

RD-016-02	Tracing the lineage of Reuben Benthall
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Change History

Version	Date	Changes
RD-016.01	23-Jul-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original document
RD-016-02	04-Aug-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Item #6 – Thomas Benthall’s will showing Reuben Benthall as his son. Shortened Conclusion section to just the father of Reuben Benthall and added info from Thomas’ will.

Notes: Except for the Original Document, all new changes are in **blue font**, and the changes made to the document are also denoted in **blue font** in the document below.

In my system, an “RD-###” document is a “Research Document” that is used before I transfer information to an “FT-###” document, which is a “Family Tree” document. The Family Tree documents are more statements of the various facts of that particular family, while the Research documents are more investigative, intuitive, and sometimes just plain guessing. If you see something named “Source ###”, that is my numbering system for the various sources that back up the conclusions in the FT and RD documents. Sources, FT documents, and RD documents are all numbered sequentially as I create them.

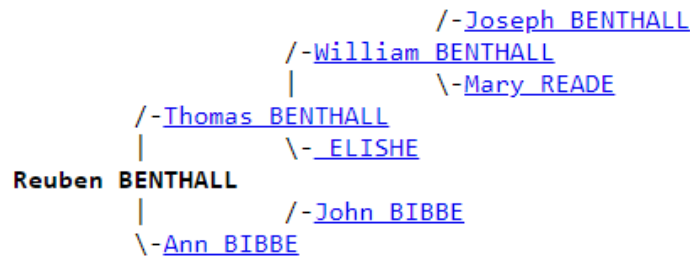
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This document is to attempt to trace the lineage of Reuben Benthall. Reuben is the father of Patience Benthall, wife of William Sanders, who was the father of David Sanders who was the father of Owen Sanders. In tracing Reuben, I will be working decades before the US Census was established, so that source of information is not available. I think I am mainly going to end up comparing different sources of information and trying to find documentation to back that information up.

Item # 1	Reuben Benthall Lineage	http://www.northsea.us/Northsea/people/p0000009.htm#l141 Front page of website is: http://www.northsea.us/index.html
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On this website, there is a listing of Reuben Benthall’s lineage. The author is Steve Northsea, but I don’t know what his sources are. In fact, I can’t find any sources shown on his website. We aren’t related to Steve Northsea, but he says that his first wife - Catherine Lenore Monique Protheroe - is connected to the Benthalls. So it adds some information, but I don’t know anything about the validity of the information. Steve says he has been researching his family trees for 45 years, but without sources, I don’t know how good this data is. The lineage as listed is:

Ancestors of Reuben BENTHALL



Descendants of Reuben BENTHALL

- 1 Reuben BENTHALL
 - =Sarah WADE Marriage: 1763, Carteret, North Carolina
 - 2 John BENTHALL
 - =Rebecca MCKANE Marriage: 19 DEC 1799, North Carolina
 - 3 Johanna BENTHALL
 - =Dudley MILES

On the webpage, all of these blue names are links to other places in this database (but not in this document. These are just “snippets” from the webpage). If we chase them all down (and more which are not shown in the figure above), we find:

1. Reuben Benthall (b. 1737 in Carteret County, NC – d. ?).
 - a. Wife Sarah Wade, m. 1763, Carteret County, NC (b. 1745 in Carteret County, NC – d. 1782 in Carteret County, NC). Child: John Benthall
 - i. Father: Robert Wade, m. Mary Shackleford in 1721 in Carteret County, NC (b. 1696 in Carteret County, NC – d. 06-Feb-1745 in Carteret County, NC).
 1. Father: Edward Wade, (b. 1696 in Carteret County, NC – d. 06-Feb-1745 in Carteret County, NC) **[John Note: another section of this website says that Edward Wade was born in Hampton Parish, York County, VA and died in 1740 in Jamestown, James County, VA]**
 - a. Father: Edward Wade, married Mary Hampton in 1670 in Wilmington Parish, James City, VA (b. 1640 in Hampton Parish, York, VA – d. 20-Apr-1682 in Hampton, York, VA)
 - i. Father: Edward Wade, married Jane Dorothy in 1638, York, VA. (b. 1611, London, Middlesex, England – d. 1675, Hampton Parish, York County, VA).
 1. Father: William W. (Sir) Waad, married Anne Waller in 15-Jan-1585, Belsettes Hampstead, County Middsex St Alban's, Wood Street,

London, England. (b. 1546, Calais, Dordogne, Aquitaine, France – d. 21-Oct-1623, Battles Hall, Essex, England).

- a. Father: Armagil Waad, married Alice Patten in 1564, England (b. 1514, Kilsney, Coniston, England – d. 20 JUN 1568, Belsize, Hertfordshire, England)
 - i. Father: Thomas Wade, married Dau Comyn in 1510, England (b. 1490, Plumtreebanks, Yorkshire, England – d. ? in Addington, Yorkshire, England)
 - ii. Father: Henry Delawade, married Alice in 1488, England (b. 1470, England – d. unknown date in England)
 - iii. Father: Unknown
 - iv. Mother: Unknown
 - v. Mother: Alice ? (b. 1470, England – d. unknown date in England) **[John Note: same as husband Henry Delawade??]**
 - vi. Father: Unknown
 - vii. Mother: Unknown
 - viii. Mother: Dau Comyn (b. 1490, Scotland – d. Yorkshire, England)
 - ix. Father: Unknown
 - x. Mother: Unknown
- b. Mother: Alice Patten (b. 1515, Middlesex, England – d. 1568, England)
 - i. Father: Richard Patten, married Grace Baskerville in 1532 (b. 1507, Boslow, Derbyshire, England – d. 1532, England)
 - ii. Father: Richard Patten, Unknown marriage date to unknown wife. (b. 1481, Boslow, Derbyshire, England – d. 1536 in unknown location).
 - iii. Father: Unknown

- iv. Mother: Unknown
 - v. Mother: Unknown
 - vi. Mother: Grace Baskerville
 - vii. Father: John Baskerville,
married ? Goddard in 1532,
Middlesex, England. (b.
1496, Eardisley,
Herefordshire, England – d.
13-Nov-1556, Hereford,
Herefordshire, England)
 - viii. Father: Unknown
 - ix. Mother: Unknown
 - x. Mother: ? Goddard (b.
1480, London, Middlesex,
England – d. Unknown date,
unknown location)
 - xi. Father: Unknown
 - xii. Mother: Unknown
 - 2. Mother: Anne Waller (b. 1572 – d. 1618, St
Botolph Aldgate, London, England)
 - a. Father: Owen Waller (b. 1540, London,
London, England – d. unknown date in
London, London, England)
 - i. Father: Unknown
 - ii. Mother: Unknown
 - b. Mother: Emma Jordan (b. 1550,
London, London, England – d. 1600,
London, London, England)
 - i. Father: Unknown
 - ii. Mother: Unknown
 - ii. Mother: Jane Dorothy (b. 1615, Virginia – d. 1675)
 - 1. Father: Unknown
 - 2. Mother: Unknown
- b. Mother: Mary Hampton (b. 1652 in Wilmington Parish, York, VA
– d. 1700 in New Kent, New Kent, VA).
 - i. Father: Rev. Thomas Hampton, married Mary Wade in
1645 in Gloucester, VA (b. 16-Apr-1623, St. Olave's, Co.
Surrey St. Katherine's-Next-The-Tower London St.
Olave's East Smithfield, Middlesex, England – d. 12-Oct-
1690, James City, VA)
 - 1. Father: William Thomas Hampton, married
Joanne Hotten in 1612 in Middlesex, England,
(b. 28-May-1592, Twickenham Parish,

Middlesex, England – d. 05-Sep-1652,
Hampfield, Gloucester County, VA)

- a. Father: Laurence Hampton, married Sarah in 1591, Twickenham, Middlesex, England (b. 1558, Twickenham, Middlesex, England – d. 1627, Twickenham, Middlesex, England)
 - i. Father: John Hampton, married Catherine in 1540, Twickenham Parish, Middlesex, England (b. 1517, Twickenham Parish, Middlesex, England – d. Nov. 1558, Twickenham Parish, Middlesex, England)
 - ii. Father: Thomas de Hampton (b. 1491, Twickenham, Middlesex, England – d. 1591, Twickenham, Middlesex, England) **[John Note: 100 years???**
 - iii. Father: Unknown
 - iv. Mother: Unknown
 - v. Mother: Unknown
 - vi. Mother: Catherine ? of Middlesex, England (b. 1524, Twickenham Parish, Middlesex, England – d. 1558, Twickenham Parish, Middlesex, England)
 - vii. Father: Unknown
 - viii. Mother: Unknown
 - b. Mother: Sarah ? of Middlesex, England (b. 1559, Gloucestershire, England – d. 1586, Twickenham, Middlesex, England)
 - i. Father: Unknown
 - ii. Mother: Unknown
2. Mother: Joanne Hotten, (b. 1596, Windsor, Berkshire, England – d. 1626, Hampfield, Gloucester County, VA)
- a. Father: John Hotten, married Esther in England on unknown date. (b. 1575, Middlesex County, England – d. 1625, VA).
 - i. Father: Unknown

- ii. Mother: Unknown
 - b. Mother: Esther ? (b. 1576 in England – d. ?)
 - i. Father: Unknown
 - ii. Mother: Unknown
 - ii. Mother: Mary Wade (b. 1625, Gloucester, Gloucester County, VA – d. 22-Jan-1695, Fairfax, Fairfax County, VA)
 - 1. Father: Robert Wade, married Elizabeth Hampton on unknown date (b. 28-May-1592, Twickenham Parish, Middlesex, England – d. 05-Sep-1652, Gloucester, Gloucester County, Virginia, Colonial America) **[John Note: same date and place as William Thomas Hampton above???)**
 - a. Father: Unknown
 - b. Mother: Unknown
 - 2. Mother: Elizabeth Hampton
 - a. Father: Unknown
 - b. Mother: Unknown
- 2. Mother: Unknown
- ii. Mother: Mary Shackleford (b. 1700 in Bath, Carteret County, NC – d. 15-Apr-1786 in Bath, Carteret County, NC).
 - 1. Father: John Shackleford, married Mary Livingston 1690 in Carteret County, NC (b. 1668 in Essex, VA – d. 25-Mar-1734 in Carteret County, NC)
 - a. Father: Unknown
 - b. Mother: Unknown
 - 2. Mother: Mary Livingston (b. 1674 in Essex County, VA – d. 25-Mar-1734) **[John Note: same death date as husband John Shackleford????]**
 - a. Father: Unknown
 - b. Mother: Unknown
- b. Father: Thomas Benthall m. Ann Bibbe 1710. (b. in Northampton County, VA – d.).
 - i. Father: William Benthall (b. 1685 in Northampton County, VA – April 1716 in Northampton County, VA)
 - 1. Father: Joseph Benthall m. Mary Reade in 1666 in New Kent, Kent County, VA (b. 1650 in Wakefield, Yorkshire, England – d. 1712 in Northampton County, VA).
 - a. Father: Unknown
 - b. Mother: Unknown
 - 2. Mother: Mary Reade (b. 1645 in Massachusetts – d. 16-Feb-1713 in Bridgetown, Northampton County, VA)
 - a. Father: Unknown
 - b. Mother: Unknown

- ii. Mother: Elishe
 - 1. Father: Unknown
 - 2. Mother: Unknown
- c. Mother: Ann Bibbe (m. Thomas Benthall 1710) (b. 1690 – d. ?)
 - i. Father: John Bibbe (b. 1690 – d. 28-Jan-1753) **[John Note: another place on the website says John died in 1720]**
 - 1. Father: Unknown
 - 2. Mother: Unknown
 - ii. Mother: unknown

Item # 2	Reuben Benthall Lineage	https://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/benthall/147/ Source 148
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There's a little bit of lineage in this webpage on Genealogy.com. For the Benthall line, it shows:

- 1. Reuben Benthall (b. abt. 1739 in Northampton County, VA – d. Mar 1782 in Carteret County, NC)
 - a. Married Sarah Wade bef. 1764 in Carteret County, VA. Sarah was born abt. 1740 and died aft. 1784.
 - b. Father: Thomas Benthall (b. 1697 in Northampton County, VA – d. 1744 in Northampton County, VA.
 - c. Mother: Anne ? (b. abt. 1703 – d. 1753 in Northampton County, VA).

Not a lot of data, but it (more or less as to the dates of various events) seems to match the information from Item #1.

Item # 3	Reuben Benthall Lineage	Geneanet Link
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This is a link to a Geneanet webpage for Reuben Benthall. In general, I do not like to use Geneanet pages as a source. I find that people do not research the links – they just find potential links on other webpages and just throw them into their Family Tree. This tree is by a user named Cameron Tate, and the tree comes from his Family Tree on Ancestry.com. He has not made his Family Tree public, so I cannot check his sources for all of this information. And parts of this tree go back into the 1200s! So my guess is that this is not going to be a very well documented Family Tree.

In general, his tree agrees with Item #1 – Steve Northsea's family tree discussed above, but goes back even further. I am not going to put all of the information here that he has in his Family Tree – it's just too much to do, considering the lack of sourcing.

Item # 4	Reuben Benthall Lineage	Genealogy.com Link
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Ok, another good link that appears to support that Thomas Benthall and Ann Bibbe are the parents of Reuben Benthall. From this webpage:

[Home](#) > [Forum](#) > [Surnames](#) > [Benthall](#)

Re: Information about Jacob or Rueben Benthall

By [Charlotte Toerner](#) June 07, 2009 at 02:18:00

- In reply to: [Re: Information about Jacob or Rueben Benthall](#)

Michael Gough 6/06/09

Hello Mike,

Thank you for responding. I no longer live in Mississippi although my brother, sister and I kept our family farm (in the family since the late 1840s) until 2004. I now reside in Sherburne, New York in central New York state. My husband is a native New Yorker. I still visit Mississippi regularly.

In regard to some of your questions, Jean Day located the 1753 will of Thomas Benthall's widow, Ann Benthall (Northampton County, Virginia Wills and Inventories 1750-54, p. 397-399). In this will, she lists the following as her children and heirs: Matthew, John, Susannah, Margaret, Ann, Reuben. Thomas Benthall's 1744 will (Northampton County Virginia Wills and Inventories 1740-1750) p. 162 lists only his sons and his widow Ann as heirs. Thomas includes his son, William. Ann does not.

In Deed Book O, page 5, Carteret County, North Carolina, 3 October, 1795, Patience is listed as "wife of William Sanders and daughter of Reuben Sanders, late of Carteret County, North Carolina."

Reuben's will (Will Book D, page 21, Carteret County, North Carolina) lists only his widow, Sarah, and sons Thomas, Reuben, Jacob, John and Absalom.

So your assumption that Thomas, Patience and Reuben, Jr. are siblings is right. In regard to Patience's date and place of death, I have that she died in 1839 and is buried in Jefferson County, Alabama. I am pretty sure I am correct about the location since when William and Patience left Christian County, Kentucky they moved first to Morgan County, Alabama and then to Jefferson County. I do not believe they were ever in Georgia. In regard to Rebeckah Benthall McKane, I haven't found anything yet. You believe her to be the daughter of Thomas, the brother of

Patience Benthall Sanders? I know that the McKane family was closely tied to the Benthalls and Sanders. Thomas Benthall had left Carteret County, NC by 1810 so he probably went with the rest of the family to Kentucky. I will remember to check for Rebeckah whenever I am researching this family.

My mother and father both descend from William and Patience Benthall Sanders' oldest daughter, Nancy, who married Nealy McMillan and my mother also descends from their youngest son, Absalom, who married Ann Dickerson. It gets very confusing but living here in rural upstate NY, I have learned that cousin marriages are the norm in rural areas. Everyone here is related multiple ways to everyone else.

I will contact you if I find any information you can use. Thank you again for responding.

Charlotte Toerner

Item # 5	Reuben Benthall Lineage	Genealogy.com Link
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In Genealogy.com, I found a post by Jean Day, the author of "Sanders – Benthall Genealogy". She seems to be a pretty authoritative source to me. Her post is:

[Home](#) > [Forum](#) > [Surnames](#) > [Benthall](#)

Re: Reuben Benthall md. Sarah Wade

By [Jean Day](#) November 25, 2001 at 01:27:24

- In reply to: [Re: Reuben Benthall md. Sarah Wade](#)

10/28/00

I descend from Reuben Benthall & Sarah Wade through their oldest child Patience Benthall who married William Sanders. The Benthalls were from Northampton County, Virginia. The oldest I found when I did my Benthall book was Thomas Benthall born ca 1613 and died in 1670. He was likely the immigrant ancestor. His son Joseph Benthall, Sr was administrator of his estate. My line is:

Thomas Benthall-ca 1613 - 1670

Joseph Benthall, Sr - ca 1639-40 ---1712

Joseph Benthall, Jr.- ca 1675 - 1711

Thomas Benthall 1697 - 1744

Reuben Benthall, born ca 1736 and died 1782 in Carteret County, North Carolina. Reuben was also a Revolutionary War veteran. He served in the capacity of guarding the coast on Bogue

Sound. I have the papers and some have already gone into the DAR on him. He is missed in the book that was published on NC Rev. Soldiers.

Item # 6	Reuben Benthall Lineage	Will of Thomas Benthall (Source 731) showing Reuben was one of Thomas' sons.
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In Thomas' will he bequeaths land to his sons (this is not his entire will below, just the part that shows his sons' names highlighted in yellow below):

*"In The Name of god Amen I Thomas Benthall of Northampton County being sick and weak of body but of perfect sense & Memory Blessed be god for the same do Constitute Declare and Appoint this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all other wills made by me heretofore. First I give and Bequeath my Soul to Almighty God & my Body to the Earth from Whence it came Desiring a Decent & Christian Like Burial, and as for my Worldly Estate [which] hath Pleased god to Endow me with I give in manner and form as followeth: viz. Item I give and Bequeath to my son **John Benthall** three hundred acres of Land lying in Northampton County on the Head of a Branch Call'd Dun Branch Nigh the Land of Major Peter Bowdoin to him & his Lawfull Heirs for ever.~~~*

*Item I give the use of My Land whereon I now Dwell by Estimation two Hundred and fourteen acres to my Loving Wife Ann Benthell during her Natural life or Widowhood [which] shall first happen, and then to my Son **William Benthall** for his Lawfull Heirs for ever, and for want of Such Heirs then to my son **Matthew Benthall** & his Lawfull Heirs for ever, and for Want of such Heirs then to my son **Elias Benthall** and his Lawfull Heirs for ever, and for Want of Such heirs then to my son **Reuben Benthall** and his Lawfull Heirs for ever."*

It looks pretty definitive that Reuben Benthall's father is Thomas Benthall.

Summary of Information researched

Ok, it seems that several sources that seem to be pretty authoritative have given the Benthall Lineage as:

Jean Day:

Reuben Benthall - Son of Thomas Benthall (1697 – 1744)

Cameron Tate Geneanet:

Reuben Benthall - Son of Thomas Benthall (1690 – 1744)

Steve Northsea:

Reuben Benthall - Son of Thomas Benthall (1697 – 1744)

Thomas Benthall's will shows Reuben as one of his sons.

It seems that all of these sources agree that that Thomas Benthall (~1690s – 1744) is the father of Reuben Benthall. We'll see what kind of hints we get from Ancestry.com once we put Thomas Benthall in and see if that leads us to Thomas' parents.