

Birmingham, Alabama,
February 18, 1980.

Mrs. Lucile D. Burton,
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Birmingham, Alabama, 35212.

Dear Lucile:

Thanks for the data you recently sent me pertaining to William Wilson, the father of "Bad John". I have added this information to my files.

I note the reference to the estate of Ann Welsh, as shown by Tuscaloosa County Records. I have often wondered if she is the same person as the Jane Welsh, wife of Eli, who lived near Concord, across the river from Newtonville. Note the following:

From: "The History of David or the Preacher's looking glass", short history of the North River Association, by Elder D.W. Andrews, 1885.

"There was a flourishing literary school near Salem, conducted by a lady named Mrs. Ann Welsh, who had a good many lady boarders etc".

I understand that Salem Church, which was Primitive Baptist, and one of the three churches of that sect in the Fayette-Tuscaloosa Area, was located not far from Concord, and near the Tuscaloosa County line. This school was supposed to have operated around July 1832.

From: 1850 Census of Fayette County, Alabama:

187-197. ELI WELSH, Age 62, farmer, goods worth \$50.00, born in S. C.

Wife: Jane, age 62, born in S. C.

Sarah, age 25, born S. C.

Hugh, age 23, same

Robert, age 21, same

James, age 7, born Ala.

Lewis, age 2, same

ALFORD BLAKENEY, age 18, male, farmer, born in S. C.

*(Childrens ages indicate
2 marriages or could
be grand-children)*

Dr. William Blakeney, a dentist at New Boston, Texas, who is probably the foremost Blakeney family researcher, said that this Jane Welsh, was one of the children of "Adjutant" John Blakeney, son of Captain John Blakeney, of Chesterfield County, S.C. Both Adjutant John and Captain John were soldiers in the Revolution under Francis Marion. Thomas Blakeney, of Newtonville, was a grandson of Captain John. Granny Baker's father was William Blakeney, elder son of Thomas B. of Newtonville.

Another connection: "Big John Welsh" married Jane Blakeney, daughter of Captain John, and moved from Chesterfield County, S.C. to Marion, Alabama, in Perry County, in the early 1830s. Marion was then "Muckles Hill". They settled there. (They were related to the Mrs. Jane Welsh, wife of Eli., at Concord.)

Alford Blakeney, above mentioned, joined the Union forces in the Civil War and deserted, then joined the Confederacy. He lived in Fayette and Lamar Counties, after the War, was married 3 times, had no issue, but became a fairly prominent merchant. The names of the Welsh children above are of common usage in all of the Blakeney families, as well as the name "Jane".

Jane, the daughter of Thomas Blakeney, at Newtonville, married ~~Morgan~~ ^{John} Vice,
son of Morgan Vice.

According to a letter which I have from Mrs. L.G. Marsh, Captain John Blakeney lived to be 101 years of age. His son, Adjutant John was 95 years old when he died. His son, John Blakeney lived to be 93 years old, and had 25 children born from three marriages. His son, Preston, had 18 children. He too was married three times.

The Blakeney's all had large families, and named their children for the various relatives in the family, hence there are so many John, James, Hugh, Vincent, and Robert Blakeney's in the family that it is difficult to trace and distinguish them. Three sons of William Blakeney, son of Capt. John settled in Alabama, however, they were John of Marengo County, Hugh at Gainesville, and Thomas of Newtonville.

So much for Jane Welsh.

My wife continues in ill health, and is just home from a weeks stay at St. Vincents. I have not been in position to do any research lately, but hope to get over to Fayette soon, as I have a few books I want to give to the genealogical section of the Library there.

Whatever became of the Class Reunion idea that Lillian W. mentioned?

My best regards to you. Son Rhodes B. Holliman, who teaches at VPI was here last week. I have two grandsons, one practicing surgery at Salt Lake City, and the other finishing 3rd year at Virginia. *Med Cal.*

Sincerely,

C.R. Holliman,

Juscaloosa County, Alabama

Inventories Book 14 p 292-93-

James A. Thomson, adm. of Estate of William
Wilson, dec. in account with said estate.

March 1866-?

March. Cotton sold \$3,329.76

paid Samuel Winters for buying sale 5.00

due

Mrs. Sarah Wilson, widow

children of James Wilson; William E. Wilson
and four others - names unknown.

4 under 21, reside in Fayette County.

John Wilson, resides in Fayette County

Eben Wilson, resides in Juscaloosa County

March 9 - 1867

Account sales - Cotton \$4,073.62

Expense to mobile - hauling - etc 743.86

Sale

A Bill of Personal Property of Estate of Will-
iam Wilson, deceased on the 30 day October,

1865.

Mrs. Wilson, Spinning wheel - - \$1.00

Mrs. Wilson Spinning wheel 1.00

Mrs. Wilson Spinning wheel 2.00

over

2 mentions schooling for Willie Wellingham
son of Eliza Wellingham for 2 years. Fay-
ette County, Ala

(no school he could go to - m.T.C)

Gifts were to churches.

According to Will Book - James Walsh, Pres-
ident of Amv, died a year or two before she
did. He left all to her - mentioned estate in
England.

(They operated Training school for girls
in New Lexington, Alabama) m.T.C.

Mrs. John Wilson, 2 Bee stands - mol. \$ 1.00
 Mrs. John Wilson 2 Bee stands 1.75
 Mrs. John Wilson 8 Bee stands 4.12

Widow Wilson lots of plows etc.
 Widow Wilson 1 Fan \$ 10.00
 1 mill 6.00
 1 Thrasher 5.00
 1 gun head 50.00

Collected on notes \$ 1302.00
 Paid bills of James Wilson \$ 250.00
 " " John Wilson 250.00
 Elicea Wilson 250.00
 Sarah Wilson 250.00
 Included Court Costs 1131.67

Notes belonging to Estates - Adm. James W. Thomson

Due Nov. 30, 1866
 John Wilson \$48.87 1/2
 Samuel Denton + John Wilson 225.95
 G. W. Harris 250.00

Judgment vs. Jefferson A. Richards, Green vs Richards and James S. Suddith in County Court Fayette County, Ala - for note \$ 114.25

3 (Others not copied - mtc)

Mrs. John Wilson	1 clock	\$ 2.00
L. D. Bailey	1 yoke oxen	76.00

Henry Willingham	- The Moddox place	
rented	- -	\$ 30.00

Please return

1. Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
Inventories - p. 252

J. W. Smith and H. W. McGee, Executors
of last Will and Testament of Jno. Ann
Wash, deceased -

1862 - April 6 - To account of Sale Bill - \$3162.30

Feb. 1864 - William Baker, Physician in last
illness - \$394.00

1863 - Oct. 18.

By account to Eleanor Traub - Voucher no
2 - \$19.00 (others not copied - mtc)

Receipt of William C. Finney, Trustee Methodist
Church - Voucher no. 9 \$150.00

July 20, 1865 By receipt of Willis Davis, Trustee
of Baptist Church - Voucher no 10 - \$150.00

July 1865 Amount returned - as per will - for
Graveyard \$100.00

EX 15 - Balance in Confederate Treasury notes
no relatives - no descendants -

Feb 14, 1980

Dear Cecil

Ruby Sullivan said you would like to have a copy of this - so here it is.

I was pleased to find mention of James Walsh (or Welch) and Ann who ran the Girls School at New Lexington. I've heard that my Mariah Nell Shepherd and Zenina Nell Gravelle attended this school.

Hope your Ruby is feeling better.

Can it be 60 years since Fayette High graduation?

Sincerely,
Lucile A. Burton

Enclosures