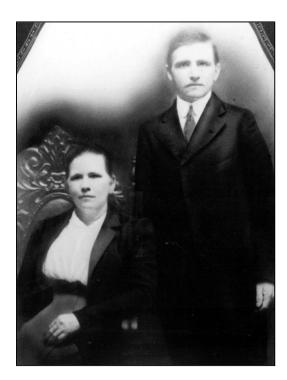


Mary Ann Meador Blackwell and her son William. He was killed in WWI, so this picture was taken in the early 1900s.

Picture courtesy of Gail McClure. Gail is related through her grandmother's side too.

My grandmother, the mother of Lucy Mae was Lucy Lawrence Blackwell Jenkins. Her mother was Mary Ann Meador Blackwell the daughter of Robert J. Meador, known as 'Miller Bob'.





Pictured left: Courtesy of Gail McClure.

Albert Burley and Emily Jane Meador Jenkins (my great grandparents). I am not sure when the photo was taken. He died 10 July 1921.

CHAPTER I JONAS MEADOR AND FRANCES MEADOR, his wife.

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JONAS MEADOR¹ was the son of John Meador Sr. and his second wife, name unknown, and was born in Essex County, Virginia circa 1696 – 1700. Jonas was the grandson of Thomas Meador Jr. and great grandson of Thomas Meador Sr. both also of Virginia.

John, the father of Jonas, was born about 1650 – 1655 in Lancaster, later Rapahannock, and still later known as Essex County, Virginia. In 1677 he married Elizabeth White ¹ the daughter of Richard White. Elizabeth² died 1693 – 1694 being survived by her husband and sons: John (Jr,); Richard; Thomas and Hope. Her daughters: Esther, Rachel and Elizabeth.

John Meador, Sr. remarried 1695 – 1697, his wife presently unknown. At his death³ in Essex County in 1721, children named in his will are: first marriage, son Thomas; daughters Rachel Jordan; Elizabeth Armstrong and Diniah (Esther) Tribble. From the last marriage: Sons, Jonas; Jog; Joshua and Jason; daughter Mary.

It is most interesting to note the beginning in the last marriage, the naming of sons with Biblical names, beginning

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with letter "J".

From the will of John, Sr. the father of Jonas, and other Court records⁴, we know that in 1721 Jonas was of legal age, and sons Job and Jason were not, and that Jason and Joshua were under age seventeen, and may have been fourteen or less. At this time the wife of John, Sr., the mother of Jonas was dead, and by terms of John's will, the two youngest sons were to become of age at seventeen, and (their oldest full brother) Jonas, was to look after them for three years.

This establishes birth of Job, Joshua and Jason as after 1704, all probably in period 1704 – 1709.

About the time of the death of John in 1721, or perhaps several years prior, Jonas married Frances.....(last name may have been Hudgens). All of their children, with the possible exception of Jesse the youngest, were born in the Essex, - Caroline County area of Virginia.

In the early 1740's, the children of Jonas – Frances, along with some or all of the younger brothers of Jonas, moved Westward into Amelia and what was later to become the Cumberland and Prince Edward County section. We know that at least two of the sons of Jonas were living in the

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Cumberland area, prior to 1750.

In May 1749, Jonas Meador then of Caroline County, Virginia, purchases 200 acres in Cumberland County, but sold it in June of the following year. In December 1751, he bought another 200 acres and moved at this time to the Cumberland area, where he remained until his death⁵ in 1768. From the purchase in 1751, Jonas acquired additional acreage, never selling any, owning at his death 630 acres. His land was on head of Deep Creek, and head of Muddy Creek. Deep Creek rises approximately three miles North by East from the County seat, flows East into Powhatan County, thence North into the James River at Rock Castle, VA. Muddy Creek rises five to six miles North East, flows N.W. into Powhatan, thence North by West to form the extreme North – East boundary of Cumberland, before emptying into the James River near Cartersville.

It is therefore definitely established that the acreage of the first Jonas and wife Frances, located in the area three to six miles North East of Cumberland Court House. A century later, some of the Meador holdings in this same locality, was received as a gift by Julia Ann Meador, from her father also named Jonas Meador, a great grandson of the original Jonas. It is believed that some of the land given Julia Ann Meador, may have originally been a part of her great-great grandfathers estate, thru son Jesse, grandson William to Jonas the father of Julia Ann.

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Before continuing with the Children of Jonas and Frances Meador, some comments on the Brothers of Jonas may be of interest.

Luneburg County, Virginia in the early 1750's, embraced the present Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick, Franklin, Bedford, Campbell and Appomattox. "SUNLIGHT ON THE SOUTHSIDE – LUNENBURG COUNTY", by Bell, tabulates: John Phelp's list, year 1750, p. 153 as having three tithes; JASON MEADOWS, Lewis Meadows & Jason Meadows, Jr. Captain Clynch list, 1752 p. 207 Job Meador, two tithes; and on tithe Joel Meador (son of Jonas – Frances).

In 1750 – 1752 Jason (Sr.) and Job, the younger brothers of Jonas, all sons of John of Essex, were 40-48 years of age. They are probably the family group around which the sons of Jonas and Frances, and related Meador/Meadows began to settle in what was to be Bedford – Franklin Counties. They were to shortly be the vanguard of a family movement into Anson County, NC.

From Bedford Deed Book records⁴¹ we known that prior to 8 September 1761 Job was then a resident of Anson County, NC Zilphia Meadows of this county who in 1761 married Thomas Huntley (RWS Continental Line) may have been the daughter of Job Meador/Meadow, as he apparently was the earliest Meador arrival in this area.

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DAR members #459700 and #531709 indicate on their application papers that Zilphia Meadows was born in 1747 in Bladen County (changed to Anson County NC in 1749). In 1761 as resident of Anson County she married Thomas Huntley of same County. Since Job Meador was then a resident of Anson County, a daughter could in later years been supposed to have been born here. In view of the movements of Job and in the absence of records, this may have been a natural presumption.

Also in September 1761⁴⁹ Jason Meador (Sr.) and wife Elizabeth sell their land in Bedford and with family are believed to have joined brother Job in Anson NC. His family was Lewis his oldest son born 1729-1733; Jason, Jr. born 1730-1734; Job born after 1734; daughter Mariah. Probably grand children Drucilla; Marion and Thomas. The will of Jason, Sr. is dated 3 March 1774⁵⁰ and names the above as well as wife Elizabeth. A witness was brother Job.

Land grants in Anson County for Jason, Sr.; Lewis; Jason, Jr., and Job are dated 1769 and 1770. A petition to the Governor dated 1770 reference moving County Court, was signed by Jason, Sr., Lewis, Jason, R., and Thomas.

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Some twenty five or thirty years ago, a researcher gave wide circulation of a copy of a will⁵ of Jonas Meador dated 5th May 1768, probated 23 August 1768. This will as incorrectly copied, has been the source of much confusion among later Genealogists, as it listed a son named JACOB, who could not be traced. Rechecking of the original will filed with the Cumberland Court, develops that the name of the son is not

JACOB but JOAB. This is also in conformity with the listing of children in the will ⁶ of Frances, widow of Jonas Meador.

The will of Jonas covers in part, only four of his sons and neither of his daughters. A life interest in the personal estate to Frances; 200 acres to his son Jesey after the death of Frances is provided, along with the disposition of several slaves. We know from records in Cumberland Deed Books, that under the law of Primogeniture, 430 remaining acres passed to Joel the oldest son, then a resident of Bedford County, Virginia. Within a very few months, in November of 1768 Joel sold part of the land, 230 acres on Muddy Creek to his mother Frances, who at that time was living on the 200 acre parcel acquired in 1752 from John Johnson. This was the land left to Jesse, subject to life interest of Frances. The other 200 acres on Deep creek, adjoined the foregoing

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200 acres on which Jonas and Frances were living at time of death of Jonas. This was the original 200 acres acquired in 1751 from Henry Hatcher. Joel sold this section to brother Jesse in August of 1769. 48

It is interesting to note that Frances sold the 230 acres to James Hudgens, Christmas 1770 at one half the cost she paid Joel. We can only speculate as to the family connection of James Hudgens. He may have been a younger brother or a nephew of Frances; or the husband of one of the daughters of Jonas, Jr., who at this time appears to have been assisting his mother Frances, in management of her business operations.

We should note that at this time Jesse, or Jesey as he is called in his father's will, was only nineteen or twenty years of age, but apparently had started farming operations on a separate tract, the original land on which Jonas – Frances located in 1751, when becoming permanent residents of Cumberland County. Jesse Meador most probably married prior to age twenty-one.

The above mentioned will of Jonas mentioned only sons: Jesey, John, Jehu and Joab. Actually living at the time were sons: Joel, Jonas, Josiah, Jehu, Joab and Jesey; also daughters Mary and Frances. Sons not mentioned are seen to be Joel, Jonas (Jr) and Josiah.

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The will⁶ of Frances, widow of Jonas (Sr) was executed in 1774 shortly after death of son Jonas (Jr), and six years prior to probate in 1780. She names all of her living children, apparently in order of birth. They are Joel Meador; Mary Meador Holland; Frances Meador Holloway; John, Josiah, Jehu, Joab and Jesse Meador. Also included are two granddaughters, Anne and Rosenet Meador. Rosenet is rendered several different ways in various records, as: Roseneath, Rosanna and Roshannah. She was the daughter of Jesse and Martha Meador, and later married William Bates. Anne was the daughter of Jonas, Jr. and Mary Holloway. Mary Meador was the wife of Peter Holland, and Frances Meador was the wife of James Holloway, brother of Mary who married Jonas Meador, Jr.

Jonas Meador the son of Jonas and Frances, who is being shown herein as Junior, died in Cumberland during October 1773, prior to execution of the will of Frances, widow of Jonas (Sr.), 17 August 1774. The date of death of Jonas, Jr. has been established by the recent discovery by Mrs. M. S. Sommerfeld of Baltimore, Maryland, in non-indexed Cumberland County records. This will be covered in later Chapter of this book, covering JONAS MEADOR, JR. For the record here, this non-cupative will is recorded in Order Book 1772 – 1773 p. 492.....22 November 1773.

While the majority of the sons of Jonas and Frances were too old to serve in the Revolutionary Forces, the youngest

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Jesse, served both in the State Militia & on "The Committee of Safety." Several of the other brothers are recorded as having furnished supplies to the American Forces & and a number of their sons served in the VA Militia.

Jesse was among the first volunteers, enlisting 17 October 1775 under Captain Joseph Carrington in "The Minute Men" Amelia District, Cumberland County. 8 & 9

Jesse is listed in the DAR Patriot Index published in 1966. There are several descendants of Jesse Meador in the DAR, on his record.

The children of Jonas Meador and Frances his wife, to be considered in more detail in following chapters, are:

- 1. Joel
- 2. Mary
- 3. Frances
- 4. Jonas (Jr.)
- 5. John
- 6. Josiah
- 7. Jehu
- 8. Joab
- 9. Jesse

Of these sons, Jonas, Jr., Jehu and Jesse continued to reside in Cumberland County, Virginia, until their death. The others over varying periods, moved first into Bedford or Franklin County, Virginia, establishing permanent residence. Several may have moved to Tennessee, the Carolinas and other Southern States. They joined relatives who

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may have preceded them, and were followed by Kin of the same family name from Amelia, Cumberland, and Prince Edward Counties and the same general area. Later there was a fairly rapid movement of some of the grandchildren of Jonas – Frances, their relatives and neighbors, into North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Some journeyed North and West into Missouri and North East Texas. Their descendants are to be found in these areas today.

Before passing to a consideration of the history of the individual children, for the benefit of other researchers, we mention the fact that the land transactions in Cumberland County prior to the Revolutionary period, involving JONAS MEADOR appear very confusing. As the same period of time is involved, most Genealogists assume that there is only one Jonas, sometimes called Jonas, Sr., sometimes Jr., and at times using no suffix after the name. There are actually two and only two: Jonas who might be called Senior and wife Frances; their son Jonas (Jr.) and his wife Mary.

We have been able to allocate the various parcels accurately, we believe by considering the following: Description and location of land, considering the bounds and neighbors, their appearance on various documents as witnesses etc., Jonas and Frances always sign by "Mark", Jonas, Jr. is literate and always affixes his name; Mary sings by "Mark". The suffix Senior or Junior must be ignored, as it is some-

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times used, often omitted, and used interchangeably for the same Jonas. Quite frequently it is impossible, on a blown up copy, to determine if the Clerk was indicating Senior or Junior.

It should be noted, on the subject of this name Jonas, that at least four of the sons of Jones – Frances, named a son Jonas. In the early 1800's we have four or more first cousins in the same general age bracket,

bearing the name JONAS MEADOR. It is often most difficult, without the most careful study, to identify one particular Jonas.

CHAPTER III JOEL MEADOR

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Joel Meador born ca. 1720 – 1725, was apparently in Cumberland in 1749, when the County was formed from Goochland. He was married prior to 25 November 1750, when he and wife Susannah¹⁰ sold 200 acres of land to one Robert Smith. This land bounded among others, Peter Holland, Jr., husband of Mary Meador, the sister of Joel. It is also interesting to not that several months prior, in the same year, Jonas and Frances, father and mother of Joel Meador sold 200 acres to Peter Holland, Jr., probably about the time daughter Mary and Peter were married.

Indications are that about time of sale, Joel and Susannah were heading for, or toward Bedford County (Lunenburg) as list of tithes for 1752 show them in this area. As previously mentioned, this is found in "SUNLIGHT ON THE SOUTHSIDE" YEAR 1752, PG. 207, Captain Clynch's list, JOEL MEADOR one tithe.

In 1757¹¹ Joel Meador purchased 320 acres from Matthew Talbott. On 26 September 1760 he patented 400 acres on both sides of Indian Creek. There are a number of other land sales involving Joel both as Grantor and ______. He became a large land owner, an influential _____

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citizen of Bedford (later Franklin) County. In 1770 he was named Justice of the Peace. 15

As a Patriot, he furnished at least three sons to fight in the Revolution for the cause of Freedom.

Joel spent the remainder of his days in Bedford County. At his death he disposed of 1668 acres between his eight sons. His will¹³ was executed 30 November 1788 and was not probated until 1804, although family records place his death as 1798.

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Susannah the widow of Joel died Jan/Feb 1818. Her will was executed 20 January 1818 and proved 2 February, 1818.

In order named in the will of Joel, sons are:

- 1. Jesse born 1750, died prior 1818.
- 2. John
- 3. Jonas (RWS) born 2/3/1758
- Joel, Jr. (RWS) born Bedfore County 3/8/1760, married 6/16/1780 Sally.....; he died Smith Co., TN 4/7/1834
- 5. Isham born in Bedford County near Lynchburg, VA, 3/20/1762; married 1st 11/25/1782 Biddy or Betty Bradshaw in Bedford; 2nd 5/9/1817 Mrs. Martha Sullivan in Smith Co., TN. He died in Smith Co., TN 3/2/1840. Isham was also RWS.
- 6. Job born in Franklin Co., 1764, married 11/17/1785, Patty Wood of Franklin.
- 7. James also born Franklin Co., 1774, married 10/10/1797, Mary Divers of Bedford. He died 10/11/1854.
- 8. Joseph married 4/23/1794, Sally Divers sister of Mary and daughter of John Divers who died Franklin Co., 1800. 40 Joseph died Franklin 1833.

The daughters are:

1. Mary prior to 1788 married John Herd (Hurd). She died before 1818.

- 2. Frances married.....Simmons
- 3. Susannah married William Martin of Bedfore 12/8/1782.
- 4. Anna (Hannah) married Thomas Simmons 2/3/1785.
- 5. Rhoda married Hezekiah Blankenship 2/28/1791.
- 6. Milla married......Claiborn (Cleburne, Clyborn).

It will be noted that Joel (Sr.) the oldest son and Susannah followed the practice of his grandfather and father, of using the Biblical "J" for the naming of sons.

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In considering the name Isham, Ira and others beginning with the present usage of "I" it must be remembered that in that period "J" and "I" were used interchangeably.

As mentioned in foregoing, three or more sons of Joel and Susannah, served in the Virginia Militia. A portion of their services were together. The Military Records of Jonas, Joel, Jr. and Isham are in the National Archives and also in the Court Records of Smith County, Tennessee. Those brothers as well as members of connecting families, moved from Franklin County, Virginia, to Smith (Macon) County, Tennessee, during the period 1800-1810. There was a continuing movement of families between Southwest Virginia and to North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia in this period, searching for less crowded and more fertile pastures, on which to locate. Bounty land for war service, also entered into the changing locations.

Before continuing with issue of Joel, sr. and Susannah, it is to be remembered that prior to and concurrently with the above Joel there was a older Joel in the Amelia – Cumberland area. This older Joel was granted 344 acres in Amelia in 1736 between Stocks and Sandy Creeks. He patented additional land in Amelia 30 July 1742¹⁴. He died in Raleigh Parish, Amelia County in 1774⁴², being survived by a second wife Agnes, and five children; a son Joel by former marriage by Agnes, two sons Archer and Anderson,

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two daughters Patty and Nancy Meador.

The lineage of this Joel is not established. It appears that he was born prior to 1715 and could not have been a posthumous son of John who died 1721, nor son of Jonas or his younger brothers. He may have been the son of Thomas the half brother of Jonas, but we have no basis for this, other than supposition.

Our records do reveal that Joel (Jr.) son of above Joel married⁴³ Mary......; Anderson⁴⁴ married 11/25/1790 Lucy Pollard; Patty (Martha) married⁴⁵ 11/22/1792 John Johnson; Nancy⁴⁵ married 1/6/1795 Benjamin Woosley.

Joel, Jr. who married Mary...died in Prince Edward County, VA, April – June 1806 according to his will⁴³ and was survived by wife Mary and eleven children, viz:

- 1. Isaac
- Sally
- 3. Rosannah⁴⁵ married 1793 William Nabours
- 4. Polly
- 5. Joel
- 6. Lythe⁴⁵ married 1801 David Coffee
- 7. Nancy
- 8. Joab
- 9. Judith⁴⁵ married 1806 Pleasant Coffee
- 10. Jason or Juson
- 11. Mary Magadeline

JESSE; JOHN; JOB; JAMES AND JOSEPH; sons of Joel and Susannah Meador.

Other than data shown on page 14, our records of these five brothers are fragmentary.

JONAS; JOEL, JR. and ISHAM; 9,16,17 Sons of Joel and Susannah Meador.

We have previously noted that these brothers were in the Virginia Militia during the Revolution, also that their records of war service are in the National Archives at Washington D.C. This material includes some of the kindred and marriages. Additional details are to be found in Vol. 4 pp. 131-137 'COLLECTION OF VIRGINIA FAMILIES" – Boddie. This data must be used with caution, as some errors are believed to exist in certain portions of the Meador line.

JONAS MEADOR, above. National Archives R- 7081.

Our files have no details of descendants.

JOEL MEADOR, Jr., National Archives W – 7445.

Was born in Bedford County, Virginia, 8 March 1760 and died in Smith County, Tennessee 7 April 1834. He was married in Bedford 13 June 1780 to Sally.....who was born about 1763 and died after 1840. In the Court Records

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of Smith County on 15 May 1838, Sally states that she and Joel were residents of Illinois for a period.

The issue of Joel, Jr., and Sally:

- 1. Ann born August 1781
- 2. Lydia married in Franklin County 5/19/1801 to John Best
- 3. Jeptha
- 4. Millie
- 5. Sally
- 6. Bennett
- 7. Bannister born 1796, married 7/28/1828 Marian King
- 8. Joseph Joel (called Joseph) born 1795, died after 1850 in Wayne County, Missouri
- 9. Ruth born 6/23/1799

JOSEPH JOEL MEADOR #8 above, son of Joel, Jr., and Sally: His first wife is not definitely established but believed to be Frances Dudley of Franklin whom he married 23 August 1827, by whom he had two sons. The first son name unknown; the second R. L. Meador, married Barthenia.....

The second wife of Joseph Joel, whom he married in Sumner County, Tennessee ca. 1830 was Amy Cowden the daughter of William Cowden, Jr. of Franklin County, VA. Her mother was Lucy Keen daughter of Edward (Edmund) Keen of Franklin. Amy was born in 1803 and died in 1888 in Wayne County, MO.

The children of Joseph J. and Amy Cowden are:

- 1. Job A. born 1831
- 2. Mary I. born 1834 married Frank Montgomery
- 3. Matilda born 1836 married....Bennett
- 4. Joel Alexander born 3/13/1845 married 5/25/1865 Mary Anna Jidwell, both born in Wayne County, Missouri.

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Joel Alexander Meador #4 above, born in Wayne County, MO, was a private in the Union Army, in the War for States Rights. He died 6/28/1904 in Fisher, Louisiana. His wife Mary A. Jidwell a resident of Wayne County, Missouri at time of marriage, was born in Johnson County, Tennessee 5/15/1846, and died in Wayne County 7/22/1924. She was the daughter of Gatesy Heath and William Jidwell.

Joel Alexander Meador was a Baptist Preacher and for a period resided at Piedmont, Missouri.

The issue of Joel Alexander and Mary A. Meador:9

- 1. Emma C. born 3/19/1866 married Mack Duncan.
- 2. Nettie C. born 2/14/1868 married Ben Comer.
- 3. Mary L. C. born 9/29/1870 married William Clarkson.
- 4. Matilda E. born 11/25/1872 married Marion C. Harty.
- 5. Eva I. born 12/17/1873 married.....Smith.
- 6. Alice J. born 6/27/1877 died as infant.
- 7. Sarah Anna born 5/14/1878 married Fred McShee.
- 8. Asa A. born 11/22/1880 died as infant.
- 9. William Clayton born 9/26/1884 married Mattye Mae....

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ISHAM MEADOR³⁴ National Archives W – 25697.

The son of Joel Meador, Sr. and Susannah, was born in Bedford County, Virginia 20 March 1762^{9 & 18} His first wife was Beddy (Bitty or Betty) Bradshaw of Bedford, and they were married 2 November 1782. She died ca. 1812 – 1815. The second wife of Isham was a widow, Martha Sullivan of Smith County, Tennessee, whom he married on 9 May 1817. He died in Smith County 2 March 1840, and his widow Martha after 8 September 1855. There appears to be no issue from this second marriage.

The known children from the first marriage of Isham and Beddy are: Jobe, born 1785³⁴ born 1799; Peter and Eli. Other sons may have been William and Ambrose.

Mr. Edgar E. Weston, presently of Copan, Oklahoma, formerly of Barry County, Missouri, furnishes some family history of Eli, son of Isham and Beddy;

Eli was born in Bedford County, Virginia in 1789 and moved with his father and family to Smith County, Tennessee, where he married 31 August 1807 Sarah Turner. Sarah was also born in 1789. After their marriage Eli and Sarah purchased land on Drakes Creek in Sumner County.

During the War of 1812 Eli served in the Tennessee Militia.

About 1840, Eli and family moved to Allen County, KY, near present Meadorsville, where Eli died 10 January 1847. In 1870 at age 81 his widow Sarah was still living in Allen County, but died soon thereafter.

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One of the sons of Eli and Sarah was Nathaniel, born in Sumner County, Tennessee 18 September 1818. He married 25 September 1837 Katherine Purdue of same County. In 1846 they also moved to Allen County, KY, and in 1847 joined with several other families and traveled by river boat to Jackson County, MO. When the severe winter was over, Nathaniel and family returned to Kentucky. In the following Summer of 1848, still looking for a better place to settle, about ten related families moved by wagon train to Red River area of North Eastern Texas, in the present Denison-Sherman area not far south of the river and Southern boundary of Oklahoma. The young son of Nathaniel and Katherine, born 20 June 1843, died here in Texas 30 March 1849.

Nathaniel and family suffered much illness in this area and decided to return to Tennessee. With this in mind, they with two other families in the Fall of 1849 began this trek by way of "The Old Texas Road", North by East approximately paralleling the present U.S. #69, to the southwest corner of Missouri, to Barry County, where Nathaniel had two sisters. Arriving at this locale, he was pleased with the area and decided to remain. He spent the rest of his life in this general part of the State, moving to McDonald County in 1851, where he remained and prospered.

Nathaniel joined the Union Army at Cassville, Missouri in Spring of 1862. Being familiar with this section, he became a guide to General Curtis, at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. As a result of this engagement, Nathaniel died 28 May 1862 in Federal Base Hospital, Cassville, MO.

Katherine his wife had previously died in child birth 27 November 1857. She and baby are buried in Meador Family Cemetery, on Sugar Creek, McDonald County, MO.

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When Nathaniel and Katherine Purdue Meador left Texas in the Autumn of 1849, his brother in law Mark Purdue remained. The records³⁵ show that in 1850, they buried two young sons in Grayson County, Texas.

One of the sons of Katherine and Nathaniel was Ira Newton Meador, born in McDonald County, Missouri, 1 February 1856. He moved to Barry County, MO where his daughter Omah Gertrude Meador was born 30 April 1895. She is the mother of Edgar E. Weston born in Barry County 14 November 1916, and who furnishes this historical sketch from family records.

CHAPTER IV MARY MEADOR HOLLAND AND FRANCES MEADOR HOLLOWAY

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Mary was the wife of Peter Holland, Jr., and was born ca. 1725 - 1730. She and Peter Holland were married around 1745 - 1750. The Hollands were in the Cumberland area when Jonas – Frances became established there. They were among the first land holders and held acreage adjacent to the Meadors. Later Peter and May moved with other members of the family to Bedford – Franklin County, as we find land transfers in this section involving the Hollands.

Frances was probably som two years younger than Mary. Some old records show both Mary and Frances as marrying Hollands. The will of Frances⁶ widow of Jonas and the mother of Frances sister of Mary as well as the will of John Holloway³⁶ clearly prove Frances the daughter of Jonas – Frances as the wife of James Holloway, son of John Holloway.

In December of 1757 by will³⁶ James is given land where he lives by his father.

James and Frances remained in Cumberland, at least for some years.

CHAPTER V JONAS MEADOR JR.

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Jonas Meador, Jr. the son of Jonas and Frances Meador was probably their second son, born in the newly formed county of Caroline ca. 1728-1732. His wife Mary whom he married about 1750, was the daughter of John and Hannah Holloway of Cumberland. Mary was the sister of Jane who married John Meador in 1755, also of James Holloway who married Frances Meador, brother and sister of her husband Jonas Meador. Mary is thought to have died in the Sumner of 1767 and Jonas, Jr. is known to have died in

October 1773.³¹ From Court records^{31 & 32} is definitely established that Jonas, Jr. was survived by orphan daughters Sarah and Ann Meador, and a son John (called Fox) who married first Mary or Elizabeth Roberts and second Lucy....

There is other evidence of daughter named Mary who married Caleb Hughes; one who married Thomas Kevil; one who married Micajah Compton; also Jane; Nancy Spiers who married David Bradley 23 November 1785; also Phebe who married Andrews Edwards (RWS).

While the record of children of Mary and Jonas Meador, Jr., in our files, is not complete or conclusive, the pattern of land purchases and sales is rather clear.

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Beginning in 1749 when Jonas, Jr. purchased land in Cumberland from his brother in law, Peter Holland, thru April 1767, in five land transfers in same area of Cumberland, Jonas, Jr. purchased, and he and wife Mary sold land, retaining only 150 acres. This Jonas sold in September 1768 to Daniel Boatwright, immediately after the death of Jonas, Sr. his father. The daughter of Daniel, Drucilla Boatwright married Jehu Meador Jr. a nephew of Jonas Meador, Jr.

In July 1767, probably after death of his wife Mary, Jonas, Jr. purchased 145 acres in Bedford County, Virginia near his brother John and sister in law Jane. His brother Joel had been here some years; also in this area at this time was his sister Mary Meador Holland as well as others of the family.

The death of his father Jonas, Sr. in Summer of 1768, changes plan of Jonas Jr., to settle in Bedford and he sells his holdings here to his brother John and returned to Cumberland. For the next several years, until his death in October 1773, we find him in Cumberland acting as legal representative for Frances his mother. It is also assumed that he assisted Frances in the management of her farm.

The non cupative will of Jonas Meador, Jr., attempted to leave the land on which his son John (Fox) was living to the said John. Under the law of Primogeniture, "Real Property" could not be orally transferred; however if John was

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the oldest son he would still inherit all land, in absence of a written will naming some one else and specifically describing the property. We have no record as to when the land in question was acquired. We find that³³ John Meador on 3 September 1789 sell 131 ½ acres to James Austin. The description and bounds indicate it to adjoin land previously owned by Jonas, Jr. and Mary. This is apparently the land mentioned in death bed will of Jonas Jr. In this sale there is no release of dower rights, so John apparently not then married.

The non cupative intended will, covered only land to his son John (Fox) and not his personal estate, consisting mainly of several slaves. While Jonas died in 1773, his estate in Cumberland County was not finally settled and distribution made until 18 September 1779 amounting to L 4128 13 10. Slaves were rented until 1779 when they were sold. The income from these slaves was divided among the children of Mary and Jonas, Jr. and among other heirs.

CHAPTER VI JOHN MEADOR

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From several sources we have available records of John the son of Jonas – Frances. The most detailed are from Mr. Daniel B. Meador, of Fairhope, Alabama and the Bible records of her family in possession of

Miss Cora Meador of Sarcoxie, Missouri, daughter of Dabney Meador and great-great-great granddaughter of John Meador.

John Meador was born in Caroline County, Virginia 17 July 1734 and moved with his parents to Cumberland ca. 1751. In 1755 he married Jane Holloway the daughter of John and Hannah Holloway of Cumberland. Jane was born 4 February 1734. The will¹⁹ of John Holloway is dated 13 December 1757 and proved 24 July 1758. He probably died early part 1758. The will of John Meador³⁸ of Bedford-Franklin is date 18 July 1824 and probated 23 January 1825. This will indicated sons Jonas and Jehu as deceased. As no mention of wife Jane she is also presumed as dead.

As indicated in previous chapter, there were other connections between the Holloways and Meadors. Mary Holloway the sister of Jane, married Jonas Meador, Jr. brother of John; Jane's brother James married Frances Meador, sister of John and Jonas Meador, Jr.

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By March of 1762 John and Jane Meador were established in Bedford County, where in a few years they accumulated considerable land.

They were parents of ten children; the first four born in Cumberland and last six in Bedford. It is interesting to observe that John continued the practice of his grandfather John, his father Jonas and his brother Joel of naming the male children with beginning letter "J" or the interchangeable "I".

The children are:

- 1. Joel born 6/15/1756
- 2. Mary born 7/6/1757 married Peter Holland in 1784, his will (39) probated 4/4/1836.
- 3. Sarah born 2/6/1759 married Barnes Holliday of Bedford 8/14/1780.
- 4. John born 11/17/1760
- 5. Jehu born 12/6/1762 married 9/2/1793 Nancy Wright. He died prior 7/1824.
- 6. Jonas born 11/18/1764 died prior 7/1824
- 7. Frances born 1/19/1768 married.Bell
- 8. Ira born 9/25/1769 he died Macon County, TN, 7/25/1847.
- 9. Rose (Rosannah) born 11/23/1771 not married.
- 10. Patty (Martha) born 5/25/1777 married Herbert Frith on 9/16/1816.

IRA MEADOR #8 above, the son of Jane Holloway and John Meador married 2 June 1791, Sarah Winfrey of Cumberland County, Virginia. She was born 11 July 1771 and died White Oak Creek, Macon County, Tennessee, 25 January 1848, exactly six months after her husband.

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Ira and Sarah Meador were among the first of the Clan to move to the Smith-Macon County area of Tennessee, where they spent the remainder of their life. Their eleven children were all born therefore in Macon County:

- 1. John born 11/29/1793
- 2. Jehu born 7/28/1795
- 3. Lewis born 8/2/1797 married about 1820 Sarah Fleming Richardson the daughter of Edward Richardson of Macon County. Lewis died 9/16/1852. Sarah was born 11/18/1800 and died 10/8/1895.
- 4. Jennie born 10/17/1798
- 5. Elizabeth born 4/18/1801
- 6. Wilson T. born 6/20/1803
- 7. Pleasant G. born 6/2/1805
- 8. Ira W. born 6/2/1807
- 9. Sarah (Sally) born 10/20/1811 married.....Pipkin

10. Meredith born 3/2/1814.

LEWIS MEADOR #3 above and Sally Fleming Richardson had eight issue, all born near Lafayette, Macon County, TN:

- 1. Brice born ca. 1821 married Mary E. Newton.
- 2. Louisa born 1/13/1823 married Joseph Huddleston
- 3. Goldman Greene born 7/26/1826 married ca. 1851 Valeria Josephine Cooper, the daughter of William D. Cooper. Goldman died 3/2/1899.
- 4. Lewis Jasper, died unmarried, War for States Rights.
- 5. Calperna died in accident.
- 6. Belle married....Crowder.
- 7. Lucinda B. married George Drewery (she died in Macon County).
- 8. Riley Bluford married Sarah Ann Bray, he died Bowling Green, KY.

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GOLDMAN GREENE MEADOR #3 on preceding page and wife Valeria Josephine Cooper were both born in Macon County, Tennessee, and both died in Missouri. They are buried in Harvey Cemetery, eight miles N.E. of Sarcoxie.

Their seven children were born in Macon County, TN:

- 1. Arzilla Frances born 10/31/1852, she married 9/26/1869 (unknown). She died 3/29/1929.
- 2. Sarah L. born 9/16/1854 unmarried.
- 3. Lewis Dabney born 2/16/1856 married 2/8/1880 Melvina E. Sparks, he died 7/16/1928.
- 4. James McRoger born 12/22/1857, married 10/27/1897 Delilah Patton, he died 12/20/1936.
- 5. Bennett Houston born 9/26/1860, 10/9/1881 Fannie Jane Durham and he were married, he died 11/23/1933. (*copied exactly from the book*).
- 6. Valeria G. born 5/3/1864 married 10/9/1881 Thomas Palmer
- 7. George Riley born 12/17/1867, married 10/10/1889 Effie Evans, he died 2/20/1933.

LEWIS DABNEY MEADOR #3 above, and Melvina Sparks also have seven issue:

- 1. Ida born 1/1/1881 unmarried
- 2. Cora born 2/28/1883 unmarried.
- 3. Jasper born 8/8/1887 unmarried.
- 4. Stella born 12/2/1890 married in 1926 Virgil M. Duke of Dallas, TX.
- 5. Ellen born 6/6/1894 unmarried.
- 6. Ava born 9/25/1897 married 6/24/1923 David Luther Everts of Sarcoxie, Missouri.
- 7. Lawrence Bluford born 9/4/1899, died 8/14/1901.

CHAPTER VII JOSIAH MEADOR

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Our files do not reflect much information on this son of Jonas and Frances. We do know that he was in Cumberland Amelia, 1756-1758. In 1756 he was witness to deed in land purchased by his brother John. On July 27, 1758 Josiah Meador and wife Lavina Meador sold⁴⁶ 50 acres in Amelia and probably moved to Bedford 1758-1760 with John Meador his brother.

Josiah was born ca. 1735 – 1736 and he and Lavina were married ca. 1757 or early in 1758.

Mr. Gordon M. Connelly⁴⁶ speculates 12/9/1967 that Josiah may have been the father of some or all of the following who have not been definitely allocated as to line of descent:

James, Jacob, Jeremiah, Jesse, Francis, Matthew (Mathias), William, Israel, Arris (Harris), Josiah, Obadiah, John, and Joab, all born pre 1770 in this area and later residents of Rockingham, Orange, Albemarle, Greenbrier, Giles and Monroe Counties.

If any of the above are of the line of Jonas – Frances, this appears logical, as by process of elimination of the known children of the other brothers, we only have remaining Josiah and Joab (Joab is hardly likely). See further comments on Joab.

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Edward Kirby Meador, in his book, "The Meadors and the Meadows", states that, "Josiah Meador preached at Mt. Herman, Bedford County in 1760."

This is evidently the brother of John and son of Jonas – Frances and the father of Josiah Meador ^{9 & 20} the Revolutionary Soldier born in Bedford in 1758 and enlisting from that county under Captain Joseph Renfro. Josiah was also with Col. Clark in his 1778 Kaskaskia, Illinois campaign against the Indians. This Josiah was also a Minister of the Gospel and later assisted in establishing the family of Meadors in Giles County, Virginia. He had sons named John and Josiah.

JOAB MEADOR

Our records on Joab the son of Jonas and Frances are also limited. The name may have been corrupted to Jobe or Job, making it difficult to definitely identify him. In any event, he apparently moved from the Cumberland area before establishing a family.

CHAPTER VIII JEHU MEADOR SR.

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Jehu the son of Jonas and Frances Meador was born in Caroline County, Virginia ca. 1738 and as a boy moved with his parents to Cumberland County, VA where he spent the remainder of his life. About 1760 he married Sarah Atkinson²² who died prior to 10 February 1808, at which time Jehu executed his will, which was probated 26 February 1808.²¹

Jehu mentions six living children and on deceased, as follows:

- 1. Frances, a daughter to receive negro man, "Harry".
- 2. Anne Meador Robinson.
- 3. Patty (Martha) Meador Anderson.
- 4. Sally Meador Boatwright.
- 5. Joseph Meador.
- 6. Jehue Meador Jr.
- 7. Jonas Meador deceased, his wife Polly (Mary) Robinson, and son Jehue Meador (III).

The will also provided that granddaughter Mary Boatwright to receive negro girl "Corsey". The will mentions slaves: Dickie; Suke; Hannah; and Old Delphia.

Of these negroes, Hannah or Hanner, was received from his father Jonas and Harry from his mother Frances, as covered in their wills and appraisals.

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JEHU MEADOR #6 on preceding page, married Drucilla Boatwright of Cumberland, the daughter of Jane Hubbard and Daniel Boatwright²³. The will of Jehu, Jr., was made 11 January 1820²⁴, however it was not probated until shortly before the death of his widow Drucilla²⁵ in December 1843; estate not being settled until 1845.

We know from marriage records of some of the children, that Drucilla was a widow for some years.

Children mentioned in will of Jehu Meador, Jr. with marriage data entered by us from Cumberland Marriage Records:

- 1. Sally Hubband Meador Scruggs
- 2. Daniel Boatwright married 12/12/1826 Martha Brown
- 3. Jane Hubbard Meador
- 4. Swann Meador married 11/18/1824 Susan A. Parker
- 5. William Martin Meador married 12/10/1830 Catherine C. Marryman
- 6. Rhoda Meador married 12/18/1828 Gideon Meador, a coz.
- 7. John Isham
- 8. Michajah Singleton
- 9. Valentine married 11/23/1833 Harriet E. Parker.
- 10. Jehu (IV) Meador
- 11. Frances Ann married John A. Austin
- 12. Drucilla Meador
- 13. Hubbard Meador married 11/16/1820 Mary Bradley.

CHAPTER IX JESSE MEADOR

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Jesse or Jesey Meador is apparently the youngest son of Jonas and Frances, and is the only known son to have served under arms in the Revolution. As mentioned in Chapter II, Jesse enlisted under Captain Joseph Carrington 17 October 1775 in the "Minute Men Service", Amelia District, Cumberland County, Virginia.

In the Virginia State Library at Richmond, in Auditor's account book XVIII p. 534, April 10, 1784 is an entry of payment for service in the Virginia Militai of L 3 2 8.

Jesse was born 1740-1750 and married 1765-1770 to Martha....born 1753. Jesse died 28 September 1812 and Martha in 1832.

Jesse and Martha is the line of descent of Julia Ann Meador, which is covered in more detail in 'THE MEADOR LINEAGE OF JULIA ANN MEADOR, 1630-1874", privately printed and published in 1965.

We tabulate the eight children in the order named in will, adding such marriage data as we have:

- 1. Rosana (Rosehannah, Rosenet) married William Bates 5/14/1785.
- 2. John Meador married Nancy Flippen.
- 3. Thomas
- 4. Jonas
- 5. William married ca. 1800 Phebe Flippen. (Grnadparents of

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- 6. Julia Ann Meador Nunnally).
- 7. Martha Meador married 12/23/1812 Stephenson Roberson (Robinson, Robertson)---- See DAR # 421929.
- 8. Jesse Meador Jr.
- 9. James married 1809 Mary Wyatt of Albemarle County, Virginia.

At the death of Jesse Meador, he was owner of considerable land holdings, of which Martha his widow received as her Dower right 352 acres plus cash and slaves.

Martha survived Jesse some twenty years, in this period two of their daughters died, Rosana Meador Bates and Martha Meador Roberson. Martha was survived by an only daughter ⁴⁷ Elizabeth Johns Robinson. (her spelling).

Before the estate of Jesse and Martha was finally settled, there were a number of friendly Chancery suits to clear up legal points. Most of these were in the name of William, acting both for himself and his brothers and sisters.

WILLIAM MEADOR #5, son of Jesse and Martha was born about 1770 – 1775 and c. 1800-1805 married Phebe Flippen. Her father was Francis Flippen of Cumberland. Phebe died in 1841 and William in 1854. The will²⁷ of William is dated 20 January 1854 and proved 25 September 1854, names one son and five daughters:

- 1. Jonas married 26 November 1832 Mary (Polly) Oakley.
- 2. Sarah Meador unmarried.
- 3. Nancy Meador Huddleston
- 4. Deliliah Meador Godsey
- 5. Mary Meador Stinson
- 6. Martha Meador Smith.

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Previous to his will, William had sold all of his acreage to his son Jonas except 500 acres. This 500 was divided in his will between son Jonas and daughter Sarah. The remainder of his estate was equally divided among all six children.

It is interesting to note that some of the land acquired by Jonas son of William, is in the same area and generally meets description of land settled by his great grandfather, the first Jonas Meador, a century earlier.

JONAS MEADOR #1 son of William and Phebe (Phoebe) Flippen Meador born ca. 1801 – 1806 in Cumberland, married 26 November 1832 Mary (Polly) Oakley, the daughter of Shadrach Oakley and Elizabeth Donahoe who were married 24 September 1792. Shandrach is variously known as, Sharick, Shadrack, Shad and Shed Oakley.

Polly Oakley had four brothers and three sisters; the brothers: Asa; William; Jordan and Thomas G. who married 1/19/1836 Judith J. Meador. Sisters: Phebe²⁸ died unmarried 1856; Frances; Martha P. married 10/27/1823 John Winfree (Winfrey).

The issue of Jonas and Polly Oakley Meador:

- 1. Julia Ann²⁹ born 9/28/1833 married 11/25/1851 Robert C. Nunnally of Amelia County, Virginia. She died 5/22/1874 leaving a number of issue.
- 2. Mary E. Meador unmarried
- 3. Manville J. Meador married Virginia F. Yancey dtr of Alexander Yancey of Goochland County, VA. She died 11/4/1954 survived by four dtrs.
- 4. Meritt Singleton married 1864 Sallie Randolph Newton.

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MARTHA MEADOR #6 p. 35 the daughter of Jesse, Sr. and Martha Meador was born in Cumberland, Ca. 1780 – 1790 and died in Smith County, Tennessee prior to 1820 at which time her husband remarried. She was married in Cumberland 23 December 1812 to Stephen Roberson (also shown as Stephenson Robinson Jr. and Robertson). His will probated in Smith County 13 January 1846. The only issue is a daughter Elizabeth Johns Robinson born 14 September 1814, and who died 17 July 1879 in Jacinto, Prentiss County, Mississippi. Elizabeth married in Smith County Tennessee 30 May 1833 to Clinton Burke Reynolds. He

was also born in Smith County, 16 November 1816. He died in Drew County Arkansas 27 September 1857. The children of this marriage were seven boys and three girls.⁹

JESSE MEADOR JR. #7 p. 36 the son of Jesse Meador, Sr. and Martha; grandson of Jonas and Frances Meador, was born ca. 1780 – 1785. He married 23 February 1789 Mary Mann of Franklin County, Virginia.

Jesse, Jr. died Intestate in 1850 and his estate was divided³⁰ by order of Court among his six children. Wife Mary not mentioned so presumed dead. The issue:

- 1. Harriet Meador married 12/9/1842 Shirley A. Meador, a coz.
- 2. Martha Meador married John T. Johns.
- 3. Albert Meador married 11/23/1840 Sarah Talley.
- 4. Gideon married 12/8/1824 Rhoda Meador his coz. dtr. of Jehu, Jr.
- 5. Robert J. married 1st 12/12/1837 Mary Richardson; 2nd 12/23/1846 Lucy C. Robertson.
- 6. James also called Jesse.

The estate consisted of 1194 ½ acres, many slaves & personal property.

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Pg. 85: (Pg. 54.) JONAS MEADOR and JOSEPH MEADOR, dec'd. Inv. 10 May 1815. Given by Asa Meador. Rec. May 1815.

Pg. 85 (Pg. 183.) JONAS MEADOR, JR. dec'd. Sale 25 May 1815. Purchasers include Ira Meador, Francis Meador, Susanna Meador, Job Meador, Asa Meador. Admr. Asa Meador. Rec. Feb. 1816.

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