**Going Home for History**

**Greer Family of Wilkes County, North Carolina**

**James Greer was born about 1627 in Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He died about 1688 in Baltimore, Maryland. James was son of Sir James Grier (1694-1688) and Mary Brown. In about 1681 James Greer married Ann Taylor who was born 1660 in Baltimore County, Maryland, daughter of Arthur & Margaret Taylor. James Greer died before 1714 at which time his widow Ann (nee Taylor) Greer Harriatt "mother of said John Greer" was married to Oliver Harriatt. John Greer, son of James Greer and Ann Taylor, was born about 1688.**

**John Greer and and his wife, Sarah Day, lived in Baltimore County, Maryland where they were married in 1710. The births of their twin daughters, Sarah and Ann, are recorded in St. John's and St. George's Parish Registers in 1721. The last entry found for this Greer family was when James Greer, their grandson, married Elinor Hughes in 1768. John Greer's Will was written in Onslow, NC 1752 names his second wife, Cloe Greer.**

**First Generation**

**Childern of John Greer and his first wife, Sarah Day  
William Greer (abt. 1710) m. 1) Mary Ann Fitch, d/o William and Sarah Fitch; 2) Sarah Freeland  
Moses Greer m. Mary Bayley (m. 1737, Baltimore Co., MD) (moved to Pittsylvania Co., VA)  
John Greer, Jr. (1714-1782) m. Nancy Ann (Nanny) Walker (1716-?) (died in Wilkes Co., NC)  
Sarah Greer (1721) (twin) m. Armstrong  
Ann Greer (1721) (twin) m. John Starkey (m.1738, Baltimore Co., MD)  
Elizabeth m. Davis  
Aquilla Greer m. Elizabeth Massey  
Benjamin Greer (1727) m. Rachel Low (m. 1745 Baltimore Co., MD) (moved to Franklin Co., VA)  
Joseph Greer (1727) m. Ann Low (m. 1750, Baltimore Co., MD)**

**Second Generation**

**Children of William Greer and Mary Ann Fitch  
John Fitch Greer (abt. 1736-1782) m. Ann Lowe (died in Wilkes Co., NC)  
Moses Greer (abt. 1744)**

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**Children of Moses Greer and Mary Bayley  
Lowraner Greer (1757) (born in Baltimore Co., MD)  
Aquila Greer (1760) (born in Baltimore Co., MD)**

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**Children of Ann Greer and John Starkey   
Mary Starkey (1739) m. John Jones (married 1753, Baltimore Co., MD)  
John Starkey (1741) (born Baltimore Co., MD)  
Elizabeth Starkey (1744) (born Baltimore Co. MD)  
Joshua Starkey (1746)**

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**Children of John Greer, Jr. and Nancy Walker  
Aquila Greer (1737-1832) m. Hannah Elizabeth Riley (died in KY)  
John Greer (1740)   
Joshua Greer (1746-1796) m. Sarah Davis (died in Wilkes co., NC)  
Capt. Jesse Greer (ca. 1757-1788) m. Judith Hampton (m. 1779, Wilkes Co., NC)  
Capt. Benjamin Greer (1746-1810) m. 1) Nancy Wilcoxen (1745-1790), d/o of John and Sarah Wilcoxen;  
2) Sarah Atchinson Jones  
Rachel Greer m. James Mitchell  
James Greer m. Elinor Hughes (m. 1768, Baltimore Co., MD)  
Sarah Greer m. Francis Hargrave(s)  
Hannah Greer m. Lewis Demoss (was Sheriff of Wilkes Co., NC)  
Ann Greer m. Mitchell  
Joseph Greer**

**The Will of John Greer was probated June Term 1782, Wilkes County, NC. Mentions his wife, Nancy - whole of plantation where I live; Jessey Greer - above at decease of wife; Dau, Ann Mitchell, negro girl Pheby and no more; Hannah Demoss - negro girl, Hannah; Balance of estate to be equally divided between Aquilla, John, Benjamin, Joshua, Jessey Greer, Rachel Mitchell, Sarah Hardgrave and Hannah Demoss. Execr: wife, Nancy. Friend, John Brown. Wit: Archelus Walker, Nancy Walker and Sarah Greer.**

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**Third Generation:**

**Joshua Greer died in Wilkes County, 1796. His will names his wife, Sary. Children are mentioned, but only one daughter is named - Anne Hickerson. Anne received 10 shillings and "no more" from her father, the other unnamed children received equal parts of land and estate after the death of their mother. Anne was married to Joseph Hickerson.**

**Children of Capt. Jesse Greer and Judith Hampton  
Delilah Greer (1780)  
John Greer (1782)  
Sarah Greer (1784)  
Nancy Greer (1786)  
Jesse Greer, Jr. (1788) m. 1) Polly (Nancy) Puckett, d/o Ephraim Puckett (m. in Warren Co., KY)  
2) Jennie Bladesinger; 3) Betsy Davis**

**(Judith/Juda Greer was the Administrator of Jesse's estate (1788). Joshua Greer was bondsman. Purchasers of Jesse Greer's estate, 1789: Judith Greer, George Brown, Robert Brown, Peter Greenlus, Joshua Greer, Jesse Gunter, Jesse Hall, Patrick Hamrick, Francis Hardgrave, Joseph Hickerson, Caleb Low, Julus Sanders, Shadrack Trible, Spilsby Trible, Joseph Woolfolk. After Jesse Greer's death in 1788, Judith married William Mitchell and moved to Warren County, KY)**

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**Children of Benjamin Greer and 1) Nancy Wilcoxsen  
Rachel Greer (1768-bef. 1840) m. Robert Judd   
John Greer (1770-aft. 1850) m. Nancy Owens   
William Greer (1772-1862) m. Hannah Cartwright   
Benjamin Greer (1774) m. unknown Ketron (?)  
Anna (Nancy) Greer (1776) m. Thomas Holman  
Jesse Greer (1778-1860) m. Mary (Polly) Morris (1787-1880), d/o Henry Morris and Mary Byrd  
David Greer (1781-bef 1850) m. Nancy Hodges, d/o Thomas Hodges & Nancy Norris  
James Greer (1783-1844) m. Mary (Mollie) (Polly) Hampton  
Samuel Greer (1785-1872, NC) m. Sarah/Sally Church  
Joshua Greer (1788) m. Jane Church**

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**Children of Benjamin Greer and 2) Sarah Atkinson Jones   
(widow of Thomas Jones; d/o Edmund Atkinson  
Aquilla Greer (1797, NC) m. Mary Ferril Smith  
Edmund Greer  
Sally Greer m. Robert Erwin   
Elizabeth Greer m. Elisha Biggs  
Mary/Polly/Greer**

**Fourth Generation**

**Children of William Greer and Hannah Cartwright  
Frances (Fannie Greer) m. Isaiah Wilcoxsen/Wilcox (1796-1870, KY)**

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**Children of John Greer and Nancy Owen  
Elijah Greer (1806-1870) m. 1) Sarah (Sally) Hawkins (1808-1853) (lived in Ashe County)  
2) Mary Shaw**

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**Children of Jesse Greer and Mary (Polly) Morris  
Frances/Fanny Greer (1801-1850) m. Thomas Jones  
Benjamin Greer (1802-bef. 1910) m. Leah Waters  
Joshua Green (1803)  
Nancy Greer (1805-1845) m. John Gentry  
Jesse Greer, Jr. (1806-1892) m. Frances (Frankey) Brown (1810-1905)  
Mary (Polly) Greer (1808-1898) m. William Gentry  
Sarah Greer (1810)  
Jane (Jenny) Greer (1812-abt. 1848) m. Robert Madron  
Elizabeth (Betsey) Greer) (abt. 1814-1894) m. Richard Washington Hawkins  
Joseph Greer (1815-aft. 1880) m. 1) Nancy Brown; 2) Nancy Jane Defreise  
Andrew Greer (1818-bef. 1880) m. 1) Nancy Jane Clawson,   
d/o William Clawson and Margaret (Peggy) Holman; 2) Leah Lunsford Norris (1846-1927)  
Cynthia Greer (1819-bef. 1900) m. John Reece  
Franklin Greer (1822-1879) m. Charlotte Younce  
Isaac Greer (1823) m. 1) Hannah Ingram; 2) Rebecca J.  
William Greer (1825) m. Flora L. Defriese  
James Jackson Greer (1827-aft. 1885) m. Frances (Fanny) Greer (1827),   
d/o Isaac Newton Greer and Nancy Norris  
Elvira Greer (1830) m. William Greer**

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**Children of David Greer and Nancy Hodges  
Mary (Polly) Greer m. Isaac Winkler   
Sarah Greer (1830) m. George McGuire**

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**Children of James Greer and Mary Hampton  
Rachel A. Greer (1808) m. David Trivett  
Rebecca Green (1810) m. Burr Guy  
Benjamin Greer (1812-1893) m. Elizabeth Reece  
Alexander Greer (1813, TN - aft. 1880, VA) m. Lydia (Diddy) Curd or Richardson  
Mary Greer (1815) m. William Thomas  
Nancy Greer (1818) m. William Forrester  
James Greer (1815-20) m. Ann Roberts  
William Greer (1824-1880) m. Mary (Polly) Williams  
Lydia (Ledda) Greer (1825) m. Charles Lewis  
Joel Greer (1825-1864/70) m. Margaret Elizabeth Sutherland  
Andrew Greer (1829-1900) m. Sarah Wilson**

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**Children of Samuel Greer and Sarah (Sally) Church  
Elizabeth Greer (ca. 1821-after 1915) m. Mr. Hendrix  
Finley Greer (ca. 1823-aft.1915)  
Riley Greer (ca. 1825-aft. 1915)  
(This family lived in Watauga County, NC)**

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**Children of Joshua Greer and Jane Church  
John Greer (1813) m. Lucinda (1823)**

**Fifth Generation  
Children of Andrew Greer and 1) Nancy Jane Clawson  
Martha (Matt) Greer (1846) m. Solomon Younce  
Mary Jane Greer (1848-1909) m. Bluford F. Jones  
William Franklin Greer (1850-1928) m. Martha Ann Isaacs  
Henry M. Greer (1852-1930) m. 1) Mary Adeline Jones 2) Elizabeth Younce Oliver  
Ellen Greer (1854)  
Charles Francis Greer (1855-1899) m. Mary A. Lawrence Smith  
Margaret E. Greer (1857-bef. 1901) m. Rufus Campbell  
Martitia Ann Greer (1860) m.** [**Jacob Fletcher**](http://www.fmoran.com/wilkes/www.fmoran.com/fletch.html) **(1855-?)**

**Children of Andrew Greer and 2) Leah Lunceford Norris  
Caroline Greer (1862) m. William Cornett  
Thomas Greer (1864) m. Sarah Lunceford  
Florence Greer (1870-bef. 1910) m. John Franklin Bunton  
James M. Greer (1872) m. Mary (Mollie) G. Bryant  
Julia Elizabeth Greer (1873-1968) m. Roby Shook**

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**Children of Elijah (1806-1870) and 1) Sarah (Sally) Hawkins  
Nancy Greer (1828) m. Elijah Farmer  
Mary Greer (1831-1914) m. Finley Greer  
Rebecca Greer (1822) m. Reuben Jones  
Andrew Greer (1834)**

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**Children of Benjamin Greer and Elizabeth Reece  
Benjamin Franklin Greer (1847-1917) m. Rebecca Younce (1849-1930),   
d/o John Younce and Hannah Lorance/Lawrence; granddaughter of Solomon Younce and Sallie Rollen**

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**Children of John and Lucinda Greer  
David Greer (1840) m. Nancy A.   
Riley Greer (1843) m. Sarah A. Winkler (abt. 1840-1915), d/o Isaac Winkler and Mary (Polly) Greer  
Elvira E. Greer (1845)  
Sarah L. Greer (1848)  
James C. Greer (1850)**

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**Children of Jesse Greer, Jr. and Frances (Fanny) Brown  
Emaline Greer (1827-1859) m.** [**Nathaniel Rominger**](http://www.fmoran.com/wilkes/www.fmoran.com/rominger.html) **(1822-1908)  
Caroline Nancy Greer (1828-1911) m. Isaac (Little Ike) Wilson (1822-1864)  
Wilburn H. Greer (1833-1925) m. Ann (Annie) Reece (1839-1920), d/o of Hugh and Mary Reece  
Polly Gree (1839-1889)**

**Sixth Generation**

**Children of Benjamin Franklin Greer and Rebecca Younce  
Mary A. Greer (1867) m. William Davenport  
Martha Greer (1869-1931) m. Andrew J. (Jack) Campbell   
Hannah L. Greer (1872) m. Calvin Bullard May/Mays  
John M. Greer (1874-1945) m.** [**Gertie (Gertrude) Edith Fletcher**](http://www.fmoran.com/fletch.html) **(1873-1945)  
Benjamin Carroll Greer (1876-1966) m. Laura Ann May/Mays  
Charles (Charlie) Alfred Greer (1879-1955) m. Alice Martha Greer (1883-1978),   
d/o Philip G. Greer and Mary Greer  
Etta (Ettie) M. Greer (1885) m. John F. Allen  
Margaret Minnie Greer (1886) m. Walter D. Roten  
George M. Greer (1890)   
Sallie Greer  
Monroe Greer**

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**Children of Riley Greer and Sarah A. Winkler  
James (Will) Greer (1864) m. Rebecca  
Greenville Lee Greer (1868) (moved to South Carolina)  
Thomas Calvin Greer (1869-1933) m. Sarah Isabelle Carroll (1881-1964),   
d/o Lewis William Carroll and Rachel Hayes  
George Greer (1872) m. Lou (lived in Damascus, Virginia)  
John (Isaac?) Greer (1874) m. Cindy (lived in Mountain City, TN)  
David Greer m. Bertha  
Jane S. Greer (1882) m. Henry Greer (not proven) (moved to South Carolina)  
Franklin Benjamin Greer (1885) m. Adelaide (1868)**

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**Children of Wilburn H. Greer and Ann (Annie) Reece  
Isabella Greer (1858-1935) m. Andrew Jackson Proffitt (1855-1917), s/o William R. Proffitt and Sarah Reece  
John Preston Greer (1861-1885) m. Callista Thompson (1865)  
Jesse Clinton Greer (1864-1949) m. Ida Culver (1871), d/o Robert N. Culver and Martha J.  
Hannah Elizabeth (Betty) Greer (1868-1903)  
Mary E. Greer (1871-1876)  
William Isaac Greer (1874-1938) m. Ina Dean Wilson, d/o Lemuel Wilson and Cornelia D. Wilson   
Biddie (Vida) R. Greer (1877-1965) m. Charles (Charlie) Coffey, s/o Smith Coffey  
(This family lived in Watauga Co., NC)**

**Seventh Generation**

**Children of John M. Greer and Gertrude Edith Fletcher   
Bessie Greer (1896-1910) (lived in Cove Creek, Watauga Co., NC)**

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**Children of Charles Carroll Greer and Alice Martha Greer   
Myron T. Greer (1904-1979) m.** [**Eula Gertrude Fletcher**](http://www.fmoran.com/fletch.html) **Mona Nancy Greer (1907) m. 1) Paul Norris; 2) Perry Farthing  
Minnie Dare Greer (1910) m. Don Campbell  
Helen Vista Greer (1914) m. Ivan Farthing**

**Notes for John Greer**

**(It is possible John was NOT Nancy's son and that Benjamin had married Mattie Lipps first. While this John is mentioned among Benjamin's children in his will probated in Green Co., KY in 1816, he is not listed among the children of Benjamin and Nancy Wilcoxsen Greer in the Jesse Greer Notebook. The name Mattie Lipps came from someone years ago who is now dead and she didn't give her source. In the meantime no one has been able to find where that name came from. In a letter written by Jesse Greer, Jr. to Lyman C. Draper regarding his grandfather, Benjamin, Jesse does mention his Uncle John. Just to make my life and database a little simpler, I've got John as a child of Benjamin and Nancy with an explanatory note about this).** [**Mary Floy Katzman**](mailto:maryfloy@mkatzman.tiac.net)

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