

THOMAS PATTERSON SR.
(c. 1724 - 1822)
of Lancaster Co., PA &
of Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA

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PREFACE

I began researching the family of Thomas Patterson Sr. (1724-1822) because I believed that that my oldest known ancestor, my ggg grandfather William Patterson (c.1784-1854/55), was Thomas Sr.'s grandson. I believed this because a proven son of Thomas Sr.—John Patterson—*raised* my ggg-grandfather William, and referred to him as “son” in an 1814 land agreement. (See p. 125 of this paper.)

However, Y-DNA test results do not support the contention that my ggg grandfather, William, was the *biological* son of Thomas Sr.'s son John. (See Chapter IV of this paper, “Y-DNA Evidence.”)

But what is really, really strange about my ggg-grandfather William's Y-DNA is that it matches *an entirely different line of Pattersons!* I have intensively researched this other line of Pattersons (see my “Robert Patterson of Sweet Arrow Farm” paper) and Y-DNA test results of descendants of this Robert's line so not match—*at all!*—the Y-DNA test results of proven descendants of Thomas Sr. (See my “Patterson-Craig Y-DNA” paper.)

The perplexing conclusion, based on scientific evidence, is this: My ggg-grandfather William was sired by a Patterson man (unknown at this time); and that Patterson man was not related to the Pattersons who raised William.

Because of the lack of a Y-DNA match between proven descendants of my ggg-grandfather William, and proven descendants of Thomas Sr., information about my ggg grandfather William's family has not been incorporated into this paper. What is known of my ggg-grandfather William has been written up in a separate paper, “William Patterson (1784-1854/55) of Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., PA.”

I thank my sister, Jo Patterson, for accompanying me on several research trips to Pennsylvania, for always leading me toward fact instead of conjecture.

I am grateful to Patty Gray of California, who copied hundreds of pages of family papers--old letters, research notes, etc.--and sent them all to me, though she and I had never met. Most of this material had originally been gathered by two of Thomas Sr.'s ggg granddaughters: Sarah Luella Patterson (b. 1874) and Sarah Luella's sister, Cora Edna (Patterson) Brown (b. 1888).

I also thank George Patterson of “Rich Grove Farm” in Rostraver, Westmoreland County, PA. George is living on the land first farmed by his ggg grandfather, Thomas Jr. (son of Thomas Sr.). George shared family papers with us; and George's wife, Lonnie, was kind enough to send me a copy of a family history that had been prepared (in 1982?) by John Andrew Brown, another of Thomas Sr.'s descendants through Thomas Jr.

I was very lucky to have met up with these generous descendants of Thomas Sr., who shared what they knew with me.

Please note that descendant information contained in this paper was first constructed from primary records (wills, deeds, etc.) found in courthouses. The family letters, reminiscences, etc., so generously shared by those mentioned above, were then grafted onto this sturdy foundation—but only when this information did not contradict primary source information. As will be seen, some of Thomas Sr.'s descendants did not have accurate information about the earliest generations.

As facts are presented in this paper, the source of each fact generally will be cited in the text. This reduces the number of footnotes, and obviates the need for a

bibliography. This system also makes it easier for the reader to check the documentation of facts, one-by-one, as each is encountered.

I hope this information helps somebody find their ancestors, and I hope future researchers carry on and add to the information in this paper.

A note about the format of this paper:

The descendant trees in this paper are in “outline” form (I., A., 1., a., etc.). Here’s why: I am and always have been a Mac user. Many years ago when I began my research and started to type up my findings into a tree, *there was no genealogical software for Macs!* So I assembled my trees in “outline” form, since Microsoft Word could help me by automatically indenting the different generations.

CHAPTER I

Thomas Patterson Sr. was **born 1724-1725 in either Scotland or Ireland**. The father of Thomas Patterson Sr. is unknown at this time. We have two clues about Thomas Sr.'s possible birthplace. First, a bio of his son William states that William was born 1749 in Scotland.¹ This could indicate that Thomas Sr. was of Scottish birth. However, a letter written by Thomas Sr.'s great-grandson (see Chapter XIII) states that Thomas emigrated from Ireland—and so it is possible that Thomas Sr. was born in Ireland.

Thomas Sr. **died 5 June 1822** in Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA, at the remarkable age of 97 years. He is buried in Rehoboth Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Belle Vernon, PA.² (See Thomas Sr.'s gravestone below.)



*“In Memory of Thomas Patterson who departed this life June 5th 1822
in the 98th year of his age” [so he died at age 97]*

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¹ *History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, PA*, no author (Chicago: Waterman, Watkins & Co., 1884), from the chapter on townships “Ayr and Tod,” pp. 638-639: “Col. William Patterson [he was a Col. in the state militia, not in the Rev. War] was a native of Scotland.”

² The church website (www.rehobothchurchpa.org) gives its address as Belle Vernon, PA. Note, however, that ALL on-line listings of burials in the church cemetery locate the cemetery as being situated across the township/county border in Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., PA.

Thomas Sr. possibly married three times. Handwritten on a copy of Thomas Sr.'s will included in the three-volume *History of Rehoboth*, is the note: "married three times."³ It is not known who made this notation. If may be true that Thomas had more than one wife, but all we know for sure is that **in 1802 Thomas was married to a woman named Sarah** (Fayette Co. Deed Book E, p. 65). No wife is mentioned in Thomas' will, written in 1806. (See his will in Chapter VIII.)

Two sources give an emigration date for Thomas Sr., but these dates differ by twenty years. One says Thomas came to America about 1750, and the other says 1730. If 1750 is correct, it is of course possible that Thomas came as a young man, without his parents. However, if 1730 is the correct date, Thomas would have come to America with his parents or older relatives.

The first source containing an emigration date is *The Patterson & Pattison Family Association* publication, Vol. 1 (1963), p. 141. Here are records submitted by Harry A. Parkhill of Kankakee, Illinois.⁴ Mr. Parkhill's records state that Thomas "came to the U.S. about 1750." No source was given by Mr. Parkhill for that information, so it was probably a date passed down by word-of-mouth, through the generations. Because no documentation is given for Parkhill's emigration date of "about 1750," I am disregarding it.

The second source of information regarding Thomas Sr.'s emigration comes from *Memoirs of David Hunter Patterson (1844-1938)* by David Hunter Patterson⁵ (dictated to his daughter in 1929), on-line as of this writing at www.rootsweb.com/~pafulton/pathist/toc.htm. David Hunter Patterson was a descendant of Thomas Sr.'s son, William. Chapter III of this memoir begins: "My great-great grandfather, Thomas Patterson, when ten years old, emigrated from North Ireland to Philadelphia with his three brothers in 1730." David Hunter Patterson gives no documentation for this 1730 date. If the 1730 date is correct, then—since we know without a doubt that Thomas was born 1724-1725—Thomas would have been 5-6 years old at the time of emigration, not age ten.

It appears that David Hunter Patterson's knowledge of the earliest generations was a bit fuzzy. In Chapter III, David Hunter Patterson states that one of the brothers with whom Thomas emigrated in 1730 was named William; this William allegedly had a son named William who settled in Baltimore, and who had the famous daughter, "Betsy," who married Jerome Bonaparte (Napoleon's brother). The information that our Thomas was an uncle to the famous Betsy of Baltimore is wrong. (See Chapter XII of this paper "Sorting out the Pattersons.") Betsy's father, William of Baltimore, was born 1 Nov 1752 in *Ireland*, according to an irrefutable source: his own will. William of Baltimore added

³ *History of Rehoboth* (3 volumes) compiled in 1990 by Marshall & Irene P. Lignian of Monongahela, PA. These volumes are housed in the library of Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in Belle Vernon, PA.

⁴ How Harry Parkhill relates to Thomas Patterson, the subject of the paper, is unclear. Parkhill wrote in the records submitted to the Patterson & Pattison Association: "I would like to find more information on the background of Martha (Margaret) Patterson Parkhill. Also, I might mention that this family speaks of an Aunt Nellie Patterson, died in April 1895 in Fayette Co., Pa., and I would like to learn more about her." I think "Aunt Nellie" is Eleanor Patterson (1804-1894), daughter of William Jr., son of William Sr. of Washington Twp., Fayette County. William Patterson Jr. married Sarah Parkhill, daughter of David Parkhill.

⁵ David Hunter Patterson (1844-1938) was Thomas Sr.'s great-great grandson. He was the son of William M. Patterson (1816-1894), who was the son of Thomas Patterson (1782-1860), who was the son of William Patterson (1749-1846), who was the son of Thomas Patterson Sr.

much autobiographical information to his will, including the date and location of his birth, and the fact that he did not emigrate to America until 1766, at the age of fourteen.⁶

Because of David Hunter Patterson's unsubstantiated and undoubtedly incorrect information about William of Baltimore being the son of Thomas' brother, I am disregarding what David Hunter Patterson wrote about Thomas' arrival date, and am also disregarding what he wrote about Thomas being accompanied by his "three brothers".

Thus we have no reliable emigration date for Thomas, nor do we know for sure if he emigrated with any family members.

However, **I believe Thomas had at least one brother, named John.** I base that statement on the fact that Rev. John Cuthbertson baptized children of Thomas Sr., and children of this John, on the same date, in the same location.⁷ This John had a daughter named Jean (Jane) who married Thomas Sr.'s son, John. (First cousins married each other frequently in these Covenanter families.) Further, and more compellingly, Y-DNA test results support the contention that Thomas had a brother named John. Thomas Sr.'s putative brother, John, had a son named James (baptized in 1751); and this James married Agnes Finney, and settled in South Huntingdon, Westmoreland Co., PA. A living male Patterson descendant of James & Agnes (Finney) Patterson has Y-DNA closely matching Y-DNA of two living male Patterson descendants of Thomas Sr. Read more of this in the chapter on "Y-DNA Evidence" in this paper, and in my paper, "James Patterson Sr. (c. 1751-1813) of South Huntingdon, Westmoreland Co., PA."

Now, back to what we know about Thomas:

The earliest record that we have for Thomas in this country is contained in the diary of itinerant Covenanter minister Rev. John Cuthbertson, who baptized Thomas' two sons, William and John, on the same day, 17 Dec 1751, at the Muddy Run Society meetinghouse located in present-day Martic Twp., Lancaster Co., PA.⁸ Son William was born in 1749 (see William's chapter), but his delayed baptism can be explained by the fact that Rev. Cuthbertson did not arrive in America until August of 1751, and most Covenanters would not allow a mainstream ("non-dissenting") Presbyterian minister to baptize their children.

It is important to note that Martic Township, where the Muddy Run meetinghouse was located, abuts Drumore Twp.; and Drumore is where Thomas first appears on tax lists. (More of this further.)

The actual birth order of Thomas' sons is an important clue for anyone wondering about the name of Thomas' father. The Scotch-Irish naming pattern was rigidly adhered to at this time, and the name of Thomas' first-born son would undoubtedly be the name of his

⁶ Major portions of this long will can be found in the googlebook *Chronicles of Baltimore...* by Col. J. Thomas Scharf, member of the Maryland Historical Society (Baltimore: Turnbull Bros., 1874), pp. 482-488.

⁷ *Register of Marriages & Baptisms performed by Rev. John Cuthbertson, 1751-1791*, S. Helen Fields, ed. (Originally published 1934 in Washington, D.C.; reprinted 2001 by Heritage Books, Bowie, MD), pp. 184-185. **This source will hereinafter be referred to in the text as "Fields, p. ____."** *Important note:* In 2012 I learned that Rev. Cuthbertson's *original diary* is held in the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Archives. I learned that a digital copy had been made in 2009. In 2012 the archivist, Elizabeth Scott, made a CD from the digital master and sent it to me. The resolution on this CD is outstanding. Thus I have been able to consult the original source to confirm baptism and marriage dates transcribed by S. Helen Fields. The pages in Cuthbertson's original diary are not numbered, so when citing marriages and baptisms in this paper I will continue to cite the page number in Fields' book.

⁸ *Ibid*,

father.⁹ So far as we know, William (born 1749) was Thomas' first-born son. Thus we would expect that the name of Thomas' father was William. However, no William Patterson old enough to be Thomas' father has been found in the records of Lancaster Co., except for a William Patterson of Paxton (Paxtang) who wrote his will 23 Sept 1745 (proved 22 Oct 1745), naming sons Samuel, Robert and Francis—but no son Thomas.¹⁰

What we do know is that **by 17 Dec 1751 Thomas was in America and had two children**. We also know that **in 1802 the name of Thomas' wife was Sarah**. We cannot be sure, however, that Sarah was Thomas' first—or even second—wife; nor can we be sure that Sarah was the mother of all of Thomas' children. Many women died giving birth at this time, and it was not uncommon for a man to have several wives during the course of his life. Unfortunately, Rev. Cuthbertson's baptism records include only the names of the child and the father—not the mother's name.

We have baptism records for all of the children named in Thomas' will, which he wrote in 1806, when he was about 82 years old. We know that Thomas Sr. outlived two of his sons—Thomas Jr. and Alexander—and it is possible that Thomas Sr. outlived some of his other children. For that reason, **it is possible that Thomas Sr. had more children than are listed in his will**. Therefore, in the list of his children below I have included *all* the children baptized by Rev. Cuthbertson whose father was named Thomas Patterson. I have included all children baptized by Rev. Cuthbertson whose father was named Thomas Patterson because, to my knowledge, the Thomas who is the subject of this paper was the only Covenanter Thomas Patterson living in the areas where these children were baptized, at the time these children were baptized.

On the list below, in bold type, are the children named in Thomas Sr.'s will. In italics I have listed all the other children baptized by Rev. Cuthbertson who were children of a Thomas Patterson. (Just to be thorough, I even included one Thomas "Pattison.")

***Known children of Thomas Patterson Sr. (in bold)
& possible children (in italics)***

- I. William Patterson** b. 12 June 1749 (calculated from death date & age of death on gravestone; this agrees with birth date in a letter written 22 Mar 1911 by his great-grandson); bapt. 17 Dec 1751 at Muddy Run (Covenanter) meeting house, Lancaster Co., PA. William's known descendants are listed in a separate chapter.

⁹ The first son was named after the father's father; the second son after the mother's father; the third son after the father; the fourth son usually after the father's oldest brother; the fifth son usually after the mother's oldest brother. For daughters, the first daughter was named after the mother's mother; the second daughter was named after the father's mother, the third daughter was named after the mother; the fourth daughter usually after the mother's oldest sister; the fifth daughter usually after the father's oldest sister.

¹⁰ Lancaster County Will Book A, Vol. 1, p. 104. **Note:** I obtained a copy of the *original* will from the Lancaster Co. Archives, and was surprised to see mention of a son Robert. I had previously consulted *Abstracts of Lancaster County Pennsylvania Wills 1786-1820* (Westminister, MD: Willow Bend Books, 2001), p. 182. This abstract omits son Robert. An introductory note in this book of abstracts states that "These wills were abstracted under the auspices of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in the early 1900's." I've found many, many errors in these abstracts. Do not trust them. Get a copy of the recorded will or, even better, of the original will—if it still exists.

- II. **John Patterson “Esq.”** b. ____; bapt. 17 Dec 1751 at Muddy Run meeting house, Lancaster Co., PA. John’s known (and conjectured) descendants are listed in a separate chapter.
- III. ? *Jean [Jane] Patterson bapt. 18? Feb 1753 Middle Octoraro, Lancaster Co., PA*
- IV. ? *James Patterson bapt. 18 May 1755 Middle Octoraro, Lancaster Co., PA*
- V. ? *Mary Patterson bapt. 5 June 1757 Middle Octoraro, Lancaster Co., PA*
- VI. **Thomas Patterson [Jr.]** bapt. 8 Oct 1757 at Rev. Cuthbertson’s home in present-day Bart Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. Thomas Jr.’s known descendants are listed in a separate chapter.
- VII. **Susannah Patterson** bapt. 26 Oct 1760 Middle Octoraro, Susannah’s descendants have not been researched. I believe she is the “Susanna” Patterson who was married by Rev. Alexander Dobbin, on 27 Jan 1778, to David Dunwoody in Mt. Pleasant.¹¹
- VIII. **Alexander Patterson** bapt. 31 Oct 1762 Middle Octoraro. Alexander’s known descendants are listed in a separate chapter.
- IX. ? *Margaret Patterson bapt. 20 Feb 1764 Middle Octoraro*
- X. **Sarah Patterson** bapt. 21 Oct 1764 Marsh Creek/Rock Creek, in present-day Adams Co., PA. Sarah’s descendants have not been researched.
- XI. ? *Elizabeth Patterson bapt. 14 Oct 1770 Middle Octoraro*
- XII. ? *Arthur Pattison [sic] bapt. 4 Oct 1771 Marsh Creek, Adams Co., PA (father listed as “Thomas Pattison”)*
- XIII. ? *Jean [Jane] Patterson? bapt. 2 Mar 1773 Marsh Creek, Adams Co., PA*

Note that the James baptized 1755 is problematic because he disrupts the Scotch-Irish naming pattern. If James baptized 1755 were our Thomas’ son—and not the son of some other Thomas—then our Thomas Sr.’s son, Thomas Jr., would be the fourth-born son, not the third-born as per the naming pattern. But if the Thomas who is the subject of this paper is not the Thomas who is the father of James baptized 1755, I cannot imagine who that other Thomas might be.

Now, back once more to the known facts about our Thomas.

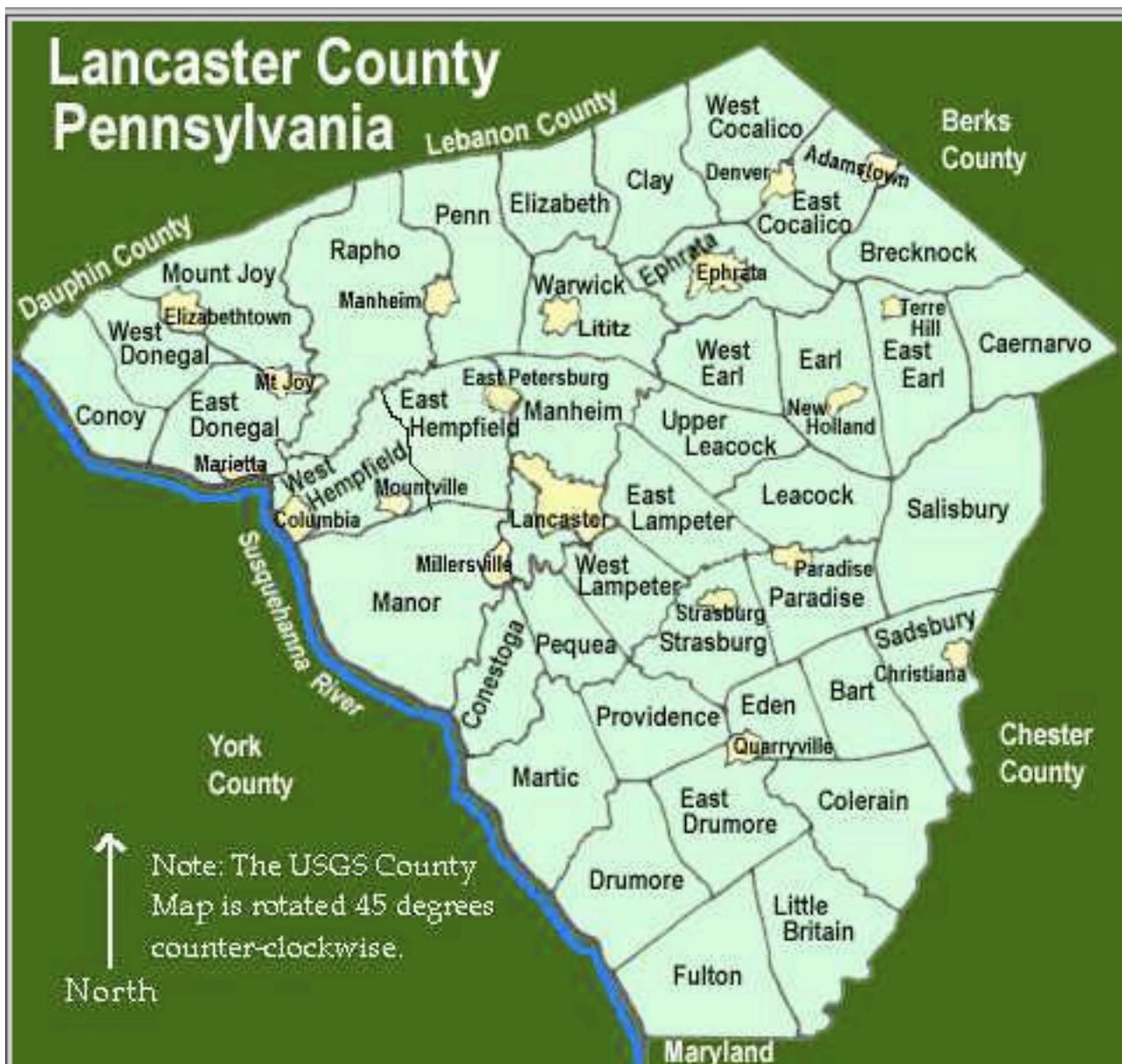
In 1751, when Thomas’ first two children were baptized, he was living in Drumore Twp, not far from the Muddy Run meetinghouse, which was located in present-day Martic Township. (See Lancaster County township map, next page.) We know that Thomas was living in Drumore in 1751 because his name appears on the Drumore tax list for that year.¹² Thomas was undoubtedly closely related to James, John and Peter Patterson who settled in Drumore no later than 1750, and who are also found on early Drumore tax lists. (See my paper, “James, John & Peter Patterson of Drumore.”) However, as already stated, no records found to date allow us to claim either James, John or Peter as Thomas’ father, and no records found to date allow us to speculate as to Thomas’ relationship to any of these men.

¹¹ Rev. Dobbin was a Covenanter minister who came to America in 1773 to assist Rev. Cuthbertson. A transcription of marriages he performed may be found (as this writing) at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~treasures/pa/adams/alexdobbinmarr.htm>.

¹² *Drumore Twp., Lancaster Co., PA Tax Records 1751-1813*, FHL film #1449278.

The Muddy Run meetinghouse was situated “on the road from Rawlinsville to Holtwood in Martic Township.” (See “Churches of Today and Yesterday in Southern Lancaster County,” by Fellowship of Solanco Churches, 1968, on-line as of this writing at the Southern Lancaster County Historical Society website, www.rootsweb.com/~paslchs/muddyrunpreshis.html.) During the period 1755-1759, the Indians roved unchecked in this area--burning, looting and murdering. I’ve read much of sufferings of the settlers in Lancaster County during the French and Indian War, and I can’t help wondering whether Thomas lost a wife and several of his children during this period. Note on the baptism records given above that three children baptized 1753-1757—possible children of our Thomas—are heard of no more.

USGS map of townships in present-day Lancaster County



Map of present-day Martic Township:



The source cited above tells us that the Muddy Run meetinghouse (in present-day Martic Twp.) was very likely destroyed by the Indians: “Tradition enters here with the statement that the Meeting House was burned by marauding Indians. This seems quite possible and very probable. This tradition would account for the fact that the second Meeting House, also of logs, was erected in 1760, at which time the first building [a log structure built about 1742] should have been still in good repair, it being only eighteen years old.”

The burning of the Muddy Run meetinghouse would explain why sons William and John were baptized there in 1751, but why after that Thomas Sr.’s later-born children were baptized elsewhere.

Thomas is listed on the four earliest extant Drumore Twp., Lancaster Co. tax lists (1751, 1756, 1757 and 1759) but is not found on the next extant list, dated 1763. The Thomas Patterson selling land 20 Dec 1762¹³ is undoubtedly the Thomas who

¹³ *Abstracts of Lancaster Co., PA Deed Records...Volume 6* compiled by Edward N. Wevodau (Apollo, PA: Closson Press, 2006), p.70, shows a deed recorded in Deed Book KK, p. 561, in which the history of a tract of Drumore land is given; on 31 Mar 1760 Jonathan Smith granted a large tract in Drumore, Lancaster

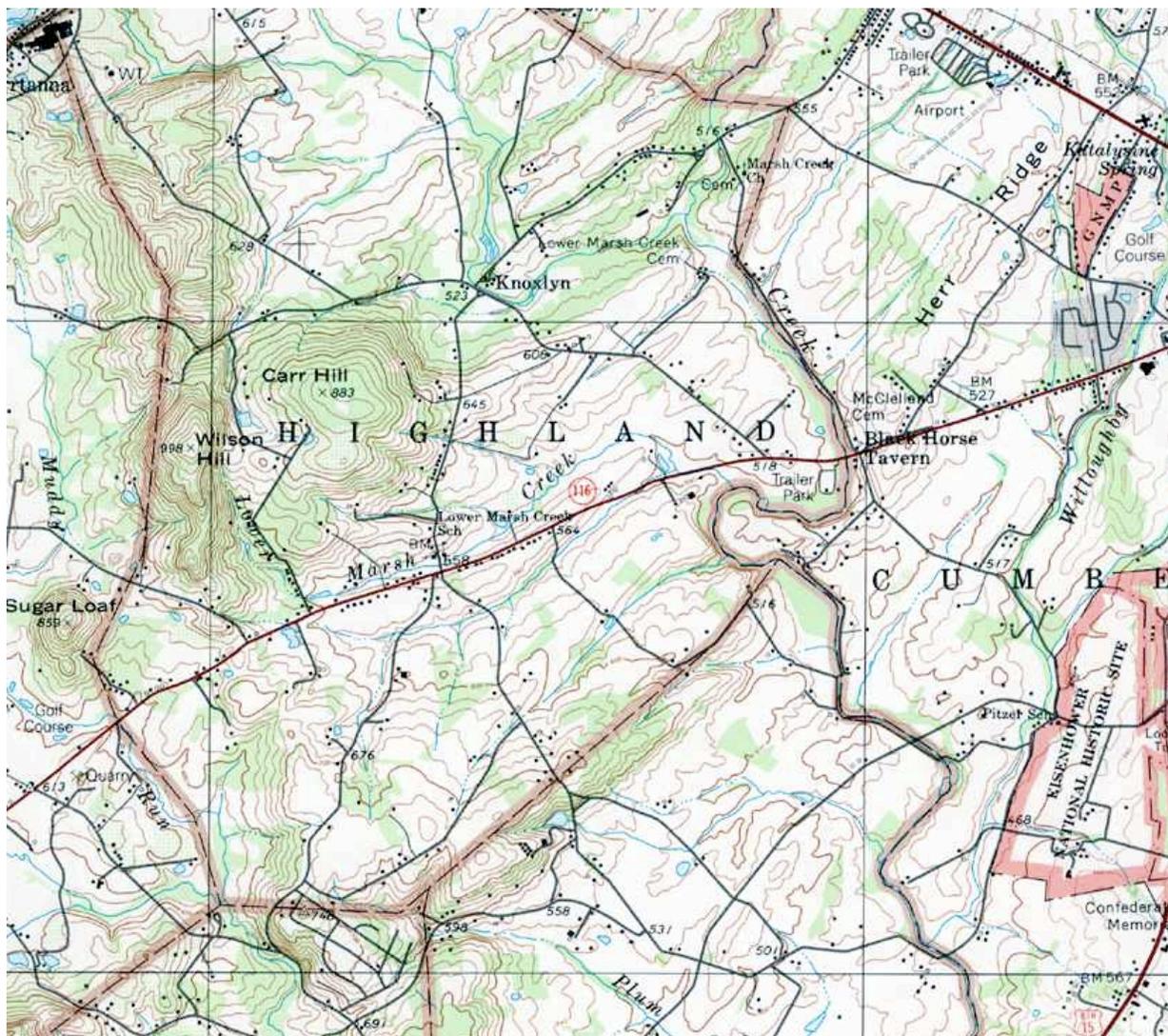
concerns us here, since son Alexander was baptized 31 Oct 1762 in the area of the Middle Octoraro Society, Lancaster Co.; but daughter Sarah was baptized 1764 in the area of the Marsh Creek Society. The Marsh Creek meetinghouse was located in present-day Highland Twp., Adams Co. (then still part of York Co.), PA.

USGS map of townships in present-day Adams County



Co. to Thomas Patterson, which Thomas then sold to James Snodgrass 20 Dec 1762. **Neither the 1760 deed to Thomas Patterson, nor the 1762 deed to James Snodgrass, is indexed!**

Map of present-day Highland Township, Adams County



Land records and baptism records for his children tell us that **between 1762 and 1764 Thomas Sr. re-located, leaving Drumore Twp in Lancaster Co. and crossing the Susquehanna River to the area of the Marsh Creek/Rock Creek meeting house, in present-day Highland Twp., Adams County.** Here daughter Sarah was baptized, in 1764.

It was in this area of present-day Adams County that Thomas Sr.'s son, William, and his daughter, Susannah, probably met their future spouses. In 1773, son William married Jane Morrow, daughter of Jeremiah Morrow.¹⁴ Rev. Cuthbertson ordained

¹⁴ Rec. Cuthbertson married William and "Jean Murray" 24 Aug 1773 at Marsh Creek (Fields, p. 81). Rev. Cuthbertson baptized "Jean" (Jane) "Murray" (Morrow), daughter of Jeremiah, on 8 Sept 1751, at the Marsh Creek meetinghouse (Fields, p. 134). On many internet trees the name of Jane's father is incorrectly shown to be John. Jeremiah Morrow died 14 Sept 1758 and is buried in The Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery (www.interment.net/data/us/pa/adams/lower_marsh/lower_marsh.htm).

Jeremiah “Murray” as one of the first elders of the Marsh Creek Society on 8 Apr 1753 (Fields, p. 71). Also ordained as elder on that day was David Dunwoody. As conjectured above, I believe that the “Susanna” Patterson who married David Dunwoody in 1778 was Thomas Sr.’s daughter, and I believe that her husband was David Dunwoody Jr., son of the David Dunwoody who was ordained an elder.¹⁵ An entry in Cuthbertson’s journal tells us that in 1764 our Thomas Patterson was living just 8 miles from David Dunwoody: “1764 – Oct 21. Preached...at David Dunwoody’s and baptized...[then] rode 8 miles to Thomas Paterson’s....” (Fields, p. 76).

In Chapter III of “Memoirs of David Hunter Patterson,” David Hunter writes that his great-grandfather, William (son of Thomas Sr.) “was born in 1749 and died in 1846. I was two years old when he died and had been held in his arms.” Because David Hunter Patterson remained in the area where his great-grandfather had settled, and because he had undoubtedly heard accounts from his own father and grandfather about his great-grandfather’s life, I am inclined to trust what David Hunter wrote in Chapter I: “It is said that my two great grandfathers, William Patterson [son of Thomas Sr.] and William Hunter, arrived in this valley [Big Cove, in present-day Fulton county] on the same day in 1765, meeting on top of Tuscarora Mountain.”

In 1765, David Hunter’s great-grandfather (William, son of Thomas Sr.) would have been only sixteen years old. Did William make this journey from Marsh Creek by himself, or was he with his father? Baptism records don’t help us answer the question whether son William came to the Big Cove alone, or with his parents and siblings. Thomas Sr.’s daughter Sarah was baptized in Marsh Creek in 1764, but the next three children listed above (Elizabeth bapt. 1770 in Middle Octoraro; Arthur *Pattison* bapt. 1771 in Marsh Creek and Jean bapt. 1773 in Marsh Creek) are probably *not* Thomas Sr.’s children. It is possible that Thomas Sr.’s oldest son, William, came alone to scout for land, and that his father either came later to the Big Cove area, or never came at all. **We have no records that place Thomas Sr. in the area of present-day Fulton Co., PA in 1765.**

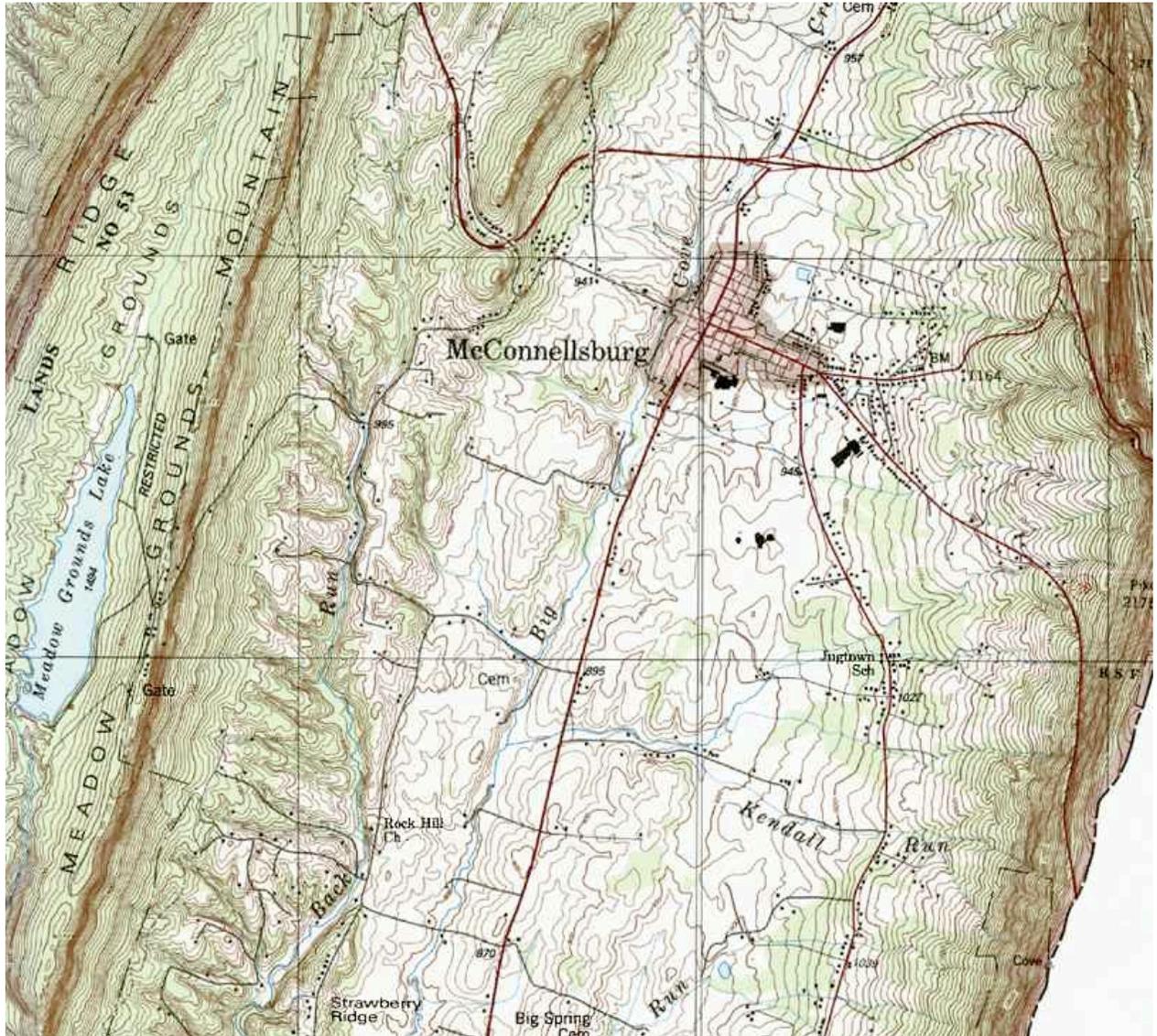
All we know with certainty is that **Thomas Sr. came to present-day Adams Co. 1762-1764 and then, no later than 1785, was in Washington, Fayette Co., PA.** For a period of about twenty years I’m unsure of his whereabouts. Adams County was created in 1800 from York County, so future researchers may want to search York County records for some evidence of Thomas living there. And it would be interesting to learn if Thomas ever lived in the “Big Cove” area where his son William settled. (See Chapter II.) Today the Big Cove is located in Ayr Twp., Fulton Co. but prior to 1850, when Fulton Co. was formed, it was in Ayr Twp., Bedford County. (See map of Fulton County townships on the next page.)

¹⁵ Rev. Cuthbertson baptized David “Dinwiddy,” son of David, on 10 Aug 1755 in the Marsh Creek meetinghouse (Fields, p. 72).

USGS map of townships in present-day Fulton County



Map of the “Big Cove” area of present-day Fulton Co., PA



To re-cap: we know that Thomas Sr. and sons John, Thomas Jr. and Alexander came to Fayette Co., but we don't know from where. From present-day Adams County? From present-day Fulton County?

As stated above, we know that **by 1785 Thomas Sr. was living in Washington Twp., Fayette County** (“1785 Return of State Tax,” *PA Archives*, Series 3, Vol. XXII, p. 585). There are two Thomas Pattersons on this list; the one listed next to Peter Patterson is Peter's son, and the other is Thomas Sr., the subject of the paper.

As previously stated, Thomas Sr.'s son, William, stayed behind in the McConnellsburg area, but Thomas' other three sons--John, Thomas Jr. and Alexander--came to Fayette County.

It appears that John and Alexander came to Fayette County a few years in advance of their father, perhaps having been entrusted with the responsibility of scouting

land to buy--not only for themselves, but for their father, and for their brother, Thomas Jr., who seems to have been the last to come west. (See chapters in this paper on each of these sons.)

The 1783 Westmoreland County “Transcript of Property with Number of Inhabitants” (*PA Archives*, Series 3, Vol. XXII, p. 377) shows a John Patterson (smith) taxed on 300 acres, with seven white inhabitants in his household. I believe this is Thomas Sr.’s son, John, because we know John, son of Thomas Sr., was a blacksmith. See *History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania* by Franklin Ellis (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1882), p. 810). However, I cannot find evidence in land records that Thomas’ son, John, owned 300 acres of land in Fayette County by 1783; nor would there have been seven family members in John’s household in 1783. So: how to account for these discrepancies? See Chapter III, on Thomas’ son John, for some conjecture.

This 1783 list must have been taken a few months prior to the formation of Fayette County, because many of the men listed here as residents of Rostraver township in Westmoreland County are known to have settled on land that became part of Washington Twp., Fayette Co. In other words, when Fayette County was formed in 1783, part of Rostraver Township in Westmoreland Co. remained in Westmoreland, and another part went to Fayette County, and was called Washington Township.

The six Patterson men over the age of twenty-one (not necessarily heads of household) on this list, who are listed in Rostraver in 1783 are: Peter, Thomas (single), John (single), John (blacksmith), Robert and James (single). The first three—Peter, Thomas (single), and John (single)—are Peter Patterson and two of his three sons, all of whom, at that time, were residents of Washington Twp. (later Jefferson Twp.), Fayette Co. Ellis states (p. 617) that Peter had a brother named Robert, but I don’t believe the Robert on this 1783 Rostraver list is Peter’s brother. Peter’s brother, Robert, did not leave Drumore and come to Rostraver until 1793-1794. The sixth, James Patterson (single) was Peter’s son.

That leaves only the fifth name, John Patterson, as a possible son of Thomas Patterson Sr. I think it probable that the John Patterson on this 1783 list is Thomas Sr.’s son; and this would mean that John was most probably the first of Thomas Sr.’s sons to arrive in Fayette County, in 1783.

Thomas Sr.’s son, Alexander, arrived in 1784. On 17 Dec 1784, Thomas Sr.’s son, Alexander, warranted 250 acres in *Westmoreland County* (*PA Archives*, Series 3, Vol. XXVI, p. 488). I believe this 250-acre tract warranted by Alexander in 1784 was the original “Rich Grove” tract (241.5 acres) that was eventually patented to Thomas Patterson Jr., Alexander’s brother, in 1793. The original “Rich Grove Farm” straddled the border between Rostraver Twp., Westmoreland County, and Washington, Fayette County. This is why the warrant records show that “Rich Grove” in Westmoreland Co. was warranted to Alexander.¹⁶ Part of this tract, as mentioned in the “Preface” of this paper, is still in the family, today.

Various descendants of Thomas Jr. (such as Sarah Luella Patterson and Andrew Brown Patterson) had become curious about “Rich Grove” farm, and had attempted to research its history. Unfortunately, wrong information had been published in *Cyclopedia*

¹⁶ See Westmoreland Co. Deed Book 16, p. 539, which refers to “Rich Grove Farm,” and describes it as “situate partly in Rostraver Township Westmoreland County and partly in Washington Township Fayette County.”

of *Biographies of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania*, (Philadelphia: John M. Gresham & Co., 1890). The author undoubtedly had seen the record of the land warranted 1784 by Alexander, and had seen that the patent for this land was granted to Thomas Patterson. This caused someone to *incorrectly assume* that Alexander was the *father* of Thomas Patterson Jr., and so that is what is what got published. (See “Transcriptions” section of this paper for a complete transcription of the article containing this wrong information.) A biographical sketch of John S. Patterson, on p. 622 of this book, states:

“John S. Patterson, a progressive farmer of Rostraver township, was born May 2, 1850, in Redstone township, Fayette county, Pa., and is a son of George and Mary (Stevens) Patterson. This is one of the old and respected families of the county. More than a century ago Alexander Patterson, the great-great grandfather [INCORRECT] of John S. Patterson, took out a patent for a tract of land in Rostraver township, this county, containing two hundred and forty acres and known as the “Rich Grove.” This was afterwards transferred to Thomas Patterson [Jr.] (great-grandfather) [CORRECT] in 1793.” [But Alexander was Thomas Jr.’s brother, not his father.]

Ironically, I think that John S. Patterson himself might have been the source of this wrong information in *Cyclopedia of Biographies of Westmoreland County*. It was a common practice at this time [1890] for publishers to solicit information (and money!) from people, in exchange for the promise to publish an article about their lives and family history. Copies of letters in my possession, to and from John S. Patterson, show that John S. Patterson was aware of the 1784 land warrant by Alexander, and knew that this land ended up in the possession of Thomas Jr., his own great-grandfather. I think that in 1890, at the time *Cyclopedia of Biographies of Westmoreland County* was published, John S. Patterson thought that the name of Thomas Jr.’s father was Alexander. (It was Sarah Luella Patterson, daughter of John S. Patterson, who eventually straightened this out; see the letters in Chapter XIII of this paper.)

It boggles my mind that in 1890 John S. Patterson did not know the name of his great-great-grandfather (Thomas Sr.), considering that his direct Patterson ancestors had not re-located since Thomas Sr. had settled there in the 1780’s—and considering that John S. was born in 1850, only 28 years after Thomas Sr. had died! It just goes to show how easily information about ancestors can fade away, even if descendants remain for generations within a few miles of the original homestead.

The 1785 Fayette Co. “Return of State Tax” (*PA Archives Series 3, Vol. XXII*, pp. 546-586) shows nine Patterson men living in Washington Twp., Fayette Co. I have identified six of these men as being of other Patterson lines. The other three—John, Thomas and Alexander—I believe to be: Thomas Sr.’s son, John; Thomas Sr.; and Thomas Sr.’s son, Alexander.

I believe that Thomas Jr. came to Fayette Co. later than his father and brothers. I think that in 1785 Thomas Jr. was still in Adams Co. I think it probable that Thomas Jr. did not come to Fayette Co. until sometime after 1786 and before 1790. (Future researchers may wish to investigate Adams Co. land and tax records, to explore this theory.)

Thomas Jr.’s name appears, for the first time on any record west of the Alleghenies, on the 1790 Rostraver, Westmoreland Co. census. Thomas Jr. married

Elizabeth Brown 1781 in Adams Co. and had three sons by 1786: Alexander (born 1782), Thomas (born 1784) and John (born 1786). (See Thomas Jr.'s chapter for documentation.) It seems to me that it might have been difficult for Thomas Jr. and his very young family to travel west 1783-1786, at the time his father and two brothers set off across the mountains. It seems to me that Thomas Jr. might have waited behind a few years, perhaps waiting for his wife to be between pregnancies! (Daughter Jane was born 29 Jan 1789.)

We have no records showing that Thomas Jr. accompanied his father in 1785-1788. As previously stated, the earliest record for Thomas Jr. in Fayette County is the 1790 census. Then, in 1793 Thomas Jr. received a patent for the land his brother Alexander had received a warrant for a few years earlier. And, in 1797 Thomas Jr. received additional land from his father. (Fayette Co. Deed Book D., p. 24: "April 13, 1797 – Thomas Patterson Sr. to Thomas Patterson Jr."--see Chapter IX of this paper.)

So, by 1790, three of Thomas Sr.'s sons (John, Thomas Jr., Alexander) were living near to him in Fayette Co.; and one (William) had chosen to remain back east, near McConnellsburg.

The household of Thomas Patterson, Sr. is recorded on the 1790 census of Washington Twp., Fayette Co.:

1790 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 3 of 4)¹⁷

Thomas Paterson [*sic*] junr. [*sic* – error]

2 males > 16 yrs **Thomas Sr. + 1 unidentified male (farm laborer? grandson?)**

1 male < 16 yrs **1 unidentified male < 16 (farm laborer? grandson?)**

1 female **Thomas Sr.'s wife (Sarah?)**

0 slaves

IMPORTANT NOTE: Unlike other townships on the 1790 Fayette Co., census, Washington Twp. has been roughly alphabetized—all the "P" surnames grouped in one section, etc. I believe that when the alphabetized copy was made, "Senr." After Thomas' name above got mis-transcribed as "Junr." There is no doubt that Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr., is the Thomas "Patterson" listed on the 1790 census in Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., PA. There are two Thomas "Patersons" listed in Washington Twp. in 1790. One is Thomas Sr., above; the other is Thomas, son of Peter Patterson. Peter and this other Thomas are listed consecutively.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of this writing, ancestry.com's census database contains many indexing errors for censuses 1790-1810. Many Pattersons are indexed as living in incorrect townships, and many Pattersons are not indexed at all. I alerted ancestry.com to these errors in 2003 and as of this writing they have not been addressed.

The household of Thomas Sr. is recorded on the 1800 census of Washington Twp., Fayette Co.:

1800 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 6 of 8)

Thomas Patterson

1 male > 45 **Thomas Sr.**

1 male 10-16 **Unidentified (farm laborer? grandson?)**

1 female > 45 **Thomas Sr.'s wife (Sarah?)**

1 slave

NOTE: This census has been alphabetized. Thomas is listed next to sons John and Alexander.

¹⁷ Unless otherwise noted, ensus page numbers for all census transcriptions in this paper refer to page numbers in ancestry.com's scan of a particular township or county division.

The household of Thomas Sr. is recorded on the 1810 census of Washington Twp., Fayette Co. By 1810, Thomas' wife Sarah had died:

1810 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 3 of 12)

Thomas Patterson

1 male > 45 *Thomas Sr.*

1 slave?

NOTE: There should be 2 columns after the one for females over the age of 45—one for “other free persons,” and one for “slaves.” However, there is just one column on this page. In this one column the enumerator has written “1.” When Thomas wrote in his will in 1806 he expressed the desire that upon his death his “Negro Woman” should be freed. Thus I am assuming that this “1” written in the column after females over the age of 45 refers to the number of slaves.

In 1820, two Thomas Patterson heads of household are listed on the census in Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA. One is over the age of 45 and one is age 26-45. One has been recorded with an incorrect age.

One, listed as over the age of 45, is Thomas Patterson, son of Peter. He is listed directly next to Ann Whiting, who witnessed Peter's will. The other, listed as age 26-45, is the Thomas who is the subject of the paper. There is no doubt about it: the wrong age column was checked for Thomas Sr. on this census. This happened frequently in 1820. For the first time, there were six age columns for males on the 1820 census. (A column for males age 16-18 had been added.) I believe the enumerator checked the fifth column (age 26-45) instead of, correctly, checking the last column (over the age of 45).

1820 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 5 of 15)

Thomas Patterson

2 males 26-45 *One of these is Thomas Sr., who was about age 96.*

1 male 18-26 [no males 16-18]

2 females 0-10

1 female 16-26

1 female 26-45

The 1820 census is the last census on which Thomas Sr. was listed. He died 1822.

There is no indication that Thomas Sr. followed any profession other than farming. He must have been successful, for he was able to acquire large tracts of land, much of which he deeded to his sons.

It is doubtful that Thomas Sr. served in the Revolutionary War.¹⁸ We know he was born about 1724, so he would have been around age 52 at the outbreak of the war—and males over the age of 53 were not required to serve. However, it is certain that at least one of his sons—William—served as a Revolutionary Soldier. (See William's chapter).

¹⁸ I have copies of the research of Richard Nelson of Mesa, AZ, kindly sent to me in 2004 by Richard's wife, Judy. One of the sources of information listed by Mr. Nelson is “From Thomas Patterson Sr., a Patriot of the American Revolution to Newell M. Adams, a Veteran of World War II” by Ann Newby Adams, privately published 1981, Daytona Beach, FLA, a copy of which Mr. Nelson found at the Salt Lake Library. I have not seen this source. The title refers to a Thomas “Sr.” But does this paper perhaps refer to Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr.? Future researchers may want to check this out. It is possible that the Thomas I refer to as “Jr.” performed Revolutionary Service. See “Military Records of Franklin County”—as of this writing posted at PA-Roots (www.pa-roots.org/data/list.php?383). This post refers to Cumberland Co. muster rolls (the part of Cumberland that became Franklin Co.) in *PA Archives*, 6th Series, Vol. 6, p. 130, 190 and 309. The Thomas Patterson on this muster roll *could* be Thomas Jr.

Thomas must have been a devoutly religious man. He was a Covenanter, and when he was a young man he chose not to have any minister of the “mainstream” Presbyterian Church baptize his children, though there were several Presbyterian churches located conveniently near where he lived. Thomas chose, instead, to wait for itinerant minister Rev. John Cuthbertson, to baptize his children. Often the wait was months, or even years.

When Thomas Sr. arrived in Fayette Co., he was in his sixties, and the firm grip of his Covenanter forefathers had evidently relaxed somewhat. Thomas joined the church closest to his home, the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church—a non-dissenting “mainstream” Presbyterian Church.

As stated above, the name of Thomas’ wife in 1802 was Sarah. We do not know her maiden name. We also cannot be sure that Sarah was Thomas’ first or only wife. **Sarah died between 1802** (when she was named in an 1802 deed) **and 31 May 1806** (date Thomas Sr. wrote his will, which does not mention a wife). **Sarah’s place of burial has not been found.** If Sarah were buried at Rehoboth (as she most probably was), her stone did not survive the elements. Her grave is not listed on any of the several transcriptions of Rehoboth burials, nor did I see her grave during my several visits (2003 and 2005) to this Cemetery.

Thomas Sr. outlived two of his sons: Alexander (who died 1800-1806) and Thomas Jr. (who died 1813). **Thomas Sr. died on 5 June 1822, at the age of ninety-seven years (“98th year of his age”). He is buried in Rehoboth Presbyterian Church Cemetery** in Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., PA—a beautiful spot for a last resting-place. (See photo below.)



Rehoboth Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania

CHAPTER II

William, son of Thomas Sr.

We have more information about son William's life and family than we have on any of the other children of Thomas Patterson, Sr. The main sources of information about William's life are:

- (1) Letter written 1911 by William Patterson (grandson of the William who is subject of this chapter) to Sarah Luella Patterson. (See Chapter XIII.)
- (2) "A Sketch of the Pattersons 1752-1907," written by Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit of Washington, PA, in 1908. This brief paper is on-line, as of this writing, in the "Family History Archives" of Brigham Young University's digital library (www.lib.byu.edu/fhc). This paper was microfilmed 10 Mar 1987 by the Church of the Latter-Day Saints, and this microfilm Roll #XLIB7102-2399 is part of the Salt Lake library collection. Aside from incorrect statements about Thomas Sr.'s father, and about Thomas' brothers, the data in Rev. Proudfit's paper is generally reliable. ***Please note that all of Rev. Proudfit's statements about being related to the Bonapartes should be disregarded.*** Many researchers of William's Patterson line have referred to Rev. Proudfit's paper, and this accounts for the errors embedded in many, many trees concerning the earliest generations.¹⁹
- (3) "Memoirs of David Hunter Patterson" was written in 1929. David Hunter Patterson was great-grandson of the William who is the subject of this chapter. It seems that David Hunter Patterson was in contact with Rev. Proudfit of (2) above, so errors in David Hunter Patterson's paper duplicate the errors in Rev. Proudfit's paper. "Memoirs" can be found on-line, as of this writing, at <http://fulton.pa-roots.com/pathist/toc.htm>.
- (4) Richard Duane Nelson of Mesa, AZ spent many years of research on this Patterson line. In 2004 I was corresponding with Richard's wife, Judy, who generously sent me several hundred pages of her husband's research. Richard Nelson allegedly descends from William Patterson "born about 1706 in of Rossgarrow, Fanad [should be "Fanad"], Donegal, Ulster Ireland" who "married Elizabeth Peoples." William and Elizabeth (Peoples) Patterson allegedly had son Robert, from whom Mr. Nelson allegedly descends. William & Elizabeth (Peoples) Patterson had son William (1752-1835), whose famous daughter, Elizabeth ("Betsy"), married Jerome Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother. Unfortunately for Mr. Nelson, one of his sources of information was "A Sketch of the Pattersons"—see (2) above—in which it is stated without proof (and incorrectly) that William of Baltimore (born 1752) and Thomas Patterson Sr. (born c, 1724) were brothers. Richard Nelson was misled by the Proudfit information, and this is the reason for his incorrect assertion that Thomas Patterson Sr. of Washington Twp., Fayette Co. was the brother of his direct ancestor (Robert, son of William Patterson of Rossgarrow). Mr. Nelson intensively researched the line of Thomas Patterson Sr. His research was prodigious and his efforts are laudable. For example, Mr. Nelson's typed chapter on the life and descendants of William Patterson, Thomas Sr.'s son, is 58 pages long! Mr. Nelson appears to have done a very thorough job researching the men

¹⁹ See the "Sorting out the Pattersons" chapter of this paper.

- he thought were the sons of William and Elizabeth (Peoples) Patterson—among whom he believed (incorrectly), was Thomas Patterson Sr. of Washington, Fayette Co., PA. However, if Mr. Nelson’s descent from Robert (son of William of Rossgarrow) is correct, then Mr. Nelson is not directly related at all to Thomas Patterson Sr., the subject of this paper.
- (5) *The Patterson & Pattison Family Association*, Vol. 2, (1964), pp. 94-95, contains information about William, son of Thomas Sr. This material was submitted by Mrs. Chalon T. Land of Enfield, Illinois, in 1963. (See Chapter XI.)
 - (6) *Register of Marriages and Baptisms Performed by Rev. John Cuthbertson 1751-1791*, ed. by S. Helen Fields (originally published 1934 in Washington, D.C., and reprinted 2001 by Heritage Books, Bowie, MD).
 - (7) “Odenkirk Family History” on-line, as of this writing, at www.odenkirk.com, contains some info about William’s descendants not found elsewhere, and most info concerning the later generations is correct. However, some of this info regarding the earliest generations contains errors. For example, in this source Thomas Sr.’s birth and death dates are wrong. (I sent corrected info to the author of the website in 2004, but as of this writing the wrong information is still up there.)

The Life & Descendants of William Patterson, son of Thomas Sr.

Sources 1-5 & 7 above agree that William Patterson was born in 1749. Several of the sources above give William’s exact birth date: **William, son of Thomas Sr., was born 12 June 1749**, and this agrees with the birth date computed from his death date and age of death on William’s tombstone at Big Spring Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA. (See list of burials at end of this chapter.) The location of William’s birth as stated in Mr. Nelson’s paper is York Co., PA—another fact not found in any other source. Mr. Nelson has meticulously documented his sources, so we know he got the information that William was born in York Co. from “*From Thomas Patterson Sr., a Patriot of the American Revolution to Newell M. Adams, a Veteran of World War II*” by Ann Newby Adams, privately published 1981, Daytona Beach, FLA, a copy of which Mr. Nelson found at the Salt Lake Library). Though I have not seen this source cited by Mr. Nelson, I do not think it possible to state with certainty where William was born. Personally, I doubt that he was born in York County. Since the first record we have for William’s father is dated 1751, in Lancaster Co., PA (see Chapter I), and since we don’t know where Thomas Sr. was prior to 1751, it is actually possible that William was born in Ireland. Interestingly, one source states that William was born in Scotland.²⁰ But if William were born in Pennsylvania, his place of birth was probably Lancaster County, not York County. **At this point, William’s birthplace cannot be stated with certainty.**

²⁰ In Chapter I of this paper it is conjectured that if Thomas Sr. came to America as an adult, he came from Ireland. (See letter written in 1911 by William Patterson, in Chapter XIII.) However it should be noted that one source claims that William, son of Thomas Sr., was born in Scotland. See http://files.usgwarchives.net/pa/fulton/areahistory/fultonhist632_647.txt. Here is a transcription of *History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, PA*, no author (Chicago: Waterman, Watkins & Co., 1884), from the chapter on townships “Ayr and Tod,” pp. 638-639: “Col. William Patterson [he was a Col. in the state militia, not in the Rev. War] was a native of Scotland. He was one of the pioneers of the cove, and located on the farm now owned by his grandson, Thomas Patterson, of McConnellsburg, long prior to the revolution...” (See Chapter XI to read the entire passage on William.)

It does not appear that any previous researchers were aware of the existence of Rev. Cuthbertson's journal— source (6) above—and this must have seriously hampered their research. In one instance a researcher does refer to Rev. Cuthbertson marrying William and Jane Morrow, but in this reference the marriage date given is wrong, which leads me to believe that the researcher was using verbal information, and was not actually looking at Cuthbertson's journal (or a transcription of it).

What we do know, from Cuthbertson's records, is that **William was baptized 17 Dec 1751 at the Muddy Run meetinghouse in present-day Martic Twp., Lancaster Co., PA.** William and his brother, John, were baptized on the same day. As explained in Chapter I, I don't believe that William and John were twins, and I think that William was the elder of the two.

William's boyhood was undoubtedly filled with uncertainty and fear, considering that the area where his family lived in Lancaster County suffered many Indian attacks. The very meetinghouse where William was baptized in 1751 is said to have been "burned by marauding Indians" (see Chapter I), sometime in the mid-to-late 1750's. William's father appears to have moved, during the Indian troubles, to a location close to Rev. Cuthbertson's home, in present-day Bart Twp., Lancaster County.

When William was 13-14 years old, his father crossed the Susquehanna River and settled for a time in the area that today is in the eastern part of Adams Co., PA—but which was *then* part of York County. (This may be why one source claims that William was born in York County.) It is probable that William met his future wife, Jane/Jean Morrow (a/k/a Murray) as a young teenager, because the area where his father was living (based on baptism records of Thomas' children) was the same area where Jeremiah Morrow, Jane's father, had settled. Rev. Cuthbertson ordained Jeremiah Morrow as one of the first elders in the Marsh Creek congregation in present-day Adams Co. (Fields, p. 71). Thus, undoubtedly William and Jane Morrow would have had contact with each other at this congregation's meetinghouse.

As discussed in Chapter I, according to "Memoirs of David Hunter Patterson," William came to the Big Cove area (then in Bedford, now in Fulton Co.) in 1765. "Memoirs" does not tell us whether William—then only about sixteen years old—came there alone, or with his parents and siblings. It may be that Thomas Sr. had assigned his oldest son the task of scouting for land. We do know that by 1773 William owned land in The Big Cove—in present-day Ayr Twp., Fulton Co. (*PA Archives*, Series 3, Vol. XXII, p. 3); but whether he was there prior to that date, as stated in "Memoirs," we can't be sure. William perhaps purchased his land in Ayr Twp. in preparation for his upcoming marriage. William is listed as "single" on the Ayr Twp. tax list for 1773, the year he married.

William married Jane Morrow ("Jean Murray" in Cuthbertson's records) **on 24 August 1773**, at the Marsh Creek meetinghouse (Fields, p. 81). Jane "Murray," daughter of Jeremiah, was baptized 8 Sept 1751 at Marsh Creek by Rev. Cuthbertson (Fields, p. 43). A transcription of burials at Big Spring Cemetery in Fulton Co. (see list at end of the chapter) shows that **Jane was born 7 Sept 1750**, nearly a year before she was baptized.

William is not listed on the 1774, 1775 or 1776 Ayr Twp. tax list, but re-appears for one year in 1779 (Ibid, p. 179).²¹ After 1779 he is not found on Ayr lists again until 1783 and 1784 (Ibid, p. 241, 308). During the years when he is missing from the Ayr lists, I believe **William was in Cumberland County, with his brother, John, at least during the years 1778-1780.** See his brother John's chapter for documentation concerning William's presence in Cumberland County during the Revolutionary War years.

When the Revolutionary War broke out, William was twenty-seven years old, and was married with one small child--Sarah, or "Sally," born 22 Sept 1774. Another baby was on the way—Jeremiah, who was born 23 July 1776. Specific information regarding William Patterson's Revolutionary War service is given in "From Thomas Patterson Sr...to Newell M. Adams a Veteran of World War II," by Ann Newby Adams (privately published in Daytona Beach, Florida, 1981): "...he served as an Ensign in **Captain William Findley's Company, Colonel Abraham Smythe's battalion.**"²² Note that Abraham Smith, commander of the 8th Battalion of Cumberland Co., PA Militia, lived in Antrim Twp., Cumberland County. He should not be confused with the Captain Abraham Smith from Lurgan Twp., "just north of the Franklin County line." See *History of Franklin Co., PA*, no author (Chicago: Warner, Beers & Co., 1887), p. 181. (This book can be found, as of this writing, at www.archive.org/details/historyoffrankli00bate.)

David Hunter Patterson wrote in Chapter III of his "Memoirs" that his great-grandfather, William (the subject of this chapter), was "a sergeant...at Valley Forge with General George Washington." David Hunter Patterson also writes in Chapter III that his son, William Morrow Patterson was (in 1929) "in possession of William's Revolutionary sword," and that his sister "has an engraved invitation [for dinner] which Colonel William Patterson received from President Washington."

In his later years, William was known as "Col. Patterson," because he was appointed Colonel of the local militia at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. Rev. Proudfit writes that William "was fully six feet high, was a soldier in the Rev. War, was a member of Congress [representative to the State legislature in 1794, per "Memoirs"], & by invitation dined once with the Pres. Washington... He was an elder in the church & justice of the peace...He was a blacksmith & later he was a prosperous farmer & gave a farm to each of his children...."

William and Jane (Morrow) Patterson had eight children. Most sources, including "Memoirs," mention only seven children, but source (2) above shows Susan—and supplies her birth date—and says she "died young," which explains, perhaps, why she was not mentioned in the other sources. William and his wife Jane remained in the area of McConnellsburg until their deaths.

A transcription of Fulton County burials (see list at end of this chapter) shows that **William and wife Jane are buried in Big Spring Cemetery. William died 18 May 1846,**

²¹ See Chapter III of this paper, in which I theorize that William and his brother, John, were living by 1778, and until about 1780, in Cumberland Co., PA.

²² "From Thomas Patterson Sr..." is cited in Source (2) given at the beginning of this chapter. I have not personally seen this paper. However, I have been able to corroborate statements regarding William's service that were attributed to this source. In "Muster Rolls and Papers Relating to the Associators and Militia of the County of Cumberland," published in *PA Archives*, Series 2, Vol. XIV, p. 426 is a muster roll showing that Col. Abraham Smyth commanded the Eight Battalion, in which, on 14 May 1778, William Findlay was captain and William Patterson was Ensign of the 7th Company.

and his wife Jane died 5 Nov 1832.

William and Jane (Morrow) Patterson had the eight children listed below. (Specific birth dates come from Proudfit's history.)

- I. **SARAH "SALLY" PATTERSON** b. 22 Sept 1774 - named 1st in father's will. (See this will in "Transcriptions.")
- II. **JEREMIAH PATTERSON** b. 23 July 1776 - not named in father's will, but named as a son in 1911 letter and in Rev. Proudfit's info & in *History of Bedford, Somerset & Fulton Counties, PA* (1884)—see "Transcriptions" chapter of this paper. Jeremiah died before his father.
- III. **MARY "POLLY" PATTERSON** b. 25 Oct 1778 - not named in father's will, but "son-in-law John Morrow" was named 4th, as was grandson William Morrow; Mary is named as daughter in 1911 letter & in "Memoirs"; also named in *History of Bedford, Somerset & Fulton Counties*
- IV. **JANE PATTERSON** b. 24 Nov 1780 - not named in father's will, but "son-in-law James Patterson" was named 5th; grandchildren William and Mary Jean Patterson were named; she was named as daughter in *History of Bedford, Somerset & Fulton Counties*
- V. **THOMAS PATTERSON** b. 24 Aug 1782 - named 2nd in father's will
- VI. **SUSAN PATTERSON** b. 14 Aug 1784 - not named in father's will; not named in 1911 letter or in "Memoirs" or in *History of Bedford, Somerset & Fulton Counties*; she is only named as a daughter in Rev. Proudfit's information, which says she "died young"
- VII. **WILLIAM PATTERSON** b. 11 May 1786 - named 3rd in father's will
- VIII. **JOHN PATTERSON** b. ____ 1788 - named last—6th—in father's will

Further information on the descendants of William and Jane (Morrow) Patterson is given next. **I have not personally verified the information below. The information comes from a combination of the sources listed at the beginning of this chapter.** Anyone wishing further information, or verification, may want to contact William "Bill" Remington Patterson, a direct descendant of William. As of this writing, Bill is the host of the Fulton County site at usgenweb.org. As far as I know, he is the "expert" to be consulted about the line of William Patterson, son of Thomas Sr. I was privileged to meet Bill during one of my research trips to Pennsylvania. His e-mail address (as of 2008) was patterson@computer.org.

Descendants of William & Jane (Morrow) Patterson:

1. **SARAH “SALLY” PATTERSON b. 22 Sept 1774; d. 8 Feb 1842** in New Concord, Muskingum Co., OH. *Note: Sarah’s father, William, refers to his daughter, Sarah, in his will, which was recorded & proved in 1846. William obviously wrote his will sometime prior to 1842, or his daughter Sarah would surely have been listed as “deceased.”* Curiously, William’s will was undated. Sarah **married in June 1798, near McConnellsburg, Rev. David Proudfit** (a/k/a “Proudfoot”), son of Andrew and Sarah (Wallace) Proudfit. As a wedding present, Sarah’s father gave her a “little slave girl” who lived with the family for four generations. About the time of their marriage, Rev. Proudfit was “called” to the Associate Reformed congregation at Laurel Hill in Franklin Co., PA. (See Franklin Ellis’ *History of Fayette Co., PA; Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1882, p. 560.*) Franklin Ellis writes of Rev. ‘Proudfoot’: “He came with his parents from Scotland in 1754, and in 1788 entered college at Gettysburg, studied theology under Rev. John Jamison, and in 1796 was licensed to preach. He labored at Laurel Hill, East Liberty, and Dunlap’s Creek from 1798 to the spring of 1824, and after twenty-six years of continuous service was released. He moved then to Ohio, where he died in 1830.” Rev. David & Sally (Patterson) Proudfit removed to Guernsey Co., OH about 1824. Their arrival date in Guernsey Co. was found in *History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin & Williamson Counties, Illinois* (Chicago: Goodspeed Publ. Co, 1887), p. 736-737—see “Transcriptions.” Much information concerning the children of Rev. David and Sally (Patterson) Proudfit can be found at www.odenkirk.com/html/fam01948.htm; see also http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~highfill/f_2.html.

Children of Rev. David & Sarah (Patterson) Proudfit/Proudfoot:

- A. **Andrew Proudfit** b. ___ in Fayette Co., PA; d. Feb 1852; m. 7 Dec 1828 Deborah Speer. Children:
1. **David Wallace Proudfit**
 2. **Unknown son Proudfit**
 3. **Unknown son Proudfit**
- B. **Sally Wallace Proudfit** b. ___ Fayette Co., PA; d. 1830; m. Henry Bonner
- C. **William Proudfit** b. 11 July 1799 Fayette Co., PA; d. 5 Aug 1862; m. 9 Sept 1828 **Susan(na) Patterson** (she b. 19 OR 23 Sept 1798, dau of Thomas Jr. of Fayette Co.; she was twin of Thomas Jr.’s dau, Mary, who m. William Patterson of McConnellsburg; she d. 7 Mar 1876). Children:
1. **Elizabeth Brown Proudfit** b. 19 June 1829; d. 3 July 1902; unmarried
 2. **Sarah Patterson Proudfit** b. 22 Jan 1831; d. 21 Apr 1891
 3. **David L. Proudfit** b. 24 Mar 1833; d. 23 Feb 1904; m. Elizabeth Thompson (she b. 30 Jan 1836)

4. **Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit (author of source #2 above):**
 b. 3 Mar 1835; d. ____; lived 1880 in Sparta, Randolph Co., IL;
 m. 30 Sept 1862 Margaret Carpenter. Children:
- a. **Susan Catherine Proudfit** b. 5 Dec 1863; d. 28 May 1864
 - b. **Alice Mary Proudfit** b. 29 June 1865; d. ____; m. George Fraser
 - c. **Edward Hervey Proudfit** b. 17 Apr 1867; d. 8 Nov 1872
 - d. **Lillie Blanche Proudfit** b. 7 Jan 1872; no further info
 - e. **William Albert Proudfit** b. 4 Aug 1872; no further info
 - f. **Charles Patterson Proudfit** b. 30 June 1874; d. ____; m. 14 May 1907 Laura Grace Clark
5. **Mary Jane Proudfit** b. 24 Sept 1837; d. 26 Oct 1906; m. John Wilson 26 Nov 1868
6. **John B. Proudfit** b. 14 Mar 1840; d. 8 Oct 18--?; m. Fannie Barnet. Children:
- a. **William Barnet Proudfit**
 - b. **Unknown daughter Proudfit**
 - c. **Unknown daughter Proudfit**
 - d. **Unknown daughter Proudfit**
- D. **Patterson Proudfit** b. 9 Dec 1805 Fayette Co., PA; d. 26 Feb 1878; m. 30 Dec 1830 Sarah Speer, in Fayette Co., PA. Children: “six sons & five daughters; 7 died in infancy or youth” Information about these descendants can be found at www.odenkirk.com/html/fam01948.htm.
- E. **Jane Morrow Proudfit** b. 9 Nov 1808 Fayette Co., PA; d. 12 Mar 1832
- F. **Mary Jane Proudfit** b. 18 Jan 1811 Fayette Co., PA (TWIN); d. 26 Dec 1848 OR 1849 Guernsey Co., OH; m. 4 Dec 1839 David Long, s/o Samuel Alexander & Mary (Wiley) Long. Had (among other children)²³ daughter:
1. **Sarah Patterson Long** b. 13 Oct 1840 OH; d. 20 Apr 1877 in Hamilton Co., IL; m. 13 Apr 1866 Albert Caslor Mitchell, s/o John B. & Jane Maria (Sights) Mitchell. Had (among other children?) daughter:
 - a. **Grace Pearl Mitchell** b. 21 June 1875 Hamilton Co., IL; d. 9 Mar 1961 Staunton, IL; m. 12 Sept 1895 Elias Francis Davis Jr., s/o Elias Francis & Sarah Isabel (McKinley) Davis. Had (among other children?) daughter:
 - **Margaret Rachel Davis** b. 4 Sept 1895; d. ____; m. 1 Oct 1922 Chalon Thomas Land, s/o John Miller & Elizabeth (Jordan) Land.
This is “Mrs. Chalon T. Land of Enfield, IL,” who submitted material in source (5) above.
 Margaret had daughters Carol & Mary:

²³ William Remington “Bill” Patterson, a proven descendant of Thomas Sr.’s son William, notes that “there were other children” besides Grace Pearl Mitchell. Bill wrote 9/23/14: “I had the pleasure of meeting one of their descendants years ago, Mary Mitchell’s grandson James Albert Staley (who has since died).”

- **Carol Jordan Land** m. ____ Ragsdale of Columbus, GA; children:
 - Chal Land Ragsdale
 - Ann Jordan Ragsdale
 - David Lasater Ragsdale
- **Mary Grace Land** m. ____ Wirtala of Gainesville, FLA; children:
 - Catherine Wirtala
 - Joseph Arnold Wirtala

Continuing with the children of Rev. David & Sarah (Patterson) Proudfit:

G. Robert Proudfit b. 18 Jan 1811 Fayette Co., PA (TWIN); d. 23 Mar 1880 (Odenkirk info) OR d. 20/21 June 1890 (Rev. Proudfit info) OR d. 30 Aug 1841 (Harry Parkhill info); m. 1st on 29 Aug 1841 Elizabeth Wilson, dau David & Jane (Patterson) Wilson, w/whom he had first 3 children listed below; she died 8 Dec 1855. Robert m. 2nd Mary Jane (Wilson) Campbell (widow of John Campbell of Ohio); she was dau of David & Sarah (Patterson) Wilson—see Chapter IV), w/whom he had last 5 children listed below. Robert was a member of the Associate Reformed Church, and when it become the U.P. Church he became a member of that body.

1. **David Wallace Proudfit** b. ____; d. 6 Apr 1863 at Battle of Shiloh
2. **Samuel Mitchell Proudfit** - physician; d. 31 Jan 1884
3. **Mary Isabel Proudfit** b. ____; d. 4 Oct 1834 [? But *History of Gallatin*...says she was living, in 1887, with her father]; m. Thomas White
4. **Hugh Wilson Proudfit** b. ____; d. July 1918
5. **Andrew Patterson Proudfit** – he alone of the children remained an “Old School Presbyterian.”
6. **William Wallace Proudfit** b. ____; d. 1948? Sioloam [?] Springs, Arkansas
7. **Robert Bruce Proudfit** no info
8. **David Morrow Proudfit** b. ____; d. ____ “taught some years in Illinois and Arkansas”

H. David Proudfit b. 1813 Fayette Co., PA; d. 23 Mar 1880; m. 30 May 1839 Mary J. Walker (she b. 1820 near Belfast, Ireland & she was still living in IL in 1887); had seven children; 2nd son was David & David had a sister named “Tudie.” *Note: an earlier son named David was b. 1803, d. 1813.*

1. **David Proudfit** b. 17 Aug 1842 Guernsey Co., OH; moved from Guernsey Co., OH to a farm near Piopolis, Hamilton Co., IL, in the fall of 1864; moved 1885 to Belle City [“Belle Prairie City,” Hamilton Co., IL]; member of Methodist Protestant Church. In *History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Farnklin & Williamson Counties, Illinois* (p. 736), David is described as “the

second of seven children of David and Mary J. (Walker) Proudfit.”

2. **Tudie [sic] Proudfit** no further info

Continuing with the children of William & Jane (Morrow) Patterson:

- II. JEREMIAH PATTERSON b. 23 July 1776;** he was born “in the Cove” per *Early Settlers of Fulton Co., PA*; he was named after his mother’s father, Jeremiah Morrow; he d. **3 Aug 1840** (on-line information of Odenkirk found at www.odenkirk.com/html/fam01948.htm); **m. 1809 in Mercersburg, Franklin Co., PA, Mary McFarland** in Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church (she b. 20 Aug 1775 in Peters, Cumberland Co., PA, dau of James & Mary (Campbell) McFarland per *ancestry.com info of Gary Morris*); according to the 22 Mar 1911 letter of William Patterson to Sarah Luella Patterson (see “Transcriptions” section), Jeremiah “went west.” Jeremiah was not mentioned in the will of his father because he died before his father wrote his will. Info gathered by Sarah Luella Patterson shows that Jeremiah settled “near New Concord [Muskingum Co.], Ohio.” Undocumented internet info shows he had children Jesse, John & Mary. **NOTE:** Be careful not to mix up this Jeremiah with Jeremiah, son of William of Washington Twp., Fayette Co.
- III. MARY “POLLY” PATTERSON b. 25 Oct 1778; d. ____** (possibly before 1842, since only Mary’s husband and son are mentioned in her father’s will); **m. John Morrow** (per will of her father, and per *Early Settlers of Fulton Co., PA*); per 1911 letter of William Patterson (see “Transcriptions” section), she “went west.” Her father’s will mentions son:
A. William Morrow
- IV. JANE PATTERSON b. 4 Nov 1780; d. 1860-1870** in Armstrong Twp., Indiana Co., PA; **m. James Patterson;**²⁴ James d. aft. 1880 in Armstrong Twp., Indiana Co., PA; James & Jane lived as early as 1820 in Armstrong Twp., Indiana Co., PA. Children (per census info):
A. William Patterson b. abt. 1822 (1850 census); d. ____; m. between 1860-1870 Catharine Williams & had son:
1. **James Patterson** b. 1870 Armstrong, Indiana Co., PA
B. Mary Patterson b. abt. 1827 (1850 census)
- V. THOMAS PATTERSON b. 24 Aug 1782; d. 2 June 1860** “age 75y 9m 10d”; **m. Elizabeth Burns/Bournes, his “first cousin”;** Elizabeth was b. 23

²⁴ I would very much like to know the parents of this James Patterson.

[22]? Mar 1784²⁵ and she d. 20 Mar 1871 “age 86y 11m 28d”; Thomas & Elizabeth are buried in Big Spring Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA. **NOTE:** *Odenkirk genealogy shows that Thomas also married “Elizabeth Brown,” but this is an error. Odenkirk has confused this Thomas with Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr.* Children:

- A. Hadassa Patterson [“Hadessa”** per 2 Feb 1910 article in the *Waynesboro Record*] b. 14 Aug 1815; d. 1885 McConnellsburg; m. William Patterson [Samuel?] Morrow [she m. her cousin Samuel Morrow, per 1910 article]. **Note:** her father’s sister, Mary, married John Morrow & had a son named William Morrow—is this Hadassas cousin, whom me married? So was his name William, not Samuel as stated in the 1910 article?. The article states that she “had two daughters, all of the family are dead.”
- B. William M. Patterson** b. 17 Nov 1816 (Sarah Luella’s info) OR b. 13 Nov 1816 (computed from gravestone); d. 20 Jan 1894; buried Union Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA; m. 1st Elizabeth Hunter; m.2nd Mrs. Scott. **Note:** The previous info agrees with info in the 2 Feb 1910 article in the *Waynesboro Record*, which names just 2 children: “Hon. Hunter Patterson, Fulton county, and Mrs. Henrietta Carson, Baltimore.” William & Elizabeth (Hunter) Patterson had children:

1. **Henrietta Elizabeth Patterson** b.27 Oct 1842 (*computed from gravestone at Union Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA*); d. 4 June 1932; m. D. Erskine Carson of Baltimore; Henrietta is buried in Union Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA with her husband.
2. **David Hunter Patterson** b. 1 Dec 1844; d. 1 May 1938 “age 93y 5m 2d”; buried in Union Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA; m. Kate Campbell. Kate was b. 25 Nov 1848 (*computed from gravestone*) & she d. 2 May 1920; she is buried in Union Cemetery with her husband. Children:
 - a. **Elizabeth Cromwell Patterson** b. ____; d. ____; m. ____ Neeson; still living 1929 when her father, David Hunter, dictated his “Memoirs” to her.
 - b. **Blanche Cromwell Patterson** b. 29 Apr 1875 (*computed from gravestone*); d. 31 Jan 1962; buried Union Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA; never married. **Note:** William Remington “Bill” Patterson, proven descendant of Thomas Sr.’s son, William, wrote 9/23/14: “I had read she was divorced from a man named Ettemiller. I only met her a few times when I was a child. She was nice and noted how I had grown.”
 - c. **Joseph Campbell Patterson** b. 10 Feb 1883 (*if he is the “J. Campbell Patterson” who d. 10 Feb 1931, age 48, buried in Union Cemetery*) OR b. 11 Aug 1879 (*if he is the OTHER “J. Campbell Patterson buried in Union Cemetery, who d. 27 Jan 1966, age 82y 1m 24d*)

²⁵ An article published in the 2 Feb 1910 issue of the *Waynesboro Record* states she was b. 22 Mary 1784, daughter of John & Esther (Morrow) Bournes.

- d. **William Morrow Patterson**
- e. **Dorothy Henrietta Patterson** m. her 1st cousin Elliott.
Note: William Remington “Bill” Patterson, proven descendant of Thomas Sr.’s son William, wrote 9/23/14 that they were “not exactly” first cousins. “Thomas Elliott Patterson was her second cousin, but by both Hunters and Pattersons, making them as close genetically as first cousins.” Patterson (son of John Burns Patterson)
- 3. **Thomas Webster Patterson** b. abt. 1849 (*census*)
- 4. **John Cromwell Paterson** d. very young
- 5. **Mary Louisa Patterson** d. very young
- 6. **George Cromwell Patterson** d. very young

Continuing with the children of Thomas & Elizabeth (Burns) Patterson:

- C. **John Burns Patterson** b. 5 May 1818; d. ____ (1882?) “age 64y 5m 1d”; “reinterred” 1891 in Union Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA; m. 1st Miss Ann G. Hunter (*1850 census*); she d. ____ at age “24y 10m 7d” and was “reinterred” 1891 in Union Cemetery (*Union Cemetery transcriptions*); m. 2nd ____.
 With this first wife, John Burns Patterson had 4 children (all 4 listed in the 2 Feb 1910 issue of the *Waynesboro Record*):
 - 1. “**Hon.**” **Thomas Elliott Patterson**; had son:
 - **Elliott Remington Patterson**
 - 2. **William Calvin Patterson Patterson** *Note:* He was known as Calvin, as has been incorrectly listed as “Colin” in some histories. William Remington “Bill” Patterson, proven descendant of Thomas Sr.’s son William, wrote 9/23/14: “His daughter Isabel lived on the Creekside farm until her death in 1996.”
 - 3. **Linn Patterson**
 - 4. **Bessie Patterson**
- D. **Mary Patterson** b. June 1821; d. 1898; m. David Carson. Children:
 - 1. **Anna Carson** – m. ____ Riddle; in 1910 lived in Denver, CO (Foregoing info per the 1910 newspaper article.)
 - 2. **Patterson Carson** – per 1910 newspaper article he lived in Phoenix, AZ.
 - 3. **John Carson** – per 1910 newspaper article he lived in Lincoln, NE
 - 4. **Jennie Carson** *NOTE:* Listed as “Jeremie” Carson in other sources. Per 1910 article the name was “Jennie” and she lived in Nebraska.
- E. **Thomas Patterson** b. 1 Nov 1824; d. 5 Jan 1901 McConnellsburg; m. Ella/Eleanor Sharpe, dau Rev. Alexander Sharp. Children:
 - 1. **Sharpe Patterson**
 - 2. **Alexander Patterson**

3. Unknown son Patterson

- F. Jane Patterson (not mentioned in “Memoirs”);** Sarah Luella’s info shows she was b. 9 July 1814; she d. ____; m. Samuel Stewart and “went West”; no issue? Per article in 2 Feb 1910 issue of the *Waynesboro Record*, “no descendants.”

Continuing with the children of William & Jane (Morrow) Patterson:

- VI. SUSAN PATTERSON b. 14 Aug 1784** (McConnellsburg area?); d. young
- VII. WILLIAM PATTERSON b. 11 (12?) May 1786; d. 2 Sept 1849;** buried Big Spring Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA; **m. Mary Patterson, first cousin, dau of Thomas Patterson Jr. of Fayette Co.;** Mary was born 23 Sept 1798 and she d. April 10 1865; Mary is buried in Big Spring Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA. (See 1911 letter written by William Patterson of McConnellsburg, in Chapter XIII; see also transcriptions of burials at Big Spring Cemetery.) **Note:** “*Odenkirk Family History*” incorrectly states that William married Ann Hunter (and Mary’s birth and death dates are incorrectly given to Ann Hunter). William & Mary (Patterson) Patterson had children:
- A. William “Will” Patterson** b. 16 June 1823; d. 1912; buried Big Spring Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA. **This is the William who corresponded with Sarah Luella Patterson (descendant of Thomas Sr.’s son, Thomas Jr.).** William does not allude to a wife or children in his 1911 letter, but info gathered by Sarah Luella Patterson shows that he married Elizabeth Johnson 1 Feb 1866. Elizabeth was b. 8 May 1826 (computed from age & death date on gravestone) and she d. 30 May 1891 (transcription of burials at Union Cemetery, Fulton Co., PA). Note that William and his wife are buried in different cemeteries, which is unusual.
- B. Elizabeth Brown Patterson** b. _ Oct 1821; d. Apr 1859 in Iowa; m. 26 May 1857 Isaac Newton Rhee. According to the 1911 letter of William Patterson, Elizabeth had just one child, daughter (not named). **Note:** *This daughter was named after Mary (Patterson) Patterson’s mother, Elizabeth Brown, who married Thomas Patterson Jr. of Fayette Co.*
- 1. Unknown daughter** “died there [Iowa] at the age of 19”
- VIII. JOHN PATTERSON b. 1 Dec 1788** (calculated from death date & age on his stone at Big Spring Cemetery); **d. 12 Apr 1876;** buried Big Spring Cemetery; **m. Elizabeth White** (she b. 1 Jan 1798 (as calculated from her stone at Big Spring Cemetery) & she d. 20 Mar 1871). They had no children (as stated in 1911 letter written by William Patterson of McConnellsburg—see “Transcriptions” chapter).

SEE WILLIAM’S WILL IN CHAPTER VIII

**William Patterson
On Bedford / Fulton County tax lists**

1773 Ayr, Bedford Co., PA (PA archives, Series 3, Vol. XXII, p. 3)

William Patterson, single

1774 Ayr, Bedford Co., PA (Ibid, p. 57)

William is not found on this list

1775 Ayr, Bedford Co., PA (Ibid, p. 96)

William is not found on this list

1776 Ayr, Bedford Co., PA (Ibid p. 151)

William is not found on this list

1779 Ayr, Bedford Co., PA (Ibid, p. 179)

William Patterson

Note: See Chapter III on William's brother, John. In the period 1779-1783 I believe William was living in Antrim/Washington Twp., Cumberland County next to his brother, John. Since William was a Rev. War soldier, perhaps he re-located his family to be near his brother while he was off fighting.

1783 Ayr, Bedford Co., PA (Ibid, p. 241)

William Patterson

1784 Ayr, Bedford Co., PA (Ibid, p. 308)

William Patterson

**William Patterson & descendants
On Bedford County censuses through 1850**

1790 Unstated Twp., Bedford Co., PA (p. 2 of 17)

William Patterson

2 males	> 16	William b. 1749, s/o Thomas Sr. & 1 unidentified male
4 males	< 16	Sons Jeremiah b. 1776, Thomas b. 1782, Wm. b. 1786, & 1 unidentified male
4 females		Wife Jane Morrow, dau Sarah b. 1773, dau Mary b. 1778, dau Jane b. 1780

1800 Dublin & Air [Ayr], Bedford Co., PA (p. 3 of 6)

William Patterson

1 male	> 45	William b. 1749
2 males	10-16	Sons William b. 1786 & John b. abt. 1788?
2 males	16-26	Sons Jeremiah b. 1776 & Thomas b. 1782
2 females	16-26	Daus Mary b. 1778 & Jane b. 1780 (Sarah married in 1798)
1 female	> 45	Wife Jane Morrow

1810 Air [Ayr], Bedford Co., PA (p. 3 of 4)

Wm. Patterson

1 male	> 45	William b. 1749, s/o Thomas Sr.
3 males	16-26	Sons Thomas b. 1782, Wm. b. 1786, John b. abt. 1798? (Jeremiah gone "west")
1 female	10-16	[b. 1794-1800] Unidentified female—perhaps household help?
2 females	16-26	Daus Mary b. 1778 & Jane b. 1780 (Sarah has married & left household)
1 female	> 45	Wife Jane Morrow

1820 Air [Ayr], Bedford Co., PA (p. 3 of 11)

William Patterson

1 male	> 45	William b. 1749, s/o Thomas Sr.
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1 male 18-26 *Son John b. abt. 1798?*
 1 female 0-10 *Unidentified female (Could this be dau of John who died young?)*
 1 female 16-26 *Unidentified female (Could this be John's wife, Elizabeth White?)*
 1 female > 45 *Wife Jane Morrow*

Same page, listed just above William:

Thomas Patterson

1 male 26-45 [b. 1775-1794] *Thomas b. 1782, s/o William b. 1749*
 2 males 0-10 [b. 1810-1820] *Sons Willim M. b. 1816 & John Burns b. 1818*
 1 male 10-16 [b. 1804-1810] *Unidentified male*
 2 females 0-10 [b. 1810-1820] *Daus Jane Morrow b. 1814 & Hadassh b. 1815*
 1 female 10-16 [b. 1804-1810] *Unidentified female*
 1 female 26-45 *Wife Elizabeth Burns*

Same page, listed just below William:

William Patterson Jr.

1 male 26-45 [b. 1775-1794] *William Jr. b. 1786, s/o William b. 1749*
 1 female 16-26 [b. 1794-1804] *William Jr.'s wife, Mary Patterson (1st cousin)*

1830 Ayr, Bedford Co., PA (p. 5 of 18)

William Patterson

1 male 80-90 [b. 1740-1750] *William b. 1749, s/o Thomas Sr.*
 1 male 30-40 [b. 1790-1800] *Unidentified male (could this be son John b. abt. 1798?)*
 1 male 15-20 [b. 1810-1815] *Unidentified male*
 1 female 15-20 [b. 1810-1815] *Unidentified female (same as unident. Female in 1820?)*
 1 female 20-30 [b. 1800-1810] *Unidentified female (perhaps wife of John?)*
 1 female 70-80 [b. 1750-1760] *Wife Jane Morrow (she died 1832)*

1830 Ayr, Bedford Co., PA (p. 17 of 18)

Thomas Patterson

1 male 40-50 [b. 1780-1790] *Thomas b. 1782, s/o William b. 1749*
 1 male 0-5 [b. 1825-1830] *Unidentified male (son who died young?)*
 1 male 5-10 [b. 1820-1825] *Son Thomas b. 1824*
 1 male 10-15 [b. 1815-1820] *Son John Burns b. 1818*
 1 male 15-20 [b. 1810-1815] *Son William M. b. 1816*
 1 female 5-10 [b. 1820-1825] *?*
 1 female 10-15 [b. 1815-1820] *Dau Hadassa b. 1815*
 1 female 15-20 [b. 1818-1820] *?*
 1 female 40-50 [b. 1780-1790] *Wife Elizabeth Burns [CHECK THIS]*

1830 McConnellsburg, Air [Ayr] Twp., Bedford Co., PA (p. 1 of 30)

William Patterson Jr.

1 male 30-40 [b. 1790-1800] *William Jr. b. 1786, s/o William b. 1749 (age understated)*
 1 male 0-5 [b. 1825-1830] *William Jr.'s son, William, b. 1823 (wrote 1911 letter)*
 1 female 5-10 [b. 1820-1825] *William Jr.'s dau, Elizabeth Brown b. 1821*
 1 female 10-15 [b. 1815-1820] *Daughter who died young?*
 1 female 30-40 [b. 1790-1800] *Wife Mary Patterson b. 1798, dau Thomas Jr., s/o Thomas Sr.*

1840 Ayr, Bedfprd Co. PA

William Patterson b. 1749 is not found on this census, though he did not died until 1846. There are no males age 91 in any of his sons' households, either. Where was he living in his last years? With a daughter, perhaps?

1840 Air [Ayr], Bedford Co., PA (p. 7 of 18)

Thomas Patterson

1 male 50-60 [b. 1780-1790] *Thomas b. 1782, s/o William b. 1749*
 1 male 10-15 [b. 1825-1830] *Son Thomas b. 1824*
 2 males 20-30 [b. 1810-1820] *Sons William M. b. 1816 & John Burns b. 1818*
 1 female 15-20 [b. 1820-1825] *Dau Mary b. 1821*
 1 female 50-60 [b. 1780-1790] *Wife Elizabeth Burns*

1840 Air [Ayr], Bedford Co., PA (p. 5 of 18)

William Patterson

1 male	40-50	[b. 1790-1800]	William b. 1786 (age understated), s/o Wm. b. 1749
1 male	15-20	[b. 1820-1825]	Son William b. 1823 (wrote 1911 letter)
1 female	10-15	[b. 1825-1830]	Dau Elizabeth Brown b. 1821 (age understated)
1 female	30-40	[b. 1800-1810]	Wife Mary Patterson b. 1798, dau Thomas Jr., s/o Thomas Sr.

1840 Air [Ayr] Bedford Co., PA (p. 17 of 18)

William Patterson

1 male	20-30	[b. 1810-1820]	This is possibly Wm.b. 1816, , s/o Thomas b. 1782, s/o Wm. b. 1749
1 male	10-15	[b. 1825-1830]	

no females listed

1850 Ayr, Fulton Co., PA 8 Aug 1850 (p. 22 of 26) (NOTE: Fulton Co. created 1850 from Bedford Co.)

Thomas Patterson	66	b. PA	farmer	Thomas b. 1782, s/o William b. 1749
Elizabeth "	64	b. PA		Wife Elizabeth Burns b. abt. 1786
Thomas "	28	b. PA	labourer	
Christina Kearns	14	b. PA		

Same page, one line above Thomas:

John Patterson	52	b. PA	farmer	John b. abt. 1798, s/o William b. 1749
Elizabeth "	40	b. PA		Wife Elizabeth White
Sarah Walker?	14	b. PA		

1850 Ayr, Fulton Co., PA 8 Aug 1850 (p. 21 o 26)

Mary Patterson	50?	b. PA		Widow of William b. 1786, s/o Wm. b. 1749
Elizabeth "	26	b. PA		Dau Elizabeth b. 1821 (age understated)
William "	25	b. PA	farmer	Son William b. 1823 (age understated)

1850 Ayr, Fulton Co., PA 7 Aug 1850 (p. 19 of 26)

William M. Patterson	33	b. PA	merchant	Wm. M. b. 1816, s/o Thomas b. 1782, s/o Wm. b. 1749
Elizabeth "	32	b. PA		Wife Elizabeth Hunter
Henrietta E. "	8	b. PA	*	Dau Henrietta b. abt. 1842
David H. "	5	b. PA	*	Son David Hunter b.1844
Thomas W. "	1	b. PA	*	Son Thomas Webster b. abt. 1849

* The word "black" is written sideways opposite the names of these 3 children.

James Fitzgerald	19	b. PA	clerk?	
Martha Wolf?	19	b. PA	"B" [black]	

1850 Ayr, Fulton Co., PA 9 Aug 1850 (p. 24 of 26)

John Patterson	32	b. PA	farmer	John Burns b. 1818, s/o Thomas b. 1782, s/o Wm. b. 1749
Ann G. "	21?	b. PA		Wife Ann Hunter (dau David Hunter)

Census Info for Indiana County, PA**(Jane Patterson, dau William b. 1749, m. James Patterson & lived in Indiana Co. by 1820)****Parents of this James Patterson are unknown at this time.**1880 Armstrong, Indiana Co., PA 4 June 1880 (p. 4 of 28)

William Patterson	64 [b. 1816]	PA	parents b. PA	farmer
Catharine ", wife	48 [b. 1832]	PA	parents b. PA	keeping house
James W.? M.? ", son	10 [b. 1870]	PA	parents b. PA	at home
May M. Mehan?, servant	25			
Mary Williams moth-in-law	73 [b. 1803]	PA	parents b. Ireland	
James Patterson, father	89 [b. 1791]	PA	parents b. PA	

NOTE: This James can be found in Armstrong, Indiana Co., PA as of 1820 census

1870 P.O. Saltsburg, Armstrong, Indiana Co., PA 22 July 1870 (pp. 1-2 of 34)

William Patterson	53 [b. abt. 1817]	PA	farmer
Catharine "	38 [b. abt. 1832]	PA	keeping house
James "	6/12 [b.1870]	PA	
James "	80 [b. 1790]	PA	retired farmer
Maggie Meehan	16 [b. abt. 1854]	PA	domestic servant

1860 Armstrong, Indiana Co., PA 27 June 1860 (p. 16 of 32)

James Patterson	69 [b. abt. 1791]	PA	farmer
Jane "	69	PA	
William "	43	PA	farmer
Franklin Byers	11	PA	

1850 Armstrong, Indiana Co., PA 18 Oct 1850 (p. 8 of 29)

James Patterson	60 [b. abt. 1790]	PA	farmer
Jane "	60 [b. abt. 1790]	PA	
William "	28 [b. abt. 1822]	PA	
Mary "	23 [b. abt. 1827]	PA	

1840 Armstrong, Indiana Co., PA (p. 1 of 14)

James Patterson			
1 male	50-60 [b. 1780-1790]		
1 male	20-30 [b. 1810-1820]		
1 male	40-50 [b. 1790-1800]		
1 female	15-20 [b. 1820-1825]		
1 female	50-60 [b. 1780-1790]		

1830 Armstrong, Indiana Co., PA (p. 3 of 10)

James Patterson			
1 male	30-40 [b. 1790-1800]		
1 male	10-15 [b. 1815-1820]		
1 female	5-10 [b. 1820-1825]		
1 female	40-50 [b. 1780-1790]		

1820 Armstrong, Indiana Co., PA (p. 2 of 3)

James Patterson			
1 male	26-45 [b. 1775-1794]		
1 male	0-10 [b. 1810-1820]		
1 female	0-10 [b. 1810-1820]		
1 female	26-45 [b. 1775-1794]		

Note: Indiana Co. created 1803 from Lycoming & Westmoreland counties.

Pattersons buried in cemeteries in Fulton County, PA

This list of Pattersons buried in Fulton Co. cemeteries was found at:

<http://fulton.pa-roots.com/cemetery/CEM-ALL.TXT>.

PATTERSON, Ann G.	UNION	Reinterred 1891; Age 24y10m7d
PATTERSON, Anna M	UNION	d-23 July 1894
PATTERSON, Bertha Remington Patterson	UNION	d-26 May 1935; Age 78y; h-Elliott

PATTERSON, Bessie B.	UNION	d-9 May 1947; Age 80y4m14d
PATTERSON, Blanche C.	UNION	d-31 Jan. 1962; Age 86y9m2d; p-Hon. D. H. Patterson
PATTERSON, Mrs. D. H.	UNION	d-2 May 1920; Age 71y5m7d
PATTERSON, Hon. D. Hunter	UNION	d-1 May 1938; Age 93y5m2d
PATTERSON, E. Remington	UNION	d-30 April 1968; Age 81y8m19d
PATTERSON, Elizabeth	BIG SPRING	d-20 Mar. 1871; Age 86y11m28d; "Our Mother" (on same stone-d-22 Jan. 1878; Age 61y6m21d; h-Thomas P. Patterson)
PATTERSON, Elizabeth	UNION	Reinterred 11 Dec. 1891; Age 51y11m15d
PATTERSON, Elizabeth J.	UNION	d-30 May 1891; Age 65y22d
PATTERSON, Elizabeth White	BIG SPRING	d-19 Mar. 1881; Age 83y2m18d; h-John Patterson
PATTERSON, Ellen S.	UNION	d-15 Dec. 1895; Age 52y6m1d
PATTERSON, George C.	UNION	Reinterred 11 Dec. 1891; Age 1y11m16d
PATTERSON, Howard	UNION	No dates
PATTERSON, Infant	UNION	d-26 June 1929; p-Thomas & Wava Patterson
PATTERSON, Isabella N.	UNION	d-5 Feb. 1900; Age 72y11m10d
PATTERSON, J. Campbell	UNION	d-10 Feb. 1931; Age 48y
PATTERSON, J. Campbell	UNION	d-27 Jan. 1966; Age 86y5m16d
PATTERSON, J. Lind	UNION	d-25 Feb. 1942; Age 82y1m24d
PATTERSON, J. M.	UNION	d-3 May 1885; Age 62y4m11d
PATTERSON, Jane	BIG SPRING	b-7 Sept. 1750; d-5 Nov. 1832 [Jane (Morrow) Patterson, wf. of William below]
PATTERSON, Jessie Johnston Patterson	UNION	d-12 June 1921; Age 53y; h:Alex Patterson

PATTERSON, Joan Garber	UNION	d-26 Feb. 1928; Age 19d; p-Thomas W. Patterson
PATTERSON, John	BIG SPRING	d-12 April 1876; Age 87y4m11d
PATTERSON, John	UNION	d-27 August 1904; Age 29y16d
PATTERSON, John B.	UNION	Reinterred 1891; Age 64y5m1d
PATTERSON, John C.	UNION	Reinterred 11 Dec. 1891; Age 4m22d
PATTERSON, Lillie Grove Patterson	UNION	d-17 Nov. 1950; Age 78y8m15d; h-W. C.
PATTERSON, Mary	BIG SPRING	d-10 April 1865; Age 66y6m17d; h-William Patterson
PATTERSON, Mary C.	UNION	d-10 Mar. 1904; Age 40y
PATTERSON, Mary L.	UNION	Reinterred 11 Dec. 1891; Age 1y4m10d
PATTERSON, Ralph B.	UNION	d-17 July 1901; Age 22y
PATTERSON, Robert H.	UNION	d-8 June 1933; Age 12d; p-Thomas W. & Wava Patterson
PATTERSON, Sarah J.	UNION	Reinterred 11 Dec. 1891; Age 54y1m11d
PATTERSON, T. Elliott	UNION	d-27 Sept. 1929; Age 78y2m11d
PATTERSON, T. Webster	UNION	Reinterred 11 Dec. 1891; Age 23y10d
PATTERSON, Thomas	BIG SPRING	d-2 June 1860; Age 75y9m10d
PATTERSON, Thomas	UNION	d-4 Jan. 1901; Age 76y1m24d
PATTERSON, Thomas Alexander	UNION	d-7 July 1936; Age 69y11m6d
PATTERSON, W. Calvin	UNION	d-22 Jan. 1937; Age 75y9m1d
PATTERSON, Will	BIG SPRING	b-1823; d-1912
PATTERSON, William	BIG SPRING	b-12 June 1749; d-18 May 1846
PATTERSON, William	BIG SPRING	d-2 Sept. 1849; Age 63y3m21d
PATTERSON, William M.	UNION	d-20 Jan. 1894; Age 77y2m7d

CHAPTER III

John, son of Thomas Sr.

John's grave has not been found, so we do not have a gravestone inscription to help us compute his birth date. What we do know is that **John Patterson, son of Thomas, was baptized 17 Dec. 1751** at the Muddy Run meetinghouse in present-day Martic Twp., Lancaster Co., PA (Fields, p. 185).

John was baptized at the same time as his brother, William, who I believe was the elder of the two brothers. (See Chapter II.) Because we know that John's brother, William, was born on 12 June 1749, then--if John were indeed the second son-- John would have been born sometime between, say, mid-1750 and Dec 1751, when he was baptized.

By the autumn of 1764, when John was age 13-14, John was living with his parents and siblings in the area of present-day Highland Twp., Adams County. At that time Highland was in York County (Adams not being formed until 1800). Here at the Marsh Creek meetinghouse John's sister, Sarah, was baptized by Rev. Cuthbertson on 21 Oct 1764 (Fields, p. 76).

As mentioned in the previous chapter on John's brother, William, a family history states that in 1765 William came to the Big Cove in present-day Fulton Co. (then Bedford Co.). It is not clear whether William came alone or whether he came with his parents. No records have been found indicating that Thomas Sr., William's father, was ever in the Big Cove area, so we don't know if John was ever there, either. We do know, however that for a time, during the Revolutionary War years, John was with his brother William in the area of Cumberland County that became Franklin County. (More of this later in the chapter.)

For a period of about fourteen years (1764-1778) we cannot be sure where John was living. We can assume that he was still in his father's household in 1764, in the Marsh Creek area; and in 1778 we can positively identify John on a Cumberland Co. tax list. However, for those intervening years we don't know John's whereabouts—with the exception of the day in 1773 when he married, back in the area of Lancaster County where he had been raised.

On 22 Nov 1773 Rev Cuthbertson married "John Paterson" and "Janet Paterson" at the Marsh Creek meetinghouse in present-day Adams Co., PA (Fields, p. 81). **Jane was the daughter of a John Patterson who I think was the brother of Thomas Sr.** If I'm correct about this (and I think I am—see Chapter XIV--)) then John married his first cousin.

Rev. Cuthbertson's marriage record names John's wife as "Jenet," but she is referred to as "Jane" in this paper, as that is how her name was inscribed on her tombstone in Rehoboth Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Her inscription shows she died 15 Feb 1813 in her 64th year, giving us an approximate birth date of 1750, which works well with her baptism record. **Jane was baptized 17 Nov 1751** in Muddy Run, on the same day and at the same place where her husband was baptized. This is just one reason why I believe that Jane's father and John's father were brothers; several of their children were baptized at the same place at the same time.

No later than five years after they married John and Jane were living in Antrim (later Washington) Twp., Cumberland (now Franklin) Co., PA. It is possible that John and Jane came to Cumberland County soon after their marriage, but no tax list prior to 1778 is published in the *PA Archives*, so I'm not sure. I have done no original research in

Cumberland County, and future researchers should try to find earlier tax lists. Because the name “John Patterson” is so common, it will be necessary here to explain in detail why I believe the John who concerns us here lived in Cumberland County for a few years, prior to settling in Fayette County. Here are the facts:

(1) John Patterson is found on the Cumberland County tax lists in the published *PA Archives* for the years 1778, 1779 and 1780. (He’s gone by 1781.) In 1778 John Patterson is taxed in Antrim Township, and 1779-1780 his name is on the Washington Twp. (Cumberland Co., not Fayette Co.) list. John probably did not move; Washington Twp. was created from part of Antrim Twp. in 1779.

(2) On the 1780 list, the assessor has included some men’s occupations. John is listed as blacksmith. Several reliable sources state that the John who concerns us here—son of Thomas Sr.--was a blacksmith. Franklin Ellis in his *History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1882) states on p. 810: “He [John] was a blacksmith by trade, and had a shop on his farm. For strength, endurance, and rapid work in the harvest-field he was noted.” On the 1783 “Transcript of Property with Number of Inhabitants” for Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., PA John Patterson’s occupation was listed as “smith.” Note that this 1783 list was made just prior to the formation of Fayette Co. in 1783. The land on which John lived, when that 1783 tax list was prepared, became part Washington Twp., Fayette Co. later that year.

(3) Listed consecutively with John on the 1778, 1779 and 1780 Cumberland Co. tax lists is one William Patterson. I believe this William is John’s brother—the William baptized on the same day as John by Rev. Cuthbertson. (See “Chapter II” of this paper.) If I’ve correctly identified this William, then it is most probable that I have also correctly identified the John on the Cumberland lists. I believe the William on the lists was John’s brother for these reasons:

- This William is also listed as a blacksmith on the 1780 list. It is known (see “Chapter II” of this paper) that John’s brother, William, was a blacksmith.
- William purchased land in Ayr Twp., Bedford (later Fulton) Co., PA just prior to his marriage in 1773. Yet he leaves the tax lists there for approximately the same time period that William Patterson is found on the Cumberland Co. tax lists. Then, when John & William both leave the Cumberland tax lists in 1781, William’s name returns to the Bedford Co. lists. (Again, see “Chapter II.”)
- In family histories published by several of William’s descendants (see “Chapter II” of this paper) William is said to have served as a soldier in Abraham Smyth’s 8th Battalion, in the 7th Company commanded by Capt. William Findlay/Findley.²⁶ I have found corroboration for this in the published *PA Archives* (Vol. XIV, p. 398 & p. 426). On muster rolls dated 31 July 1777 and 14 May 1778, William Patterson is listed as Ensign in William Findlay’s 7th company, Abraham Smythe’s 8th Battalion. (William’s name is spelled

²⁶ This Abraham Smyth is not to be confused with the Capt. Abraham Smith of Lurgan Twp., in present-day Franklin County. The Abraham Smyth who headed the battalion was from Antrim Twp., Cumberland (later Franklin) County. See *History of Franklin County Pennsylvania* (Chicago: Warner, Beers & Co., 1887), p. 181. This book can be read on-line at www.archive.org/details/historyoffrankli00bate.

“Pattison” on the 1777 list, and “Patterson” on the 1778 list.) I learned that Abraham Smyth was a resident of Antrim Twp., Cumberland County. A deed filed in Westmoreland County Deed Book A, p. 221 describes the grantors of land to be “Abraham Smith and John Johnston both of Antrim Township in the County of Cumberland.” (On both of the muster rolls cited above, John Johnston held the rank of Major in Smyth’s Battalion.) Undoubtedly, the company in which William Patterson (son of Thomas Sr.) served was mustered in the area of Antrim/Washington Twp., Cumberland County.

(4) A John Patterson living in or near Antrim, Cumberland Co., in 1779, was married to a woman named “Jennet.” Witnesses to a deed written 1779, involving land sold to a resident of Antrim, were “John Patterson and wife Jennet.” This deed is discussed further below. Remember, the name of our John’s wife was “Janet” in Cuthbertson’s marriage record. This John (who was married to Jennet)—the John who is the subject of this chapter-- must be the John Patterson on the tax lists 1778-1780.

Therefore, for the reasons cited above, I believe that John Patterson on the Cumberland Co. tax lists 1778-1780 is John, son of Thomas Sr.; and that the William listed consecutively with him is his brother, William. For this John on the tax lists NOT to be Thomas Sr.’s son, there would have to be another John Patterson who: (1) also married a woman named Jane/Janet/Jennet; (2) was also a blacksmith; (3) also had a brother named William who was also a blacksmith and who also enlisted in Capt. Findlay’s company of the Cumberland Militia.

Not likely. I rest my case.

And now, before returning to the known facts of John’s life, the deed referred to in (4) above must be further discussed.

In 1929 Lura F. Alexander privately published, in Kansas City, MO, a family history entitled, *Descendants of William and Dorcas Fallass of Boston*. Ms. Alexander did much original research. Her book includes many abstracts of Patterson wills and deeds that she’d found, and what is unusual--and much appreciated by me—is that though she eventually realized that many of the records did not pertain to her ancestors after all, she included them in her book anyway. Here is Ms. Alexander’s abstract of the deed alluded to above, witnessed by “John Patterson and wife Jennet” (p. 289):

“James Wilson, of Derry Tp., Westmoreland Co., 2 Dec, 1779, sells land in Indian Field, Derry Tp. for £1,000 to John Patterson, of Antrim Tp., Cumberland County, 280 acres, in presence of William Findley, James Barr, John Patterson, wife Jennet.”

So the deed witnessed by John Patterson and wife Jennet was for land being purchased by a *different* John Patterson of Antrim, Cumberland Co., PA. I say this because the John Patterson buying the land was surely a different John Patterson than the one who witnessed the deed. I don’t believe a grantee can be a witness to his own deed.

Therefore, **in 1779 there were two John Pattersons living in Antrim Twp., Cumberland County.** One, as thoroughly explained above, I believe to be the John Patterson who was son of Thomas Sr.; it was he who, with wife Jennet, witnessed the deed. But who was this other John Patterson who was *buying* the land? The John buying the land was wealthy, being able in 1779 to pay £1,000 pounds for this tract of land in

Derry Twp., Westmoreland County. John, son of Thomas Sr., is not likely to have been able to afford to pay £1,000 at this time. Franklin Ellis, in his *History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, p. 810, writes that John came to Fayette Co., “worked hard and saved his money until he was looked upon as a wealthy man.” This suggests that John did not become well off financially until after he had been in Fayette Co. for some time.

It is entirely possible, I believe, that this other John Patterson was our John’s father-in-law. Remember, on Jane’s baptism record, her father is listed as “Jo.” (There was no Joseph Patterson in Cuthbertson’s flock at this time, so I firmly believe that “Jo.” Is Cuthbertson’s shorthand for “John” or “Jonathan.” In other records Cuthbertson used “Jo.” as an abbreviation for a man’s name known to be “John.”) At any rate, my theory is that after John and Jane married in Lancaster County in 1773, they soon decided to move to Cumberland County. And Jane’s father accompanied them. Perhaps Jane’s mother was then still living, and she came as well. Perhaps some of Jane’s siblings were also part of the group. If Jane’s father owned no land or cattle or horses, his name would not have appeared on the tax list with his son-in-law, and that would explain why 1778-1780 we see the name of only one John Patterson on the tax lists.

Another deed of interest, found in Ms. Alexander’s work (p. 284):

“John Patterson, w. Jannet, 1785, bought 268 acres for 400 pounds which James Wilson entered 1769. John P. of Washington Tp., Fayette Co.”

No location of the land was given in this abstract, but it is placed in a section with Washington Co., PA deeds. Surely the James Wilson of this deed is the same James Wilson of the previous deed. Who is this James Wilson? How might he relate to the Wilsons who owned land adjoining John’s land in Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA? Future researchers should investigate this.

Now, back to the known facts about our John, known son of Thomas Sr.

By 1781 both John and his brother William are gone from Antrim/Washington Twp., Cumberland Co. tax lists. John undoubtedly moved on to where he permanently settled, in Washington Twp., Fayette Co., and William returned to the land that he had purchased just prior to his marriage, in 1773, in Ayr Twp., Bedford (now Fulton) Co., PA.

In 1783 John Patterson was listed on a Rostraver Twp., Westmoreland Co. list. (Part of Rostraver became Washington Twp., Fayette Co., when Fayette Co. was formed later in 1783.) John Patterson, “smith” (blacksmith) is listed in Rostraver Twp., on the 1783 Westmoreland County “Transcript of Property with Number of Inhabitants” (*PA Archives*, Series 3, Vol. XXII, p. 377). John is taxed on 300 acres, 3 horses, 3 cattle, 3 sheep, and there are seven white inhabitants on his land.

Is the John Patterson on this 1783 Rostraver list the John who was son of Thomas Sr.? Or could this John Patterson be Jane’s father? Remember: we know that Thomas Sr.’s son, John, was a blacksmith. Is it possible that Jane’s father, John, was also a blacksmith? The possibility needs to be mentioned. Assuming the John on this list was Thomas Sr.’s son, it is possible that his wife’s father was living with him. This 1783 list shows 7 white inhabitants, and we know that by 1783 John and Jane did not have five children. Could some of those 7 inhabitants have been Jane’s father, and/or mother and/or siblings?

On this 1783 list John Patterson (who could either be Thomas Sr.'s son, John, or the father-in-law of Thomas Sr.'s son, John) was taxed on 300 acres. It is possible that the 300 acres on which this John was taxed in 1783 was "**The Mill Seat**" tract." On 15 Apr 1780, when I believe our John was still living in Washington Twp., Cumberland Co., and when his father-in-law, John Patterson, *might* have been living there with him, Abraham Smythe and John Johnston (executors of the estate of "William Smith, deceased") sold a 312-acre tract called "**The Mill Seat**" to "John Patterson of Washington Township in the County [Cumberland Co., not Westmoreland Co.] and State aforesd."

Unfortunately, this deed does not name the county in which the tract was located. This tract was described only as being located in "the Forks of the Yough & Monongahela" (Westmoreland Co. Deed Book A, Part 1, p. 221). One of the grantors of this deed is undoubtedly the Abraham Smythe in whose battalion John's brother, William, enlisted in 1778. And the other grantor, John Johnston, is undoubtedly the John Johnston who served as Major in Abraham Smythe's battalion. A John Johnston is found living near our John in Washington Twp., Fayette Co. on the 1790 census. All of this strongly suggests that the grantee of this deed was either Thomas Sr.'s son, John, or was John's father-in-law.

One researcher believes "The Mill Seat" tract was located in present-day Lincoln Twp., Allegheny County.²⁷ I cannot prove or disprove that contention, because I can find no survey map for this tract in Pennsylvania land records. The "Tract Name Index" on-line at www.phmc.state.pa.us/ includes ten different tracts patented in Pennsylvania named "The Mill Seat," only three of which were located in Westmoreland County (from which Allegheny Co. was formed in 1786); and none of these tracts contained 312 acres. Nor was William Smith/Smyth/Smythe listed as warrantee or patentee on any of these ten tracts. It's a real mystery.

It cannot be stressed enough that Thomas Sr.'s son, John, is known to have acquired considerable property, and that land records completely account for all the land John acquired—*as long as the 312-acre "The Mill Seat" tract is not considered*. So Thomas Sr.'s son, John, is probably not the John Patterson who bought "The Mill Seat" tract. I'm thinking the purchaser of that tract had to be John's father-in-law.

But now, let's move on to discuss the land that we definitely know was acquired by Thomas Sr.'s son, John—land in Fayette and Westmoreland counties that *can* be accounted for on tax lists, on Warrant Indexes, on Patent Indexes, and in deed records.

On 6 Apr 1785 a **328 ½ acre tract** in Westmoreland Co. called "**Smith's Squares**" was **patented to John Patterson**. This tract had been warranted to William Latta 28 June 1770—at which time the land was in Bedford County, since Westmoreland wasn't formed until 1773 (*Patent Book No. 3, p. 268*).²⁸ This tract was surveyed 20 Nov

²⁷ See the post in the Allegheny Co., PA forum of ancestry.com's message board, posted 14 Aug 1999 by Paul H. Calhoun. A complete transcription of the deed is given here, along with the poster's comment: "This land is now in Allegheny County—Probably Lincoln Township." I have no idea why Mr. Calhoun gave that location for this tract.

²⁸ Indexes for Warrant Books, Survey Books and Patent Books are on-line at www.phmc.state.pa.us/.

1772 “on Order No. 1448 dated Apr 3, 1769, & warrant for 100 as dated June 28, 1770; Patented Apr 6, 1785 to John Patterson on Wt. to Accept of Apr 2, 1785.”²⁹

John is listed on the 1785 Washington Twp. “Return of State Tax” (*PA Archives*, Series 3, Vol. XXII, p. 585), as well as on the 1786 Washington Twp. “Return of State Tax (Ibid, p. 594), but these lists published in the *PA Archives* merely show the amount of tax owing; the number of acres assessed is not given. However, during those years we definitely know that John owned the 328 & 1/2-acre tract called “Smith’s Squares.”

Then, on 11 Aug 1786, John Patterson warranted a **189 & 3/4 acre tract** in Fayette Co. called “**Patterson’s Choice.**” Survey was 30 Aug 1786. Patent granted to John Patterson 28 Sept 1786 (Patent Book No. 8, p. 15). **Important note:** *PA Archives*, Series 3, XXVI, p. 489, incorrectly shows that on 11 Aug 1786 250 acres were warranted to James Patterson. This *PA Archives* information contains two errors. It was definitely John—not James—who patented this land on 11 Aug 1786, and it was definitely 189 acres, not 250 acres. Not only does the *PA Archives* info disagree with on-line Patent Index information, but a deed recorded in Fayette Co. Deed Book C, p. 642, references this “Pattersons Choice” tract, and says it was 189 acres, patented to John Patterson.

Following is a section of the Washington Township Warranty Map showing the location of both the “Smith’s Squares” and the “Patterson’s Choice” tracts. “Smith’s Squares” is in the middle, at the top, near the Fayette County border. The “Patterson’s Choice” tract is in the middle, at the bottom. The two tracts are not contiguous.

--The warranty map follows on the next page--

²⁹ This additional information is not in the on-line index. This information comes from *Early Landowners of Pennsylvania: Atlas of Township Warrantee Maps of Fayette County, PA* by Sharon MacInnes (Apollo, PA: Closson Press, 2005), p. 287.

**Washington Twp., Fayette County Warranty Map
Showing John's "Smith's Squares" and "Patterson's Choice" tracts**



Then, on 7 Apr 1797, John's father granted to him **50 acres** of the 318-acre tract, "**Rich Hill.**" Other portions of this same tract were granted to Thomas Sr.'s other sons (*Deed Bk. D, p. 24; see also Deed Bk. A, pp. 267-268 for original 368-acre "Rich Hill" deed*). Below is a section of the Washington Township Warranty Map showing the location of the "Rich Hill Tract" (warranted by Samuel Martin, patented by Edward Cook, but then sold to Thomas Sr.), 50 acres of which came into John's possession. Note that the "Rich Hill" tract abuts John's "Smith's Squares" tract.

**Washington Twp., Fayette County Warranty Map
showing "Rich Hill" tract, of which John obtained 50 acres
(Note also the "Rich Grove" tract, owned by John's brother, Thomas Jr.)**



Before returning to the facts of John's life, I'd like to stress (again) that the exact number of acres in Fayette County owned by John Patterson, at any particular point in time, can be confirmed by examining all the warrants, patents, deeds and tax lists involving him. See the section further in this chapter that I've titled "History of land in Fayette County known to be owned by John Patterson Esq. [son of Thomas Sr.]" Here I show the math, adding acres as John acquires them, and subtracting acres as John sells them. The numbers

agree perfectly with the number of acres on which John is assessed on tax lists in any particular year--*as long as the 312-acre "The Mill Seat" tract is NOT considered.*

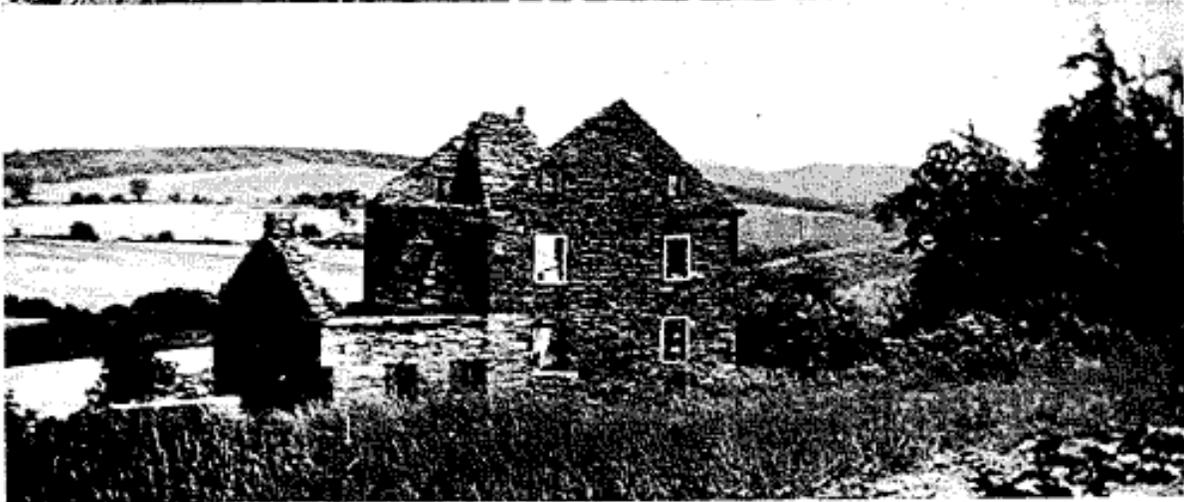
John Patterson is listed on the Washington Twp., Fayette Co. census beginning in 1790 and ending with the 1830 census. County tax lists for Washington Twp. do not exist prior to 1820, but from 1820 through 1831 John's name appears on every list. (See census transcriptions at the end of this chapter, and tax lists transcriptions in Chapter X.)

John's children must have grown up in surroundings that were, for the time, somewhat luxurious. According to Franklin Ellis in his *History of Fayette County*, p. 810, John worked hard and became "a wealthy man." He built a large stone mansion that was later lived in by the Houseman family. In *The Houseman Family of Westmoreland Co., PA* by Harry Houseman Frazier (Tiffin, OH: Advertiser Press, 1927), p. 15, is a description of the stone house build by John for his family:

"Christopher Houseman did not build the old stone house shown in the Picture Section of this book [p. 172]. It was built in 1797 or 1798 by one John Patterson, who placed his initials "J.P." on the stone lintel of the front door where it may be seen today [1937]. It is believed his first house was like most others of the time, a log cabin. The stone house was one of the finest in the township, its massive walls nearly three feet thick, two stories high with a large attic and a good sized wing also built of stone. It is probable that either Christopher or Jacob added this wing, as there are certain marks even now, that indicate a different artisan. It was in this great stone house that both Christopher and Jacob died. It is doubtful if any Houseman descendant has ever built a more substantial and pretentious house for himself, when we judge each in the era in which it was built."

--Photos of this house can be seen on the next page--

Photos on p. 172 of *The Houseman Family...*



OLD STONE HOUSE WHEN LAST INHABITED (above)
AS IN JUNE, 1936 (below)

The stone lintel of this house, which the Houseman family history says was inscribed with “J.P.,” still survives, though the house has long since disappeared. This stone was actually transcribed with “J. Patterson,” not just John’s initials, as will be seen. Through a stroke of luck, my sister Jo and I actually found this mighty block of stone, back in 2008. We were having dinner one night with the Patterson family currently living on the “Rich Grove Farm.” We had traveled regularly to Pennsylvania to do research, and had gotten to know this family over a period of several years. At any

rate, near the end of the meal, my sister spoke up and asked farmer George if he had any recollection of a big stone house that once existed in Washington Township, said to have been built by a Patterson. He replied that he did know of it--he'd heard of local farmers using stones from the ruins as foundations for new barns and out buildings. Jo mentioned that one of the stones allegedly had the initials of a Patterson man inscribed on it—did he know anything about that? George leaned back in his chair and considered this in his methodical way. After what seemed like several minutes, he replied, “Uh-huh...I believe that stone is leaning up against Billy Orr’s barn.” And then he offered to take us there the next morning--though it had to be very early, near dawn, so as not to interfere with his farm work. Long story short, we found it—leaning up against Billy Orr’s barn, just as George said. We couldn’t budge it (it must weigh over 300 pounds), but we took a picture, and as perhaps can be seen from this truly horrible photograph, the stone doesn’t just have John’s initials; it is inscribed with the date “1800,” as well as his last name:

Photographed 11 Sept 2008



Lintel stone inscription:

“1800

J

I: PATTERSON :I:R”

Note: No idea what “I:” or “:I:R” means.

We give our grateful thanks to Billy Orr who said he just “didn’t feel right messing with a stone with somebody’s name on it.” And so he leaned it gently against the side of his barn, and it was preserved.

John is found as head of household on the 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820 and 1830 censuses, in Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA:

1790 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 4 of 6)

John Patterson	2	3	4	--	1/1
2 males > 16	[b. bef 1774]	<i>John Esq. (1751-1831/32) + oldest son Thomas (b. abt. 1774; d. ____ MD)</i>			
3 males < 16	[b. aft. 1774]	<i>ggg-grandfather Wm. (1784-1854/55)? + 2 unknown sons (John & James?)</i>			
4 females		<i>Wife Jane (Patterson) + 3 daughters (name of just 1—Susannah—known)</i>			
0 other free white males		----			
2 slaves (1 male, 1 female)		<i>(Names unknown)</i>			

1800 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 10 of 13)

John Patterson Esqr.	--	1	2	--	1	--	1	--	--	1	
		Plus: 6 other free white males & 1 slave									
1 male > 45	[b. bef 1755]	<i>John Esq. (1751-1831/32), s/o Thomas Sr.</i>									
1 male 10-16	[b. 1784-1790]	<i>Unknown son (James b. 1786?)</i>									
2 males 16-26	[b. 1774-1784]	<i>2 unknown sons (Thomas out of household?) (Wm. & John?)</i>									
1 fem 10-16	[b. 1784-1790]	<i>Youngest dau Susannah b. 1785 – she m. 1807; widowed bef 1813</i>									
1 fem > 45	[b. bef 1755]	<i>John’s wife, Jane (Patterson) – she d. 1813</i>									

1810 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 3 of 12)

John Patterson		
1 male > 45	[b. bef 1765]	<i>John Esq. (1751-1831/32)</i>
1 male 16-26	[b. 1784-1794]	<i>Unidentified son? (John? Wm. & James now head their own households)</i>
1 fem 0-10	[b. 1800-1810]	<i>Susannah’s only child, dau Sarah b. 1808 , who m. Dr. Thomas Nichols</i>
1 fem 16-26	[b. 1784-1794]	<i>John’s (widowed?) dau, Susannah, who had m. abt. 1807 Robert Patterson</i>
1 fem > 45	[b. bef 1765]	<i>John’s wife Jane (Patterson) – she d. 1813</i>
4 slaves		

1820 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 3 of 9)

John Patterson “Belle Vernon”		
1 male > 45	[b. bef 1775]	<i>John Esq. (1751-1831/32), s/o Thomas Sr.</i>
1 fem 10-16	[b. 1804-1810]	<i>Susannah’s dau Sarah b. 1808, who m. Dr. Thomas Nichols</i>
1 fem 26-45	[b. 1775-1794]	<i>John’s widowed dau Susannah – widow of Rev. Robt. Patterson</i>
<i>Note: John’s wife, Jane (Patterson), died in 1813. John did not re-marry.</i>		

John is listed on Washington Twp. tax list dated 1820 (first extant list) through list dated 1830.

1830 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 17 of 36)

John Patterson		
1 male 70-80	[b. 1750-1760]	<i>John Esq. (1751-1831/2), s/o Thomas Sr.</i>
1 male 20-30	[b. 1800-1810]	<i>Unidentified (farm help?)</i>
1 fem 20-30	[b. 1800-1810]	<i>Unidentified (household help?)</i>
1 fem 40-50	[b. 1780-1790]	<i>John’s widowed daughter, Susannah (Patterson) Patterson</i>

John Patterson Esq. died 1830-1831.

We don't know much about John's children. All we know with certainty is that he had a son named Thomas and a daughter named Susannah.³⁰ And from what we know about the lives of these two children, it seems that John was able to provide a fine education for his son, and that his daughter married very well. His (presumably oldest) son, Thomas, became a doctor. His daughter, Susannah, married Rev. Robert Patterson, son of the well-to-do Robert Patterson Sr. of West Newton, Rostraver Township. (See my paper on this Robert; Y-DNA proves that Thomas Sr. and this Robert were somehow closely related—though not brothers, I don't think.)

Despite being well-to-do at one time, John died a poor man. Franklin Ellis writes (p. 810):

“He worked hard and saved his money until he was looked upon as a wealthy man. In an evil hour he joined others in the glass-manufacturing business at Perryopolis, and lost all he had. In his old age he was very poor.”

On p. 717 Ellis describes this scheme in his chapter on Perry township:

“The platting of the new town [Perryopolis, in 1806] had the effect to attract considerable attention to the place, and the discovery of sand suitable for the manufacture of glass induced the organization of a company for that purpose. The project being pushed with energy, and recommended to people in glowing terms, the farmers and other well-to-do inhabitants of this section of country subscribed liberally to this enterprise, as also to the stock of a banking concern which was started about the same time.... From bad management or other causes none of these projects proved profitable to the original stockholders or of permanent advantage to the town. Their failure brought disaster to many public-spirited people who aided them by subscriptions, and Perryopolis never realized the prosperity and importance which at one time seemed assured by the establishment of these enterprises. The Perryopolis Glass-Works is a name well known in this region...They were carried on by Thomas Bleakley, whose management resulted in disastrous failure and the **sale by the sheriff of about twenty of the best farms in this section** [emphasis mine], their owners having sunk their property in subscriptions to the stock of the glass company.” John Patterson's signature is on the Perryopolis charter, as one of the “proprietors.”³¹

By 1817 it is likely that John was already feeling the financial squeeze of his failed business dealings. Fayette County deed records show that in 1817 John sold 328 acres of his land to Robert Galloway. In 1820 John lost his remaining 200 acres in a Sheriff's Sale. However, John's son, Thomas; John's daughter Susannah (widow of Robert Patterson); and Susannah's daughter, Sarah (who had married Dr. Thomas Nichols), hired an agent (John Robinson) who managed to buy back this land. (See abstracts of Fayette Co. Deeds & Orphans Court records at the end of this chapter.) Evidently John was then allowed to live on

³⁰ See abstracts of Fayette Co. Deeds & Orphans Court records at the end of this chapter. Thomas and Susannah are proven to be children of John Patterson Esq. in these records.

³¹ This document is on-line, as of this writing, at www.perryopolis.com/chartera.shtml.

this land, though he no longer owned it. Washington Twp. tax lists show John owning no land as of 1823,³² but immediately under his name is written: “Landlord’s part 190 a.”

It appears that John’s wife did not live to see her husband’s financial downfall. **Jane died 15 Feb 1813** “in her 64th year.”³³ She is buried in Rehoboth Presbyterian Cemetery in Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., PA. I have been to Rehoboth Cemetery several times, and never found Jane’s grave. However, a photo of her eroded stone was submitted to findagrave.com by “Mike” on 12 Aug 2011:



*“In Memory of Mrs. Jane Patterson
wife of John Patterson
Who departed this life Feby 15 1813 in her 64th year [age 63]”*

³² Since John lost the last of his land in 1820, in a Sheriff’s Sale, one would expect that on the 1821 tax list, then, he would not be taxed on any land. Yet in 1820 and 1821 he is assessed on 190 acres. A member of the staff of the Pennsylvania Room at the Uniontown, PA Library (where I viewed the Washington Twp. tax lists on microfilm) explained to me that tax lists “lagged” at least one year, and sometimes two years.

³³ Note that this gravestone information allows us to estimate her birth date as about 1750, which is consistent with her 1751 baptism.

On 16 June 1922, Josiah V. Thompson transcribed the inscription on Jane's stone as follows: Mrs. Jane Patterson (wife of John Patterson) died Feby 15, 1813 in her 64th year." This was recorded in Vol. 7, p. 71 of Thompson's *Journals*.³⁴ J.V. Thompson's transcription matches exactly a transcription contained in *History of Rehoboth*, a 3-volume work held in the Rehoboth church library.³⁵ Thus we know with certainty that **John married only once**, to (his probable first cousin) Jane Patterson; and we know that **Jane was John's wife for forty years, from 1773 until she died in 1813.**

Despite his financial woes, it seems that John continued to be a respected member of the community. He served for many years as Justice of the Peace, right up until his death. This is why he is referred to as "John Patterson, Esq." on many documents. The 1831 Washington Twp. tax list—the last on which he appears--still refers to him as "Justice."³⁶

John is still listed as head of household on the 1830 census, and his name appears on the 1831 tax list. The 1832 list is unreadable, and he is not found on the 1833 tax list. Thus we know that **John died 1831-1832 (probably 1831) in Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA.** John most probably is buried in Rehoboth Presbyterian Cemetery, where his wife is buried. However, John's grave cannot be found there, and he is not listed on any transcriptions of burials for that cemetery.

The descendants of John Patterson Esq have proved difficult to find. We know with *certainty* the name of just one son: Thomas, whose only traceable male descendant appears to have died unmarried and childless. As for John's daughters, we know the name of only one: Susannah; and we know with certainty that Susannah, widowed soon after her marriage, had only one child, daughter Sarah. Census information (see end of this chapter) suggests that John had at least three sons, and three daughters, including Susannah. A "tree" further in this chapter gives some guesses about what the names of John and Jane's other children might be.

A few generations after John's death, when descendants of John's brother, Thomas Jr., began researching the family, not one of these descendants seemed aware of the existence of

³⁴ The Josiah V. Thompson Journals are an incredible resource for anyone researching families in southwestern PA. Starting in the 1890's, and up to his death in 1933, Thompson recorded an astounding amount of genealogical information in 28 journals each containing about 600 pages. He traveled extensively, interviewing people about their ancestors, transcribing Bible records, cemetery stones, etc. The journals were donated to the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society, and have been microfilmed. However, to my knowledge, no index exists on microfilm. Therefore I am incredibly grateful to Charlee Wilson who *typed every single word in the journals* and then made word-searchable files available to anyone interested. I have the entire set downloaded on my hard drive. Also, with Charlee's permission, in 2009 I transferred all these files to a CD and donated the CD to the Elizabeth Township [Allegheny Co.] Historical Society. Unlike the microfilm housed at the Western PA Historical Society, the CD at ETHS is word-searchable.

³⁵ *History of Rehoboth* (3 volumes) compiled by Marshal & Irene P. Lignian of Monongahela, PA (privately published, 1990). Jane's inscription is transcribed in Vol., 3, p. 30 as: "Jane, Mrs. Patterson, w/o John." Whoever was reading the stone made the note: "shaled." Volume 3 contains transcriptions of Rehoboth stones done at various times—in 1969 and 1982, and perhaps in other years. This is not at all clear. The earliest Rehoboth church records are not extant. The earliest record, in Vol. 1, is a list of members under Rev. William Wylie, who was pastor 1805-1817. There are several notations on this list regarding various members' death dates, but nowhere, in any of the volumes, is there a list of births, baptisms or marriages.

³⁶ It is possible that John's name was on the 1832 list, but this year's list is almost completely illegible. The only Patterson name on the 1832 list that can be read with certainty is "John Patterson, cooper." This John is son of William Patterson (1784-1854/55).

Thomas Jr.'s brother, John. They knew of the descendants of Thomas Jr.'s brother, William, living hundreds of miles away in McConnellsburg, but they had no idea that their ggggrandfather, Thomas Jr., had had a brother named John who had lived for over forty years on land right next to their ancestor!

In 2005, Patty Gray of California (a descendant of Thomas Jr.) sent a copy to me of an original deed that had been found among the family papers—a sheepskin document showing the granting of land (“Smith’s Squares”) by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to one John Patterson. Nobody in the Patterson family currently living on Thomas Jr.’s land, where this document was found, could understand why this document would have been preserved with the other family records. They had absolutely no knowledge whatsoever of their ancestor, Thomas Jr., having a brother named John.

Based on census information, John and Jane (Patterson) Patterson probably had six or seven children. **Census information shows that John and Jane (Patterson) Patterson had at least three sons—possibly four—and three daughters.** John died intestate, so there is no will listing his heirs. Since we have no will for John, the names of John’s children had to be deduced from land and Orphans Court records, and in these only son Thomas and daughter Susannah are named. However, census information suggests that John had more children than are mentioned in these records. In the absence of baptism records for John’s children, and in the absence of a will for John, and relying only on censuses and a few other records, we might *suppose* that John and Jane had the following children:

- I. **THOMAS PATTERSON was born about 1774.** (The 1790 census shows 2 males age 16 & older. One of those males is John Sr.; the other must be his first-born son, Thomas. Thus Thomas was born abt. 1774, a year after his parent’s marriage. On the 1830 Hagerstown, Washington Co., MD census Thomas’ age is 50-60.) Orphans Court records dated 15 Nov 1820, refer to “Dr. Thomas Patterson of Hagerstown [Washington Co., Maryland]” and Thomas’ wife, Jane. Son Thomas was probably born in Cumberland Co., PA, prior to John’s move to Fayette County. Scotch-Irish naming patterns have the first son named after the father’s father—so we have placed Thomas here as the oldest son. **Thomas died 1848 in Montgomery Co., Maryland.**³⁷ Per Orphans Court records, **the name of his wife was Jane _____, who was born about 1786 in PA and who died 1850-1860, probably in Maryland.** Census records (below) indicate that **Thomas and Jane had (at least) three sons and five daughters.** Census records tell us the name of but one son: George C.,

³⁷ A transcription of burials at Rockville Baptist Cemetery, Rockville, Montgomery Co., MD (<http://usgwarchives.net/md/montgomery/tsimages/rbaptist/rockbapt.html>) shows that “Dr. Thomas Patterson” was buried here. Notes say that this “tombstone now missing; Was librarian to U.S. House of Representatives.” Transcription of unknown origin gives birth date as “1767,” which is incorrect. I suspect an old stone that was difficult to read resulted in an incorrect transcription. His death date is given as “1848,” which is consistent with Thomas being listed on the 1840 census, but not on the 1850 census. Also buried here is his son George C. Patterson, shown to have been born 1815, died 1889. Notes show “In memory of George C., son of Dr. Thomas Patterson; Twice a member of the Maryland legislature; Librarian to U.S House of Representatives; Killed in train accident.”

born about 1815; and the names of only three of the four daughters: Eliza born about 1807, Sally F. born 1820-1825, and Helen M. born about 1829.

1790 Census – Thomas was living in his father's household in Washington, Fayette Co., PA

1800 Census – Thomas is possibly 1 of the 2 males age 16-26 in his father's household.

However, Thomas would have been about age 26 in 1800 and may have been away at school. (He became a doctor.) No Thomas Patterson in Maryland can be this Thomas.

1810 Census – Thomas cannot be found with certainty. He's definitely not in his father's Washington Twp. household. There are two Thomas Pattersons—one in Frederick Co., MD, and one in Baltimore Co., MD, in 1810—but none in Washington Co., MD. The Thomas in Baltimore is the correct age (26-45, so born 1765-1784), and the female age 26-45 is the correct age to be his wife; however, he cannot definitely be identified as this Thomas.

1820 Census – On 15 Nov 1820 Thomas was “of Hagerstown [Washington Co.], Maryland,” per Orphans Court records. However, no Thomas Patterson of the right age can be found in Washington Co., MD in 1820. Where was Thomas in 1820?

The following Thomas is definitely John's son:

1830 Hagerstown, Washington Co., MD (p. 21 of 40)

Thos. Patterson

1 male	50-60	[1770-1780]	<i>Thomas b. abt. 1774, s/o John</i>
1 male	5-10	[1825-1830]	<i>3rd-born son, name unknown</i>
2 males	10-15	[1815-1820]	<i>2 oldest sons; 1 is George b. abt. 1815</i>
1 male	30-40	[1790-1800]	<i>Unidentified (too old to be a son)</i>
1 fem	0-5	[1825-1830]	<i>5th & youngest dau. Helen M. b. abt. 1829</i>
2 fems	10-15	[1815-1820]	<i>3rd & 4th-born daus; 1 might be Sally F.</i>
2 fems	20-30	[1800-1810]	<i>2 oldest daus; 1 is Eliza b. abt. 1807</i>
1 fem	40-50	[1780-1790]	<i>Wife Jane ___, born abt. 1786</i>

1840 Clarksburg, Montgomery Co., MD (p. 1 of 26)

Thomas Patterson

1 male	60-70	[1770-1780]	<i>Thomas b. abt. 1774, s/o John</i>
1 male	15-20	[1820-1825]	<i>3rd-born son, name unknown</i>
1 male	20-30	[1810-1820]	<i>Son George b. 1815 or the other of 2 eldest sons</i>
2 fems	15-20	[1820-1825]	<i>Dau Sally b. 1820-1825 & unknown 3rd or 4th dau</i>
1 fem	50-60	[1780-1790]	<i>Wife Jane ___, b. abt. 1786</i>

Thomas died 1848. His widow is the Jane Patterson listed below, probably living in the household of her married daughter, Eliza Duvall.

1850 Bladensburg, Prince George's Co., MD 28 June 1850 (pp. 5-6 of 36)

Eliza Duvall	[b. 1807]	43	b. MD <i>prob dau of Dr. Thomas & Jane, b. 1807</i>
Andrew J. Duvall		22	b. MD merchant
Susanna Duvall		13	b. MD
Sarah S.J.? Duvall		11	b. MD
Jane Patterson	[b. 1786]	64	b. PA <i>widow of Dr. Thomas (John Esq's son)</i>
Sally F. Patterson	[b. 1825]	25	b. Dist. Columbia <i>Thomas & Jane's daughter</i>
Hellen M. Patterson	[b. 1829]	21	b. MD <i>Thomas & Jane's daughter</i>

& 5 other household members not transcribed

Thomas' widow, Jane, is not found on 1860 census. Presume she died 1850-1860.

Based on census transcriptions above, and on transcription of burials at Rockville Baptist Cemetery, Thomas and Jane (____) Patterson had children:

A. Possible unknown son Patterson b. 1790-1800 per 1830 census

B. Eliza Patterson b. abt. 1807 per 1850 census; d. ___; m. Andrew J. Duvall & had children (among others?) Susanna b. abt. 1837 & Sarah b. abt. 1839.

C. Unknown daughter Patterson b. 1800-1810 per 1830 census

D. Unknown son Patterson – born 1815-1820 per 1830 census

E. George Patterson b. 1815; d. 6 Mar 1889 in a train accident (See newspaper articles below about the train accident that killed George 6 Mar 1889); m.

P.E. _____ who died 1850-1860 (perhaps in 1852, giving birth to Henry?).
George & P.E. Patterson had children:

1. **Virginia Patterson** b. abt. 1849-1850 in MD or VA per 1850 & 1860 censuses
 2. **Henry Patterson** b. abt. 1852 in MD per 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses; b. May 1855 if he is correctly identified on the 1900 Baltimore census (which it appears I have, based on 7 Mar 1889 newspaper article below); Henry appears never to have married (single at age 45 on 1900 Baltimore census)
- F. Unknown daughter Patterson** b. 1815-1820 per 1830 census
G. Sally F. Patterson b. abt. 1825 per 1850 census
H. Unknown son Patterson b. 1825-1830 per 1830 census
I. Helen M. Patterson b. abt. 1829 per 1850 census
- II. ?JOHN PATTERSON?** b. 1775-1783 – The only evidence that John had a son named John is in Fayette Co. Orphans Court Records, Bk. 2, p. 145. This record shows that when Thomas Patterson Sr. died, the administrators of his estate were “John Patterson Sr. and John Patterson Jr.”³⁸ It seems reasonable to suppose that John would name a son after himself. John was also the name of his wife Jane’s father, so there were *two* reasons for naming a son John. Scotch-Irish naming patterns have the second son named after the mother’s father. The name of Jane’s father was John. If theoretical son John were the second son, and (theoretical) son William the third, then--since William was b. abt. 1784—theoretical son John would have been born 1775-1783.
- III. ?WILLIAM PATTERSON? (Adopted son? Biological son? Illegitimate son by John’s wife with an unrelated Patterson man? Orphaned son of a sister of John’s wife?)** - born 1784 (*1850 Rostraver census*); d. 1854-1855 (*last listed on 1854 Rostraver tax list*); m. abt. 1805-1806 Jane Corwin, dau of John & Agnes Corwin of Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., PA. For a complete explanation about why I believe this William was called “son” by John (whether or not William was actually John’s biological son); and for an accounting of the known descendants of this William, see my paper, “William Patterson (c. 1784-1854/55) of Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., PA.”
- IV. SUSANNAH PATTERSON** b. 13 May 1785 (*this birth date is from descendant Ray Parsons who in 2009 had this information posted on his website at <http://members.fortunecity.com/rayparsons/>*). Susannah died by 1863 (*because only her daughter is mentioned in the will of her husband’s brother, Thomas Patterson of West Newton; see my paper “Robert Patterson Sr. (c.1737-1830) of Rostraver...”*). Susannah married “Rev.” Robert Patterson about 1807. Robert was the son of Robert Patterson Sr. of West Newton, Rostraver Twp., Westmoreland Co., PA. Robert Sr. was the brother of Peter

³⁸ We cannot assume that “John Jr.” of this record was our John’s son. In records of this time, “Jr.” was often appended to a man’s name merely to denote that he was the younger of two men with the same name who were both living in the same area.

Patterson Sr. of Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA—which probably indicates a close relationship between Peter and Thomas Sr. of Washington, Fayette Co., though no proof has ever been found that they were brothers or even cousins. Robert Patterson (Jr.), Susannah’s husband, died before 1827 (*he was not mentioned in his father’s will dated that year*). Robert Jr., Susannah’s husband, probably died much earlier—by 1810. The 1810 enumeration of John Esq.’s household suggests that Susannah’s husband, Robert Patterson, had died by the time of the 1810 census, because on that census she and her only child—daughter Sarah—are undoubtedly the females living in the household of her father. Susannah’s only child, Sarah, married Dr. Thomas Nichols. (*See deed & Orphans Court records which state Dr. Thomas Nichols is her husband.*) Sarah married Thomas Nichols 3 June 1830 per Parsons info. For information on the descendants of Robert & Susannah (Patterson) Patterson, see my paper, “Robert Patterson Sr. (c.1737-1830)...”

- V. **?JAMES PATTERSON?** See my “James Patterson (1786-1868)...” paper where I theorize that John Esq. & Jane (Patterson) Patterson could have had a son James, born 1786, who married Abigail Gween. This James lived in Perry Twp., Fayette Co., PA. (Perry was created from Washington Twp.).
- VI. **?ADOPTED SON WILLIAM J. MULLIN?** In *History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, by Franklin Ellis (Philadelphia, L.H. Everts & Co., 1882), p. 819 it is stated that William D. Mullin “...in 1786, at the age of four years [probably born 1787—see below], had come with his adopted father, William Patterson, to Washington township.” I believe Ellis erred when he wrote that it was William Patterson Sr. who adopted William Mullin. I believe that it was John Patterson, son of Thomas Patterson Sr., who adopted William Mullin. I think this for two reasons. First, William Mullin is not accounted for in the 1790 or 1800 households of William Sr., but he could be one of the young males in John Patterson’s 1790 Washington Twp. household. Second, the will of John Davis of Antrim Twp., Franklin Co. (which prior to the formation of Franklin Co. in 1784 was part of Antrim Twp., Cumberland Co., where John Patterson was living during the Revolutionary War years) mentions “Wm. Mulling [*sic*] who had John Patterson of Westmoreland for guardian.” This will was written 25 July 1802, and was proved 2 Aug 1802. In a bio of William Mullin published in *Biographical & Portrait Cyclopedia of Fayette County*, John M. Gresham & Samuel T. Wiley, eds. (Chicago: John M. Gresham & Co., 1889), p. 361, it is written that William Mullin was “born in Cumberland county, Penna., January 6, 1787.” Surely this is the same man as the William “Mulling” mentioned in the will, whose guardian was John Patterson.
- VII. **UNKNOWN DAUGHTER PATTERSON** born before 1790 (See 1790 census in which it appears that John had three daughters.) The Scotch-Irish naming pattern has the second daughter named after the father’s mother. If Thomas Sr. were married to Sarah in 1750-1751 when John was born, then this daughter’s name might be Sarah. A Thomas Kyle is listed in several deed

records along with John and his wife Jane. In some of these records, the name of Thomas Kyle's wife is given as Sarah. I wonder if John had a daughter named Sarah who married Thomas Kyle.

VIII. UNKNOWN DAUGHTER PATTERSON born before 1790 (See 1790 census in which it appears that John had three daughters.) The Scotch-Irish naming pattern has the third daughter named after the mother. This daughter might have been named Jane. If John had a daughter named Jane, she may be the Jane Patterson who married David Wilson. See p. 29 of this paper; David and Jane (Patterson) Wilson had daughter Elizabeth Wilson who married Robert Prouditt, son of Rev. David and Sarah (Patterson) Prouditt. Sarah Patterson was daughter of Thomas Sr.'s son William of McConnellsburg.

I have been unable to locate a living male Patterson descendant of John Patterson (other than descendants of John's "son," William--who may or may not have been John's biological son).

I am very interested in getting Y-DNA test results from a living male Patterson descendant of John Patterson. If you are a Patterson man who thinks he might descend from the John Patterson who is the subject of this chapter, please leave a message in the "Comments" section connected to this paper, and be sure to include your contact information.

Tax List & Census Information for John Patterson Esq.

1778 Antrim, Cumberland Co., PA [in 1784, this part of Cumberland went to Franklin Co.]
(PA Archives, Series 3, Vol. XX, p. 8)

William Patterson 32 a. 0 Negroes 2 horse 2 cattle Tax: 6.12.0
John Patterson 21 a. 0 Negroes 2 horse 2 cattle Tax: 6.10.0

(They are listed consecutively.)

Smith names: Jane, Widow, James, Andrew, Thomas & **Abraham** (also an Abraham Smith, freeman).

1779 Washington, Cumberland Co., PA (Washington created 1779 from part of Antrim Twp.)
(PA Archives, Series 3, Vol. XX, p. 246)

William Patterson 115 a. 3 horse 3 cattle 0 Negroes
John Patterson 115 a. 2 horse 2 cattle 0 Negroes

(They are listed consecutively.)

Smith names: John (no others)

1780 Washington, Cumberland Co., PA

(PA Archives, Series 3, Vol. XX, p. 378)

William Patterson, blacksmith 115 a. 2 horse 3 cattle 0 Negroes
John Patterson, b'smith **no land** 2 horse 3 cattle 0 Negroes

(They are listed consecutively.)

Smith names: William (2)

1781 – Neither William nor John are on the Cumberland Co. tax lists.

1783 Rostraver, Westmoreland County “Transcript of Property with Number of Inhabitants.”

(PA Archives, Series 3, Vol. XXII, p. 377)

John Paterson, smith 300 a. 3 horses 3 cattle 3 sheep 7 white inhabitants

1785 Washington Twp., Fayette Co. Return of State Tax (PA Archives, Series 3, Vol. XXII, p. 585)

John Patterson tax: 1.3.1

1786 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., Return of State Tax (PA Archives, Series 3, Vol. XXII, p. 594)

John Patterson tax: 1.2.3

NOTE: Besides these tax lists above, published in the PA Archives (for 1783, 1785 & 1786), no lists exist for Washington Twp. until 1820.

1790 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA

John Patterson (p. 27)

2 males >16

[b. by 1774]

John Esq. bapt. 1751 & son Thomas b. 1774

3 males <16

[b. 1774-1790]

“Son” William, son John & possibly adopted son William Mullin

4 females

wife Jane/Gennet & 3 daus (1 is Susannah)

1800 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA

John Patterson, Esq. (image 6 of 7)

1 male 10-16

[b. 1784-1790]

son John

2 males 16-26

(b. 1774-1784)

son Thomas b. 1771 & “son” William b. c. 1784

1 male 45+

[b. bef. 1755]

John Patterson Esq. bapt. 1751

1 female 10-16

[b. 1784-1790]

dau Susannah b. 13 May 1785

1 female 45+

[b. bef. 1755]

wife Jane/Janet bapt. 1751

Note: As for possible adopted son William J. Mullin: by 1800 William Mullin could be out of the household, serving his hatters apprenticeship.

1810 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA**John Patterson** (p. 7 of 11)

1 male 16-26	[b. 1784-1790]	<i>son John</i>
1 male >45	[b. bef. 1765]	<i>John Patterson Esq. bapt. 1751</i>
1 female 0-10	[b. 1800-1810]	<i>grandau Sarah b. 1808 (d/o Susannah)</i>
1 female 16-26	[b. 1784-1794]	<i>dau Susannah b. 1785 (widowed)</i>
1 female >45	[b. bef. 1765]	<i>wife Jane/Gennet bapt. 1751</i>

Note: Son Thomas married about 1805-1806. "Son" William was also married and out of the household.

1820 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA**John Patterson** (p. 3 of 9)

1 male >45	[b. bef. 1775]	<i>John Patterson Esq. bapt. 1751</i>
1 female 10-16	[b. 1804-1810]	<i>granddau Sarah b. 1808 (d/o Susannah)</i>
1 female 26-45	[b. 1775-1794]	<i>dau Susannah (widowed)</i>

Note: John's wife, Jane/Gennet, died 1813.

1820-1831 Washington Twp., Fayette Co. Tax Lists

John Patterson is listed every year 1820-1831. (The 1832 list is unreadable. He is not on the 1833 list.)

1830 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA**John Patterson** (p. 17 of 36)

1 male 20-30	[b. 1800-1810]	<i>Sarah's husband, Thomas Nichol(s)</i>
1 male 70-80	[b. 1750-1760]	<i>John Patterson Esq. bapt. 1751</i>
1 female 20-30	[b. 1800-1810]	<i>granddau Sarah b. 1808 (d/o Susannah)</i>
1 female 40-50	[b. 1780-1790]	<i>dau Susannah (widowed)</i>

ABSTRACTS

***Fayette County Deeds & Orphans Court Records
Mentioning John Patterson, son of Thomas Sr.
(as abstracted by Mrs. Ralph L. Cox & submitted to
Patterson & Pattison Association Vol. 2, pp. 85-91***

Fayette Co. Book E. p. 177 [178-179?]. May 6, 1788. John Patterson & wife Janet of Washington Twp. to Thomas Kyle of same patent, April 6, 1785 to Jno. Patterson adj. Wm. Cunningham, Anne Burgess, Thomas Kyle, John Patterson's. Wit.: Joseph Reynolds, Alex. Patterson. Received May 6, 1788. Rec. Sept. 13, 1803.

Fayette Co. Bk. L. p. 153. John Patterson Esq. tract in Washington Twp., 328 1/2 A. Patent April 6, 1785 conveyed to him by his father Thomas Patterson, April 7, 1797 part of tract granted Edw. Cook, Dec. 29, 1784, Deed to said Thomas April 5, 1788, sold to Robert Galloway adj. Francis Warren Burgess, James Cook, And. Brown, Wm. Nichol, Wit.: Amos Cooper, Susan Patterson. Rec. Oct. 17, 1817.

Fayette Co. Deeds Bk. M. p. 422. Patent April 6, 1785 to John Patterson Esq. – 'Smith's Square' east side of Monongahela then Westmoreland Co., now Washington Twp., Fayette County. 326 1/2 A. John Patterson & wife Jane sold [date?] to William Nichol – John Patterson & wife "Genetady" to Andrew Brown, Richard McAllister.

Fayette Co. Bk. P. p. 435. March 9, 1820. Sheriff conveys land in Washington Twp., ad. Land of James Cook, David Wilson, heirs of Robert Galloway, 200 A. more or less, property of John Patterson said Kennedy Nov. 15 1820 convey to John Robinson for money paid, said Kennedy by Dr. Thomas Patterson [John Esq's son] & Susannah Patterson & John Patterson, guardian of his granddaughter, Sarah, now wife of Dr. Thomas Nichol by whereof said John Robinson became seized of land in trust in behalf of Dr. Thomas Patterson, one undivided 4th part for use of said Susannah & one undivided 4th part for use of said Sarah now married to Dr. Thomas Nichol.

Fayette Co. Deed Bk. P. p. 435. Nov 15, 1820. To John Robinson money paid by Dr. Thomas Patterson, Susannah & John Patterson, guardian of his granddaughter, Sarah, now the wife of Dr. Thomas

Nichhol. Dr. Thomas Patterson & wife Jane of Hagerstown, Md., Washington County. March 29, 1831 land sold by said Sheriff as property of John Patterson land in Washington Twp., Fayette County, Pa.

Fayette Co. Deed Book P. p. 437. March 1820. John Kennedy esq., land in Washington Twp., adj. Land of James Cook, David Wilson & heirs of Robert Galloway 200 A. more or less which had been lived on & sold by said sheriff as land of John Patterson, deeded by Sheriff Kennedy Nov. 18, 1820 to John Robinson money paid to Sheriff Kennedy by Dr. Thomas Patterson, Susannah Patterson funds of said Sarah Patterson in hands of administrators of her father Robert Patterson (dec'd)* & acting with consent of Eliza [should be ELIJAH]. Patterson, guardian of Sarah, sold June 13, 1831. Signed in Washington County, Maryland.

Fayette Co. Bk. P. p. 436. said Dr. Thomas Patterson & wife Jane of Hagerstown, Maryland, money paid by Dr. Thomas Nichol to hold the said undivided half part of tract and all right claim, etc. etc. March 29, 1831.

Fayette Co. Bk. P. p. 438. Sarah Patterson Nichol's father, Robert Patterson, decd. Recorded June 13, 1832.

Fayette Co. Book S. p. 267. Jan. 30, 1811. Francis Burgess & wife Sarah of Washington Twp., to Susannah Patterson, daughter of John Patterson esq. Patent to Edw. Cook Sept. 14, 1796. Wit.: John Patterson, Wm. Patterson, Jan. 30, 1811. Rec. April 14, 1818.

Fayette Co. Orphans Court Bk. 2, p. 145. Thomas Patterson [John Esq.'s son], attorney in fact for John Patterson, one of heirs of Thomas Patterson [Sr.], dec'd., declined part of real estate allotted by Sheriff so Court ordered administrators sale of same. [Date?]

Fayette Co. Orphans Court Bk. 2, p. 229. Oct. Court. [year?] Thomas Patterson, farmer, dec'd late of Washington Twp., John Patterson Sr., John Patterson Jr., administrators of estate.

Fayette Co. Orphans Court Bk, 2, p. 232. Sept. 1827. Thomas Patterson family on petition of John Patterson Esq. – John Patterson, adm. of estate of Thomas deceased, late of Washington Twp., Fayette Co. Intestate died seized of land in Washington Twp., adj. Henry Slotterbeck, Sam'l Rodocher, John Patterson

Fayette Co. Orphans Court Bk. 2, p. 252. Thomas Patterson dec'd. Oct. 1826, Court – 60 A. adj. Lands of Henry Slotterbeck, Sam. Rodecker, John Patterson & others, late estate of Thomas Patterson, farmer, of Washington Twp. John Patterson Sr., and John Patterson Jr., adminis. of estate. Advertised property. George Lutz, Christian Best, March 5, 1829, John Patterson, Esq., John Patterson Jr., distiller, Jeremiah Patterson & Thomas Patterson acknowledged themselves jointly indebted & Commonwealth of Pa., bond for John Patterson, Sr. and Jr.

Fayette Co. Orphans Court Bk. 2, p. 266. – June Court 1827. [no other info]

***Another land record involving John Patterson, who I believe is either John,
the subject of this chapter, or that John's father-in-law***

Abstract of deed found in Genealogy, Descendants of William & Dorcas Fallass of Boston, Massachusetts by Lura F. Alexander (Kansas City, MO, privately published, 1929), p 289:

“James Wilson of Derry Tp., Westmoreland Co., 2 Dec 1779, sells land in Indian Field, Derry Tp. For 1,000 pounds to **John Patterson, of Antrim Tp., Cumberland County**, 280 acres, in presence of William Findley, James Barr, John Patterson, wife Jennet.” (No Deed Book or page number was provided.) Patent Book P, No. 3, p. 247 shows record of James Wilson warranting 268 a. in Westmoreland Co.; on 3 Apr 1769; tract called “Wilson's Conquest”; patent to John Patterson 6 Mar 1785.” Same tract as the 280 acres “in Indian Fields”?

***HISTORY OF LAND IN FAYETTE COUNTY
KNOWN TO BE OWNED BY JOHN PATTERSON ESQ.***

“Smith’s Squares”

1772 – WARRANT/SURVEY:

William Latta warranted (no date) & surveyed (20 Nov 1772) 328 ½ a. “Smith’s Squares” (survey order #1448)

1785 – PATENT:

to John Patterson (26 Apr 1785); 328 ½ a.; “Smith’s Squares” (Patent Book No. 3, p. 268)
John’s total land as of this date: 328.5 acres

1785 – John Patterson & Janet his wife sell 75 acres of “Smith’s Squares” to Thomas Kyle (Bk E, pp. 178-179). (In later records we learn that the name of Thomas Kyle’s wife is “Sarah.”)

Total remaining acres of “Smith’s Squares” retained by John Patterson: 253.5 acres

“Patterson’s Choice”

1786 - WARRANT/SURVEY:

John Patterson warranted (11 Aug 1786) & surveyed (30 Aug 1786) 189 ¾ a. tract “Pattersons Choice”

1786 – PATENT

to John Patterson (28 Sept 1786) (Patent Book No 8, p. 15)

Note: PA Archives Series 3, XXVI, p. 489 incorrectly states that on 11 Aug 1786 250 a. were warranted to James Patterson. Cannot account for this double error. See Fayette Co. Deed Book C, p. 642, in which this “Pattersons Choice” tract is referenced.

+ 189 ¾ a. John’s total land as of this date: 443.25 acres

1797 – John sells 50 a. to Samuel Davis (Deed Bk. 3, p. 663)

1797 – John sells the rest (abt. 139 ¾ a.) to Robert Stephens (Bk C, p. 642)

- 189 ¾ a. John’s total land as of this date: 253.5 acres

“Rich Hill”

1797 – John’s father, Thomas Sr. gives him 50 a. of the “Rich Hill” tract (Bk D., p. 24) (The total size of this tract was 318 a.; see Bk A, pp. 267-268)

+ 50 a. John’s total land as of this date: 303.5 acres

1814 – John agrees to give his “son,” William, title to 150 acres (“one-half”) of the land on which he [John] “now dwells” (Deed Bk. L, p. 335) *This never happened*, as proven by the rest of the “math” below.

1817 – John sells 103 acres of his land—John’s land being the portion of the combined tracts of “Smith’s Squares” and “Patterson’s Choice” still owned by him--to Robert Galloway (Deed Bk. L, p. 153) *The Perryopolis deal is obviously starting to go south.*

- 103 a. John’s total land as of this date: 200 acres

1820 – John is listed on the Washintgon Twp. tax list as owning **190 acres of land**. This is about right. (1820 is the first extant year for Washington Twp. tax lists.)

1820 – (9 Mar 1820) John lost his lands in a Sheriff’s sale. John Witherow, Sheriff of Fayette Co., deeded John’s land (“**200 acres, more or less**” adjoining James Cook, David Wilson, heirs of Robert Galloway & others) to John Kennedy, Esq.

1820 – (15 Nov 1820) John Kennedy Esq. deeded all **200 acres** to John Robison (*Deed Book P, p. 435*) The money used by John Robison to buy this land was “furnished and paid by Doctor Thomas Patterson and Susannah Patterson and John Patterson, grandfather of Sarah Patterson now the wife of Doctor Thomas Nichol, having the funds of the said Sarah in his hands as administrator of her father Robert Patterson, deceased, and acting with the privity and consent of Elija Patterson, guardian of the person [Sarah] and estate of the said Sarah....” [Elijah Patterson was the brother of Susanna’s deceased husband, Robert Patterson—father of Sarah who married Thomas Nichol.] John Robison got this tract for the “following uses, to wit: one undivided half for the use of said Doctor Thomas Patterson and his heirs; one undivided fourth part for the uses of Susannah Patterson & her heirs; one undivided fourth part for the use of the said Sarah Patterson and her heirs.”

1821 & 1822 –John Esq. is listed on the Washington Twp. tax lists for these years as *still* owning 190 acres. This is because the Washington Twp. tax lists lag 1-2 years behind the actual assessment date.

1823 – For the first time, the Wash. Twp. tax list shows John no longer owns land; he has a “landlord.” This landlord is probably either John Robison, the agent who had been hired by John’s son Thomas and daughter Susannah; or were John’s children, who now had title to the land.

1831 – John Esq. was dead, probably by 29 Mar—see next.

1831 - (29 Mar 1831) Dr. Thomas Patterson & his wife Jane sold their half of the land to Dr. Thomas Nichol & wife Sarah.

1831 – (14 June 1831) Susannah Patterson sells her $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the land to Dr. Thomas Nichol (her son-in-law) and his wife Sarah (Susannah’s daughter). *Now Susannah’s daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Dr. Thomas Nichol, own all 200 (“more or less”) acres.*

1832 – Dr. Thomas Nichol & wife Sarah “of West Liberty, Ohio Co., VA [later WVA]” sold all 200 acres to Joseph & Jacob Houseman

**Census Information for Thomas Patterson,
(s/o John) and for Thomas' son, Henry**

(This shows my failed attempt to find a living male descendant of John Patterson Esq.)

Is this John Esq.'s son, Thomas? – PROBABLY NOT (children b. 1784-1790 too old)

1800 Frederick, Frederick Co., MD (/ 5 of 15)

Thomas Patterson

1 male	16-26
1 male	0-10
2 males	10-16
2 females	10-16
2 females	> 45

Is this John Esq.'s son, Thomas? Not likely

1810 Baltimore Baltimore Co., MD (p. 18 of 42)

Thomas Patterson

1 male	26-45
2 males	0-10
1 male	16-26
1 female	0-10
1 female	26-45

Is this John Esq.'s son, Thomas? Possible, but not sure.

1820 Election Dist. 4, Cecil Co., MD (p. 27 of 38) (This list is alphabetized)

Thomas Patterson

1 male	26-45	[1775-1794]	<i>possibly Thos b. abt. 1774, s/o John Esq.</i>
1 male	0-10	[1810-1820]	<i>2nd son (George b. 1815)?</i>
1 male	10-16	[1804-1810]	<i>unknown 1st son?</i>
2 females	0-10	[1810-1820]	<i>unknown 1st two daughters? (Eliza + ?)</i>
1 female	16-26	[1775-1794]	<i>wife Jane b. 1780-1790?</i>

This is definitely John Esq.'s son, Thomas. He is described in 1820 Orphans Court records as "of Hagerstown."

1830 Hagerstown, Washington Co., MD (p. 21 of 40)

Thos Patterson

1 male	50-60	[b. 1770-1780]	<i>Thomas b. abt. 1774, s/o John Esq.</i>
1 male	5-10	[b. 1820-1825]	<i>unknown 4th son</i>
2 males	10-15	[b. 1815-1820]	<i>son George b. 1815 + unknown 3rd son</i>
1 male	30-40	[b. 1790-1800]	<i>unknown 1st son</i>
1 female	0-5	[b. 1825-1830]	<i>dau Hellen M.. b. 1829</i>
2 females	10-15	[b. 1815-1820]	<i>Dau Sally F. (but b. 1825?)</i>
2 females	20-30	[b. 1800-1810]	<i>Dau Eliza b. 1807 + unknown dau</i>
1 female	40-50	[b. 1780-1790]	<i>Thomas' wife Jane _____</i>

1840 Clarksburg, Montgomery Co., MD (p. 1 of 26)**Thomas Patterson**

1 male	60-70	[b. 1770-1780]	<i>Thomas b. abt. 1774 (he d. 1848)</i>
1 male	15-20	[b. 1820-1825]	<i>son who was 5-10 in 1830</i>
1 male	20-30	[b. 1810-1820]	<i>probably son George C. b. 1815</i>
2 females	15-20	[b. 1820-1825]	<i>1 of 3 females < 15 in household 1830</i>
1 female	50-60	[b. 1780-1790]	<i>Thomas' wife Jane _____</i>

Same page: *William Nickle, age 30-40*

1850 Bladensburg, Prince George's Co., MD 28 June 1850 (p. 5 of 35)

Eliza Duvall	43	b. MD	<i>prob dau of Dr. Thomas & Jane, b. 1807</i>
Andrew J.? Duvall	22	b. MD	merchant*
Susanna Duvall	13	b. MD	
Sarah S.J.? Duvall	11	b. MD	
Jane Patterson [b. 1786]	64	b. PA	<i>prob widow of Dr. Thomas (John Esq's son)</i>
Sally F. Patterson	25	b. Dist. Columbia	<i>b. 1825</i>
Hellen M. Patterson	21	b. MD	<i>b. 1829</i>

& 5 other household members not transcribed

Jane Patterson b. 1786 PA not found anywhere in census 1860, so presume she d. 1850-1860.

1850 Eastern Dist, Spotsylvania Co., VA 26 Aug 1850 (p. 24 of 109)

George C. Patterson	35	b. MD	overseer <i>George C. b. 1815, s/o Thomas, s/o John Esq.</i>
P.E. Patterson	30	b. MD	
Virginia Patterson	1	b. MD	[sic]

1860 P.O. Rockville, Dist 4, Montgomery Co., MD 24 Aug 1860 (p. 2 of 86)

George Patterson	42	b. MD	clerk
Virginia "	10	b. VA	[sic]
Henry "	8	b. MD	[b. 1852]

(they appear to be living in some kind of boarding house)

1870 Rockville, Montgomery Co., MD 2 June 18970 (p. 9 of 17)

George Patterson	50	b. MD	deputy clerk <i>killed in train accident 1889</i>
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(appears to be living in some kind of boarding house, with servants)

1870 Georgetown, Washington D.C. 6 July 1870 (p. 131 of 286)

Henry Patterson	18	b. MD	clerk in store [b. 1852]
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Cannot find Henry on 1880 census

1880 Clarksburg, Montgomery Co., MD NA Film T9-0512, p. 255B

Henry Ricketts	25	b. MD	farm laborer parents b. MD
Martha Ricketts	20	b. MD	keeping house parents b. MD
George Patterson, widower	65	b. MD	parents b. MD

Note: Mary E. Ricketts buried in same cemetery as Thomas and his son George.

(She d. 10 Dec 1882, age 24 y 9m 26d, w/o J.M. Ricketts)

Henry below is undoubtedly George C.'s son. George C.'s 1889 death notice refers to a son living in Baltimore. It appears that Henry never married:

1900 Baltimore City, Baltimore Co., MD 12 June 1900(p. 32 of 39)

Henry Patterson 45 single b. May 1855 MD parents b. MD [no occ listed]

Boarding in household of William H. Crockett, CLERK

1910 Census – cannot find Henry with certainty; the Henry W. Patterson b. abt. 1857 in MD, living in Baltimore in 1910, has been married for sixteen years. So, unless the 1900 census is in error concerning “single,” Henry cannot be found.

<http://usgwarchives.net/md/montgomery/tsimages/rbaptist/rockbapt.html>

Rockville Baptist Cemetery, West Jefferson Street

Rockville, Montgomery Co., MD

The cemetery presently known as "Baptist Cemetery" is traced to 1823, when a group of former members of Seneca Church organized the Bethel Baptist Church, bought a parcel of land on present S. Van Buren Street, opposite Great Falls Road and a short distance south of present W. Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, built a church and established a cemetery there.

In 1897 a southerly segment of the land was deeded to the Mayor and Council of Rockville, evidently to enable the westward extension of Jefferson Street to Van Buren Street. As a result, it was then necessary to relocate 16 graves to the Rockville Cemetery, according to minutes of the Mayor and Council of Rockville of May 4, 1897; in addition to which there were at least 3 other removals to Rockville Cemetery not mentioned in the Council minutes.

The congregation built a new church in 1908 on S. Washington Street Rockville, and at that time the then-existing church building on the old site was razed, leaving the cemetery as the only use of the parcel. The last known interment in the cemetery was that of William Veirs Bouic in 1896.

Photos of this site may be seen at:

http://www.peerlessrockville.org/projects/Baptist_Cemetery_Bouic_Plot_web.jpg

And also at: <http://www.peerlessrockville.org/projects/trimofwhiteoak.jpg>

The information here presented is made possible by the kind assistance and cooperation of Peerless Rockville, [<http://www.peerlessrockville.org>], an organization devoted to the restoration and preservation of Rockville's past, the present owner of the cemetery .

PATTERSON, George C. 1815 1889 Son of Dr. Thomas Patterson / Twice a member of the Maryland legislature
Librarian to U.S. House of Representatives /
Killed in train accident

PATTERSON, Thomas, Dr. 1767* 1848 Tombstone now missing / Librarian to
U.S. House of Representatives.

*This must be a transcription error. Thomas was born about 1774. His parents didn't marry until 1773.

NOTE: I wrote to the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives to see if they could confirm that Thomas was Librarian, and also asked if there were any biographical info on him in their records. I received this reply:

***From Office of Clerk of U.S. House of Representatives 11/8/10 w/attachment
“LewisHouseLibrary1975...”***

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In response to your question, we have provided a section of a fall 1975 article from *Capitol Studies* magazine entitled “The House Library” by E. Raymond Lewis, another former Librarian of the House. In the section attached, you will see his compiled list of House Librarians, which begins with your ancestor Thomas Patterson. Also, in the notes provided it states at the end of the list that Mr. Lewis compiled this information from “various sources, mainly unofficial publications.” Unfortunately, we are unable to locate any unofficial publications which mention Thomas Patterson nor is there any mention of him that we could locate in any official House documents. However, Mr. Lewis’s article does confirm that he served as the Librarian of the U.S. House of Representatives from the early 1820s through around 1833.

Legislative Resource Center
Office of the Clerk
US House of Representatives

My note: This article contained a list of “Librarians of the House of Representatives.”

First on the list was:

Thomas Patterson 1824 or earlier - ca. December 1833.

Fourth on the list was:

George Patterson 1842 - 1843

Interesting: 2nd on the list was:

Eleazer Early ca. January 1834- ca. July 1840

***Maryland Newspaper Articles concerning
Thomas Patterson (s/o John) & his son, George C. Patterson***

Concerning Thomas:

Found at newspaperarchive.com:

31 Jan 1828 issue of *Torch Light & Public Advertiser* (published in Hagerstown, MD):

“For Rent – That large and convenient BRICK HOUSE, in West Franklin street, occupied at present by Dr. Thomas Patterson, the house contains nine rooms, beside the kitchen, and cellars under the whole house. On the lot there are a well of excellent water, Smoke and Milk house, Granary and Stabling, all new and convenient. Possession will be given on the first of April next. For particulars apply to the subscriber, next door but one. John Currey. Hagerstown, January 17.” The add is below, containing a drawing of the house:

FOR RENT,



That large and convenient BRICK HOUSE, in West Franklin street, occupied at present by Dr. Thos. Patterson, the house contains nine rooms, beside the kitchen, and cellars under the whole house. On the lot there are a well of excellent water, Smoke and Milk house, Granary and Stabling, all new and convenient. Possession will be given on the first of April next. For particulars apply to the subscriber, next door but one. JOHN CURREY.
Hagers-town, January 17. 12—3w

5 Feb 1830 issue of *The Hagerstown Mail*:

“For Rent – A two story BRICK HOUSE, opposite the Market House, now occupied by Dr. Patterson. The first story can be used as store room, if required. Possession will be given on the first of April next. For terms inquire of G. & J. Hess. February 5.”

[This ad appeared every subsequent week through March 26th.]

23 July 1830 issue of *The Hagerstown Mail & Washington County Republican Advertiser*, p. 2:

“Dr. Patterson, a clerk at Washington, and the same who was made the pack horse to convey into our country the infamous ‘Coffin hand-bills,’ which were published during the last presidential canvass, passed through this place some days since, and stated that eight of the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress had deserted General Jackson, on his refusal to sign the Rockville and Maysville Road bills. We have ferrited [sic] out this matter, and as we like to call things by their right names, we gave the *lie direct* to the statement. We can inform the Doctor that he who stoops so low as to be the corrupt tool in the hands of designing men, by being the bearer of such dirty trash, is not a fit subject to be believed by the people of Montgomery county.”

Concerning George C.:

Found at newspaperarchive.com:

14 Mar 1889 issue of *Herald and Torch Light* (published in Hagerstown, MD), p. 3:

“**A Native of Hagerstown** Killed – On Wednesday morning of last week Mr. George S. [sic] Patterson, aged 76, a native of this city, was killed at Rockville while getting off a moving train. He was thrown under the wheels...” [The remaining description of the accident is word-for-word the same as the 7 Mar article below, with two new sentences added.] “For a number of years he has been a write on agricultural topics for the Baltimore Weekly Sun, and was widely known in Montgomery county. His funeral took place on Friday at the Presbyterian Church in Rockville.”

7 Mar 1889 issue of *The News* (published in Frederick, MD), p. 4:

“Mr. Geo. S. [sic] Patterson, aged 76, one of the passengers on the train due at Rockville at 10:42 a.m., while getting off the moving train yesterday morning was thrown under the car wheels, and had his left foot badly crushed and his right leg severed from his body, besides sustaining other serious injuries. He lived but a few minutes. His remains were taken in charge by Mr. R. Pumphrey, undertaker, of Rockville, and his son and daughter at once notified. The former lives in Baltimore and the latter in Washington city. **Mr. Patterson was a native of Hagerstown. In early life his family settled in Montgomery county**, where he became identified with the political affairs of the country as an earnest whig, and at one time represented the county as such in the Legislature. Over 30 years ago he became a democrat, and for a number of years was deputy clerk under Mr. E. B. Prettyman, clerk to the Circuit Court. In 1879 he was again elected to the Legislature with Messrs. Thos. Owen and Wm. Grady. For a number of years he has been a writer on agricultural topics and was widely known in Montgomery county.”

1 Nov 1889 issue of *The News* (published in Frederick, MD), p. 4:

“George Peter, counsel for the heirs, has brought suit against the B. and O. to recover damages for the death of George C. Patterson, which occurred at the station in Rockville last March. Mr. Patterson was leaving the train before he had reached the platform, it started and dragged him under the wheels, causing his death instantly.”

**FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REGARDING
JOHN’S “SON” WILLIAM (my ggg-grandfather)**

It is positively brimming with conjecture.

About John's "son," William (c. 1784-1854/55), my ggg-grandfather:

I have no doubt that John, son of Thomas Sr., *raised* my ggg-grandfather, William, and *called* him "son" in an 1814 Articles of Agreement filed in the Fayette Co. Recorder of Deeds office. The reasons for my lack of doubt are thoroughly explained in my paper, "William Patterson (c. 1784-1854/55) of Rostraver, Westmoreland Co." Despite my firm belief that it was my ggg-grandfather William who was called "son" by John, my William and his descendants have not been included in John's chapter, because I cannot definitely state that William was the *biological* son of John.

John called my William "son" in an 1814 land agreement in which John pledged to give William "sufficient title" to 150 acres of land, "on which I now live." This document states: "William is to have one half of said Plantation in fee Simple as his share of dowry rite." (See a transcription of this entire Articles of Agreement document, recorded in Fayette Co. Deed Book L, p. 355, in Chapter IX of this paper.)

As of 1797 we know that John owned 303 acres of land. We also know that between 1797 and 1814 John had not acquired any additional land. (See the "History of Land...known to be owned by John Patterson Esq." section of this chapter, above.) So, in 1814, ½ of John's plantation would indeed be approximately 150 acres.

Finding this 1814 land agreement led to questions not yet resolved. Some facts, some unanswered questions about those facts, and some theories attempting to answer the questions are given below, point by point.

* William never got the land John promised to grant him in the 1814 Articles of Agreement. William is never listed on any tax list as owning any land whatsoever, nor does any deed exist record the sale of any land by William.

• William's DNA doesn't match Thomas Sr.'s Y-DNA. This has been proven. (See Chapter XIV of this paper. However, William's Y-DNA matches the Y-DNA of another Patterson line.

• The wording "dowry rite" is probably a perversion of "dower right," which could mean that William's mother had inherited property from a former husband (William's father), and that therefore when she died her children by that former husband would have some share in this property. However, John married Jane Patterson in 1773, and she was his only wife. We know that because Jane died in 1813, and her Rehoboth Cemetery gravestone inscription describes her as "wife of John Patterson." So Jane was still John's wife when she died in 1813.³⁹ Therefore, since William was born c. 1784, William was NOT a son of John's wife by a former husband. So the "dowry rite" phrase in the land agreement makes no sense, strictly speaking. But read the full document in Chapter IX of this paper. The document appears to have been written by someone not well educated. I suspect John himself wrote it. Most certainly, a lawyer did not. Perhaps the phrase "dowry rite" was used loosely to indicate that *William had some kind of interest in property connected with his mother's*

³⁹ It is *possible*, I realize, that John's first wife--his first cousin, Jane Patterson--could have died before William was born; and that John could have then married *another* woman named Jane; and that it is this second wife named Jane who died in 1813, and who is buried in Rehoboth Cemetery. But I am not considering this slim possibility here. Things are complicated enough.

family. John's wife, Jane, died in 1813 and this land agreement was written 1814. I think the two events are related somehow.

- My ggg-grandfather William was a miller, and it is not clear how he came into this vocation, since his "father" (John) was a blacksmith. Was Jane's father a miller? Is this where William learned the trade? Could it have been Jane's father who purchased "The Mill Seat" tract in the "Forks of the Yough"? I should mention here that many of the Pattersons of the "Robert Patterson of Sweet Arrow Farm" line (whose DNA closely matches William's DNA) were millers.

- Now here comes part one of the theory: If it were Jane's father who owned the 312-acre "The Mill Seat" tract, then perhaps when he died he bequeathed this land, or a portion of it (one-half?), to his daughter Jane. OR perhaps he bequeathed a portion of it (one-half?) to one of Jane's sisters...who had married a Patterson man of the "Robert of Sweet Arrow" line...and perhaps this sister and her Patterson husband had my William born c. 1784...and perhaps Jane's sister and her Patterson husband both died when William was very young, and so Jane and John took him in and raised him....And then, when Jane's father died, a portion of his estate (perhaps involving "The Mill Seat" tract) would then rightfully belong to my ggg-grandfather William...and so John (son of Thomas Sr.) felt he owed William some "dower rite"--that "dower rite" being equal to half of the 312-acre "The Mill Seat" tract." Could this be why John believed he owed his "son" William a one-half share of approximately 300 acres he (John) owned in 1814? It is important to note that no similar land agreement between John and his known son, Thomas, was ever written. Why just William?

- And here is part two of the theory: Years ago my father's brother told me a story about how my great-grandfather (his paternal grandfather) discovered at his mother's funeral that the woman in the casket wasn't actually his mother, but was his aunt. This motivated me to get DNA samples from known descendants of my great-great grandfather. The results of these DNA tests prove that my uncle's story could not be true. But this got me wondering: could this family story contain a germ of truth—a truth that got distorted over the years regarding in which *generation* this day-of-the-funeral-revelation took place? Could it have been my ggg-grandfather William who discovered at the 1813 funeral of John's wife, Jane, that Jane was not actually his mother--but was his *aunt*? One of Jane's sisters? One of Jane's sisters who had married a Patterson man descending from "Robert of Sweet Arrow"?

- Note that in both Chapter I and Chapter II of this paper I stress that, though it is known that Thomas Sr.'s son William was in the Big Cove area of present-day Fulton Co., we cannot be sure that Thomas Sr., himself, or any of his other sons, were ever there. The particular township in which son William settled was Ayr township. This is an area of only 46 square miles, inhabited today by less than 2,000 people. Well, guess who else was living in Ayr Township at an early date? Francis Patterson, son of "Robert of Sweet Arrow Farm." Francis settled in the Big Cove in the early 1750's, and remained there until at least 1773, when at a very old age he left to join his son, Robert, in Kentucky. (See my "Robert Patterson of Sweet Arrow Farm" paper.) Francis married twice, and had many children. The names of some of his younger children with his second wife are not known. Also, Francis'

brother, Thomas, lived there at an early date. Nothing is known of this Thomas except he was “killed by Indians.” We do not know if Thomas ever married or had children. (If Thomas did have a son, he would surely have been named Robert, after his father.) I wonder: was John Patterson (father of Jane who married Thomas Sr.’s son John) ever in the Big Cove area? And did Jane’s father, John, have a daughter born in the 1740’s--whose name we do not know because there would be no Cuthbertson baptism record for her? (Rev. Cuthbertson arrived in America in 1751). And could this daughter, whose name we do not know, who would have been Jane’s older sister, have married one of the sons of either Francis or Robert—or possibly a son of some of the unknown descendants of Robert of “Sweet Arrow”? And could she be the mother of William, my ggg-grandfather? If so, William would be the nephew of Jane.. A final thought: A Thomas Patterson was listed on the 1751 tax list for Antrim Twp., Cumberland County. This is the only record of a Thomas Patterson in this location. No Thomas Patterson is found on subsequent extant tax lists. Could this be Thomas Sr.? Could Thomas Sr. have purchased land in Cumberland Co., though he did not live there? (That might explain his sons John and William found on the Antrim Twp. tax lists 1778-1780.) Or, might this Thomas on the 1751 Antrim Twp. tax list be Thomas, son of Robert of Sweet Arrow Farm? If, so, before being “killed by Indians,” could Thomas have had a son? A son who married Jane’s older sister? Future researchers need to do original research in Cumberland County records (the area that is now Franklin County.)

CHAPTER IV
THOMAS PATTERSON, JR.,
son of Thomas Patterson, Sr.

Thanks to the sharing of family letters and documents by Patty Gray of California; and thanks to the generosity of George & Lonnie Patterson of Pennsylvania; and thanks to the dogged research efforts, conducted nearly 100 years ago by Sarah Luella Patterson, we know a fair amount about the life of Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr., who settled across the Fayette Co. border in Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., PA.

Thomas was baptized by Rev. Cuthbertson 8 Oct 1758 at Rev. Cuthbertson's "home base" in Middle Octoraro, Bart Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. We don't know the exact date of his birth, but we do know that he was born during trying times, at the height of the Indian uprisings. He was probably baptized a year or so after he was born. He could not be baptized at the Muddy Run meetinghouse in Martic Twp., Lancaster Co., where his two older brothers had been baptized seven years before, because the Indians had since burned down this structure. (See Chapter II.)

In 1762-64, when Thomas was still a boy, his father uprooted the family from Lancaster County and crossed the Susquehanna River to live for a time in the area of the Marsh Creek meetinghouse in Highland Twp, in present-day Adams Co., PA. (At that time it was part of York Co., PA.) Travel at this time was exceedingly difficult, the roads being no more than old Indian paths through which a pack-mule could barely pass. We can only dimly comprehend the hardships that Thomas Jr.'s parents must have faced during this move. At that time, his parents had five children: William, the oldest, about 13-15 years old; John, about 11-13 years old, Thomas Jr., age 5-7; Susannah, age 2-4; and Alexander, a baby.

It is not known how long Thomas Jr.'s family remained in the Marsh Creek area where his sister, Sarah, was baptized in 1764. Thomas Jr. may have been in the area of Marsh Creek only a short time, because it may be that **about 1765, when Thomas Jr. was about seven, Thomas Jr.'s family was in the Big Cove area** of Pennsylvania, in present-day Fulton Co. (formerly Adams Co.). (*This is based on David Hunter Patterson's "Memoirs," in which it is stated that his great-grandfather—William, son of Thomas Sr.—arrived in the Big Cove about 1765.*)

Based on Cumberland Co. tax lists 1778-1780, it appears that Thomas Jr.'s brothers—William and John—were living in Antrim/Washington Twp., Cumberland Co., during the Revolution. However, the whereabouts of Thomas Sr. and his son Thomas Jr. (then about 20-22 years old) is uncertain. Perhaps they remained behind in the Fulton Co. area, though tax lists there do not support this notion.

When war broke out in 1776, Thomas was a young man of about 18 years old. Did Thomas Jr. serve in the Revolutionary War? There is a Rev. War veteran marker on his grave at Rehoboth Presbyterian Cemetery in Belle Vernon, Fayette Co. (see below), but I personally do not know on what specific service this marker is based. To my knowledge, there is no tradition among the descendants of Thomas Jr. that their ancestor was a Revolutionary War soldier. I did not find reference to military service in any of the research material gathered by Sarah Luella Patterson. I do know that another Thomas Patterson (1757-1823), son of Peter Patterson of Washington Twp., Fayette Co.) is buried

in Rehoboth Cemetery, and *this* Thomas was definitely a Revolutionary soldier. Since both of these men named Thomas Patterson were born within a year of each other (and, to my knowledge, are no relation), I wonder if there has been some kind of mix-up resulting in the service of Peter's son, Thomas, being attributed to Thomas Jr. I do know from looking through Sarah Luella's research materials that these two men were confused from time to time. For example, one notation I found shows that Sarah Luella thought that Thomas Jr. operated the Red Lion Tavern in Washington Twp.—but I know that the Thomas Patterson who owned the Red Lion Tavern was Peter's son, not Thomas Sr.'s son.



“In Memory of Thomas Patterson Junr. who departed this life
March 21st 1813 in the 54th year of his age.”

As stated earlier in this paper, I think that Thomas Jr. may have come “west” to Fayette County a few years later than his father and brothers. The names of his father and two of his brothers (John and Alexander) can be found with certainty on the records of Fayette/Westmoreland Co. prior to 1790, but Thomas Jr. cannot *definitely* be placed in this area prior to the 1790 census. The reason for Thomas Jr.’s possible later arrival in Fayette County might be explained by the fact that he had married in 1781 and, at the point his father and brothers were moving west, Thomas Jr. had a family of very young children. Perhaps his move was delayed for that reason.

Thomas was married to Elizabeth Brown on 1 May 1781, in “Midleton.” by Rev. Alexander Dobbin, who had arrived in America December 1773 to assist the aging Rev. Cuthbertson. Rev. Dobbin’s register was transcribed in Chapter VII of *History of Adams County, Pennsylvania* (Chicago: Warner, Beers & Co., 1886), pp. 24-31. The location of this marriage is not clear. “Middletown” is a city in Dauphin Co., PA--where a prominent Brown family was based--but Rev. Dobbin lived in Adams Co. (formerly York), and is not likely to have performed a Dauphin Co. marriage. I think that the “Midleton” in Rev. Dobbin’s register may refer to Middleton Twp. in Cumberland Co., PA—an area that Rev. Dobbin occasionally served. Information gathered by Sarah Luella

Patterson states that **Elizabeth Brown was born about 1750** and that she was the daughter of “Jean Brown” (father not stated).

Thomas Jr. is not listed on the 1786 Septennial Census for Rostraver Twp., Westmoreland Co., nor is he found on the 1786 Septennial Census for Washington Twp., Fayette Co. Therefore, I believe that Thomas was still back “east” in 1786.

Future researchers may want to explore Franklin County deeds. An interesting post in the “Military Records of Franklin County” at PA-Roots refers to a Thomas Patterson who “served 1781-82 under Capts. John McConnel and Joseph Culbertson.” This source states that “A Richard Keene sold land in Antrim Township, 4 April 1783, to Thomas Patterson for 250 pounds. Thomas Patterson **and wife Elizabeth [emphasis mine]**, 10 February 1786, sold the tract to Robert and John Clugston.” It is interesting that a Thomas Patterson, married to Elizabeth, is linked to the same township—Antrim—where I believe Thomas Jr.’s brothers, William and John, had lived at least during the period 1778-1780. Could this Thomas selling land in Antrim, Cumberland Co. (which became Franklin Co.) be Thomas Jr.? The dates fit, since we have no record of Thomas Jr. on the 1783 or 1785 Westmoreland/Fayette Co. tax lists. It is possible that Thomas Jr. was in Antrim, Cumberland Co. with his brothers, and was the last to leave there. Future researchers should get a copy of this deed.

Since Thomas was not on the 1786 Westmoreland/Fayette tax lists, but does appear on the 1790 Rostraver, Westmoreland Co. census, we can estimate that he moved to Fayette County as between 1786-1790. Thomas is listed as “Thomas Patterson Jr.” on the 1790 Rostraver census, and with him in his household are 3 males under the age of 16 (Alexander, Thomas and John), and 2 females (wife Elizabeth and daughter Jane).

It does not appear that, in 1790, Thomas Jr. actually owned the land he was living on—though this was probably just a lack of attending to the formalities. On 17 Dec 1784 Thomas Jr.’s brother, Alexander, had patented a **241 ½ -acre tract called “Rich Grove”**, which was surveyed 10 Apr 1785. **This land was formally patented by Thomas Jr. on 28 Feb 1793**, and recorded in Patent Book P19, p. 203. This tract was partly in Fayette Co., and partly in Westmoreland Co. Additionally, **on 13 Apr 1797, Thomas Sr., granted to his son, Thomas Jr., forty-nine acres of a tract called “Rich Hill”** (a tract originally comprising 318 acres, which Thomas Sr. had purchased from Edward Cook in 1788). Another part of this “Rich Hill” tract—57 acres—had been granted to Thomas Sr.’s son, John, on 7 Apr 1797. (*See “Transcriptions” chapter where these deeds are transcribed in their entirety.*) Thus, **by 1797, Thomas Jr. was the owner of nearly 300 acres of valuable farmland.**

The 1800 Rostraver census is missing (the National Records Office having neglected to microfilm this census, and those original census pages having since been destroyed.) However, **the 1800 Septennial Census for Rostraver Twp. shows the household of Thomas Patterson [Jr.]. Thomas Jr. appears on the tax lists for Rostraver Twp. 1802-1812.** (These tax lists began in 1802, and only one tax year list is missing in these records—1803. To my knowledge, as of 2010, the lists have not been microfilmed. One needs to go to a basement storage area (the “Records Management Office”), across the street from the Greensburg courthouse, to look at the actual old books, which are very nearly crumbling into dust. Thomas Jr.’s household is also listed on the 1810 Rostraver Twp. census (see census info at end of this chapter).

Thomas Jr. lived all his life as a simple farmer. He was somewhat educated (see transcription of his will, which appears to have been written by him, in “Transcriptions” section of this paper). Thomas and his siblings were probably the first generation of his Patterson line to be born in America (his father having been born, we think, in Ireland). He lived through Indian uprisings; he endured travel into the rough frontier areas of Pennsylvania; with back-breaking labor, he cleared the land, and was able to leave a portion of this land to his children—one of whose descendants live on this same land to this very day. As a young man, Thomas Jr. witnessed first-hand the birth of a new country. No doubt his sturdy Scotch-Irish heritage bolstered him during these turbulent times.

Thomas died 21 Mar 1813, age “54 years.” He is buried in Rehoboth Presbyterian Cemetery in Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., PA. (See photo at beginning of this chapter.) Next to his grave is a stone described in a 1982 transcription as “face shaled off this stone.” (See Vol. 3 of “*History of Rehoboth*,” a copy of which is in the basement church library.) I would guess that this is the grave of his wife, **Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson, who—according to Sarah Luella’s notes—died 1 May 1811**. Perhaps in 1910-1912, when Sarah Luella was most actively researching her family, Elizabeth Patterson’s stone was then readable, and so this is perhaps where Sarah Luella got her death date information. The unreadable stone is shown below, to the right of Thomas Jr.’s grave:



(Thomas Jr.’s grave)

(shaled stone)

When Thomas Jr. died, he willed that his land be equally divided among his three sons (Thomas III, John and William). John moved to Ohio in 1827, selling off his share of the “Rich Grove” farm to a man named Cunningham. William remained on his share of the land but, gradually, over the years, his descendants sold off. Today, only one descendant of Thomas Jr. (descending through Thomas Jr.’s son, Thomas III) remains on the original homestead land, on a portion of the original “Rich Grove” tract.

We have no baptism records for the children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson, but we do have a copy of Thomas Jr.'s will ⁴⁰ in which he names his then-living children. All Thomas Jr.'s known children were still living in 1813 when Thomas Jr. died, except for son Alexander, born 1782, who died young. We also have information about Thomas Jr.'s children found in "Patterson & Pattison Family Assn.," Vol. 1, pp. 140-142 (1963), pp. 140-142, submitted by Harry A. Parkhill, 1094 South 5th Ave., Kankakee, IL. Harry Parkhill is a descendant of Thomas Jr., through Thomas Jr.'s daughter, Jane, and Jane's husband, Samuel Wilson Jr. Mr. Parkhill's information agrees completely with the material gathered by Sarah Luella Patterson, so I feel it can be trusted. Because in many cases Mr. Parkhill's information is more complete regarding dates, it is the main source for information in the family tree below.

The eight children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson were:

- I. **ALEXANDER PATTERSON (not listed in father's will because he died "young")** b. 12 May 1782 (*date also confirmed in 28 Dec 1910 letter by John C. Patterson of New Philadelphia, OH, to his "dear cousin" Jno. S. Patterson*); Sarah Luella's notes say that Alexander died at a young age (1790-1800, per the census) from a fall down the stairs in the home.
- II. **THOMAS PATTERSON [III] (listed 1st in father's will)** b. 8 July 1784; d. 24 Aug 1824. Thomas III is buried in Rehoboth Presbyterian Cemetery in Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., IL, next to his father, Thomas Jr. (*See photo of grave at end of chapter.*) Thomas III married Mary Shields, daughter of George & Mary Shields "of Pleasant Ridge near Round Hill in Elizabeth Borough, Allegheny Co., PA." Mary Shields was born 1787 and she died 17 (*gravestone*) OR 27 (*Sarah Luella's info*) July 1842. Mary (Shields) Patterson is buried next to her husband in Rehoboth Cemetery. (*See photo at end of chapter.*) Thomas and Mary lived all their lives in Washington Twp. They had the following children:
 - A. **Mary Patterson** b. 13 May 1817; d. 29 July 1886; m. 6 July 1843, Joseph Chambers "of West Virginia" (he b. 13 July 1817 & he d. 24 July 1910). Children:
 1. **Thomas Patterson Chambers** b. 14 Mar 1844; d. ____; m. 26 Sept 1878 Mary L. Yontsey (she b. 15 Jan 1858 & she d. before 1900 (*see census Clark Co., IA*)). Children:
 - a. **Edward Chambers** b. 1884
 - b. **Joseph Chambers** b. 1889
 - c. **Mabel Chambers** b. 1892
 2. **Sarah Ann Chambers** b. 1846
 3. **Asa S. Chambers** b. 1848
 4. **Nancy Jane Chambers** b. 1851
 5. **Rachel Elizabeth Chambers** b. 1857
 6. **Joseph E. Chambers** b. 1861

⁴⁰ Thomas Jr.'s will is recorded in two courthouses-- I think because he owned land that straddled two counties (Rostraver, Westmoreland & Washington, Fayette), and because his will divides all his land equally between his three sons. See a complete transcription in the "Transcriptions" chapter of this paper.

7. Mary Elma Chambers b. 1854

Note: On typed sheets prepared by Sarah Luella is the name "Mary Patterson Chambers, of Woodburn, Iowa." This Mary had daughter Jane and "4 other children." I cannot place this Mary Patterson Chambers on the above tree.

Continuing with the children of Thomas III & Mary (Shields) Patterson:

B. Eliza Jane Patterson b. 18 OR 19 May 1819; d. 28 Apr 1884; m. 28 Apr 1851, John B. (P.?) Hinchman (he b. 3 Jan 1823 & he d. 28 July 1857.

They lived in Hansen, Adams Co. (Nebraska?) and had children:

1. **Henry Hinchman** b. 23 June 1852; d. 30 Nov 1873; lived in Hansen, Adams Co. (Nebraska?) – no further info
2. **Joseph B. Hinchman** b. 28 Dec 1854; d. ____; m. Lizzie Steel; lived in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and had children:
 - a. **Myrtle Hinchman**
 - b. **Kate Hinchman**
 - c. **Blanche Hinchman**

C. George Shields Patterson b. 16 July 1821 (*note by Sarah Luella's sister, Cora, says that George was "born on the John Patton farm"*); d. 16 May 1904; m. 13 Feb 1845 Mary Stephens (she b. 14 May 1819 & she d. 16 Oct 1875). George and Mary are listed on the 1850 Jefferson (formerly part of Washington) Twp., Fayette Co., PA. In 1850 George & his family are listed on the Rostraver, Westmoreland Co. census. In 1894 George was living in Fayette City (or perhaps Connellsville?), according to an old letter found among family papers. George & his wife Mary are buried in Rehoboth Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., PA. Their children:

1. **Nancy J. Patterson** b. abt. 1845; she must have died young, between 1850-1860, because she is not found on the 1860 census with her parents. There is no info on her in the family records.
2. **John Stephens Patterson** b. 2 May 1850; d. 19 Oct 1928; m. 2 Oct 1873 Cora Jane Harris (she b. 6 Feb 1855 & she d. 24 Jan 1937). Sarah Luella's info shows that Cora Jane Harris was "of the Harris line of New Jersey." John & wife Cora were living 1880 in Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., in the household of John's father, George Shields Patterson. By 1880 John & Cora had daughters "Luella" and Mary (Mary Naomi). The 1890 census was destroyed by fire in 1921 in Washington, D.C., but we can assume that John & Cora were still living in Rostraver at that time, since they are listed there in the 1900 census, as well as in 1910, when he was listed next to his son, George Harris Patterson. Sometime before 1920 John and Cora moved to Riverside, CA, where they died. Their remains were shipped back to Pennsylvania, and John and his wife Cora are buried in

Rehoboth Presbyterian Cemetery in Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., PA (no photos).

Children of John Stephens & Cora Jane (Harris) Patterson:

- a. **Sarah Luella Patterson** (this is the Sarah Luella who amassed so much of the family history) b. 7 Oct 1874; d. 1937; buried Rehoboth Cemetery after her “remains were shipped from L.A.”; never married
- b. **Mary Naomi Patterson** b. 17 May 1876; d. 24 Sept 1957; buried Rehoboth Cemetery; m. 7 OR 13 Oct 1897 John Andrew Brown (he b. 14 Oct 1848 and he d. 14 Nov 1928). Children:
 - **John Andrew Brown (Jr.)** b. 19 Dec 1898; m. Violet Brown *NOTE: I believe this is the John Andrew Brown who prepared a family history, a copy of which was in the possession of George & Lonnie Patterson in 2005, & which they copied for me. (This history has errors concerning the earliest Patterson generations.)*
 - **Clark Power Brown** b. 26 Oct 1900; m. 1st Grace Allen; m. 2nd Margaret Findley Eckerdt
 - **Sarah Brown** b. 27 July 1903; m. Herbert Layport on 1 Sept 1925 (he b. 15 Dec 1899). In 1974 they were living in W. Boylston, MA (*per 1974 letter sent to her cousin, John W. Patterson, in which she offers to send a parchment deed dated 1785, then in her possession, to her cousin John W., since “you are living on that original farm.”*)
 - **Mary Jane Brown** b. 8 May 1905; m. Vincent Partridge
- c. **Winona Belle Patterson** b. 13 OR 31 May 1881; d. 1904; m. Charles Vernon DeLong on 4 June 1902 (he b. 28 May 1874 & he d. 1918). Winona died in 1904 when her only child was still a baby; in 1912 her husband remarried. Winona is buried in Rehoboth Cemetery. Children:
 - **Hugh Patterson DeLong** b. 15 Feb 1903
- d. **George Harris Patterson** b. 15 Nov 1886; d. 1965; buried in Rehoboth Presbyterian Cemetery in Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., PA (Masonic marker on stone). George married Elizabeth Lavina Willson on 8 Jan 1908 (she b. 22 Oct 1887, dau of William & Elizabeth (Smith) Willson & she d. 1978). She is buried beside her husband in Rehoboth. Children:
 - **John William Patterson** b. 22 Sept 1909; d. 29 May 1991; m. Melissa Zundel (she b. 6 July 1908 & she d. 8 July 1990). *Note: Living descendants.*

- **Esther Louise Patterson** b. 13 Feb 1913; m. Jim (Lieber? Layport?)
- **Mary Elizabeth Patterson** b. 25 Apr 1917; perhaps married Mathias J. Homstetter, s/o M.J. Homstetter of Chicago (*Undated newspaper clipping found in family records announce her engagement to Mathias; this article says she was a bookkeeper at 1st Nat'l Bank in Belle Vernon for 8 years, then took a job w/American Airlines in Cincinnati*)
- **Clifford Wilson Patterson** b. 12 Feb 1926; m. Betty Anne Brooks (she d. 20 May 1982 & is buried in Rehoboth Cemetery)

Continuing with the children of John Stephens & Cora Jane (Harris) Patterson:

- e. **Cora Edna Patterson** b. 5 OR 15 Nov 1888; d. ____ (after 26 Dec 1933); m. Guy Watson Brown on 14 Sept 1911 (he b. ____ & he d. after 26 Dec 1933). (*Letter dated 26 Dec 1933 from Guy Brown of Pittsburg to Sarah Luella enclosed info he said his wife, Cora, had collected.*)

Children:

- **Frances Lucille Brown** b. 30 Dec 1912
- **Mary Virginia Brown** b. 19 Sept 1914
- **Samuel Watson Brown** b. 11 June 1916
- **Guy Wilson Brown** b. 3 Feb 1919
- **Gordon Thomson Brown** b. 17 Aug 1920

Continuing with the children of George Shields & Mary (Stephens) Patterson:

- 3. **Naomi Patterson** b. 25 Dec 1845; d. 4 Jan 1910; m. Robert Galloway Patton (he b. 14 June 1846 & he d. 4 Jan 1910 [sic—on same day as wife? Or is this an error?]). Children:
 - a. **Mary Olive Patton** m. Noah Crousmore
 - b. **Susan Allen “Allie” Patton** b. 1872; m. Robert Allen
 - c. **Ocea Anna Patton** b. 1875; m. Richard Shepler
 - d. **George W. Patton** no info
 - e. **Frederick E. Patton** m. Elizabeth (Ruth?) McConnell

Continuing with the children of Thomas Jr. & Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson:

- III. **JOHN PATTERSON (listed 2nd in father’s will)** b. 22 Nov 1786; d. 17 Dec 1856 in Ohio, “probably Guernsey Co.”; m. 1815 Margaret Thompson (she b. 18 Oct 1796). Sarah Luella’s info says that John moved to Guernsey Co., OH in 1827, and that he “traded off our present farm of ‘Rich Grove’ (name dates to 1784) to Cunningham for \$25.00 and 800 acres in Guernsey Co., near New

Concord, OH, in 1827.” *My note: Only a part of the ‘Rich Grove’ tract was sold. Part of it is still being farmed today (2010) by a direct descendant of Thomas Patterson Jr.*

John and Margaret (Thompson) Patterson had a family of twelve children:

- A. Elizabeth Patterson** b. 13 Nov 1816; d. 1900; m. Rev. John Bonner
- B. Mary Jane Patterson** b. 28 Oct 1818; d. 1904 in Nebraska; m. Henderson Duff (he d. 1886)
- C. James Thompson Patterson** b. 1 Jan 1821; d. 24 May 1904 in OH; m. Violet Perry on 25 Nov 1849 (she b. 4 Mar 1825 & she d. 16 Feb 1905).
Children:

- 1. John Cooper Patterson** b. 12 Nov 1850; d. ____; m. Idella Adams on 7 Jan 1885; lived in New Philadelphia, OH in 1911 when he wrote letter to Sarah Luella’s father, John S. Patterson. Children (*info gleaned from 1911 letter*):
 - **Henry Thompson Patterson** “oldest son”; Henry was in Wichita, KA as of 1908 & was “thinking of going to Oklahoma” to get in the oil business
 - **Edward Campbell Patterson** – no info
 - **Violet Jane Patterson** – no info
- 2. Robert Wilson Patterson** b. 6 Nov 1852; lived in Muskingum Co., OH – no further info
- 3. Rosalie Patterson** b. 6 Aug 1856; never married; lived near New Concord, OH
- 4. Priscilla Jane Patterson** d. age four
- 5. William Drennen Patterson** b. 2 Jan 1860; m. Stella Halstead; in early 1900’s was living in Guernsey Co., OH; had (among other children?) one daughter, not named:
 - **Unknown Daughter Patterson** in early 1900’s she was attending Muskingum College at New Concord, OH

- D. Unknown daughter Patterson** died “as an infant”
- E. Susan Martha Patterson** b. 29 July 1836; m. David Lemont; lived in Monmouth, IL; died “young”
- F. Sarah Brown Patterson** b. 9 Oct 1823; d. 1873; m. Joseph White, farmer
- G. Nancy Ann Patterson** b. 18 Dec 1825; m. in 1852 William S. Shepherd; in 1827 she was living in Homestead (Pennsylvania?); she died “young”
- H. Thomas Logan Patterson** b. 17 Mar 1828; died young
- I. Margaret McClain Patterson** b. 31 July 1829; she was an “operator” (telephone operator?) in Monmouth, IL – no further info
- J. Rev. Thomas Proudfit Patterson** b. 1 Apr 1832 in OH; d. 21 Feb 1897; m. in 1862 Celia McKee of Fairview, OH; wrote letter to George Shields Patterson Sept 1894 when he (Rev. Patterson) was in Blairsville, PA, saying he had “family” in Monmouth, IL, living at 437 E. Detroit Ave; Rev. Patterson graduated from Madison College 1859 & studied theology at the U.P. Seminary in Allegheny Co., PA; he was the minister of the Bethel U.P. Church at Clyde, W. Wheatfield Twp., Indiana Co., PA, 1879-

1889. 1870 & 1880 census of Indiana Co., PA, shows these children of Rev. Thomas Proudfit Patterson (and there were perhaps others):

1. **John W. Patterson** b. abt. 1865 in Illinois
2. **Clarence M. Patterson** b. abt. 1869 in Wisconsin
3. **Nettie M. Patterson** b. abt. 1872 in PA

Note: The 1880 census shows that living in Rev. Patterson's household was Matthew B. Patterson, "second cousin." This Mathew is Mathew Brown Patterson, daughter of James & Martha (Patterson) Patterson; the James Patterson whom Martha Patterson married was "no relation"; Martha was daughter of William Patterson & William was son of Thomas Jr. You figure it out. I'm content with "second cousin."

Continuing with the children of John & Margaret (Thompson) Patterson:

- K. Martha Patterson** b. 27 May 1834; d. young
- L. Robert Wilson Patterson** b. 29 OR 27 Aug 1839; d. young

Continuing with the children of Thomas Jr. & Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson:

- IV. GENNET/JANET/JEAN/"JANE" PATTERSON (listed 4th in father's will)** b. 29 Jan 1789; d. abt. 1826 (*d. 1827 per Sarah Luella's info*) in Muskingum Co., OH; m. Samuel Wilson Jr. (he b. 11 Dec 1788 in PA, & he d. 5 Feb 1860 in Muskingum Co., OH). Sarah Luella's info shows that they lived "in New Concord, Guernsey Co., OH." Children:
- A. James Wilson** b. 9 Dec 1813 PA; d. 19 Oct 1879 in Hamilton Co., IL; m. 28 Jan 1851 in OH, Mary Ellen Long (she b. 22 Nov 1825 in PA & she d. 11 May 1879 in Hamilton Co., IL).
 - B. Thomas Patterson Wilson** b. 1817; d. 1870; m. Martha Atchison/Atcheson; lived and died in Ohio
 - C. Elizabeth Wilson** b. 16 Nov 1819; d. 8 Dec 1853 OR 1855 in OH; m. her 2nd cousin, Robert Proudfit (he b. 18 Jan 1811 in Fayette Co., PA & he d. 23 Mar 1880 OR he d. 20/32 June 1890). (*Note: the info of Harry Parkhill, as transcribed & published in "Patterson & Pattison Family Assn" Vol. 1, p. 142, gives yet another death date for Robert Proudfit: 30 Aug 1841, in Hamilton Co. IL. I think "1841" must be a typo, but who knows.*) Elizabeth's husband, Robert Proudfit, was the son of Rev. David & Sarah (Patterson) Proudfit. Sarah (Patterson) Proudfit was the daughter of William and Jane (Morrow) Patterson of McConnellsburg. Thus Elizabeth's mother, and Elizabeth's husband's mother, were cousins. After Elizabeth died in 1853, Robert Proudfit remarried, to Mary Jane (Wilson) Campbell. *See Chapter II for the descendants of Robert & Elizabeth (Wilson) Proudfit.*
 - D. Isabella Wilson** b. 1821; d. Aug 1865 in Hamilton Co., IL; m. David Long, who was "half brother to Mary Ellen Long," who married Isabella's

brother, James. David Long was b. 25 Nov 1815 in PA & he d. July 1864 in Hamilton Co., IL.

E. Hugh Wilson – “no further information as he died young”

Continuing with the children of Thomas Jr. & Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson:

- V. WILLIAM C. PATTERSON (listed 3rd in father's will) b. 25 Mar 1793; d. 30 June 1869.** William C. m. **Hannah Crawford** (she b. 12 Dec 1791, dau of George & Martha Crawford & she d. 22 May 1870). (See photo of gravestone below.) William and Hannah are buried in Unity United Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Plum, Allegheny Co., PA. Researcher Peggy Scully (who descends from William & Hannah's daughter, Susannah, sent the following photo of their shared gravestone, taken by volunteer Rich Boyer.



Note: Many have speculated that Peter Patterson of Washington Twp. was the brother of Thomas Patterson Sr. Peter's will (written 1818 & recorded 1821 in Fayette Co. Original Will Book 1, p. 214), appoints "my trusty and well beloved neighbor William Patterson (son in law to Martha Crawford)," and others, as his executors. Peter is careful in this will to specify all family relationships of people named in his will (son-in-law, grandson, etc.). I thought that if William were Peter's great-nephew, then Peter would have stated this relationship in his will. So originally I didn't think that Thomas Sr. and Peter were brothers. However, recent (Feb 2012) DNA test results (36/37 match between a descendant of Peter and two descendants of Thomas) indicate a close relationship between Peter and Thomas Sr.

Genealogical & Personal History of Western Pennsylvania ed. John W. Jordan (New York: Lewis Pub. Co., 1915), Vol. 2, p. 643, gives us this info about William and his family:

"Margaret Couden (Patterson) McJunkin was a daughter of William C. and Hannah (Crawford) Patterson, her father a farmer of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, owning a farm near Fayette City, moving about 1865 to Allegheny county. He was a well educated, well informed man, a leader and an elder in the United Presbyterian Church. He died aged seventy-seven years and is buried near Unity Station. Children: 1. Elizabeth, died aged thirteen years. 2. Martha, married James Patterson, and died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. 3. Margaret C., married Alexander McJunkin, of previous mention. 4. Susan, married another James Patterson, not a relative, a farmer; she died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 5. Sarah, died unmarried. 6. Jane, died unmarried. 7. Mary, died unmarried, the three sisters all buried at Unity Station. 8. George, captain of Company C., One hundred and Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was wounded in battle, died at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, and is buried at Unity Station. 9. Thomas, a farmer, buried with his brothers and sisters at Unity."

William died in 1869, just four years after he moved from Fayette to Allegheny County. His children undoubtedly split the property, as the 1870 census shows son Thomas—now married and with a family—heading a household in Plum Twp., Allegheny Co., listed next to a household headed by his brother George (a bachelor). His spinster sisters Mary, Jane and Jane are found living in brother George's household in 1870.

1800 Census – The 1800 Rostraver census is lost. However, the 1800 Septennial Census shows Thomas Patterson [Jr.] as head of household. Presumably, William C. is in his father's 1800 Rostraver household.

1810 Census – William C. is one of the 3 males age 16-26 in his father's Rostraver household.

1820 Census - Cannot locate William C. with certainty. (Was he living in the household of his mother-in-law, Hannah Crawford?)

1830 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 1 of 36 of ancestry.com's scan)

William C. Patterson

1 male	30-40	[b. 1790-1800]	<i>William C. b. 1793, s/o Thomas Jr., s/o Thomas Sr.</i>
1 male	0-5	[b. 1825-1830]	<i>Son George b. 1830</i>
1 male	15-20	[b. 1810-1815]	Unidentified (farm help?)
2 fems	0-5	[b. 1825-1830]	<i>Daus Sarah b. 1825 & Mary b. 1827</i>
2 fems	5-10	[b. 1820-1825]	<i>Daus Martha b. 1822 & Jane b. 1823</i>
3 fems	10-15	[b. 1815-1820]	<i>Daus Margaret b. 1819 & Susan b. 1821</i>
1 fem	30-40	[b. 1790-1800]	<i>Wife, Hannah (Crawford)</i>

1840 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 9 of 16)

William C. Patterson

1 male	40-50	[1790-1800]	<i>William C. b. 1793, s/o Thomas Jr., s/o Thomas Sr.</i>
1 male	5-10	[1830-1835]	<i>Son Thomas b. 1832</i>
1 male	10-15	[1825-1830]	<i>Son George b. 1830</i>
1 male	20-30	[1810-1820]	Unidentified (farm help?)
3 fems	10-15	[1825-1830]	<i>Daus Sarah b. 1825 & Mary b. 1827 & Eliz. (d. age 13)</i>
2 fems	15-20	[1820-1825]	<i>Daus Martha b. 1822 & Jane b. 1823</i>
2 fems	20-30	[1810-1820]	<i>Daus Margaret b. 1819 & Susan b. 1821</i>
1 fem	40-50	[1790-1800]	<i>Wife Hannah (Crawford)</i>

1850 Jefferson Twp. [created from Washington Twp.], Fayette Co., PA 24 July 1850 (p. 16 of 36)

William C. Patterson	54	[1796]	PA	farmer
Hannah “	55	[1795]	PA	
Marth[a] “	28	[1822]	PA	
Jane “	24	[1826]	PA	
Sarah “	22	[1828]	PA	
Mary “	29	[1830]	PA	
George “	19	[1831]	PA	
Thomas “	17	[1833]	PA	

1860 South Huntingdon, Westmoreland Co., PA 25 July 1860 (p. 52 of 58)

William C. Patterson	67	[1793]	PA	farmer
Hannah “	67	[1793]	PA	
Sarah “	26	[1834]	PA	
Mary “	24	[1836]	PA	
George C. “	22	[1838]	PA	

William C. moved to Allegheny Co. about 1865.

William C. died 1869 and wife Hannah died May 1870.

William & Hannah (Crawford) Patterson had nine children—2 sons and 7 daughters. Some of the dates below come from census info, and are approximate.

- A. Margaret Couden Patterson** b. 12 Aug 1819; d. 28 July 1898 at Oakdale, PA; m. Alexander McJunkin (he also d. 1898?). Per *Genealogical and Personal History of Western PA* ed. John W. Jordan, Vol. 2 (New York: Lewis Pub. Co., 1915), Vol. pp. 642-644, Margaret Couden Patterson (listed 3rd of the 9 children), “daughter of William C. and Hannah (Crawford) Patterson, was born in Fayette Co., PA on 12 Aug 1819, and she d. 28 July 1898 at Oakdale, PA. She married Alexander McJunkin, s/o William & Mary (Hanna) McJunkin.” No marriage date supplied by Jordan.

Children of Alexander & Margaret (Patterson) McJunkin:

1. **Rev. James M. McJunkin** b. 12 Sept 1847 Oakdale, PA. Jordan source quoted above states: “Rev. Dr. James Montgomery McJunkin, son of Alexander & Margaret Couden (Patterson) McJunkin, was born near Brownsville, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1847.” Rev. James married 1871 Elizabeth Jane Alter.
2. **William P. McJunkin** b. ____; lived at Unity Station, PA. Jordan source quoted above states: “William Patterson McJunkin, eldest son of Alexander & Margaret Couden (Patterson) was born in Washington Co., PA 8 October 1845. He was educated in the public schools of Plum township, Allegheny Co., PA. Mr. McJunkin married, December 22, 1869, Adelaide M. Joyner, born in England, daughter of Martin Thomas & Susanna Amelia (Taylor) Joiner.
3. **G. Crawford McJunkin** b. ____; lived at Beaver, PA. Jordan source quoted above states: George C. McJunkin was secretary of the Home Protective Building & Loan Assn. of New Brighton, resides in Beaver, Pennsylvania. Jordan lists these other 5 children, not shown in Sarah Luella’s info:
 4. **John C. McJunkin** – died in boyhood
 5. **Mary McJunkin** – died aged nineteen years
 6. **Elizabeth J. McJunkin** – died young
 7. **Wilson McJunkin** – died aged three years
 8. **Ella H. McJunkin** – died in childhood

Continuing with the children of William & Hannah (Crawford) Patterson:

- B. Susan[ah] Patterson** b. 1821 in Fayette Co., PA; d. 9 Aug 1900 in Plum Twp., Allegheny Co., PA. Probably about 1843 or so (based on first child, William, being born 1845), Susannah **m. James Patterson** who, according to John W. Jordan’s *Genealogical & Personal History of Western PA* (New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1915), Vol. 2, pp. 642-644), was “not a relative.”⁴¹ **Note:** Her sister, Martha, also married a James Patterson. Susannah’s husband, James, born 22 Jan 1816, was the son of Capt. James and Mary (Given) Patterson of Washington/Jefferson Twp., Fayette Co., PA. Capt. James was the son of William and Mary (McCormick) Patterson. Susannah’s husband James died 9 Aug 1900. James and Susannah are buried together in Unity Cemetery in Plum Twp.,

⁴¹ It is quite probable that James WAS related to Susan. Her husband James Patterson was son of Capt. James, son of William Sr. of Washington, Fayette Co., PA. William Sr. of Fayette Co., PA was the brother of Peter Patterson Sr. of Washington, Fayette Co., PA. DNA of a living male Patterson descendant of Peter Sr. of Fayette Co. matches 36/37 with two living males Patterson descendants of Thomas Sr.! (Upgrade to 67 markers ordered 14 Feb 2012 for one of Thomas Sr.’s descendants.)

Allegheny Co., PA Thanks to Peggy Scully of Michigan, who descends from Susannah, for information about this branch.

Susan/Susannah is accounted for in her father's household 1820, 1820, 1840 and 1850. She married 1850-1860 and on subsequent censuses is in her husband James' household in Plum Twp., Allegheny Co., PA.

James & Susannah children: William, James Boyd, John A., Anna, Elixabeth Hannah, Charles, Sarah, Scott and George E. . **For documentation of the foregoing facts, and for more info about the children of James & Susannah (Patterson) Patterson see my "William Patterson Sr. ...of Washington Twp., Fayette Co, PA" paper.**

- C. **Martha G. Patterson** b. 1817-1822 (censuses); m. **"a James Patterson"** (as did her sister Susan!). ⁴² Jordan's book lists Martha 2nd and states that she married "James Patterson, and died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania." Martha's husband, James R. Patterson, was born 1813-1814, and he died 1880-1900 (birth and death dates per censuses). James was the son of Robert Patterson (bapt. 1769, d. 1842-1843), who was the son of James & Flora (Dale) Patterson. Martha was James' second wife. His first wife, Eliza Jane (maiden name unknown) died 1847, probably in childbirth, giving birth to her fourth daughter, Eliza Jane. Martha is in her father's household through the 1850 Franklin Twp., Fayette Co., PA census, so her marriage to James Patterson took place sometime after the 1850 census. **For more information on Martha's husband James, and on her son, Matthew, see my "James Patterson Sr. of Franklin, Fayette Co., PA" paper.**

Continuing with the children of William & Hannah (Crawford) Patterson:

- D. **Jane W. Patterson** b. 31 Oct 1823; d. 15 Dec 1899 *Unity U.P. Cemetery burial records*; never married. *Jordan lists Jane 6th & states she "died unmarried"*
- E. **Sarah L. Patterson** b. 1 Sept 1825; d. 15 July 1894 (*Unity U.P. Cemetery burial records*); never married. *Jordan lists Sarah 5th and states she "died unmarried"*
- F. **Mary Patterson** b. 21 Nov 1827; d. 18 Jan 1884 (*Unity U.P. Cemetery burial records*); never married *Jordan lists Mary 7th and states she "died unmarried"*; *per Jordan she is buried at Unity Station with sisters Sarah and Jane*; in 1870 lived in her brother George's household in Plum, Allegheny Co., PA
- G. **Elizabeth Patterson** b. probably about 1830; d. 27 Jan 1842 (*death date per transcription of burials at Rehoboth Presbyterian Cemetery in Belle*

⁴² It is quite probable that James was Martha's distant relative. Her husband James Patterson was son of Robert, son of James Sr. of Franklin, Fayette, Co., PA. James Sr. of Franklin was the brother of Peter Patterson Sr. of Washington, Fayette Co., PA. DNA of a living male Patterson descendant of Peter Sr. of Fayette Co. matches 36/37 with two living males Patterson descendants of Thomas Sr.! (Upgrade to 67 markers ordered 14 Feb 2012 for one of Thomas Sr.'s descendants.)

Vernon, Fayette Co., PA—found in Vol. 3, p. 44 of “History of Rehoboth” compiled in 1990 by Marshall & Irene P. Lignian⁴³). Jordan lists Elizabeth first, and states she “died aged thirteen years.” Jordan’s stated age at death is probably correct, though it disagrees with the Rehoboth transcription: “Elizabeth Patterson, d/o Wm. C. & C.H. [should be H.C.] d. 27 Jan 1842, 26 yr.” We have reliable birth dates for all of the other children of William & Hannah (Crawford) Patterson, and Elizabeth fits into their household on censuses only if she were born about 1830, and died in 1842 (age about age 13). Another transcription of Rehoboth burials, of unknown origin, (xeroxed pages found at Uniontown Library) gives the name as Elizabeth B. Patterson.

H. George Crawford Patterson b. 1830; d. 17 Sept 1888; buried in Unity U.P. Cemetery; never married. *George is listed 8th by Jordan, who states: “George, captain of Company C, 105th Regmt. PA Vol. Infantry, was wounded in battle, died at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, and is buried at Unity Station.”*

1840, 1850 & 1860 Censuses – George is in his father’s household.

1870 P.O. White Ash, Plum, Allegheny Co., PA 10 June 1870 (p. 24 of 33)

George Patterson	40 [1830] PA	farmer
Mary “	42 [1828] PA	<i>George’s sister</i>
Sarah L. “	44 [1826] PA	“
Jane “	46 [1824] PA	“

Note: Previous household is headed by his brother Thomas.

1880 Plum, Allegheny CO., PA 29 June 1880 (p. 35 of 35)

Geo. C. Patterson	50 [1830] PA PA PA	single	farmer
Jane W. “, sister	56 [1824] PA PA PA	single	
Sarah L. “, sister	54 [1826] PA PA PA	single	
Mary “, sister	52 [1828] PA PA PA	single	

George died 1888.

I. Thomas A. Patterson b. 23 Oct 1832; d. 20 Nov 1877; buried in Unity U.P. Cemetery; Thomas m. Sarah R. “Rebecca” Shearer probably 1860-1862. Per 1900 Iowa census, Sarah was born Mar 1837. *Thomas is listed 9th (last) by Jordan, who states “Thomas, a farmer, buried with his brothers and sisters at Unity [in Allegheny Co.]”*

1840 & 1850 Censuses – Thomas is in his father’s household.

1860 P.O. New Texas, Plum Twp., Allegheny Co., PA 15 June 1860 (p. 23 of 27)

Thomas Patterson	26 [1834] PA	farmer
Jane “	30 [1830] PA	<i>Thomas’ sister</i>

1870 P.O. White Ash, Plum, Allegheny Co., PA 10 June 1870 (p. 24 of 33)

Thomas Patterson	37 [1833] PA	farmer
Sarah R. [Rebecca?] “	33 [1837] PA	

⁴³ A copy of the 3-volume “History of Rehoboth” is housed in the library of Rehoboth church, in the basement. There may also be a copy at Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh—not sure.

George C. “ 7 [1863] PA
 William F. “ 4 [1866] PA
 Amanda C. “ 2 [1868] PA
 Mary E. “ 3/12 [Mar 1870] PA
 (plus 1 servant)

Note: Next household is headed by his brother George; in George’s household are sisters Mary, Sarah L. and Jane.

Thomas died 1877.

1880 Census – Cannot locate widow Sarah R. [Rebecca] or any of her young children.

1900 Osceola City, Clarke Co., IA 6 June 1900 (p. 10 of 53)

Sarah R. Patterson 63 b. Mar 1837 PA PA PA widow 7 children, 6 living
 Amanda C. “, dau 32 b. Jan 1868 PA PA PA single saleswoman, dry goods
 Sarah J. “, dau 23 b. Dec 1876 PA PA PA single saleswoman, dry goods

Thomas & Rebecca Shearer had children (per censuses):

1. **David S. Patterson** b. 18 July 1861; d. 28 Feb 1862; buried in Unity U.P. Cemetery; never appears on censuses. *Note: Because this David is buried in U.P. Cemetery next to Thomas, it is assumed that David is Thomas’ son.*
2. **George C. Patterson** b. abt. 1863 (1870 census)
3. **William F. Patterson** b. abt. 1866 (1870 census)
4. **Amanda C. Patterson** b. abt. 1868 (1870 census)
5. **Mary E. Patterson** b. abt. Mar 1870 (1870 census)
6. **Sarah J. Patterson** b. Dec 1876 (1900 census)
7. **Unknown child** - (1900 census shows 7 children, 6 living)
Note: This child could have been born as early as 1871, and it is entirely possible that this child remained in Pennsylvania when his/her mother moved to Iowa.

Continuing with the children of Thomas Jr. & Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson:

2. **SARAH PATTERSON (listed 5th in father’s will)** b. 25 Mar 1796; d. 2 Sept 1856 (1836?) in Muskingum Co., OH; m. David Wilson (he b. 1799 in PA & he d. 1 Mar 1869 in OH). David Wilson was “not related to the Samuel Wilson who married Sarah’s sister.” David & Sarah (Patterson) Wilson lived “between New Concord & Claysville, Ohio” and had nine children:
 - C. **Elizabeth Wilson** m. Mathew Atchison; had son (among other children?):
 - i. **Rev. Robert Ramsey Atchison**
 - D. **Hugh Wilson** died young
 - E. **Thomas Wilson** m. 1st _____ (who died); m. 2nd Susannah Forsythe
 - F. **John Wilson** m. Susan Allen & had children:
 - i. **Sarah Wilson**
 - ii. **Martha Wilson**
 - iii. **Susan Jane Wilson**

- G. **Mary Jane Wilson** m. 1st John Campbell; m. 2nd Robert Proudfit, son of Rev. David Proudfit Jr. (*His father, David Proudfit Sr., married Sarah Patterson, dau of William & Jane (Morrow) Patterson of McConnellsburg; see Chapter II for descendants, so Mary Jane's 2nd husband was a "cousin." Of some sort.*)
- H. **Susan Wilson** m. John Stevenson
- I. **Sarah Wilson** m. James Forsythe & had children:
- i. **James Forsythe**
 - ii. **Sadie Forsythe**
 - iii. **D. Wilson Forsythe**
- J. **Unknown Wilson (twin)** "died young"
- K. **Unknown Wilson (twin)** "died young"

Continuing with the children of Thomas Jr. & Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson:

3. **SUSANNAH PATTERSON (listed 6th in father's will)** b. 19 OR 23 Sept 1798 (*Parkhill's info*) OR b. 23 Sept 1798 (*Sarah Luella's info*); TWIN; d. 7 OR 8 Mar 1876); m., on 9 Sept 1828, her "cousin" William Proudfit (he b. 11 July 1799, son of Rev. David & Sarah (Patterson) Proudfit & William Proudfit d. 5 Aug 1862). Her husband's mother, Sarah (Patterson) Proudfit, was the daughter of William & Jane (Morrow) Patterson of McConnellsburg. Thus Susannah married her cousin Sarah's son! *For much information regarding their descendants, see Chapter II.*
4. **MARY "POLLY" PATTERSON (listed 7th in father's will)** b. 19 Sept 1798 (*Parkhill's info*) OR b. 23 Sept 1798 (*Sarah Luella's info*); TWIN; d. 10 Apr 1865 near McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., PA; m. her 1st cousin, William Patterson (he b. 11-12 May 1786, son of William & Jane (Morrow) Patterson & he d. 2 Sept 1849 near McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., PA); Mary and her husband are both buried in Big Spring Cemetery in Fulton Co., PA. *For information regarding descendants, see Chapter II. They were the parents of the William Patterson who corresponded with Sarah Luella Patterson in 1911.*

NOTE REGARDING THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN OF THOMAS JR: This paper has repeatedly referred to "Scotch-Irish" naming patterns, which have the first son named after the father's father, the second son named after the mother's father, the third son named after the father, etc. Note the departure from this pattern when Thomas Jr.'s named his first son Alexander. I think that Thomas Jr. may have named his first son Alexander after his brother, to whom he was closest in age. Also, it appears that Thomas Jr.'s brother, Alexander, patented the land ("Rich Grove") which was later turned over to Thomas Jr. There was evidently a very close relationship between these two brothers. After naming his first son Alexander, the names of Thomas Jr.'s children conform perfectly to the old pattern: Thomas (father's father), John (name of Elizabeth Brown's father?), William (name of father's oldest brother—the name "Thomas," being already

taken), Jean (whom Sarah Luella said was the name of Elizabeth Brown's mother), Sarah (name of Thomas Jr.'s mother), etc.

Census Records for Thomas Patterson, Jr.

1790 Rostraver Twp., Westmoreland Co., PA

Thomas Patterson

1 male > 16

Thomas Jr.

3 males < 16

Sons Alexander*, Thomas, John

2 females

Wife Elizabegth (Brown) & dau Jane

**Son Alexander died very young, it is said, from falling down the stairs in the house.*

(1800 Rostraver census has not been microfilmed, and original records have been destroyed.)

1810 Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., PA (p. 3 of 7)

Thomas Patterson

1 male > 45 [b. bef. 1765]

Thomas Jr. bapt. 1758

3 males 16-26 [b. 1784-1794]

Thomas III b. 1784, John b. 1786, Wm. C. b. 1792

(Son Alexander, b. 1782, has died)

3 females 10-16 [b. 1794-1800]

Sarah b. 1796, Susannah b. 1798, Mary b. 1798

1 female 16-26 [b. 1784-1794]

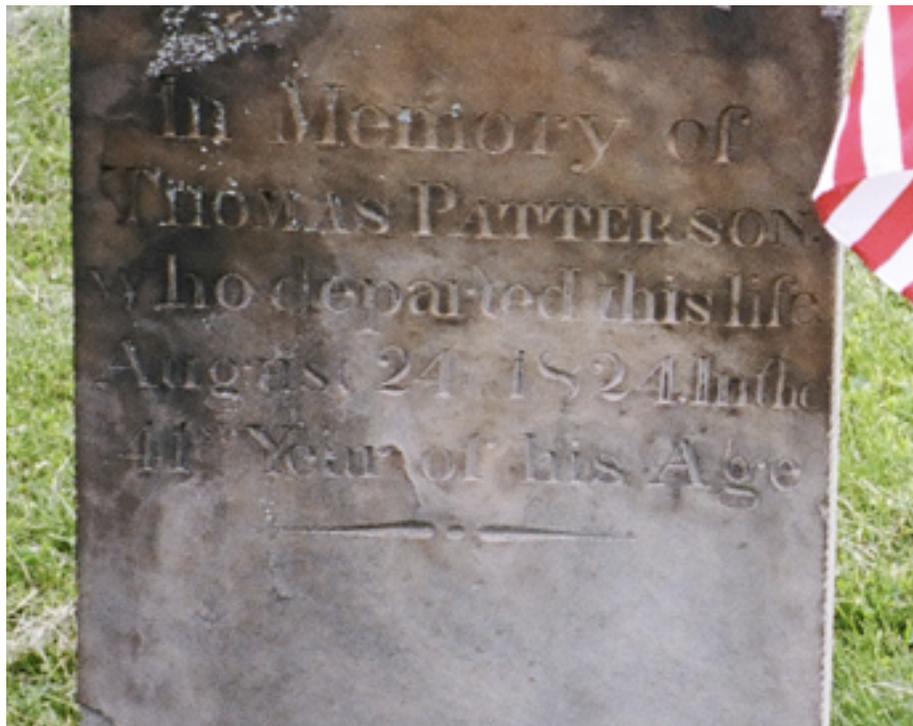
Janet/Jane b. 1789

1 female > 45 [b. bef. 1765]

Thomas' wife, Elizabeth (Brown)

(Thomas Jr. died 1813.)

*Photos of graves of Thomas Jr.'s son, Thomas III,
and Thomas III's wife (Mary Shields), are on the next page.*



“In Memory of Thomas Patterson [III] who departed this life August 24th 1824 in the 41st year of his age”



“In memory of Mary [(Shields)] Patterson, consort of Thomas Patterson [III] who departed this life July 17th 1842, in the 55th year of her age.”

CHAPTER V
ALEXANDER PATTERSON,
son of Thomas Patterson Sr.

We know next to nothing about this son of Thomas Sr. Alexander died at a fairly young age, while many of his children were minors. If Alexander's father, Thomas Sr., had not listed them in his will, we would not even know the names of Alexander's children. Here's what we do know about Alexander:

Alexander was **baptized 31 Oct 1762** in Middle Octoraro meetinghouse in Bart Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. While he was still a baby or toddler his father moved across the Susquehanna River to the Marsh Creek area in what was then York (but is now Adams) Co., PA.

It is doubtful that Alexander saw Revolutionary service, as he would have been only about 14 years old at the outbreak of the war.

The name of Alexander's wife was Jane, which we learn from the will of Thomas Patterson Sr. (see "Transcriptions" section of this paper). I think it possible that this "Jane" was also known as "Jenny." If so, **the name of Alexander's wife was Jane, or "Jenny," Porter**. Rev. Alexander Dobbin (who had come to America 1773 to assist Rev. Cuthbertson) married Alexander Patterson and "Jenney" Porter on **10 Mar 1785**, in "Mountjoy" (which I believe to be Mountjoy Twp. in present-day Adams Co., PA). I believe that "Jane" is "Jenney," because Rev. Dobbin also married Alexander's brother, Thomas (to Elizabeth Brown) and also Alexander's sister, Susannah (to David "Dunwoody").

1790 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 4 of 6 of genealogy.com's scan of pages)

Alexand. Patterson	1	1	2	--	--
1 male > 16 [b. bef 1774]	<i>Alexander (1764-1800/1806), s/o Thomas Sr.</i>				
1 male < 16 [b. aft. 1774]	<i>Oldest of Alexander's 6 sons, name unknown (I'd guess "Thomas")</i>				
2 females	<i>Alexander's wife, Janel/Jenny (Porter) & dau Sarah</i>				
0 other free white males	----				
0 slaves	----				

Note: Per the 1806 will of Thomas Sr., Alexander had 7 children, whom he listed in this order: William, James, Thomas, Sarah, John, David & Alexander. Given the strong adherence of this family to Scotch-Irish naming patterns (first son named after the father's father), I would guess that Thomas Sr. did NOT list the children in their birth order, and I would guess that the first-born son of Alexander was Thomas.

1800 Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA (p. 10 of 13 of genealogy.com's scan of pages)

Alexander Patterson	3	2	--	1	--	1	--	--	1	--
1 male 26-45 [b. 1755-1774]	<i>Alexander (1762-1800/1806), s/o Thomas Sr.</i>									
3 males 0-10 [b. 1790-1800]	<i>3 of Alexander's 6 sons</i>									
2 males 10-16 [b. 1784-1790]	<i>2 of Alexander's 6 sons</i>									
1 fem 0-10 [b. 1790-1800]	<i>Alexander's only dau, Sarah</i>									
1 fem 26-45 [b. 1755-1774]	<i>Wife Janel/Jenny (Porter) – she was still living 1806</i>									

Note: We know Alexander died by 1 May 1806—the date of his father's will, which referred to Alexander as deceased.. In this will Thomas Sr. named these children of Alexander and Alexander's widow Jane: William, James, Thomas, Sarah, John, David and Alexander—all of whom were minors (under the age of 21).

Alexander died between the date of the 1800 census & 1 May 1806 (date of Thomas Sr.'s will).

The will of Thomas Patterson Sr., Alexander's father, lists (in the following order, which I do NOT think was their birth order) the seven children of his deceased son Alexander, with wife "Jane":

- I. **WILLIAM PATTERSON**
- II. **JAMES PATTERSON**
- III. **THOMAS PATTERSON** – If Thomas were the first-born son, he would have been born 1785-1786. However, he was listed third in his grandfather's 1806 will, suggesting that he was the third-born son. **NOTE:** As of this writing (Sept 2014) we are investigating the possibility that this Thomas, son of Alexander, is the Thomas Patterson b. 1791, who married Elizabeth McKnight and died 1866 in Highland Co., OH. A descendant of Thomas 1791-1866 has Y-DNA matching Thomas Sr.'s line. (See DNA chapter of this paper.)
- IV. **SARAH PATTERSON** b. 1785-1790 (the 1790 census shows one daughter in the household).
- V. **JOHN PATTERSON** .
- VI. **ALEXANDER PATTERSON** – Per the Scotch-Irish naming pattern, Alexander would be the third-born son, so would have been born no earlier than 1787-1788.

Alexander died sometime after the 1800 census and before 1 May 1806, when Thomas Sr. wrote his will, describing Alexander's wife, Jane, as a "widow." We don't know how Alexander died, where he is buried, or where his widow and seven children went to live after his death.

I have spent quite some time searching for them, and have gotten nowhere.

I am interested in the Pattersons on the 1820-1850 Wayne Co., OH censuses as possibly being the descendants of Alexander—but have not found anything substantive linking these Wayne Co., OH Pattersons to the Fayette Co., PA Pattersons.

CHAPTER VI
SUSANNAH PATTERSON,
daughter of Thomas Patterson, Sr.

Susannah was **baptized 26 Oct 1760** in Middle Octoraro, Bart Twp. Lancaster Co., PA, by Covenanter minister Rev. John Cuthbertson. It is possible that she was born a year or so before her baptism (as was the case with most of her siblings).

When Susannah was a young girl her family moved to the area of York County (now Adams Co.) known as “Marsh Creek.” It was undoubtedly here that she met her future husband, David Dunwoody. David Dunwoody’s father, David Sr. (spelled “Dinwiddy” in Cuthbertson’s records), was ordained as one of the two first ruling elders of the Marsh Creek Covenanter congregation, by Rev. Cuthbertson in 1753. The other elder ordained on the same day was Jeremiah Morrow (“Murray”), who was the father of Jane, who married Thomas Sr.’s son, William. Rev. Cuthbertson baptized Susannah’s husband, David “Dinwiddie,” on 10 Aug 1755, at the Marsh Creek meetinghouse. Thus it appears that the Dinwiddie family was in this area of present-day Adams county some years before Thomas Sr. arrived with his family.

Rev. Cuthbertson visited the Marsh Creek society only several times after November of 1773. This is because Rev. Alexander Dobbin arrived in December 1773, from Scotland, to assist Rev. Cuthbertson, and Rev. Dobbin began to serve this area.

Rev. Dobbin married Susannah Patterson and David “Dunwoody” on 27 Jan 1778 in “Mt. Pleasant.” Mount Pleasant is a township in present-day Adams Co., PA.

Susannah was still living in 1806; she was named in the will of her father, Thomas Sr., written that year.

The David “Dinwiddie” who was one of the witnesses to the 1813 will of Thomas Jr., Susannah’s brother, is undoubtedly Susannah’s husband. This tells us that Susannah and her husband came west to Fayette/Westmoreland Counties with the rest of Susannah’s family. Later, per information on the (undocumented) tree below, they moved on to Ohio and Indiana.

From ancestry.com “McMichael Family Tree” tree info of “celestehlfiring”:

Susanna Patterson was born 22 Sept 1760 PA.⁴⁴ Susanna d. 11 Nov 1854 in Hebron, Porter, IN; m. David McClure Dinwiddie 27 Jan 1778 in PA [by Rev. Alexander Dobbin]. David was b. 25 July 1755 in York Co., PA & d. 5 Dec 1823 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co., OH. Susanna resided 1840 and 1850 in Lake Co., IN. *The “Sherman/Burton Family Tree” shows the following children of David & Susanna (Patterson) Dinwiddie:*

- I. Sarah Dinwiddie** b. 17 Nov 1778; d. ____; m. 5 Apr 1798 James Crooks.
Children (surname Crooks): James & Sarah Dinwiddie
- II. John Dinwiddie** b. 18 Dec 1780; d. 11 Jan 1820; ; no further info
- III. Jane Dinwiddie** b. 19 Jan 1783; d. ____; m. Feb 1810 Samuel Turner

⁴⁴ Note that the ancestry.com tree presented here gives a specific birth date for Susannah and for her husband. These birth dates work nicely with the baptism records. Note, too, the specific birth dates for each of their children. Where did these birth dates come from? Future researchers may want to contact the author of this tree and find out. I’d be willing to bet that someone, somewhere, found a family Bible.

- IV. Thomas Patterson Dinwiddie** b. 27 Mar 1787 PA; d. 17 Sept 1862 Eagle Creek, IN; m. 20 Oct 1808 Mary Ann Wilson. Children: Susannah P., John Wilson, David T., Margaret Jane, Eliza Ann, Mary, Sarah Ann, Thomas Patterson Wilson & Harriet Ann.
- V. Susannah Dinwiddie** b. 10 July 1789; d. 31 Aug 1847 in Hebron, IN: no further info
- VI. David Dinwiddie** b. 17 Jan 1792; d. 17 Sept 1838; m. 31 Oct 1816 Mary Windle. Children: Eleanor H., Susannah P. (1st d. 1822, age 2 yrs), John, Susannah P. (2nd b. 1824), Margaret J., David, Frances W., Martha Edgel, Mary Etta & William.
- VII. Mary M. Dinwiddie** b. 5 June 1794; no further info
- VIII. William Dinwiddie** b. 18 Dec 1796; d. ____; m. 1824 Martha Burnside. Children: Eudora, William A., & Martha E.
- IX. Margaret Dinwiddie** b. 23 May 1803; d. 13 May 1832; m. 1822 Jacob Armitage

CHAPTER VII
SARAH PATTERSON,
daughter of Thomas Patterson Sr.

Sarah, the youngest known child of Thomas and Sarah Patterson, was **baptized by itinerant Covenanter minister Rev. John Cuthbertson on 21 Oct 1764** in the Marsh Creek meetinghouse. Marsh Creek is in present-day Adams Co., PA.

Sarah was still living in 1806, as she was named in the will of her father.

Other than those sparse facts, I know nothing of the life of Thomas Sr.'s daughter, Sarah Patterson.

Could she be the Sarah Patterson who married David Wilson?

Per *History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin & Williamson Counties, Illinois* (Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1887), pp. 736-737, David Wilson of Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA married, first, Sarah Patterson. (His second wife was named Mary.) In 1788 David Wilson purchased a tract next to the "Smith's Squares" tract owned by Thomas Sr.'s son, John Patterson, Esq. (See warrantee map for Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA on-line at www.phmc.state.pa.us.)

Thomas Patterson Sr.'s son, John Patterson Esq., raised my ggg-grandfather, William Patterson, and called him "son" in an 1814 land agreement. Whether William was actually John Esq.'s biological son is in doubt. (See Chapter XIV of this paper, "Y-DNA Evidence.")

On the 1818 and 1819 tax lists for Washington Twp., my ggg-grandfather, William Patterson, is listed as living "at David Wilson's." William named a son, my gg-grandfather, David Wilson Patterson. *Conjecture:* It is possible that David Wilson's first wife, Sarah Patterson, was Thomas Sr.'s daughter. Thus my ggg-grandfather William would have considered Sarah to be his aunt, and that would explain why William and his family were living on David Wilson's land in 1818 & 1819.

CHAPTER VIII

WILLS

The following transcriptions preserve original spelling and punctuation. I have indented some passages, and have put some names and dates in bold, to make it easier to extract information at a glance. In a few cases I have added clarifying notes, in brackets. Please read my comments at the end of each will; they're important.

WILL OF THOMAS PATTERSON, SR.

Fayette Co., PA **Original** Will Book 1, p. 305

In the name of God Amen the **thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six**, I Thomas Patterson Senr. of Washington township and County of Fayette in the State of Pennsylvania being in health at present (thanks to God) but calling to mind the uncertainty of life and knowing that is [sic] Appointed all men once to die – Do at this time make and ordain this my last Will and testament (that is to say)

Principally and first of All I resign my Soul into the hands of God relying on his great goodness and mercy And my Body I commit to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors herein after mentioned. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it pleased God to bless me with in this life that I have not given away, I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form—

Impremis-- It is my Will that my **son William** receive thirty six pounds no more

Item -- I give and bequeath unto my **Son John** twenty six pounds no more

Item – I give and bequeath unto my **daughter Susannah** fifty six pounds and no more

Item – I give and bequeath unto my **Daughter Sarah** forty six pounds & no more

Item -- I give and bequeath unto my **Son Alexanders Widow Jane** Sixty dollars and no more—and to **her seven Children** by my said Son as follows—To **William** one hundred dollars and no more—To **James** one hundred Dollars and no more—To **Thomas** one hundred and twenty Dollars and no more—To **Sarah** one hundred Dollars and no more—To **John** one hundred Dollars and no more—To **David** one hundred Dollars and no more—To **Alexander** one hundred Dollars & no more, **To be given to them when they come to age** by law and receive it. And the interest thereof after my deceas. And if any of them shall die in their minority the survivors I allow to get his, her or their parts, & to be equally divided amongst them that survive to full age.

Item—I give and bequeath to my **GrandSon Thomas Son of my Son Thomas** Ten pounds and no more

Item—It is my Will and desire that my Negro Woman shall be free immediately after my interment and be Emancipated from Slavery.

Item--- It is my desire and Will that if any estate should amount to more than is mentioned in this my Will to be given to the Legatees therein named. I allow the Surplus to be divided amongst each of in [sic] proportion as is therein named that each shall receive. And in Case my Estate fall short to be deducted in the same proportion.

Lastly I Nominate and appoint my trusty friends **John Wright Esqr. And John Orr Executors** of this my Will in Trust for the Purposes therein mentioned. In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Patterson have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and Seal the day and year above written.

Thomas [his mark] Patterson [SEAL]

Signed sealed & delivered by the said Thomas Patterson as for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the Signing and Sealing thereof

John Richardson
James Gween Junior
Joseph McConaugh
John Patterson

Know all men by these presents that Mr. John Orr and John Wright of Rostraver township County of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania Executors named in the last Will and testament of Thomas Patterson late of the Same place [sic] have removed released and quit-claimed and by these presents do renounce Release and quit-Claim all our right and title to said Executorship and to the administration of the Goods and Chattels rights and [illegible] – in testimony whereof we have hereunto Set our hands the **Sixteenth day of December Eighteen hundred and twenty two.**

John Orr
John Wright

Signed in the presence of us

William Orr
to John Patterson Esqr.
Hugh Wright

David B. Wilson appeared before the Register the 5th day of December 1828 And on his oath did declare that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of Joseph McConaugh deceased & verily believes that the Signature as a Witness to the Will and the Writing of the Will are the proper hand writing of the said Joseph

David B. Wilson
 Alexander McClean Register

Fayette County SS

The twenty ninth day of April 1829 Before me personally came **John Patterson Esquire** and on his Oath did declare that he verily believes that the signature of Joseph McConaugh as a Witness to the Will also is the proper hand writing of the said Joseph McConaugh—In testimony whereof I have set my hand and Seal of the Registers Office the same day

Alexander McClean Register

Janice's comments on the will of Thomas Patterson, Sr.

It's important to realize that a man living at this time who wished to write his will would either write it himself or, if he were not able to write, he would enlist the aid of a literate neighbor, or even of a lawyer. At any rate, it was NOT the "original" will that was recorded in the courthouse—it was a *transcription* of the original will. This transcription was done by some scribe employed by the office of the county Recorder of Wills. This scribe was human, and therefore errors were possible. In the case of the will of Thomas Senior, the original was transcribed, and this copy was recorded in what Fayette County calls "Original" Will Book 1, on p. 305. However, at some point in time the oldest wills recorded in Fayette County began to yellow and fray, so it was decided that a *transcription* of each of the oldest wills would be

made, and these transcriptions (*of transcriptions!*) were then recorded in what Fayette County calls “Transcription” will books. Thomas Sr.’s will, recorded in “Original” Will Book 1, p. 305, was also, therefore, recorded in “Transcription” Will Book 1, p. 1007. **Here’s what’s important to know about these two sets of Will Books:** if you ask for a copy, the office of Fayette Co. Recorder of Wills will make the copy from the TRANSCRIPTION will book, which has been microfilmed. Incredibly, to my knowledge, the ORIGINAL will books have NOT been microfilmed! Here’s the problem: when the wills were transcribed into the “Transcription” will books, many errors were made. And you wouldn’t know about the errors because the only copy you’d ever see—**unless you specifically request that your copy be made from the “Original” Will Book**—would be from the “Transcription” Will Book!

I have a copy of Thomas Sr.’s will from both sets of will books. **Thomas Sr.’s will in the Transcription Book contains two egregious errors:**

- (1) The will in the Transcription will book declares this to be the will of Thomas Patterson “Junr” rather than “Senr,” as was written in the original will book! I believe this error to be the source of many, many incorrect suppositions by previous researchers.
- (2) The will in the Transcription will book OMITS the name of Thomas’ son, Thomas Jr.!

WILL OF WILLIAM PATTERSON
(son of Thomas Patterson Sr.)

[page 1 of the will]

In the name of God amen: I William Patterson of Ears [Ayr] Township Bedford County and State of Pennsylvania being in good health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory praised be God for the same and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all wills by me at any time heretofore made, and do first and principally I do commit my soul into the hands of my creator who gave it, and my body to the earth to be interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after mentioned and as to such worldly estate [??] it hat pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of in the follows [sic] viz:

I will that all my just debts as shall be by me owing at my death, together with my funeral expenses and all as touching the same be fully paid.

I first bequeath to my **daughter** [sic] **Sara Proudfit** two hundred dollars.

I further bequeath to my **son Thomas** six hundred and fifty dollars.

I further bequeath to my **son William** fifty two [akers?] of land he now lives on adjoining [sic] his other lands.

I further bequeath to my **son-in-law John Morrow** one hundred dollars.

I further bequeath my [sic] **grand son son** [sic] **William Morrow** five hundred dollars.

I further bequeath to my **son-in-law James Patterson and daughter Jean** two childring [sic] **William and Mary Jean** the plantation the [sic] now live on adjoining [sic] Sloan's survey in **Indiana County** that is to say William to have the two thirds of the above mentioned lands & Mary Jean the other third. The [sic] are not to have the land during my daughter Jean's lifetime at her death if they come of age the [sic] are to enjoy the lands.

I further order my book [books?] to be eqilly [sic] divided among my childring [sic].

I bequeath that my **son John** is to have the remainder of my este [sic] Real and personal.

And I make and ordain **Thomas Patterson and John Patterson my two sons** Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

William Patterson [he signed] [SEAL]

[illegible 3 words]...before **signed June the 25th 184[6?]**

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged by the

Testator in the presence of the subscriber as his last will and testament.

Witness: William S. Nelson

[page 2 of the will]

[1 illegible word] My Son-in-law John [Morra?—probably should be “Morrow”] is to have the [shear?—should be “share”?] of his son William's [shear?] till son William comes of age.

W.P.

Bedford County [?]:

Personally appeared before the Register for the Probate of Wills for said County William S. Nelson the subscribing witness to the foregoing instrument of writing who being duly sworn doth depose and say that the Testator William Patterson called on him a number of years since and acknowledged said instrument of writing to be his last Will & Testament, & that he had signed his name to the same, and declared said writing to be his last will and Testament, that he requested deponent to sign his name thereto as a witness, and that at the time of so doing he the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief.

William S. Nelson

Sworn & subscribed **August**

25th 1846 Bedford

Regr.

Bedford County

Also personally appeared before said Register, Elias Davidson, who being duly sworn saith that he is acquainted with the handwriting of William Patterson dec'd having seen him write, and that he believes the signature "William Patterson" to the foregoing instrument of writing to be the genuine signature of the said deceased – And further that whole of said writing of last Will [?] is in the hand writing of the said William Patterson deceased.

Elias Davidson

Be it Remembered that on the **25th day of August Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty six, Letters Testamentary were [?] to John Patterson** one of the Executors in said Will named he having first been duly sworn according to law.

[Written sideways in the left margin of page two is the following:]

McConnellsburg August [13? 23?] 1846

Fredk. Noble Esqr. – Dear Sir

I have been appointed one of the Executors of the Estate of my father & ["as I see"? – should this be "as I do not see"?] the necessity of more than one – I hereby inform you that I decline serving.

Respectfully Yours

John Patterson

Janice's Comments on the will of William Patterson, son of Thomas Sr.:

In 2007, I received a scanned copy of this will from researcher Yvonne Watkin. (Thanks, Yvonne!) There was no volume/page number on the copy.

There is no date on this will. I think it must have been written after 3 Aug 1840, because this is the date William's son, Jeremiah, died – and Jeremiah is not named in the will. Also, since William does not refer to his daughter Sarah as deceased, and since

Sarah died 8 Feb 1842, I think the will must have been written before this date. Therefore I believe the will to have been written between 3 Aug 1840 and 8 Feb 1842.

William died 18 May 1846 (per his gravestone in Big Spring Cemetery), so the date written at the end of page one of the will, as I interpret it (“June the 25th 1846”) makes no sense whatsoever. Perhaps the date is 25 June 1841.

WILL OF THOMAS PATTERSON JR.
(son of Thomas Patterson Sr.)

Recorded 2 Apr 1813 in Westmoreland Co. Will Book 1, p. 313.

Recorded 18 Mar 1930 [sic] in Fayette Co. Will Book 27, p. 463

The transcription below is from the version filed in Fayette County. Please see notes following the transcription.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Patterson of Rostraver Township Westmoreland County State of Pennsylvania Considering the uncertainty of this Mortal life and being of Sound mind and Memory Blessed be God for the same do make and Publish this my last Will and testament in the following Manner that is to say First I will my Soul to the hand of God who Gave it hoping for his mercy through Jesus Christ and I will by body to the Earth to be buried in a Decent Manner at the discretion of my executors as to what worldly estate it hath Pleased God to favour me with I will and Dispose of in the following Manner –

First I will that all my Just Debts be paid together with my funeral expences – First I will that my land be Equally [divided] amongst **my [three] sons Thomas John and William**

and furder [further] I will that **my fore [four] daughters Gennet Sarah Susanah and Mary [Marey]** be paid the sum of five Hundred Dollars each that is to say so much as of my Personal Estate will be lacking [laking] of paying my Daughters is to be paid out of the Land each of my sons paying an Equal Share and that my Daughters have a Decent Living on the land until they arrive at the age of Eighteen years I furder allow that Each of my Daughters have a horse or mare saddle [sadl] and bridle worth [with] Seventy Dollars Each one Good Cow and good Bed and Beding with fore sheap and that Genet have the Buaurow and Sarah to have one of the Chist of Drawers Polley [Polly] the other and Susanah to have a Beaurow or the value thereof in other property my Daughters to be paid in the following manner I Will that Genet [Jenet] be paid one year after by Death [decease' the sum of two hundred and fifty Dolars the Remainder to be paid in twelve months after and that Sarah be paid two Hundred and Fifty Dollars in one year following and two hundred and fifty in twelve months - Furder I allow that my two twins Mary and Susanah be paid two Hundred Dollars each in twelve Month after the remainder [Remaig] two hundred [dollars] to be paid in twelve Month after Genet [Jennet' and Sarah to have their Horses and [or] mares and other property when Demanded Mary [Marey] and Susanah when the [they] arrive at the age of eighteen –

I will that John Oan [Orr?] my Sons [Thomas and] John be the Executors of this my Last Will and testiment in testimoney I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this **Eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and thirteenth 1813** (No. B) [sic] my Son Thomas have seventy five Dollars in more than [thanth] other boys—

Thomas Patterson (LL) [sic]

Signed in Presence of
John Patterson
David Dinwiddie [Dunwiddon]
William Patterson

Westmoreland County SS

Before me the subscriber Register for the provate of Wills in & for said County Came John Patterson one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being sworn according to law deposeth & say that he saw Thomas Paterson the within Testator, who is now deceased sign seal publish and declear the within to be his last will & Testament & at the time of his do doing he was he beleaves of sound mind & memory that the name of John Paterson is in this deponents proper hand writing who in his presents & at his request signed the same.

Sworn & subscribed before me this **2d day of April A.D. 1813**

John Patterson

James Montgomery, Register

By virtue of the oath above written taken by John Patterson this deponant deposeth & swears to the same before me

William Patterson

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

County of Westmoreland

[Register's Seal]

I, W.C. Henderson, Register for the Probate of Wills, etc., in and for said county, hereby do certify that the foregoing is a true copy and correct transcript of the original Last Will and Testament and of the probate thereof of Thomas Patterson late of Rostraver Township, deceased, so full and entire as the same remains of record in my office at Greensburg, Pa., in Will Book No. 1, p. 313.

In witness whereof, I hereto have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said office this 18th day of March, 1930.

And now, March 20, 1930, the within exemplified copy of the will of Thomas Patterson, deceased being in due form, I do hereby admit said record to probate and order the same recorded as such.

O. Frank Ruse, Register

Recorded and Compared **March 20, 1930** [sic].

A. Frank Ruse, Register.

Janice's Comments on the will of Thomas Patterson Jr., son of Thomas Sr.:

The many bracketed words above denote DIFFERENCES between the will as recorded in Fayette Co. in 1813 and the will as recorded in Westmoreland Co. in 1930.

Here's what I think happened: Thomas Jr. wrote this will only three days before he died. I do not think that he had benefit of attorney. I think that he scribbled out his will and that his heirs took this rough document first to the Westmoreland Co. Register of Wills, where it was transcribed and recorded into Will Book 1, p. 313. I think that when the will was transcribed by the Westmoreland Co. Register's office they "fixed" some of Thomas Jr.'s wording and spellings (changing "further" to "further," etc.)

Then, apparently, in 1930, there was a need to also file the will in Fayette Co. (Remember: Thomas Jr.'s land straddled both counties.) So I believe that in 1930 somebody *took the original will—just as it had been written in 1813 by Thomas Patterson Jr.—to the Fayette Co. Register of Wills.*

Here, at the Fayette courthouse, I believe the Register's Office simply did their job: I think they *transcribed the original document precisely as it was written*. This would account for the several places in the Fayette Co. transcription where words are crossed out [not shown in MY transcription above, based on the Westmoreland Co. version], and this would also account for the literally dozens of discrepancies in spelling between the will as recorded in Westmoreland Co. and the will as recorded in Fayette Co.

Though it is interesting to note these discrepancies, it must be emphasized that they are not really that important. Both the Westmoreland Co. version and the Fayette Co. version agree as to the sons of Thomas Jr. named in his will: Thomas, John and William; and also as to the daughters named in his will: Gennet/Jennet, Sarah, Susanah and Mary/Marey. No wife is mentioned in either will, and that is consistent with the 1811 death date for Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson, wife of Thomas Jr.

NOTE: Two sons of Thomas Sr.—John and Alexander—did not leave wills.

CHAPTER IX DEEDS

Only the earliest deeds involving Thomas Sr. or his sons are transcribed in full in this section. In Thomas Sr.'s chapter, and in the chapters for sons William and John, other deeds are abstracted. Original spelling and punctuation has been preserved, but I have underlined certain passages and/or put certain passages in boldface. Please read my comments after each deed in this section; these comments are important.

In 1780 an unidentified John Patterson, then living in Cumberland Co., PA, buys land in "Forks of the Yough"

Westmoreland County Deed Book A, p. 221

This Indenture made the 15th day of April in the year of our [Lord] one thousand seven hundred & eight[y] between **Abraham Smyth and John Johnston both of Antrim Township in the County of Cumberland & State of Pennsylvania executors to the last will and testament of William Smith deceased** of the one part and **John Patterson of Washington Township in the County and State affords [Cumberland Co., PA]** of the other part

Whereas Wm. Smith of Peters Township deceased did appoint the above named Abm. Smith and John Johnston excrs. and James McDowell and Matthew Willson Guardian to his last will and testament and did by his last will and testament order several tracts of land to be sold and disposed of at their discretion amongst which is a certain tract described in the will thus: a tract of land in the **forks of the Yough & Monongehela called the Mill Seat adjoining Maurice Bready** as by reference to the aforesaid last will and testament will appear

Now this Indenture Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of four thousand pounds continental currency to the aforesd. Abm. Smith and John Johnston in hand paid by the aforesaid John Patterson before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the said John Patterson his heirs and assigns forever discharged from the same they the aforesaid Abm. Smith and John Johnston hath granted bargained sold released and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell release and confirm unto the sd. John Patterson his heirs and assigns all that tract of land situate in the forks of Yough as before recited containing three hundred and twelve acres & usual allowance of six acres [sic] per cent for roads &c. Together with all and singular the improvements rights members hereditaments & appurtenances thereon or thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions & the remainders rents issues & profits thereof Together with all the right title interest property and claim which the said William Smith deceased had in and to the same To have and to hold the aforesd. tract of land or plantation containing three hundred twelve acres & allowance of six per ct &c and premises hereby granted mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the sd. John Patterson his heirs and assigns forever subject to the payment of the purchase money interest and quit rents which may now be due on the same or to become due to the Proprietors of Pennsylvania their heirs and successors and the aforesd. Abm. Smith & John Johnston for themselves their heirs exrs and admrs and for every of them doth covenant promise grant and agree to and with the the said John Patterson his heirs and assigns by these presents that the afirsd tract of land of three

hundred and twelve acres and the appurtenances they will warrant and defend unto him the said John Patterson his heirs and assigns from and against them the said Abm. Smith & John Johnston and their heirs and against all other persons whatsoever claiming or that shall or may hereafter claim the same by or under them or any of them lawfully

In witness whereof the aforesd. Abm. Smith and John Johnston James McDowell and Matthew Wilson have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first written

Abm. Smith (Seal)

John Johnston (Seal)

Jas. McDowell (Seal)

Matthew Willson (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Wm. McDowell

Nathan McDowell

Received May 2nd 1780 from John Patterson the sum of four thousand pounds in full of the consideration money in the within indenture mentioned

Abm, Smith

John Johnston

Be it remembered Col. Abm. Smith John Johnston James McDowell & Mattw. Wilson came before me one of the Justices of the County aforesd. and acknowledged the within Instrument of writing to be their act and deed for the use therein mentioned and the same to be recorded Given under my hand and seal this 2d. day of May A.D. 1780

Wm. McDowell (Seal)

Westmoreland Co SS: I do assign all my right and title claim and interest of a certain tract of land as described in this Indenture for the consideration of one hundred and fifty bushels of wheat, fifty bushell paid on demand fifty to be paid on the 21st Novr. 1781 and fifty to be paid Novr. 21st 1782 also one thousand pounds to be paid to Mary Smith in one year after the date herein mentioned.

Came before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for Westmoreland County William Latta and

acknowledged this to be his act and deed.

Sealed and delivered this 21st day of Novr. 1780

William Latta (Seal)

Providence Mounts (Seal)

Recorded Apl 10th 1781

Janice's Comments on "The Mill Seat" tract deed

I do not have a copy of this deed. The above transcription was done by Paul H. Calhoun and posted 14 Aug 1999 in the rootsweb Allegheny Co., PA message board. Mr. Calhoun notes before presenting his transcription: "This land is now in ALLEGHENY County—probably Lincoln Township." An abstract of this same deed, found in *Descendants of William and Dorcas Fallass...* By Lura F. Alexander (Kansas City, MO: privately published, 1929), pp. 271-272, agrees with Calhoun's transcription.

As stated in Chapter III of this paper, I believe that the grantee, John Patterson, might be either John, son of Thomas Sr.; OR he was John Patterson, father of Jane Patterson who married John, son of Thomas Sr.

John Patterson & wife Jennet witness deed in which James WILSON of Westmoreland Co., PA sells land in Derry Twp., Westmoreland Co., PA to a different John Patterson

NOTE: I do NOT have a copy of this deed. I found an abstract of it in *Descendants of William and Dorcas Fallass...* By Lura F. Alexander (Kansas City, MO: privately published, 1929), p. 289. Ms. Alexander has listed this deed in the Westmoreland Co., PA section of her deed abstracts.

Ms. Alexander's abstract:

"JAMES WILSON of Derry Tp., Westmoreland Co., 2 Dec 1779, sells land in Indian Field, Derry Tp. For 1,000 pounds to John Patterson of Antrim Tp., Cumberland County, 280 acres, in presence of William Findley, James Barr, John Patterson, wife Jennet."

John Patterson & wife of Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA & wife "Jannet" buy land in 1785 in Washington COUNTY, PA

NOTE: I do NOT have a copy of this deed. I found an abstract of it on p. 284 of the source cited above. Ms. Alexander has listed this deed in the Washington COUNTY, PA section of her deed abstracts.

Ms. Alexander's abstract:

"JOHN PATTERSON, w. Jannet, 1785, bought 268 acres for 400 pounds which James Wilson entered 1769. John P. of Washington Tp., Fayette Co."

John Patterson & wife "Jennet" of Washington Twp. [no county in the abstract] Sell the above land in 1786 to Samuel and William Bell.

NOTE: I do NOT have a copy of this deed. I found an abstract in same source as above, p. 285. Again, Ms. Alexander has listed this deed in the Washington COUNTY, PA section of her deed abstracts.

Ms. Alexander's abstract:

"JOHN PATTERSON of Washington Tp., [no county given], w. Jennet sell in 1786 to Samuel and William Bell for 400 pounds a tract, joining James Barr, in W.M. [*sic*] Co. Same land sold to John by James Wilson."

Janice's Comments on these 3 deeds

John Patterson of Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA whose wife is named "Jannet/Jennet" is definitely John Patterson Esq., son of Thomas Sr. He married his first cousin, Jane Patterson. A common nickname for "Jane" was "Jannet" or "Jennet."

John and wife Jennet witnessed the deed in which a *different* John Patterson bought land in Westmoreland Co., PA. I believe this *other* John Patterson could be the father of Jane, wife of John Patterson Esq.

Thomas Patterson Sr. buys 368 acres from Edward Cook in 1788

Fayette County Deed Book A, pp. 267-268

This Indenture Made the **twenty second day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight** between Edward Cook and Martha his Wife of the one part and **Thomas Patterson Snr** of the other Part Both of Washington Township Fayette County of State of Pennsylvania Witnesseth Whereas the Supreme Executive Council of said Commonwealth by their Patent under the great Seal of said Commonwealth date the twenty ninth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eight four for the Consideration and under the Reservations therein mentioned did grant and confirm unto the said Edward and to his Heirs and Assigns **all that following described Tract piece or parcel of Land Situate in Washington Township Fayette County aforesaid called Rich Hill** Beginning a corner white oak of Joseph Pattons Land thence by same South eighty three degrees and a quarter East one hundred and twelve Perches to a white oak there by **Jonathan Johnson's [Johnston]** Land North forty degrees East sixty four perches to a post and North Sixty two degrees East ninety three Perches to a corner post of John Vanmetres Land thence by the same North twenty eight degrees West one hundred and one perches to a corner white oak thence by Land of John Nevill Esq. [South?] eighty degrees West eighty seven perches and three tenths to a white oak South forty six degrees West thirty five Perches to a post North Seventy three degrees West thirty perches and five tenths to a white oak Stump and North forty two degrees West one hundred and fifty six perches to a corner white oak thence by **one Patersons Land** South forty eight degrees West one hundred and eighty eight perches to a Stone set for a Corner in the Line of **William Smith's** Land thence by the same South thirty eight degrees East eighty three perches and an half to a Corner Sugar tree of other Land Belonging to the said Edward Cook thence by the same North eighty one degrees East one hundred and nineteen perches to a white oak South thirty four degrees East sixty eight perches to a Red oak and South twenty one degrees and an half West twenty nine perches and three tenths to the first mentioned white oak and place of beginning Containing **three hundred and eighteen Acres** and a quarter and allowance of six per cent for Roads with the Appurtenances which said Tract of Land was surveyed by Virtue of an Order Application No. 3237 Entered the [7th?] day of May 1769 by Samuel [Martin?] who by Deed dated the first of March 1771 Conveyed the same to **Morris Brady** who by deed dated the 16th of May 1772 Conveyed the same to Joseph Kyle who by deed dated 19th day of March 1773 conveyed the same to the said Edward Cook as in and by the said Patent entered in the Rolls Office for the State of Pennsylvania in Patent Book No. 3 page [77? 771?] Reference thereunto being had may more fully and at large appear and Whereas there was granted by the said Commonwealth by their Patent under the great Seal of said Commonwealth dated the twenty ninth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four for the Consideration therein mentioned did grant and Confirm unto the said Edward Cook and to his Heirs and Assigns all that the following Tract piece or Parcel of Land Contains Situate in Washington Township Fayette County aforesaid called **Mill Tract** a certain part of which here is conveyed and to be granted Bargained Sold Beginning at a Corner Cherry Tree in the line of **William Smiths Land now John Patersons [see my Comments]** thence North seventy one degrees and a quarter East thirty four perches

seven tenths to a post and South eight five degrees East fifty five perches and eight tenths to a post a Corner of Joseph Pattons Land thence along the Line of the above Tract in right of Samuel Martin North nineteen and three quarters East twenty nine perches and three tenths to a Red oak North thirty five and a half degrees West sixty eight perches to a white oak and South seventy nine degrees West one hundred and eighteen perches and a half to a post in **John Patersons Land** thence with the same South forty degrees East eighty eight perches to the Place of Beginning containing **fifty one acres** and a half with allowance of six per cent for Road **being a part of the Tract called Mill Tract aforesaid** which said Tract of Land was surveyed by Virtue of a Warrant dated the 15th day of August 1774 granted to Richard McAlister who by deed dated the 23rd day of November 1778 conveyed the same to his son [Abdiah?] McAlister who by deed dated the 8th day of December 1778 conveyed the same to the said Edward Cook in fee simple to have and to hold the said Tract Parcel of Land with the Appurtenances unto the said Edward Cook his Heirs and Assigns for ever as by said Patent roll in the Rolls Office for the State of Pennsylvania in Patent Book No. 3 page 170 Reference thereto being had may more fully and at large appear Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the aforesaid Edward Cook and Martha his wife for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and twenty five Pounds lawfull money of Pennsylvania to him in hand paid by the aforesaid Thomas Paterson before the [Ensealing?] and delivery of these Presents the Receipt whereof they hereby acknowledge the the aforesaid Edward Cook and Martha his Wife Hath granted bargained Sold released and confirmed and by these presents Doth grant bargain sell release and confirm unto the said Thomas Paterson and to his Heirs and Assigns all that **the two described Tracts of land above mentioned [Rich Hill and Mill Tract] contains being three hundred and sixty nine acres** and three quarters with allowance aforesaid as the same in above set forth and described Together with all and Singular the Houses and Houses Buildings Barns Meadows Ways Woods Waters Watercourses Rights Members Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said two described Tracts of Land of three Hundred Sixty nine acres and three quarters acres. Premises belonging or in any wise appertaining and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents [illegible] and Profits thereof and also all the Estate Rights Title Interest Property Possession Claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Edward Cook and Martha his wife and their Heirs of in and to the aforesaid Tracts of Land and every part thereof with the appurtenances To have and to hold the aforesaid two Tracts Containing three hundred and sixty nine acres and three quarters of Land and premises hereby mentioned or intended so to be and every part thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Thomas Paterson his Heirs and Assigns to the only Use and Behalf of the said Thomas Paterson his Heirs and Assigns forever and the aforesaid Edward Cook and Martha his Wife doth for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators and every of them doth Covenant and agree to and with the said Thomas Paterson his Heirs and Assigns that the above described two Tracts of Land Containing three hundred and sixty nine acres and three quarters with the Appurtenances unto the said Thomas Patterson his Heirs and Assigns from and against him the said Edward and Martha and his Heirs and against all and every other Person or persons claiming or to claim by from or under him or any of them shall and will Warrant and forever defend defend [sic] In Which whereof the said Edward

Cook and Martha his Wife have hereunto set their Hands and Seals this day and Year above Written.

Edw Cook [signed] [SEAL]

Martha Cook [signed] [SEAL]

Signed sealed and delivered in Presence of Joseph Reynolds, **Alexander Patterson** Received the twenty second day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight the above sum of four hundred and twenty five Pounds full for the Consideration herein mentioned say Received by me

Edw Cook

Fayette County

Personally appeared before me one of the Commonwealths Justices for said County Edward Cook and Martha his Wife (she being first examined apart from her Husband) and acknowledged the within deed Conveyance to be their act [illegible] that the same may be Recorded under my Hand

John Allen

Recorded & Compared the 29th day of May 1789 [sic]

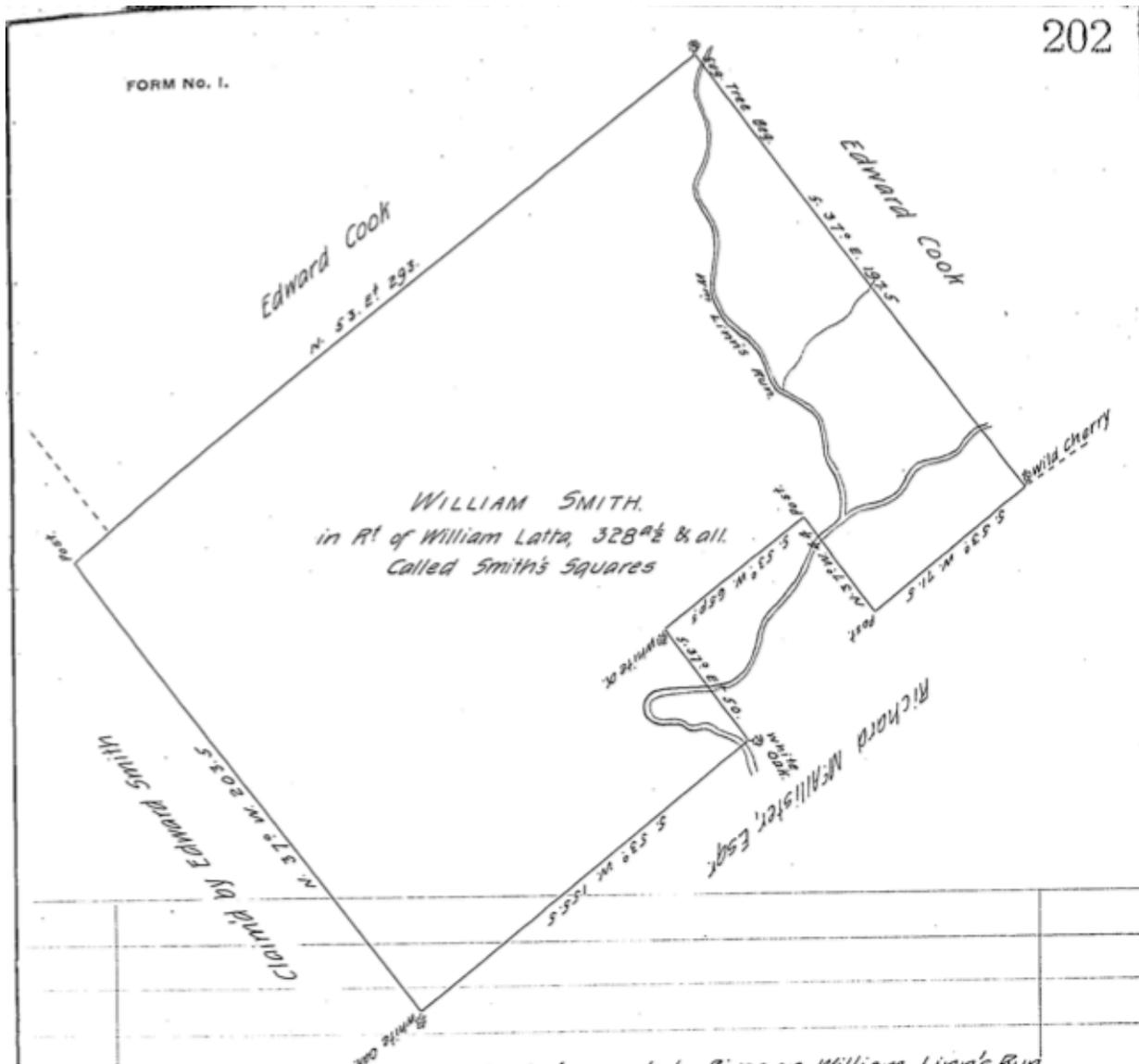
***Janice's Comments on the 1788 Deed in which
Edward Cook sold 369 acres to Thomas Patterson Sr.***

This deed shows that in 1788 Thomas Sr. bought a total of 369 acres from Edward Cook. These 369 acres came from two different tracts owned by Cook: (1) 318 & $\frac{1}{4}$ acres came from a tract called "Rich Hill" and (2) 51 & $\frac{1}{2}$ acres came from *part* of a tract called "Mill Tract."

There is no confusion regarding the "Rich Hill" tract. The Patent Index shows that this 318-acre tract had changed hands several times, but had never been subdivided. Edward Cook ended up with the patent 29 Dec 1784 (*Patent Bk. P3, p. 171*) for 318 acres, and he sold it all to Thomas Sr.

However, regarding the "Mill Tract" there are some questions. The deed says that this tract was "Surveyed by Warrant dated the 15th day of August 1774 granted to Richard McAlister who by deed dated the 23rd day of November 1778 conveyed the same to his son [Abdiah?] McAlister who by deed dated the 8th day of December 1778 conveyed the same to the said Edward Cook." Cook, then, sold a part of the tract--51 acres--to Thomas Sr. Nowhere in this deed is the original size of the tract stated. Fortunately, warrant, survey and patent indexes are on-line at www.phmc.state.pa. Here, in the Warrant Index, we see that Richard McAllister warranted 300 acres on 15 Aug 1774 (*Fayette Co. Warrant #103*). The Warrant Index refers us to the book and page in which the survey was copied: C118, 270. This Warrant Index also tells us that the patent was granted to Edward Cook on 27 Dec 1784 (*Patent Bk. P3, p. 170*). The survey map recorded in Survey Bk. C118, p. 270 is below:

Westmoreland in 1783. Page 94 of the on-line Warrant Index for *Cumberland Co.* tells us that Warrant #117 was granted to William Latta for 100 acres on 28 June 1770. The warrant location is given as “Yough [Youghiogheny] R. [River].” Written in the columns where one usually sees the name of the patentee and the date of the patent is: “(See Wrt. [Warrant] to Accept-No. 89 “P” Westmoreland Co.)” **No Patent Book entry is given.** Survey was recorded in Bk. C157, p. 202. So now we can find the survey map for this tract, which follows. And what is the name of this tract? It is “**Smith’s Squares.**” (See Chapter III, on Thomas Sr.’s son John, for the significance of all this.)



The description given beneath the survey map, for this “Smith’s Squares” tract warranted 28 June 1770 to William Latta, is: “Situated on the East Side of the Monongahela River on William Linn’s Run formerly Bedford, now Westmoreland County and Survey’d the 20th day of November 1772, in pursuance of an Order No. 1448, dated the 3d day of April 1769, and a Warrant for 100 [acres] dated the 28th of June

1770.” But note that the number of acres on the survey map is 328 & ½ acres—not 100 acres.

Now, as stated above, the *Warrant Index* give no patentee name. However, the *Patent Index* does give us the name. Patent Book P3, p. 268 shows that on 6 Apr 1785 one **John Patterson** patented this 328-acre tract called “Smith’s Squares.” This John Patterson is definitely Thomas Sr.’s son. There is no doubt about this. See John’s chapter (Chapter III) where this acreage is accounted for in the number of acres on which John was taxed on various tax lists. Consistent with *Warrant Index* information, the *Patent Index* shows that this tract had been warranted 28 June 1770 to William Latta.

Why am I running on and on about a tract called “Smith’s Squares” that adjoined the tract purchased by Thomas Sr. in 1788? Because of another Cumberland County deed involving a William Smith and a John Patterson. And this deed is for a tract with a name so similar to “Mill Tract” (a part of which Thomas Sr. purchased, as per the above transcription) that it just has to be mentioned. Despite the fact that it is so very, very complicated.

In 1780, I believe John, Thomas Sr.’s son, was living in Washington Twp. in *Cumberland Co.*, PA. (Washington Twp. was created from Antrim Twp. in 1779.) And I believe it was either this John, or his *father-in-law* (also named John Patterson!) who purchased a 312-acre tract called “**The Mill Seat.**” This tract was located in what was then Westmoreland Co., PA. (It is possible that the land became part of Fayette Co., PA when Fayette Co. was created from Westmoreland in 1783. But that is yet to be determined.)

At any rate, Westmoreland Co. Deed Book A, Part I, p. 221 records the sale in 1780 of this 312-acre “Mill Seat” tract, located in “the Forks of the Yough & Monongahela” in Westmoreland County (later to Fayette County?) to “John Patterson of Washington Township in the County [Cumberland] and State [Pennsylvania] aforesaid.” The grantors were “Abraham Smythe and John Johnston, Executors of the estate of **William Smith**, deceased.”

This is why the deed transcribed above refers to one of the boundaries of the land being purchased in 1788 by Thomas Sr., as “William Smiths land now John Pattersons.”

This makes me wonder if “The Mill Seat Tract” is the same piece of land that came to be known as “Smith’s Squares.” William Smith is said to have owned both of them; John Patterson is said to have bought both of them. One was described as 312 acres, the other as 328 acres. Were these two separate tracts, or was there just one tract that underwent a “name change”?

Here’s what I think: John, Thomas Sr.’s son, married Jane Patterson, daughter of another John Patterson. John and Jane, plus Jane’s father, moved from Lancaster Co. to Cumberland Co. prior to the Rev. War. It was John Patterson the elder who bought the Mill Seat Tract in the “Forks of the Yough” from William Smith’s executors in 1780. I think this “Mill Seat Tract” might have been in present-day Lincoln Twp., Allegheny Co. as posited by the guy who made that post. In 1783 I think that the John Patterson taxed on 300 acres in Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., was John Patterson the elder (Jane’s father), and the 300 acres he was taxed on was “The Mill Seat” tract. At the time of this 1783 list (just prior to the formation of Fayette Co. later in the year) included land that became Washington Twp., Fayette Co., and that in 1786 became part of Allegheny Co. The seven white inhabitants in the household of John Patterson in Rostraver in 1783 were:

John the elder, his wife, his daughter Jane, Jane's husband (John Patterson, son of Thomas Sr.), John the younger's son, Thomas, and two other persons not identified.

Then, in 1785, I think it might have been John the elder (Jane's father) who patented "Smith's Squares" in present-day Washington Twp., Fayette Co. Sometime shortly thereafter I think John the elder died, and by some agreement *not found in a will or deed record*, his daughter, Jane, and her husband, John (son of Thomas Sr.) gained possession of this land.

So in 1785 the John Patterson being taxed on land in Washington, Fayette Co., was John, son of Thomas Sr. He was being taxed on the "Smith's Squares" tract, about 300 acres, that his father-in-law had owned. This would explain the 1814 land agreement in which John Patterson (Thomas Sr.'s son and Jane Patterson's husband) agreed to provide title to ½ of the 300 acres on which his "son" William Patterson (my ggg grandfather) was then living. This 1814 agreement has some strange wording. John agrees to "make over to him the said William a sufficient title" for the 150 acres that is "one half of said plantation in fee Simple as his share of dowry rite." Now, the phrase "dowry rite" would infer that William, John's "son" was the son of his wife by a previous marriage, and that William's father had owned the land. However, it seems apparent that John Patterson wrote this legal instrument himself, and was using legal terms with which he was not familiar. I think that John Patterson realized that since he had come into the 300 acres of the "Smith's Squares" tract via his wife's father; and since his wife, Jane, had died some years before; and since his "son" William was by profession a miller and had probably been working at this trade on the "Mill Seat" tract; then he, John (son of Thomas Sr.) felt obligated to give William title to one-half of this land. I believe that in 1814, when this agreement was dated, John's other sons had left the area and that is why only "son William" was part of this agreement.

Further, I believe that despite John's good intentions, he began to have financial troubles and so was never able to make good this "promise" to his "son." Instead, in 1817, John sold some of the acres to Robert Galloway, after which he was left with only 200 acres. In 1820 John lost these remaining 200 acres in a Sheriff's Sale. Despite the 1814 agreement, which was to be binding on his "heirs Executor or administrator" John's son William got nothing. Instead, William's brother (Thomas), and William's sister (Susannah) and William's niece (Sarah, Susannah's daughter) ended up with the land. They had hired an agent, John Robinson, to buy back the land sold in the 1820 Sheriff's Sale. In 1820, then, the title to this land (some of which belonged rightly to William) was held jointly by: John's son, Thomas; John's daughter, Susannah; and Susannah's daughter, Sarah. Then, in 1831, Thomas sold his share to his niece Sarah, who by that time had married Dr. Thomas Nichol. Later in 1831 Susannah, Sarah's mother, also sold her share to her daughter's husband, Dr. Thomas Nichol. Thus, in 1831, John's granddaughter—Sarah—and her husband—Dr. Thomas Nichol—held title to the entire tract. Then, in 1832 (probably soon after John's death), Sarah and her husband Dr. Thomas Nichol sold this land to Joseph and Jacob Houseman. William got nothing.

Thomas Sr. grants land to his son John Patterson, Esq. in 1797

Fayette County Deed Book D, p. 24 – recorded 24 June 1797

“This indenture made this **seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven** by and between Thomas Paterson of Washington Township Fayette County and state of Pennsylvania of the one part and John Paterson Esquire his son of the same place of the other part Witnesseth that whereas the Supreme Executive Council of said Commonwealth by their patent bearing date the twenty ninth day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four did grant unto Edward Cook Esquire for the Consideration therein mentioned three hundred and Eighteen acres and one [illegible] of Land situate on the head Waters of [Lyons creek?] called **Rich hill** with the usual allowances and Whereas the said Edward Cook Esquire by his deed bearing date the second day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight conveyed the same to Thomas Paterson aforesaid as by said Conveyance recorded in this office for that purpose in said County Book A on pages 267 & 268 on the twenty ninth May 1789 [will more fully and at large appear?]. [Now?] this indenture setting forth that for and in Consideration of one hundred pounds to me in hand paid by **my son John Paterson Esq.** and for other good Causes and Considerations have granted bargained and sold unto the said John and by my [illegible] presents do Grant bargain sell [illegible] and Confirm **unto the said John the full quantity of fifty acres** one half and thirty perches being a part of the aforesaid tract of [illegible words] Beginning on a [pool? point?] on John Wilsons [illegible] south forty Eight degrees west forty nine [forward?] to [Stones house and?] other land of the said John Patterson Esqr. south forty degrees [illegible] one hundred and seventy one perches [illegible]...[long description of boundaries of land—nearly all illegible]...to the said John Paterson Esq. My son to his heirs and Assigns to be for the [proper?] use and [illegible] of the said John his heirs and Assigns forever and do Warrant and defend the same against me and my [illegible] who Claim or Shall Claim Subject [illegible] the one fifth of all Gold or Silver for the use of the Commonwealth to be delivered at the first month Clear of changes in [illegible] of which I have hereunto set my hand and my seal [illegible].

Thomas Patterson [signed] [seal]

Sealed and confirmed in presence of us

Edw. Cook John Paterson Esq.

[another name, illegible]

Received the 8th day of April 1797 the sum of one hundred pounds in full of the consideration from my son.

Thomas Patterson [signed]

Before me one of the judges of the Court of Common please came the above named Thomas Paterson [**here someone has written in – *incorrectly* – “junior” in very small letters, after “Paterson”**] and acknowledged the above Conveyance to be his and said Deed in order [illegible] **14th Day of April 1797.**

Edw. Cook

*Janice's Comments on the 1797 Deed in which
Thomas Sr. grants 50 acres to his son, John Patterson Esq.*

In this document, sometimes the name was spelled “Paterson” and sometimes “Patterson.” I have preserved original spellings.

Since Thomas Sr. owned land in both Washington Twp., Fayette Co., and in Rostraver Twp., Westmoreland Co., there is reference in the deed books of both counties to his land transactions. It is important to consider that, at this time—before typewriters had been invented—a man had to bring in his deed; then, someone at the courthouse had to *copy* it into the deed books *by hand*. During this copying process, errors were often made as can be seen by examining the deed recorded in Westmoreland Co. Deed Book 16, p. 539, which also speaks of the history of this *same tract*, Rich Hill: “Deed Thomas Patterson Senr to John Patterson likewise the said Commonwealth by patent dated the 29th day of December 1784 did grant a certain tract of land “Rich hill,” situate in Washington Township aforesaid to Edward Cook, who by deed dated the 22nd [sic—it was “2nd” in above deed] of April 1778 [sic—copyist wrote “1778” instead of “1788”!] did convey the same to Thomas Patterson Senr....”

Thomas Sr. grants land to his son Thomas Jr. in 1797

Fayette County Deed Book D, p. 24 – recorded 26 June 1797

“This indenture made the **thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven** by and between Thomas Patterson Senior of Fayette County and state of Pennsylvania of the one part and Thomas Patterson of the same place of the other part Witnesseth that whereas the Supreme Executive Council of said Commonwealth by their patent bearing date the twenty ninth day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four for the Consideration of the sum therein mentioned did grant unto Edward Cook Esquire a certain tract of Land situate on the waters of Lynn’s [creek?] in Washington township Fayette County and state aforesaid Called **rich hill** recorded in the said office in said state in Patent Book [W.?] page [illegible] and whereas the said Edward Cook Esqr. by his deed bearing date [second?] April 1788 conveyed the same to the said Thomas Paterson senior recorded in the office for recording deeds for said County in Book A page 267 and 268 . [illegible]...more fully and at large appears now this Indenture. Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds paid unto me by **my Son Thomas Patterson Junr.** the right whereof I do hereby acknowledge and for other Good Causes have by the presents granted bargained and sold and do grant bargain sell and Confirm **unto my said son Thomas Paterson forty nine acres** three quarters and twenty one perches being part of the above said tract of land Beginning at a portion a corner [sic] of John Paterson’s and John Wilson’s land thence north forty-five degrees east one hundred and thirty nine perches to a White Oak corner of John Flack’s land thence [illegible] thence to a post in a corner of John Paterson’s and John Wilson’s land thence [by?] Lands of the said Thomas senr. South forty-five degrees east one hundred and sixty one perches to a white oak stump thence north sixty three Degrees west eight six and a half perches to a post thence south seventy seven degrees west one hundred and thirty three perches and seven tenths to a Dogwood and thence north forty one degrees west seven perches and six tenths to the place of Beginning containing forty nine acres three quarters and twenty one perches aforesaid with all its [illegible] woods waters [sic]. [Illegible] and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining unto my said son Thomas to have and to hold and to be for the [illegible] and behalf of the said Thomas his heirs and assigns forever and further I do warrant and defend the same against all persons Claiming the same in virtue of these presents Subject [illegible] to one fifth of all gold and silver for the use of the Commonwealth.

In testimony of which I have hereunto Set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Thomas Patterson [signed] [SEAL]

Confirmed in presence of

B[???] Gibbons

Edw. Cook

Before me one of the judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for said County came the above said Thomas Paterson Junr and acknowledge the above Conveyance to be his [illegible]...under my hand and seal this **14th day of April 1797.**

Edw. Cook [signed]

Thomas Jr.'s sons, Thomas, John & William, sell some of the land they inherited

Westmoreland Co. Deed Book 11, pp. 239-240

DEED The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Patent, bearing date the
Thomas, John & William Patterson **twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three** enrolled in the Rolls Office of said State, in
To Patent Book No. 19, Page 203, did grant and confirm **unto Thomas**
Martin Hartzell Patterson a certain tract of land **Rich Grove** partly in Rostraver Township Westmoreland County and partly in Washington Township Fayette Co., Containing two hundred and forty one and a half acres with allowances. Likewise the said Commonwealth by Patent dated the 15th day of February 1787, and enrolled in said Office in Patent Book No. 8 Page 319, did grant and confirm unto Thomas Moorhead a certain tract of land called "Moorheads Fancy," in Rostraver Township aforesaid. The said Thomas Moorhead by deed dated the year 1808, and recorded in the Office for recording of Deeds in Westmoreland County aforesaid, in Book No. 8 Page 203, did convey a apart of the last mentioned tract adjoining the first mentioned to John Moorhead, who by deed dated the twenty **seventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and two** did convey a part of the last mentioned tract **to Thomas Patterson, son of Thomas Patterson, Senr.** Aforesaid. And the said Thomas Patterson [JR] being lawfully seized in his demesne as of fee, as well of sundry other pieces and tracts of land as of the two above described, did in his life time make his last will and testament in writing bearing date the 18th of March AD 1813, which is recorded in the Register's Office in Westmoreland County in Will Book [no vol. number] Page 114, wherein and whereby he did give and devise his said several tracts and pieces of this to his three sons namely Thomas Patterson, John Patterson and William Patterson, to be equally divided amongst them. Now This Indenture Witnesseth, that the said William Patterson and Hannah his wife and likewise Thomas Patterson and John Patterson aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of Nine Hundred and Forty eight Dollars and sixty two half cents real specie of the United [sic] to them in hand paid at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, by Martin Hartzell, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and thereof acquit and forever discharge the said Martin Hartzell by these presents, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain sell, and likewise warrant, and forever defend unto the said Martin Hartzell a part of the first mentioned tract, (and the above recited purchases of John Moorhead-Beginning at a white oak, corner of Martin Lutz's land, thence with the same South, eighty six degrees East, sixty one and four tenths perches to a post, North sixty four degrees East forty nine perches to a post, North three degrees West, eighteen and three tenths perches to a post; South eight six [---] and a quarter degrees West; sixteen and six tenths perches; North thirteen degrees West, fifty nine perches along John Arthurs line to a post, thence with the same South seventy seven and a quarter degrees West, eighty perches to a post, thence with John Pattersons line South two and a half degrees East, seventy four and four tenths perches to the Beginning [sic] Containing forty seven acres and one hundred and seventeen perches strict measure – Being a part of the said William Pattersons dividend of his fathers several tracts or pieces of land situate in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County aforesaid. To have and To hold, the above described sold and transferred piece of land,, with the appurtenances, to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Martin Hartzell, his heirs and assigns forever, freely and clearly acquitted of all rights, claims demands, assignments, mortgages, Judgements, or any act or circumstances prior to the date hereof whereby a good title to the same might hereafter become embarrassed. In Witness

Whereof the granting parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the
seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord 1815. William Patterson (SEAL)
 Signed, sealed and delivered in the Hannah [Crawford?] Patterson (SEAL)
 Presence of Martin Lutz Nath'l. [Lander?] Thomas Patterson (SEAL)
 John Patterson (SEAL)

Received the day of the date of the foregoing Indenture of Martin Hartzell the sum of Nine
 Hundred and Forty eight Dollars sixty two and a half cents in full of the consideration money
 mentioned by us. William Patterson

West. County, Commonwealth of Pennsylv. Before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the
 Peace in and for said County, personally appeared Wm. Patterson and Hannah his wife Thomas
 Patterson and John Patterson, who acknowledged the foregoing Indenture to be their act and
 deed and desired the same might be recorded as such. She being of lawful age and separately
 [sic] examined from her said husband as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal the 25th
 day of April, 1815.

Recorded May 22nd, 1815.

Joseph Finley

Thomas Jr.'s sons, Thos. & Wm., quit-claim to their brother, John in 1818

Westmoreland Co. Deed Book 16, pp. 539-540

DEED

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Thomas & Wm. Patterson

by patent under seal and signatures

to

of the constituted authorities

John Patterson

thereof dated the 28th day of February

1793 did grant a certain

tract of land of land called "**Richgrove,**" situate partly in Rostraver Township Westmoreland County, and partly in Washington Township Fayette County **to Thomas Patterson** [Thomas Jr.— see Westmoreland Deed Book 16, p. 539] likewise the said Commonwealth by patent dated the **29th day of December 1784** did grant a certain tract of land "**Rich hill,**" situate in Washington Township aforesaid to Edward Cook, who by deed dated the **22nd day of April 1788** did convey the same **to Thomas Patterson Senr.** who by deed dated the **13th day of April 1797** and also by deed dated the **fourth day of January 1802 did convey several parts [of "Rich hill"] thereof to the said Thomas Patterson Junr.** And likewise the said Commonwealth by patent dated the first day of **November 1792** did grant a certain tract of land called **Richland** and adjoining the aforesaid to Thomas Moorhead, who by deed dated the 18th day of August 1795 did convey a part thereof to Robert Cunningham who by deed dated **24th day of June 1797** did convey a part of the last mentioned part [**of Richland**] to the said **Thomas Patterson Junior.** And the said **Thomas Patterson Junior** being there lawfully [signed?] in his demesne as of fee of and in the aforesaid tracts and pieces of land did in his lifetime make his last Will and testament in writing which being duly proved is recorded in the Register's Office in Westmoreland County in Will book [no volume cited] page 114 wherein and whereby among other things he did give and devise all his land estate **to his three sons namely Thomas, John and William Patterson** to be equally divided amongst them. Now this Indenture witnesseth that in order to establish lines of partition, and in consequence of **John Patterson and Margaret his wife*** [this is NOT Esq. John, who was married to "Jennet"!] signing and acknowledging a deed to each of his said brothers for their respective divisions of their late Father Thomas Patterson's land estate and for this further sum of eight hundred dollars, by the said John Patterson to the said William Patterson in hand paid, the receipt whereof the said William Patterson doth hereby acknowledge, the said **Thomas Patterson and Mary his wife** [this is Thomas III] and **William Patterson and Hannnah [Crawford] his wife,** have granted, bargained, released & quit-claimed, and by these presents to grant, bargain, release and forever quit-claim **unto the said John Patterson,** all that division of their late Father's land estate beginning at a [--st] corner of Thomas Patterson's division and land of Martin Lutz, thence with the latter north fourteen and a quarter degrees east, sixty five perches to a white oak corner of Martin [Hartzell's?] land thence with the same north two and a half degrees west seventy four and seven tenths perches to a [--st] corner of John Arthur's land, thence with [---?] same north fourteen and a quarter degrees west of forty two perches to a post, corner of Samuel Flack's land, thence with the same and William Patterson's division south eighteen and a half degrees east two hundred and fifty one perches to a sugar tree in a line of Thomas Patterson's division, thence with the same north fifty two and a half degrees east one hundred twenty four and four tenths perches to the beginning, containing two hundred and three acres and fifty seven perches strict measure. To have and to hold the above described two hundred and three acres and fifty seven perches strict measure to him the said John Patterson, together with all and singular the

appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise ascertaining to the only proper use benefit and behoof [sic] of him the said John Patterson his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof the said releasing parties have hereunto to set their hands and seals the **thirteenth day of January Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.**

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presence of
Kenneth [Zokes?] – John Wright

Thomas Patterson (SEAL)
Mary Patterson (SEAL)
William Patterson (SEAL)
Hannah Patterson (SEAL)

Westmoreland County S.S. Before me the subscribers one of the Justices of the Peace and for said County personally appeared the [with--- -----] releasing parties and acknowledged the [with---] instrument of writing to be their act and deed, and desired the same to be recorded as such, the said Mary and Hannah being previously examined apart from heir husbands as the law in such cases requires given under my hand and seal [recorded—in Fayette Co.?] the **sixteenth day of February eighteen hundred and eighteen.**

Recorded [in Westmoreland Co.?] 19th May 1827 John Wright (SEAL)

In 1814, Thomas Sr.'s son, John, agrees to give title to 150 acres of land
“whereon I now live” to “William Patterson his son”

Fayette County Deed Book L, p. 335

Articles of agreement and Concluded on by and **between John Paterson of Washington Township**, Fayette County State of Penna. of the one part & **William Patterson his son** of the other part. Witnesseth that he the said John Patterson doath Covenant and agree and by these presents do Covenant & agree to make over to him the said William a sufficient title for **one hundred and fifty acres of Lands on the Plantation whereon I now live** to be laid of the South side of said Plantation adjoining lands of Andrew Brown and Robert Galloway the division line to begin at the Middle of the line [Miah Freeport?] thence to the head of the lane thence down the lane to the Bank of the Run then down the Run oposite the Spring called gaskels Spring thence to Henery Best's line thise to be the division line until Surveyed and funder agree that if the above described line doath not Contain the quantity of one hundred and fifty acres or more it is to be Settled by the parties either in money or land according to the true meaning of the above bargain sow that said William is to have **one half of said Plantation in fee Simple as his share of dowry rite** and funder agree that the said William is to have any Improvements that he makes on the above described land before Surveyed sow that now [no?] alteration in the line shall Enterfer or I-jure [injure?] his building [buildings?] for the true Performance of the same I bind myself my heirs Executors or administrator in the Sum of five thousand Dollars. – Witness my hand & seal this **fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord 1814.**

[Signed] John Patterson [Seal]

Fayette County – Before me the Subsscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County personaly came the above Named John Patterson and acknowledged the above bond to be his act and deed and for the within mentioned & that the same be Recorded as Such. Witness my hand & Seal this 19 day of May 1819.

Recorded & Compared the 19th May 1819

James D--?lope [Dunlap?]

CHAPTER X
TAX LISTS

***PATTERSONS listed in
Rostraver Twp., Westmoreland Co. & in
Washington Twp., Fayette Co.***

In 3 parts:

- 1. Rostraver Twp. (County) Tax Lists - 1802, 1804-1842, 1847-1855, 1861-1862**
- 2. Washington Twp. (County) Tax Lists - c. 1818 – c. 1838**
- 3. Early (State) Lists - 1783, 1785, 1786, 1800 (some include Franklin, Fayette Co.)**

TAX LISTS 1802, 1804-1842, 1847-1855 & 1861-1862 for ROSTRAVER Twp. Westmoreland Co., PA

Tax lists for Rostraver exist 1802, 1804-1842 & 1847-1855 & 1861-1862. These lists are in the "Records Management" section of the Greensburg courthouse—in the basement of the building across the street from the old courthouse, connected by a walkway. They are NOT microfilmed. The books are in horrible, crumbling condition. May 2005 Janice Rosenthal & Jo Patterson transcribed Pattersons on lists for all years, and made note of Corwins listed (see notations in red). September 2007 Janice Rosenthal & Jo Patterson returned & re-checked Pattersons & Corwins on lists for years 1802 & 1804-1821.

Upon re-examining these records 10 Sept 2007 I am convinced that the oldest book, Volume 1 (1802, 1804-1810), which is falling apart, has scrambled pages. I believe that the list labeled as 1807 is actually for 1808; the list labeled as 1808 is definitely for 1809 (because the date of "1809" is on the last page of this list); and the list labeled as 1809 is definitely for 1807 (because the date of "November 28th 1807" is written at the end of this list). My dates on the lists following allow for these corrections.

These lists were roughly alphabetized. The assessor wrote a Patterson man's in the "P" section of the list in the order that each household was visited. On my transcriptions following, I have placed spaces between clusters of Patterson men to denote a break in the consecutive listing of names.

1802 Tax List ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

<p>Robt. Patterson 199 a., 3 horse, 3 cattle Robt. Patterson, single [later m. Susannah, dau John Esq.] John Patterson, single Elijea Patterson, single Wm. Patterson, single 1 still</p>	<p>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831) Robert Sr.'s son, Robert Jr. bapt. 1773 Robert Sr.'s son, John bapt. 1775 Robert Sr.'s son, Elijah bapt. 1778 Robert Sr.'s son, William R. bapt. 1771</p>	

<p>Tho. Patterson 200 a., 3 horse, 3 cattle Widow Patterson [Eliza] 1 cattle</p>	<p>Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr. UNIDENTIFIED – See 1st NOTE below</p>	

NOTE: The 1806 list shows this widow's name to be "Eliza." Note that the will of Thomas of W. Newton (Robert Sr.'s son) does not name the widow of his deceased brother, James, but Thomas does list James' children: Hannah, Jane, Eliza. Scotch-Irish naming patterns have the third daughter named after the mother. That's why I think Eliza could be the widow of James, son of Robert Sr. of W. Newton. Or, Eliza could be the widow of Alexander, brother of Thomas Jr., s/o Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp., Fayette Co. However, in his will, Thomas Sr. refers to his son Alexander's widow as "Jane." On the other hand, "Eliza Jane" was a very common name at this time. Note, too, that Eliza is listed apart from the W. Newton Patterons, and close to Thomas Jr. (Alexander's brother). See also the "Eliza Jane Patterson, wife of James," who "died 20 Dec 1817 at age 32 y, 1m, 5d," buried at Old Laurel Hill Cemetery in Franklin, Fayette County. This sounds promising, until one considers that in 1802 the Eliza Jane buried in Old Laurel Hill Cemetery would have been only 17 years old at the time of this 1802 tax list. Of all these possibilities, because she is consistently listed next to Thomas Jr., I think it most likely that she is Alexander's widow.

NOTE: Robert Sr.'s son, Samuel, is not listed on any Rostraver tax lists because, by 1797, he had married Hannah Patterson (d/o James Sr. of Franklin, Fayette Co.) and had moved to Dunbar Twp., Fayette Co. (where he is listed on censuses 1800, 1810 and 1820).

1803 Tax List ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

(These records no longer exist.)

1804 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

<p>Robert Paterson 199 a., 3 horse, 3 cattle Robert Paterson, single [Note he is gone in 1805] John Paterson, single Elija Paterson, single Wm. Paterson, single</p>	<p>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831) Robert Sr.'s son, Robert, bapt. 1773 Robert Sr.'s son, John R., bapt. 1775 Robert Sr.'s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778 Robert Sr.'s son, William R., bapt. 1771</p>	

Widow Paterson [Eliza] no land; 1 cattle
Thomas Paterson 200 a., 2 horses, 3 cattle

UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above
Thomas Sr.’s son, Thomas Jr. bapt. 1757

NOTE: Why isn’t Thomas b. 1782, s/o Robert Sr. of W. Newton, on this tax list? He’d be 22 years old.

1805 (9 Apr) Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

Eliza Patterson, Widow no property
Thos. Patterson 100 a. [sic]
James Patterson “from Peter B—rgan”

UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above
Thomas Sr.’s son, Thomas Jr. bapt. 1757
UNIDENTIFIED – see 1st NOTE below

Wm. Patterson Jr. no land, 1 cattle
Robert Patterson Sr. 300 a., 4 horses, 3 cattle
Jno. Patterson no property
Elijah Patterson no property
Wm. Patterson no land, 2 cattle, 2 horses

William b. abt. 1784 (See 2nd NOTE below)
Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)
Robert Sr.’s son, John R., bapt. 1775
Robert Sr.’s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778
Robert Sr.’s son, William R., bapt. 1771

Jno. Patterson s.m. [single] no land, 1 horse, 2 cattle

UNIDENTIFIED - s/o John Esq.? See 3rd NOTE

NOTE: When Robert Sr. came to Rostraver about 1794, his eldest son, James (bapt. 1766), stayed behind in Drumore, Lancaster Co., PA. Then, about 1801 James left the Drumore tax lists. Eventually, James ended up in Ohio. I wonder if, before going further west, James stopped in Rostraver for a time. (See my “Robert Patterson (c. 1737-1830)...” paper. On the other hand, this James is listed next to Thomas Jr., so it doesn’t feel right to identify James as son of Robert Sr.

NOTE: The “Jr.” appended to a name on a tax list does NOT mean that the person is the son of a man of the same name. It simply means that there is an older man (not necessarily related) in the neighborhood, of the same name. “Our” William was younger than the other William in the township—that’s all the “Jr.” means.

NOTE: Thomas Jr. had a son named John, but that John was b. 1786, so would have been only age 19 at the time of this list. If this John is not Thomas Jr.’s son, then he is perhaps son of John Esq. of Washington Twp. It has not been proved that John Esq. had a son named John, but it is certainly possible. See my “Thomas Patterson Sr. (c. 1724-1822)...” paper. John Esq. was a blacksmith, and note that on the 1806 list this John is listed as a blacksmith. I’d guess this John is son of John Esq.

NOTE: Again I wonder: Why isn’t Thomas b. 1782, s/o Robert Sr. of W. Newton, on this tax list?

1806 (13 Feb) Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

Eliza Patterson, Widow 1 cattle [she is gone by 1807]
Thomas Patterson 100 a., 3 horses, 4 cattle
1757

UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above
Thomas Sr.’s son, Thomas Jr., bapt.

James Patterson 200 a. “land transferred from
[illegible] to Edw. Cook”

UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above

William Patterson Jr. no land, 1 cattle
[The word “removed” next to William’s name was crossed out.]

“Our” William born abt. 1784

Robert Patterson Sr. 300 a., 4 horses, 4 cattle
John Patterson, single no property
Elijah Patterson, single no property
William Patterson no land, 2 horses, 2 cattle

Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)
Robert Sr.’s son, John R., bapt. 1775
Robert Sr.’s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778
Robert Sr.’s son, William, bapt. 1771

John Patterson, blacksmith no land
NOTE above?

UNIDENTIFIED (s/o John Esq.) – see

NOTE: Again: Why isn’t Thomas b. 1782, s/o Robert Sr. of W. Newton, on this tax list? He finally appears 1807.

1807 (28 Nov) Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

(labeled in Vol. 1 of the tax books, incorrectly, as being for 1809)

Thomas Patterson 1757	100 a., 5 horses, 2 cattle	Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr., bapt.
William Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow	"Our" William
Thomas Patterson	single man; no property	Robert Sr.'s son, Thomas, b. 1783

John Patterson, bksmith above	no land, 1 horse, 2 cattle	UNIDENTIFIED (s/o John Esq.?) – see NOTES
Robert Patterson	300 a., 5 horses, 4 cattle	Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)
John Patterson, single man	no property	Robert Sr.'s son, John R., bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson, single man	no property	Robert Sr.'s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778

NOTE: The unidentified widow Eliza is gone. If she's the one who died 1817, buried in Old Laurel Hill Cemetery, she's still alive—somewhere.

NOTE: The unidentified James is gone.

NOTE: Robert Sr.'s son, William is now gone. He has married and moved to Elizabeth, Allegheny Co.

1808 ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

(labeled incorrectly in Vol. 1 of the tax books as being for 1807)

Thomas Patterson 1757	100 a., 5 horses, 2 cattle	Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr., bapt.
William Patterson	no land, 1 horse, 1 cattle	"Our" William
Thos. Patterson, single	no property	Robert Sr.'s son, Thomas, b. 1783

Jno. Patterson, blsmith above	no land, 1 horse, 2 cattle	UNIDENTIFIED (s/o John Esq.?) – see NOTES
Robert Patterson	300 a., 5 horses, 4 cattle	Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)
Jno. Patterson, single	no property	Robert Sr.'s son, John R., bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson, single	no property	Robert Sr.'s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778

NOTE: Robert Sr.'s son, Thomas, is missing again.

1809 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

Thomas Patterson	100 a., 3 horses, 2 cattle	Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr. bapt. 1757
William Patterson, single, blacksmith	1 horse	Robert Sr.'s son, Wm., bapt. 1771
William Patterson	72 a., 1 horse, 1 cattle	"Our" William
Thomas Patterson, single	no property [age 27]	Robert Sr.'s son, Thomas, b. 1782

Robert Patterson	300 a., 4 horses, 3 cattle	Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)
John Patterson, single	no property	Robert Sr.'s son, John R., bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson, single	no property	Robert Sr.'s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778

NOTE: The unidentified blacksmith, John, is now gone.

1810 (1 Feb) Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

<i>Thomas Patterson</i>	<i>100 a., 3 horses, 2 cattle</i>	<i>Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr. bapt 1757</i>
<i>William Patterson, <u>single</u>, blacksmith</i>	<i>1 horse</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, Wm., bapt. 1771_</i>
<i>William Patterson</i>	<i>72 a., 1 horse, 1 cattle</i>	<i>"Our" William [also, see 1810 census]</i>
<i>Thomas Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, Thomas, b. 1782</i>

<i>Robert Patterson</i>	<i>300 a., 4 horses, 3 cattle</i>	<i>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)</i>
<i>John Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, John R., bapt. 1775</i>
<i>Elijah Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778</i>

1811 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

<i>William Patterson</i>	<i>73 a., 2 horse, 1 cow</i>	<i>"Our" William</i>
<i>Thomas Patterson, Senr.</i>	<i>150 a., 4 horse, 3 cow, 2 stills</i>	<i>Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr. bapt. 1757</i>
<i>Thomas Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Thomas III, son of Thomas Jr., b. 1784</i>

<i>Robt. Patterson</i>	<i>300 a., 4 horse, 3 cow, 2 stills</i>	<i>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)</i>
<i>John Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, John R., bapt. 1775</i>
<i>Elija Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778</i>
<i>Thomas Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, Thomas, b. 1782</i>
<i>Wm. Patterson, bsmith</i>	<i>1 horse, 1 cow</i>	<i>UNIDENTIFIED (s/o Alex.?) – see 1st Note below</i>

NOTE: As explained in a note after the 1807 list, this cannot be William, s/o Robert Sr. That William married Susannah Patterson (d/o James of South Huntingdon), and moved to Elizabeth, Allegheny Co.. He heads a household there on the 1810 census, and already has 3 sons and a daughter by 1810. This might be Thomas Jr.'s son, William, but that William was born 1792 so would only be about 19 years old at the time of this tax list. One slim possibility is that this is the son of John Esq. of Washington Twp. John Esq. was a blacksmith. However, John Esq. called "our" William "son" in an 1814 land agreement. Even if John Esq. had a natural-born son named William, and also adopted another son named William, one would think the relationship to the William of the 1914 land agreement, in this case, would have been better specified. The best possibility, in my opinion, is that this William is the son of Thomas Sr.'s deceased son, Alexander. William was the son of Alexander named first in the will of his grandfather, Thomas Sr., perhaps signifying that Thomas was Alexander's oldest son. If so, Alexander's son, William, would probably have been 21 years old by 1811.

NOTE: Thomas "Senr." above is the Thomas I identify in my papers as Thomas "Jr.," son of Thomas Sr. of Washington, Fayette County. On this tax list he is the elder of two Thomas Pattersons in the township, so "Senr." has been appended to his name.

1812 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

<i>William Patterson</i>	<i>73 a., 2 horses, 1 cow</i>	<i>"Our" William</i>
<i>Thomas Patterson Sr. [Jr.]</i>	<i>150 a., 4 horses, 3 cows, 2 stills</i>	<i>Thomas Sr.'s son, Thomas Jr. bapt. 1757</i>
<i>Thomas Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Thomas Jr.'s son, Thomas III b. 1784</i>

<i>Robert Patterson</i>	<i>300 a., 2 stills, 1 horse, 1 cow</i>	<i>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)</i>
<i>John Patterson, ("Single" is crossed out)</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, John R., bapt. 1775</i>
<i>Elijah Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778</i>
<i>Thomas Patterson, single</i>	<i>no property</i>	<i>Robert Sr.'s son, Thomas, b. 1782</i>
<i>Wm. Patterson, blksmith</i>	<i>1 horse, 1 cow "gon" [he left]</i>	

NOTE: The unidentified William Patterson, blacksmith, is now "gone."

1813 (26 Feb) Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

William Patterson	73 a., 2 horses, 1 cow	“Our” William
Thomas Patterson Sr.[Jr.]	150 a., 4 horses, 3 cattle, 2 stills	Thomas Sr.’s son, Thomas Jr. bapt. 1757
Thomas Patterson, single	no property	Thomas Jr.’s son, Thomas III b. 1784
Robert Patterson	440 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, stills	Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)
John Patterson (“Single” is crossed out)	1 horse	Robert Sr.’s son, John R., bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson, single	1 horse	Robert Sr.’s son, Elijah, bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson, single	1 horse	Robert Sr.’s son, Thomas, b. 1782

1814 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

“Our” William is gone from Rostraver. I believe he removed to Washington Twp., Fayette Co., to live on land John Esq. gave him right to live on, in 1814 “articles of agreement.”

Washington Twp. tax lists do not exist prior to 1820; William appears on 1820 census there.

William does not return to Rostraver tax lists until 1838.

Jno. Patterson Jr., single	150 a.	Thomas Jr.’s son John b. 1786
Thos. Patterson “son of Thos.,” single	no property	Thomas Jr.’s son Thomas III b. 1784

James Patterson, single	no property	UNIDENTIFIED b. abt. 1793 – see 1st NOTE below
Wm. Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow	Thomas Jr.’s son Wm. C. b. 1792

Robert Patterson	440 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, stills	Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)
Elijah Patterson, single	no property	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah, bapt. 1778
Thos. Patterson, single	no property	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782
Jno. Patterson	1 horse, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John R. bapt. 1775

NOTE: The placement of this James next to Thomas Jr.’s son makes me think James is son of Alexander (deceased son of Thomas Sr.). Since James first appears on this 1814 list he was probably born about 1793, which makes him the right age to be the James named second as the son of Alexander in his grandfather’s (Thomas Sr.’s) will.

NOTE: Thomas Jr. (son of Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp.) died in 1813. In Thomas Jr.’s will he left all his land to his three sons: Thomas, John & William. Note that the William above with 1 horse and 1 cow is NOT our William; he is son of Thomas Jr. Since Thomas Jr.’s son, William, was born 1792 he would have turned 21 in 1814 and this explains his first appearance on a tax list. So “Our” William left Rostraver after the 1813 list, and Thomas Jr.’s son, William, is listed in 1814. Very confusing.

1815 (27 Feb) Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson, single	150 acres, 185-gal stills, 1 horse, 1 cow	Thomas Jr.’s son John b. 1786
Thomas Patterson “son of Thos.” Single	“gone”	Thomas Jr.’s son Thomas III b. 1784
James Patterson, single	“gone”	UNIDENTIFIED (s/o Alex.?) see NOTE above
William Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow	Thomas Jr.’s son Wm. C. b. 1792

Robert Patterson	440 a., 3 horses, 2 cows, stills	Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)
Elijah Patterson, single	no property	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson, single	no property	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782
John Patterson	1 horse, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John R. bapt. 1775

Matthew Patterson	3 horses	UNIDENTIFIED – see 1st NOTE below
Samuel Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow	UNIDENTIFIED – see 1st NOTE below

NOTE: See my “Mathew Patterson of Westmoreland & Washington counties, PA” paper. I cannot at this time link Mathew (or Samuel, who I think was closely related to Matthew) to any Patterson line that I’ve studied.

NOTE: Thomas Jr.’s son, William, is gone from Rostraver by 1816. He, too, went from Rostraver to Washington, Fayette Co. about the same time that “our” William did! I figured this out (finally) from info in the will of Peter Patterson of Washington Twp., Fayette Co., written in 1818, in which he appoints William Patterson, “my trusty and well beloved neighbor (son in law of Martha Crawford)” as his executor. The William who married Hannah Crawford was William, son of Thomas Jr. Thus this William above is NOT “our” William as I had once supposed, but is William C. Patterson (b. 1792), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. William C. is the William who married Hannah Crawford, daughter of George & Martha Crawford.

1816 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	150 acres, stills, 1 horse, 1 cow	<i>Thomas Jr.’s son John b. 1786</i>

Robert Patterson	440 a., 3 horses, 2 cows, stills	<i>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)</i>
Elijah Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778</i>
Thomas Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782</i>
John Patterson	1 horse, 2 cows	<i>Robert Sr.’s son John R. bapt. 1775</i>

Matthew Patterson	2 horses, 1 cow	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above</i>
Samuel Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above</i>

NOTE: The first John on this list, Thomas Jr.’s son, is not longer single because he married Margaret Thompson in 1815. They moved to Guernsey Co., OH in 1827.

1817 (21 Apr) Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 185 gal stils, 5 horses, 3 cows	<i>Thomas Jr.’s son John b. 1786</i>

Robert Patterson	300 a., 4 horses, 2 cows	<i>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)</i>
John Patterson	140 a., 2 horses, 1 cow	<i>Robert Sr.’s son John R. bapt. 1775</i>

Elijah Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778</i>
Thomas Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782</i>

Mathew Patterson	3 horses, 1 cow	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above</i>
Samuel Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above</i>

1818 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

John Paterson Jr.	150 a., 185 gal stills, 4 horses, 2 cows	<i>Thomas Jr.’s son John b. 1786</i>

Robert Paterson	300 a., 4 horses, 2 cows, 150 gal stills	<i>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)</i>
John Patterson	140 a., 2 horses, 1 cow	<i>Robert Sr.’s son John R. bapt. 1775</i>

Elijah Paterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778</i>
Thomas Paterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782</i>

Mathew Paterson	2 horses, 1 cow	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above</i>
Samuel Paterson	1 horse, 1 cow	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above</i>

1819 (10 Nov) Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 185 gal stills, 3 horses, 1 cow	<i>Thomas Jr.'s son John b. 1786</i>

Robert Patterson	300 a., horses, 4 cows, 150 gal stills	<i>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)</i>
John Patterson	140 a., 2 horses, 1 cow	<i>Robert Sr.'s son John R. bapt. 1775</i>

Elijah Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778</i>
Thomas Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782</i>

Mathew Patterson	2 horses, 2 cows	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above</i>
Samuel Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow	<i>UNIDENTIFIED - see NOTE above</i>

1820 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

Mathew Patterson	2 horses, 1 cow	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above</i>
Robert Patterson	299 a., 2 150 gal stills, 3 horses, 5 cows	<i>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)</i>

Elijah Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778</i>

Thomas Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782</i>

John Patterson Sr.	141 a., 2 horses, 3 cows	<i>Robert Sr.'s son John bapt. 1775</i>
John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 1 75 gal still, 3 horses, 2 cows	<i>Thomas Jr.'s son John b. 1786</i>

NOTE: Note that Samuel is not listed. I believe he has died. I think he “Widow Patterson,” head of household on the 1820 Rostraver census, is the widow of this Samuel. Matthew remains, but is gone by 1823.

1821 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

Matthew Patterson	2 horses, 1 cow	<i>UNIDENTIFIED - see NOTE above</i>
Robert Patterson	299 a., 2 150 gal stills, 3 horses, 5 cattle	<i>Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)</i>
Elijah Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778</i>

Thomas Patterson, single	no property	<i>Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782</i>

John Patterson Sr.	141 a. land	<i>Robert Sr.'s son John R. bapt. 1775</i>
John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 1 75 gal still, 3 horses, 2 cattle	<i>Thomas Jr.'s son John b. 1786</i>

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Patterson names typed below on Rostraver tax lists after 1821 are not typed up in “groups” as was the case with names 1802-1821. This is because in 2007 I ran out of time and could not amend my original (2003) transcription to include such groupings.

1822 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

Matthew Patterson	3 horses, 1 cow	UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE above
Robert Patterson	299 a., 2 150-gal stills, 3 horses, 5 cows	Robert Sr. of W. Newton (1736-1831)
[A note written at this point on the page, after Robert, says “See Elijah & John s.m. Patterson.” Then, following this note, are the names Elijah s.m. and Thomas s.m.—which have been crossed out.]		
John Patterson Senr.	141 a., 2 horses, 3 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 1 75-gal still, 3 horses, 2 cows	Thomas Jr.’s son John b. 1786
Elijah Patterson, single	150 a., 2 150-gal stills, 1 horse	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson, single	150 a., 3 horses, 5 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782

1823 Tax List, ROSTRAVER TWP., Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	140 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson	150 a., 1 150-gal still, 4 horses, 3 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson, single	150 a.	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782
Robert Patterson Junr.	1 horse, 1 cow	UNIDENTIFIED – see 1st NOTE below
John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 1 75-gal still, 3 horses, 3 cows	Thomas Jr.’s son John b. 1786

NOTE: This is Robert Patterson Jr.’s first appearance on the Rostraver tax lists, suggesting that he was born about 1802. None of Thomas Jr.’s descendants were named Robert. This unidentified Robert Jr. might belong in Robert Sr.’s family of Pattersons. However, I cannot say whose son he was. Notice below that this Robert leaves the Rostraver tax lists after 1828.

I can say whose son he was NOT, however: (1) He was not son of James, s/o Robert Sr. The will of Thomas, James’ brother, lists the children of his deceased brother James as: Hannah, Jane & Eliza. (2) He cannot be son of Robert Jr., s/o Robert Sr., because this Robert had only one child before he died (before 1810): daughter Sarah, named in the will of Robert Jr.’s brother, Thomas. (3) He cannot be son of John R., s/o Robert Sr. This John R. did have a son named Robert, but this Robert was not born until abt. 1814 (see 1850 Rostraver census). (4) He cannot be son of Elijah, s/o Robert Sr. Elijah did have a son named Robert, but this Robert was not born until 1829 (see grave stone at W. Newton Cemetery). (5) He cannot be son of Thomas, s/o Robert Sr. Thomas probably never married, for he names no wife or children in his will; he just lists all his nephews & nieces. Some evidence points to Thomas marrying in 1824 (see 1824 & 1825 tax lists), but if he did his wife predeceased him, and there was no issue.

Here’s who this Robert Patterson Jr. COULD be:

(1) He could be s/o Samuel, s/o Robert Sr. Samuel’s brother, Thomas, lists Samuel’s children in his will, and names Samuel’s son Robert. Samuel’s son Robert was born abt. 1795. However, I think Samuel’s son Robert is listed with his father on the Dunbar Twp., Fayette Co. tax lists in 1823. (Need to check this.) He didn’t marry until about 1831-32. (2) He might be s/o William R., s/o Robert Sr. William R.’s brother, Thomas, lists William R.’s children in his will, and names William R.’s son, Robert. However, this Robert was born about 1807 so would only be age 16 at the time of this tax list. Also, William R. settled by 1810 in Elizabeth Twp., Allegheny Co.—so I don’t know why a son of his would pop up in Rostraver. (3) He could be related to either (or both?) of the TWO unidentified Pattersons listed on the 1800 Septennial Census for Rostraver: Widow [Eliza] Patterson—who disappears from Rostraver records after 1806; and Robert Patterson—who was listed on the 1800 Septennial Census, but who is not found on the 1810 Federal census.

NOTE: It is curious that Robert Sr.’s name disappears from the Rostraver lists starting in 1823, though he did not die until 1831 (Round Hill gravestone; see also his will probated 1831) And it is even MORE curious that a Robert Patterson Jr. appears for the first time on these lists, in the very same year that Robert Sr. disappears! Between 1823 and 1831, the year Robert Sr. died, Robert Sr.’s appears only twice--on the 1827 & 1828 lists. Don’t get it.

1824 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	140 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.'s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson	150 a., 1 horse, 150 gal still	Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson	150 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782
Robert Patterson Jr.	1 horse, 1 cow	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> – See NOTE above
John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, 75-gal still	Thomas Jr.'s son John b. 1786

NOTE: “S.M.”—standing for “single male--was written in next to Thomas’ name, then crossed out.

NOTE: Robert Sr. of West Newton is still living—he didn’t die until 1831. Why is he not listed?

1825 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	140 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.'s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson	150 a., 1 horse, 150-gal still	Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt 1778
Thomas Patterson	150 a, 3 horses, 4 cows	Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782
Robert Patterson Jr.	1 horse, 1 cow	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> – See NOTE above
John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 3 horses, 2 cows, 75-gal still	Thomas Jr.'s son John b. 1786

NOTE: Robert Sr. of West Newton is still living—he didn’t die until 1831. Why is he not listed?

1826 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Thomas Patterson, single	150 a., 3 horses, 4 cows	Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782
Elijah Patterson, single	150 a., 1 horse, 2 150-gal stills	Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Robert Patterson	1 horse [house?]	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> – See NOTE above
John Patterson	141 a., 1 horse, 1 cow	Robert Sr.'s son John bapt. 1775

John Patterson Jr. 150 a., 3 horses, 3 cows; also “246” acres land” **Thomas Jr.'s son John b. 1786**

NOTE: In 1824 the “single” next to Thomas’ name was crossed out. Here it is back again. Was Thomas married, but only briefly? Or did he never marry at all? His will names no wife or children—only nieces and nephews. I wonder: If he had married in 1824, but his wife died two years later, would Thomas then be listed as “single” on the 1826 list. Was a widower considered “single”?

NOTE: When Thomas Jr. died in 1813, he left all his land to be divided equally between his three sons Thomas, William and John. Thomas & William sold out their interests to their brother, John, explains why John suddenly has another 246 acres, in addition to his 150 acres. Note that in 1814 and 1815, the two years after their father died, all three brothers were listed in Rostraver. After 1815 only John is listed.

1827 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Robert Patterson	300 a., 4 horses, 4 cows, 2 stills	Robert Patterson Sr. (1736-1831)
Robert Patterson	1 horse [house?]	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> – See NOTE above
John Patterson	141 a., 1 horse, 2 cows	Robert Sr.'s son John bapt. 1775
John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 3 horses, 2 cows, “246 acres land”	Thomas Jr.'s son John b. 1786
Elija Patterson, single	[no property listed]	Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson Jr., single	[no property listed]	Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782

NOTE: First of all, I don’t understand why the 150 acres previously listed as being owned by Elijah, and the 150 acres previously listed as being owned by Thomas, are gone. This might have something to do with Robert Sr. (who had previously been listed as owning 300 acres) temporarily being gone from these lists. Now that Robert Sr. is back, he might be credited with the 300 a. that his sons had held (150 a. each). But see 1822 when Robert Sr. has 300 acres, PLUS his sons Elijah and Thomas have 150 acres each. Don’t get it. Secondly, I have to wonder why “Jr.” was appended to Thomas’ name, since no other Thomas is listed in this township.

1828 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Robert Patterson	300 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, 2 stills	Robert Patterson Sr. (1736-1831)
Robert Patterson	1 cow	UNIDENTIFIED – See NOTE above
John Patterson	141 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
John Patterson Jr.	150 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, “246 acres land”	Thomas Jr.’s son John b. 1786
Elija Patterson, single	2 stills, 1 horse	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt 1778
Thomas Patterson Jr.	[no property listed]	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782

NOTE: Again, I do NOT understand the “Jr.” after Thomas’ name! There is no other Thomas in the township.

NOTE: Robert Sr. didn’t die until 1830/1831 (Round Hill stone) so why isn’t he on this list? After a certain age, were men exempt from paying tax?

1829 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	140 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson	149 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1788
Thomas Patterson Jr.	150 a., 3 horses, 4 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782

NOTE: The unidentified Robert “Jr.” is gone.

NOTE: Same questions raised above: Why is Robert Sr. not listed, since he didn’t die until 1831? Robert Sr. had 300 acres the previous year—are these the 149 acres now listed with Elijah, plus the 150 acres now listed with Thomas Jr.? And what’s with the “Jr.”—Thomas would have been 47 years old in 1829, and there was no other Thomas on these lists.

NOTE: Notice that Thomas Jr.’s son, John, has left Rostraver. (He went to Guernsey Co., OH.)

1830 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	140 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson	149 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson Jr.	150 a., 3 horses, 4 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782

NOTE: Again, why isn’t Robert Sr. listed, since he didn’t die until 1830/1831? See the 1830 Rostraver census, where Thomas’ household is listed with a male age 90-100. This is his father, Robert Sr., who in 1830 would be about 94 years old. And, again, what’s with the “Jr.” appended to Thomas’ name?

1831 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	140 a., 3 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
Elija Patterson	149 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thos. Patterson	150 a., 3 horses, 4 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782

NOTE: Robert Sr. dies this year.

1832 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	140 a., 3 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
Elija Patterson	149 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thos. Patterson	150 a., 3 horses, 4 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782

1833 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	140 a., 3 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.'s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson	149 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson	150 a., 3 horses, 4 cows	Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782
James Patterson	"1 cow only"	"Our" William's son James, b. abt. 1807
Thompson Patterson, single	[no property listed]	"Our" Wiliam's son Thompson, b. 1813-1814

1834 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	[property not transcribed]	Robert Sr.'s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson	[property not transcribed]	Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson	[property not transcribed]	Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782
James Patterson	"1 cow only"	"Our" William's son James b. abt. 1807
Thomas [sic] Patterson "Jr."	[no property listed]	"Our" William's son <u>Thompson</u> [see 1833]

NOTE: Thompson's name frequently is recorded as "Thomas," in error. For example, the Belle Vernon Cemetery website has transcribed the name on Thompson's gravestone as "Thomas."

1835 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

One of these Jameses is "our" William's son

James Patterson	"1 cow only"	"Our" William's son James b. abt. 1807
John Patterson	140 a., 3 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.'s son John bapt. 1775
Thos. Patterson	150 a., 2 horses, 3 cows	Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782
James Patterson	1 horse	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> – See 1st NOTE below
James Patterson, single	1 horse	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> – See 1st NOTE below
Elijah Patterson	149 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778

IMPORTANT NOTE: See my paper "Robert Patterson of West Newton, Rostraver..." In the section on Robert's son, James, I conjecture that James came "home" (from Spring Creek, Miami Co., OH) to visit his siblings, and so could be one of the unidentified Jameses on this list. James was bapt. 1766, and I believe he had a son named James was born about 1800—also old enough to be on this tax list. Robert's son, James, was a widower by 1840 (see census), so I wonder if his wife died and this prompted his trip "home."

NOTE: As best I can tell from census info, "our" William's son, James, married the first time abt. 1831 or he was probably still married in 1835. Thus I think William's son, James, is NOT the James listed as "single" on this list.

NOTE: William's son, Thompson, was listed in 1834; he's listed again in 1836. Where was he in 1835?

1836 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

James Patterson	"1 cow only"	"Our" William's son James b. abt. 1807
Thomp [?] Patterson	[no property' "laborer"	"Our" William's son Thompson b. 1813-1814
John Patterson	140 a., 3 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.'s son John bapt. 1775
James Patterson	"1 horse only"	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> – See NOTE above
Thomas Patterson	150 a., 2 horses, 3 cows	Robert Sr.'s son Thomas b. 1782
Elijah Patterson	149 a., 1 horse, 1 cow	Robert Sr.'s son Elijah bapt. 1778

NOTE: "Our" William's son, James is listed twice this year; he's also on Wash. Twp. list dated 1838.

1837 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Thompson Patterson	“1 horse only”	“Our” William’s son Thompson b. 1813-1814
John Patterson	140 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
Thomas Patterson	150 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, bridge stock etc.	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782
Elijah Patterson	149 a., 1 horse, 1 cow	Robert S.r’s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Robert Patterson, single	[no property] “laborer”	Robert b. 1814-1818, s/o John R., s/o Robt. Sr.

NOTE: This cannot be “our” William’s son, Robert (b. 1808-1813); William’s son, Robert, is said in “Old & New Monongahela” to have married Keziah Winters in Oct 1833.

NOTE: Where was “our” William’s son, James, in 1837? Is he already in W. Brownsville?

1838 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

“OUR” WILLIAM RE-APPEARS IN ROSTRAVER, & is listed w/son Thompson

John Patterson	164 [sic] a., 3 horses, 1 cow	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson	141 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778
Thomas Patterson	141 a., 3 horses, 2 cows, bridge stock	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782
Robert Patterson	“1 cow only”	Robert b. abt. 1816 s/o John, s/o Robt Sr.
William Patterson	1 cow “miller”	This is “our” William
Thompson Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow	“Our” William’s son Thompson b. 1813-1814

1839 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	164 a., 3 horses, 1 cow	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson	141 a., 1 horse, 1 cow	Robert Sr.’s son Elijah bapt. 1778 (but he d. 1838)
Thomas Patterson	141 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, bridge stock	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782
Robert Patterson	“1 cow only”	Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robt Sr.
William Patterson	1 cow, “occupation” [miller]	This is “our” William

1840 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	142 a., 3 horses, 2 cows	Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775
Elijah Patterson “heirs”	141 a., 1 horse, 1 cow	Elijah, s/o Robt Sr., d. 1838, leaving children
Robert Patterson	“1 cow only”	Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robt. Sr.
Thomas Patterson	141 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, bridge stock	Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782
William Patterson	1 cow “occupation” [miller]	This is “our” William
Thompson Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow “occupation”	“Our” William’s son Thompson b. 1813-1814
Willson [sic] Patterson	1 cow; farmer; Apr. 1 cow “occ”	“Our” Wm’s son David Wilson b. 1818
Jacob Paterson	“occupation”	“Our” Wm’s son Jacob (David’s twin) b. 1818
Morris Patterson “occupation”		“Our” Wm’s son Morris b. 1819-1820
Wm. Patterson, single	“occupation”	Probably “our” Wm’s son Wm. b. abt. 1810
James Patterson	“occupation”	“Our” Wm’s son James b. abt. 1807

NOTE: “Our” William’s son, William Jr., had married Rebecca ____ before 1832, but she died before 1840—so maybe that would be cause to call him “single” in 1840, if he had not yet married his 2nd wife, Mary Kennedy)? Since Wm. “single” is listed between two known sons of “our” William, I think this is William Jr. Note that this William is gone the next year.

1841 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Tho. Patterson	trader , tenant, occupation	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see NOTE below</i>
Thompson Patterson	far., tenant, 1 horse, occupation	<i>“Our” William’s son Thompson b. 1813-1814</i>
James Patterson	far., ten. occupation	<i>“Our” William’s son James b. abt. 1807</i>
Jacob Patterson, single	far., occupation	<i>“Our” William’s son Jacob b. 1818</i>
Morris Patterson, single	cooper, occupation	<i>“Our” William’s son Morris b. 1819-1820</i>
Wilson Patterson	1 cow, far, apr, 1 cow, occupation	<i>“Our” William’s son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
John Patterson	142 a., 3 horses, 2 cows, far., free	<i>Robert Sr.’s son John bapt. 1775</i>
Thomas Patterson, single	141 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, far, free	<i>Robert Sr.’s son Thomas b. 1782</i>
Elijah Patterson “heirs”	141 a., 1 horse, 2 cows	<i>Elijah d. 1838 leaving 4 young children</i>
Wm. Patterson	“miller,” 1 cow, occupation	<i>This is “our” William</i>

NOTE: I have no idea who this “trader” Thomas is. He’s only listed on this year’s list, then he’s gone.

1842 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

William Patterson	laborer [marked “gone” in pencil]	<i>Probably “Our” William’s son, Wm. b. abt. 1810</i>
Thompson Patterson	1 horse, 1 cow, tenant, farmer	<i>“Our” William’s son Thompson b. 1813-1814</i>
Thomas Patterson	141 a., 3 horses, 3 cows	<i>Thomas b. 1782, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
John Patterson	142 a., 3 horses, 2 cows	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Wilson Patterson	1 cow, farmer, tenant	<i>“Our” William’s son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
William Patterson	1 cow, tenant, “miller”	<i>This is “our” William</i>
Elijah Patterson “heirs”	141 a., 1 horse, 2 cows	<i>Elijah d. 1838 leaving 4 young children</i>
James Patterson, single	2 cows, tenant, laborer	<i>“Our” William’s son James b. abt. 1808</i>
Jacob Patterson	laborer	<i>“Our” William’s son Jacob b. 1818</i>
John Patterson	1 horse, teacher, “newcomer”	<i>UNIDENTIFIED – see 1st NOTE below</i>

NOTE: This “newcomer” John is only listed on this year’s list, then he’s gone.

NOTE: I think “our” William’s son, William Jr., always resided in Belle Vernon. But if this William is not William Jr., I don’t know who he could be. .

NOTE: This must be “our” William’s son James, who in 1842 was between wives, and therefore referred to as “single.” By 1850 James is re-married and living in W. Brownsville, where he settled and where he died.

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Israel Patterson, single	[no property]	<i>“Our” William’s son Israel b. 1825</i>
James Patterson [Jr],	single [see note above] 1 horse	<i>“Our” William’s son James b. abt. 1807?</i>
Jacob Patterson, single	[no property]	<i>“Our” William’s son Jacob b. 1818</i>
Samuel Patterson, single	[no property]	<i>“Our” William’s son Samuel b. abt. 1826</i>
William Patterson	1 cow “miller”	<i>This is “our” William</i>
James Patterson	1 cow	<i>James J. b. abt. 1821, s/o John, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
John Patterson, disabled man	136 a., 2 horses, 1 cow	<i>John bapt. 1775 (now 72 yrs old), s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson	1 cow	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Thomas Patterson [Jr.], single	143 a., 2 horses, 3 cows, bridge stock	<i>Thomas b. 1782, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Mary E. Patterson, widow	143 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	<i>Widow of Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>

NOTE: Where are “our” William’s other sons in 1847, particularly David Wilson?

1848 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Israel Patterson, single	laborer	<i>"Our" Wiliam's son Israel b. 1825</i>
James J. Patterson	1 horse [no "single" notation?]	<i>"Our" William's son James b. abt. 1807?</i>
Jacob Patterson, single	laborer	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>
Samuel Patterson laborer	[no "single notation"]	<i>"Our" William's son Samuel b. abt. 1826</i>
William Patterson	1 cow "miller"	<i>This is "our" William</i>
Robt. Patterson	1 horse, laborer	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
John Patterson, disabled	136 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Thomas Patterson	143 a., 2 horses, 3 cows, bridge stock	<i>Thomas b. 1782, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Mary E. Patterson, widow	143 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	<i>Widow of Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
David W. Patterson	1 house, 2 acres land "cooper"	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
Morris Patterson, single	laborer	<i>"Our" William's son Morris b. 1819-1820</i>
Elijah Patterson, single	farmer	<i>Elijah b. abt. 1826, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>

1849 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Israel Patterson	laborer, single man	<i>"Our" William's son Israel b. 1825</i>
Jacob Patterson	laborer, single man	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>
William Patterson	miller [no property listed]	<i>"Our" William</i>
Robt. Patterson	1 house	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
John Patterson	136 a., 3 horses, 1 cow	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Thomas Patterson	farmer, 143 a., 2 horses, 4 cows, \$700 money, 10 shares bridge stock	<i>Robt Sr.'s son</i>
Morris Patterson cooper, single man		<i>"Our" William's son Morris b. 1819-1820</i>
Mary E. Patterson	widow, 143 a., 1 horse, 1 cow	<i>Widow of Elijah, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
David W. Patterson	cooper, house, 2 a. land	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
Elijah Patterson	farmer	<i>Elijah b. abt. 1826, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>

1850 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	disabled. 136 a., 3 horses, 1 cow	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Elijah Patterson	farmer, 1 horse, "maletia tax"	<i>Elijah b. abt. 1826, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.)</i>
Robert Patterson	farmer, 1 horse	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.)</i>
William Patterson	miller, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William</i>
Morris Patterson cooper, "malitia tax"		<i>"Our" William's son Morris b. 1819-1820</i>
David W. Patterson	cooper, house, 7 a. land, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
Israel Patterson	farmer, "malitia tax"	<i>"Our" William's son Israel b. 1825</i>
Jacob Patterson	farmer, "malitia tax"	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>
Thos. Patterson	farmer, 141 a. land, 1 horse, 4 cows	<i>Thomas b. 1782, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Mary E. Patterson	141 a., 2 horses, 3 cows	<i>Widow of Elijah, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>

1851 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John Patterson	136 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Elijah Patterson	1 horse, militia	<i>Elijah b. abt. 1826, s/o John, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson	1 horse	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
William Patterson	miller, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William</i>
David W. Patterson	cooper, 7 a., house, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
Israel Patterson	farmer, militia \$300 money	<i>"Our" William's son Israel b. 1825</i>
Jacob Patterson	farmer, militia, money [no amt]	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>
Thomas Patterson	farmer, 141 a., 2 horses, 2 cows, \$700 money, bridge stock	<i>Thos. b. 1782, s/o Robt Sr.</i>
Mary E. Patterson	wid., 141 a., 2 horses, 4 cows, \$100 money	<i>Mary, widow of Elijah, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson Jr.	farmer [no possessions listed]	<i>Robert b. abt. 1829, s/o Elijah, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>

1852 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Israel Patterson	farmer, money, militia	<i>"Our" William's son Israel b. 1825</i>
Jacob Patterson	farmer, militia	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>
Thomas Patterson	farmer, 141 a., 2 horses, 4 cows, \$700 money, bridge stock	<i>Thos b. 1782, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Mary E. Patterson	widow, 141 a., 3 horses, 2 cows, \$100 money	<i>Mary, widow of Elijah, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson Jr.	farmer	<i>Robert b. abt. 1829, s/o Elijah, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
James J. Patterson	farmer, 1 horse, 1 cow, buggy	<i>James J. b. abt. 1821, s/o John, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Samuel Patterson cooper,	militia	<i>"Our" William's son Samuel b. abt. 1826</i>
John Patterson	infirm, 136 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Elijah Patterson	militia	<i>Elijah b. abt. 1826, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson	farmer, 1 horse, 1 buggy	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
William Patterson	infirm, 1 cow ["miller" not written here]	<i>"Our" William</i>
David W. Patterson	cooper, 7 a., house, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>

1853 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Thomas Patterson	farmer, 140 a., 2 horses, 3 cows, 10 shares stock, \$700 money	<i>Thos. b. 1782, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Elijah Patterson	laborer, 1 cow, 1 buggy, militia	<i>Elijah b. abt. 1826, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Samuel Patterson cooper,	militia	<i>"Our" William's son Samuel b. abt. 1826</i>
William Patterson	laborer, infirm, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William</i>
Mary Patterson	widow, 140 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, \$100	<i>Mary, widow of Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson	laborer, militia	<i>Robert b. abt. 1829, s/o Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Adam M. Patterson	laborer, militia	<i>Adam b. abt. 1831, s/o Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
John R. Patterson	farmer, 141 a., 2 horses, 2 cows	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson	laborer, 1 horse, 1 buggy, militia	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
James J. Patterson	farmer, 1 horse, 1 cow, 1 buggy, \$100 money	<i>James J. b. abt. 1821, s/o John, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
David W. Patterson	cooper, 7 a., house	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
Israel Patterson	farmer, money, militia	<i>"Our" William's son Israel b. 1825</i>
Jacob Patterson	laborer	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>

1854 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Thomas Patterson	farmer, 140 a., 2 horses, 2 cows, 0 shares stock, \$170, \$700 money	<i>Thos. b. 1782, s/o Robt. Sr.</i>
Elijah Patterson	laborer, 1 horse, 2 cows, 1 buggy, militia	<i>Elijah b. abt. 1826, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Samuel Patterson cooper,	militia	<i>"Our" William's son Samuel b. abt. 1826</i>
William Patterson	laborer, 1 cow [no "infirm" notation]	<i>"Our" William</i>
Mary Patterson	widow, 14 a., 3 horses, 3 cows, money	<i>Mary, widow of Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson	laborer, militia	<i>Robert, b. abt. 1829, s/o Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Adam M. Patterson	laborer, militia	<i>Adam b. abt. 1831, s/o Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
John R. Patterson	farmer, 141 a., 1 horse, 2 cows	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson	laborer, 1 horse, 3 cows, 1 buggy	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
James J. Patterson	farmer, 1 horse, 1 cow, 1 buggy	<i>James b. abt. 1821, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
David W. Patterson	cooper, 7 a., house, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
Israel Patterson	farmer, \$1000 money, militia	<i>"Our" William's son Israel b. 1825</i>
Thomas S. Patterson	[name is crossed out and "late" written over his entry]	<i><u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> – see NOTE below</i>
Jacob Patterson	laborer	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>

NOTE: This Thomas S. does not concern me, as his name is crossed out, and he never again appears.

1855 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Thomas Patterson	farmer, 140 a. "transferred to Jos. Bennett"	<i>Thomas b. 1782, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Elijah Patterson	laborer, 1 cow, 1 buggy, militia	<i>Elijah b. abt. 1826, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Samuel Patterson cooper	[this entry is crossed out]	<i>"Our" William's son Samuel b. abt. 1826</i>
Mary Patterson	widow, 140 a., 3 horses, 2 cows	<i>Mary, widow of Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson	laborer, militia, 1 buggy	<i>Robert b. abt. 1829, s/o Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Adam M. Patterson	laborer, militia	<i>Adam b. abt. 1831, s/o Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
John R. Patterson	141 a., 1 horse, 2 cows	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson	laborer, 2 horses, 3 cows, 1 buggy	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
David W. Patterson	7 a., house, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
Israel Patterson	laborer, \$1200 money, militia	<i>"Our" William's son Israel b. 1825</i>
Jacob Patterson	laborer	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>

NOTE: "Our" William Patterson is not listed; assume he died 1854-1855.

TAX LISTS FOR YEARS 1856-1860 ARE MISSING
(*William's son Samuel disappears during these years*)

1861 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

Mary Patterson, Wid.	140 a., 1 horse, 1 cow	<i>Mary, widow of Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Robert Patterson [s.m.?)	2 horses, 1 cow, 1 buggy	<i>Robert b. abt. 1829, s/o Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
John, Patterson WR [?)	140 a.; penciled in under John: "James Patterson tenant"	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
James [ERROR?] Patterson	laborer, 2 horses, 3 cows, 1 buggy	<i>Probably Robt. b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robt Sr.</i>
David Patterson	cooper, 1 house & 8 acres, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
Robert Patterson	far., 30 a., 1 horse, 1 cow, 1 buggy	<i>Robert b. abt. 1829, s/o Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Jacob Patterson	laborer, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>
Israel Patterson	laborer, 1 cow, \$1,000 money, militia	<i>"Our" William's son Israel b. 1825</i>
George Patterson	84 a., 1 horse, 2 cows, militia	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u>
Adam M. Patterson	40 a.	<i>Adam b. abt. 1831, s/o Elijah, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Morris Patterson cooper		<i>"Our" William's son Morris b. 1819-1820</i>
James Patterson	laborer	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> [<i>Is he John's "tenant" above?</i>]

NOTE: "WR" above is probably a transcription error. "NR" was a common abbreviation for "non-resident."

NOTE: William's son, Morris, is on the 1850 and 1860 and 1860 censuses in Monongahela City, Washington Co., PA. How odd that he is back in Rostraver for a few years.

1862 Tax List, ROSTRAVER, Westmoreland Co.

John R. Patterson , NR	135 a.	<i>John bapt. 1775, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
James Patterson	laborer, 2 horses, 4 cows, 1 buggy	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> [<i>John's "tenant"?</i>]
Israel Patterson	laborer, 1 cow, \$1,000 money, militia	<i>"Our" William's son Israel b. 1825</i>
Wilson Patterson	1 house + [illegible], 2 cows	<i>"Our" William's son David Wilson b. 1818</i>
Marion Patterson	teacher, militia	<i>"Our" Wm's grandson Francis Marion, s/o David W.</i>
William Patterson	laborer, 3 horses, 2 cows, militia	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u>
George Patterson	farmer, 85 a., 1 horse, 1 cow, militia	<u>UNIDENTIFIED</u>
James [ERROR?] Patterson	farmer, 40 a., 1 horse, 1 cow, 1 buggy, militia	<i>Probably Adam b. abt. 1831, s/o Elijah</i>
Robert Patterson, single	farmer, 47 a., 1 horse, 1 cow, 1 buggy, militia	<i>Probably Robt. b. abt. 1829, s/o Elijah</i>
Robert Patterson Sr.	2 horses, 1 cow, 1 buggy	<i>Robert b. abt. 1816, s/o John, s/o Robert Sr.</i>
Jacob Patterson	cooper, 1 cow	<i>"Our" William's son Jacob b. 1818</i>
Morris Patterson	cooper, 1 cow, militia	<i>"Our" William's son Morris b. 1819-1920</i>

NOTE: Robert Sr.'s son, John R. Patterson, died in 1868 at the age of 93.

**TAX LISTS 1818/19 - 1838/39 for
WASHINGTON Twp., Fayette Co., PA**

Please see Chapter XV of my paper, "William Patterson (c.1784-1854/55....)" paper where all Pattersons on these tax lists are transcribed and identified (if possible).

EARLY (STATE) TAX LISTS

1783

**Transcript of Property with Number of Inhabitants, Westmoreland Co., PA
Pattersons listed in Rostraver & Franklin townships**

See Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, Volume XXII, pp. 369-380 & pp. 381-388.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *This list was compiled in 1783 just prior to the formation of Fayette Co. from Westmoreland. When Fayette Co. was created, part of Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., became Washington Twp., Fayette County.*

	<u>Township</u>	<u># acres</u>	<u>Horses</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Peter Patterson	Rostraver	130	2	3	6	6	--
<i>This is Peter Sr. of Washington Twp.</i>							
Thomas Patterson (single)	Rostraver	150	1	1	--	1	--
<i>This is Thomas bapt. 1758, son of Peter Sr. of Washington Twp.</i>							
John Patterson (single)	Rostraver	150	1	--	--	1	--
<i>This is John bapt. 1760, son of Peter Sr. of Washington Twp.</i>							
John Patterson (smith)	Rostraver	300	3	3	3	7	--
<i>This is John bapt. 1751, son of Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp.</i>							

Robert Patterson	----- Rostraver	---	3	3	--	7	--
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UNIDENTIFIED

Contrary to what Franklin Ellis wrote in his History of Fayette Co., PA, the four Patterson brothers (William & Peter of Washington Twp., Fayette Co.; James of Franklin, Fayette Co.; and Robert of West Newton, Rostraver, Westmoreland Co.) did NOT come to this area of Pennsylvania at the same time. (See papers written on each of these four men for documentation of that statement.) Robert was the last of the brothers to arrive, and did not leave Lancaster Co. until 1793-1794. Therefore Robert (brother of William, Peter and James) cannot be the Robert on this 1783 list.

No son named Robert was baptized to William Sr. of Washington Twp., nor did William Sr. name a son Robert in his will.

No son named Robert was baptized to Peter Sr. of Washington Twp., nor did Peter Sr. name a son Robert in his will.

James Sr. of Franklin Twp. did have a son named Robert, but that Robert was baptized 1769 and would be too young to be the Robert listed here.

Robert Sr. of West Newton did have a son named Robert, but that Robert was baptized 1773 and would be too young to be the Robert listed here.

Whoever this Robert is, he's probably the Robert listed on the 1786 State Tax in Rostraver, Westmoreland County (see further). So this 1783 Robert probably didn't live in the part of Rostraver Twp. that became Washington Twp., Fayette Co.

No Robert is listed in Rostraver on the 1790 census. Did he move? Die?

Could this Robert be the biological father of William b. 1784 of Rostraver?

James Patterson (single)	Rostraver	150	1	--	--	1	--
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This is James bapt. 1756, son of Peter Sr. of Washington Township.

Tho's Patterson **Franklyn** 90 5 5 9 6 --

*This Thomas is presently **UNIDENTIFIED***

This is the Thomas of Franklin who wrote his will in 1806, naming wife Sarah; sons James, Joseph and William; and grandchildren of a deceased daughter who had married a Hardesty man. (Thus the 6 inhabitants in this household are accounted for.) James Sr. of Franklin did not name a son Thomas in his will, but that could be because Thomas died in 1806. However, James Sr. did name heirs of his deceased daughter Sarah, so if Thomas were his son, and if Thomas had children, one would think that James Sr. would make some mention of these children of Thomas. Besides, we have no baptism record for a Thomas, son of James. So though it may seem logical to identify this Thomas as son of James Sr., no proof has yet been found that Thomas was James' son.

As explained in his paper, William Sr. of Washington Twp. settled for a time in Franklin, before moving on to acquire land in Washington Twp. This Thomas might be son of William Sr. of Washington Twp.—but we have no baptism record for a Thomas, son of William, either. Nor is a son Thomas named in William Sr.'s will, written 1799.

(Thomas above is separated from James below by 1 "P" name.)

James Patterson **Franklyn** 150 2 4 8 8 --

This is James Sr. of Franklin.

Wm. Patterson **Franklyn** 200 4 4 8 8 --

This is William Sr. of Washington Twp. When William came to southwestern PA, he settled first near his brother James. Before 1790 he removed to Washington Twp., where he died about 1800. The number of inhabitants of this William's household fits the number of children who would have been born to William Sr. by 1783.

(William above is separated from John below by 1 "P" name.)

Jn'o Patterson **Franklyn** 100 1 -- -- 1 --

This is John bapt. 1757, son of James Sr. of Franklin.

1785
Return of State Tax, Fayette Co.
Pattersons listed in Washington & Franklin townships
(Other townships not transcribed here)
 See PA Archives, Series 3, Vol. XXII, pp. 582- 586 & pp. 543-548

William Patterson	Washington	14.9
This is William Patterson Sr. of Washington Twp.		
William Patterson	Washington	7.6
This is William Jr., son of William Sr. of Washington Twp.		

Peter Patterson	Washington	8.9 & ½
This is Peter Patterson Sr. of Washington Twp.		
James Patterson	Washington	8.5
This is James, son of Peter Sr.		
Thomas Patterson	Washington	15.5 & ¾
This is Thomas, son of Peter Sr.		
John Patterson	Washington	8.5
This is John, son of Peter Sr.		

John Patterson	Washington	13.1
This is John "Esq.," son of Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp.		

Thomas Patterson	Washington	13.0
This is Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp.		
Alexander Paterson [sic]	Washington	1.5 & ½
This is Alexander, son of Thomas Sr.		

Thomas Patterson	Franklin	6.6
This is the Thomas of Franklin who wrote his will 1806; presently <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u>		
James Patterson	Franklin	10.4
This is James Sr. of Franklin Twp.		
John Patterson	Franklin	5.8
This is John, son of James Sr.		

1786
Return of State Tax, Fayette Co.
Pattersons listed in Washington & Franklin townships
(Other townships not transcribed here)

See PA Archives, Series 3, Vol. XXII, pp. 591-601

Thomas Patterson **Washington** 9.5

This is Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp.

Alexander Patterson **Washington** 9.5

This is Alexander, son of Thomas Sr.

John Patterson **Washington** 1.2.3

This is John "Esq.," son of Thomas Sr.

William Patterson **Washington** 15.8

This is William Sr. of Washington Twp.

William Patterson (single) **Washington** 10.0

This is William Jr., son of William Sr.

Peter Patterson **Washington** 11.2

This is Peter Sr. of Washington Twp.

Thomas Patterson (single) **Washington** 1.2.2

This is Thomas, son of Peter Sr.

John Paterson [sic] **Washington** 2.0

This is John, son of Peter Sr.

Note: Peter Sr.'s son, James, is missing. I think he is in Rostraver (see below). He ended up settling in Elizabeth, Allegheny Co., PA. (Allegheny was formed 1787 from Westmoreland, and Elizabeth Twp. was formed from Rostraver.) In 1786 it would make sense for Peter's son, James, to be listed as a resident of Rostraver.

Thomas Patterson **Franklin** 6.3

This is the Thomas of Franklin who wrote his will 1806; presently **UNIDENTIFIED**

John Patterson **Franklin** 6.4

This is John, son of James Sr. of Franklin

James Patterson **Franklin** 10.0

This is James Sr. of Franklin Twp.

1786

Transcript of Property with Number of Inhabitants, Westmoreland Co.

Pattersons listed in Rostraver Twp.

(Other Westmoreland Co. townships not transcribed here)

See *PA Archives*, Series 3, Vol. XXII, pp. 468-530

NOTE: There is no number of inhabitants listed on the pages scanned at footnote.com. The only information given on these pages is the amount of tax.

	Township	Amt. of Tax
James Patterson	Rostraver	4.3

This is James, son of Peter Sr. He was in Washington Twp. 1785 but is not found there in 1786 because he had settled on land in Rostraver that later became part of Elizabeth Twp., Allegheny Co. when Allegheny Co. was formed 1787.

Robert Patterson	Rostraver	10
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*This is the **UNIDENTIFIED** Robert on the 1783 list above.*

This is the last record found for this Robert. By the time of the 1790 census, this Robert is not to be found. Did he die? Move away? (See notes for Robert on the 1783 list.) To repeat: this is NOT Robert Sr. of West Newton, who did not leave Lancaster Co. until 1793-1794.

Could this Robert be the biological father of William b. 1784 of Rostraver?

Regarding further early records for Washington & Franklin townships, Fayette Co. & Rostraver Twp., Westmoreland Co.

The Pennsylvania Museum & Historical Commission in Harrisburg holds some early records for the above townships that were NOT part of the *published* PA Archives. These include:

- 1785 Rostraver, Westmoreland Co. Supply Tax
 - 1785 Rostraver, Westmoreland Co. Lands Sold for Tax Delinquency
 - 1786 Rostraver, Westmoreland Co. Lands Sold for Tax Delinquency
 - 1786 Rostraver, Westmoreland Co. Septennial Census *
 - 1800 Rostraver, Westmoreland Co. Septennial Census *
- Note: The 1800 Rostraver Federal census is missing, so this is especially useful.*
- 1783 Washington & Franklin, Fayette Co. Supply Tax
 - 1783 Washington & Franklin, Fayette Co. Delinquent Non-residents
 - 1786 Washington & Franklin, Fayette Co. Septennial Census *
 - 1787 Washington & Franklin, Fayette Co. Supply Tax
 - 1788 Washington & Franklin, Fayette Co. Supply Tax
 - 1788 Washington & Franklin, Fayette Co. Supply Tax
 - 1789 Washington & Franklin, Fayette Co. Supply Tax
 - 1800 Washington * & Franklin, Fayette Co. Septennial Census
- I obtained copies of these Septennial censuses. I got a copy of the 1800 Washington Twp. Septennial census, but did not get a copy of the 1800 Franklin Septennial census.

SEPTENNIAL CENSUS RETURNS

NOTE: Every 7 years the heads of households in each township were listed, for the purpose of calculating district representation in the state assembly. The Museum & Historical Commission in Harrisburg has microfilmed these records, and I obtained copies for Washington & Franklin townships in Fayette Co. for 1786; and for Rostraver Twp. in Westmoreland Co. for the years 1786 and 1800. Only heads of households are listed, and no information is given regarding the occupants of the household.

1786

Septennial Census

Pattersons listed in Washington Twp.

Thomas Patterson

This is Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp.

Alexander Patterson

This is Alexander, son of Thomas Sr.

John Patterson

This is John "Esq.," son of Thomas Sr.

William Patterson Senr.

This is William Sr. of Washington Twp.

William Patterson Junr.

This is William Jr., son of William Sr.

Peter Patterson

This is Peter Sr. of Washington Twp.

Thomas Patterson

This is Thomas, son of Peter Sr.

(John below is separated from Thomas above by 1 "P" name.)

John Patterson

This is John, son of Peter Sr.

1786

Septennial Census

Pattersons listed in Franklin Twp.

Thomas Patterson

*This is the Thomas of Franklin who wrote his will 1806; presently **UNIDENTIFIED***

(John & James below are separated from Thomas above by 1 "P" name.)

John Patterson

This is John, son of James Sr. of Franklin

James Patterson

This is James Sr. of Franklin

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1786
Septennial Census
Pattersons listed in Rostraver Twp.

James Patterson

This is James, son of Peter Sr. He was in Washington Twp. 1785 but is not found there in 1786 because he had settled on land in Rostraver that later became part of Elizabeth Twp., Allegheny Co. when Allegheny Co. was formed 1787

(Robert below is separated from James above by 1 "P" name.)

Rob't. Patterson

*This is the **UNIDENTIFIED** Robert on the 1783 list above.*

Could this Robert be the biological father of William b. 1784 of Rostraver?

John Patterson (NEW)

This is probably John "Pattison"—no relations to the Pattersons we are researching.

On a Franklin Twp. tax list of uncertain date (1786, 1787 or 1788) a John and Hugh "Pattison" appear. In 1790, Hugh and John "Pattison" (probably brothers) are listed on the Franklin Twp. census. In Hugh's will (written & proved 1799) his name was spelled "Pattison." I suspect that this John is actually John "Pattison." If not, I have no idea who he could be.

1800
Septennial Census
Pattersons listed in Washington Twp.

Peter Patterson

This is Peter Sr. of Washington Twp.

William Patterson**John Patterson Esqr.**

This is John "Esq.," son of Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp.

Thomas Patterson

This is Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp.

Alexander Patterson**William Patterson Junr.**

This is William Jr., son of William Sr. of Washington Twp.

James Patterson

This is "Capt." James, son of William Sr. of Washington Twp.

Thomas Patterson

This is Thomas, son of Peter Sr. of Washington Twp.

William Patterson Senr.

This is William Sr. of Washington Twp. He died in 1800 prior to the 1800 Federal census.

William Patterson

This is probably William, son of Thomas of Franklin. I think he left Franklin Twp. about 1800, for on the Franklin Twp. tax list dated that year, "gone" is written next to his name. In his mother Sarah's will he inherited the Franklin Twp. land, so he returned there prior to the 1810 census.

(Did not get copies of 1800 Septennial Census for Franklin Twp.)

1800
Septennial Census
Pattersons listed in Rostraver Twp.

John Patterson

Robert Patterson

This is Robert Sr. of West Newton, Rostraver Twp.

William Patterson

This is William, son of Robert Sr.

John Patterson

This is John, son of Robert Sr.

Widow Patterson

*This is **probably** the widow of Alexander, son of Thomas Sr. Alexander died sometime between the 1800 census and 1806, when he is referred to as deceased in his father's will.*

This "Widow Patterson" is undoubtedly the widow "Eliza Patterson" listed on the earliest extant Rostraver tax list, dated 1802. (She is listed as "Widow" in 1802 and 1804; then, in 1805 she is listed as "Eliza Patterson, widow." I have speculated that this widow's name was "Eliza Jane" Patterson, and that she was the widow of Alexander, son of Thomas Sr. (Thomas Sr. referred to his son Alexander's wife as "Jane" in his will.) If this Widow Patterson is not Alexander's widow, I have no idea who she could be.

Robert Patterson

This is (Rev.) Robert Jr., son of Robert Sr. of West Newton, Rostraver Twp. He died 1807-1810.

(Only 1 name separates Robert above from Thomas below.)

Thomas Patterson

This is Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. of Washington Twp.

CHAPTER XI

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES, etc.

Biographical Sketch of William Patterson, son of Thomas Sr.

History of Bedford, Somerset & Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania, no author (Chicago: Waterman, Watkins & Co., 1884)

pp. 638-639

[p. 638] Col. William Patterson was a native of Scotland. He was one of the pioneers of the cove, and located on the farm now owned by his grandson, Thomas Patterson, of McConnellsburg, long prior to the revolution. The family were several times driven from their home by the Indians. William Patterson was an orderly sergeant in the revolutionary war; served in the first legislature under the constitution of 1799. He dined by invitation with President Washington, and was commissioned a justice of the [p. 639] peace and colonel of the militia by Gov. Mifflin. He died upon the old homestead, aged nearly one hundred years. His son Jeremiah was born in the cove in 1776; he died in Ohio. Jeremiah, John, William and Thomas were the sons, and Jane (Patterson), Polly (Morrow) and Sally (Proudfit), the daughters. John lived and died on the old homestead, and Thomas on an adjoining farm. Two sons of Thomas are residents of the county - Thomas, of McConnellsburg, and William H., of Webster's Mills. A third son, John, now deceased, lived in this county. John Hendershot was born and reared in Bethel township. In 1844 he married Elizabeth Powell. In 1867 he removed from Bethel to Ayr township, having purchased three hundred and thirty acres of land in the "corner." Mr. Hendershot died in 1873. His widow still resides upon the farm, which is managed by her son, Isaac P. Hendershot, who also has a reputation as one of the best hunters in Fulton county.

Information on the family of William Patterson, son of Thomas Sr.

Submission by Mrs. Chalon T. Land, to *The Patterson & Pattison Family Association* publication, compiled by Norman G. Patterson et al (4 volumes; privately published), Book 2 (1964)

pp. 94-95

From letter of – Mrs. Chalon T. Land, Enfield, Illinois. 1963.

“I am sending you a brief history of my Patterson line that has been established in the D.A.R. Through the great kindness of Mrs. Olive R. Imhoff of Pittsburgh, Penna., I have a copy of the Patterson Genealogy compiled by the Reverend Thomas Patterson Proudfit of Washington, Pa. I had known of this genealogy for years—Miss Lilly Blanche Proudfit, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit, visited in my home in 1924 but had despaired of ever getting a copy.

Most of the following material is copied from *The Proudfit Family*, compiled by Miss Margaret Compton of Meadville, Pa., in 1911.”

1. Thomas Patterson was the immigrant ancestor.
2. Thomas Patterson had sons, William and Thomas. (The Rev. Proudfit genealogy lists descendants of both.)

William Patterson, son of Thomas was born in York County, Pa., in 1749. His marriage to Jane Morrow (Jean Murray), daughter of Jeremiah Morrow (Jeremy Murray is listed in the register of the Rev. John Cuthbertson.) Jeremiah Morrow lived near Gettysburg. The residence of William Patterson is given as Waynesboro at the time of his marriage in 1772. Later he removed to a farm near McConnellsburg, Pa. The Bedford County History says that he was there before the Revolution. The stone house that he built there in 1798 is still standing, and when we were there in 1947 was occupied by Miss Isabel Patterson and her mother.

William Patterson (June 12, 1749 – May 18, 1846) and Jane (Morrow) Patterson (Sept. 7, 1850 – Nov. 5, 1832) are buried in a family burial ground near the old home near McConnellsburg, Pa.

William Patterson served as an Ensign in the Revolution. Later he was commissioned a Colonel in the Pennsylvania Militia.

3. Sarah Patterson, daughter of William and Jane (Morrow) Patterson was born Sept. 22, 1774 and died Feb. 8, 1842. In June, 1798, she was married to the Reverend David Proudfit, son of Andrew and Sarah (Wallace) Proudfit, in the stone house near McConnellsburg. Pieces of the silver given to her by her father are still treasured by members of the family, and the little slave girl who was another wedding gift lived with four generations and is buried in southern Illinois.
4. Mary Jane Proudfit, daughter of the Reverend David and Sarah (Patterson) Proudfit, was born in Pennsylvania, January 18, 1811, and died in Guernsey County, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1848. She was married to David Long, son of Samuel Alexander and Mary (Wiley) Long, Dec. 4, 1839.
5. Sarah Patterson Long, daughter of David and Mary Jane (Proudfit) Long, was born in Ohio, Oct. 13, 1840, and died in Hamilton County, Illinois, April 20, 1877. She was married April 13, 1866, to Albert Caslor Mitchell, son of John B. and Jane Maria (Sights) Mitchell.
6. Grace Pearl Mitchell, daughter of Albert Casler and Sarah Patterson (Long) Mitchell, was born June 21, 1875, in Hamilton County, Illinois, and died March 9, 1961, at Staunton, Illinois. She was married Sept. 12, 1895, to Elias Francis Davis Jr., son of Elias Francis and Sarah Isabel (McKinley) Davis.
7. Margaret Rachel Davis, daughter of Elias Francis and Grace Pearl (Mitchell) David, was born at Enfield, Illinois, Sept. 4, 1895. She was married to Chalon Thomas Land, son of John Miller and Elizabeth (Jordan) Land, October 1, 1922. Children are: Carol Jordan (Land Ragsdale of Columbus, Georgia, and Mary Grane (Land Wirtala of Gainesville, Florida. Grand children are: Chal Land Ragsdale, Ann Jordan Ragsdale, David Lasater Ragsdale, Catherine Wirtala and Joseph Arnold Wirtala.

(Mrs. Chalon T. Land, Enfield, Ill.)

John Patterson, son of Thomas Sr., mentioned in *History of Fayette County History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania* by Franklin Ellis. Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1882

p. 810:

“The Houseman place, adjoining Galloway’s [Robert Galloway, described by Ellis as “one of the early settlers on Dunlap’s Creek” and also “an early comer to Washington (Twp.)”], was the home of John Patterson some little time before 1800. Just when he became a resident is not known, but it is remembered that Patterson was fond of telling how there was not, when he came, a clearing ‘big enough to lay the broad of his back on.’ Patterson built the stone house now on the Joseph Houseman place, and inscribed over the door “J.P. 1800” yet [in 1882] to be seen. He was a blacksmith by trade, and had a shop on his farm. For strength, endurance, and rapid work in the harvest-field he was noted. He worked hard and saved his money until he was looked upon as a wealthy man. In an evil hour he joined others in the glass-manufacturing business at Perryopolis, and lost all he had. In his old age he was very poor. Not only he but other well-to-do farmers in Washington [Twp.] were ruined by the disastrous results attendant upon the Perryopolis glass-works enterprise. William Nichols lived near Patterson, but nothing has been preserved to show who he was or what he did.”

Biographical sketch of John Stephens Patterson, son of George Shields Patterson, son of Thomas Patterson III, son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr.
Cyclopedia of Biographies of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, author unknown.
(Philadelphia: John M. Gresham & Co., 1890)

pp. 622-623:

“John S. Patterson, a progressive farmer of Rostraver township, was born May 2, 1850, in Redstone township, Fayette county, Pa., and is a son of George and Mary (Stevens) Patterson. This is one of the old and respected families of the county. More than a century ago Alexander Patterson, the great-great grandfather of John S. Patterson [INCORRECT], took out a patent for a tract of land in Rostraver township, this county, containing two hundred and forty acres and known as the “Rich Grove.” This was afterwards transferred to Thomas Patterson (great-grandfather) [CORRECT] in 1793. The patent is signed by Thomas Mifflin, the first governor of Pennsylvania under the constitution of 1790. Thomas Patterson (grandfather) [CORRECT] was born on the old homestead about 1781, prior to the taking out of the patent, and died in 1823. He, like his ancestors, followed farming and in politics was always found in opposition to the old Democratic party. He was married to Mary Shields, a native of Allegheny county, Pa., who died at the age of fifty-six years and lies interred, together with all the Patterson ancestry of this county, in the burial ground of the Rehoboth Presbyterian church. Of their children the only one now living is George Patterson (father) who was born on July 16, 1821, on the old homestead, where he has spent all his years engaged in the pursuits of husbandry, except seven years during which he lived in Fayette county. He was originally a whig, but since the formation of the Republican party he has been identified with that organization. He is the father of two children: John S. and Naomi, who is the wife of Dr. Patton, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. John Stevens, maternal grandfather, was a native of Fayette county, Pa., where he was engaged in farming until his death; he lived and died in what is known as the ‘Red Lion’ country in Redstone township.

John S. Patterson, having obtained a common school education, devoted his attention to agriculture in the pursuits of which he has continued ever since on the 'old homestead,' to which the family is and has for generations been warmly attached. It is the well-beloved spot where first their eyes beheld the light of day, the sacred 'home, sweet home,' around which cluster the memories of childhood's happy days, the bright dreams of youth and the auroral light of first love. Mr. Patterson is a congenial companion, an esteemed citizen and a progressive and intelligent man. He is a republican and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

John S. Patterson and Cora Harris, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Freeman) Harris, were united in marriage in October, 1873, and their union has been blessed with five children: Lulu [Sarah Luella], born October 7, 1874; Mary, born May 17, 1876; Winnie, born May 31, 1881; George H., born November 15, 1886, and Cora Edna, born November 5, 1888."

My comments on the above article:

Considering that John Stephens Patterson lived his entire life in the area settled by his great-great grandfather, Thomas Sr., it boggles my mind that the name of his great-great grandfather was incorrectly named in this article. It seems evident that somebody had researched land records; had seen that an Alexander Patterson warranted the land that Thomas Jr. eventually settled on; and therefore had incorrectly assumed that the father of Thomas Jr. was named Alexander.

When this article was published, John Stephens Patterson's daughter, Sarah Luella Patterson, was sixteen years old. Sarah Luella was evidently a bright and determined young woman. She had an academic career, working for a time in the library of the University of Chicago. In her mid-thirties, she became interested in her family history, and she began to question that the name of Thomas Jr.'s father was Alexander. This is evident in the many letters she wrote in the early 1900's. (See following section). Sarah Luella eventually determined (correctly) that the name of Thomas Jr.'s father was Thomas Sr.

It is unfortunate that this article incorrectly naming Thomas Jr.'s father got into print, for it has surely confused and derailed previous researchers.

Biographical sketch of David Proudfit [III], son of Rev. David Proudfit]Jr.], son of Rev. David Proufit [Sr.] and Sarah Patterson, dau of William, son of Thomas Sr.

History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin & Williamson Counties, Illinois, no author (Chicago: Goodspeed Publ. Co, 1887) pp. 736-737:

"David Proudfit, farmer and stock raiser, born August 17, 1842, in Guernsey County, Ohio, the second of seven children of David and Mary J. (Walker) Proudfit, the former of Scotch origin, born in 1813 in Fayette County, Penns. And the latter near Belfast, Ireland, in 1820. The mother came with her parents to Muskingum County, Ohio in 1830. The father came with his parents [Rev. David and Sarah/Sally (Patterson) Proudfit] to Guernsey County six years before, and in 1839 they married and remained in Guernsey County until the fall of 1864. They then settled on the farm near Piopolis, now owned by R.C. Atkinson, where the father died March 23, 1880. The mother is still living with our subject [David Proudfit]. After his father's death he remained on the farm, superintending it and dealing in stock until the fall

of 1885, when he traded his farm and moved to Bell[e] City, where he has engaged in farm managing and stock dealing....He is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church as is also the mother and sister, Tудie, living with them. His father, David, was a son of Rev. David Proudfit, who was a brother of Rev. Robert Proudfit, LL.D. Their father, Andrew, was a brother of Rev. James Proudfit, who emigrated from the highlands of Scotland in 1754, the third minister sent out as a missionary by the synod to the colonies of North America.”

“Robert Proudfit, a pioneer farmer, was born January 18, 1811 in Fayette County, Penn., one of a pair of twins. Of nine children—the only one living—of David and Sarah (Patterson) Proudfit, the former born in York County, Penn., in March, 1770, of Scotch blood, and the latter in 1773 in Bedford County, Penn., of Irish origin. [Westmoreland was formed 1773 from Bedford.] Soon after their marriage in Bedford County about 1798, they lived in Fayette County, and 26 years later, moved to Guernsey County, Ohio. The father was an Associate Reformed Presbyterian Minister...he [Rev. David Proudfit Jr.] died in 1830, and the mother [Sarah (Patterson) Proudfit] in 1842....His [Robert Proudfit’s] wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Patterson) Wilson, was born in 1820 near Elizabethtown, Penn., and married August 29, 1841. She died December 8, 1855, at the beforementioned home. But one of their eight children are living. Mary I., now home with her father. The oldest son, David W., was shot at Shiloh, April 6, 1863, and another, Samuel M., a physician at Belle City about six years, died January 31, 1884. Our subject’s second wife was Mrs. Mary J. Campbell, widow of John Campbell, of Ohio, dau. of David and Sarah (Patterson) Wilson, and a cousin of his first wife. [This second wife] was born also near Elizabethtown, Penn., February 25, 1824....Our subject is a Jacksonian Democrat. He was at nineteen a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and since it was merged into the United Presbyterian Church he has been a faithful member of that, as is also his wife and daughter and his entire family adherents [sic] to the same doctrines, excepting Andrew who is a member of the ‘Old School Presbyterian’.”

CHAPTER XII

Sorting Out the Pattersons

#1 - Who was the father of Thomas Patterson, Sr.?

Was he Robert Patterson of "Sweet Arrow Farm," Lancaster Co., PA?

Odenkirk family research (www.odenkirk.com/html/fam01948.htm) shows that the parents of Thomas Patterson Sr. who died 1822 in Fayette Co. were Robert and Margaret Patterson, and that the parents of this Robert were John and Mary Patterson.

A few years ago I would have phrased my objection to the above-stated parentage more carefully, perhaps writing, "It is unlikely that..." However, armed with scientific evidence, I can now positively state that **Thomas Patterson Sr. of Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA was NOT the son of Robert & Margaret Patterson of "Sweet Arrow Farm," Lancaster Co., PA.**

The 67 Y-DNA marker numbers of two proven living Patterson male descendants of Robert and Margaret Patterson (which match each other) show no significant match between the 67 Y-DNA marker numbers of two known living Patterson male descendants of Thomas Patterson Sr. (which match each other).

Robert and Margaret Patterson of "Sweet Arrow Farm" are treated in Charlotte Reeve Conover's *Concerning the Forefathers* (New York: Winthrop Pres., 1902). Conover's description of the earliest generations of this Patterson family are a bit muddled, but she suggests that Robert Patterson—whose wife's name was Margaret—was the son of a John and Mary Patterson who were in Londonderry during the famous Siege in 1688-89. Thus we see that the Odenkirk info is trying to link Thomas Sr. to the same line treated by Conover in her book.

What Conover writes about the family of Robert and Margaret, whom she said emigrated to America in 1728, is much clearer than what she writes about Robert's parents. The information she provides concerning Robert and Margaret's family seems reliable, and Conover has taken great pains to note the sources of her information—primarily family papers gathered over the years by several family members. (*See her source notations on p. 121, p. 123, p. 125 & p. 128*).

What we learn from Conover's book is that Robert and Margaret Patterson had a son named Thomas who, several years after their 1728 emigration, was "a baby." (He was therefore born 1730-31.) On p. 121 she writes that this Thomas left the Lancaster Co., PA homestead of his father about 1751-1753 and—with his brother Francis—settled in the Big Cove area in what was then Bedford Co., PA.

On p. 123 she writes that Thomas lived with his brother Francis (who was then married with several children) in the Big Cove area, and that Thomas "was killed by Indians six years later." Thus Thomas, son of Robert and Margaret, died 1757-1759. **Thomas, son of Robert and Margaret, cannot be the same man as Thomas Patterson Sr. of Washington, Fayette Co., who died in 1822, in Fayette Co., PA, at the age of 98.**

#2 – Who was the father of Thomas Patterson, Sr.?

Was his father William Patterson of Co. Donegal who married Elizabeth Peoples
And who had son William of Baltimore?

I have seen the statement in numerous sources that Thomas Patterson Sr. was the brother of William Patterson of Baltimore whose daughter became famous when she married Jerome Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother. (I have also seen a variation of this connection, in which Thomas Patterson Sr. is described as the *uncle* of William of Baltimore.) **I don't believe that "our" Thomas Sr. was closely related at all to the Baltimore Pattersons**, and my reasons will be outlined further in this section. First, however, let's examine how this notion crept into so many family histories. It took me several years to figure this out. Here's the chronological chain of events:

- (1) *The Life & Letters of Madame Bonaparte* by Eugene L. Didier was published in **1879**, the year that "Betsy" (Patterson) Bonaparte died. (London: Sampson, Low, Marston, Searle & Rivington). This book revived interest in this already-famous daughter of William Patterson of Baltimore. One of the people who read this book was Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit, who descends from Susannah Patterson, dau of William & Jane (Morrow) Patterson—see Chapter II. Inexplicably, Rev. T.P. Proudfit cites this book in a 1911 letter to Sarah Luella Patterson, in the context of his theory that William Patterson of Baltimore and Thomas Patterson Sr. of Fayette Co. were brothers. (More of this letter below.)
- (2) In **1909** a professor of English literature at Brown University—one Raymond C. Archibald—decided to write a book on Margaret Gordon, the "first love" of the great English poet and essayist, Thomas Carlyle. This book is titled *Carlyle's First Love* (Plymouth, England: Wm. Brendon & Son, Ltd., 1909). Margaret Gordon was remotely related to the Pattersons of Co. Donegal, and this relationship is shown in chart form in "Appendix A – Patterson Trees" in Archibald's book. Professor Archibald met with family members who helped him prepare this chart. I have typed below, in "outline" form, a portion of Archibald's chart—just the portion dealing with William of Baltimore:

WILLIAM PATTERSON - Farmer at Rossgarrow, Co. Donegal, Ireland; m. Elizabeth Peoples & had children:

- I. **George Patterson**
- II. **Thomas Patterson** [This Thomas is NOT the Thomas of this paper!]
- III. **Robert Patterson** [researcher Richard Nelson descends from Robert]
- IV. **Michael Patterson**
- V. **William Patterson** b. 1752; emigrated to Philadelphia 1776; arrived in Baltimore 1778; d. 1835; m. Dorcas Spear & had (among other children) daughter:
 - A. **Elizabeth Patterson** eldest dau; b. 1785; d. 1879; m. 1803 Jerome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia b. 1784, d. 1860. [Napoleon, Jerome's brother, had the marriage annulled, but "Betsy" was already pregnant with her only child, son Jerome.]
 1. **Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte** b. 1805; d. 1870; m. Susan M. Williams; children [as of 1909 when book was published]:

- a. **Jerome Bonaparte** b. 1832; d. 1893
- b. **Charles Joseph Bonaparte** b. 1851; Attorney-General of United States

VI. Margaret Patterson m. John Patterson [This John is shown on the chart to be her first cousin, son of William of Rosgarrow's brother, John (b. 1719; d. 1795; married Anne). This chart also shows that Margaret's husband, her cousin John, was "of Millbrook, Co. Sligo; will proved Oct. 6, 1801."]

- (3) In **1908** Thomas Patterson Proudfit published his "Sketch of the Pattersons" (Washington, PA: privately published, 1908). This "Sketch" was prepared for "Mrs. Vivian Patterson Stewart" of "Monongahela, Pennsylvania," as stated on the first page. This was "copied by Agnes Patterson of 509 South Linden Avenue, Pittsburgh Pa. in December **1919**." This copy, in turn, was "Loaned by Helen Patterson to Olive R. Imhoff" and was "copied by Va. Rose [no date, but see "Patterson & Pattison Family Association Vol. 2, p.75, in which it appears this copy was loaned to Olive Imhoff in **1959**]." But we're not yet done with the "provenance" of this copy of Rev. Proudfit's "Sketch of the Pattersons"! This copy (or a copy of this copy) was microfilmed by the Church of Latter-Day Saints on 10 Mar **1987** (Item #34; Project & Roll #XLIB7102-2399; G.S. call #1321425). It can now be accessed on-line through Brigham Young's digital library. Here's what Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit wrote on page one of his "Sketch of the Pattersons, 1752-1907": "The Pattersons were Scotch-Irish. It is said [by whom?] that four brothers of this name came to America in the early part of the 18th century. Thomas and William were the names of two, and Samuel was probably the name of another. [More of this Samuel mix-up later in this chapter.] Though William was younger than Thomas, and probably also younger than Samuel, I shall notice him first." Proudfit then goes on for several pages about the famous Baltimore Pattersons. Finally, on p. 3, he writes: "We now pass to Thomas Patterson, a brother of William, the father of Madame Bonaparte...The writer is informed that he and his son Thomas are buried in Rehoboth graveyard near Bellevernon Penna. Thomas, Senior, had two sons, Thomas and William, and perhaps other children. William was born in 1749, in America...." The rest of Proudfit's account concerns the descendants of William and Jane (Morrow) Patterson, from whom he descends. Proudfit's information about these descendants seems, for the most part, solid.
- (4) It would appear that Sarah Luella Patterson read Rev. Proudfit's "Sketch of the Pattersons," and was curious about why he thought that her ancestor, Thomas Patterson Sr., and William Patterson of Baltimore, were brothers. On 23 Mar **1911**, Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit replied to Sarah Luella Patterson:

"I have deferred for a little while a reply hoping that I could recall answer to one of your questions viz Am I sure that Thomas Patterson of 1724-1822 and William P., father of Madame Bonaparte, were brothers? I gathered information on a number of points and jotted down the results or conclusions I derived and in some cases burned the letters containing

the items as they accumulated. If my memory is not at fault, John Cooper P. [a descendant of Thomas Jr. – see Chapter IV] and I separately decided that these men were brothers. This was several years ago [perhaps 1909, when Archibald's book was published naming a brother, Thomas?]. I feel the force of what you say that their births were in this case 28 years apart. This looks improbable but in those days people married and became parents very young....”

Sarah Luella had written to Rev. Proudfit asking why he thought that Thomas Patterson of Fayette County, PA and William Patterson of Baltimore were brothers, and Rev. Proudfit never answered that question. He wrote: “As to William Patterson, the father of Elizabeth (P) Bonaparte, most of my information was derived from the ‘Life and Letters of Madame Bonaparte,’ by E.L. Didier....” Now, I own a copy of this book and nowhere in this book is it stated that William of Baltimore had a brother named Thomas. (Perhaps he did, but it's not stated in this book.) Why, then, does Rev. Proudfit quote from this book as support for his theory that Thomas Patterson Sr. of Fayette County and William Patterson of Baltimore were brothers?

- (5) In **1929** David Hunter Patterson wrote his “Memoirs.” (on-line at www.rootsweb.com/~pafulton/pathist/toc.htm). In Chapter III of “Memoirs” he writes that his great-great grandfather, Thomas Patterson (the subject of this paper) had a brother named William who “went to Baltimore, he married and had a son, William, and this William's daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1785, was married in 1803 to Jerome Bonaparte....” This, of course, is impossible, since William of Baltimore did not arrive in America until 1766 (and it's especially confusing since David Hunter writes elsewhere in Chapter III that Thomas emigrated in 1730!) Much of what David Hunter Patterson writes, especially concerning the alleged “three brothers” who accompanied Thomas to America, is phrased in much the same way as Rev. Proudfit presents the material. I suspect that David Hunter had a copy of Rev. Proudfit's “Sketch,” and that David Hunter's statements about his Pattersons being related to the famous Baltimore Pattersons can be traced back to Rev. Proudfit's mis-information.
- (6) In **1982** John Andrew Brown (who then lived in Wilton, CT), a descendant of Thomas Sr. through son Thomas Jr. (see chapter IV) prepared a lengthy family history. A copy of this found its way back to Belle Vernon, and a copy came to be included among the family papers of George & Lonnie Patterson. (George descends from Thomas Jr. and still lives on part of the original Patterson homestead.) When I visited them in May 2005, they most graciously gave me a copy of this paper. Lonnie's note to me, enclosed in this packet, wisely states “I don't know how accurate it is, however I copied this ‘tree’ for you.” Though John Andrew Brown does not anywhere quote the source of his information, I'd be willing to bet that at some point he, too, encountered Proudfit's “Sketch of the Pattersons.” I say this because in Brown's Patterson chapter he shows Thomas Sr. (1724-1822) to be the son of William and Elizabeth (Peoples) Patterson (He also shows that Peter Patterson of Washington Twp., Fayette Co. was Thomas

Sr.'s brother. (I have extensively researched this Peter Patterson and have found no proof of this.) At any rate, in an interesting twist, Brown shows that Thomas Sr.'s son, William, who married Jane Morrow, was the father of Betsy who married Jerome Bonaparte! Who knows how many copies of this family history prepared by Brown are in existence, and how many Patterson researchers will be misled, now, on *two* counts (regarding Thomas Sr.'s father and regarding Betsy Bonaparte's father)!

- (7) Sometime prior to August **2004**, when I received a copy, researcher Richard Nelson prepared a lengthy work concerning the Rossgarrow Patterson from which William of Baltimore descends. In August 2004, Richard's wife, Judy, kindly sent me a copy of all his research—including Mr. Nelson's scrupulous notation of sources. The first source cited by Mr. Nelson for his information on Thomas Patterson (b. 1729 [sic]; d. 1822 "near Bellevernon") is, alas, Rev. Proudfit's "Sketch of the Pattersons." Thus in his otherwise commendable work, Mr. Nelson perpetuates the entirely unfounded notion that Thomas Sr. of Fayette County was related to the famous Baltimore Pattersons. I believe Mr. Nelson has filed a copy of his paper with the library in Salt Lake.

Oh, how difficult it is to stop unsupported genealogical assertions from being accepted as true, once they've been published!

Now, here's why I believe that Thomas of Fayette Co. and William of Baltimore were not brothers:

- First and foremost, there's not a shred of proof supporting this assertion.
- Thomas was 28 years older than William.
- William came from an Episcopal family. This is a fact stated in William's own will, filed in Baltimore. Thomas was a Covenanter. We're talking oil and water here.
- Thomas was a farmer of modest means. By 1820 William owned a fleet of merchant ships and was a multi-millionaire—one of the richest men in the country.
- I have personally tried to document dozens of claims by Pattersons stating they relate somehow to the famous Betsy Bonaparte, and have found nearly all of these claims to be untrue. The fact is, people yearn to be related to somebody famous, and this desire seems to make them throw aside logic in their eagerness to establish kinship with the famous person.
- In 1911 Sarah Luella Patterson wrote to Charles Bonaparte (grandson of Betsy and Jerome) asking what he knew of the family. I have a copy of his letter of reply, dated 18 Mar 1911, in which Charles Bonaparte states "He [William of Baltimore] had two brothers who were named, respectively, George and Thomas; he had also several sisters. He may have had other brothers, but I do not now remember to have ever heard of them...I do not know the dates of the births and deaths of Mr. William Patterson's two brothers. I think you might obtain some further information on the subject by writing to Mr. W. Hall Harris...His wife is a grand-daughter of Mr. William Patterson; he is a prominent member of the Maryland Historical Society and The Sons of the

Revolution, and he is also Postmaster of Baltimore...” So Charles confirms what Professor Archibald discovered, about William of Baltimore having a brother named Thomas. But that by no means confirms that this Thomas was the Thomas who settled in Fayette County.

- Sarah Luella followed up on Charles Bonaparte’s suggestion to write to Mr. Harris. On 31 Mar 1911 she received his reply, which states, in part: “I...regret that such memoranda as are in my possession do not enable me to furnish the date you wish, nor do I find them to contain mention of Thomas as a brother of William Patterson 1752-1835, whose brothers would appear to have been Robert, George and Michael. Of George I have no information, and of Michael only the statement that he was murdered. Robert appears to have married Anna O’Donnell and to have had issue....” Note that Mr. Harris mentions no brother Thomas. However, between Mr. Harris and Charles Bonaparte, all the brothers of William of Baltimore, which were shown on Archibald’s chart *Carlyle’s First Love*, seem to have been listed. I find it interesting that Mr. Harris, who was married to a granddaughter of William of Baltimore, found no evidence of a brother named Thomas.

My conclusion: **William of Baltimore may indeed have had a brother named Thomas; however, there is no evidence whatsoever that this Thomas is the same man who is the subject of this paper.** Until such evidence is found (and I doubt it ever will be), I’d be very happy if people stopped incorporating this “fact” into their family histories!

#3 – Did Thomas Sr. have a brother named Alexander?

There is no evidence that Thomas Sr. had a brother named Alexander. This belief may have its origins in a biographical “sketch” of John S. Patterson, in *Cyclopedia of Biographies of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania* (see “Transcriptions” chapter). Here it is incorrectly stated that John S. Patterson’s great-grandfather was Alexander Patterson. In other words, it was stated that the father of Thomas [Jr.], who lived on “Rich Grove Farm” in Rostraver, Westmoreland Co., was named Alexander. We know without a doubt that this Thomas’ father was actually Thomas Sr. of Washington, Fayette Co.—not an Alexander Patterson. I believe this confusion arose because it was Thomas Jr.’s brother, Alexander, who patented the land, which was then warranted by Thomas Jr. When researchers saw land going from one Patterson man to another they probably *assumed* that it was the father granting land to the son.

#4 – Did Thomas Sr. have a brother named Samuel?

There is no evidence that Thomas had a brother named Samuel. I believe I know the source of this belief, and again we come to the writings of the Rev. Thomas Proudfit. In his 1908 “Sketch of the Pattersons,” p. 1, he writes that Samuel was

“probably” the name of one of Thomas’ three brothers. Where did Rev. Proudfit get this idea? Well, on p. 2 he writes:

“A.G. Wallace, D.D.L.L.D., in Sprague’s *Annals of A.P.* under date of Sept. 17, 1862, says: ‘In 1786 Mr. Henderson (he refers to the Reverend Mathew Henderson, Junior) was united in marriage with Rebekah, the only daughter of Samuel Patterson of Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Penna., and **first cousin** of Miss Patterson who became the wife of Jerome Bonaparte [emphasis mine]. She was a lady of great personal attractions and uncommon loveliness of disposition. In her life she appears to have exemplified well what King Samuel says concerning a virtuous woman...’ The fact that Rebekah, the daughter of Samuel P. was a first cousin of Madame Bonaparte, daughter of William Patterson, indicated that Samuel and William Patterson were brothers, although it does not positively prove it. A number of circumstances also suggest the same thing. If Samuel P. was a brother of William, then he was one of the four brothers who came from Ireland. If this is correct, then Samuel P. (Mrs. Henderson’s father) was a brother of the writer’s mother’s paternal grandfather Thomas Patterson...”

I read the above and decided to consult the source cited by Rev. Proudfit—Sprague’s *Annals of the American Publpit*. I obtained a copy of this “sketch” of Rev. Mathew Henderson, Jr. from the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, and confirmed that Rev. Proudfit had accurately quoted from it. Then I spent weeks researching the descendants of Arthur & Ann (Scott) Patterson of Rapho, Lancaster Co., PA, who were the parents of Samuel Patterson of Mount Joy, who was the father of the lovely Rebekah described in this piece. (See my “Arthur Patterson of Rapho...” paper.

I found wills, deeds, transcriptions of graves, reliable information in Lancaster County histories, etc., and I put it all together in a “tree” of the descendants of Arthur Patterson. I learned that it is impossible for Rebekah to have been a “first cousin of Miss Patterson who became the wife of Jerome Bonaparte.” Here’s the pertinent section of the family tree I prepared:

ARTHUR PATTERSON (1697-1763, *per index burials at Donegal Presbyterian Church*); according to Egle (“Notes & Queries” 4th Series, Vol. 1, LXXIII, p. 207) Arthur d. 3 July 1765, aged 66 years; (in 1724 *per Egle 3rd Series, Vol. II, LXXXVI, p. 29*) Arthur m. Ann Scott, dau Abraham Scott (*she b. (Oct.?) 1699 & d. 1792 per index of burials in Donegal Presbyterian Church Cemetery OR she d. 26 June 1789 per Egle’s abstract of Orphans Court records; per Egle 4th Series, Vol. 1, LXXIII, p. 207 Ann died “May 1792, aged 93 years”*); emigrated from Ireland 1724 (from Co. Donegal, *per Biog. Hist. Lancaster Co.*) & settled on Big Chiquesalunga Creek, in Rapho Twp., Lancaster Co., PA; warranted 355 a. in Lancaster Co., patented 31 July 1738 (*Patent Book A, No. 9, p. 62*); warranted 294 a. in Lancaster Co. 11 Jan 1744, patented 21 Jan 1745 (*Patent Book A., No. 12, p. 298*); warranted 221 a. in Lancaster Co. 23 Nov 1747, patented 2 Jan 1747 (*Patent Book A, No. 13, p. 315*); he was a blacksmith & farmer; he had nine children—four sons & five daughters--according to *Biog. Hist. Lancaster Co.* (some named in the will of Ann (Scott) Patterson, written 10 Dec 1789 & probated 20 May 1792 & some named in the 1801 will of Arthur & Ann’s All unmarried daughter, Rebecca):

- I. **SAMUEL PATTERSON** *b. 1727; d. 1820 (DAR Lineage Bk Vol. 12, p. 291); d. 15 Nov 1820 per "History Lancaster Co." by Harris; named as son in mother Ann's 1789 will; living 1801, because named in his sister Rebecca's 1801 will; b. 1726 & d. 15 Nov 1820 per index burials at Donegal Presbyterian Church; m. Martha Agnew (she b. 4 Sept 1740, dau of Capt. James & Rebecca (Scott) Agnew—according to Burke's Peerage, Vol. 1, p. 46); Agnew genealogy confirms previous facts about Martha Agnew, and says she was b. 4 Sept 1740—but Boucher p. 323 says b. 9 Sept 1740; "History Richland Co., OH," p. 922, Worthington Twp. (heritagepursuit.com) says Samuel was a "solider of the Revolution," along with his brothers James & William. Samuel Patterson's children (Arthur, James, Rebecca & Samuel) were named in the 1789 will of Rebecca Patterson, who was the aunt of these children. (Agnew genealogy lists the same four children & Biog Hist Lanc Co also says he only had these four.) One of Samuel's children was daughter: **A. Rebecca Patterson** *b. 1774 & m. Rev. Matthew Henderson, with whom she had 7 children (Agnew genealogy); she is named as dau of Samuel in her Aunt Rebecca's will; living 1801; m. ___ Henderson [Mathew Henderson who was pastor of Round Hill in Elizabeth Twp., Allegheny Co., PA, if I remember correctly] 1779 Matthew Henderson (& James "Dizert" & "Widow Dizert" listed on tax list of Hopewell Twp. in present Cumberland Co. (PA Archives Series 3, Vol. XX, p. 172); "History of Richland Co., OH," p. 922 says Mathew & Rebecca (Patterson) Henderson had son Dr. James P. Henderson.**
- II. **JANE PATTERSON**
- III. **REBECCA PATTERSON**
- IV. **WILLIAM SCOTT PATTERSON** *b. perhaps abt. 1750; served in Rev. War and was captured by British & died on British prison ship in Delaware Bay; d. before 10 Dec 1781, per Lancaster Co. Orphans Court records; William's will was written 23 July 1776 & proved 10 Dec 1781. Children named were Eleanor, Arthur, Alexander, and a child not yet born, so not named.*
- V. **ELEANOR PATTERSON**
- VI. **CATHARINE PATTERSON**
- VIII. **ELIZABETH PATTERSON**
- IX. **ARTHUR PATTERSON JR.**
- X. **LIEUT. JAMES PATTERSON**

From the above tree, created from *primary source records*, one can see that it is impossible for Rebecca (Rebekah) to have been first cousin to Betsy Bonaparte, as was written in Sprague's "Annals." Rebecca did indeed have an Uncle William Patterson, but this William died in about 1781, on a British prison ship, and this William was *not* the father of Betsy (Patterson) Bonaparte.

So how did such a notion get started? I personally don't think it was *entirely* fabricated. Both William of Baltimore's family, and the family of Arthur of Rapho, had their origins in Co. Donegal. So perhaps Betsy Bonaparte and Rebekah (Patterson) Henderson were very distant cousins. However, they most certainly were not first

cousins. Her father, Samuel, was *not* the brother of Thomas Patterson Sr. of Washington Twp.

#5 Is there any evidence that Thomas Sr. had close relatives living near to where he settled in Fayette Co.?

Of all the other Pattersons living close to Thomas Sr., the one that I would pick as likely to be closely related to Thomas Sr. would be James Patterson of South Huntingdon, Westmoreland Co., PA. **I believe that this James of South Huntingdon was Thomas Sr.'s nephew.** The name of the father of this James of South Huntingdon was John—the John whom I believe was Thomas Sr.'s brother. (See my “James of South Huntingdon..” paper, and also my “John of Muddy Run...” paper.) My theory that James of South Huntingdon was Thomas Sr.'s nephew has not been contradicted by Y-DNA test results. A proven living male Patterson descendant of James of South Huntingdon has DNA markers that match, nearly perfectly, the markers of two proven living male Patterson descendants of Thomas Sr. Further, a living male Patterson descendant of Peter Patterson of Washington Twp., Fayette Co., PA also has Y-DNA matching descendants of Thomas Sr. See the “Y-DNA Evidence” chapter of this paper.

CHAPTER XIII LETTERS

The following letter was written to Sarah Luella Patterson in 1911 by William Patterson of McConnellsburg (1823-1912). William was Thomas Sr.'s great-grandson (son of William born 1786, who was son of William born 1749, who was son of Thomas Sr.).

I've scanned all the extant letters sent and received by Sarah Luella Patterson, and images of all these other letters follow in the last chapter of this paper. I have transcribed only the following letter in full.

Again, I thank Patty Gray of California for sending me copies of these letters.

**Letter written by William Patterson of McConnellsburg, 22 Mar 1911,
to Sarah Luella Patterson.**

Note: This letter is transcribed as written, with original punctuation, spelling and indentation (or lack thereof) preserved.

[first page]

My dear Cousin Sarah Patterson. I was much pleased to have a kind letter from you recently and thus form an acquaintance with you. I am disposed to say at first that on account of my great age 88 years and weakness and infirmities it is very difficult for me to write so take this as it is. I am very sorry I can do so little in the way of giving you reliable information. You believe the Pattersons settled in this neighborhood between 179[illegible] and 18[illegible], this is a mistake. My grandfather that was born 1749 and his wife were the first and indeed the only ones that ever did settle here all the others that ever lived here were their descendants. I shall try to give you some discription of them as settlers. I believe grandpapa settled here soon after he was married to Jane Morrow a sister of Governor Jeremiah Morrow of Ohio and as their first child Sarah, Rev. T.P. Proudfits grandmother was born in 1773 we suppose their settlement here was early in 1770, they raised seven children. The one named [Sarah] and Jeremiah, Jane, Mary these all went west and Thomas. William my father and John, all lived died and were buried here. Thomas raised six children Jane, Hadassa, William, John, Mary and Thomas, Jane went west, the others all lived and were burried here. William my father raised two my sister Elizabeth Brown and myself, my sister was married May 26 1859 went to Iowa, died two years afterward leaving a little daughter two weeks old who also died there at the age of 19. John Fathers brother had no children. My Grandmother was the first Patterson buried here at the age of 82 in Nov 1832 Grandfather next in May 1846 in his 98 year

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My father was next buried born May 11th 1786 died Sep 2 1849. I would say here my mother was born Sep 23 1798 died April 10 1865.⁴⁵ Thomas Patterson was next buried, died June 2 1860 and so on until all of that generation too except myself, I only am left as a representative of my generation. There is nothing on any of the gravestones here to throw any light on the Patterson history.

⁴⁵ The *Odenkirk Family History*, so often mentioned in this paper, gives the name of mother of the author of this letter as "Ann." But according to a transcription of burials in Big Spring Cemetery (see pp 37-38 of this paper), it was "Mary Patterson" who died 10 Apr 1865. Perhaps her name was Mary Ann?

I am very sorry I cannot give you any reliable information on the questions you asked with regard to the brothers of Thomas; Peter Alexand and Samuel.⁴⁶ I see by Spragues Annals that Rev. Matthew Henderson my mothers early pastor at the fork of Yough Pa. was married to a daughter of Samuel Patterson. I do not have any old letters from Ireland. I have an old trunk that they brought with them when they emigrated here from Ireland, it is large and covered with a cow skin tanned with the hair on retaining the color of the spots on the hide making it interesting to look at, I sometimes imagine the old times when that cow stood about the Irish [doors?] or barn ready to give her milk to drink when they eat their potatoes. I can almost see them and hear their free talk, these old times have passed away not to return.

I shall now close this letter. I do not expect to be able to write to you again but a letter from you would be very cheering. I did not use the dollar you sent so I shall return it.
Your true friend

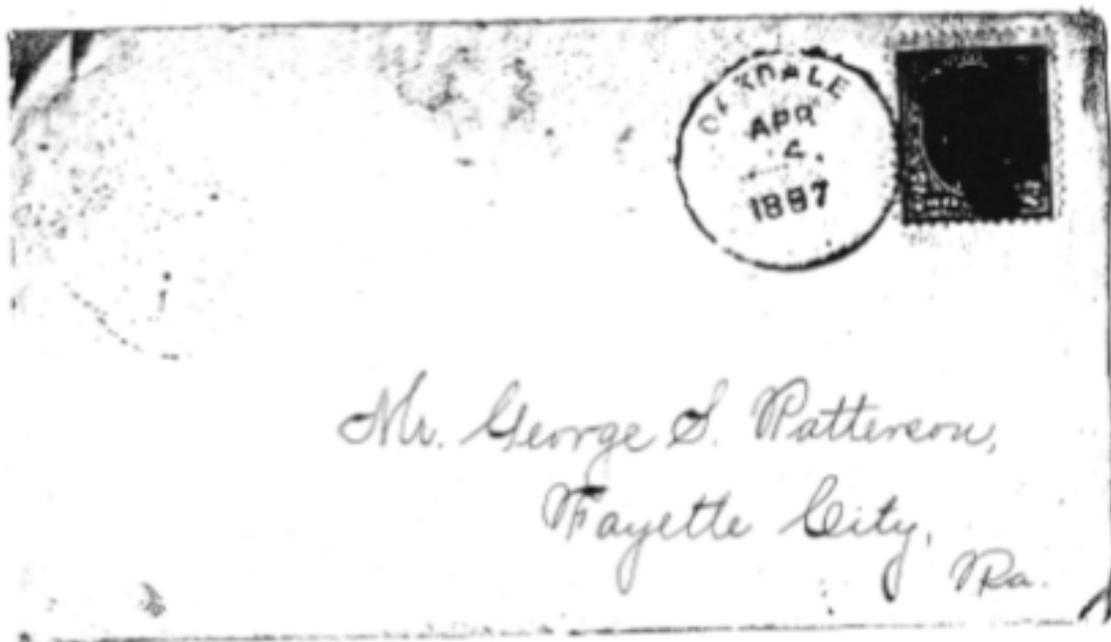
[signed] William Patterson. McConnellsburg Fulton Pa.

If there is any else you would wish to hear from me please write and I will try to inform you.”

⁴⁶ As discussed in the following chapter of this paper, Rev. Thomas Proudfit’s *Sketch of the Pattersons* (1908) contains the incorrect statement that Thomas Sr. “probably” had a brother named Samuel. Rev. Proudfit also states in his family history—again incorrectly—that Thomas Sr. was the brother of William Patterson of Baltimore (whose famous daughter, Betsy, married Napoleon’s brother, Jerome Bonaparte). Sarah Luella was also aware that an Alexander Patterson had warranted the land on which her ancestor, Thomas Jr., had settled. I think Sarah Luella had read this Proudfit history, was confused by it, and was writing to William Patterson of McConnellsburg to see if he could confirm any of what she’d read.

**Letter written 12 Apr 1887 by M.C. McJunkin
to George S. Patterson (post-marked 14 Apr 1887)**

M.C. McJunkin was Margaret Couden Patterson (1819-1898), who married Alexander McJunkin. Margaret was dau of William C. Patterson (1792-1869), son of Thomas Patterson Jr. (c. 1758-1813), son of Thomas Sr. (c. 1724-1822). George S. Patterson is George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas Patterson III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Patterson Jr., son of Thomas Sr. Margaret and George were first cousins.



My love to all of the
family speaks
mistakes they are
many I leave out
so many words my
memory is so fast
and my hearing
getting worse a
few more months
I will be if I
hope if I live
till the time
Good night

Oakdale April 12

Mr G S Patterson
Dear Cousin

I have been
Thinking of writing to you for sometime but have
been waiting to have some favourable news to write
My Son William in Pitts has been lying with
Typhoid fever since the 1st of March is mending slow
ly it has been an anxious time James set up
with him four nights last week when had been
sick three weeks with fever pneumonia set in
his case seemed almost hopeless for sometime I
was not able to go to see him I had not been well
all winter have not been able to go yet the fever
has almost left but he is very weak James was with him
last fri & Thursday & Friday nights both Crawford was
to be there Sat night he has been there all he could
was hard for him to leave home his youngest little
girl took inflammation of the bowels took her bed the
2nd of Jan got better of that was out of bed a few

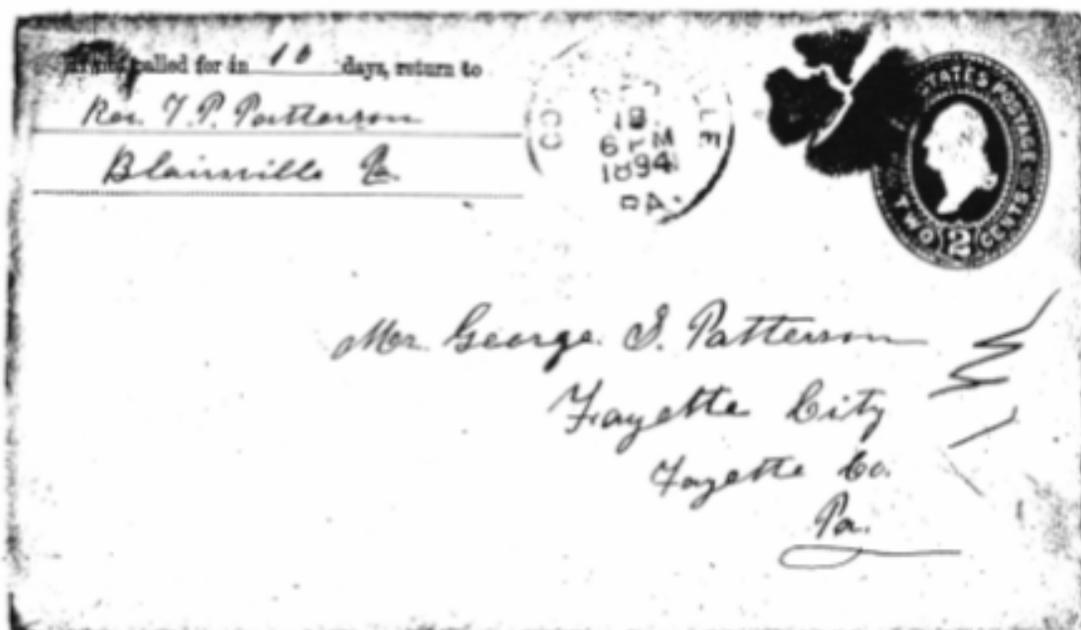
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 days but never able to stand took Typhoid fever
 and has not been out off bed since I had word
 from them last Thursday she had not been out of
 bed then part of the time her case was considere very
 doubtful so you may ^{know} Cousin it has been an an
 xious time for us particulerly for me not able
 to go to see any of them Lizzie James, a wife went
 to Beaver ~~My~~ stayed a week with them before
 William got sick, Crawford & his wife have
 had a long anxious time of nursing no one
 can relieve parents very much with sick chil
 dren the little girl was five years old the Mid
 dle of February. I have not been as far from
 the house as from your house to the brin since
 the middle of Dec, no particuler disease just
 general weakness I think I may get stronger
 when the weather gets settled in the Spring I
 received a letter this morning from sister Jane
 she has not been very well this winter she has
 a very sore foot the pain of that she said
 weakened her it is some better she says she
 feels stronger now we are all getting old

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 Tues, April 12th Well Cousin I did not
 finish my letter yesterday as James went
 to Pitts, in the evening to sit up with his brother
 I thought I would have later news well he
 is getting along but is very weak two days
 now the Dr. says he has no fever he feels
 his weakness more this is the 4th day since
 he took sick that is since he has been
 in bed will be a good many days yet
 before he will be out of bed take some
 care & nursing yet before he is well I
 hope no more will take it. James come
 home this morning with sick head ache
 has been in bed most of the day was to have
 went to Indiana to a Meeting of Kittering
 Presbety there sent a Telegram that it was
 impossible to be there I am going to send
 you a paper that a better picture than
 the one that come when I was at your
 place I had a letter this morning from
 Craufords oldest little girl she says

Her little Sister Helen was up Sab-
 bath afternoon had her clothes on the
 feet since the last of Jan, I hope she
 is going to get well. She certainly has
 had a tedious time I am sure we
 will all feel very thankful for the
 spared lives and restoration. I had
 had a letter from Crawford not long
 before his little girl took sick he spoke
 of the good health of their family he said
 it was often said that we did not appre-
 ciate the that blessing while we had it
 till it was taken from us he said he
 thought it was not always so he thought
 they had felt that ^{they} were highly favoured.
 I know they will feel that there is a
 Wise purpose in this affliction. I hope
 the afflictive dispensations of Providence
 this winter will be blessed to us all there
 has been a great deal of the loving care
 of our Heavenly Father through it all;
 I hope to hear from some of you as I ^{now} feel anxious
 to hear how you got along this winter and all the
 rest of the family from your affec. Cousin H. C. M. Junkin.

**Letter written 18 Sept 1894 by Rev. T. P. Patterson
to George Shields Patterson (post-marked 19 [Sept?] 1887)**

Rev. Thomas Proudfoot Patterson (1832-1897) was son of John Patterson (1786-1856), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr.). George S. Patterson is George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas Patterson III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Patterson Jr., son of Thomas Sr. Rev. Thomas and George S. were first cousins.



Cornellville, Pa. 9-1874-18
 Mr. George S. Patterson

Dear Cousin

When I last saw you I promised to write to you; so I will now try and fulfill my promise. I am in my usual at present and have since I last saw you. Last evening I had a letter from my family which is still in Monmouth Ill. They were all in their usual health. Also last evening I had a letter from Cousin T. P. Prondfit who is settled, and preaches in the M. P. church Taylorstown Washington Co. Pa. He is the second son of your aunt Susan Prondfit and is now a man of just about 60 years of age. I have been busy at my work since I saw you. I spent two weeks at Burns-

ville and organized a Local Advisory
 Board there. Then I spent two
 weeks at Fairchance and Smithfield
 and organized a Local Advisory Board
 there. The last week I spent at Dunbar
 and ~~now~~ now I am at Cornettsville
 getting ready to move to Blainsville
 Indiana County Pa. where I expect to
 make my head-quarters for some-
 time but cannot tell for just how
 long. Well the strike in the coal
 region at last seems to be over and
 things are in a much more settled
 condition than they were and times
 financially seem to be growing some-
 what better than they were. But I
 think that you and I will never
 see the times so brisk as they were
 during the year since the close of the
 war. We are getting back to the kind
 of times which we had before the war
 and when we get back to them and
 become accustomed to them we

will get along all right.

Well during the last two weeks we have been having some very fine showers: in this part of the country such vegetation seems very much revived.

While I was in Brownsville I became quite well acquainted with Rev. J. B. Patton, I called on him a number of times and preached for him one Sabbath night. While I was in Brownsville, but I must close for the present. I would be much pleased to hear from you soon: so please answer soon and direct to "Rev. J. P. Patterson

Monmouth

(437 E. Detroit St) Ill."

and it will be forwarded to me.

I make this request because do not know how long I may be at Brownsville Pa.

My kind regards to you and your family.

Yours truly

J. P. Patterson

Letter written 10 [Jan?] 1895 by Margaret McJunkin
To Mrs. Cora J. Patterson

Margaret McJunkin was Margaret Couden Patterson (1819-1898), who married Alexander McJunkin. Margaret was dau of William C. Patterson (1792-1869), son of Thomas Patterson Jr. (c. 1758-1813), son of Thomas Sr. (c. 1724-1822). Mrs. Cora J. Patterson is Cora Jane (Harris) Patterson, wife of John Stephens Patterson (1850-1928), son of George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas Patterson III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. Margaret was the aunt of Cora's husband.



Wakdale Station 1st 10, 95

Ms Cora I Patterson

My Dear friend
 I rec^d yours of Dec, 3rd, in due time am
 sorry I have been so long in answering
 for I was so pleased to hear from you &
 Thomas Cousin George was in as good
 health as he is we are getting well up
 in years & feel the infirmities of age we
 cannot be surprised that we do; I expect
 if you would hear Sister Jane and you
 would understand me saying Cousin
 George our brother George we had no
 other way of distinguishing between them
 Sister Jane has been here two months
 we get to talking over times long ago and
 many things Cousin George is part
 of Mary & Eliza Jane rather than Cousin
 Mary

We had a sister Mary well enough of this; Jane could not feel reconciled after Sarah's death to stay at the Home of course it was a nice place but oh not like your own home here & Sarah had lived so long together then since my husband died I have been with them so much sometimes a Month or six weeks never a short stay we were so much company for other but then she and Sarah always together if they had been there a length of time till every thing had become familiar would make a difference we are company for other James & his wife as necessarily away particularly in the evenings it is lonely for me I have a nice room with gas we wash dishes help in many ways they were at a funeral of an old lady in the country, started soon after nine o'clock got home at one we had a warm dinner for them which was enjoyed after being

out in the cold and damp they have
 services every evening this week. Next
 week Rev Mr Patton will preach every
 evening communion on Sabbath
 following Mr Patton of Brownsville
 Mrs Patton will be along it is so
 dark I cannot see the lines I
 will have to stop till time to light
 a lamp well supper over dishes done
 it is too wet to go to Church that is for
 Jane & I so will write some more
 I am feeling right anxious these days
 about Crawford's family at Beaver
 scarlet fever is prevailing there it is a
 disease that and diphtheria that I have
 a great dread of we had a sad experi-
 ence of it when our children were
 young all had it very bad we buried
 two little boys in one coffin in 1892 all
 had we had 7 children at the time
 Sister ^{Frankie} had one died & brother Thomas
 an only child of 7 months a great
 many others around us at the same

I think it would be nice to be at
 your place this winter having Apples
 something not many have they almost
 an entire failure in all this part of
 the Country we have a large young
 orchard on our farm just in good time
 of bearing but have not had any of
 any account for several years I had
 a letter from Cousin J. F. Patterson
 of New Concord Ohio this fall he visits
 his Penn, friends in 74 that was before
 you were married I answered his
 letter to day he is a brother of Rev Thomas
 Patterson you spoke of in your letter
 he is older than Thomas he writes he is in
 his 74 year I am in my 76th since
 last August & till this last year
 have enjoyed pretty good health and
 am pretty well considering my years
 Sister Jane is quite anxious to go to visit
 you next summer if we are spared
 life & health think we will I think in
 summer when your daughters are at home
 you might come & see us well my paper is
 full will have to close please write soon Jane
 joins in loving remembrance to you all
 from your
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Letter written 4 Apr 1895 by Margaret McJunkin
To Mrs. Cora J. Patterson [postmarked 8 Apr 1895]

Margaret McJunkin was Margaret Couden Patterson (1819-1898), who married Alexander McJunkin. Margaret was dau of William C. Patterson (1792-1869), son of Thomas Patterson Jr. (c. 1758-1813), son of Thomas Sr. (c. 1724-1822). Mrs. Cora J. Patterson is Cora Jane (Harris) Patterson, wife of John Stephens Patterson (1850-1928), son of George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas Patterson III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. Margaret was the aunt of Cora's husband.



I did not get quite through with my
 letter from Reading yesterday the church
 folks held a little meeting & I have made
 a long letter instead of the one I thought I
 began to write to let all have your paper some home

Oakdale

April 7th

Ms Cora Patterson

My dear Niece

I will write a short letter this evening
 it seems to me I have so little of interest to
 write if you would visit us once get to know
 our family and place I would have something
 more to write I rec'd your last am always so
 pleased to hear from ^{hope} you are all well at this
 time & that Cousin George as Jane and I call
 him is better than when you wrote last does it
 not seem strange that two families that loved
 other as we do should get apart & know
 so little of other for so long a time I had had
 such a desire to see Cousin George always
 as I could not see how I could had I had
 a quiet horse & buggy I often thought I could
 just map out my course I knew just the
 way after we went from Washington County
 to Allegheny Co, we travelled across the country
 till the Allegheny Valley Rail Road was completed

I am all in our room ready for you

in the fall of or winter of '55, then we always went to Pitts, by that then the boat to Brownsville or Fayette City but when we started on them trips it was hurry on to our journeys end well we have renewed old ties of friendships again but how few of the old stock are left will not be long till all the old ones are gone hope to hear of & see other while we are here it is a great pleasure and so much company to get letters from my friends,

We are all well here Crawford at Beaver have had scarlet fever that is the three little girls the youngest took it last Sabbath week I heard yesterday morning got a letter in the afternoon mail she had reced better Sabbath night than for sometime I hope the worst is over they were not considered dangerous at any time still it is a treachous disease do not know when it may take a bad turn I did not go I cannot stand much loss of rest told them if there was any dangerous symptoms to dispatch at once I was very sur easy but we feel so thankful that they are better

Thank you for the recipe have not tried it yet I was away all through March was in Pitts, at Mills, Sister Jane & I spent three weeks there together was very pleasant to have such a long visit together she is well this winter looks well the weather was cold we were not out any I was at Church one day they are so far they have to take a Car can get one just near their own door get off at the Church I was a little unfortunate the evening I went there Mills was out here the fourth of March I went home with him we took a car at the Union depot on Penn, Ave, it was a jam not even standing room I was given a seat but when we got in was about as hard to get out when we got home my pocket was gone with fifteen dollars had been out off the little satchel I had on my arm I suppose when we were crowding and pushing about either getting in or out it was taken

well I think I had better close this
 as I am afraid you will get weary
 reading so much uninteresting matter
 I suppose farmers are not getting much
 work done this Spring or are you making
 Sugar & Molasses if so I would like to
 be there a few days tell Minnie I am
 going to write a letter to her some
 of these days I had got badly behind
 with my correspondents this is the fourth
 this afternoon just made a job of it
 this is the longest I suppose Lula is
 still teaching & Mary at school at
 California how is Mrs Stephens remem-
 ber me to them & to your neighbours
 Mr & Mrs Phelps.

now with love to all
 will close write as often as you can
 from your affec, Aunt
 Margaret C. McKin

give my love to
 Cousin George would like to
 have a letter from him if he
 feels like writing but am so pleased to
 hear from you all

Letter written 28 Dec 1910 by John C. PattersonTo Jno. S. Patterson & family

[I do not have copy of postmarked envelope]

John C. Patterson is John Cooper Patterson (1850-?), son of James Thompson Patterson (1821-1904), son of John Patterson (1786-1856), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. Jno. S. Patterson is John Stephens Patterson (1850-1928), son of George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. The fathers of each man were first cousins.

New Philad. O. Dec 28. 1910

Jno. S. Patterson & family:
Dear Cousin:

I arrived home safely Saturday evening. found all well and both our boys home and of course we had a very pleasant Christmas together. The day I left your place I got to Washington about dark. found the friends all well, was with C. Bond-
fit's until afternoon next day. took supper with another cousin Mr & Mrs Biches. that night I spent with friends in Canonsburgh. Thursday night & part of Friday, I spent in McKeesport. and up till Saturday at 5.00 P.M. I spent in Pittsburgh. Must say that those two weeks were the pleasantest of my life.

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and I shall always remember with pleasure the time I spent with you, on the old farm. By Round's history I see that Alexander was the oldest son of the 1st Thomas Patterson, having been born May 12, 1782, but that is all he has in regard to him. He has the date of the birth & death of your Grandfather, Thomas, that is all, but he was very much interested in what information you gave me, and will add that to the history. It appears strange to me when he was so interested in getting up a history and he living so close to the Beck's both neighborhoods, that he did not visit it, but he of course is getting old, is now in his 76th year. He now talks some of having the genealogy printed. I rec'd your calendar Sunday evening. Thanks for same. Must now close. Please let me hear from you.

Yours,
John C. Patterson,

648. West Fair St

Letter written 12 Feb 1911 by John C. PattersonTo Jno. S. Patterson & family

[I do not have copy of postmarked envelope]

John C. Patterson is John Cooper Patterson (1850-?), son of James Thompson Patterson (1821-1904), son of John Patterson (1786-1856), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. Jno. S. Patterson is John Stephens Patterson (1850-1928), son of George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. The fathers of each man were first cousins.

New Philadelphia, O. Feb 12/11

Mr John. S. Patterson & family:
Dear Cousin:

Your welcome letter of the 25th ult. recd. was very glad indeed to hear from you. I have not forgotten the pleasant visit I had with you all. I visited my brothers and sisters last week, in New Concord and neighborhood. Our son Edw. just returned from a trip west, visited his bro Henry in Nicholas and was as far as Pueblo Col. I think he had a fine trip, says the winter is very mild, and not much rain. Since I was at your place we have had much rain and very little cold weather. Cousin J. P. Bowditch says in the history that the first child

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of Thos & Elizabeth (Brown) Patterson
 name was Alexander. born May 12, 1782,
 and as he is not mentioned in the
 Will, he must have died in infancy.
 I learned from some of the Poudfitts
 in New Concord, that our great-grand
 parents had a small child killed
 by falling down stairs, while they were
 away from home, was dead when they
 got home, this must have been Alexan-
 der. Poudfitt also says in his history
 that the 1st Thomas had two sons
 Thos and William, and perhaps other
 children, that Wm was born in 1749,
 in America, (probably in Fulton Co Pa)
 and lived and died there in 1846, being
 almost 98 years of age. Was fully six feet
 tall and well proportioned, was a sold-
 ier in the revolution and a member
 of congress, and by invitation dined
 with Washington, he was known as
 Col Patterson because he was a Col of a

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home company in time of peace. When dressed in uniform and mounted on his splendid Bay mare "Kate," he presented a most attractive appearance. He married Jane Marrow, an Aunt of Jeremiah Marrow, Governor of Ohio, 1822-1826. His son Wm married his cousin Mary Patterson, one of the twins, our great Aunt, mentioned in the will. I have had several letters from Wm Patterson a grand son of Col. Patterson, who lives at Mt. Connellsburgh Fulton Co Pa, he is 88 years of age. I know an old lady, in New Concord who has seen Col. Patterson. Dr. Van Vorhis, says that Thos Patterson kept the "Red Lion" hotel, in an early day. I wonder if this was not the 1st Thos, my our Great-Great-Grand father, as we have no record of him owning any land in Westmoreland Co. But I expect this letter will be tiresome to you. Please write soon.

Yours truly
John C. Patterson

Letter written 7 Feb 1911 by T.P. Proudfit
To Miss Cora Patterson

[I do not have copy of postmarked envelope]

T.P. Proudfit is Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit (1835- ?), son of William & Susannah (Patterson) Proudfit (1798-1876). Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit was the author of the Proudfit family history that contains oft-repeated errors about the earliest Patterson generations. Susannah was daughter of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. Cora Patterson (1888 - ?) is daughter of John Stephens Patterson (1850-1928), son of George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas Patterson III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr.

115 East Hallam St. Washington, Pa.

Feb. 7. 1911

Miss Cora Patterson

Perryopolis, Pa.

Dear Cousin;

Your favor of yesterday was received today and I am glad to receive it as you represent a branch of the Pattersons of whom I have often thought I am very much obliged to your mother, I think it was your mother, for sending per John C. Patterson the valuable items he gave me. They fill a vacancy in my brief record.

Now as to your inquiries, I shall probably relate some thing with which you are familiar and others not very helpful to an answer.

I am informed that four Patterson Brothers came from Ireland to America. Thomas and William were the names of two, and Samuel probably was the third. This William was born in Ireland in 1752, came here under 14 yrs of age married and became the father of Elizabeth who became the wife of George Napoleon Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon. This William, though he had nothing when he came is said to have become immensely rich and was a great financial support of the Revolutionary war.

Rebekah Patterson, the only daughter of Samuel Patterson of Mountjoy, Lancaster Co., Pa. was a first cousin of Elizabeth (Patterson) Bonaparte. This suggests that Samuel and William were brothers. Now Rebekah (daughter of Samuel) was married to Matthew Kembsy in 1786, which shows that her father came to this country quite a while prior to 1786, and as I have said he was probably one of the four brothers who came from Ireland.

Another item. Thomas who came from Ireland, my mother's paternal grandfather, had a son William who was born in America in 1748. He was a nephew of the William previously spoken of. This William was a revolutionary soldier, a congressman and once by invitation dined with President Washington. This indicates that the Pattersons came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century. Possibly the Abraham Patterson of whom you speak was one of the four brothers who came from Ireland or possibly a brother of the last mentioned William and my grandfather Thomas. I may say that my grandfather Rev. David Proudfit, married Sarah, a daughter of William Patterson the congressman. So that he was my great grandfather on that side of the house. On mother's side the line runs Thomas Patterson (who came from Ireland) Thomas his son, Susan (Patterson) Proudfit, then myself.

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William Patterson, my father's grandfather, was called colonel because (as cousin William Patterson says) he was Col. of a military company in time of peace. I am not positive whether he held an official position in the Revolutionary war or not.

I am sorry that I cannot give more help, but the fact that William Patterson was born in this country in 1748, shows that the four brothers came at a pretty early date. He was a revolutionary soldier as I have said.

Accept my best wishes and give the same to your parents.

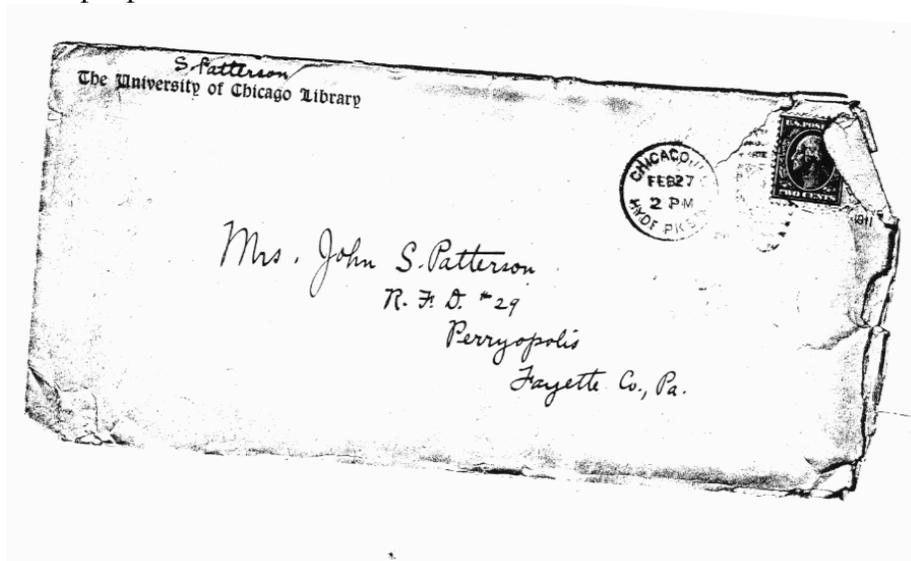
Your cousin
J. P. Broudfit.

**Letter written 19 Feb 1911 by Sarah Patterson
To Mrs. John S. Patterson, her mother (postmarked 20 Feb 1911)**

Sarah Luella Patterson was the daughter of John Stephens & Cora Jane (Harris) Patterson. John Stephens Patterson (1850-1928) was son of George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas Patterson III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr.



Note: Pages written in Sarah Luella's hand were scrambled. The following pages may be from two different letters that Sarah wrote to her mother. With the scrambled pages was another envelope, postmarked a week later, 27 Feb 1911:



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My dear Mamma,

Received your letter yesterday.

I enclose stamped envelopes. Wish you would send me all of John Cooper Patterson's letters which speak of ancestry. Will return to you carefully. Do not write to the old Fulton Co. fellow until I get more information together. Asked Mr. Torrey to look up some things for me yesterday at Newberry library. Will see him tomorrow before mailing this. So far I have not looked up anything. Am sending you what I have had for several years, i.e. some notes from the 1st census of Va. taken 1790, and data which I got two years ago at Rehoboth. On basis of this I have worked out George's birth

[What appears to be the bottom half of this page of the letter is presented next, on the following page:]

family tree, but cannot be sure of more than 2 generations.
 I think ~~Thomas Patterson 1724-1822, was the father of Thomas~~
~~Patterson, Junior 1759-1813, but is not of ~~Albany, Ore.~~~~

It is strange that Thomas Patterson 1724-1822 should have
 died at 98, and his son(?) the revolutionary hero, Colonel William
 Patterson 1749-1826 should have lived only to be 78. There was
 another William Patterson 1755-1830, whose age would make him available as a son.
 There may be more Patterson dates at Riboboth. I wish
 I could look some day after the school closes. It would be
 a help if I had copied all the information from the stone
 instead of just bare name & date.

A very valuable bit of information which I got from
 John Patton's old papers, is that in 1788 Thomas Patterson
 bought Rich Hill, 369 acres for 425 pounds from Edward
 Cook. I wonder if this is the same Thomas Patterson who
 got our land from Alexander Patterson (Rich Grove, surveyed 1795,
 I think ~~not~~ ^{not} for certain, as the census record shows
 three Thomas Pattersons in 1790. It seems more likely that

[I think the following page, with "2" written on the top, is the 2nd page of this letter, but I'm not sure.]

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~~no, rather~~ It seems almost certain that they were not the same man.

Indeed if the word junior after the name of Thomas Patterson, 1759-1813, on both the tombstone + in the census report identifies him as grandfather's grandfather, it looks very much as if the Rostraver Imp. Thomas of 1790 (who held Rich. Groom from Alex. Pat.) was not our immediate ancestor at all. In fact I believe that Thomas, Junior, was the son of Thomas Paterson, who had no males in his family under 16 in 1790, and both this old Thomas, and Thomas Jr. (who had one son under 16) lived in 1790

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[Last line was not on the copy I received.]

I wish you would look at that old ~~one~~ ^{Shcep's kin.} ~~paper~~ (the original one) and see if you can get any more lights from it. Please give me the date (was it 1791?) and the no. of acres, and see if Thomas Patterson writes his name with one or two t's. In the John Patton paper Thomas Patterson who bought Rich Hill in 1785 signed his name with two t's, but Edward Cook in writing the deed referred to him as Thomas Paterson.

I enclose also some remarks & questions for Papa. I suppose ^{the} Thomas Patterson, Jr. 1759-1813, will which you have it is possible to get the names of his sons & daughters. If I had that information & what Papa may know about Grandpa's sisters, I could have complete record to 1724 I believe.

Not much show for D. & R. as the 1759-1813 Thomas was too young, & the 1724-1822 Thomas too old for war.

I'm surprised to find how interesting this all is.

Enclose note from Miss Sands, & list of Sat. afternoon walks. It is colder today.

Can scarcely believe in Cora's Blue Bird tale. Hope she is well of her cold, and that Papa and the baby are better too.

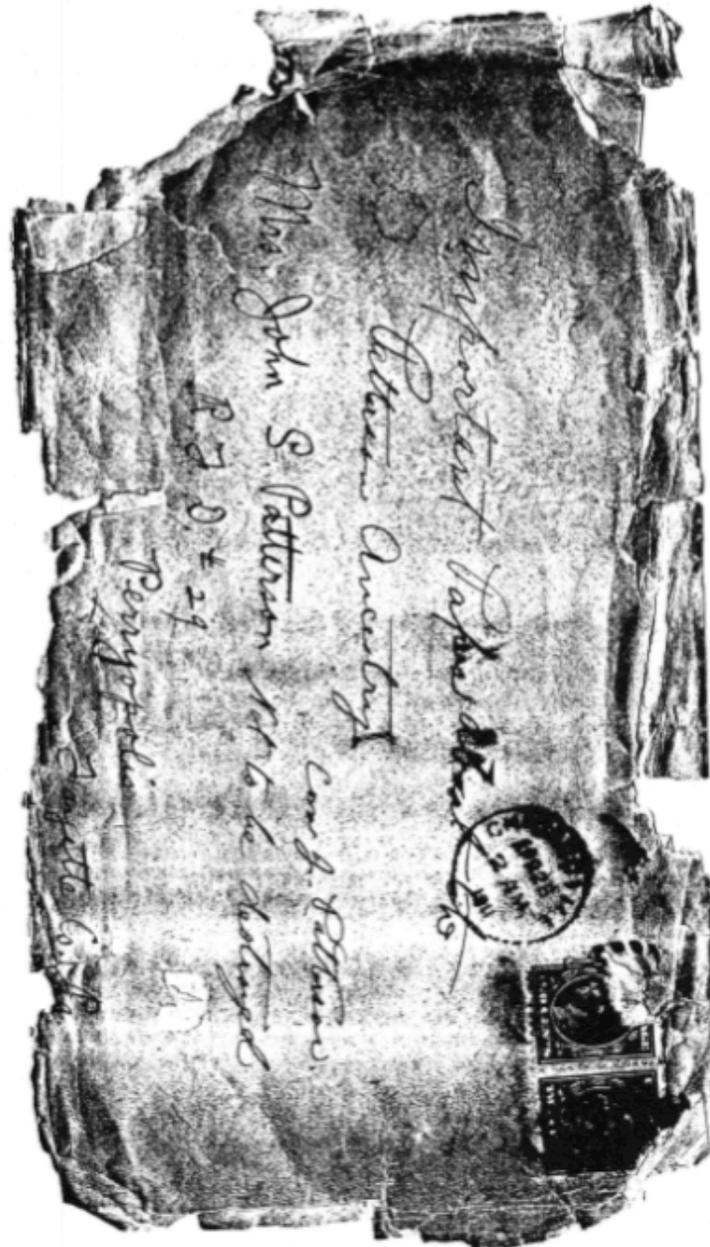
Don't bother about these ancestry questions if you do not want to. I'm going to write the Fulton Co. man, & the New Phila. D. man as soon as I find out all I can here from the libraries.

Am well. Will go on the Feb. 22nd walk, expensive but the event of the winter for me.

Love to all, you
Sarah Patterson

Information on the Harris family written by unidentified person (perhaps Sarah's mother? Sent to Sarah by her mother; then Sarah returned it in Apr 1911?)

I received a copy of an envelope sent by Sarah Luella, postmarked [Apr?] 28 1911, addressed to her mother. The envelope was not attached to any pages. I also received copies of 3 pages of information on Sarah's mother's Harris family. I'm guessing that Sarah's mother sent Sarah the Harris info, and then Sarah returned it to her mother. The envelope and the 3 pages of Harris family info are presented below.



Benjamin Harris Jr. Benjamin Harris
 owned a Tannery at Trenton New Jersey
 which he sold and bought 800 acres of
 land at \$8.00 per acre from a man named
 Humbird or Humboldt. The other sons
 of Benjamin Harris became dissatisfied
 and went back to New Jersey and one
 to Philadelphia. and all trace of them
 is lost, Jacob Harris 1770, the youngest son
 married Rebecca Moxford and built
 the Old Stone House. Jacob Harris had
 4 sons + and I think 6 daughters he
 Jacob had a sister Jermina married
 South married Peter Perrie of Wash. Co Pa
 The men were tall fair + deep blue eyes.
 The Millionaire of Campbell Publishing
 1218 Walnut St. Philadelphia
 Says that John Harris born 1682 in
 Miltshire England. I wish one could
 trace our Benjamin to his Record.

I find that it is nearly bed
 time and I must close will
 return the letters after Mary
 reads them, your loving Mama
 Benjamin Harrison, the first of the
 Harris ancestors we have any trace of our
 supposed to of been born in England, the
 was of English Descent. we know he
 settled or lived in Trenton New Jersey
 Married a German girl and raised a family
 which was partly grown up time of the
 Revolution War, sometime during that
 period he left Trenton and came
 to Perry Township Fayette Co. Pa. His son
 Jacob Harris was born in 1770, and they
 were thought to come or come to Perry Twp.
 in 1786, bought 320. acres of land called
 Morris, said Tract surveyed in pursuance
 of a warrant issued to Benjamin Harrison
 July 13th 1785, and signed by Benjamin Franklin
 April 9, 1787, and joined by lands of Rev
 James Pomeroy, George Washington

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Copy of letter written by the Reverend
Harris Patton to his cousin Susanna Harris Crawford, 1890, Jan 5-

" I remember Grandfather Harris saying that two of his Uncles were surgeons in Washington's Army. The name of one of them was Benjamin, and I think the other was Isaac. The Harris family were ardent whigs during the Revolution and thus incurred the hatred of the Tories and the British.

In one of the raids of the time, Grandfather's sister Phoebe was killed by a musket ball, which was fired at his father's wagon in which the child was. His father was trying to remove his family out of danger.

I heard mother say that John Harris who founded Harrisburg was a grand Uncle of hers.

One of Grandfather's uncles was the first President of the Medical Society of Philadelphia, so I heard him say. I learned of these traditions, when a boy.

Grandfather Harris was born I think in New Jersey, near or at Trenton, for I distinctly remember his mentioning the place in telling me about his sister Phoebe's death and his escape by hiding behind a big board in the chimney corner when the British and Hessians were pilfering the house- He was then 8 or 10 years old. Immediately after the close of the Revolutionary war the family fled from Trenton and crossed the Mountains by the Braddock road, commencing at Wills Creek, now Cumberland, M.D. and crossing over in the vicinity of Uniontown or Connellsville. My grandfather Patton came over the same route and they both found their way to the old Homestead of the families.

I think there is no doubt of Grandfather's Uncles being Surgeons in Washington's army".

Signed-- J. Harris Patton.

Letter written 22 Mar 1911 by William Patterson of McConnellsburg
To Sarah Patterson.

(Sarah had sent William a pre-addressed envelope, so the envelope postmarked 24 Mar 1911 is addressed to her in her own hand.)

This is the one letter transcribed in full. (See beginning of the "Letters" section.) William Patterson (1823-1912) was son of William Patterson (1786-1849), son of William (1749-1846), son of Thomas Sr. It is interesting to note that William (1786-1849), father of the author of this letter, married his first cousin, Mary Patterson. Mary was the daughter of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr.



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March 22 1911

My Dear Cousin Sarah Patterson I was much pleased to rec
a kind letter from you recently and thus from an acquaintance with you
I am disposed to say at first that on account of my great age 88 years and
weakness and infirmities it is very difficult for me to write so ^{far} but it is
I am very sorry I can do so little in the way of giving you reliable information
you believe the Pattersons settled in this neighborhood ~~between~~ between 1770
and 1780, this is a mistake my grandfather that was born 1749 and his
wife were the first and indeed the only ones that ever did settle
here all the others that ever lived here were their descendants

I shall try to give you some description of them as settlers
I believe grandpa settled here soon after he was married to Jane Morrow
a sister of Governor ^{Jeremiah} Morrow of Ohio and as their first child Sarah,
Rev. J. P. Broadfit's grand mother was born in 1770 we suppose their settlement
here was early in 1770, they raised seven children, the one named me
Jeremiah, Jane, Mary these all went west, and Thomas, William my father
and John, all ~~who~~ lived died and were buried here Thomas wife
six children Jane, Badaissa, William, John, Mary and Thomas, Jane went
west, the others all lived and were buried here, William my father raised
two my sister Elizabeth Brown and myself, my sister was married
May 26 1859 went to Iowa, died two years afterward leaving a little daughter
two weeks old who also died there at the age of 19. John Father's brother
had no children. My grandmother was the first Patterson buried here
at the age of 82 in Nov 1832 grandfather next in May 1846 in his 98 year

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My father was next buried, born Nov 11¹⁷⁹³ 1786 died Sep 2
1849 I would say here my mother was born Sep 23 1798 died Apr 10
1865 Thomas Patterson was next buried, died June 2 1860 and so
on until all of that generation yes and all of the next my own
too except myself, I only am left as a representative of my generation
there is nothing on any of the gravestones here to throw any light on the
Patterson history

I am very sorry I cannot give you any reliable information on the
questions you asked, with regard to the brothers of Phoebe; Peter, Richard and
Samuel, I see by Spragues ~~for~~ Annals that Rev. Matthew Henderson
my mother's early pastor at the forks of Yough B. was married to
a daughter of Samuel Patterson. I do not have any old letters from Ireland
I have an old trunk that they brought with them when they emigrated
here from Ireland, it is large and covered with a cow skin tanned
with the hair on retaining the color of the spots on the hide making
it ^{in lasting} to look at, I sometimes imagine the old times when that cow stood
about the Irish doors or barn ready to give her milk ^{to drink} when they eat their
potatoes, I can almost see them and hear their free talk, these old times
have passed away not to return

I shall now close this letter, I do not expect to be able to write to you again but
a letter from you would be very cheering. I did not use the dollar
you sent so I shall return it. Your true friend
William Patterson. Melbournsburg Fulton Pa

If there is any else you would wish to hear from me
please write and I will try to inform you

Letter written 23 Mar 1911 by T.P. Proudfit
To Sarah Luella Patterson (postmarked 24 Mar 1911)

NOTE: This is the letter referenced multiple times in the following chapter of this paper, "Sorting Out the Pattersons." In his "Sketch of the Pattersons" (1908) Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit states (incorrectly, I believe) that Thomas Patterson Sr. of Fayette Co., PA and William Patterson of Baltimore (father of the famous Betsy Patterson who married Jerome Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother), were brothers.

T.P. Proudfit is Rev. Thomas Patterson Proudfit (1835- ?), son of William & Susannah (Patterson) Proudfit (1798-1876). Susannah was daughter of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. Sarah Luella Patterson was the daughter of John Stephens & Cora Jane (Harris) Patterson. John Stephens Patterson (1850-1928) was son of George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas Patterson III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr.



115 East Hallam Ave., Washington, Pa.

March 23, 1911.

Miss Sarah Luella Patterson,

5756 Madison Ave. Chicago,

My Dear Cousin:

Your very welcome and valuable letter of the 19th in due time came to hand in due time. I thank you heartily for it and the information it contains. I have deferred for a little while a reply hoping that I could recall an answer to one of your questions. viz am I sure that Thomas Patterson of 1724-1822 and William P., father of Madame Bonaparte were brothers? I gathered information on a number of points and jotted down the results a conclusions I derived and in some cases buried the letters containing the items as they accumulated. If my memory is not at fault, John Cooper P. and I separately decided that these men were brothers. This was several years ago. I feel the force of what you say that their births were in this case 28 years apart. This looks improbable* but in those days people married and became parents very young and therefore the older children would be farther separated from the younger ones than occurs commonly at present. I knew a case when a mother and her daughter * improbable that they were brothers.

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gave births to children nearly at the same time though the daughter's child was a little older than the mother's. In other words the nephew or niece (I am not sure which) was a little older than the uncle (or aunt). But such things occur very rarely. Please give me your theory in the case.

As to William Patterson, the father of Elizabeth (P) Bonaparte most of my information was derived from the "Life and Letters of Madame Bonaparte," by C. J. Didier, which you probably have in your library. I borrowed it from J. Cooper Patterson.

I have no evidence that William Patterson was in any way related to the Leath hers nor any that he was not thus related.

My grandfather, the Rev. David Proudfoot, was born in York Co. Pa. March 22 (or 23rd accounts differ as to the day, but agree as to month and year) 1770. He died June 11, 1830, preached every sabbath during his ministry except two. One day the water of a stream was so swollen that he could not cross, the other sabbath he was too hoarse to speak. He preached the last sabbath of his life, and died the next Friday and is buried in Crooked Creek graveyard about a mile south of New Concord, Ohio. He married Sarah, a daughter of Col. William

Patterson, June 1798. I cannot say what day of June. It is said by persons not related, "Every body loved her."

She (i.e. Sarah Patterson Proudfoot) was born in 1773 or 1774. One account is Sept. 1773; cousin William of Mt. Connelly says 1774, but does not designate the month. Persons who knew her are quite sure she died the winter of 1841 and 1842.

My father's name was William, born July 16, 1789, died Tuesday, August 5, 1862. He was a farmer.

My mother, Susan and Mary her twin sister were born September 18 (or 25) 1798. Accounts differ as to day, but agree otherwise. Mary died April 10, 1865; Susan, my mother died Tuesday March 7, 1876. My parents were married Tuesday September 9, 1828.

The following is quoted from E. L. Didier's Life and Letters of Madame Bonaparte: "William Patterson + + + the father of Madame Bonaparte, was born in the county of Donegal, Ireland, on the first day of November, 1752. His father was a small farmer with a large family; his mother was Elizabeth Peoples, and they were both descended from a mixture of English and Scotch families that had settled in Ireland after the conquest of that country. After a plain

education, William was sent by his parents to Philadelphia when but fourteen years old. He arrived in that city in the month of April 1766 etc. Didier does not give the name of William Patterson's father I think. I do not have the book at hand as I returned it to John Cooper Patterson.

I do not know whether our Patterson tribe is in any way connected with William Patterson, founder of the Bank of England, or not.

I am sorry that I cannot answer some of your questions more satisfactorily, but if I can help you any in the future I shall be glad to do so.

Thanking you again for the information you give accept best wishes.

Your cousin,
J. O. Proudfoot.

MYSTERY LETTER #1
Written 4 Apr 1911 by Mary Linn Patterson
To Mrs. McClure [McCune?]

Mary Linn Patterson does NOT descend from Thomas Patterson Sr. See my paper “John Patterson of Tinicum, Bucks Co., PA,” which discusses her line of Pattersons. Mary Linn Patterson was the daughter of James Linn Patterson, son of Robert Patterson (1788-1861), son of Josiah Patterson (1752-1823), son of Robert Patterson (c. 1720-1806), son of John Patterson, who was born in Scotland and who died 1755 in Tinicum, Bucks Co., PA. The letter is addressed to “My dear Mrs. McClure.” I have no idea who this Mrs. McClure [McCune?] is. At the top of the first page of my copy of this letter is the calling card of “Mrs. John S. Patterson.” It seems to me that this calling card was placed on top of the first page of the letter, and the two were copied together. “Mrs. John S. Patterson” is Sarah Luella Patterson’s mother. How Sarah Luella and/or her mother came into possession of this letter (if that was the case) is not known.

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Mrs. John S. Patterson.

257 W. 104th St. N.Y. City
Apr. 4, 1911

My dear Mrs. McLean;

My great great grandfather
Patterson came from the north of Ireland, or
one generation back the family settled in Cecil Co.
Pa. & my great great grandfather which I believe
was John Patterson settled in Cammonsburgh.
My great grandfather which was Josiah
Patterson bought the farm in Wash. Co., Pa.,
Bergettsburg, Pa. My grandfather Robert
Patterson lived on the same farm, also my
father James Lin Patterson lived there all
his life & that was our home until we came
to N.Y. My great grandfather & my grandfather
only had one son. Each named their full
cousin, also my father named his full cousin
Sara Lin, & I had one brother J. Frederick
Patterson. There are three of us here & one

sister in Bergeltstown, with 2 ~~daughters~~ daughters.
She is a widow, Mrs. Annie Scott. These were
penn brothers of the Pattersons from whom
we are descended the one that came from
the north of Ireland & settled in Eastern
Pa. We have a book the Donegal
church, - that tells all about our
ancestors...

Mary Linn Patterson

MYSTERY LETTER #2**Written 8 May 1911 by Elizabeth Kelso Patterson****To Sarah Luella Patterson**

Read the notes for the letter previous. Elizabeth Kelso Patterson was Mary Linn Patterson's sister. Why Elizabeth Kelso Patterson would be in communication with Sarah Luella Patterson (direct descendant of Thomas Sr.) is a mystery to me. The two Patterson families are not closely connected at all, to my knowledge.



257 West 104th St.
New York City
May 8 - 1911
My dear Miss Patterson
I am sending
you by mail today
a book about the
Patterson family.
This is sent at the
request of
Mrs R. M. McCune
Fayette City Pa. I am

also sending you some
notice of my work.

I am very much
interested in families
and would be glad
to know what you
have about the
Patterson family.

We have now a
direct relative by the
name, and our
family consists of

Your sisters, Mary L. Patterson
Addie J. Patterson.

Annie G. Patterson-Scott, with
two daughters, and my
self Chibeth Keko Patterson.

I will be glad to hear
from you. Sincerely

Chibeth Keko Patterson

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**Letter written 12 Apr 1911 by John C. Patterson
To John S. Patterson & family, attaching 3 pages of family data**

John C. Patterson is John Cooper Patterson (1850 - ?), son of James Thompson Patterson (1821-1904), son of John Patterson (1786-1856), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr. John S. Patterson is John Stephens Patterson (1850-1928) was son of George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas Patterson III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr.

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John S. Patterson & family
Perryopolis, Pa.

Dear Cousin,

Your letter of the 29th ult. was received, very glad to hear from you, but sorry to hear that you had been sick. We have all so far escaped serious colds or the grippe. If the winter was disagreeable, spring has been doubly so, the roads are very bad indeed. We had to start making ice much sooner this spring than usual, on account of the moderate winter, have been running for over a month, have been shipping considerable to the small towns in this vicinity. They are storing for the summer, they can get it cheaper now, and on account of there being so little natural ice put up, it may be hard to get it next summer. I was glad to hear that Cousin Sarah is so much interested in the early history of our family. I am enclosing some history of my Grandfather's family and of my Father's. Cannot you folks and your daughter Sarah when she is at home next summer, visit us, perhaps we can assist others in our history.

I had a very nice letter from our cousin Dr McJunk
 in of Oakdale, he appears to be very much interested
 in the Patterson history also. Our oldest son Henry
 who has been in Wichita for three years is thinking
 of locating in Okmulgee Okla. has been there two
 weeks and likes it very much, he is in the oil sect
 ion, he expects to go into some kind of business for himse
 lf. The ministers of this city and Canal Dover united
 and held a series of two weeks meetings, just closed
 each one was expected to attend their own church
 and you heard a different preacher each evening,
 nor did you know who you would hear until you
 went, the meetings were well attended and with good
 results. My brother Mills daughter who is in Washing-
 ton college at New Concord, is just getting over the
 typhoid fever, she was very bad, my sister had her
 removed from her boarding house, to her house and
 took care of her, also had a good nurse.

Thank you for copy of the old census. I very much
 enjoy hearing from you and hope our correspondance
 will continue.

Yours very truly
 John C. Patterson,

My grandfather John Patterson came to Guernsey Co Ohio
 in 1827. he died Dec 17, 1856. was born Nov 22, 1786.
 My grandmother was Margaret Thompson of Westmoreland Co
 Pa was born Oct 19, 1796. died Aug . They were married
 in 1815. they had twelve children, 1st Elizabeth, called
 Eliza, born Nov 13, 1816. married late in life Reo Jno Bonner a
 P. minister in Scioto Co Ohio. Eliza died in 1900,
 and Mary Jane born Oct 28, 1818. married Henderson Duff a farmer
 of Muskingum Co Ohio. after her husband's death in about
 1886. she and her two sons removed to near Paunee City Neb.
 where she died in 1904. aged 86 years; James Thompson born
 Jan 1, 1821. became a farmer. was a successful business man
 died in Cambridge O. May 24, 1904. he married Violet Perry
 Cooper, daughter of Judge Wm Cooper of Muskingum Co O,
 who came from West Newton Pa, Nov 25, 1849. she was born Mar
 1825. died in Cambridge O Feb 16, 1905. they had five children
 or now living, viz, John C. Patterson, now of New Philadelphia
 Robert Wilson Patterson born Nov 6, 1852. a farmer near Sun-
 dale Muskingum Co O. Rosalie Patterson born Aug 6, 1856. unmar-
 ried lives in New Concord O. Priscilla Jane, died in her 4th year
 William Drenner born Jan 2, 1860. lives on the old homestead.
 where my father & mother, went to housekeeping in 1849.

- 4th A daughter born Nov 4 1822, died in infancy.
 5th Sarah Brown, born Oct 9, 1823, married Joseph White, a farmer
 Mus. Linn Co O. she died in 1873.
 6th Nancy Ann, born Dec 18, 1825, married Wm Shepherd in 1852
 they lived on the farm where her father John Patterson settled
 in 1827 in Guernsey Co O. the farm is yet owned by the Shepherds
 of which there was a large family (Uncle & Aunt left each
 a farm). 7th Thomas Logan, born Mar 17, 1828 died young.
 8th Margaret Mc Clair, born July 31, 1829, unmarried lives in
 Monmouth Ill. 9th Thomas, Doudfit born Apr 1, 1832, became
 minister, married Celia Mc Kee of near Fairview Guernsey Co O
 in 1862, he died in Monmouth Ill Feb 21, 1897, his wife died a
 few years later, they left three children.
 10th Martha, born May 27, 1834, died young, 11th Susan Martha, born
 July 29, 1836, married David Lemon, a farmer near Fairview O
 moved to Iowa, she is living a widow, in Monmouth Ill.
 12th Robert, Wilson, born Aug 29, 1839, died in infancy.
 might say that my Grandmother, who was Margaret Thom
 was from Westmoreland Co, her father died young, her moth
 afterward married John Reasoner who owned the farm
 which part of Monessen is built, the Reasoners moved to
 Guernsey Co, in 1804, but think Grandmother remained

New Philadelphia, Ohio, _____ 191

in Penna with relatives until she married Grandfather
in 1815. she had one brother, who came to Ohio with the
Reasoners in 1804, but soon afterward died and is buried
on the farm where the Reasoners settled, near New Con-
cord, I often wish we knew more about the Thompsons
here may be some of their connection in Westmoreland
Co get.

Letter written 27 Apr 1911 by Sarah Luella Patterson
To her mother, Cora (Mrs. John S.) Patterson

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5756 Madison Av.

CHICAGO, April 27, 1911

My dear Mamma,
 Received your very long and interesting letter last week. Am so glad that Papa is better. Has he got some distilled water yet? There is no use in his drinking that kind of water. Am surprised that you have plenty of rain. It is too dry here. But the spring weather here has been much better than last year. Am so glad that there is good prospect for fruit. Am glad Cora is now free from school work. How big was her school this winter? What was total enrollment & what average attendance? You are right about your statement that she is a dear little girl. She has never been anything but a joy to me. But you and Papa must not imagine that she is

the only child you have got. You have Mary and myself and George, and each one of us wishes that as you grow older, you and Papa will find each succeeding year more happy than the ~~last~~ preceding one, and what is more, we will each try to make this wish come true.

I'm glad Mr. Brown is going to Atlanta City, and I hope Mary can go along. Had a letter from Mrs. Hill saying that Mr. Hill had an encounter with a bull which left him with one or two broken ribs, but that he expected to be out last Sunday. She was to speak ^{last Sunday} at a Union meeting of the churches in ~~celebration~~ celebration of the 300th anniversary of the translation of the Bible. You will likely see Mr. Hill soon.

Was very much surprised to hear about the railroad. Am sorry it is to be so near Mary's home. I think it might go farther away from the Luce house & barn. It would be nice to have Uncle Luke and Aunt Lucy with you.

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next year, and they would greatly enjoy it.
 I enclose ~~some~~ ^{one dollar} CHICAGO, ~~through~~ my card with
 address for Mrs. McCune. Please ask her
 to send the ~~money~~ ^{money} to her N. Y. friend and ask
 them to mail or express the book to me. I will return it to
 them within two weeks. The Donegal Co., Ireland took about Pattersons.
 Thank you very much for the John Cooper Patterson letter
 and for the Hinchman information. ~~Am returning it herewith.~~ Will send
 them to you, but do not lose them. Have copied the data, but
 John Cooper gives a lot of interesting data which I did not copy.
 I enclose a speech which I made at the committee meeting
 of Sat. afternoon walk crowd, on Tues. evening. We will probably be
 called Prairie Walking Unit. Shall spend all day Sunday next
 with Miss Watkins & Mr. Nelson & another girl going over my

ten mile walk which I'm to lead May 6. Jens Jensen will lead the evening walk (after dinner). He is a well known Chicago landscape gardener. I'm greatly honored to be down for leading this walk.

Had letter from Stella Anderson Hill. She was in the hospital 4 weeks & then had to be carried into her home when she returned home. Mrs. Fish (who was Miss Pecker, my predecessor at library) was in the hospital 6 weeks when her baby was born. Stella Anderson Hill's baby's name is Margaret & has dark eyes & hair.

Played tennis after library hours this evening. Must go to bed. Love to all

Hastily your Sarah

Don't work too hard housecleaning. Take it easy. Am disgusted to find that I weigh only 117. Have been keeping about 125 lbs. until lately. Am well, but a trifle too busy.

Letter written 5 Mar 1974 by [private]
To John W. & Melissa Patterson

I have omitted the name of the author of this letter because the date of this letter is relatively recent. The author is writing to her cousin, John William Patterson (1909-1991; he married Melissa Zundel). John William was son of George Harris Patterson (1886-1965), son of John Stephens Patterson (1850-1928), son of George Shields Patterson (1821-1904), son of Thomas Patterson III (1784-1824), son of Thomas Jr., son of Thomas Sr.

Mr & Mrs John W. Patterson
 Belle Vernon Rt 3
 Pa
 15012

Devoted
 to the
 cause of
 the
 Church

Tuesday March 5 1974

Dear Melissa and John W.

Thank you so much for the
 clippings. I've made copies of
 the one about Marion Church for
 John, Clark, Jamie and our 2 children
 Mary & John and John A's son Blake
 It is nice to know that someone
 remembers our dad and mother.
 They really did many great things.
 Dad was generous by a fault - but
 who is to say! At least that church
 has survived. He put many
 thousands of dollars into it - and into
 minister's salaries etc etc. How?
 Woulda if you will - or can - tell
 me which paper that was in -
 and the approx. date. I may
 get to writing a note to the

columnist who wrote the article.
I'd appreciate that.

We weren't home when your letter came. That is why the tardy answer. Herb and I have just returned from a month's trip to Africa. We went first to Johannesburg and Cape Town - to the most southerly tip of So. Africa - then travelled north through Rhodesia - where we flew over Victoria Falls in a small plane - then to Nairobi in Kenya from where we took an 8 day Animal Safari. Were in several different Lodges - really small hotels - We saw really

³
 thousands of wild animals in
 their natural setting. The most
 were Cape Buffalo - many hundreds.
 Also lions, elephants, giraffe,
 ostriches; baboons monkeys
 cheeta - many zebras etc etc -
 For the 8 days we had a driver - and
 with another couple we travelled
 in a V.W. Minibus - so we each
 had a window - then the top
 opened for viewing and picture
 taking. No one ever gets out of a
 car in wild animal country. It
 just isn't at all safe. As long as
 the animals don't get a whiff
 of human smell - also OK -
 they will attack otherwise.

It was a fantastic⁴ trip - and we
 had a real adventure. So Africa is
 beautiful country. We went to the
 Cape Point where the Indian and
 Atlantic Ocean meet. We were
 near the Equator in Nairobi - but
 since it is about 8000 ft elevation
 the weather and elevation is great.
 We ran into almost no heat weather
 because of elevation. I don't take
 pictures - good ones too. We haven't
 had a chance to see all of them
 yet. (Haven't seen how long).
 We flew all the time - and the
 change of time was 7 hours from
 Ethiopia to N.Y. - So on the Rome
 stretch we were up 21 hours. Had
 stayed that night in Rome Italy.

5.

I had not intended to write so much about the trip. We did love it.

You - your little inspired me to get out some of Mother's papers and I found just what you want and should have. I'll send it very soon. Your dad's sister Sarah spent years I expect tracking down the Pattison family - and it is quite a volume. I have filled in a few dates that were missing - and I know. Only a few. Some of the several papers I can't ever read. Maybe you can. There is a parchment deed - dated 1785 - The money paid was in English pounds and shilling -

Statehood in Pennsylvania
 dates from 1787 - so the deed is
 really old - and not in very
 good shape either. I think this
 deed and the other papers must
 have come to my mother when
 her mother died in Calif - or
 maybe when Aunt Sarah died.
 Anyway it is valuable to you - as
 you are living on that original
 form. That is really wonderful!
 I don't know whether you would
 want to have the deed framed
 with glass on both sides - so it
 can be read on both sides - or
 just leave it folded - as it is.
 Maybe your sisters - Esther -
 might have an idea - as May.
 The Coal Check came and

I agree that it is too bad that
your dad and my mother
couldn't have had it.

We wish that you and
Melissa would visit us.
I think gasoline will be
available before too long.
Why not make a trip to
New England. We haven't
had her - except sometime a
hard winter. This winter
has been very open - Our temp.
was 65° yesterday and higher today.

I am sorry that you
have such a long letter to

read - That is if you can
read my writing.

I hope that Jim Leger
is well again. He is a fine
man. We enjoyed seeing
Ethel & Jim the past summer.
We have pleasant recollection
of you son & daughter too who
visited us. Best to them - and to
all your family.

Write again -
Love

Letter dictated 16 Mar 1911 by Charles J. Bonaparte
And sent to Sarah Luella Patterson

Sarah Luella Patterson had written to Charles Bonaparte, asking for information about his Patterson family. Charles Bonaparte (1851 - ?) was son of Jerome Bonaparte (1832-1893), son of Jerome (1805-1870) & Elizabeth "Betsy" (Patterson) Bonaparte. Elizabeth "Betsy" (1785-1879) was daughter of William Patterson of Baltimore (1852-1835), who was son of William & Elizabeth (Peoples) Patterson of Fanad, Co. Donegal, Ireland.



CHARLES J. BONAPARTE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
218 ST. PAUL ST. BALTIMORE

March 29, 1911.

Miss Sarah Patterson,

5755 Madison Avenue, Chicago, Ill.,

Dear Madam;—

I received yesterday the enclosed letter and clipping. It reminds me that I had heard the name of my great-grandfather's father was also "William." It is possible that the letter of this lady and the clipping enclosed may be of some interest to you in your enquiries. I shall be obliged if you will return me the letter at your convenience, and I remain,

Yours very respectfully and truly,

Dictated.

Charles J. Bonaparte.

Note: Before returning the letter and clipping sent to her by Charles Bonaparte, Sarah Luella copied it. Her copies are on the next two pages.

Copy of "clipping" sent to Sarah Luella by Charles Bonaparte

Notes & Queries N. S. Z. Mar. 19, 1910 (copy of clipping)
 The Baltimore & "Old Maryland" Palliser's (10 S. XI. 25, 218). - as the
 pedigree of this family, as given in "Carlyle's First Love",
 Appendix A, is incomplete, and in one particular misleading, it
 rests with me, as a descendant of the incomplete portion, to
 correct the same.

According to his will (proved 1801), John Palliser of
 Millbrook, Co. Sligo, Esq. (= Margaret Palliser, the aunt of
 Betty Palliser who married Jerome Bonaparte), left four sons
 and five daughters, viz., John Edward, William & Daniel; Jane
 (wife of Daniel Merry, Esq.), Ann, Margaret, Lucy, and
 Frances (married the Rev. G. V. Hart of Glenalla, co. Donegal,
 and wife of Castlebar, co. Sligo). It is the last item which
 proves my statement in "Hart of Donegal" (p. 69) regarding the
 relationship between my grandmother Frances Hart and "Betty".
 But as Rear-Admiral Hart was the only one of that name
 hitherto mentioned in the Palliser pedigree, it would have
 proved misleading in the future, without the addition I
 have now made.

All the references regarding the information about
 Rear-Admiral George Hart and his family I possess, the
 information having been furnished to Mr. Archibald, but
 without my permission.

E. H. Fairbrother

Copy of letter sent to Sarah Luella Patterson by Charles Bonaparte

copy of letter

25 Upper George St. Bryanston Sq. London W.

C. J. Bonaparte, Esq.
Paris.

Mar. 14, 1911

Dear Sir, About two years ago I ventured to write to you regarding the ancestry of your late ~~great~~ grandmother Mme. Jerome Bonaparte, at the same time stating that she + my late grandmother had had common ancestors in William Patterson = Elizabeth Peoples.

Since then a Mr. Archibald of Rhodes Is. pub. his book "Carlyle's First Love" which contains Patterson pedigrees, and which you may have seen.

But owing to Mr. Archibald having omitted to enter the family of my great-grandfather John Patterson of Millbrook & J. Margaret his wife I was obliged to rectify his omission, in print, but regret I have hitherto forgotten to forward the enclosed, to prove the statement in my last letter to you.

Recently I was interested to learn that there were still a family of the name of Peoples living in Co. Downgal, well-to-do farmers. With many thanks for your kindness & courtesy in answering my previous letter remain yours truly
Miss E. H. Fairbrother

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Letter dictated 18 Mar 1911 by Charles Bonaparte
And sent to Sarah Luella Patterson

CHARLES J. BONAPARTE
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Miss Sarah Patterson,
5756 Madison Avenue,
Chicago,
Ill.,

CHARLES J. BONAPARTE
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March 18, 1911.

Miss Sarah Patterson,

5756 Madison Avenue, Chicago, Ill.,

My Dear Madam;-

Your letter of the 15th inst. has just reached me. Mr. William Patterson was my great-grandfather, not my great-great-grandfather, as you think, if I rightly understand your letter. I do not at this time remember the name of his father, but this I ^{perhaps} can ascertain; I know his mother's name was Elizabeth. He had two brothers, who were named, respectively, George and Thomas; he had also several sisters. He may have had other brothers, but I do not now remember to have ever heard of them. Lady Hart, the wife of the Englishman who was for many years at the head of the Chinese Customs Service, is a descendant of one of the sisters. I do not know the dates of the births and deaths of Mr. William Patterson's two brothers. I think you might obtain some further information on the subject by writing to Mr. W. Hall Harris, of 511 Park Avenue, in this City. His wife is a grand-daughter of Mr. William Patterson; he is a prominent member of the Maryland Historical Society and The Sons of the Revolution, and he is also Postmaster of Baltimore.

I regret that I cannot be of greater service to you in the premises, and I remain, dear Madam,

yours very respectfully and truly,

Dictated.

Charles J. Bonaparte.

Letter written 31 Mar 1911 by W. Hall Harris
To Sarah Luella Patterson

In the above letter, Charles Bonaparte recommended that Sarah Luella contact Mr. Harris, a “prominent member of the Maryland Historical Society” for further information. This Sarah Luella apparently followed up on, for Mr. Harris’ reply is below. *Note:* William Hall Harris was vice-president of the Maryland Historical Society. He married Alice Patterson (born 1855 in Baltimore, daughter of Henry Patterson, youngest son of William and Dorcas (Spear) Patterson. In other words: Alice, **William H. Harris’ wife, was the granddaughter of William Patterson who came from Ireland at a young age and settled in Baltimore, where he amassed a large fortune.** Alice was also the niece of the famous Betsy Patterson who married Napoleon’s brother, Jerome Bonaparte. So when William Hall Harris writes to Sarah Luella that William’ known brothers were Robert, George and Michael (no Thomas), I believe this information can be trusted. This information about William Hall Harris and his wife Alice Patterson can be found in of *Baltimore: its history and its people*, no author (New York & Chicago: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1912), Vol. II, p. 195.



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BALTIMORE, MD.

W. HALL HARRIS.
H. OLIVER THOMPSON.
W. HALL HARRIS, JR.

March 31, 1911.

v }
Miss Sarah Patterson,
5756 Madison Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Patterson:

I have your letter of 26th instant but regret that such memoranda as are in my possession do not enable me to furnish the data you wish, nor do I find them to contain mention of Thomas as a brother of William Patterson 1752-1835, whose brothers would appear to have been Robert, George and Michael. Of George, I have no information, and of Michael only the statement that he was murdered.

Robert appears to have married Anna O'Donnell and to have had issue:

Susan, who married Hazlett, d.s.p.

Mary " " Grinshaw.

Hannah " " Barry Drew Hewetson & d. Apl. 28, 1856

leaving descendants in South Carolina,

but of whose addresses I am not informed.

The parents of William Patterson 1752-1835 were, respectively, William and Elizabeth (Peoples).

Yours truly,

W. Hall Harris

Letter written 11 May 1911 by Professor R.C. Archibald of Brown University
[author of *Carlyle's First Love*] to Sarah Luella Patterson



BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE

May 11, 1911

Dear Miss Patterson -

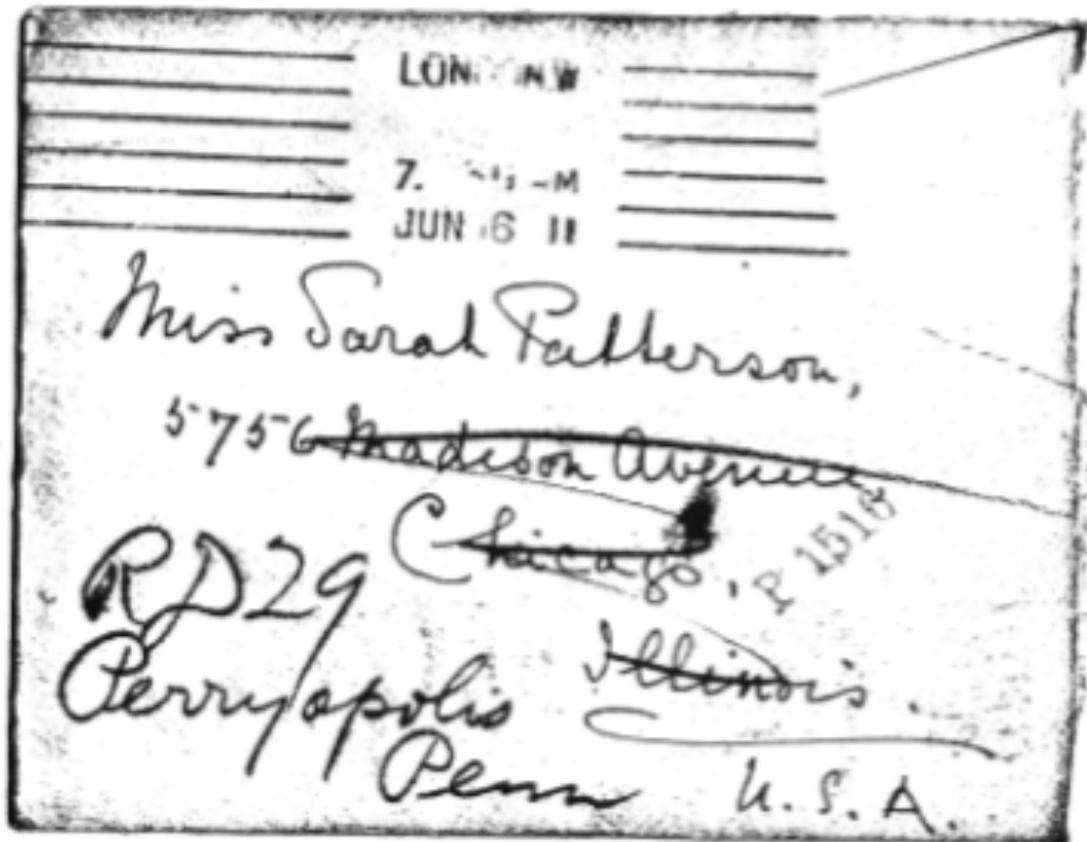
I am sorry to say that I cannot give you the information you desire about Thomas Patterson brother of William Patterson of Farnad, N. Ireland. I feel sure, however, that he is not the man you seek. The best place to make a search is in the Historical Society's Rooms, Philadelphia. There is there a magnificent collection, splendidly ordered.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Archibald

Letter written 16 June 1911 by Miss E.H. Fairweather of London
To Sarah Luella Patterson

In one of Charles Bonaparte's letters to Sarah Luella, he had enclosed a copy of a letter he thought might be of interest to her. The letter was written by Miss Fairweather. Evidently Sarah Luella followed up and contacted Miss Fairweather directly, and got this reply:



C/o The Manager,
London & Provincial Bank, Ltd
Paddington Branch, London, W.
June 16th 1911

Miss Sarah Patterson
Chicago.

Dear Madam,

In reply to yours of May 14th, I write to say, that I regret, I cannot furnish any information regarding your ancestor Thomas Patterson, as I never hunted up any of that Christian name. I am a professional searcher, and any time I was in Dublin, I only looked for those in which I was specially interested. The reason why Mr. Archibald, who is a perfect stranger to me, refrained from giving the names of my Great Grandfather's family, (which he could have done, as he possessed a copy of my Grandfather's will), was because I refused to search gratis for him in London! As it was, Mr. Stewart, who helped him a great deal, gave him information gratis, which the had got from me! & which as professionals we have no right to do. Well, do not pin your faith to Mr. Archibald's Patterson pedigree, for as I know in print, that in no instance at all events, they were in complete! Next, Mr. Archibald never had really a thorough search made anywhere at all the Patterson name in Dublin, and without such a search, it would be impossible for anyone to make a reliable Patterson pedigree of those of the north of Ireland. This you will readily understand, when I tell you there were 5 or 6 Colonies of Pattersons settled within (roughly) a radius of 20 miles of Rathmellon, or the town of Woodvonderry, all bearing the same familiar names of Daniel, John, Thomas, William, Walter, Edward, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth &c, so you see how easily a John or

P.S. Beyond what I know the subject it will be better to check for you to employ her. There is some one else
 who might be interested in the matter of Ireland, & being where your ancestor
 was born. I would desire no further benefit for all records to our lord god in the Record Office, Dublin.

a Thomas &c might be mistaken for those belonging to
 another family. Also, I must add, there were Pattersons
 of Co Antrim, Tyrone, & Belfast, as well as of Dublin,
 who were relations of those of Counties Londonderry
 & Donegal. Therefore, without a very extensive up-keep
 of all Patterson wills, deeds, Chancery Proceedings &c, it
 would be impossible to ascertain who was who, and
 which belonged to which! A Mr. Amedeo Valle Reymun,
 Junr, (c/o the Security Trust Company, Saint Louis,
 Missouri, U.S.A.) is also interested in the Pattersons
 of Rathmalton. Mr. Stuart told him of my existence,
 & he expressed a wish I should write to him. I did so
 over 4 months ago, but as I have had no answer, I
 presume, like Mr. Archibald, he wanted information
 gratis! I give you his name, as perhaps between
 you, you could see your way to getting Mr. Stuart to
 undertake a search of a few weeks for you.
 She helped Mr. Archibald & has much Patterson
 information, & as she lives in Ireland, her terms,
 travelling & expenses would come to less than mine.
 (There would also be the fees for seeing original
 documents), but a great deal of information
 might be forthcoming even in 2 or 3 weeks
 search, if you could persuade Mr. Reymun to go
 share in the expense. I forgot to say, I think
 Mr. Stuart's terms are 3 guineas per week for
 searching, with the additional expenses which I
 have already mentioned. If you should decide on
 getting Mr. Stuart to help you, you ought to send her all
 the information regarding dates of death obtainable
 in the Rathmalton Cemetery, or from the Registers of Rathmalton.

Mr. William Stuart's address is:
 Mountfearl, Ballymena, Co Antrim, Ireland.
 Regretting my inability to give the required information,
 I am, Sir, sincerely,
 Yours faithfully,
 E. H. Fairbrother.

(Miss) E. H. Fairbrother

Letter written 10 Aug 1911 by genealogical researcher Barbara Stuart
To Sarah Luella Patterson

Barbara Stuart assisted Professor Archibald when he was researching the Patterson of County Donegal from which William Patterson of Baltimore descended. Sarah Luella got in touch with her and paid her to investigate whether Thomas Patterson Sr. was brother of William Patterson of Baltimore.

August 10th /11.

Dear Miss Patterson

I duly received your letter - and regret some days delay in replying. It will be necessary for me to have some details regarding yr ancestor Thomas Patterson - and if you will lend me any important particulars & dates - I will compare with the notes I have.

You need not be afraid that I will charge you too much! - as I will not of course search in the Record or Deed Office - Dublin - without yr wish & do so -

The stamped envelope you sent to me I now enclose - as you will see the United States Stamp is of no use to me here! - but it shows me that yr wish was to save me the postage on my reply - & you meant it kindly.

I will do what I can for you, if you will give me particulars.

Believe me
 Yrs truly
 B. Stuart

Monistearl
 Ballymena
 Co. Antrim - Ireland -

Letter written 5 Aug 1912 by genealogical researcher Barbara Stuart
To Sarah Luella Patterson

Several passages of this letter debunk the theory that Thomas Patterson Sr. of Fayette Co., PA was a brother of William Patterson of Baltimore. Some of the passages in this letter: "Thomas [William's brother] did not marry (according to family tradition)." Also: "As far as I can judge from any evidence I have the above Thomas [brother of William of Baltimore] was not your ancestor."

August 5th /12 Mountair
 Baltimore

Dear Miss Patterson -

I got no further than the enclosed half sheet! - & now enclose it to show you ^{apex} that I tried to get some work for you, but have not been strong, & not allowed to sit so long studying ^{but have written letters after it} however - today I have nearly spent the whole day going over Mr. Archibald's letters to the Pattersons - & gathering together all information I could get for you -

1. You want most to know whether your Ancestors were related to W^m P. of Baltimore (1752-1835) Robert - was supposed to be the eldest brother of W^m P. of Baltimore - because Robert got Roggarron - the family place - He died there & is buried at Roggarron Kill Church, married Anne O'Donnell -

But Jean get no dates of him.

authenticity of Patterson - the Attorney General of the States

2nd in order is usually given as W^m P. of Baltimore - 1752 - 1835.

3rd & 4th George and Thomas. These two did not marry (according to tradition)

George was murdered in Jamaica by "Billy" Patterson, his brother, administered his Will. or so he was involved in a lawsuit with the other brothers - as George left quite a fortune.

4th Thomas did not marry - (according to family tradition at least) - & it is ^{also} said that he & George returned to Ireland.

But Mr. Archibald found that George was murdered in ~~the~~ Jamaica. So their history is uncertain.

But an important point is that there is reference - dated August 28. 1780. to W^m Patterson of Baltimore and Brothers as owners of a ship & Mr. Archibald thought these brothers were

George & Thomas -
 5th Michael married - McKnight.
 2 settled in North Carolina.
 Of all of these Brothers we have
not one date - though I have
 searched well for such -
 They were of the Episcopal Church
 Their Father was William Patterson
 = Elizabeth Peoples of the Parish
 of Filly Aucknish -
 Of this Parish there are no Records
Earlier than 1798 - of Baptisms
 1788 of Marriages &
 1758 of Burials -
 in our Dublin Record Office -
 As far as I can judge from
 any evidence I have - the
 above Thomas was not your
 Ancestor. & as your Thomas
 was born 1724. I cannot get

any record of his birth here -
 You will see that (5) Robert as eldest
 son - might have been born abt 1750 -
 & the Mother (Elizabeth) of this Family
 may have likely been born abt 1730
 As your 1st Thomas was born 1724
 he w^d certainly not be his son! -
 All this is evidence against the
 likelihood of J^r Thomas being
 John & W^m of Baltimore, but
 as to your request to know if he
 was "related" to the Family of W^m
 of Baltimore - that w^d be very difficult
 for me to find out - but think not.
 I have written to the Rector of
 Tully and Irish - & neighboring
 inhabitants of that place - but
 can gain no further information
 & there are no tombstones or Slabs

Memorials to find out from.
 You may rest assured that I
 have done all that can be done
 in this country to find out dates
 of the older people. but there are
 none - with the exception of
 John Paterson = Jean
 Will proved
 May 18. 1704.

John =
 William - Eliz Peoples
 John = Anne
 Born 1719
 D. 1795

(These dates give an idea of Date of
 William = Eliz Peoples) - and
 your 1st Thomas may have
 been a brother of John & William
 (but I have no evidence of this).
 I have gone through abt.
 40 letters & numerous

papers. & conclude that you
 will find your information
 nearer at hand - ie in your
 own country - I w^d suggest
 that

(1) you see that Deed dated
 August 22/1790 - for the
 reason given in the enclosed
 first letter -

I will, if I find any more
 information at any time
 send it on to you - if it will
 be of interest to you. & will
 help you in any way I can
 over here - without any
 further charge - Indeed I
 think you have paid
 liberally & promptly for
 such information as I can

give you. which is more
 than Mr. Archibald did,
 for all the quantities of infor-
 -mation I worked so hard to
 get - & I feel you are paying
 me for ~~some~~ ^{some} of the information
 I sent to him.

Any day now. I will keep
 the £2. you have so promptly
 & kindly sent - & will be
 glad to help you - for that - in
 the future, in any way I
 can - & when next in Dublin
 if I come across anything
 in the Record or Deed Office
 of service to you - will send
 it on - I shall be glad

if you will kindly let me
 know, if you find anything
 in the deed I refer you to, or
 get more light on yr' Ancestors.

I have also some of the Pedigree
 of "Robert Patterson - Old Mortality"
 Born 1712 - or 1715 - & I cannot
 think your Family is closely
 related to his - but as his Father
 was a Walter Paterson, an uncommon
 name - I am inclined to think that
 "Old Mortality" was certainly related
 to Walter P. Gov: of Prince Edw: Island.

Hoping you will forgive my
 long silence, & assuring you
 of my willingness to help you
 in the future, & thanking you
 for the £2, you sent me.

Yrs Sincerely
 Barbara Crauch Stuart

Letter written 24 Mar 1912 by Barbara Stuart (genealogical researcher)
To Sarah Luella Patterson

Miss S. Patterson
 5756 Madison Avenue
 Chicago
 United States -

March 24/12 Mountearl
 Ballymena
 Co. Antrim
 Ireland.

Dear Miss Patterson

I duly received your
 letter of March 4th - & also
 its enclosure of Postal Order
 for £1.0.0.

I will have replied to you, &
 acknowledged the Order
 sooner, but that I was summoned
 to the bedside of my old Nurse
 who was very ill - & I am
 still with her every day -
 However I must find time

I let you know I rec^d of
letter & the order -

If you will not mind
some delay, I will try
at least, to find out what
you want - I feel I w^d
be glad if you had not
sent the money yet, as
I cannot set ab^t the search
just now - I do not know
if you understand, that

Supposing even that
I search in Dublin for
what you want - & don't
get it - still I will have
expended time & expense
& find out that it can't be got
& will you be content with
that? -

You see I am abt a days
journey from Dublin -
by train - & the £1.0.0 &
be gone, on the journey also
but I can get a professional

searches at the Record Office
 Dublin to search for me at 2/-
 per hour, & that is only for time
 as any Wills are paid Extra -
 Then at the Deed Office Dublin
 2/6. fee is charged for admittance
 no matter what found.

But I will do what I can
 as I don't want to keep your
 money unjustly! - I am afraid
 there ~~was~~ ^{are} no records extant of
 the period wanted. I will do my
 best you may be sure, but please
 give me time - say a few months.

Believe me y^rs very truly
 (M^{rs} D^m) L. J. Stuart -

Letter written 15 July 1912 by Barbara Stuart (genealogical researcher)
To Sarah Luella Patterson

[Part of this letter appears to be missing.]

July 15/12. Mountcal
 Rallymena
 Co. Antrim
 Ireland.

Dear Miss Patterson.

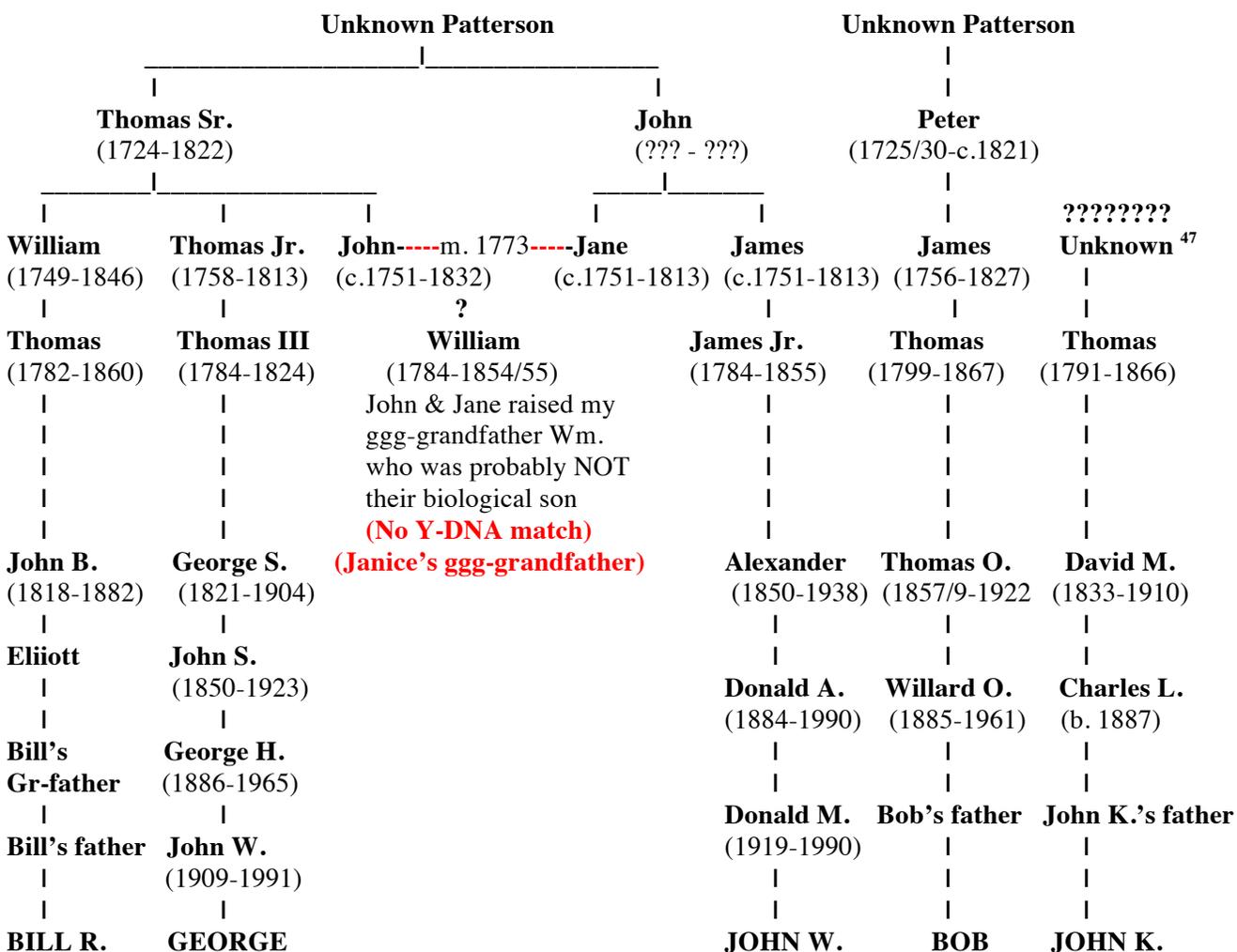
You will excuse my delay
 in writing, I feel sure, when I
 explain that I have had a rather
 sharp attack of Bronchial -
 Pneumonia. I am only now
 recovering a bit. able to go
 out to the garden 3 or 4 times
 a day - but very shaky still.
 I taking Iron to strengthen me.

I must acknowledge the
 receipt of your 2nd 5 dollars.
 Some time ago - I lately have

Been studying up the matter a bit.
I wd be glad if you could see
that Deed your Family have -
dated Aug: 22 - 1790 - as you
may find in it that Alexander
was the Father of Thomas - Sen.
Does the name Alexander occur
again among the descendants
of Thomas (Sen:)?

CHAPTER XIV Y-DNA EVIDENCE

Below is a chart showing how various living Patterson men descend from Thomas Sr.; from Thomas Sr.'s putative brother John; from Peter Patterson (relationship to Thomas Sr. unknown at this time); and from a Thomas Patterson b. 1791 (relationship to Thomas Sr. unknown at this time).



See next page for Y-DNA test results for Bill R., George, John W., Bob and John K.

⁴⁷ We are currently investigating the possibility that the father of Thomas b. 1791 was Alexander (b. 1762; d. 1800-1806), son of Thomas Sr. b. 1724.

(All testing was done through familytreedna.com)

BILL R. PATTERSON

13, 25, 14, 11, 11, 14, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 29
 17, 9, 10, 11, 11, 24, 15, 21, 29, 15, 15, 16, 18
 11, 11, 19, 23, 15, 15, 17, 17, 36, 39, 12, 11

Note: As of this writing, Bill R. has not upgraded to 67 markers.

GEORGE PATTERSON

13, 25, 14, 11, 11, 14, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 29
 17, 9, 10, 11, 11, 24, 15, 21, 29, 15, 15, 16, 18
 11, 11, 19, 23, 15, 15, 17, 17, 36, 40, 12, 11
 11, 9, 16, 16, 8, 10, 10, 8, 10, 10
 12, 23, 23, 15, 10, 12, 12, 18, 8, 13, 23, 20, 15
 12, 11, 13, 11, 11, 12, 12

JOHN W. PATTERSON

13, 25, 14, 11, 11, 14, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 29
 17, 9, 10, 11, 11, 24, 15, 21, 29, 15, 15, 16, 18
 11, 11, 19, 23, 15, 15, 17, 17, 36, 41, 12, 11
 11, 9, 16, 16, 8, 10, 10, 8, 10, 10
 12, 23, 23, 15, 10, 12, 12, 17, 8, 13, 23, 20, 15
 12, 11, 13, 11, 11, 12, 12

BOB PATTERSON

13, 25, 14, 11, 11, 14, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 29
 17, 9, 10, 11, 11, 24, 15, 21, 29, 15, 15, 16, 18
 11, 12, 19, 23, 15, 15, 17, 17, 36, 39, 12, 11
 11, 9, 16, 16, 8, 10, 10, 8, 10, 10
 12, 23, 23, 15, 10, 12, 12, 17, 8, 13, 23, 20, 15
 12, 11, 13, 11, 11, 12, 12

JOHN K. PATTERSON

13, 25, 14, 11, 11, 14, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 29
 17, 9, 10, 11, 11, 24, 15, 21, 29, 15, 15, 17, 18
 11, 11, 19, 23, 14, 15, 17, 17, 36, 39, 12, 11
 11, 9, 16, 16, 8, 10, 10, 8, 10, 10
 12, 23, 23, 15, 10, 12, 12, 18, 8, 13, 23, 20, 15
 12, 11, 13, 11, 11, 12, 12