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**OF**

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**GEORGE SUTTON (1620 - 1669)**

**WITH SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS DOWN THROUGH**

**RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON, SR. (1828 - 1920)**

**HIS THIRTEEN CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

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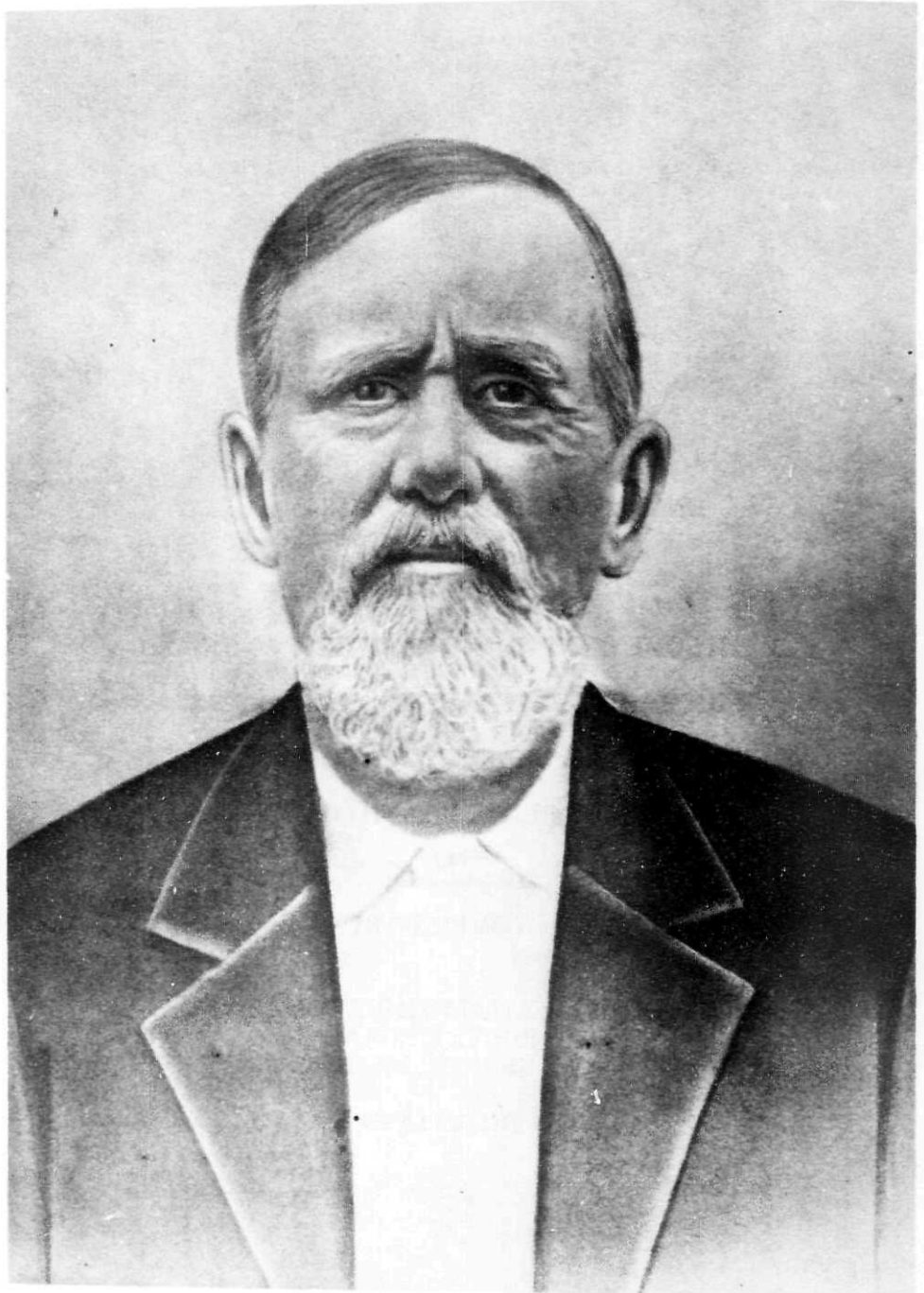
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**DEDICATION**

**RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON, SENIOR**



**Dedicated to the Memory of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr.**

**Born**  
**April 13, 1828**

**Died**  
**January 24, 1920**

**A Southern Gentlemen . . . Generous of Heart . . . Valiant of Spirit**  
**Typical of those men whose virtues were . . .**  
**A Sense of Honor and Duty . . .**  
**Pride in their Homeland . . .**  
**Love of Family . . . and**  
**Devotion to God.**



The descendants of Richard W. Sutton, Sr. would like to thank Marjorie Elizabeth Sutton Oliver for her dedication and hard work on the compilation of this book. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Sutton and the wife of Franklin Oliver of La Grange, North Carolina.

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## INTRODUCTION

Genealogy or getting a record of your family tree is a matter of tracing your kin back to earlier ancestors. The name you inherited, for better or worse, is your name... a name that came from your father. It is for you to use and cherish highly. Guard it wisely and you will be proud that you did when you pass it on to your children.

Every family should be thankful to have among them someone who keeps names, dates and relationships of their family lines straight. We need only to read in our Holy Bible, I Chronicles, to see some of the oldest genealogy of time. Here, we see Noah's family lineage back to Adam, and on down to David. The Chronicler believed it was important to keep a record of families. He recorded genealogies and traced certain vocational blood lines, to remind us that history is a personal affair. God's acts in history are set in personal terms, real people with names. God wants and expects us to know and keep up with our family heritage.

I am proud to be a descendant of this Sutton family that played a large part in making the counties of Lenoir, Greene, Wayne and others what they are today. These families came from their mother land to a vast wilderness, where the Tuscarora Indians were still in their wigwams and had their campfires. They came from southern Virginia, northern North Carolina and other areas to carve a living out of this great wilderness. Some had large plantations, while others had small homesteads, but they each fought for what they believed to be right. They left home ties far behind in order to make a new home for themselves and their children. In this new land they led humble daily lives and braved dangers, endured hardships, and lived under the most primitive conditions. In cabins of rough hewn timber they lived and loved, and worshipped the God of their fathers.

Since that time many have taken part in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and their descendants have taken part in World War I and II, the Korean War and other Conflicts. As our forefathers survived the hard times of the Revolution and the War between the States and the Reconstruction, their descendants survived the great Depression of 1929-1933 and the World Wars. We are proud of the part they played in helping make our homeland safe today.

Scenes of yesteryear are the Hoover Cart, the art of soap making, quilting bees, hog killings and kerosene lamps, the old Victrola, pot-bellied stoves and steam engines.

Since the year 1884 we have witnessed numerous inventions: the camera, gasoline automobiles, television, modern medicine, the first successful airplane flight in 1903 by the Wright brothers, jets and atomic bombs. In 1962 we watched as Lt. Colonel John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth. In 1969, a historic journey was made on the spaceship, Apollo 11, by three astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin Aldrin, Jr., as they landed on the moon.

As our ancestors learned to appreciate those things which came the hard way, so shall we. As we live through minor and national crisis, I believe that the spirit which made our nation great will be the same spirit which will make it possible for us to survive, with the help of the Almighty, other crisis.

A great deal of the background material used has been taken from local and state records, histories and encyclopedias. A great help have been the papers of Miss Sybil Hyatt, Council Wooten, Malcolm L. Grady, Mary Louisa Dixon Jones, Dr. Rachel Davis, A. J. Sutton, Ella Sutton Simmons, Beatrice W. Davis, Mrs. Herbert Hill, family history of Mrs. Estelle Sutton Creech, book by Mr. Edward F.H. Sutton and above all Mr. James Creech of Route 3, Snow Hill, N.C. His back generation research has been extensive and his knowledge of putting it all together has been invaluable. He states there will be errors but the information he gathered, checked and researched are as accurate as possible.

I began several years back the task of assembling and compiling the Sutton family lines. In my travels, I have met and talked with some of the finest down-to-earth people anywhere, who have one thing in common... they all like to talk. The records of our families have been sent to me by many relatives. Numerous interested friends have over the years given me information to compile. I cannot begin to name these individuals for fear of leaving one out, but they know who they are and can be proud of their contribution.

All mistakes stand to be corrected and all the information in this book was not checked out by this writer. The work of this writer is not to be sold for profit or gain. It was done in hopes of giving to our fellow citizens and kinsmen an aid in tracing some of their ancestors and encourage them to undertake similar work.

The encouragement of all those that gave it has made the challenge of this book worthy of the effort. Foremost among those to be commended for giving me their patience and understanding are my husband and three sons and I must give my thanks and love to my father and mother for making it possible.

I have not put in this book sources of information for the simple reason of time and space. More lines have been traced and more information has been gathered but it seemed best in 1974 to bring to a close this information gathered and leave to others the task of further work. Research requires time and time is a precious commodity whose supply is strictly limited.

The task has been an endless one, for more information is always available if you seek it. The uppermost thought in my mind has been that in this small way, I am helping add a chapter to the history of this great land of ours.

It has been a pleasure to have some part in leaving a written record for those to come. The next generation deserves to know of the rich heritage which is theirs and that it is an honor not to be forgotten.

The experience of hardship gave our ancestors strength and firmness of character. To be a descendant of these hardy, God-fearing men and women is an honor and to share in their ideals is a great privilege. It is with pride that I now share with you some of my endeavors.

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#### Explanations of abbreviations

- \* — family lineage continued.
- b. — born
- b. ca. — birth came about
- m. — married
- m. ca. — marriage came about
- div. — divorced
- d. — died
- dau. — daughter
- Issue — had children
- Traced — more data is available.



## EARLY HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Sir Walter Raleigh on authority granted by Queen Elizabeth of England made attempts in 1584 and 1587 to make discoveries in the New World. After these failures, exploration and plans continued, but it was not until May 1607 that the first permanent English Colony was planted at Jamestown, Virginia by Christopher Newport.

Within a few years most of the good land close to navigable streams was taken up. A gradual movement by hunters, traders, farmers and explorers followed the streams of southeastern Virginia into the Chowan River-Albemarle Sound area.

In the early days of America there soon developed more colonies until there were thirteen (13) original colonies which were Virginia, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Georgia.

On October 30, 1629, Sir Robert Heath, the Attorney General of King Charles I, was granted the land south of Virginia. It was to be incorporated into the "Province of Carolina". Sir Robert Heath failed to settle his grant but traders meanwhile continued to come into Carolina from Virginia. In 1653, Roger Green of Nansemond County, Virginia, obtained from the Legislature of that colony a grant of 10,000 acres to the first one hundred persons who "should first seat on the Roanoke and on the lands of the south side of the Chowan". Green was to get 1,000 acres as a reward. Documentary evidence fails to show that this project materialized, though some writers have said it did and have dated the permanent settlement of North Carolina from 1653.

The oldest land grant on record in North Carolina was made to George Durant, March 1, 1662. George Durant is an ancestor of those in this book that descend through the Hardy lines. The land grant was made by King Kilcocoanen, King of the Yeopin Indians, for a tract of land in the present Perquimans County. There had been some grants before this date, for this deed refers to previous sales.

In 1660, Charles II was restored to the English throne through efforts of a few loyal friends. In 1663 eight of these friends applied to the King for a grant of all the land claimed by England south of Virginia. In April 1663, Charles II granted them the territory of Carolina, with the same boundaries as those given to Sir Robert Heath.

The eight grantees of Carolina were distinguished men:

**Edward Hyde**, Earl of Clarendon was Lord High Chancellor and the King's first minister;  
**George Monck**, newly created Duke of Albemarle was master of the King's horse and Captain General of all his forces;

**Anthony Ashley-Cooper** was Chancellor of the Exchequer;

**William**, Earl of Craven;

**Sir John Colleton**;

**Sir William Berkley**, then Governor of Virginia and

**John**, Lord of Berkeley. All these men held high important positions.

These eight Lord Proprietors were given control of the land paying only a nominal rent. They were also granted authority to establish a government. They planned to develop three counties in the yet undivided Carolinas, ALBEMARLE, CLARENDON (Cape Fear region) and CRAVEN (in the present South Carolina area). These counties were to have governors, legislatures and courts.

Albemarle was the first to be settled and the first to have a governor, William Drummond and a Legislature in 1664. Albemarle made 3 divisions. They were Cartaret, Berkeley and Shaftsbury which were later divided into six precincts, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans Chowan, Bertie and Tyrell. Bath County had four precincts which were Beaufort, Hyde, Craven and Carteret.

Clarendon County, located in the Cape Fear section lasted only a few years 1664-67 and had only one precinct, New Hanover.

From 1667 to 1669 the only organized government in what is now N.C. was in the County of Albemarle. The history of Albemarle County is a story of unrest, confusion, slow growth and even armed rebellion. The proprietors had failed to establish a strong, stable and efficient government. Land titles were not clear. Governors failed to preserve order and promote the welfare of the people or defend the colony against Indians and pirates.

From 1689 to 1712 the government of the North Carolina region was administered by a deputy appointed by the "Governor of Carolina", Edward Tynte, who resided in Charleston. Each region had its separate legislature and gradually the terms North Carolina and South Carolina came into use. In 1712 Edward Hyde became the first governor of North Carolina, separate from South Carolina.

From 1729 on, North Carolina made considerable progress. In 1729 King George II bought out the Proprietors and N.C. became a royal colony, to everyone's satisfaction. Seven of the Proprietors sold their share, but one, Lord Granville, retained his share. The Granville District, which embraced the upper half of present N.C., included two thirds of the people in the Colony at the time. Greene County lay on the southern boundary of the "one-eighth" part of Carolina that was retained by Lord Granville in 1729 when the Lords Proprietors surrendered their charters.

For every person brought into the colony or province, the party inducing them to come was entitled to a grant of fifty acres of land which were called "Headrights." When N.C. became a Crown Colony, the original counties were abolished and the precincts were made into counties. Other counties were added later.

In 1746, from sections of what were then Craven and Edgecombe counties, a new North Carolina county was formed and named for Royal Governor Gabriel Johnston. It embraced most of the territory now lying in Lenoir, Greene, Wayne, Johnston and Wake counties. It was known as Johnston County.

In the year 1758, the original Johnston County was divided into two counties. The western counties retained the name Johnston. The eastern county was named Dobbs County, in honor of Governor Arthur Dobbs.

Wayne County was formed from Dobbs and Craven in 1779. It was named in honor of General Anthony Wayne, one of General George Washington's most trusted soldiers.

In December 1791, because of the lawlessness and general turbulence of persons living in the area of the now Greene County, a bill was introduced to abolish Dobbs County and erect two new counties.

These new counties were named Lenoir (first named Cabarrus and changed back to Lenoir) and Greene. The name Lenoir was to honor General William Lenoir, distinguished Revolutionary soldier of Kings Mountain and Wilkes County. The other new county was first named Glasgow in honor of James Glasgow, North Carolina's first Secretary of State. When this formerly distinguished citizen was later found guilty of fraudulent dealing in land grants, the name of the county was changed from Glasgow to Greene in 1799. Greene County is named in honor of General Nathaniel Greene, Revolutionary War hero.

The first Europeans to explore the Kinston area were Surveyor General John Lawson and Baron Christopher De Graffenried. They set out up the Neuse from New Bern in 1711. They were captured by the Indians and held prisoner. This fierce tribe of Tuscaroras burned Lawson at the stake near the present Snow Hill, at an Indian village called "Catochnea" or "Catechna." This village was located five miles northwest of Snow Hill. Lead bullets and arrowheads have been found here and in other areas nearby. Baron DeGraffenried was later released. This was the beginning of the Tuscarora War. The war lasted until 1714 when the Tuscaroras, under Chief Hancock, suffered a disastrous defeat at the hands of settlers assisted by militia from South Carolina. Most of the Tuscaroras then migrated north to join their kinsmen, the Iroquois, in New York State.

This is the nursery in which the American family of Suttons spent its infancy and from which it has spread throughout the country, through most of them have remained in the south.



## THE SUTTON FAMILY NAME

The name of Sutton is one acquired through the location of the family in its early history. It is from the Anglo-Saxon words "Suth" meaning "South" and "Tun" meaning "Town". Therefore, the name designated "The family of Southtown". It is remarkable for the fact it has retained its present form with very little variation throughout the entire history of the family.

One of the earliest lines of the Suttons in England was that descended from Sir Seward, Lord Sutton of Yorkshire, England. He was among the Saxon inhabitants of that country prior to the time of William the Conqueror. Sir Seward was the father of a son named Serius, who married Idithe, dau. of William Legrose, and was father of Amandus, who married a dau. of the Earl of Arundel, and was the father by her of Sir Serius, who was the father by his wife, Johane dau. of the Ayncourt, of Amandus, who married Beatrice, dau. of Sir William Watton, and had issue by her of Serius, who married Anne, dau. of William, Lord Rosse, and had issue by her of Serius, John Sir Richard, Amandus, and Thomas, of whom Sir Richard left issue by his wife, Isabelle, dau. of John Paganell. Baron Dudley, of Sir John Sutton, who became through right of his mother, Baron Dudley.

About 1251, in the reign of King Henry III of England, one Roland de Sutton of Nottinghamshire married a dau. of the noted Lexington family. Rowland was the father of Sir Robert, who married Isabelle, dau. of Sir Hugh Pigott, and had issue by her of Sir James, who was the father, by this wife, Agnes, dau. of Sir John Barre, of Robert and Richard, of whom the latter married Alice, dau. of Sir Richard Bingham and was the father by his wife, Joana, dau. of Henry Musters, of Sir Rowland, who appears to have married Margarette, dau. of Sir Hugh Massey, and to have been the father by her of Richard, who married Catherine, dau. of Edmund Fitzwilliams, and was the father of Robert who married Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Thomas Stanley, and Henry, who married Alice, dau. of Sir John Byron, and was the father of Sir Thomas, who was the father by his wife Catherine, dau. of Sir Thomas Bassett, of Sir Henry, John, Anthony, and Rowland. Of this Sir Henry Sutton was father by his wife (first) Alice Hall, of Edward, Wm. & several daughters; and by his 2nd wife Alice, dau. of Sir John Harrington, of John, Mark, Edmund, Henry Harrington & Anne. Of the sons of Sir Henry Sutton and his two wives, Edward died without issue; William was father by his wife Anne, dau. of John Rodney, of Sir William, Nicholas, Edmund, John & several daughters. Of whom Sir William married Susan, dau. of Thomas Cony, and was the father by her of Robert, Henry, Richard, and others. John was the father by his wife, Isabelle Creake, of Henry, William, John, and Agnes. The records of the others are not in evidence.

Among the many other records of the family in England we find those of Geoffrey de Sutton of Huntingonshire in 1273; Saer de Sutton of Yorkshire about the same time; Those of Albinus de Sutton of Nottinghamshire in 1292, those of Adam de Sutton about the same time or 1300, who was the father of Richard, who was the father of Alan, who had a son named John, those of Johannes and Symon de Sutton of Yorkshire 1379, those of Sir John Sutton of Lincolnshire about the same time, who was the father of Thomas, who was the father of Thomas who was the father of still another Thomas, who has issue by his wife Elizabeth Goddard, of yet another Thomas. Foulk Sutton was living in Cheshire and Derbyshire before 1430 and was the father by his wife, Beatrix Radcliff, of Richard, who was the father of Needham by his first wife, of Alan who married Agnes Barrard and was the father by her of Thomas and Bartholamew of whom the latter resided at London and was the father of a son named Barrard.

In the fifteenth century, one Gilbert Sutton was living in Warwickshire. He was the father of a son named William, who was the father of a son named Thomas, who married Miss Brayles and had issue by her of Henry, who was the father by his wife, Margaret Paytot, of Alianora and Margaret. Another branch of the beforehand mentioned Cheshire line of the family of the latter 15th century was Sir William Sutton, who was the father of Sir John and Sir Richard Sutton of whom the first was the father of John, who married Miss Cholmley, and was the father of Richard, who married Elizabeth Bouth and had issue by her of Francis, who was the father by his wife Ellen Molineux, of Tichard and several daughters.

Rogers Sutton of Hertfordshire, in the latter 15th century married Margaret Wychard and was the father by her of John, the father of William, who settled in Leicestershire and had a son named John. Hamon Sutton of Lincolnshire in the latter 15th century was the father by his wife Margaret Sheffield, of Robert, Hamon, and Eliz., of whom the first was the father of Henry Sutton, who married Margaret, dau. of Sir Robert Hussey, and had issue by her of Ambrose, Robert, John, and others. The first of these married Troth, dau. of Sir William Tirwitt and had a son named Robert, Hamon, the youngest son of the first mentioned Hamon married Emlyn Disney and had by her of Hamon and Nicholas, of whom the first was the father by his wife, Elizabeth Fitzwilliams, of Nicholas, Hamon, Rogers, and others.

The most favored christian names of the early Suttons in America were Joseph, John, Daniel, Benjamin, & Thomas.

The Suttons were a courageous and adventurous family. They have held high positions both in England and in America. Their outstanding characteristics were strength, of character, bravery, wisdom, faith in God, and tennacity of purpose. The heritage of the name Sutton is in itself, an honor and a title.

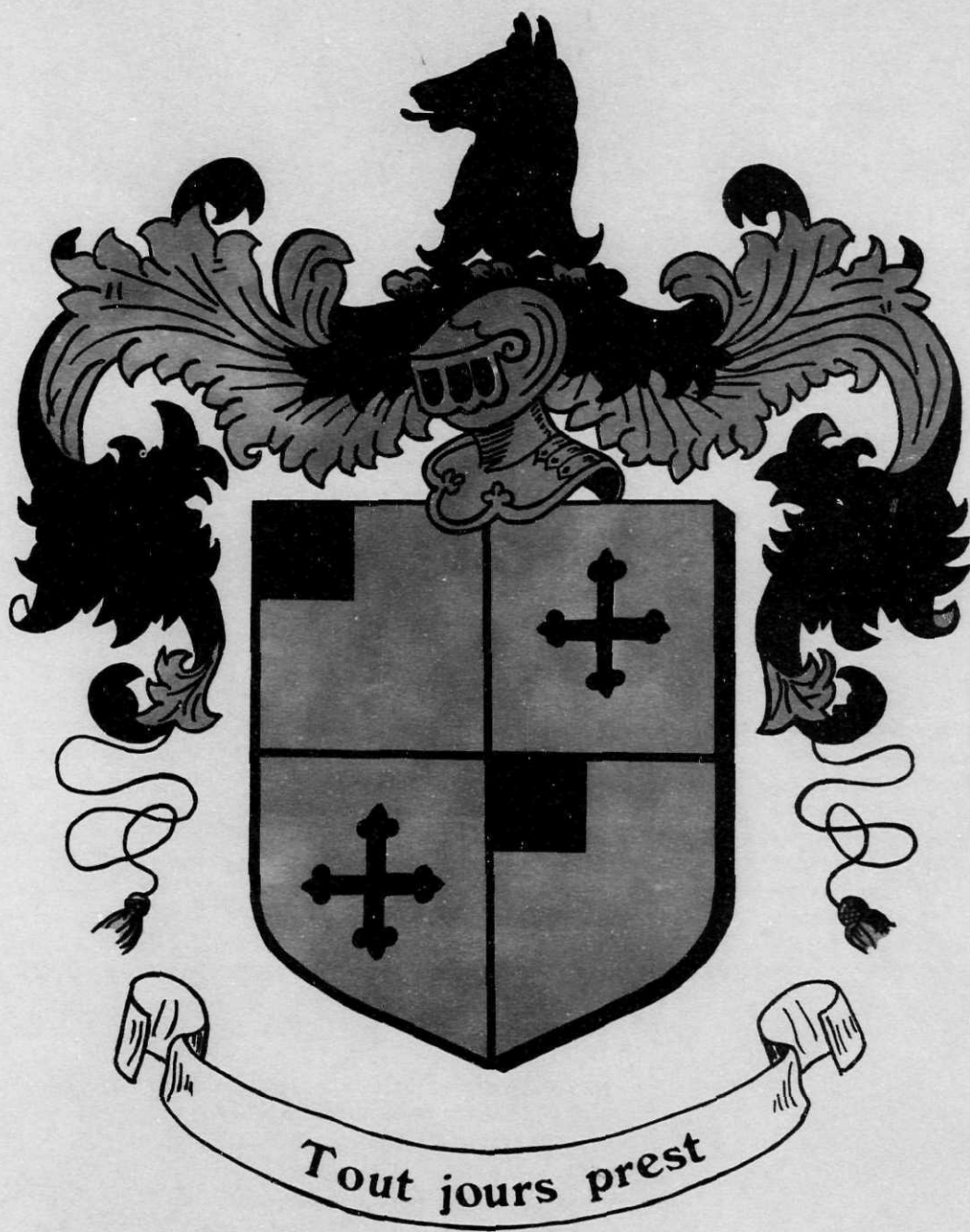
There are two coats of arms, which belong to the families from which the American Suttons are descended.

First:- That of the Sutton Dudleys, is; "Or, Two Lions Passant, Bordure Engrailed Azure. Crest; Out of a Viscounts Coronet Or, Pearled Argent, A Lions Head Azure, Collared Gold".

Second:- That Of A Group Called The Suttons of Nottingham is  
"Quarterly, 1st and 4th Argent, A Canton sa for Sutton; 2nd & 3rd Argent, A Cross Fleury Azure-For Lexington. Crest: A Wolf's Head, erased Gu.

Motto: Tout Jours Prest. "Ready Every Day".

We, the descendants of Richard Walters Sutton, Jr. have adopted the second Coat of Arms above mentioned.



Sutton

COAT OF ARMS

TOUT JOURS PREST

MOTTO

"READY EVERY DAY"







## HERALDRY

### FAMILY OF: SUTTON'S OF NOTTINGHAM

THE BEARETH ARMS: QUARTERLY, 1st. and 4th. ARGENT, A CANTON SA  
SHIELD: FOR SUTTON; 2nd. and 3rd. ARGENT, A CROSS FLEURY AZURE FOR LEXINGTON.

CREST: A WOLF'S HEAD ERASED (torn off at neck) GU. (red)

MOTTO: TOUT JOURS PREST. "READY EVERY DAY."

AUTHORITY: BURKE'S GENERAL ARMORY

Heraldry is defined as the art of describing in appropriate technical terms, coats of arms and other heraldic and armorial insignia. The system is of very ancient origin. We can trace it back to the Jewish tribes, and subsequently we find it in a more elaborated form in the leading families of Greece and Rome, who bore distinguishing symbols, illustrative of or pertaining to deeds of valor or merit performed by their ancestors.

In its modern sense, however, the heraldic art dates from the time of the Crusades, and was reduced to its present system by the French. It was not until that period that the crest or cognizance was generally adopted. The CREST is a device worn on top of the shield, usually placed on a wreath, and was borne by knights and other personages of rank, when clad in armor, to distinguish them in battle, and as a mark for their followers and supporters. At first, these badges were worn on the helmet, to render them more plainly visible, or on the arm, but in later times were transferred to the shield or armor. Many families have preserved their mottos, or watchwords which usually represent some characteristic of the family, or sometimes the war cry of the clan. Others never adopted a motto, just as many never adopted a crest.

An erroneous idea is entertained by some that heraldic symbols denote an aristocratic or exclusive class and is undemocratic in its origin and permanency. On the contrary, these badges of distinction were the reward of personal merit and could be secured by the humblest as well as the highest. They are today the testimonials and warrants of bravery, heroism, and meritorious deeds of our ancestors. They appeal to the pride of the enlightened descendants of these distinguished families today.

### COLOR MEANINGS:

GULES (Red): Military valor and courage. Red is the Warriors color and symbolizes the desire to serve your country to the utmost of your ability, to shed blood if necessary.

SABLE (Black): The color sable represents the fur lining of royal robes. It signifies nobility and constancy.

AZURE (Blue): Azure represents fidelity and dependability.

VERT (Green): This signifies a wish for prosperity and the continuing growth of a noble family.

ARGENT (Silver): The metal argent represents peace and security. It also signifies everlasting charity and clear conscience.

OR (Gold) The metal OR is the emblem of generosity and elevation of mind.

The SHIELD, or ESCUTCHEON on which the arms is displayed, is the most important part of the arms, the form of which varies with the taste of the artist. The Norman pointed shield is generally used in heraldic paintings.

The HELMET is placed directly above the shield and is derived, like the shield, from the armor of the knight. The red scarf or lining worn under the helmet was to protect the head.

The WREATH, or TORSE, was worn at the lower part of the crest, as a means of fastening it to the helmet. It is formed of two skeins of silk twisted together and is composed of the principal metal and the principal color appearing on the shield.

The CREST, principal accessory of the arms, surmounts the helmet. The lack of a crest merely denotes antiquity. Arms were in existence long before the crests came into general use.

The MANTLING, or LAMBREQUIN, is the decorative drawing about the helmet and shield. It is drawn as leaves of the principal color of the shield and lined with the principal metal. It can be drawn in any fashion the artist chooses, provided the rules of drawing as leaves and colored properly are adhered to. Mantling has no bearing as to a man's rank or dignity, but is used merely for decoration. All finished Coats of Arms are supposed to be complete with mantling. Mantling is symbolic of the sur-coat worn over the suit of armour to protect it against the elements. The mantle was usually embroidered with the symbols of the shield. Men were recognized by the symbols of their shields and sur-coats.

The MOTTO: is not a component part of the arms grant and were adopted by the families themselves, sometimes as a war cry, a pun on the family name, but generally with genuine sincerity. Many arms have neither crest nor motto.

## SUTTON FAMILY

The Sutton Family seem to settle first in New Jersey and Mass., later moving into Perquimans, Bertie, and Chowan counties of N.C. Still later they moved on into the eastern counties of N.C., such as Lenoir, Greene, Wayne and Duplin as well as others. Here in these counties, we see their descendents living in 1974.

John Sutton, who settled in Hingham, Mass., came from Attleborough, in Norfolkshire, arriving in the ship Diligent in 1638, with his wife Julien, a son John and three other children. He also lived in Rehoboth. He died June 1, 1670; his wife in 1678. His other children were, besides John, Esther, Anne and Margaret.

There were others besides John Sutton and the George Sutton, whom we will show later, who came to America early, but we will not go into these, due to the fact that the Sutton lines we will present here have no bearing on these emigrants at this time.

George Sutton, of Tenterdon, Kent, England, left Sanwich in the ship Hercules and landed in Boston, Mass. in the year 1634. He first settled at Scituate, Mass. He had a brother, Simon Sutton. Nothing seems to be known of what became of him. Our first ancestor George Sutton (in America) was born about 1620, died April 12, 1669 in Perquimans County, N.C., where he had moved about the year 1668. He married March 13, 1636 Sarah Tilden, bapt. June 13, 1613 and died March 20, 1677, also in Perquimans Co., N.C. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Tilden and Lydia Huckstep. Both were of Tenterdon, Kent and later of Scituate, Mass. Issue of this union were:

1. Nathaniel Sutton b. ca 1637 d. 12-29-1682 m. 8-12-1668 Deborah Austine (Astine); Issue:
2. Joseph Sutton b. ca 1639 d. 1-17-1695 m. 1-1-1669 Deliverance Nicholson b. 1638 d. 9-10-1688, dau. of Christopher Nicholson and Hannah Rednap. Issue:
  - (1) Hannah Sutton m. 5-15-1701 Francis Beasley, son of Robert & Sarah Beasley.
  - (2) Christopher Sutton b. 8-3-1685 d. 11-27-1711.
  - (3) George Sutton b. 8-7-1687 m. Mary . Issue:
    - (a) Mary Sutton b. 4-18-1725.
    - (b) Joseph Sutton b. 8-9-1727.
  - (4) Joseph Sutton d. 3-26-1724 m. Bennett . Issue:
    - (a) Christopher Sutton m. 7-2-1745 Sarah Jones.
    - (b) Sarah Sutton m. 8-4-1761 Josiah Mathias.
    - (c) Hannah Sutton b. 1-6-1705/6
    - (d) Elizabeth Sutton
    - (e) Mary Sutton
    - (f) John Sutton b. 12-1-1707 d. 2-16-1708
    - (g) Bennett Sutton (dau.) b. 11-8-1711.
  - (5) Nathaniel Sutton m. Elizabeth . Issue:
    - (a) Joseph Sutton b. 8-21-1727
    - (b) Deborah Sutton b. 3-13-1729
3. WILLIAM SUTTON b. ca. 1641 d. 4-28-1718 m. 7-11-1666 Damaris Bishop d. 2-6-1682/3 in Piscataway, N.J., he m. 2nd 1-9-1684/5 Jane Barnes. Family lineage continues in book.
4. Daniel Sutton b. 1643 d. 1711 m. Mary Cole. (Burlington, N.J.)
5. Lydia Sutton b. 1646
6. Sarah Sutton b. 1648 died an infant.
7. Sarah Sutton b. 9-15-1650 d. 3-20 1777 m. 2-1-1668 John Barrow.
8. Elizabeth Sutton b. 8-28-1653 d. 1700 m. Ralph Fletcher.

GEORGE SUTTON b. ca 1620 m. Sarah Tilden.

Son:

Nathaniel Sutton b. ca 1637 d. 12-29-1682 married 8-12-1668 Deborah Austin (Astine). They were married in Nansemond Co. Va. before coming to N.C. They were Quakers, soon after arriving in Perquimans Co., we find their names on the Quaker Records. Nathaniel Sutton's will was probated March 12. 1682. Issue of this union were;

1. George Sutton b. 3-2-1669 d. 4-7-1700 m. Rebecca  
Issue:
  - (1) Elizabeth Sutton b. 11-14-1694
  - (2) Richard Sutton b. 9-12-1697 m. Mary  
Issue;



- (a) William Sutton b. 3-5-1719/20.
- (b) Richard Sutton Jr. b. 12-9-1722.
- (c) Mary Sutton b. 6-23-1726.
- (d) Elizabeth Sutton b. 3-2-1728/9.
- (e) Sarah Sutton b. 12-20-1730 m. 1-13-1768 Richard Clayton.
- (3) Deborah Sutton b. 1-2-1699 m. William Wood 5-8-1718.

Issue:

- (a) Richard Wood b. 10-30-1720.
- (b) Sarah Wood b. 10-23-1721 d. 3-21-1722/3.
- (c) William Wood Jr. b. 9-3-1722/3.
- (d) George Wood b. 9-2-1724.
- (e) Deborah Wood b. 3-25-1725/6 m. 8-5-1742 Joseph Perisho.
- (f) Rebecca Wood b. 6-3-1727.
- 2. Joseph Sutton b. 8-6-1673 d. 1-18-1723 m. 6-18-1695 Parthenia Durant b. 8-1-1675 daughter of George Durant and Ann Marwood. Joseph Sutton's will was dated 3-10-1723. "Sons George and Joseph, Plantation I now live on, to daughter Parthenia, daughter Elizabeth, to whom he left 6 silver spoons, 1 silver cup and silver tankard. Grandson Thomas Sutton." He made brother (in-law) Richard Whedbee Executor. Now there is some differences on whom this grandson Thomas may be. Some say that he is the one that married Elizabeth Chancey, and that he was the son of George Sutton, who was dead at the making of Joseph's will, but Joseph could have left grandson Thomas something without his father being dead at the time. He was not the son of Joseph, but the son of George Sutton and Sarah Jones. The son of Joseph Sutton and Parthenia Durant, named Thomas Sutton, was the one that married Elizabeth Chancey, not grandson Thomas.

Issue:

- (1) George Sutton b. 8-22-1696 m. Sarah Jones.
- (2) Thomas Sutton b. 3-15-1699 m. Elizabeth Chancey b. 12-8-1701, dau. of William Chancey Sr. and Deborah Symons. Thomas Sutton died in Bertie Co. N.C. Elizabeth, his wife, died in 1740. William Chancey was of Pasquotank Co. N.C.

Issue were:

- (a) Thomas Sutton Jr. b. 1722 d. 3-3-1788, will probated 8-1799 (Had a son Thomas and daughter, Mary)
- (b) John Sutton b. 1724.
- (c) Elizabeth Sutton b. 1726 m. William Jordan, Jr.
- (d) William Sutton b. 1728.
- (e) Parthenia Sutton b. 1731.
- (f) George Sutton b. 1733.
- (g) Judith Sutton b. 1736.
- (h) Joshua Sutton b. 1738.
- (i) Jasper Sutton b. 1741 d. 1-8-1722.
- (j) Sarah Sutton b. 1745 m. Mr. Hawkins.
- (k) Mary Sutton b. 11-6-1747 d. 1800 m. Lemuel Hardy, Jr. See next page for family.
- (3) Joseph Sutton b. ca 1700 d. 1763 m. Mary Moss.
- (4) Christopher Sutton b. 12-16-1697 (not mentioned in will, so must have died young.)
- (5) Elizabeth Sutton b. 9-15-1703.
- (6) Parthenia Sutton b. 8-8-1705.
- (7) Sarah Sutton b. 10-10-1711 (also not in will)

After the death of Joseph Sutton in 1723, his widow, Mrs. Parthenia Durant Sutton, married 2nd. 3-17-1726 John Stevens.

Issue:

- (1) William Stevens b. 9-9-1727.
- (2) John Stevens Jr. b. 12-15-1729.
- 3. Rebecca Sutton b. 8-8-1676 m. 9-30-1695 Jacob Patterson, son of Jacob Patterson Sr.
- 4. Nathaniel Sutton Jr. b. 8-29-1681.

Note: After Nathaniel Sutton died in 1682, his wife Deborah Austine Sutton married 2nd. 5-10-1685 John Whedbee, son of Richard and Elizabeth Whedbee. She married 3rd. in 1702 Denny McClendon.

Issue by 2nd. husband:

- (1) Folke Whedbee (son) b. 1-6-1685/6.
- (2) Richard Whedbee b. 2-2-1687 m. Sarah Durant b. 2-4-1709, d. 4-4-1728, daughter of John Durant and Sarah Jooke.

Issue: (a) John Whedbee b. 4-23-1715.

- (b) Sarah Whedbee b. 1-23-1717/8.
- (c) George Whedbee b. 1-19-1720/1.
- (d) Ann Whedbee b. 2-18-1723/4.
- (e) Joseph Whedbee b. 3-12-1725/6.
- (f) Hezekiah Whedbee b. 4-1-1728.

- (3) Deborah Whedbee b. 1-28-1689.

I will inject here a few notes on how the families of Sutton's, Hardy's, Mewborn's, Parrott's and Aldridges connected since many have expressed this desire to know.

The roots of the N.C. family of Hardy's extend from Chowan and New Bern (about 1695) back through Virginia to the old country. The beginning of the family goes back to ANTHONY HARDY I of Pembroke, Wales, born 1605 and died 1665. He had a son, JOHN NOBLE HARDY born 1639 at Pembroke, Wales and moved to Dorchester, England. He is the father of John, Anthony, Thomas and Joseph Hardy. John and Anthony were the two progenitor of the family that came to N.C. about 1695 and made a substantial contribution to the state and country by founding a tremendous family of people noted for energy, industry, patience, resourcefulness, initiative, courage and leadership.

JOHN HARDY was born in England, October 7, 1665. His coming to N.C. is recorded in the Chowan court as follows. "John Hardy, at court held October 7, 1695, proved rights of importation of himself and wife, Charity O'Dyer and children, William I, Mary, John Jr., Thomas, and Jacob." Proving these rights meant a grant of 50 acres of land for each person proven, which gave him 350 acres...as a beginning of his land holdings.

John Hardy and his family settled in the Chowan area in what is now the Colerain community of Bertie County, where he lived until his death, which occurred sometime prior to 1719. He and his family were active and prominent in the affairs of the young colony. They lived at Manor Plantation that grew to 640 acres in 1707. They had negro slaves and King George of Great Britain, France and Ireland was reigning.

John Hardy and wife, Charity had a son named WILLIAM I. He married Edith Fewox (Fox), daughter of James and Ann Fewox. William was a cooper. He was also prominent in colonial affairs. William and Edith had children named William II, Edward, Jesse, Robert, and Lemuel (I) (Lamb) Hardy. Of these boys, Robert, Edward, Jesse and William did duty in the Revolutionary War.

Lemuel Hardy I (Lamb) married Elizabeth Parrott, the daughter of Francis Parrott and Frances Johnson. Lemuel and Elizabeth had children named William, Lemuel II, Benjamin, Frances, Edward, John, Jesse and Elizabeth.

LEMUEL HARDY II and brother BENJAMIN came to Dobbs County to what is now the Jason community of Greene County about 1768. They sold their land holdings on Salmon Creek, Bertie County about 1769. They lived on Bear Creek near Jason on large adjoining Plantations. Before coming to Dobbs Lemuel served as Justice of the peace in Bertie County. Lemuel served in the Revolutionary Forces as a private in the Bertie County Militia. He was a Planter and a good businessman, thrifty, and owned and operated several water mills on Bear Creek, which ran through his lands.

BENJAMIN HARDY held political positions. He held many offices at Colonial and State levels. He was a member of the first Provincial Congress held in New Bern, N.C. under Gov. William Tryon, and was certified Nov. 14, 1766 as a duly elected member from Johnston County (later sub-divided into Dobbs). He served in subsequent sessions of the assembly in 1767, 1768 and 1771. He worked for and furnished supplies to the Revolutionary Forces. Benjamin married Nancy Howell of Green County. Benjamin married Nancy Howell of Greene County.

Lemuel Hardy II married Mary Sutton, daughter of Thomas Sutton and Elizabeth Chancey.

George Sutton b. ca 1620 m. Sarah Tilden./son;

Nathaniel Sutton b. ca. 1637 d. 1682 m. Deborah Austine./son;

Joseph Sutton b. 1673 d. 1723 m. 1695 Parthenia Durant./son;

Thomas Sutton b. 3-15-1699 d. 2-3-1750 m. Elizabeth Chancey./daughter;

Mary Sutton b. 11-6-1747 d. 1800 m. Lemuel Hardy II b. 5-20-1730 died 1797, the son of Lemuel Hardy I and Elizabeth Parrott.

Issue;

1. Sarah Hardy b. 10-24-1761 d. 2-12-1803 m. Charles Tull b. 12-2-1753 d. 12-8-1836.

2. John Hardy b. 1763 m. Mary Taylor.

3. Sutton Hardy b. 1766 m. Martha Taylor. (Moved to Mississippi)

4. Winifred Hardy b. 6-29-1765 d. 10-12-1841 m. Henry Best Jr. b. 4-11-1762 d. 12-2-1839, son of Benjamin Best Sr. and Margaret Williams.

5. Thomas Hardy b. 1769. No record of marriage.

6. William Parrott Hardy b. 1771 m. Cleopatra Parrott.

7. Mary Hardy b. 1773 d. 6-1-1855 m. Benjamin Best Jr. b. 1766 d. 9-13-1850, son of Benjamin Best Sr. & Margaret Williams.

Issue:

(1) Sarah Best b. 1791 m. Haywood Ham.

(2) Nancy Best b. 9-22-1792 d. 7-4-1871 m. Thomas Wooten b. 1795 d. 9-4-1844, son of John Wooten and Sarah Hewe.

(3) Elizabeth Best b. 1794 m. Jacob Newsome.

(4) Henry Best b. 1796 m. Smithy Sherrard b. 1798.

(5) Patience Martha Best b. 1798 m. Benjamin Britt, son of Henry Britt and Ann Best (her 1st cousin).

(6) Theophilus W. Best b. 8-26-1799 d. 8-17-185 m. Nancy Jane Daniels b. 5-30-1802 d. 2-18-1871, dau. of Nathaniel & Mary Daniels.



- (7) Robert W. Best b. 1805 m. Clarissa Edmundson b. 1806.  
 (8) Hinton Best, died young.  
 (9) Lemuel Best b. 1810 m. Bethenia Ham (no descendants)  
 (10) Council J. Best b. 1814 m. Sarah Anne Parks b. 1822, dau. of Berry G. Parks and Nancy Edwards
8. Martha Hardy b. 1775 m. Mr. Taylor.  
 9. Anne Hardy b. 1776 m. Pinckney Taylor, son of Wright Taylor and Rebecca Britt.  
 10. Edith Hardy b. ca 1778 d. 1832 m. Frewary Aldridge Jr. b. 1766 d. 1840, son of Drury Aldridge Sr. & Mary Barrington.
- Issue:  
 (1) Mary Jane Aldridge b. 3-17-1802 d. 7-19-1881 m. 11-27-1821 Parrott Mewborn Jr. b. 1-1-1799 d. 4-29-1864, son of Parrott Mewborn Sr. & Lydia Hardy (who was 1st cousin to Edith)  
 (2) Elizabeth Aldridge b. 1804 d. 4-28-1838 m. Josiah Sugg b. 3-28-1789 d. 6-24-1844, son of John Sugg Jr. & Martha Aldridge (1st cousins)  
 (3) Drewry Aldridge III b. 1806 went to Texas, sometime after 1828. He married and had issue.  
 (4) Thomas Aldridge b. 1811 d. 1847 m. Mary Edmundson b. 1813 d. 1877, dau. of Dr. John Edmundson and Vacey Jordan. Had issue:  
 (5) Edith Anne Aldridge b. 1817 d. 4-21-1850 m. Rev. Alfred Moore.
11. Lemuel Hardy III b. 2-3-1779 d. 10-17-1856 m. 1st. Unity Taylor, m. 2nd Annie Mewborn, m. 3rd Patsy Mewborn, both daughters of Parrott Mewborn Sr. and Lydia Hardy. (Lydia Hardy was the dau. of Benjamin Hardy who was the brother of Lemuel Hardy II.) Had issue.  
 12. Elizabeth Hardy b. 1780 d. 1805 m. John Wesley Gibbons.  
 13. Benjamin Hardy b. 1784 d. 1841 m. Mary Edwards.
- Issue:  
 (1) Nancy Hardy m. Mr. McDaniel.  
 (2) Mary Hardy m. Henry Edwards.  
 (3) Eliza Hardy m. Abraham Hardy.  
 (4) Lemuel E. Hardy b. 2-3-1809 d. 6-16-1887 m. Elizabeth Tyson b. 9-2-1815 d. 1-11-1874, the dau. of Seth Tyson and Lanie Harper.
- Issue:  
 (a) Mary E. Hardy b. 1-10-1844 d. 3-6-1893 m. 1st John B. Sylivant and 2nd Mr. Joyner. Had Issue.  
 (b) Annie Maria Hardy b. 5-15-1846 d. 1-4-1875 m. Ivy R. Baker  
 (c) Richard Henry Hardy b. 12-22-1848 d. 11-7-1919 m. 1st Mary Louisa Mewborn b. 12-5-1848 d. 5-10-1902 dau. of George Mewborn and Nancy Louisa Hardy. Had Issue.  
 a. Harper Edward Hardy m. Fannie Lee Taylor  
 b. Dan E. Hardy died age 2.  
 c. Nora Mayune Hardy m. Noah Henry Sutton.  
 d. Pauline Olivia Hardy m. Charles Harvey Swinson.  
 e. Hugh Valentine Hardy m. Eunice Viola Phelps. (sister to Lena Phelps)  
 f. Herman Franklin Hardy m. 1st Lena Rivers Phelps m. 2nd Mollie Elizabeth Walters  
 g. Infant son born & died.  
 h. Helen Inez Hardy m. William Best Newsome.  
 i. Infant son born and died. 1888  
 (d) Zilphia McLewean Hardy b. 5-1-1851 d. 12-9-1899 m. John Council Parker b. 8-1-1844 d. 8-31-1917 Had issue.  
 (e) Lany Louisa Hardy b. 1-1-1854 d. 3-4-1897 m Parrott Hardy Mewborn.  
 (f) Blany Harper Edward Hardy b. 5-6-1857 d. 6-8-1869
- (5) Benjamin Hardy  
 (6) William E. Hardy b. 8-20-1816 d. 3-15-1870 m Rosa Ellen Edwards.  
 (7) Jesse W. Hardy m. Lany Tyson
14. Nancy Hardy b. 3-4-1782 d. 12-22-1844 m. Lemuel Sugg b. 2-17-1778 d. 12-14-1852 son of John Sugg and Elizabeth Murphrey.



## MEWBORN FAMILY

The N. C. family of Mewborn's began with Thomas Mewborn. He was born in England in 1668 and came to America and settled in Bertie County in N.C. He died in 1749. His wife Eleanor is listed in his will dated February 23, 1749 along with their children, Moses, Nicholas, Joshua, John, George, Thomas and Mary.

GEORGE MEWBORN sold his land in Bertie County and moved to Dobbs County, 10 miles west of Kinston of Falling Creek now Lenoir County and near the present community of Institute. He married Mary Parrott the daughter of Jacob Parrott and Martha Fewox. The Parrotts were located in the Falling Creek area of Lenoir County, as well as the Suttons.

All were leading families and were in horse and buggy distance of each other and they were closely intermarried.

George and Mary Mewborn had one son, Parrott, born March 11, 1765 in the present Lenoir County. Parrott was orphaned early in life and his wife's uncle, Lemuel Hardy II and wife Mary Sutton, helped rear him. Parrott Mewborn married Lydia Hardy, daughter of Benjamin Hardy and Nancy Howell. Parrott and Lydia had nine children Annie, Hardy, Levi, Patsy, Parrott II, Edith, Elizabeth, Lemuel Hardy, and Lydia.

As you will see, these children intermarried with Hardy's, Parrott's, Gray's and Aldridge's and their children did the same thing and accounts for such close ties among these families.

Parrott Mewborn I b. 1765 (his son) married Lydia Hardy, dau. of Benjamin Hardy and Nancy Howell (had the following children;

1. Annie Mewborn b. 1787 married Lemuel Hardy b. 1779
2. Hardy Mewborn b. 1789 married Deborah Parrott b. 1796
3. Edith Mewborn b. 1791 married John P. Gray
4. Levi Mewborn b. 1793 married 1st Deborah Parrott b. 1796, 2nd Susan Parrott.
5. Patsy Mewborn b. 1796 married Lemuel Hardy b. 1779
6. Parrott Mewborn II b. 1799 married Mary Aldridge b. 1802
7. Elizabeth Mewborn b. 1801 married Major Hardee
8. Lemuel Hardy Mewborn b. 1803 married Louisa Kilpatrick
9. Lydia Mewborn b. 1805 married Bright Hardee b. 1802

Parrott Mewborn II b. 1799 (his son) married Mary Aldridge b. 1802 dau. of Drewary Aldridge & Edith Hardy and had the following children;

1. Temesia Ann Mewborn b. 1822 d. 1904 married 1845 Lemuel Mewborn Hardy b. 1822.
2. George Mewborn b. 1824 d. 1859 married 1848 Nancy Louisa Hardy b. 1830
3. Joshua Mewborn b. 1827 d. 1907 married 1853 Winifred Wooten b. 1831
4. Nancy Mewborn b. 1829 d. 1864 married 1856 John Parrott Gray b. 1837.
5. Mary Mewborn b. 1832 d. 1864 married Benjamin George Hardy b. 1831.
6. Parrott Mewborn III b. 1834 d. 1881 married 1st 1865 Laney Jane Hardy b. 1845 d. 1876, married 2nd 1878 Winifred Hardy b. 1854 d. 1879.
7. Edith Ann Mewborn b. 1836 d. 1915 married 1865 John Parrott Gray
8. Drewry Aldridge Mewborn b. 1840 married Peniah Adelaide Dixon b. 1848
9. Levi Jesse Hardy Mewborn b. 1842 d. 1926 married Ruth C. Whitted b. 1845
10. Lydia Jane Mewborn b. 1844 d. 1874 married William G. Whitted b. 1839

Children of Temesia Ann Mewborn & Lemuel Mewborn Hardy; (were 1st cousins)

1. Nancy Hardy b. 1848 d. 1930 married Bennett Frank Aldridge (no descendents)
2. George Mewborn Hardy b. 1851 d. 1939 married 1st Lucy Ann Fields b. 1850 d. 1890 m. 2nd 1890 Agnes Mann b. 1873 d. 1932
3. Elder Lemuel H. Hardy b. 1853 d. 1930 married 1st 1874 Elizabeth John Hartsfield b. 1847, married 2nd Annie Isom. (his 1st wife was his 2nd cousin)
4. Parrott Mewborn Hardy b. 1855 d. 1919 married 1st Margaret Rowe b. 1862, 2nd 1900 Martha Taylor Denny b. 1875 d. 1940. (Margaret d. 1899)
5. Patsy Hardy b. 1858 d. 1944 married 1884 Elder Riley Adams.

Children of George Mewborn & Nancy Louisa Hardy; (they were 1st cousins)

1. Mary Louisa Mewborn b. 1848 d. 1902 m 1870 Richard Henry Hardy b. 1848 d. 1919
2. Parrott Mewborn Hardy b. 1850 d. 1915 m 1st 1872 Lany Jane Hardy b. 1854 d. 1897, 2nd 1897 Lizzie C. Outlaw b. 1862 d. 1902 3rd 1903 Addie Patterson
3. Jesse Leonidas Mewborn b. 1852 d. 1924 m. 1871 Mary Mewborn Hardy b. 1854 d. 1933 (were 1st and 2nd cousins)
4. Patsy Annie Mewborn b. 1854 d. 1924 m 1874 George M. Carter b. 1850 (no children)
5. George Washington Mewborn b. 1856 d. 1908 m. 1885 James Beatrice Peacock b. 1863

6. Nancy Susan Mewborn b. 1856 d. 1857 (twin to George Washington Mewborn)
  7. Walter Daniel Mewborn b. 1859 d. 1924 m. 1st 1881 Eliza Dawson b. 1862 d. 1887, married 2nd 1890 Mary Matitia Hodges b. 1869 d. 1962.
- Children of Joshua Mewborn & Winifred Wooten;
1. John Moses Mewborn b. 1854 d. 1900 m. 1874 Barbara Ann Fields b. 1854 d. 1938
  2. Mary Ann Temesia Mewborn b. 1856 d. 1875 m. 1874 William G. Whitted b. 1839
  3. Nancy Jane Mewborn b. 1858 d. 1891 m. 1875 James Herring b. 1851 d. 1912
  4. Edith Elizabeth Mewborn b. 1860 d. 1897 m. 1877 Lemuel N. Herring b. 1853 d. 1919
  5. Joshua Parrott Mewborn b. 1862 d. 1943 m. 1885 Ida Varina Wooten b. 1862 d. 1930
  6. Infant dau. Mewborn b. & d. 1864
  7. Dr. George Thomas Mewborn b. 1866 d. 1891 m. 1890 Glenn Gray b. 1870 d. 1950 (were cousins) No children.
  8. Infant son Mewborn b. & d. 1868
  9. Joanna Winifred Mewborn b. 9-29-1870 d. 7-25-1872
  10. Evelyn Eugene Mewborn (Gene) b. 6-4-1874 d. 1965 (unmarried)
- Children of Nancy Mewborn & John Parrott Gray; (were 1st cousins)
1. Nancy Parrott Gray b. 1861 d. 1863.
- Children of Mary Mewborn & Benjamin George Hardy (were 1st cousins)
1. Patsy Mewborn Hardy b. 1853 m. George Hardy
  2. Mary Mewborn Hardy b. 1854 d. 1933 m. Jesse Leonidas Mewborn b. 1852 (1st cousins)
  3. Benjamin George Hardy Jr. b. 1856 d. 1910 M. Mary Ellen Simpson b. 1860 d. 1951
  4. Nancy Lemuel Hardy b. 1857 d. 1900 m. John Riley Rowe b. 1852 d. 1899
  5. Parrott Drewry Hardy b. 1859 d. 1935 m. 1st Salome Gaskill, 2nd Nancy A. Jones. m. 3rd Mary Cayton Bennett, married 4th Sarah Gaskill Parris.
  6. Lydia Unity Hardy b. 1861 d. 1882 m. Sam Ferrell
  7. Levi Jesse Hardy b. 1864 d. 1950 m. 1st Rosemond O. Jones, 2nd Sarah F. Harris
- Children of Parrott Mewborn III & Laney Hardy & Winifred Hardy; (no 7, by 2nd wife).
1. Mary Elizabeth Mewborn b. 1863 d. 1901 m. Egbert A. Sutton B. 1863 b. 1937
  2. Seth Mewborn b. 1867
  3. Levi Mewborn b. 1869
  4. Rufus Hardy Mewborn b. 1870 d. 1939 m. 1865 Sophia Luna Mewborn (were cousins)
  5. Dr. James Hyman Mewborn b. 1874 d. 1965 m. Lela Hortense Mewborn (were cousins)
  6. Laney Jane Mewborn b. 1876 d. 1966 m. 1896 William C. Whitfield b. 1872 d. 1946
  7. Rosa Ellen Mewborn (by 2nd wife) b. 1879 d. 1954 m. John William Lewis b. 1888
- Children of Edith Ann Mewborn & John Parrott Gray; (were cousins)
1. Felix Tiberias Gray b. 1866 d. 1919 m. 1880 Mary Harrison.
  2. Hulda Armenia Gray b. 1867 d. 1871
  3. Mary Ava Gray b. 1871 d. 1959 m. Noah Henry Turnage b. 1866 d. 1924
  4. Joseph Jones Gray b. 1874 d. 1966 m. Pearl Mitchell b. 1887 d. 1970
  5. Edith Leone Gray b. 1877 d. 1961 m. 1902 Noah Ulyssis Mewborn b. 1876 d. 1954
- Children of Drewry Aldridge Mewborn & Penniah Adalaide Dixon;
1. John Richard Mewborn b. 1868 d. 1945 m. 1892 Emma Colista Taylor b. 1871 d. 1949
  2. Eunice Manora Mewborn b. 1872 d. 1885
  3. Henry Dixon Mewborn b. 1870 d. 1904 m. 1902 Huldah Elizabeth Sutton b. 1876
  4. Benjamin Parrott Mewborn b. 1874 d. 1924 m. 1st 1902 Louise Lang b. 1879 d. 1905 married 2nd 1910 Rebecca Hardy Glancey b. 1874 d. 1961 (his cousin)
  5. Joshua Albert Mewborn b. 1876 d. 1940 m. Etta Smith b. 1878 d. 1960
  6. George Lemuel Mewborn b. 1880 d. 1959 m. 1905 Eula Virginia Mewborn b. 1887 d. 1966 (were cousins)
  7. Levi Andrew Mewborn b. 1882 d. 1961 married 1st 1905 Minnie Dora Bell b. 1881 d. 1908, married 2nd 1910 Nancy Jane Mewborn b. 1891 (were cousins)
- Children of Levi Jesse Hardy Mewborn & Ruth Caroline Whitted;
1. Sarah Artelia Mewborn b. 1867 d. 1961 married 1884 George M. Herring b. 1858 d. 1934
  2. Sidney Graham Mewborn b. 1868 d. 1937 married 1904 Julia Ava Gray b. 1873 d. 1951 (were cousins)
  3. Edward Seymour Mewborn b. 1870 d. 1948 married 1905 Mary Maude Sugg b. 1880 d. 1953 (were cousins)
  4. Lula Virginia Mewborn b. 1872 d. 1949 married 1917 Elder Thomas Bryant Lancaster b. 1851 d. 1926 (no descendants)
  5. Asa Daniel Mewborn b. 1873 d. 1957 married 1910 Mary Temesia Mewborn b. 1879 d. 1962 (were cousins)
  6. Cora Lillian Mewborn twin b. 1876 d. 1882
  7. Dora Lelia Mewborn twin b. 1876 d. 1888
  8. John Bunyan Mewborn b. 1878 d. 1895



9. Lundie Ethel Mewborn b. 1880 d. 1892
  10. Lydia Jane Mewborn b. 1882 d. 1963 (unmarried)
  11. Levi Jesse Mewborn b. 1885 d. 1941 m. 1911 Nancy Lee Mewborn b. 1884 (cousins)
- Children of Lydia Jane Mewborn & William Graham Whitted;
1. H. Clifton Whitted b. 1871 d. 1934 (unmarried)
  2. William (Bill) Whitted b. 1874 d. 1952 married Maude Grady b. 1881 d. 1958 (no descendents)

### SUTTON FAMILY

George Sutton b. ca 1620 m. Sarah Tilden. /son;

William Sutton b. ca 1641 d. 4-28-1718 m. 7-11-1666 Damaris Bishop at Eastham, Mass., the dau. of Richard Bishop and Alice Martin, the widow of George Clark. Damaris Bishop died 2-6-1682/3 in Piscataway, New Jersey. He married 2nd 1-9-1684/5 Jane Barnes, the first of her family in New Jersey, who was the widow Jane Barnes of London, who was given deed to 1-24 share in the East Jersey Company. As shown by the records of his 1st marriage and the births of three of his children he lived in Eastham from 1666 to Oct. 1671. Likewise, the birth record of his child in April 1671, at Piscataway, Middlesex Co. N.J., shows that he went west to New Jersey about 1672 or 1673. The quest of religious freedom was perhaps the reason for his removal, since in the New Jersey Colony he was an influential Quaker. On or near the Paritan River, not far from the present town of New Brunswick, William Sutton settled and prospered. Known for his fair dealing with the Indians, the wolves and forest were his only enemies. In 1713 he was spoken of as an aged man and he was buried in the Quaker churchyard at Woodbridge.

Issue by 1st wife; Damaris Bishop;

1. Alice Sutton b. 5-13-1668
2. Thomas Sutton b. 11-11-1669 m. 4-1693 Mary Adams. Issue;
  - (1) Joseph Sutton b. ca 1694 d. 3-17-1762
  - (2) Rachel Sutton b. 3-27-1695
  - (3) Benjamin Sutton b. 1-19-1696/7
  - (4) Samuel Sutton twin b. 3-16-1698/9 m. ca 1725 Martha
  - (5) Hanna Sutton twin b. 3-16-1698/9
  - (6) Nathaniel Sutton b. 5-23-1701
  - (7) Thomas Sutton Jr. b. ca 1705 m. 1-6-1734/5 Mary Lewis
3. Mary Sutton b. 10-4-1671 m. 12-23-1689 Daniel McDaniels.
4. JOHN SUTTON b. 4-20-1674 d. 1750 m ca 1695 Elizabeth Bonham b. ca 1679 d. 5-10-1731, dau of Nicholas Bonham & Hanna Fuller. Family lineage continued.
5. Judah Sutton b. 1-24-1675 m. 5-6-1698 Emma Canter. Issue;
  - (1) Emma Sutton b. 3-9-1699 m. 6-19-1720 Hugh Dunn Jr.
  - (2) Damaris Sutton b. 12-18-1700
  - (3) Patience Sutton b. 1-27-1702/3
  - (4) William Sutton b. 1-4-1706/7
  - (5) Mary Sutton b. 7-3-1709
  - (6) Sarah Sutton b. 2-28-1711
  - (7) Elizabeth Sutton b. 10-3-1713
  - (8) Anne Sutton b 6-25-1714
  - (9) Joseph Sutton b. 12-6-1716
  - (10) Rachel Sutton b. 5-30-1719
  - (11) Benjamin Sutton b. 4-13-1722
6. Richard Sutton b. 7-18-1676 d. 1732 m. 1st 1-25-1702 Sarah Boutcher, (she m. 2nd 1736 James Campbell)
 

She was the dau. of Vincent Runyon & Anne Joseph Manning

  - (1) Sarah Sutton b. 12-31-1703 m. Joseph Manning
  - (2) Anna Sutton b. 5-20-1706 m. Hendrick Sleight
  - (3) Nathan Sutton b. 8-16-1708 d. 1733 unmarried
  - (4) Richard Sutton Jr. b. 2-14-1711/12
  - (5) Peter Sutton b. 5-2-1713 d. 1740 m. Sarah
  - (6) Catherine Sutton b. 1-24-1715/16
  - (7) Joshua Sutton b. 11-18-1718
  - (8) Jonas Sutton b. 4-18-1721
  - (9) Amos Sutton b. 7-16-1723
  - (10) Joseph Sutton b. 8-15-1726
7. Joseph Sutton b. 6-27-1678 d. 12-19-1682
8. Benjamin Sutton b. 2-24-1679 d. 12-22-1682

9. Daniel Sutton b. 2-25-1681 d. 1761 m. 1st 10-31-1704 Patience Martin dau. of John Martin Sr. & Ester Roberts (her brother John Martin Jr. b. 1650 m. 6-26-1677 Dorothy Smith, dau. of Richard Smith; Ester Roberts was the dau. of Thomas Roberts) Daniel m. 2nd 8-25-1724 Lydia Collius, dau. of Thomas (son of Moses, son of Thomas Collius)  
Issue by 1st wife;
  - (1) Anne Sutton b. 9-16-1705
  - (2) Zebulon Sutton b. 9-1-1707 m. ca 1731 Mary Doty b. 5-23-1713, dau. of James Doty & Phoebe Slater born 1693
  - (3) Zacharias Sutton b. 10-5-1709
  - (4) John Sutton b. 8-10-1713
  - (5) Dorothy Sutton b. 5-1-1717
  - (6) Patience Sutton b. 5-23-1719 m. ca 1752 Jonathan Doty, Jr.
  - (7) Esther Sutton b. 8-2-1721/Issue by 2nd wife;
  - (8) Daniel Sutton b. 5-8-1725
 Issue by 2nd wife; Jane Barnes
10. Joseph Sutton b. 9-11-1693 d. 3-17-1772 m. 12-25-1718 Priscilla Langstaff. Issue;
  - (1) Martha Sutton b. 9-3-1719
  - (2) Sarah Sutton b. 12-1-1721 died an infant
  - (3) Sarah Sutton b. 2-9-1723
  - (4) Henry Sutton b. 4-6-1724 d. 10-8-1806
  - (5) Joseph Sutton Jr. b. 2-15-1728
  - (6) Jacob Sutton b. 7-3-1730
  - (7) Priscilla Sutton b. 4-14-1735
 George Sutton b. ca 1620 m. Sarah Tilden./son; William Sutton b. ca 1641 d. 1718 m. 1666 Damaris Bishop / son;
 John Sutton b. 4-20-1674 d. 1750 m. ca 1695 Elizabeth Bonham b. ca 1679 d. 5-10-1731, dau. of Nicholas Bonham & Hannah Fuller. John Sutton was born at Piscataway, New Jersey. He acquired lands at Piscataway and settled for a time at Passaic Valley in Morris County, four or five miles from Basking Ridge, Somerset County. On Nov. 1741, he purchased lands at Harrison's Neck, New Jersey and in the same year on Dec. 31, he disposed of his Piscataway lands. He was a surveyor of highways in Middlesex County. His will was dated 12-17-1746, probated on 12-20-1750. He held the office of constable for many years. His wife Elizabeth is buried in the Baptist churchyard at Stelton, Piscataway, New Jersey/Issue;
- \* 1. MOSES SUTTON b. 2-2-1696 d. ca 1740 m. ca 1717 Yanick. Issue; Family lineage continued.
2. Aaron Sutton b. 7-2-1699 d. 1746 m.
3. John Sutton b. 9-19-1701 d. 1761 m. Mary Martin m. 1729/30 b. 9-21-1707 d. after 1758, dau. of Jonathan Martin and 1st wife Elizabeth Dunham. Issue;
  - (1) Elizabeth Sutton
  - (2) Anna Sutton
  - (3) Lois Sutton m. Thomas Smith, son of Richard Smith
  - (4) Mary Sutton m. Elijah Smith, son of Richard Smith (some of the descendants of Richard Smith, or his kin also settled in old Dobbs County, N.C.)
  - (5) Jeremiah Sutton
  - (6) Abner Sutton b. 5-8-1741 d. 2-26-1791 m. Mary Runyon Davison
  - (7) Philip Sutton
4. David Sutton b. 7-31-1703 m. (of Somerset Co. Va.) Issue;
  - (1) Issac Sutton m. Rachael Doty
  - (2) David Sutton Jr.
  - (3) John Sutton b. 2-12-1733 m. Ruth Stout d. 1813
  - (4) Abraham Sutton
  - (5) James Sutton
  - (6) Moses Sutton
  - (7) Sarah Sutton
  - (8) Elizabeth Sutton
  - (9) Mary Sutton d. 1746
5. Sarah Sutton b. 7-31-1706
6. James Sutton b. 5-9-1709
7. Jesse Sutton b. 7-6-1711
8. Mary Sutton b. 8-15-1717
9. Ephraim Sutton b. 12-7-1719 d. 1790 m. Phoebe



George Sutton b. ca 1620 m. Sarah Tilden /son; William Sutton b. ca 1641 d. 1718 m. 1666 Damaris Bishop./son; John Sutton b. 1674 d. 1750 m. ca 1695 Elizabeth Bonham./son;  
 Moses Sutton b. 2-2-1696 d. ca 1740 m. ca 1717 Yanick. The name is so written in the record; it probably stands for the Dutch "Jannetje". Moses left Piscataway and moved to Bedminster Township Somerset County about 1737, in which year he is recorded as living in Lamington and selling land at Piscataway. He seems also to have lived at Peapack, in Bedminster Township. His eldest son John Sutton was appointed Administrator of his estate in 1740, so he doubtless died in that year, age 43. His issue were born in Piscataway. Soon after the death of his father, John Sutton, settled in old Dobbs Co. N.C. Issue;

- \* 1. JOHN SUTTON b. 6-18-1718 d. 1769 m. Ann Turner, dau. of John Turner. Family lineage continued.
2. Aaron Sutton b. 3-17-1719
3. Martha Sutton b. 2-15-1722
4. Susanna Sutton b. 5-14-1723
5. Hugh Sutton b. ca 1725
6. Levi Sutton b. ca 1726

George Sutton b. ca m. Sarah Tilden. /son; William Sutton b. ca 1641 d. 1718 m. 1666 Damaris Bishop./son; John Sutton b. 1674 d. 1750 m. ca 1695 Elizabeth Bonham./son;  
 Moses Sutton b. 1696 d. ca 1740 m. ca 1717 Yanick /son;

John Sutton Sr. b. 6-18-1718 d. after 1769. He was shown on the 1769 Dobbs County N.C. tax list, but was not on the 1780 tax list. He was born in Piscataway Co. N.J. and died in Dobbs Co. N.C. Soon after the death of his father in 1740, he along with others, started the southward trend, out of Va. to the counties of eastern N.C.

The first Europeans to explore the Craven & Dobbs Co. area were John Lawson and Baron Christopher deGraffenreid. The latter had secured a colony of German Palatines and Swiss on a tract of land at the juncture of the Neuse and Trent rivers, where he founded the present city of New Bern in 1710, which later became the capital of N.C. It was not until after 1714, when the Tuscaroras Indians were defeated, that the steady increase of population in N. C. began. By 1730 it had grown to about 30,000. The first person to obtain a land grant on Falling Creek, in what is now Lenoir County, N.C. was Ambose Ayers. The second was John Herring. Others, who had left the counties of Virginia and came to what is now Lenoir, Greene, and Wayne Counties were as follows; Thomas & Drewry Aldridge; William Aldridge; Thomas Box; Henry, John & Benjamin Best; John & Thomas Gray; John, Joshua, & Henry Herring; Robert & Francis Hill; John Howell; Lemuel, Thomas, & Benjamin Hardy; Noah Maund; William McTyre; John & Jacob Parrott; Thomas & Absalom Suggs; John, Arthur & Richard Smith; John, Simon, & Lazarus Turner; Christopher Reynolds; James Robert Asair; Stephen Cade; Frederick & Robert Jordon; and John Sutton Sr. It is possible that John Sutton died in the Revolutionary War, while he was serving with the Dobbs Militia, under the command of Captain John Oxley Harrison, which was the same unity that Captain Kennedy was the commander of in July 26, 1777. This district, lying north of Neuse River from Falling Creek to Bear Creek & extended northward to the villiage of Arba. As to proof of John Sutton Sr. dying in the Revolution, it is a good bet that he did since he was on the 1769 tax list and his widow was shown on the 1780 tax list.

Why did John Sutton Sr. come to old Dobbs Co, N.C.? It seems that he already had kinsmen and neighbors here of his from up in Virginia. It is believed that John Sutton Sr. was in Dobbs County before the Hardy and Mewborn families, which were to play a large part in the Sutton family lineage.

John Sutton Sr. married Ann Turner, the daughter of John Turner Sr. and Elizabeth Wiggins. She had brothers, George & John Wiggins Jr. Eliabeth was the dau. of John Wiggins Sr., who received 566 acres in old Craven Co. 6-13-1738, near the town of Kinston. John Turner Sr. was the son of Lazarus Turner and had brothers, James, Arthur and Henry Turner and Simon Turner, which received a grant of 300 acres on Bear Creek in 1746, near Thomas Aldridge's grant. John Sutton Sr. in the year 1750 received his first deed in old Dobbs Co. from his wife's father, John Turner. Soon after, it seems that he built up a large plantation and became very wealthy. His widow, Ann Sutton, in the 1780 tax list bears this fact out. Mr. John Rouse received a land grant 3-10-1736 near Kinston, which was to become one of John Sutton's neighbors. Some of the deeds that John Sutton Sr. received were; from John Turner, from James Herring, from Robert Reynolds, and from Absalom Stephens.

Baron deGraffenreid's colony of about 1500 Swiss and 650 Palatines were of his choosing and he picked young, healthy and industrious persons of various trades. The Palatines were a very religious German Sect.

After the colony settled at New Bern in 1710 they worked hard and within eighteen months had become more prosperous than many that had been in Carolina several years.

They not only prospered but rapidly mixed with the English settlers and in a few years became indistinguishable in either appearance or speech from the settlers of pure English stock. Many of their descendants have formed a society whose members are proud to trace their ancestry to the Palatines.

Among the members of the expedition of 1710 were Nicholas Isler and two of his sons, Christian and Frederick. Within three years we find him making his first claim of title to land in America. His son, Christian Isler, born in 1694 was a man of great ability and of good education. He prospered as a planter and by judicious purchase and sale of land he built himself up into one of the most important land owners of Craven County. He was one of the most respected and trusted men in the Palatine Colony and became its Secretary.

CHRISTIAN ISLER married Elizabeth Coleman, daughter of Robert Coleman and his wife, Mary O'Dyer. They had two sons, John and WILLIAM and two daughters, Elizabeth and Susannah.

WILLIAM ISLER (1720-1784) married HESTER WILLIAMS, the daughter of Colonel John Pugh Williams and FEREBEE PUGH, the daughter of Francis Pugh, Jr. and FEREBEE SAVAGE, the daughter of THOMAS SAVAGE II and Alice Harmonson. Thomas Savage II was the son of JOHN SAVAGE. John Savage's father THOMAS I was born in England in 1594. Thomas came to America at the age of thirteen with the first permanent English Colony that founded the colony of Jamestown in 1607. In 1608 he was exchanged to the Indian Chief Powhatan as a hostage. The boy was sent over to the Eastern Shore and for three years he lived with the Indians and learned their language and ways.

After Thomas's return to the colony he acted as Interpreter and General Agent for the colonists in their dealings with the Indians and was of immense value to the colony.

Thomas was deeded thousands of acres on the Eastern Shore of Virginia by the Indian King and was the first white man to live in the area. He was given the rank of Ensign in the Indian War of 1624. On the wall of the Memorial Church at Jamestown there is a bronze tablet to his memory. Of all the original settlers of the Jamestown colony, only Thomas Savage and Thomas Wooten have descendants today and they may claim the oldest blood of English descendants in the U.S.

Ensign Savage married Hannah Tying who came over to Virginia on the ship "Sea Flower" in 1621. Thomas Savage died in 1627, leaving his widow and one son, John. John Savage's son Thomas II of Cherrystone married Alice Harmonson and it was their great grand-daughter Hester Williams that married William Isler. Hester's brother was Benjamin Williams, Governor of N.C. 1799-1802 and again in 1807.

William and Hester Isler had one son and six daughters. Their daughter Ferebee Isler married JOHN SUTTON, JR. and so goes the Palatinate line of descent to the Sutton family.

### SUTTON FAMILY

George Sutton b. ca 1620 m. Sarah Tilden.

/son;

William Sutton b. ca 1641 d. 1718 m. 1666 Damaris Bishop.

/son;

John Sutton b. 1674 d. 1750 m. ca 1695 Elizabeth Bonham.

/son;

Moses Sutton b. 1696 d. ca 1740 m. ca 1717 Yanick

/son;

John Sutton Sr. b. 1718 d. after 1769 ca 1774 m. Ann Turner.

Issue: 8 children: 5 sons and 3 daughters:

1. Benjamin Oxley Sutton b. ca 1752 d. after 1790 m. Sarah (Sallie) Hardy, the daughter of John Hardy Sr. and Penelope. This John Hardy was b. in Tyron Co. N.C. Benjamin Sutton was shown on the 1780 tax list, but was not on the 1769 tax list of Dobbs Co. N.C. It is not possible that he was in the Revolutionary War. He received deeds from his father in 1774 and from Moses Westbrook in 1790.

Issue:

1. William Sutton b. 1770 m. Davison, dau. of William Davison. He received deeds in 1790, 1801, 1810, 1813, 1828 & 1823 in Lenoir Co.
  - (1) Sarah Sutton b. 1792, received land in 1823 & 1828. Untraced.
  - (2) Benjamin Sutton twin b. 1795 d. 1864 m. 1st Mary Hines, 2nd. Eliza Herring, 3rd. Her-ing. Traced.
  - (3) John Sutton twin b. 1795 m. Elizabeth. Traced.
  - (4) Richard Sutton b. 1797 m. Winnie Sutton b. 1800, dau. of John Sutton, Jr. and Ferebee Isler.
  - (5) Daniel Sutton b. 1801, received land in 1822 & 1836.
  - (6) Isaac Sutton b. 1803, received deeds in 1830.
2. Sarah Sutton b. 1773 m. Jesse Hardy b. 1779, son of William Hardy and Sarah Seawell.
3. Benjamin Hardy Sutton b. 1775 m. Pincy Young. See Bucklesberry Sutton Book by Estelle Creech.

Issue:

  - (1) Hardy Sutton b. 9-17-1803 d. 4-10-1861 m. Annie Hill b. 10-3-1807 d. 4-21-1887. See Bucklesberry Sutton Book by Estelle Creech.
  - (2) Thomas Sutton b. ca 1805. Untraced.
  - (3) Benjamin H. Sutton Jr. b. 1807 m. Sarah A.V.
  - (4) John Sutton b. ca 1809. Untraced.
  - (5) Infant Sutton b. & d. 5-10-1810.
  - (6) Mary Ann Sutton b. 1816 m. William Gray b. 1815 d. 1905. Traced.
  - (7) Ava Sutton b. ca 1819 m. 1st. John Gray Jr. b. 1825. Traced.
4. Richard Sutton b. 1777 d. 1827, received deeds in 1790 & 1820.
5. Simon Sutton b. 1779, received deeds in 1790 & 1830.
6. John Sutton b 1781 m. Elizabeth.



7. Thomas Sutton b. 1783, received deeds in 1828, 1823, and from his father in 1813 & 1821.
8. Nancy Sutton b. 1785, received a deed from father in 1820.
9. Mary Sutton b. 1787, received land from father in 1813.
2. Thomas Sutton b. ca 1754 d. 1789 (Was shown on the 1780 tax list of Dobbs Co. If he ever married we do not know, as we see no record of it.)
3. William Sutton Sr. b. 1756, left Dobbs Co. N.C. and went to Georgia where he was granted land for his services in the Revolutionary War. He was at the Battle of Kettle's Creek.
4. Sarah Sutton b. 1758 d. 1812 m. John Hardy Jr. b. 1756 in Tryon Co. N.C. and d. 1818 Warren Co. Georgia. They were m. 1778. John was the brother of Sarah Hardy that married Benjamin Oxley Sutton.

Issue:

- (1) John Hardy 3rd.
- (2) Jesse Hardy
- (3) Penelope Hardy
- (4) Sutton Hardy

(Note) John and Sarah Hardy had a sister named Penelope Hardy that married James Powell Jr.

- \*5. JOHN SUTTON JR. b. 1760 d. after 1828 m. Ferebee Isler b. ca 1765 daughter of William Isler and Hester Williams. Line continued below.
6. Mary Sutton b. 1763
7. Ann Elizabeth Sutton b. ca 1765
8. James Sutton b. 1767 (Shown on 1790 census and received a deed in 1793 from the brother Benjamin Oxley Sutton. Had issue.

George Sutton b. ca 1620 m. Sarah Tilden./son; William Sutton b. ca 1641 d. 1718 m. 1666 Damaris Bishop./son; John Sutton b. 1674 d. 1750 m. ca 1695 Elizabeth Bonham./son; Moses Sutton b. 1696 d. ca 1740 m. ca 1717 Yanick ./son; John Sutton Sr. b. 1718 d. ca 1774 m. Ann Turner /son; John Sutton Jr. b. 1760 d. after 1828 m. Ferebee Isler b. ca 1765, dau. of William Isler b. 1720 of Jones Co. N.C. where he died 2-27-1784 and Hester Williams. See other remarks. John Sutton Jr. received a good deal of land deeds in Dobbs (Lenoir Co.) from the year 1779 to 1828. It is stated by some that he served in the Revolution. He may have due to the fact that he married late, at the age of about 37 years of age. It is said that he was away several years in the War and there is a time lapse from the year 1780 to 1790 that we see no land deeds to him. He could have been with the army at this time. In the papers of Miss Sybil Hyatt, he enlisted late in the war and was gone several years, before he returned and married. Although Revolutionary War records are very incomplete, I did find in N.C. Revolutionary Army Accounts a cancelled military pay voucher made out to John Sutton of Dobbs County in the amount of five pounds ten shillings in the year 1783.

John Sutton Jr. was buried between Bucklesberry and La Grange, back of the old homeplace of his son William, in the edge of the woods near the present home of Marcellus Sutton (1974). No marker is at the site but the headstones of his son William Isler Sutton and his wife Sally Rouse continue to stand.  
Issue; 11 children; 3 sons; and 8 daughters;

- \*1. JAMES SUTTON b. 1798 (school teacher) received a deed in 1827 from his father-in-law. He married Susan Walters b. 1810, dau. of John Walters b. 1770 and Lydia Walters b. ca. 1774. Line continued.
2. Winnie Sutton b. 1800 m. Richard Sutton b. 1797, son of William Sutton and Davison, dau. of William Davison. Issue;
  - (1) William Sutton b. 1824
  - (2) Ferebee Sutton b. ca 1826 d. ca 1865 m. William (Billy )Dawson (his 2nd wife) Issue
    - (a) William M. Dawson b. 1-30-1860 d. 5-12-1940 m. Dorah Hartsfield
    - (b) Amos Dawson m. Debbie Kade (Cade)
    - (c) Edward Dawson m. (dau's. Hattie & Lucille Dawson)
    - (d) Simon Dawson unmarried died in Civil War.
    - (e) George Dawson m. Mollie Sawyer
    - (f) Alexander Dawson m. (dau. Effa Dawson lived in Graham)
3. Annie Sutton b. 1802 unmarried.
4. Harriet Sutton b. 1806 m. John Stroud b. ca 1806 Issue;
  - (1) Infant b. & d. 1828
5. Susan Sutton b. 1808. Untraced.
6. William Isler Sutton b. 1810 d. 2-12-1854 m. Sally Rouse b. ca 1812 d. 9-24-1888. Sally was the daughter of Willis Rouse (son of Richard Rouse) and Nancy Dawson (daughter of John Dawson and Sallie Herring) Sally m. 2nd Alex Dawson. A complete history is being compiled on this family. More information is needed.  
Issue;
  - (1) Francis Marion Sutton b. 10-28-1836 d. 9-24-1901 m. 5-1871 Diana Eason b. 12-17-1855 d. 5-19-1932, dau. of William Eason & Nancy Herring. Issue;

- (a) William Israel Sutton m. Kittie Stroud. Issue.
- (b) Annie M. Sutton unmarried
- (c) Maggie Sutton m. 1st Edwin W. Pace 2nd. Dr. James E. Brooks
- (d) Lula L. Sutton unmarried
- (2) John Willis Sutton b. 7-19-1838 d. 7-2-1918 m. Mary C. Dawson b. 8-7-1843 d. 7-18-1913, dau. of Richard Dawson and Narcissas Rouse.
  - (a) Sarah C. Sutton m. Robert (Bob) Kinsey. Issue
  - (b) Mollie Sutton unmarried
  - (c) Nora M. Sutton m. Robert Hill
- (3) William Isler Sutton Jr. b. 1842 died a young man unmarried 1875
- (4) Sarah Adeline Sutton b. 8-1844 d. 12-5-1902 m. Levi Sutton b. 12-15-1838 d. 12-21-1890, son of Benjamin Sutton & 3rd wife Herring. (dau. of Simon Herring & Nancy Dawson)
  - (a) Eliza A. Sutton m. William (Bill) Smith. Issue.
- (5) Nathan George Sutton b. 2-19-1847 d. 2-25-1919 m. 11-16-1869 Sarah Penelope Dawson b. 3-15-1854 d. 3-29-1930, dau. of Richard Dawson & Narcissas Rouse. (sister to Mary C. Dawson)
  - (a) William Richard Sutton unmarried.
  - (b) George E. Sutton m. Lora Armanie Peele. Issue.
  - (c) Mary Eliza Sutton unmarried.
  - (d) Carl Whit Sutton, M.D. m. Laura Elizabeth Koonce. Issue.
  - (e) Herber Sutton unmarried.
  - (f) Arthur Leslie Sutton m 1st. Celia Grady & 2nd Pelham Smith.
  - (g) Walter Edwin Sutton m. Clara Lois Mewborn. Issue.
  - (h) Ray Sutton unmarried.
  - (i) Lillie Bell Sutton n. James Thomas Edwards. Issue.
- (6) Alexander Sutton b. 3-11-1849 d. 2-27-1917 m. ca 1871 Mary Haywood Walters b. 5-25-1854 d. 9-9-1918, dau. of Haywood Walters and Sally Ann Rouse.
  - (a) Ida Sutton m. James Edward Jones Sr. Issue
- (7) Marcellus Sutton b. 6-20-1851 d. 3-1-1924 m. Laura Jenkins b. 5-1861 d. 2-3-1933, dau. of Ervin Jenkins & Narcissas Rouse. (Half-sister to Sarah & Mary C. Dawson)
  - (a) Mary E. Sutton b. 1878 d. 1882
  - (b) Lillian Sutton m. Stephen Lassiter Jr. Issue
  - (c) William I. Sutton b. 1880 d. 1897
  - (d) Sarah (Sallie) Sutton m. Mack Parks. Issue.
  - (e) Herbert Sutton m. Eliza Herring.
  - (f) Bertha (Bessie) Sutton m. Albert Whaley
  - (g) Mollie Sutton b. 1887 d. 1889
  - (h) McKinley Sutton n. 1st Alice Newsom & 2nd Lee.
  - (i) Lida Sutton m. Harvey Hern Casey. Issue.
  - (j) Marcellus (Mott) Sutton Jr. m. Nettie Hill. Issue.
  - (k) Libbie Sutton m. Luby S. Cunningham. Issue.
- (8) Nancy(Nannie) Sutton b. 1852 m. Jim Carter. Issue.
- 7. Daughter Sutton b. 1812 untraced
- 8. Daughter Sutton b. ca 1814 untraced.
- 9. Daughter Sutton b. ca 1817 untraced.
- 10. Ferebee Sutton b. ca 1820 untrace.
- 11. John Fred Isler Sutton b. 2-23-1822 d. 8-31-1870 m. Nancy Mewborn b. 9-8-1813 d. 4-1-1881, dau. of Hardy Mewborn and Deborah Parrott. Issue;
  - (1) Edward Sutton b. 3-4-1844 d. 6-16-1845
  - (2) Levi Mewborn Sutton b. 10-8-1845 d. 3-22-1891 m. Cora Elizabeth Grimsley b. 5-22-1851 d. 9-5-1891 dau of William Grimsley.
    - (a) Fred Isler Sutton b. 9-7-1886 d. 1-23-1971 m. 11-10-1915 Annie Gray Fry. Issue.
      - (1) Frederick Isler Sutton Jr. b. 9-13-1916 m. 3-18-1941 Helen Sykes Morrison. Issue;
        - a. Frederick Isler Sutton III b. 9-21-1943
        - b. Frank Morrison Sutton b. 7-29-1947
      - (b) Levi Mewborn Sutton Jr. b. 4-15-1889 d. 5-30-1908
      - (c) Bessie Irene Sutton b. 12-3-1877 d. 11-21-1912
      - (d) Ruth Sutton b. 11-4-1875 d. 7-17-1938
      - (e) Esther Sutton b. 10-18-1882 d. 10-25-1884
      - (f) Infant Sutton b. 10-22-1871 d. 11-3-1871
    - (3) Deborah A. Sutton b. 11-20-1848 d. 9-30-1862.
    - (4) Phoebe Sutton b. m. Benjamin B. Booth.
    - (5) Willie Rachel Sutton b. 5-1-1851 d. 5-18-1937 m. Shadrach Hardy Loftin b. 11-5-1839 d. 5-23-1928.



George Sutton b. ca 1620 m. Sarah Tilden/son; William Sutton b. ca 1641 d. 1718 m. 1666 Damaris Bishop /son; John Sutton b. 1674 d. 1750 m. ca 1695 Elizabeth Bonham./son; Moses Sutton b. 1696 d. ca 1740 m. ca 1717 Yanick son; John Sutton Sr. b. 1718 d. ca 1774 m. Ann Turner / son; John Sutton Jr. b. 1760 d. 1828 m. Ferebee Isler./son.

James Sutton b. 1798 was of fair complexion and medium build. He was educated to be a school teacher. He had a quick temper but was quick to get over it. Not having to work he would not teach for fear that he might whip the children. He was a fine farmer. He married Susan Walters b. 1810, the daughter of John Walters and Lydia Walters of Lenoir County. John and Lydia were said to be good, kind and well-off and of no kin to each other. Their ancestry is not known but there were children named William Dawson, Herring, Jesse and Nancy Walters who married Johathan Rouse. Susan was a beautiful woman with jet black hair and blue eyes. She was very bright and refined.

James, better known as "Jimmie," and Susan lived about one mile of La Grange and are buried in a hilly grove of trees nearby. There were wooden markers but they are now longer visible. There are headstones for a daughter, Betsy Casey and several children. It is located on the H.T. Abbott farm. Mrs. Jean Abbott is a descendant. "Jimmie" and Susan had a family of 12 children; 6 daughters and 6 sons.

Issue;

1. Eliza Sutton b. ca 1826 d. young 1846 married Henry Fields of Johnston County.
- \* 2. RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON b. 4-13-1828 m. 7-4-1856 1st Mary Catherine Hill, m. 2nd ca 1876 Nancy Susan Hardy. A complete history has been compiled and is continued.
3. John Thomas Sutton b. 3-27-1831 d. 6-14-1874 m. 7-6-1856 Nancy Jane Walters b. 6-28-1844 d. 5-2-1916, dau. of Richard B. Walters and Eliza Rouse. Nancy Jane m. 2nd her brother-in-law, William Bryant Casey, widower of Betsy Casey. John Thomas was a farmer in Lenoir Co. He lost a foot in the Civil War. Many of the Sutton's of Bucklesberry connect with this family issue;

(1) Cisoro Sutton b. 1859 d. 1859

(2) Barbara Sutton b. 8-4-1860 m. 1st 1875 James K. Driver U m. 2nd Levi Hill & M. 3rd Thomas Hill. Issue.

(3) John Thomas Sutton b. 8-2-1862 m. Nancy Jane Sutton, dau of Richard W. Sutton Sr. Issue. Refer to line continued. Chapter 12.

(4) Mary A. Sutton b. 2-10-1864 d. 1871

(5) Emma Eliza Sutton b. 8-13-1865 m. 1st Edward Everett Rouse & m. 2nd Jimmie J. Sutton. Issue.

(6) Liddie Jane Sutton b. 6-15-1867 m. Egbert Parrott Rouse. Son, Leslie Russell Rouse m. Ida Jane Sutton, dau. of James W. Sutton, Refer to line continued. Issue. Chapter 5

(7) James R. Sutton b. 3-3-1869 d. 1870

(9) William H. Sutton b. 8-29-1871 d. 1872

(9) Nannie Sutton b. 6-16-1873 m. E. H. (Dred) Herring.

4. James Sutton Jr. b. ca 1834 d. age 3 years.

5. Nancy Jane Sutton b. 7-25-1836 d. 8-27-1902 m. Needham Walters b. 7-13-1819 d. 12-28-1900, the son of Celia Walters and Daniel Walters.

Issue;

(1) Axerline Walters b. 2-7-1857 d. 2-11-1934 m. Hyrum Whitley, b. 1848 d. 3-11-1918, son of Alby Whitley and Nancy Carraway. Issue.

(2) John N. Walters b. 4-28-1959 d. 5-7-1922 m. Lula Gustave Rouse b. 4-19-1866 d. 3-13-1943, dau. of John William Rouse and Bettie John Dail. Issue.

(3) Noah Daniel Walters b. 9-8-1866 d. 7-26-1933 m. Nora Elizabeth Driver b. 8-9-1876 d. 3-7-1960, dau. of James K. Driver & Barbara Sutton. Issue.

(4) Rebecca Walters b. 11-13-1868 d. 3-28-1917 m. George M. Gray b. 2-12-1846 d. 5-27-1919, son of William M. (Billie) Gray & Mary Ann Sutton, dau. of Benjamin Hardy Sutton & Annie Hill. Issue

(5) Needham Jimmy Walters b. 10-4-1870 d. 7-12-1938. unmarried.

(6) Esbrann Walters b. 6-8-1876 d. 7-12-1956 m. Franklin D. Hill b. 4-24-1866 d. 5-13-1932, son of John D. Hill & Susan Jones. Had Issue.

(7) Jeremiah (Jerry) Walters b. 4-4-1877 d. 7-31-1931. Unmarried. Killed by a bolt of lightning.

6. Jesse E. Sutton b. 1838 d. 1926 Wounded in neck in Civil War. m. 1st Betty Warren & m. 2nd Martha Elizabeth Warren (Betty's sister) and 3rd m. Penny McDonald. Issue by 2nd wife.

(1) Jimmie Sutton b. 1872 d. 1884

(2) Mollie Sutton b. 1874 d. 1950 m. George Waller. Had Issue.

(3) Jesse Hardy Sutton b. 1876 d. 1948 m. Bela Johnson. (had issue) dau. of William Thomas Johnson & Gatsy Elizabeth Wingate.

7. Elizabeth (Betsy) Sutton b. 11-12-1842 d. 8-30-1875 m. William Bryant Casey b. 8-6-1837 d. 3-6-1917 son of Micajah Casey & Sarah Smith. W. B. Casey m. 2nd Nancy Jane Walters (sister-in-law) Served in the Civil War 4 years. Had issue.

(1) Hattie Olivia Casey b. 12-22-1867 d. 1-21-1929 m. James H. Elmore b. 3-26-1867 d. 11-4-1940. Had issue.

(2) Benjamin T. Casey b. 9-18-1869 d. 9-17-1870



- (3) James Franklin Casey b. 9-30-1872 d. 12-31-1918 m. Emma Whitley b. 10-23-1875 d. 6-16-1925, dau. of Jesse Whitley & Louise Turner. Had issue.
- (4) John Micajah Casey b. 10-24-1874 d. 9-26-1875.
8. Evelyn Sutton died at age 3 years.
9. Mary Susan Sutton b. 10-16-1846 d. 12-7-1923 m. Bennett Curby Fields b. 10-22-1829 d. 6-16-1905 (a Free Will Baptist Preacher) son of Jeremiah Fields and Elizabeth Bryan. Had Issue.
  - (1) Ida Fields b. 1863 d. 1863
  - (2) Ozora Susan Fields b. 5-16-1869 m. 5-20-1891 Alfred Simmons Lee b. 1865 d. 1907. Had Issue
  - (3) Onesimos Fields b. 1868 d. 1871
  - (4) Myrtle Fields b. 1874 d. 1877
  - (5) Eulalia Florence Fields. b. 4-16-1876 m. O.E. Jones b. 1871. Had issue.
  - (6) Margaret Fields b. 1878 d. 1878
  - (7) Amelius Phalan Fields b. 11-19-1881 m. 10-20-1903 Margaret Diwtin. Issue.
  - (8) Viola Mae Fields b. 9-17-1884 m. 1-30-1914 Thomas Bayard Gardner. Had Issue.
  - (9) Natalie Pearl Fields b. 7-12-1888 d. 1-23-1923 m. Jack Galloway Shannon.
10. Harriett Evaline Sutton b. 5-28-1847 d. 5-14-1927 m. 1872 Abner Dawson b. ca 1847. Had Issue.
  - (1) Alice Elizabeth Dawson b. 7-31-1877 d. 4-16-1946 m. 1st 1894 John Franklin Whaley, Had issue & married 2nd 10-28-1926 Haywood Burnett Hill.
  - (2) Ozora Susan Dawson b. 8-11-1886 d. 10-16-1918 m. 10-15-1902 Haywood Burnett Hill, son of Joseph Hill & Evaline Arthur. He m. 2nd the sister of Ozora. Had issue.
  - (3) Infant Dawson died young.
  - (4) Infant Dawson died young.
11. William (Bill) Isler Sutton b. 2-1850 d. 4-10-1926 m. Laura Carlisle b. 5-20-1864 d. 8-1-1930, dau of Samuel Carlisle & Sarah Mzingo. Had issue.
  - (1) Walter Carlisle Sutton b. 1886 m. Minnie Taylor.
  - (2) John Ivey Sutton b. 1887 d. 1890
  - (3) Clyde Sutton b. 1888 d. 1952 m. Herbert R. Ross
  - (4) Jim Sutton b. 1893 d. 1942 m. Martha Taylor. Had issue.
  - (5) William Cody Sutton b. 1895 m. Rachel Prichett. Had issue.
  - (6) Alma Sutton b. 1897 d. 1930 m. 1st Winfield Rouse & 2nd Finnie Fields
  - (7) John Frank Sutton b. 1899 unmarried
  - (8) George Sutton b. 1900 d. 1906
  - (9) Nellie Sutton b. 1902 m. Joseph Stocks.
  - (10) Jesse Sutton b. 1908 m. Callie Belle.
12. Thomas H. Sutton b. 1853 d. 2-23-1875

George Sutton b. ca 1620 m. Sarah Tilden./son; William Sutton b. ca 1641 d. 1718 m. 1666 Damaris Bishop /son; John Sutton b. 1674 d. 1750 m. ca 1695 Elizabeth Bonham./son; Moses Sutton b. 1696 d. ca 1740 m. ca 1717 Yanick./son; John Sutton Sr. 1718 d. ca 1774 m. Ann Turner./son; John Sutton Jr. b. 1760 d. after 1828 m. Ferebee Isler/son; James Sutton b. 1798 m. Susan Walters./son; Richard Walters Sutton Sr. b. 4-13-1828 d. 1-24-1920 m. 1st Mary Catherine Hill b. 5-22-1837 d. 8-4-1876, dau of Alexander Hill and Henrietta Rouse. He m. 2nd ca 1876 Nancy Susan Hardy b. 11-13-1850 d. 3-31-1902, dau of William E. Hardy & Rosa Ellen Edwards./Issue by 1st wife; Mary Catherine Hill;

1. Richard Walters Sutton Jr. b. 1-8-1858 d. 11-13-1929 m. 3-8-1881 Martha Ellen Hardy b. 5-11-1859 d. 10-26-1942 dau. of William E. Hardy & Rosa Ellen Edwards. Line continued. Chapter 1.
2. Martha Jane Sutton b. 6-22-1859 d. 9-18-1932 m. 12-24-1877 John Thomas Hill b. 10-8-1857 d. 1-1-1912, son of John Linkfield Hill and Penelope Cox. Line continued. Chapter 2.
3. Alexander Richard Sutton b. 11-18-1860 d. 12-6-1928 m. 11-23-1879 Huldah H. Hardy b. 4-26-1862 d. 12-11-1928, dau. of William E. Hardy & Rosa Ellen Edwards. Line continued. Chapter 3.
4. Egbert Sutton b. 10-4-1862 d. 12-18-1937 m. 1st Mary Eliza Mewborn b. 11-14-1865 d. 9-28-1901, dau. of Parrott Mewborn III & Lany Jane Hardy (dau of William E. Hardy & Rosa Ellen Edwards). He m. 2nd Emma Caroline Hill b. 7-23-1870 d. 8-25-1949, dau. of Joseph Patrick Hill & Evaline Arthur. Line continued. Chapter 4.
5. James William Sutton b. 11-18-1865 d. 5-13-1941 m. 10-15-1887 Tabitha Sutton b. 7-20-1872 d. 9-18-1918, dau. of Alonza Sutton & Martha Jane Parks. Line Continued.
6. Mary Susan Sutton b. 9-30-1867 d. 11-28-1928 m. 2-8-1883 Cornelius Grav b. 3-30-1854 d. 12-11-1918, son of William M. Gray and Mary Ann Sutton (dau of Benjamin Sutton and Pincy Young) Line continued. Chapter 6.
7. Lydia Ann Sutton b. 7-20-1869 d. 8-21-1913 m. 5-3-1896 Jefferson Davis Alexander b. 10-30-1861 d. 3-2-1929 son of James Needham Alexander and Mary Caldwell. Line continued. Chapter 7.
8. Harriett (Hattie) Olivia Sutton b. 3-4-1871 d. 12-12-1945 m. 1st 12-24-1895 Joseph Oscar Smith b. 7-1-1860 d. 3-31-1908, son of Ezekiel Smith & Chrischany Smith. She m. 2nd Calhoun Smith, son of Mark Smith She m. 3rd George Coker. Line continued. Chapter 8.
9. Noah Henry Sutton b. 3-28-1873 d. 1-22-1951 m. 1-25-1900 Nora Mayune Hardy b. 1-25-1875 d. 7-3-1949, dau. of Richard Henry Hardy & Mary Lousa Mewborn. Line continued. Chapter 9.

10. Huldah Elizabeth Sutton b. 1-8-1876 d. 10-19-1961 m. 1st 11-20-1901 Henry Dixon Mewborn b. 1875 d. 1904. She m. 2nd William Redmond Abrams b. 4-14-1850 d. 9-29-1928. son of Elisha Abrams & Mary Dupree. Issue by 2nd wife; Nancy Susan Hardy Line continued Chapter 10
11. John Thomas Sutton b. 10-13-1877 d. 7-1-1963 m. Leslie Hardy b. 8-1-1880 d. 12-17-1953, dau of William Loftin Hardy & Irena Artas Jones. Line continued Chapter 11.
12. Nancy Jane Sutton b. 4-24-1883 d. 1-29-1972 m. 1st 7-19-1904 John Thomas Sutton Jr. b. 8-2-1862 d. 1-21-1905. She m. 2nd Everett R. Rouse b. 5-24-1845 d. 2-14-1924. Line Continued Chapter 12.
13. Effie Estelle Sutton b. 10-13-1884 d. 1-29-1962 m. 1st Emette Robinson & m. 2nd Carl Andrew Jester. Line continued Chapter 13.

### **RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON SR.**

Since the time our first American ancestor, George Sutton, arrived in the ship "Hercules" and landed in Boston, Massachusetts, in the year 1634, many generations have come and gone. The Suttons have migrated all over the United States.

This writer has only concentrated on one lineage with a listing of their brothers and sisters. In doing so I hope to give some information to the many that have expressed their desire in knowing how the Sutton families tie together. Much more information is available and you are encouraged to obtain it. I would be glad to help those that are interested.

The next pages will be devoted to the 8th generation descendant of George Sutton, Richard Walters Sutton, Sr., his 13 children and their many descendants.

I would like to express again my many thanks to James Creech for his research work on the past generations and to the descendants of Richard Walters Sutton Sr. for the present generations information.,

This book is dedicated to this man whose memory still lingers in many living today and whom without, we would not be enjoying our fruitful lives.

The family reunion that is held each year has kept our ties together in a bond we hope is never broken. Let us not forget our past but live for the future, for the future holds our destiny.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers,  
None goes his way alone,  
All that we send into the lives of others,  
Comes back into our own."

Markham

### **RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON SR.**

Richard Walters Sutton Sr. son of James Sutton and Susan Walters was born April 13, 1828 in Lenoir County, where he was raised with his six sisters and five brothers.

Richard grew to be a tall man, over six feet, and was slender and weighted about 200 lbs. He was dark complexioned with black hair and brown eyes. He had a jolly disposition and was very bright.

On July 4, 1856, Richard, age 28, married Married Catherine Hill, age 18 of Falling Creek in Lenoir County. Mary Catherine, affectionately called "Polly", was born May 22, 1837. She was the daughter of Alexander Hill and Henrietta "Finetta", Rouse, the daughter of Jonathan Rouse and Catherine Hardee. Catherine Hardee was a 6th generation descendant of John Noble Hardy of Pembroke, Wales and England. Alexander Hill was born May 1, 1809 in London, England and died Nov. 13, 1861. He was the son of Martha "Mary" Pinkney born 1768 and died Jan. 30, 1838 and Richard Hill born about 1765 in London, England and died 1819. Richard Hill enlisted in the Revolutionary War May 2, 1781. He was the son of Ester and Alexander Hill of London England.

Alexander Hill, father of Mary Catherine, had a brother named Thomas Hill who received a land grant of 700 acres in Dobbs Co., now Lenoir. He married Emily Rouse, the sister of Henrietta (before mentioned). Henrietta "Finetta" Rouse Hill died August 10, 1868 and Alexander Hill died Nov. 13, 1861. They are both buried in the Sutton Family cemetery near Falling Creek in Lenoir County.

Mary Catherine was a small woman, lady-like in appearance with dark hair and eyes. She was loved by all who knew her. "Polly" and "Dick" loved children, which is apparent, since they had ten of their own. They made their home at Falling Creek perhaps near "Polly's" parents.

Dick and Polly had several children when he enlisted in the Civil War. He did not want to go but duty called him. He enlisted in Lenoir County, April 17, 1861 and was a Private in the 27th Regiment, N.C. Infantry, Company C. Confederate Army. He helped guard the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Bridge at Falling Creek for almost 2 years. This was only about 2 miles from his home and he could see his family most anytime he wanted to. He was then sent to Virginia where they were in many battles.

It is told badly he wanted to come home to see his wife and children, but they would not give him



permission. In the still of the night he would slip away. He was a good swimmer, so when he came to creeks, ect. he would tie his clothes on his head and swim across, dress and go on. He slept in the daytime under straw. Sometimes he would wake up under a blanket of snow.

While he was home he hid upstairs so the children would not see him for fear they would tell someone. He watched them through the window playing and at night while they were asleep would go and kiss them.

He always returned to his company but on his third attempt to leave he was caught by his ranking officer. As his penalty he was threatened to be shot. However, nothing ever came of his punishment because the officer was soon killed by the Yankee soldiers.

It is said by some that Richard had a head scar from being hit by a piece of shell. This could very well be true for he evidently was in many heavy skirmishes throughout the war, and was very lucky to come home alive and well.

A full account of the 27th Regiment of the N. C. Infantry can be found in the Library in Volume II of North Carolina Troops 1861 -1865 by Clarke.

The account was written by James A. Graham, Captain of Company G of the 27th Regiment. On page 462 you will find names of seven men who were present and surrendered with General Robert E. Lee at Appomatox Court House in Virginia on April 9, 1865. Listed from company C were Musician John H. Suggs, Privates: L. H. Fields, Jesse Grant, Henry Grant, Thomas Perdue and Richard Sutton.

On April 10th, General Robert E. Lee issued his last official statement to his men, an address of farewell:

"After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia had been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources."

"I need not tell the survivors of so many hard-fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to this result through no distrust of them; but, feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that would have attended the continuation of the contest, I have determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen."

"By the terms of agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain there until exchanged."

"You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed; and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you His blessings and protection."

"With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration of myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell."

The Army of Northern Virginia was dead... and so was the Confederacy.

On the 12th they marched over near the Court House and stacked their arms in front of the enemy. Having received paroles, they started that evening for home. The 117 men of the different companies formed into squads and took the nearest route to their own sections and the 27th Regiment of North Carolina Troops passed out of existence. The long hard and bitter War had ended.

The men turned homeward, many to fallen bricks and ashes. They set about the task of pulling themselves together, body and soul. Many, not knowing whether they would be tried for treason or not, took ships to foreign lands. Others withdrew in bitterness to make a living as best they could. Some could be seen plowing fields that Spring with the war horses they had used in battle.

We must never forget them, neither the man of the victorious North nor of the defeated South. Together, they made us what we are. Their sorrowful division led in time to our inseparable union. Their gallantry is our common inheritance, whether our ancestors lost with Lee or won with Grant.

After his return home, Richard farmed and he and "Polly" raised a family of 10 children, 5 sons and 5 daughters. They were named Richard Jr., Martha Jane, Alexander Richard, Egbert, James William, Mary Susan, Lydia Ann, Harriett Olivia, Noah Henry, and Huldah Elizabeth Sutton.

Dick was a tough man and was not afraid to stand up for what he thought was right. He loved his "Brown's Mule" chewing tobacco and is well remembered being seen pulling off his hat, scratching his head, and chewing his tobacco while pondering a problem.

Dick was well known for his strength. To prove this he would "tote" a barrell of molasses or a barrell of salt pork weighting about 500 pounds on his back, from a wagon to its resting place.

Seven months after the birth of their baby daughter, Huldah Elizabeth, Mary Catherine died at the age of 39 years. She died August 4, 1876 and was buried in the family cemetery behind the Falling Creek homestead.

Richard Walters Sutton Sr., left a widower in 1876 with 10 children, including a 7 month old baby, soon married again. About early 1877 he married Nancy Susan Hardy, a young woman of nearby Falling Creek. Nancy Susan was born November 13, 1850 in Greene County, the daughter of Rosa Ellen Edwards and William E. Hardy. William E. Hardy was the son of Mary Edwards and Benjamin Hardy the son of Mary Sutton and Lemuel Hardy of Bertie, Dobbs Co., and Greene County. Lemuel and his brother Benjamin Hardy were among the first to settle in the area of the community now called Jason. They had adjoining



plantations on Bear Creek near Jason. They had sold their land holdings in Bertie County and moved to Dobbs.

Nancy Susan was short in height and of stout build. .and had dark hair. She loved flowers and had many flower pots. She was raised in Lenoir Co. near Falling Creek where her father and mother lived. Two of her sisters married two of her husbands children. Richard Jr. married Martha Ellen and Alex married Huldah Hardy.

They lived at the Falling Creek homeplace where they farmed. They had three children, John Thomas, Nancy Jane and Effie Estelle. During this time Ruth, Richard Jr.'s daughter, lived with them for about 10 years because of his love for little girls.

When two of the children, Huldah and John Thomas, married in 1901, the house was divided into two sections for them. Dick and Nancy Susan moved in the winter to a two story home on Railroad St. in La Grange, taking with them their two youngest girls, Janie and Effie. Nancy Susan did not live long after moving to La Grange. She died of Cancer March 31, 1902 at the age of 52 years. She was buried in the Sutton Family Cemetary behind the Fally Creek homestead.

Dick Sutton buried two wives and never shedded a tear. He suffered silently for he could not cry. He loved his wives but gave them up to receive there just rewards. He was a hard-shelled Primitive Baptist and attended church with his family when ever they could. He was a good man and made his children mind. When they didn't he would tan their hides, even when they were in their teens.

The years were good to Dick Sutton as is evidenced in his portrait, painted in charcoal when he was in his mid-eighties. It shows a distinguished looking man with the lines of character and fortitude showing in his face.

As the years passed and the gray appeared in his hair, his gait slowed down and he used a cane, but he never lost his zest for life. His jovial disposition showed through. "Pappy" as he was affectionally called by his grandchildren was a big tease. They remember, in his latter days, how he sat at his son's mill and as the little girls came by would catch them with the crook of his cane and beg for a kiss. He loved children and would be proud of his 99 grandchildren and their descendants today.

He made his mark in the world and left his good name to follow him. We, as descendants, can further honor his name in days to come. Richard Walters Sutton Sr. lived a long and fruitful life dying at the age of 91 years, 9 months and 11 days. His death certificaste shows he died of Paralysis, on January 24, 1920. He is buried between his two beloved wives in the Sutton Family Cemetary at the Falling Creek Homestead. A triple marker tells the story.



**MARTHA ELLEN HARDY SUTTON    RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON, JR.**  
1859-1942                                  1858-1939

## CHAPTER 1

### RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON, JR.

RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON, JR. was the first child of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill. He was born January 8, 1858 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Richard, Jr. was married March 8, 1881 to Martha Ellen Hardy. She was born May 11, 1859 in Greene County, the daughter of Rosa Ellen Edwards and William E. Hardy. Rosa Ellen Edwards was the daughter of Rosey Hooker and Thomas Edwards. William E. Hardy was the son of Mary Edwards and Benjamin Hardy. (Refer to chapter on Nancy Susan Hardy and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr.) Martha Ellen was the sister of Nancy Susan Hardy Sutton.

Martha Ellen Hardy was raised near Falling Creek where her home was located in Lenoir County. Martha had dark hair until it turned gray at the age of eighteen and blue eyes. She was of medium height, stout, jolly and easy going. She was a good mother, being lenient with her affection. She had very little education and always signed X as her signature.

Richard, Jr. was known as "Dick" by his family and friends. He was dark complexioned with dark hair and brown eyes. He was of medium build and height. He was a good father, patient and understanding. When it came to discipline he was stricter with the children than his wife. He always found time to be kind or to listen to the problems of other people, and to help when and if he could. He also had very little education.

After Dick and Martha Ellen were married they lived across the creek with Martha Ellen's mother, Rosa Hardy, in the Hardy homestead. Rosa was a widow, raising her daughter's child, Ella Mewborn. Ella's mother, Winniford "Billie" Hardy Mewborn died at childbirth and her father, Parrott Mewborn III died when she was barely 2 years old, in 1881 and Rosa Ellen also died in 1881. Dick and Martha took her sister's child and raised it as their own. Ella Mewborn later married John William (Will) Lewis.

Dick and Martha had 12 children, 4 sons and 8 daughters. They were named Richard Henry, James Clifton, Agnes Catherine, Addie Ellen, Bertha Eugene, Almar Roenia, Annie Estelle, Ruth Rosland, Mamie Lois, Hugh Thomas, Mark Woodard, and Nora Mae Sutton. They raised 11 to adulthood, Annie Estelle died at age one.

Dick and Martha lived in Bucklesberry a few years and then moved to the Croom Place near Moss Hill where they lived for about five years. In 1896, Dick bought a farm near the community of Jason, consisting of about 360 acres at the huge sum of \$3600.00. He bought it from Jesse Hutchins Hardy and wife Martha Stanton. This farm was originally a land grant from the King to Lemuel Hardy II (1730-1797) and wife Mary Sutton. Jesse was the son of Lemuel Hardy III and Patsy Mewborn, the daughter of Lydia Hardy and Parrott Mewborn, I.

Dick and Martha were members of the Primitive Baptist Church in LaGrange. Both were very active in church work. They loved people and liked to entertain, as Martha was a good cook. They were known to accommodate as many as 40 people at their home when "Association" was held at the church. The women slept in the house and the men on pallets, side by side, in the pack house. Dick was a deacon in the church.

Dick and Martha farmed, raising their own meat and vegetables. The old homestead still stands with a wash house that has a built-in wash pot and a dinner bell in the back yard. The farm is now owned by my father, Harold M. Sutton (Dick's nephew) and the house is located near Jason and is next door to the writers home.

After retiring from farming in 1928, they moved to Kinston. For several years Dick served as Court Bailiff at the Lenoir County Courthouse.

They lived in Kinston until their death. Richard Walters Sutton, Jr. enjoyed good health until he became ill and developed pneumonia and died Nov. 13, 1939. Martha Ellen Hardy Sutton remained a healthy woman until her untimely death, October 26, 1942, while visiting her daughter, Addie. Both are buried in Fairview Cemetery at LaGrange, N.C.

## CHAPTER 1

### RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON, JR.

First child of

Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON, JR. born 8 Jan. 1858 in Lenoir Co. and died 13 Nov. 1939. Buried Fairview Cem. La Grange, N.C.

Married 8 March 1881, Martha Ellen Hardy born 11 May 1859 in Greene Co. and died 26 Oct. 1942. Buried . . . Fairview Cem. La Grange, N.C. Daughter of Rosa Ellen Edwards and William E. Hardy (descendant of Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy.



Richard Walters Sutton, Jr. and wife Martha Ellen Hardy had 12 children:

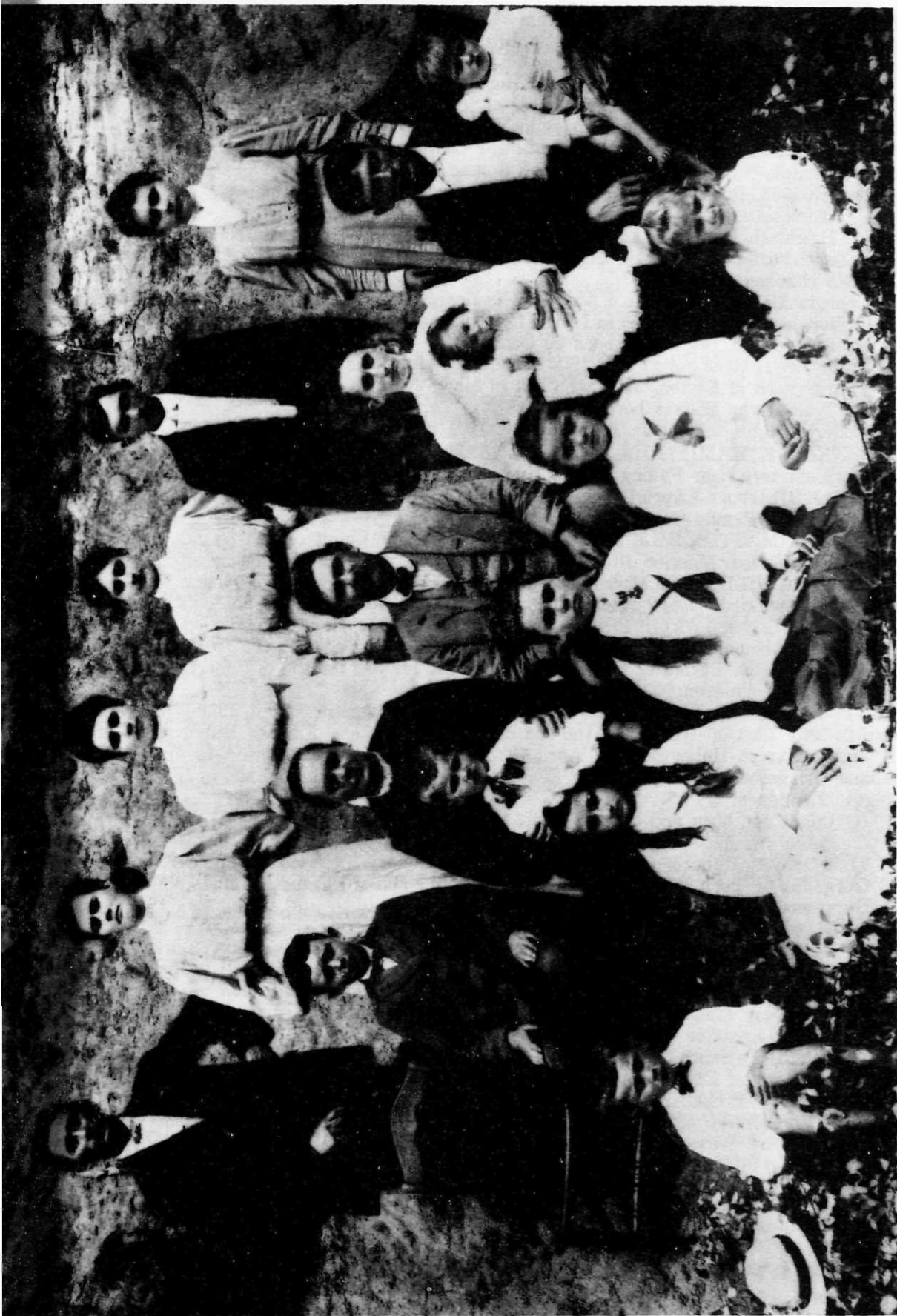
1. Richard Henry Sutton born 19 Dec. 1881 in Lenoir Co. Died 2 June 1952. Buried . . Mewborn Cemetery at Jason, N.C. Married 21 Nov. 1906 Minnie Parrott Herring born 1 Sept. 1885. Died 13 July 1950. Buried . . Mewborn Cemetery at Jason, N.C. She was the Daughter of Nancy Jane Mewborn and James Abie Herring.  
5 children . . . 1 son and 4 daughters:
  - A. Annie Elizabeth Sutton born 9 Oct. 1907 in Wayne Co. Married 28 Feb. 1934 James Gaston Watson born 5 Dec. 1883 in Wilson Co. Died 7 Dec. 1943. Buried . . Maplewood Cem. Wilson, N.C.  
4 children . . . 1 son and 3 daughters: (Son of Clara Hinnant and Gaston Watson.)
    - (a) Jane Elizabeth Watson born 29 March 1935 in Wilson Co. Died 29 March 1935.
    - (b) Clara Hinnant Watson born 14 Nov. 1937 in Wilson Co. Married 28 July 1957 Philip Leo Beaman born 3 Nov. 1936 in Greene Co. son of Bertha Jones and Jefferson P. Beaman.
      - (1) Kimberly Elaine Beaman born 27 May 1960 in Wilson Co.
      - (2) Randal Craig Beaman born 3 April 1963 in Wilson Co.
    - (c) Minnie Eugene Watson born 29 Nov. 1938 in Wilson Co. Married 5 June 1971 Joseph Monroe Reamy born 5 Oct. 1939 in Westmoreland Co. Va. son of Anna P. Ambrose and Robert Frank Reamy.
    - (d) James (Jim) Gaston Watson, Jr. born 9 Aug. 1943 in Wilson Co. Married 23 May 1970 Barbara Anne Murray Born 24 May 1948 in Buncombe Co. daughter of Dorothy Belle Tingen and Fred F. Murray.
      - (1) Elizabeth Ann Watson born 30 Jan. 1974 in Wayne Co.
  - B. Alma Roena Sutton born 7 Feb. 1909 in Wayne Co. Died 9 Sept. 1909. Buried . . Mewborn Cemetery at Jason, N.C.
  - C. Reuberia Isabelle Sutton born 2 April 1910 in Wayne Co. Married 24 Nov. 1927 (Divorced 1933) Joseph Thomas Smith born 27 July 1915 in Wayne Co. son of Mollie Edmonson and Charles Stepmen Smith. One daughter:
    - (a) Grace Marie Smith born 22 Nov. 1928 in Wilson Co. Married 17 Jan. 1947 Hubert Fowler, Jr. born 22 Oct. 1923 in Wake Co. son of Mamie Doolittle and Hubert Fowler, Sr.
      - (1) Ann Marie Fowler born 30 June 1946 in Wake Co.
      - (2) Evelyn Fowler born 14 Dec. 1948 in Wake Co.
      - (3) Robert Leroy Fowler born 14 Nov. 1949 in Wake Co.
      - (4) Elizabeth Fowler born 26 Jan. 1952 in Wake Co.
  - Reuberia Isabelle Sutton married 2nd. 10 June 1944 Alden Ray Fisher born 15 Oct. 1910 in Jackson Co. N.C. son of Minnie Coralee Ensley and Ernest Fisher. One daughter:
    - (a) Minnie Ray Fisher born 15 Oct. 1946 in Wake Co. Married 26 April 1958 Lelon Arlie Miller born 5 Aug. 1940 in Watauga Co. son of Martha Miller and Arlie Hill Miller.
  - D. Adam Herring Sutton born 20 Nov. 1913 in Wayne Co. Died 24 June 1973. Buried . . Mewborn Cem. at Jason, N.C. Married 16 Dec. 1934. (Divorced 1953). Mary Harrell Speight born 10 March 1918 in Edgecombe Co. daughter of Carrie Harrell and Jim Speight. 4 children . . . 4 sons:
    - (a) James Henry Sutton born 4 Nov. 1935 in Wilson Co. Married 22 Dec. 1962 Eloise Boykin born Feb. 1940 in Johnston Co. daughter of Eloise Godwin and Willie Clovis Boykin, Sr.
      - (1) Jamie Eloise Sutton born 14 April 1971 Wilson Co.
    - (b) William Earl Sutton born 24 Oct. 1939 in Greene Co. Married 16 Aug. 1963 Tena Gene Vaughn born 1 Nov. 1945 in New Port News, Va. daughter of Leona Sanders and William Eugene Vaughn.
      - (1) William Keith Sutton born 17 June 1964 Hampton Co.
      - (2) Stephen Eugene Sutton born 30 Aug. 1966 Hampton Co.
      - (3) Brian Lee Sutton born 14 Dec. 1968 Hampton Co.
    - (c) Samuel Douglas Sutton born 27 June 1942 in Wilson Co. Married 30 June 1962 Dorothy Gearhart born 3 Feb. 1943 in Greene Co. daughter of Lila Mabelle Sauls and Edgar Lee Hart.
      - (1) Sherrin Denise Sutton born Nov. 3 1962 Greene Co.
      - (2) Lisa Annette Sutton born 2 Nov. 1966 Greene Co.
    - (d) Kenneth Ray Sutton born 1 Sept. 1945 in Greene Co.  
Adam Herring Sutton married 2nd Jan 1956 Blanche Jenkins born 14 Sept. 1907 in Greene Co. daughter of Louise Beaman and William Thomas Jenkins.
  - E. Ethel May Sutton born 17 May 1917. Died 28 July 1918. Buried . . Mewborn Cemetery at Jason N.C.
  2. James Clifton Sutton (Jim) born 26 June 1883 in Lenoir Co. Died 19 August 1915. Unmarried.
  3. Agnes (Aggie) Catherine Sutton born 31 Dec. 1884 in Lenoir Co. Married 14 Dec. 1905 Alonzo (Lon) Harper Cobb born 14 Jan. 1883 in Greene Co. Died 3 Aug. 1959. Buried . . Fremont, N.C. Son of Amelia Ann Edwards and Carson Cobb. 7 children . . . 5 sons & 2 daughters:
    - A. Esther Ellen Cobb born 30 March 1907 in Greene Co. Married 18 Dec. 1944 John Lawrence Pinnix born 14 July 1896 in Rockingham Co. Died 16 June 1961. Buried . . Reidlawn Cemetery at Reidsville, N.C. He was the son of Lillie Brooks Pinnix and Jackson Stonewall Pinnix. 1 son:
      - (a) John Lawrence Pinnix, Jr. born 8 Oct. 1947 in Rockingham Co. N.C.

- B. Clarence Harper Cobb born 3 Jan. 1909 in Greene Co. Married 17 Nov. 1938 Mary Lucy Pyne born 10 July 1912 in Petersburg, Va. daughter of Mary Lucy Pilcher and George Clinton Pyne. One son and a daughter:
- (a) Richard Harper Cobb born 14 Oct. 1942 in Durham Co. Married 3 June 1967 Rachelene (Ray) Harper born 13 Dec. 1945 in Ocilla, Georgia, daughter of Elizabeth Whitley and John B. Harper.
    - (1) Richard H. Cobb Jr. born 19 Feb. 1969 in N.Y. City
    - (2) Jamison DuVal Cobb born 23 May 1972 in N.Y. City
  - (b) Mary Lucy Cobb born 23 Jan. 1945 in Durham Co. Married 23 April 1973 Richard Allen White.
- C. Alonza Harper Cobb, Jr. born 10 May 1910 in Wayne Co. Died 10 Aug. 1910 an infant.
- D. Melba LaMay Cobb born 2 June 1912 in Wayne Co. Married 21 Feb. 1955 Stephen Joseph Heyburn, Jr. born 21 Jan. 1884 in N.Y. City, son of Johanna Sheehy and Stephen Joseph Heyburn. No children.
- E. James (Jim) Sutton Cobb born 8 Oct. 1915 in Wayne Co. Married 6 Nov. 1957 Deane Powell McCullem born 23 Oct. 1923 in Wayne Co. daughter of Grace McKins and William Augustus Powell.
- (a) Agnes Kathleen Cobb (Kay) born 19 Aug. 1958 in Wayne Co.
  - (b) Clara Elizabeth McCullem (Libbie) Cobb born 30 Nov. 1953 in Wayne Co. Adopted in 1958.
- F. Reuben Hooks Cobb born 17 Sept. 1918 in Wayne Co. Unmarried.
- G. Carson LaMont Cobb born 23 April 1920 in Wayne Co. Married 21 March 1942 Mary Alberta Dickinson born 10 April 1920 in Wayne Co. daughter of Nina Lee Todd and Albert Magruder Dickinson. 3 children . . . 1 son and 2 daughters:
- (a) Mary Katherine Cobb born 9 Nov. 1943 in Wayne Co. Married 29 Dec. 1971 Yates Burney born 25 June 1936 in Bladen Co. son of Eltos Lee Gamble and Wm. James Burney.
  - (b) Cheryl Leigh Cobb born 4 Oct. 1947 Wayne Co. Married 2 Oct. 1971 Douglas Ray Whitley born 11 Oct. 1943 in Johnston Co. son of Mable Owens and Thomas Coats Whitley.
  - (c) Carson LaMont Cobb, Jr. born 4 Nov. 1953 in Craven Co.
4. Addie Ellen Sutton born 21 Nov. 1886 in Lenoir Co. Married 15 June 1920 Grover Cleveland Worthington born 9 Jan. 1884 in Greene Co. Died 8 Oct. 1955. Buried . . . Maplewood Cem., Kinston, N.C. He was the son of Hannah Lyons and Thomas W. Worthington. 1 daughter:
- A. Annie Doris Worthington born 28 Aug. 1926 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st 7 July 1943 (Divorced) Albert Lionel Gardner Sr. born 9 Oct. 1918 son of Farley Gardner. 2 children:
    - (a) Albert Lionel Gardner, Jr. born 11 Oct. 1946 in Lenoir Co. Died 1 June 1963. Auto accident age 16. Buried in Westview Cem. at Kinston.
    - (b) Joseph Edward Gardner born 17 Aug. 1951 in Lenoir Co.
  - A. Annie Doris Worthington married 2nd. 31 Aug. 1971 Paul Warren born 18 Aug. 1925 son of Paul Warren, Sr.
5. Bertha Eugene Sutton born 21 April 1888 in Lenoir Co. Died, 1 Aug. 1953. Buried . . . Maplewood Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 12 May 1929 Aaron Taylor. Died Oct. 1959. No children.
6. Almar Roena Sutton born 31 Dec. 1889 in Lenoir Co. Died 15 Sept. 1908. Buried . . . Fairview Cemetery, LaGrange, N.C.
7. Annie Estelle Sutton born 12 Nov. 1891 in Lenoir Co. Died 4 Nov. 1892. Buried . . . Family Cem. at Falling Creek.
8. Ruth Rosland Sutton born 30 April 1894 in Lenoir Co. Married 15 June 1920 Jesse Ross Whitley born 12 Oct. 1894 in Wilson Co. son of Elizabeth Manley Yelverton and Walter Rufus Whitley of Fremont. 2 children:
- A. Jesse Walter Whitley born 29 July 1923 in Nash Co. Married 9 April 1950 Ann Louise Marshall born 28 June 1925 in Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter of Edith Megrue Durrell and Edward Clark Marshall.
    - (a) Elizabeth Durrell Whitley born 2 May 1953 Fort Sill, Okla.
    - (b) Cynthia Ann Whitley born 16 Jan. 1956 in Tacoma, Washington
  - B. Gene Manley Whitley born 24 April 1925 in Wayne Co. Unmarried.
9. Mamie Lois Sutton born 19 Feb. 1895 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st 1918 (Div.) Amaziah Gardner. Married 2nd. 8 Jan. 1949 Charles J. Carroll born 22 May 1879 in Sampson Co. Died 6 Jan. 1963. Buried Willowdale Cemetery in Goldsboro, N.C. Son of Mary P. and Dallas W. Carroll. No children.
10. Hugh Thomas Sutton born 24 Dec. 1896 in Lenoir Co. Married 17 Oct. 1923 Sally Avey Best born 9 Dec. 1899 in Wayne Co. daughter of Sallie Carrie Thompson and Luby Hinton Best. 2 children:
- A. Martha Carolyn Sutton born 10 Aug. 1924 in Wayne Co. Married 9 Oct. 1948. (Div. 1967) John Hosea Etheridge son of Bessie Spell and Wm. Etheridge. No children.
  - B. Robert James Sutton born 11 Aug. 1928 in Wayne Co. Married 3 April 1954. Barbara Carolyn Farmer born 13 July 1932 in Nash Co. daughter of Ethlie Boykin and Edgar Barnes Farmer. 2 sons:
    - (a) Robert James Sutton, Jr. born 31 Aug. 1955 in Franklin Co.
    - (b) Anthony Farmer Sutton born 27 May 1959 in Franklin Co.
11. Mark Woodard Sutton, Sr. born 11 June 1898 in Lenoir Co. Died 5 May 1953. Buried . . . Maplewood Cem. Wilson, N.C. Married 1st Nov. 1919 to Alma Smith born 29 April 1903 in Wayne Co. Died 17 Nov. 1940. Buried . . . Maplewood Cem. Wilson, N.C. daughter of Roxie and William Smith. 6 children . . . 1 son & 5 daughters:



- (b) Vernon Cooper Hill born 18 Nov. 1934 in Lenoir County. Married 3 May 1953 to Mary Ellen Rouse born 19 Jan. 1936 in Wayne County, the daughter of Maude Hardy and Walter Rouse.
- (1) Infant daughter lived 13 days.
  - (2) Vernon Cooper Hill, Jr. born 27 Jan. 1956 in Lenoir Co.
  - (3) Michael Thomas Hill born 4 March 1960 in Lenoir Co.
  - (4) Leonard Russell Hill born 16 Feb. 1963 in Lenoir Co.
- C. Martha Julia Hill born 28 Sept. 1905 in Lenoir County. Married 1st. 1 April 1927 Felix Skinner Jr. born 15 October, 1905 in Lenoir Co. Died 4 Jan. 1930. Killed by a falling limb. Buried . . Maplewood Cem. Kinston, N.C. He was the son of Myrtle Rouse and Joshua Felix Skinner, Sr. No children.
- Martha Julia Hill Skinner married 2nd. William Loftin Davis born 23 Nov. 1907 in Lenoir Co. Died 5 April 1960. Buried . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. He was the son of Effie Hardy and William Davis. No children.
- D. Emma Bernice Hill born 21 Oct. 1907 in Lenoir Co. Died 21 Aug. 1962. Buried . . Westview Cem. Kinston, N.C. Unmarried.
- E. John Thomas (J.T.) Hill born 6 March 1910 in Lenoir Co. Died 19 Feb. 1973. Buried . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 13 Nov. 1943 to Sudie Marie Whaley born 26 Oct. 1919 in Onslow Co. She is the daughter of Della Whaley and Johnny Whaley. No children.
- F. Mamie Dorothy Hill born 3 March 1912 in Lenoir County. Married 20 Jan. 1933 to Norman Harris Byrd born 12 June 1914 in Lenoir Co. Died 4 April 1964. Buried . . Westview Cem. Kinston, N.C. He was the son of Janie Byrd and Asa Byrd. 5 children:
- (a) Harris Ray Byrd born 3 Nov. 1934. An infant. Died 8 Feb. 1935. Buried . . Maplewood Cem. Kinston, N.C.
  - (b) Norman Hilton Byrd born 18 Aug. 1936. Married Barbara Jean Stox.
  - (c) Gene Offie Byrd born 18 Aug. 1941. Married 1st. 23 March 1963 Lynn Gertrude Graves (Div.)
    - (1) Daniel Richard Byrd born 22 June 1965.
 Gene Offie Byrd married 2nd. 6 March 1969 Edna Earl Robertson. 2 children:
    - (1) Paula Joyce Byrd
    - (2) Chance Wade Byrd
  - (d) Robert West Byrd born 29 Sept. 1945. Married 1st. Brenda Kaye Rhodes. (Div.) 2 children:
    - (1) Robert West Byrd, Jr.
    - (2) Steven Ray Byrd
 Robert West Byrd married 2nd. Shelby Harris. 2 children:
    - (1) Richard Eugene Byrd
    - (2) Norman Franklin Byrd
  - (e) Dorothy Karen Byrd born 20 Nov. 1950.
- G. Clara Margaret Hill born 6 Feb. 1915 in Lenoir County. Died 26 March 1972. Buried . . Westbrook Cem. in Duplin County. Married 9 Dec. 1934 to Lewis Andrew Westbrook, Sr. born 17 Sept. 1910 in Duplin Co. the son of Mattie Stokes and Lewis Gaston Westbrook. 3 children:
- (a) Infant son born and died 3 Feb. 1936. Buried . . Westbrook Cemetery in Duplin Co.
  - (b) Lewis Andrew Westbrook, Jr. born 30 March 1937 in Duplin Co. Married 19 Aug. 1961 to Gladys Nell Hicks born in Vance County.
    - (1) Lewis A. Westbrook, III born 30 April 1962 in Martinsville, Virginia.
  - (c) Willard Ray Westbrook born 15 April 1939 in Duplin Co. Married Margaret Rebecca Porter born in Wadesboro, N.C.
    - (1) Willard Ray Westbrook, Jr. born 29 Aug. 1964 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- H. Offie Hill, Jr. born 25 Dec. 1917 in Lenoir County. Married 16 Feb. 1941 Gladys Virginia Elmore born 16 Oct. 1920 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Bessie Whitfield and Carl Dean Elmore. 2 children:
- (a) Lynwood Earl Hill born 24 Nov. 1941 in Lenoir County. Married 28 June, . . to Georgia Carol Murphy born 30 March 1945 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Gretchen Taylor and Ernest Murphy.
    - (1) Theresa Carol Hill born 7 April 1970 in Lenoir County.
  - (b) Elwood Offie Hill born 24 Nov. 1947 in Lenoir County. Married . . to Carrie May Tyndall born 20 March, 1948 in Greene Co. the daughter of Dora Mae Sutton and James Therman Tyndall. 2 children:
    - (1) James Elwood Hill born 9 March 1970 in Lenoir County.
    - (2) Michael Wayne Hill born 18 Feb. 1974 in Lenoir County.
- I. Evelyn Gertrude Hill born 13 Feb. 1922 in Lenoir County. Married 18 Nov. 1945 to Floyd Barwick Jones, Sr. born 8 Nov. 1904. Died 14 Sept. 1949. Buried . . Westview Cemetery, Kinston, N.C. He was the son of Henrietta Barwick and W.W. Jones. 1 daughter:
- (a) Evelyn Hill Jones born 1 Nov. 1947 in Lenoir County. Evelyn was the 12th grandchild and the first granddaughter.





Back Row: Linkfield, Bertha, Mamie, Mattie, Roland B. Holland and Hattie Hill Holland  
 Second Row: Noah Bright, Martha Jane Hill holding Herman, John Thomas Hill, Clara Hill holding Julia, Offie Hill  
 holding Leonard Richard  
 Front Row: Simon, Tessie, Lillie, Gladys, Addie (1905)

A. Geraldine Watlington Sutton born 6 Dec. 1920 in Wayne Co. Married 1st. 1 May 1937 (Div. 1962) Richard Jackson Downing born 16 Aug. 1916 in Wilson Co. son of Stella Lewis and James F. Downing. 1 daughter:

(a) Linda Downing born 20 May 1938 in Wilson Co. Married 1 May 1958 Edmund F. Cooney born Jan. 1934. 4 children:

- (1) Kevin Michael Cooney b. 6 Sept. 1959 Cumberland Co.
- (2) Timothy Patrick Cooney b. 16 Aug. 1961 Cumberland Co.
- (3) Erin Leslie Cooney b. 27 April 1963 in France
- (4) Michael Richard Cooney b. 25 July 1971 in California

Geraldine Watlington Sutton Downing married 2nd. 1 Dec. 1962 James Patrick Gayer.

B. Ruby Merrill Sutton born 6 March 1923 in Wayne Co. Married 1938. (Div. 1947) William Roman Harrison. No children.

C. Eleanor Marjorie Sutton born 6 April 1925 in Wilson Co. Married 28 Dec. 1948 Roland Edward Eatmon born 9 March 1918 in Wilson Co. son of Mattie Mercer and Charlie Almond Eatmon.

(a) Charlie Mark Eatmon born 28 July 1961

D. Mark Woodard Sutton, Jr. born 25 Sept. 1926 in Wilson Co. Married 5 Nov. 1950 Ann Beamon born 20 Aug. 1932 in Wilson Co. daughter of Ann Lee Boykin and W.R. Beamon.

(a) Mark Woodard Sutton, III born 8 July 1953

(b) Katherine Ann Sutton born 31 Dec. 1954

E. Peggy Jean Sutton born 20 Dec. 1933 in Wilson Co. Married 28 April 1956 Harold Holmes Merian born 22 Jan. 1933 in Sampson Co. son of Alma Pearl Holmes and August Authur Merian.

(a) Cynthia Lynne Merian b. 15 March 1957 in Cumberland Co.

(b) Harold Arthur Merian b. 18 Nov. 1959 in Maryland

(c) Valerie Ann Merian b. 16 Oct. 1963 in Grant Co. Wash.

F. Barbara Dianne Sutton born 4 May 1939 in Wilson Co. Married 19 June 1960 James (Jim) Marshall Jones born 7 Sept. 1927 in Anson Co. son of Floy Adeline Williams and James Thomas Jones

(a) Thomas Woodard Jones b. 25 May 1961 in Mecklenburg Co.

(b) Scott Marshall Jones b. 14 May 1963 in Mecklenburg Co.

(c) Gregory Alan Jones 27 Feb. 1966 in Mecklenburg Co.

Mark Woodard Sutton, Sr. md. 2nd. 25 Jan. 1942 Jewell Powell born 30 Sept. 1913 in Fitzgerald Georgia, daughter of Margaret Johnson and John William Powell. 4 children . . . 3 sons & 1 daughter

A. James Melvin Sutton born 6 Oct. 1942 in Wilson Co.

B. Richard Wayne Sutton born 4 Nov. 1945 in Wilson Co. Married Linda Eatmon born 3 Nov. 1949 in Nash Co. daughter of Rachel Williams and J.P. Eatmon.

C. Harry Wilson Sutton born 12 Nov. 1947 in Wilson Co. Married Logan Eleanor Lovelace born 24 Dec. 1948 in Wilson Co. daughter of Ellenor and Lester Martin.

D. Jennifer Joyce Sutton born 29 Oct. 1948 in Wilson Co. Married Russell Dixon Johnston born 2 March 1945 in New York.

(a) Ronda Jennifer Johnston born Jan. 1971.

12. Nora Mae Sutton born 30 May 1900 in Lenoir Co. Married 29 Nov. 1939 James (Jimmie) Clayton Lewis born 25 May 1892 in Lenoir Co. Died 27 Dec. 1959. Buried . . . Maplewood Cem. Kinston, N.C. son of Henrietta Faulkner and William Oliver Lewis. No children. James Clayton Lewis was brother to William Lewis that married Ella Mewborn, Nora Mae's first cousin.

## CHAPTER 2

### MARTHA JANE SUTTON

MARTHA JANE SUTTON was the second child of Mary Catherine Hill and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. She was born June 22, 1859 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Martha Jane was a tall, large built woman with dark hair and dark eyes. She was married on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1877, to JOHN THOMAS HILL. He was born October 8, 1857 in Lenoir County, the son of Penelope Cox, a school teacher and artist and John Linkfield Hill, a music teacher. John Linkfield's father was Thomas Hill. Thomas Hill born Sept. 1795 had a land grant of 700 acres in Dobbs County, now Lenoir County. Thomas and Mary Catherine Hill's father, Alexander were brothers. See chapter on Richard Sutton Sr.

After they were married, Martha and John lived on the Hill homestead near Falling Creek. They raised 12 of their 13 children. They were Clara Gertrude, John Linkfield, Hattie Eliza, Mary (Mamie) Penelope, Julia Emma, Martha (Mattie) Ann, Annie Bertha, Lillie Jane, Noah Bright, Tessie Lee, Gladys Mae, Simon Thomas, Herman Richard, and John Thomas Hill, Jr. that died when he was born.

Martha Jane was jolly, a good mother, patient and understanding. John Linkfield was tall, dark complexioned with black hair and brown eyes and wore a mustache. They were firm disciplinarians. Both were members of the Wheat Swamp Christian Church.

They lived in a large two story house on a 365 acre farm which was later divided among the children. John Thomas was a farmer and a mail carrier. He first carried mail on his horse and buggy. He raised his own horses to use. Sometimes while having lunch at home, the children would hitch up a fresh horse to the buggy. They also raised cows, hogs and had lots of geese.

Martha Jane had her own horse and buggy and rode over the farm looking after affairs while her husband carried the mail. He later used more modern conveyances, such as a Model T. Ford and a Reo . . . until illness forced him to quit. His daughter, Mattie, substituted for him, and carried the mail after his illness.

When the children were up some size, they moved to Kinston. John Thomas was sick a long time suffering from Bright's Disease. He died January 1, 1918.

Martha Jane Sutton Hill was visiting her daughter, Mattie in Raleigh, when she suffered a severe stroke and died suddenly September 18, 1932 at the age of 73. Both are buried in the J.T. Hill Family Cemetery near Falling Creek in Lenoir County.

## CHAPTER 2

### MARTHA JANE SUTTON

#### Second Child of

#### Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

MARTHA JANE SUTTON born 22 June 1859 in Lenoir County. Died 18 September 1932. Buried . . . J.T. Hill family cemetery, Falling Creek. Married 24 Jan. 1877 to JOHN THOMAS HILL born 8 October 1857 in Lenoir County. Died 1 Jan. 1918. Buried . . . J.T. Hill Family Cemetery, Falling Creek. He was the son of Penelope Cox and John Linkfield Hill.

Martha Jane Sutton and husband John Thomas Hill had 14 children, 5 sons and 9 daughters:

1. CLARA GERTRUDE HILL born 30 Sept. 1878 in Lenoir County. Died 26 Jan. 1967. Buried . . . Westview Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 16 Jan. 1901 to Offie Hill born 5 Jan. 1879 in Lenoir Co. Died 14 June 1942. Buried . . . Westview Cem. Kinston, N.C. He was the son of Sarah (Sally) Bryant and Pinkney Hill. 9 children: 14 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.
  - A. Addie Mildred Hill born 22 Nov. 1901 in Lenoir Co. Married 19 Jan. 1927 Curtis Walker Sutton born 23 Sept. 1904 in Len. County. Died 21 Sept. 1964. He was the son of Rachael Hodges and George Hardy Sutton, son of Junius Eli Sutton. No children.
  - B. Leonard Richard Hill born 12 Dec. 1903 in Lenoir Co. Died 4 July 1948. Buried . . . Westview Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 22 Dec. 1929. (Div.) Nancy Dawson born 20 May, 1910 in Lenoir Co. She is the daughter of Dennis Hines and Jesse Herbert Dawson. 2 children:
    - (a) Samuel Felix Hill born 26 Feb. 1931 in Lenoir Co. Married Ida Jean Feurhart of California. 6 children:
      - (1) Nancy Helen Hill born 10 Oct. 1952. Married 17 Dec. 1970 David Lynn Logan from Tenn. 1. Derrick Scott Logan born 1972 in Germany.
      - (2) Leonard Richard Hill born 31 July 1955
      - (3) James William Hill born 2 Sept. 1962
      - (4) Samuel Felix Hill, Jr. born 2 Aug. 1960
      - (5) Susan Lynn Hill born 2 June 1967
      - (6) Katherine Genevarey Hill born 6 April 1969



2. JOHN LINKFIELD HILL born 8 Feb. 1880 in Lenoir County. Died 13 Aug. 1948. Buried . . Sutton Cemetery, Bucklesberry, N.C. Married 1st. 11 Dec. 1912 to Nellie Lenora Smith born 20 June 1887 in Wayne County. Died 29 April, 1916. Buried . . Sutton Cemetery, Bucklesberry. She was the daughter of George H. Smith. 2 children:
    - A. George Albert Hill born 17 Dec. 1914 in Lenoir County. An infant. Died 14 April 1915.
    - B. Hattie L. Hill born 24 April 1916 in Lenoir County. Died 24 April, 1916.
 John Linkfield Hill married 2nd. 15 Feb. 1922 Hepsie Sutton born 30 Sept. 1877. Died 30 June 1961. Buried . . Bucklesberry. She was the daughter of Sarah (Sallie) Ivey and Jerry Sutton. No children. They raised Hepsie's brother Clarence's child: Harvey Clarence Sutton.
  3. HATTIE ELIZA HILL born 26 April 1882 in Lenoir County. Died 24 July 1964. Buried . . Westview Cemetery, Kinston, N.C. Married 29 Nov. 1903 Roland Bright Holland born 24 Oct. 1882 in Lenoir Co. Died 15 March 1955. Buried . . Westview Cem., Knston, N.C. He was the son of Emily Cox Hill and Jesse B. Holland. Adopted 1 son:
    - A. Robert Bright Holland born 12 June 1931 in Guilford County, N.C. Married 29 April 1950 Mary Helen Smith born 27 Dec. 1934 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Mary Alice Skinner and George James Smith. 3 children:
      - (a) Georgia Alice Holland born 5 Aug. 1951 in Lenoir County. Married 15 Nov. 1969 Roland Lee Taylor, born 14 March 1951 in Lenoir County, the son of Spicy Hinnant and W. Larry Taylor
        - (1) Roland Lee Taylor, Jr. born 20 Oct. 1970
      - (b) Susan Lee Holland born 7 May 1954 in Lenoir County. Married 24 Sept. 1971 Leonard Arthur Poitras born in Boston, Mass. the son of Mary Jean and Romeo Poitras of Canada.
        - (1) Tracy Lynn Poitras born 4 Feb. 1972 in Lenoir County.
      - (c) Robert Bright Holland Jr. born 26 Aug. 1961 in Lenoir Co.
  4. MARY PENELOPE (MAMIE) HILL born 4 Nov. 1883 in Lenoir County. Died 6 April 1910. Buried . . Hill Family Cemetery near Falling Creek. Unmarried.
  5. JULIA EMMA HILL born 3 April 1885 in Lenoir County. Died 5 May 1900. Accidentally burned at age 15. Buried . . Hill Family Cemetery.
  6. MARTHA ANN (MATTIE) HILL born 9 July 1886 in Lenoir County. Died 30 Jan. 1953 of cancer. Cremated in California. Married 10 June 1930 Karl Edward Stahl, a widower with 2 sons.
  7. ANNIE BERTHA HILL born 2 March 1888 in Lenoir County. Was a school teacher before becoming totally blind. Unmarried. Died 2 October 1963. Buried . . J.T. Hill Family Cemetery at Falling Creek.
  8. LILLIE JANE HILL born 1 April 1890 in Lenoir County. Died 24 Nov. 1955. Buried . . Family Cemetery at Shine near homeplace. Married 8 Jan. 1913 Arthur Calvin Smith born 15 Aug. 1891 in Greene Co. Died 22 Nov. 1956. Buried . . Family Cem. at Shine. He was the son of Rebecca Eliza Daniel and Calvin H. Smith. 7 children:
    - A. Alma Evelyn Smith born 26 Jan. 1914 in Greene County. Married 21 Sept. 1929 William Lee Huber born 24 May 1908 in Greene Co. the son of Lennie Wells and Edward Huber. 2 children:
      - (a) Mattie Evelyn Huber born 17 April 1932 in Greene County. Married 19 June 1955 Gerald Thomas Griggs born 16 Feb. 1932 in Elizabeth City, N.C. the adopted son of Lizzie and Thomas Griggs. 2 children:
        - (1) Infant son born and died 25 Sept. 1957.
        - (2) Bobby Thomas Griggs born 20 Jan. 1969 (Adopted)
      - (b) Lillie Dorothy Huber born 8 April 1937 in Greene County. Married 1 Feb. 1958 Raymond Liston Gurganus Sr. born 23 July 1930 in Onslow Co. the son of Elizabeth (Lillie) Williams and Nick Gurganus. 2 children:
        - (1) Wanda Jennette Gurganus born 12 May 1959 in Lenoir County.
        - (2) Raymond Liston Gurganus, Jr. born 30 Nov. 1962 in Lenoir County.
    - B. James Parrott (J.P. Smith born 26 June 1915 in Greene County. Married 1st 5 Oct. 1934 (Div.) Pauline McKeel, the daughter of Bettie Worrell and Zeb McKeel. 1 son.
      - (a) Durwood Ray Smith born 15 Sept. 1935 in Wayne County. Married Nov. 1952, (Div. 1960) Eleanor Jane Lancaster born 7 April 1936. 2 children:
        - (1) Debra Kay Smith born 5 Dec. 1953 in Wayne County. Married 29 Aug. 1970 Gary Franklin Bell, the son of Emma Louise McKeel and Willie Franklin Bell.
          - a. Gary Franklin Bell, Jr. born 3 Nov. 1971 in Wayne Co.
        - (2) Betty Glenda Smith born Oct. 13, 1957 in Wayne Co. Married 6 Aug. 1971 Steve Strickland.
          - a. Danny Steve Strickland, Jr. born March, 1972.
- J.P. Smith married 2nd. 15 Oct. 1946 Clara Belle Tart born May 1927, the daughter of Lillie Belle Shirley and Lofton Tart. 6 children:
- (a) James Richard Smith born Feb. 1948 in  
Married Lorraine Heath
  - (b) Shirley Theresa Smith born 1950 in  
Married 14 Aug. 1970 Herbert Roger Myers, the son of Lois and Herbert Lee Myers.
  - (c) Kenneth Wayne Smith married Betty Street
  - (d) Phillip Smith married Angie Mercer of Dover, N.C.
  - (e) Gary Lofton Smith born  
Married 12 Aug. 1972 Carol Jean Brooks
  - (f) Carl Rexford Smith born 1956.

- C. Carl Arthur Smith born 29 May 1917 in Greene County. Married 1st. 20 Dec. 1945 (Div. 1961) Billye Naomi Wetsel born 5 May 1925 in Clay Co. Texas, the daughter of Willie Pearl Callaway and Fred Orville Wetsel. 1 daughter:
- (a) Carla Amelia Smith born 15 May 1947 in Wichita Co. Texas. Married 6 Oct. 1962 to Melvin Leon Walden born 1 July 1944 in Lubbock, Texas, the son of Neva Lorena McGehee Walden and William Lowery Walden. 4 children:
- (1) Michael Shane Walden born 29 April, 1963 in Lubbock Co. Texas.
  - (2) Carl David Walden born 26 July, 1966 in Lubbock Co. Texas.
  - (3) Nicky Joe Walden born 31 July 1968 in Harris Co. Texas.
  - (4) James Lee Walden born 7 April 1971 in Harris Co. Texas.
- Carl Arthur Smith married 2nd. 16 Dec. 1962 Orgie Lee Coffman Kelley born 28 May 1918 in Savoy, Fannin Co. Texas, the daughter of Ida Lamb and Thomas Wesley Coffman. Second Family:
- (1) Swaim David Kelley, Jr. born 7 April 1938 in Lubbock, Texas.
  - (2) Darla Jean Kelley born 7 Feb. 1940 in Lubbock, Texas.
  - (3) Doris Nell Kelley born 11 June 1941 in Lubbock, Texas.
  - (4) Dudley Jay Kelley born 16 Dec. 1947 in Lubbock, Texas.
  - (5) Denise Lucile Kelley born 16 Aug. 1954 in Lubbock, Texas.
- D. Lillie Inez Smith born 28 Jan. 1919 in Greene County. Died 29 Aug. 1972. Buried . . Wayne Mem. Park, Wayne Co. Married 28 Sept. 1934 William David Kearney born 19 April 1917 in Greene Co. the son of Cornelia Goff and James Kearney. 4 children:
- (a) William (Bill) Arthur Kearney born 16 Oct. 1935 in Greene Co. Married Marguerita (Rita) Ann Wiggins, the daughter of Marguerita Thompson and Calbert Wiggins. 7 children:
- (1) Connie Kearney
  - (2) Lynn Kearney
  - (3) Bill Kearney
  - (4) Andy Kearney
  - (5) Sheila Kearney
  - (6) Tammy Kearney
  - (7) Jim Kearney
- (b) Judy Carol Kearney born 3 Aug. 1937 in Greene Co. Married Jimmy Carraway, the son of Lila and Pete Carraway. 3 children:
- (1) Jerry Carraway
  - (2) Jay Carraway
  - (3) Jane Carraway
- (c) Lywood Earl Kearney born 11 March 1939 in Greene County. Married 1st. Linda (Div.)
- (1) David Kearney
- Lynwood Earl Kearney married 2nd. Pearlina Kornegay
- (1) Andrew Jackson Kearney born 7 Oct. 1972
  - (2) Juanice NeKoel born May 14, 1974
- (d) Barbara Marie Kearney born 22 April 1940 in Greene Co. an infant. Died 17 Sept. 1940.
- E. Rudolph Thomas Smith born 7 Sept. 1922 in Greene Co. Married 19 March 1947 Edna Ruth Rouse born 27 Nov. 1929 in Greene Co. the daughter of Persis Susan Gurganus and Johnny Rouse. 4 children:
- (a) Robbie Thomas Smith born 1 Feb. 1948 in Pitt County. Married 3 Aug. 1971 Anna Marie Hoff born 16 April 1945 in Frieburg, Germany.
- (1) Carl (Chris) Christopher Smith b. 26 May 1973 Pitt Co.
- (b) Susan Carol Smith born 27 Nov. 1950 in Lenoir Co. Married 26 Sept. 1969 Melvin Hunter Gurganus born 30 June 1949 in Pitt Co.
- (1) Jennifer Gurganus b. 17 Jan. 1973 in Ahoskie, N.C.
- (c) Johnny Calvin Smith born 27 May 1956 in Greene Co.
- (d) Alan Dwayne Smith born 17 Sept. 1964 in Lenoir Co.
- F. Andrew Jackson (A.J.) Smith born 20 June 1925 in Greene Co. Married 3 Sept. 1946 Margaree Combs born in Greene Co. the daughter of "Bill" Best and Isaac Combs.
- (a) Sarah Jane Smith born 13 June 1947 in Greene Co. Married T.J. Jernigan. 1 child born 1974.
- (b) Margaret Ann Smith born 29 March 1949 in Greene Co. Married Jan. 1970 Barry Newman. 1 child born 1973.
- (c) Andrea Smith (adopted sister's child)
- G. Annie Bertha Smith born 12 Aug. 1928 in Greene Co. Married 22 April 1952 James Roy Carlile born 11 Sept. 1917 in Texas, the son of Sarah Jane Douglas and Jonathan James Carlile.
- (a) Ronald Alan Carlile born 6 March 1949 in Durham Co. Married 4 April 1970 Rhonda Lynn Taylor born 15 Aug. 1951.
- (b) James Roy Carlile, Jr. born 25 July 1952 in Wichita Co. Texas. Accidentally killed by truck 4 Feb. 1954. Buried: Greene County Family Cemetery.



9. NOAH BRIGHT HILL born 3 June 1892 in Lenoir Co. Died 26 April 1962. Buried . . . Pinelawn Cem., Kinston, N.C. Married 29 Feb. 1920 Josephine King of Lenoir Co. Born 23 May 1894. Died 23 Sept. 1960. Buried . . . Pinelawn Cem., Kinston, N.C. She was the daughter of Richard "Dick" King. 3 children:
  - A. Frances Hill Married Edward Thayer
  - B. Noah Bright Hill, Jr. Married 1st. Katherine Hamilton. Married 2nd. Charlotte Janice Garris born 6 Oct. 1925 daughter of Gertrude Wortham and Tobe Garris. 4 children:
    - (a) N.B. Hill, III
    - (b) Trudy Charlene Hill
    - (c) Connie Faye Hill
    - (d) Russell Frances Hill
  - C. John Lindsey Hill
10. TESSIE LEE HILL born 29 Dec. 1894 in Lenoir Co. Died 8 Oct. 1964. Buried in Pitt Co. Married 29 Feb. 1920 Alonza (Lonnie) Franklin Harrington born 30 May 1898 in Ayden, N.C. Died 23 April 1967. The son of Allie Lucinda Hart and Alonza Llewellyn Harrington. Buried in Pitt Co. 6 children:
  - A. Allie Jane Harrington born 31 May 1921 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st. 5 Sept. 1939 David S. Rice born 12 Jan. 1920. Died 22 June 1949. Son of Lucy Saunders and Clarence Rice. 1 daughter:
    - (a) Julia Ann Rice born 24 June 1940 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st. 22 Dec. 1961 (Div. 1967) Vali Gorji. Married 2nd. 20 Oct. 1972 Wayne Edmond Osborn.

Allie Jane Harrington Rice married 2nd. 7 Jan. 1951 James LeRoy Faison born 2 March 1924 in Johnston Co. the son of Ruth Holder and John W. Faison, Sr. Died 10 Nov. 1971. Buried in Johnston Co.

Adopted Julia Ann Rice Gorji Aug. 1969.

Allie Jane Harrington Rice Faison married 3rd. 23 June 1972 Bernard Donald Keyser born 19 April 1922 in Lancaster Co. Virginia, the son of Irva Bonibel Lewis and Zadock Bernard Keyser.
  - B. Thomas Franklin Harrington born 3 Nov. 1922 in Lenoir Co. Married 5 Dec. 1948 Rachael Day Rolison born 10 Nov. 1929 the daughter of Lillie Vita Day and Charlie Herman Rolison. 3 children:
    - (a) Allie Deane Harrington born 27 June 1950 in Craven Co.
    - (b) Thomas Franklin Harrington, Jr. born 29 Jan. 1953 in Craven Co.
    - (c) Jodie Kay Harrington born 16 March 1963 in Wake Co.
  - C. Harriette Harrington born 27 June 1925 in Lenoir County. Married 31 Jan. 1946 Teb Jarvis Stocks, Jr. born 19 Sept. 1917 in Greene Co. the son of Lucy Beaman and Teb Jarvis Stocks Sr.
    - (a) Teb Jarvis Stocks III born 14 July 1947 in Pitt Co. Married 8 June 1969 Delain Allen born 28 Sept. 1947 in Randolph Co., Alabama.
    - (b) Edwin Bruce Stocks born 24 Sept. 1951 in Pitt County
    - (c) Ramona Stocks born 29 May 1954 in Pitt County
    - (d) James Ray Stocks born 7 Aug. 1957 in Pitt County
  - D. Alonzo Llewellyn Harrington born 2 Aug. 1927 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st. 3 May 1952 Virginia Lucille Bonney born in Columbia Co. Washington the daughter of Althea Mae Jenkins and Ralph Leroy Bonney. 4 children:
    - (a) Cindy Lee Harrington born 25 April 1953 in Spokane, Washington. Married Darrell Bruce Greene.
      - (1) Kini Marie Harrington Greene born 17 Dec. 1972
    - (b) Richard Allen Harrington born 17 April 1955 in San Diego, California.
    - (c) Deborah Lynn Harrington born 13 Dec. 1956 in Jacksonville, Florida.
    - (d) Michael Wayne Harrington born 6 Dec. 1958 in Jacksonville, Florida. Died 11 Feb. 1959. Buried . . . Jacksonville, Florida.

Alonzo Llewellyn Harrington married 2nd. 10 Dec. 1961 Hazel Ruth Hudson born 6 Dec. 1933 in Pitt Co. 2 children:
 
    - (a) Elaine Ruth Harrington born 12 Oct. 1962 in Pitt Co.
    - (b) Paul Rex Harrington born 21 May 1968 in Pitt Co.
  - E. Roland Bruce Harrington born 18 May 1927 in Pitt Co. Married Frances Earl Sutton born 21 Feb. 1940 in Pitt Co. 3 children:
    - (a) Teresa Ann Harrington born 12 Oct. 1959 in Pitt County
    - (b) Wanda Darlene Harrington born 26 Nov. 1962 in Pitt County
    - (c) Belinda Carol Harrington born 5 May 1964 in Pitt County
  - F. Edwin Allen Harrington born 2 July 1931 in Pitt County. An infant. Died 18 July 1931. Buried . . . Ayden, N.C.



GLADYS MAE HILL born 4 June 1896 in Lenoir County. Died 16 July 1970. Buried . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 5 July 1924 Ernest Leon Tyndall born 26 Dec. 1895 in Lenoir Co. the son of Lillie Jane Cherry and Christopher Columbus Tyndall. Died 4 Jan. 1973. Buried . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. 3 children:

A. Lillie Mae Tyndall born 14 May 1925 in Lenoir Co. Married Harold R. Reiss. Live in Malvern, Penn.

B. Roberta (Ruth) Elizabeth Tyndall born 3 May, 1933 in Lenoir Co. Unmarried.

C. Virginia Grace Tyndall born 2 July 1938 in Lenoir Co. Married 18 Nov. 1961 Peter Horn Koder born 25 Jan. 19 the son of W.L. Koder. 2 children:

(a) Katherine Elaine Koder born 9 Nov. 1964

(b) Michael Allen Koder born 17 Sept. 1966

SIMON THOMAS HILL born 18 Aug. 1898 in Lenoir County. Died 20 Aug. 1971. Buried . . Willowdale Cem. Goldsboro, N.C. Married 14 Dec. 1919 Jesse Gray Tilton born 13 June 1899 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Angeline Howell and Henry Moses Tilton. They adopted 1 son:

A. Julian Thomas Hill born 11 March 1932 in Guilford Co. N.C. Married 16 June 1956 Ruth Clarke Dutton born 22 Jan. 1933 in Union Co. the daughter of Flora Jennie Ruth Black and William Stephen Clark Dutton. 4 children:

(a) Valerie Lynn Hill born 27 Sept. 1958 in Forsythe Co.

(b) Wendy Heather Hill born 4 Oct. 1959 in Forsythe Co.

(c) Melissa Julianne Hill born 7 Feb. 1964 in Forsythe Co.

(d) Heather Laurie Hill born 16 Sept. 1968 in Forsythe Co.

HERMAN RICHARD HILL born 3 Oct. 1901. Died 24 May 1964. Unmarried. Buried . . Hill Family Cem. in Lenoir County.

JOHN THOMAS HILL, JR. Born & Died 5 Aug. 1905. Buried . . Hill Family Cemetery in Lenoir County.

## CHAPTER 3

### ALEXANDER RICHARD SUTTON

ALEXANDER RICHARD SUTTON was the third child of Mary Catherine Hill and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. He was born November 18, 1860 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Alex was tall and slender, about six feet in height. He had blue eyes, sandy brown hair and always wore a mustache. He was a good natured person, loving people especially little children.

On November 23, 1879, shortly after his nineteenth birthday, Alex married his step-mother's sister, Huldah Hooker Hardy. Huldah was born April 26, 1862, in Greene County. She was the daughter of Rosa Ellen Edwards and William E. Hardy. See chapter on Richard W. Sutton Sr. and Nancy Susan Hardy.

Huldah was a very neat, petite lady with light brown curly hair and blue eyes when she married Alex at the age of seventeen.

After marriage they lived across from Alex's father's home at Falling Creek where they farmed. They had seven children, three girls and four boys. They were Eddie Lathan, Leon Benjamin, Kirby David, Alice Cornelia, Burell Owin, Pearl and Muriel Hadley Sutton.

They moved to the old Arthur farm and in addition to farming Alex and his son Eddie, also ran a general merchandise store and was agent for the Mullet Line Railroad.

Alex's even temper and easy going manner made him a very likeable person. He was a hard worker and a smart man. His wife, Huldah, was more business like but a very good person. She was more stern and firm and they brought the children up in this manner.

Alex and Huldah moved to La Grange and lived on Railroad Street, where they raised five of their seven children to adulthood. They bought the old Steven Lassiter Mill located between La Grange and Walters Dairy on the Jones Road to Seven Springs. The mill straddled Bear Creek. The bridge and part of the dam still remain.

Alex with the help of his oldest son, Eddie, operated the mill which ground corn and wheat for meal and flour. He also operated a general store in La Grange where he swapped corn and meal.

Alex had a colored man named James Graham working for him. James drove the truck that delivered meal and flour to stores near-by. One day he sold the truck load, kept the money and "took off" never to be heard from again.

At the mill Alex burned gum and cypress logs cut from around the mill in a boiler to make steam to turn a generator to furnish lights for the mill. Later they put up poles and wired houses into La Grange. Eddie wired the first house for electricity. The mill furnished the first electricity for the town of La Grange. Alex operated the mill until he became ill.

Alexander Richard Sutton died December 6, 1928.

Huldah was also sick at the time of her husband's death and was carried upstairs during the funeral. Huldah Hooker Hardy Sutton died December 11, 1928, five days after her husband.

They are both buried in Fairview Cemetery at La Grange, N.C.

## CHAPTER 3

### ALEXANDER RICHARD SUTTON

#### Third Child of

#### Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

ALEXANDER (ALEX) RICHARD SUTTON was born 18 Nov. 1860 in Lenoir Co. Died 6 Dec. 1928. Buried . . . Fairview Cemetery, La Grange, N.C. Married 23 Nov. 1879 Hulda Hooker Hardy born 26 April 1862 in Greene County. Died 11 Dec. 1928. Buried . . . Fairview Cemetery, La Grange, N.C. She was the daughter of Rosa Ellen Edwards and William E. Hardy, son of Benjamin Hardy (descendent of Lemuel Hardy II)

Alexander (Alex) Richard Sutton and wife Hulda Hooker Hardy had 7 children; 4 sons and 3 daughters:

1. EDDIE LATHAN SUTTON born 28 Aug. 1880 in Lenoir County. Died 8 Nov. 1970. Buried . . . Goldsboro, N.C. Married first 16 May, 1909 to Fannie Alice Olinger born 26 March 1889 in Caswell County. Died 2 May 1945. Buried . . . Goldsboro, N.C. She was the daughter of Fannie E. Fugua and Charles C. Olinger. Eddie farmed most of life. Worked at Father's store and mill. Wired first house in La Grange for electricity. 6 children:
  - A. Norma Fayette Sutton born 28 March 1910 in Lenoir County. Attended University of Virginia School of Nursing. A Registered Nurse. Active in church work, Woman's Club, Garden Club, Cub Scouts and Red Cross. Listed in N.C. Social Registry and National Social Directory. Married 23 Aug. 1938 Julian Thaddus Gaskill born 7 July 1903 in Carteret County. He is the son of Len Bertie Mason and Norman Elmo Gaskill. Attended Wake Forest College. Practices Law in Goldsboro. U.S. District Attorney for Eastern N.C. during Eisenhower administration. Is listed in Who's Who of America. A member of the Masons and both are active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of N.C. One son:
    - (a) Julian Thaddus Gaskill, Jr. born 19 Jan. 1946 in Wayne Co. Attended Mt. Olive College. U.S. Navy for two years. Married 10 August 1972 (Div.) Priscilla Florent Browning born 4 April 1948, the daughter of Trudy Turnage and Donald Browning.



**ALEXANDER RICHARD SUTTON — HULDAH HOOKER HARDY SUTTON**  
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(1) Richard Walters Sutton, Jr.\*; (2) Marth Ellen Hardy Sutton; (3) Nora Mae Sutton (Lewis); (4) Mamie Lois Sutton (Carroll); (5) Mark Woodard Sutton (6) Hugh Thomas Sutton; (7) Aggie Catherine Sutton (Cobb); (8) Alonza Harper (Lon) Cobb; (9) James (Jim Clifton Sutton; (10) Bertha Eugene Sutton (Taylor); (11) Almar Roenia Sutton; (12) Richard Henry Sutton; (13) Addie Ellen Sutton (Worthington); (14) Jasper Gray; (15) Paul Mewborn (16) Marhta Jane Sutton Hill\*; (17) John Thomas Hill; (18) Herman Richard Hill; (19) Simon Thomas Hill; (20) Tessie Lee Hill (Harrington); (21) Addie Mildred Hill (Sutton); (22) Gladys Mae Hill (Tyndall); (23) Lillie Jane Hill (Smith); (24) Mamie Hill; (25) Noah Bright Hill; (26) Offie Hill; (27) Clara Gertrude Hill; (28) Leonard Richard Hill; (29) Martha Julia Hill (Davis); (30) Roland Bright Holland; (31) Hattie Eliza Hill (Holland); (32) Annie Bertha Hill; (33) John Linkfield Hill; (34) Mattie Hill (Stahl); (35) Cornelius Gray; (36) Mary Susan Sutton Gray\*; (37) Raymond Richard Gray (38) Eva Bliss Gray (Jones); (39) Levi Jacob Gray; (40) Mary Gleen Gray (SUGGS); (41) Floyd Benjamin Gray; (42) William Cleveland Gray; (43) Lydia Mewborn Gray (Sugg); (44) Vernon Cornelius Gray; (45) Nancy (Janie) Sutton (Rouse); (46) John Thomas Sutton; (47) RICHARD WALTERS SUTTON, SR.; (48) Lydia Ann Sutton (Alexander); (49) Jefferson Davis Alexander; (50) Joseph Alexander; (51) Bessie Pearl Alexander (Britt); (52) Flora Moe Alexander (Taylor); (53) Samuel Wooster Alexander; (54) Egbert Sutton\*; (55) Emma Caroline Hill



Sutton; (56) Ella Mewborn Whitfield; (57) Richard Sutton; (58) Raymond Parrott Sutton; (59) Maria Mewborn Whitfield; (60) Lany Jane Mewborn Whitfield; (61) James Whitfield; (62) Will Whitfield; (63) Jeremiah (Jer) Walters; (64) Needham Walters; (65) Alexander Richard Sutton; (66) Huldah Hooker Hardy Sutton; (67) Muriel Hadley Sutton (Woodard); (68) Alice Cornelia Sutton (Howard); (69) Kirby David Sutton; (70) Mary Susan Sutton Fields; (71) Harriet Evaline Sutton Dawson; (72) John N. Walters; (73) Lula G. Walters; (74) Adlia Walters; (75) Alphonsa Walters; (76) Mollie Walters; (77) Kitsey Smith; (78) John Thomas Sutton, Sr.\*; (79) Leslie Hardy Sutton; (80) Joseph Oscar Smith; (81) Olivia Sutton Smith\*; (82) Robert Lee Smith; (83) Mary Catherine (Mamie) Smith; (84) Lessee E. S. Hill; (85) Haywood B. Hill; (86) John Franklin Whaley; (87) Ozora Dawson Hill; (88) Alice Dawson W. Robinson; (89) Emmett Robinson; (90) Effie Setelle Sutton Robinson; (91) Noah Henry Sutton\*; (92) Nora Hardy Sutton; (93) Harold Milton Sutton; (94) Robert Newton Sutton; (95) Eddie Lathan Sutton.

Eleven children of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. were present at the 1906 reunion. Due to illness, the families of Huldah Sutton Abrams and Jim W. Sutton were not represented. A child of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. (No. 47)

- B. Edna Earl Sutton born 21 Jan. 1912 in Lenoir County. Attended University of Maryland School of Nursing. A Registered Nurse. Married 16 September 1942, Edward Joseph Bradel, Jr. born 16 May, 1916 in Lancaster Co. Pa. Died 14 June 1959. Buried . . Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, N.C. He was the son of Elsie Edna Dittman and Edward Joseph Bradel, Sr. 2 children:
- (a) Edward Joseph Bradel III born 16 Aug. 1944 in Wayne Co. Airplane pilot. Married 23 Oct. 1971, Linda Kay Hopper born 24 Jan. 1948 in York Co. the daughter of Flossie Farris and Lloyd Cecil Hopper.
  - (b) Alice Jean Bradel born 15 Sept. 1948 in Lancaster, Pa. Attended Conservatory of Music in Pittsburgh, Pa. Opera Singer. Married 31 Oct. 1970 Harold Thomas Berlin born 29 Nov. 1946 in Alleghany Co. Pa. the son of Bernice Buck and Joseph Berlin.
- C. Woodrow Wilson Sutton born 14 Oct. 1914 in Lenoir Co. Attended Wake Forest College. In L.P. Gas business since 1946. Past President of N.C. State School Board Association. Past Grand Master of Odd Fellows of State of N.C. Civitan Club. Married 13 Aug. 1938 Louise Gurley born 6 June 1909 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Ellen Baker and Thaddeus Ralph Gurley. A Registered Nurse. 3 children:
- (a) Margaret Louise Sutton born 10 July 1942 in Carteret Co. Graduate of Wake Forest. Ceramic Shop in Apex. Married 12 June 1966 William David Skamarack, the son of Emily Shultz and William Joseph Skamarack.
  - (b) Lynda Carol Sutton born 4 April 1945 in Carteret. Attended Westley College, Rocky Mt. Married 6 June 1965 Paul Kenneth Keel born 10 Nov. 1938 in Wayne Co. the son of Eleanor Williams and Paul James Keel.
    - (1) Kenneth Lathan Keel born 24 May 1971 in Nash Co.
  - (c) Sarah Jane Sutton born 23 July 1949 in Wayne Co. Graduate of U.N.C. at Cullowhee. Married 22 Oct. 1973 James Monroe Long born 5 Oct. 1946 the son of Sarah Allen and Ray Long of Winston-Salem.
- D. Atawah Louise Sutton born 17 Oct. 1916 in Lenoir Co. Attended Louisburg College. Married 1st. 16 June 1948 James Rufus Higginbotham born 11 Dec. 1916 in Morgan, Georgia, the son of Beatrice Murray and John William Higginbotham. 1 daughter:
- (a) Alice Marie Higginbotham born 27 Feb. 1956 in Dade Co. Florida.
- Atawah Sutton Higginbotham married 2nd. 19 June 1966 Everett L. McVine, born 23 May 1918 in Cook Co. Missouri, the son of Bessie Bell Ellis and Richard Leroy McVine.
- E. Edd Leddell Sutton born 10 July 1918 in Lenoir County. Lost at sea. Died 22 Aug. 1942. Declared legally dead 23 Aug. 1943. Married 3 April 1942 Viola Potts born 10 Dec. 1921 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Vida Viola Walker and Jasper Monra Potts, Sr.
- F. May Bell Sutton born 24 May 1925 in Wayne Co. Attended Louisburg College. Married 29 Jan. 1949 William Luther Scott, Jr. born 8 Dec. 1920 in Wayne Co. the son of Fannie Esther Blackman and William L. Scott Sr. 4 children:
- (a) William Luther Scott III (Buddy) born 10 March 1950 in Wayne Co. Attended State College. Married 6 June 1971 Deborah Deloris Allen born 24 July 1950 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Sula (Sue) Louise Lancaster and Harley Brooks Allen.
  - (b) Vernon Edward Scott born 24 July 1951 in Wayne Co. Attended State College. Married 29 May 1971 Hellen Claudette Allison born 5 Aug. 1952 in Gastonia, N.C. the daughter of Hellen Higdon and Howard Claude Allison.
    - (1) Allison Michelle Scott born 26 Jan. 1972 in Fairfax, Hyde Co. N.C.
  - (c) James (Jimmy) Ledell Scott born 10 Aug. 1952 in Wayne County. U.S. Army. Married 1st. April 1970 (Div. 1972) Tamara Gail Quinn born in Wayne Co. the daughter of Gail Price and Thurston Quinn.
    - (1) Lisa Shanda Scott born 30 March 1972 in Wayne Co.
- James Ledell Scott married 2nd. 15 Dec. 1973 June Marie Weaver born 4 Nov. 1955 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Dorothy Eloise Hollowell and Ralph Nelson Weaver.
- (d) Gary Michael Scott born 31 July 1953 in Wayne Co.
- Eddie Lathan Sutton married 2nd. 22 Nov. 1951 Bettie Irene Sutton Whitfield Smith (a cousin) Divorced 1959. She is the daughter of Mary Eliza Mewborn and Egbert Sutton and the widow of Robert Jones Whitfield.
2. LEON BENJAMIN SUTTON born 25 Sept. 1883 in Greene Co. Died 16 May 1964. Buried . . Grandview Cem. Tenn. Married 25 Sept. 1905, Lela Mable McFadden, born 4 April 1890 in Blount Co. Tennessee. Died 18 April in Blount Co. Tennessee. Buried . . Grandview Cem. the daughter of Margaret (Maggie) Love and Joseph S. McFadden. 6 children:
- A. Margaret Hulda Sutton born 24 Nov. 1908 in Blount Co. Tenn. Married 20 May 1929, Charles Walter Dunford born in Knox Co. Tenn. son of Emma Stair and Charles Winters Dunford. 1 son:
- (a) Charles Richard Dunford born 24 March 1928 in Tennessee. Married 4 Aug. 1954 Margaret Stanfield born 21 June 1926 in Chattanogo Co. Ga. the daughter of Cleo Minnie Butler and Grady Lee Stanfield.
    - (1) Walter Richard Dunford born 5 Jan. 1958 in Durham Co.





**Children of Alex and Huldah Sutton: Alice, Eddie,  
Leon, Muriel, Kirby and Alice Jean (Eddie's  
grand-daughter**



**Eddie Lathan and Fannie Sutton**



**Children of Eddie and Fannie Sutton: Atawah,  
Wilson, Edna, Fay, Leddell, May Bell**

Elizabeth Alice Sutton born 25 March 1911 in Blount Co. Tenn. Married 1st. Virgil Davis born 16 Jan. 1905 in Blount Co. Tenn. the son of Augusta Hood and Wiley A. Davis. (Divorced 1947) 2 children:

(a) Virgil Davis, Jr. born 31 Jan. 1928 in Blount Co. Tenn. Married 17 Aug. 1946 Georgette Leona Delannoy born 25 Feb. 1929 in Macomb Co. Michigan, the daughter and Louise Jean and Jean Delannoy of Lille, France. 2 children:

(1) Larry Neil David born 5 June 1948. Married 11 May 1969 Linda Sue Dragnette born 27 March 1949 in Cleveland, Ohio. 2 children:

a. Lance Andrew Davis born 17 July 1969

b. Lissa Marie Davis born 11 June 1971 in Cleveland, Ohio.

(2) Susan Louise (Sue) Davis born 29 June 1951. Married 3 April 1971 David Turchan born 9 July 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio.

(b) Lillian Josephine Davis born 23 Jan. 1929 in Blount Co. Married 22 Nov. 1947 Carl Houston Faulk born 30 June 1923 in Tipton Co. Tenn. the son of Clara Cranford and Morris William Faulk. 3 children:

(1) Stephen Neal Faulk born 3 June 1948 in Blount Co. Tenn. Married 1 Aug. 1969 Susan Clonts born 20 June 1951 in Fulton Co. Ga. the daughter of Carrie Louise Eubanks and Charles Berlyn Clonts.

a. Stacey DeAnn Faulk born 19 Sept. 1970 in DeKalb Co. Georgia.

(2) Carla Jean Faulk born 21 Jan. 1953 in Blount Co. Tenn.

(3) Kelley Ann Faulk born 21 Jan. 1958 in Blount Co. Tenn.

Elizabeth Alice Sutton Davis married 2nd. 15 Jan. 1955 Clarence R. Hartlaub, the son of Carrie Coushan and Harry Hartlaub.

C. Annie Bell Sutton born 23 Aug. 1914 in Blount Co. Tennessee. Married 1 March 1941 James Leslie Jones (Jimmie) born 6 Dec. 1914 in Milton, Florida, the son of Francis Lewis and Leonard Jones. 1 daughter:

(a) Patricia Ann Jones born 6 Oct. 1943 in Boston, Mass. Married 26 June 1964 John Raymond Huffman, the son of Clara Williams and Hubert Huffman.

(1) John Leslie Huffman born 16 June 1968 in Blount Co.

(2) Cherie Ann Huffman born 13 March 1971 in Blount Co.

(3) Christy Lee Huffman born 13 March 1971 in Blount Co.

Twins

D. Virginia Lee Sutton born 1 March 1918 in Blount Co. Tennessee. Married 13 April 1936 Andrew Jackson Coleman, Jr. born 5 June 1915 in Blount Co. Tenn. the son of Cordelia Weisgerber and Andrew J. Coleman, Sr. 2 children:

(a) Lela Karen Coleman b. 1 March 1937 in Knox Co. Tennessee. Married 20 Dec. 1954 Arnold Welch born 14 Nov. 1932 in Union Co. Tenn. the son of Luda Brantley and Millard Elmer Welch. 4 children:

(1) Arnold Coleman Welch born 6 Oct. 1955 in Blount Co.

(2) Virginia Lee Welch born 15 Aug. 1958 in Blount Co.

(3) Sandra Gay Welch born 10 April 1963 in Blount Co.

(4) Lisa Jean Welch born 5 May 1964 in Blount Co. Tenn.

(b) Andrew Jackson Coleman III born 12 July 1940 in Blount Co. Tenn. Married 31 Aug. 1963 Doris Jean Pryor born 8 June 1935 in Perry Co. Arkansas, the daughter of Thelma Mary Alexander and Theodore Roosevelt Pryor. 3 children:

(1) Leon Sutton Coleman born 3 June 1961 in Rhode Island

(2) Andrew Jackson Coleman IV born 13 Feb. 1966 in S.C.

(3) David Lee Coleman born 17 Dec. 1967 in Blount Co. Tenn.

E. June Louise Sutton born 16 July 1921 in Blount Co. Tennessee. Died 17 May 1968. Buried Grandview Cem. Maryville, Tennessee. Married 24 Nov. 1945 Jim Hugh Burnett born 13 Oct. 1914 in Camp Hill, Tallapoosa Co. Alabama, the son of Janice Johnson and Brantley Winfield Burnett. 1 daughter:

(a) Janie Sue Burnett born 22 Nov. 1946 in Blount Co. Tenn. Married 12 July 1965 William Donald Hurst born 11 March 1941 in Blount Co. Tenn. the son of Edna Morton and William McKinley Hurst.

(1) James Jeffery Hurst born 18 Jan. 1970 in Knox Co. Tenn.

F. Leon Benjamin Sutton, Jr. born 25 April 1923 in Blount Co. Tenn. Married 20 March 1946 Dorothy Christina Kirk born in Greene Co. N.C. the daughter of Lula Mae Teagon and Huntley Earnest Kirk. (a) Leon Benjamin (Chippy) Sutton III born 28 Dec. 1947 in Blount Co. Tenn.

(b) Marilyn Ann Sutton born 21 June 1953 in Blount Co. Tenn.

3. KIRBY DAVID SUTTON, SR. born 3 July 1887 in Lenoir Co. Died 24 Sept. 1959. Buried Jacksonville, Florida. Married 1st. 20 Feb. 1907 Mary Susan Murvin born 8 May 1887 in Wayne Co. Died 14 Feb. 1918. Buried Norfolk, Va. the daughter of Mary Susan Hamm and John Tann Murvin. 5 children:

A. Hellon Sutton born 3 Jan. 1908 in Lenoir Co. Married 23 March 1938, J.F. Crommer, Sr. 2 children: (a) J.F. Crommer, Jr. (Jimmie) born 17 June 1939 in Norfolk, Va. Married 17 June 1960 Patricia Pllum, the daughter of Martha and Fred Pllum.

(1) Martha Hellon Crommer born 3 Oct. 1961 in Beadford, Florida.

(b) Mary Ann Crommer born 30 July 19 in Norfolk, Virginia. Married 15 June 1970 Roger Wiet.



- B. Viola Sutton born 25 Aug. 1910 in Wake Co. Married 24 Nov. 1941 Henry Burton Willard born 27 Feb. 1913 in Brunswick Co. Va. the son of Viola Crews Willard and William Henry Willard. No children.
- C. Kirby David Sutton, Jr. born 30 Sept. 1913 in Tidewater Co. Virginia. Married Vivian Flavious Morton born 3 May 1910 in Alexandria, Va. the daughter of Mary Fanny Kelley and John Flavious Morton.
- (a) Mary Marguerite Sutton born 6 Dec. 1939 (Foster Daughter)
  - (b) Kirby David Sutton III born 20 June 1940 (Adopted)
  - (c) James William Sutton born 30 Jan. 1941 (Adopted)
  - (d) Kathleen JoAnn Sutton born 5 Jan. 1942 (Adopted)
  - (e) Paul Buster Sutton born 18 April 1943 (Adopted)
  - (f) Sandra Kay Sutton born 6 Oct. 1943 (Adopted)
- D. Lewellyn Myra Sutton born 9 May 1916 in Wake Co. N.C. Married 4 Nov. 1939 Herbert Edward Railey Sr. born 15 June 1911 in Washington, D.C. the son of Addie May Harris and Robert McCellan Railey II. 2 children:
- (a) Herbert Edward Railey, Jr. born 10 Oct. 1940 in Norfolk, Tidewater Co. Va. Married 25 Jan. 1965 Marsha Gail Holliman born 3 Oct. 1948 in Washington, D.C. the daughter of Margerate Mae Edwards and Truman Holliman.
    - (1) Pamela Gail Railey born 9 Oct. 1967 in Prince George Co. Maryland.
    - (2) Rodney Reece Railey born 25 June 1972 in Washington, D.C.
  - (b) Robert McCellan Railey III born 26 Feb. 1945 in Skagit Co. Anacortes, Washington. Married 5 Nov. 1963 Alicia Therese Corridon and George Meadows Coker, Sr.
    - (1) Lisa Marie Railey born 5 Dec. 1964 in Prince George Co. Maryland.
- E. Esther Dorothy Sutton born 7 Feb. 1918 in Tidewater Co. Va. Married 1st. 13 Dec. 1939 (Div.) Linwood Augustus Parrish born 19 March 1919 in Norfolk Co. Va. Died 12 March 1962. Buried . . Norfolk, Va. the son of Annie Mae Byrum and Clyde A. Parrish. 2 children:
- (a) William (Bill) Linwood Parrish born 23 Nov. 1940 in Norfolk Co. Va. Married 26 Aug. 1967 Virgena Holland Prater born 11 Aug. 1948 in Charleston Co. S.C. the daughter of Virginia Holland Luter and William Albert Prater. 3 children:
    - (1) Jerold Roy Parish born 16 Aug. 1959 in Contra Costa Co. California.
    - (2) Curtis James Parrish born 29 Nov. 1961 in San Diego Co. California.
    - (3) Mark Allen Parrish born 26 Dec. 1964 in Duvac Co. Florida.
  - (b) Harriet Faye Parrish born 17 Aug. 1942 in Norfolk Co. Va. Married 16 June 1962 Donald George Hanover born in Kansas.
    - (1) Darla Sue Hanover born 16 Dec. 1966 in Los Angeles Co. Long Beach, California.
    - (2) William MacDonald Hanover born 22 March 1971 in Solana Co. Fairfield, California.
- Esther Dorothy Sutton Parrish married 2nd. 23 Oct. 1956 Paul Elman Beaver in Cumberland, Maryland.

KIRBY DAVID SUTTON, SR. md. 2nd some years later Edna Kable. No children.

4. ALICE CORNELIA SUTTON born 4 July 1891 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st. 6 June 1919 John Lester McFadden born 1891. Died 8 Dec. 1920. Buried . . Maryville, Tenn. the son of Margaret Love and Joseph McFadden. No children.
- Alice Cornelia Sutton McFadden married 2nd. 11 Nov. 1919 Hubert Lester Howard born 9 July 1891. Died 7 June 1941. Buried . . he was the son of Sallie and Frank Howard. No children.
5. BURRELL OWIN SUTTON born 28 June 1893 in Lenoir Co. Died 10 June 1897. A boy age 4. Buried . . La Grange, N.C.
6. PEARL SUTTON born 20 Nov. 1895 in Lenoir Co. Died 25 Nov. 1895. An infant. Buried . . La Grange, N.C.
7. MUNIEL HADLEY SUTTON born 6 Oct. 1898 in Lenoir Co. Died 21 July 1973. Buried . . Fairview Cem. La Grange, N.C. Married 8 August 1925 Herman Otis Woodard born 6 June 1904 Wayne Co. Died 12 April 1965 the son of Mary Copeland and Hilary Woodard. Buried . . LaGrange, N.C.
- A. Mary Earle Woodard born 1 Dec. 1927 in Wayne Co. Married 1st. 3 Sept. 1948 Guy Linwood Cooper born 1925. Died 23 Nov. 1968 the son of Queenie Mae White and Jarvis L. Cooper. 2 children:
- (a) Mary Lynn Cooper born 8 April 1959 in Albemarle Co. Va.
  - (b) Carol Elizabeth Cooper born 19 Aug. 1960 in Albemarle Co.
- Mary Earle Woodard Cooper married 2nd. 9 Aug. 1969 Robert Sydney Jones, the son of Louise Whitted and Macon Jones.
- B. Alice Joyce Woodard born 15 Feb. 1930 in Lenoir Co. Married 11 Aug. 1961 Nyack "Jack" White born 5 Jan. 1933 in the Phillipines the son of Rita and Dr. M.J. White.
- (a) Kenneth Nyack White born 17 June 1964 in Albemarle Co. Va.
  - (b) Kimberly True White born 21 Feb. 1966 in Patrick Co. Va.
- C. Rose Hadley Woodard born 30 Oct. 1935 in Wayne Co. Married 1st. 24 May 1954. (Div. 1967) Clayton Earley Dilday born 2 Dec. 1936 in Hertford Co. the son of Doris Earley and Clayton W. Dilday.
- (a) Clayton Otis Dilday born 13 May 1956 in Hertford Co.
  - (b) Jewel Rose Dilday born 4 July 1960 in Hertford Co.
- Rose Hadley Woodard Dilday married 2nd. 19 July 1971 Linwood Vance Bazemore born 20 March 1928 in Hertford Co. the son of Celia Harrell and Zeblon Vance Bazemore.



## CHAPTER 4

### EGBERT SUTTON

EGBERT SUTTON was the fourth child of Mary Catherine Hill and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. He was born October 4, 1862 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Egbert was six feet, five inches tall. He was slender with black hair and brown eyes. He loved people and was a very friendly person. He was a good man, never talked ugly and used to say to his children, "If you are going to do bad, wait until after I am gone."

Egbert married first September 7, 1882, Mary Eliza Mewborn. She was born November 14, 1866 in Greene County, the daughter of Laney Jane Hardy and Parrott Mewborn III. Laney Jane was the daughter of Rosa Ellen Edwards and William E. Hardy. She was sister to Nancy Susan, Martha Ellen and Hulda Hardy, who all married in the Sutton family. Parrott Mewborn III was the son of Mary Aldridge and Parrott Mewborn II.

Mary Eliza Mewborn was a very neat, attractive lady of medium build and had dark hair. She had a sweet personality and was loved by all who knew her. She was not quite sixteen when she married Egbert. After the death of her parents and after her marriage to Egbert, Mary Eliza raised her baby brother, Rufus Mewborn. They bought a farm near Institute and lived and farmed there. They had three children, Roland Hyman, Bettie Irene and Raymond Parrott.

Mary Eliza Mewborn Sutton died September 28, 1901, only 28 days after the birth of her son, Raymond. She was only 34 years old. She was buried in the Sutton Family Cemetery at Falling Creek.

Mary Eliza's sister, Lany Jane Mewborn Whitfield and her husband Will, took the baby Raymond and raised him. After Mary Eliza's death Egbert gave his farm near Institute to Roland and gave Raymond and Bettie Irene one thousand dollars each when they came of age.

Egbert married again July 20, 1902 to Emma Carolina Hill. She was born July 23, 1870 in Greene County near Arba. She was the daughter of Evaline Arthur and Joseph Patrick Hill, the son of Nancy Sugg and Thomas Hill.

Emma Carolina Hill was a very small, petite lady only four feet, two inches tall. She had dark brown hair and hazel eyes. She was very smart, easy to get along with and treated her step-children as her own.

Egbert and Emma bought a farm near Beston and lived there with their family. They had three children named Joseph Richard, Albert Thomas and Mary Catherine Sutton. When Egbert retired from farming he gave the farm to Albert Thomas. He then bought real estate in La Grange and lived at 309 W. Railroad Street. He operated a store in front of the house and across the street from La Grange Elementary School for many years.

Egbert Sutton died December 18, 1937 at the age of seventy-five. In his will, Egbert left the homeplace after Emma's death to Joseph (Joe) Richard and the house next door to Mary Catherine. Emma continued to live at her home on Railroad Street and her granddaughter, Christine, lived with her.

Emma Carolina Hill Sutton died August 25, 1949. She was sitting in her favorite rocking chair holding her great grandson, Mark, when death came. She was 79 years of age.

Egbert and Emma Sutton are buried in Fairview Cemetery at La Grange, N.C.

## CHAPTER 4

### EGBERT SUTTON

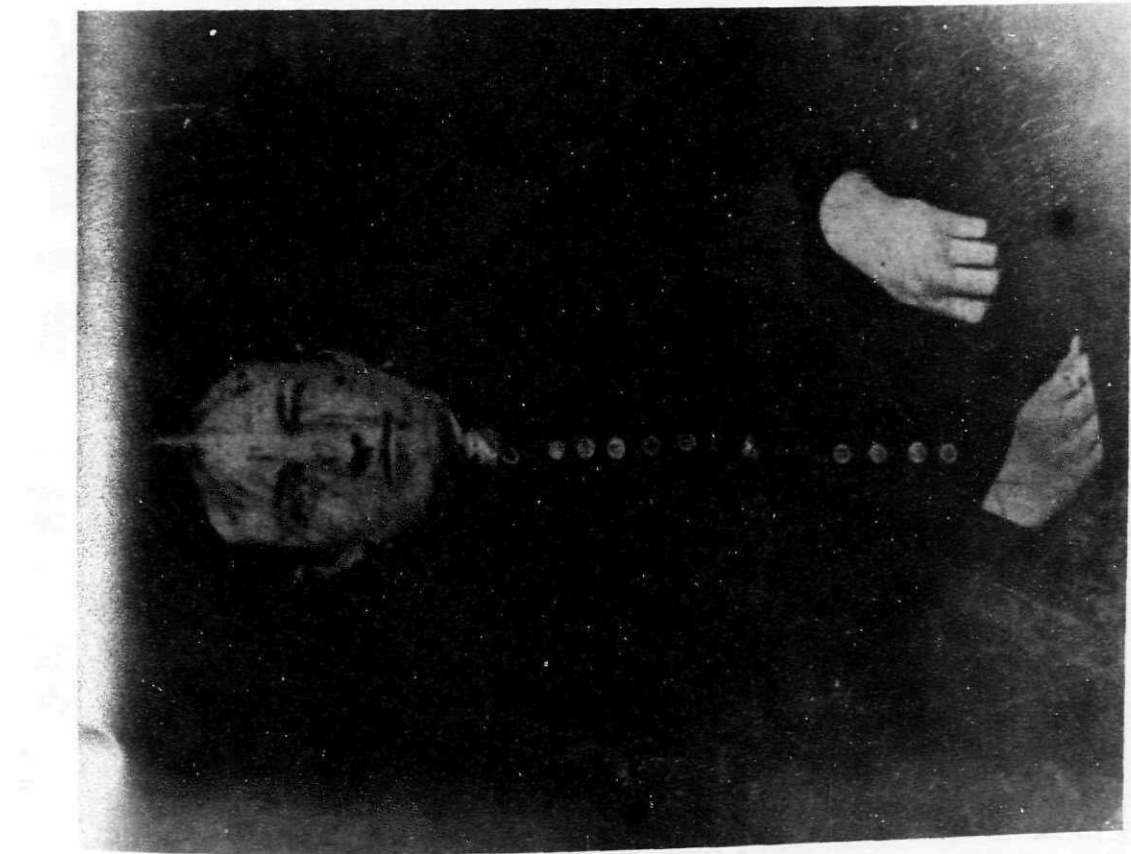
#### Fourth Child of

#### Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

EGBERT SUTTON born 4 Oct. 1862 in Lenoir Co. Died 18 Dec. 1937. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. Married 1st 7 Sept. 1882 Mary Eliza Mewborn born 14 Nov. 1866 in Greene Co. the daughter of Laney Jane Hardy and Parrott Mewborn III. Died 28 Sept. 1901. Buried . . R.W.S. Family Cem. at Falling Creek in Lenoir Co.

3 children, 2 sons and 1 daughter:

1. ROLAND HYMAN SUTTON born 4 March 1892 in Lenoir Co. Died 25 Nov. 1934. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. Married 9 June 1912 Lillie Belle Edwards born 13 Aug. 1896 in Greene Co. the daughter of Emma Gertrude Wilson and Herbert Lee Edwards. 12 children:
  - A. Mary Lillie Sutton born 16 July 1915 in Lenoir Co. Married 28 March 1937 William Frazier Beeman born 13 May 1910 in Waltersburg, Pa. the son of Anna Walters and Selene Cardova Beeman. No children.
  - B. Infant son born and died abt. 1916.
  - C. Mamie Lucille Sutton born 1 Jan. 1918 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st. 29 Feb. 1936. (Div. 1945) Thomas Herman Harper, Jr. the son of Laura Jane Jenkins and Thomas H. Harper, Sr. 2 children:
    - (a) Barbara Ann Harper born 2 Jan. 1937 in Lenoir Co. Married 17 Nov. 1956 Patrick Joseph Murphy born 25 Feb. 1933 in New York, the son of Catherine Wynn and Michael Henry Murphy. 5 children:



**MARY ELIZA MEWBORN SUTTON**  
1866-1901



**EGBERT SUTTON**  
1862-1937

**EMMA CAROLINE HILL SUTTON**  
1870-1949

- (1) Patrick Joseph Murphy Jr. born 15 July 1957 in Sanford, Florida.
  - (2) Cynthia Anne Murphy born 9 June 1960 in Fort Monroe, Virginia.
  - (3) Diane Marie Murphy born 17 June 1962 in Groton, Connecticut.
  - (4) Christopher John Murphy born 31 May 1968 in Honolulu, Hawaii.
  - (5) Michael Henry Murphy III born 25 July 1970 in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- (b) Carol Faye Harper born 8 March 1938 in Lenoir County. Married 4 April 1958 Donald Eugene Dick in Morganton, W. Va. the son of William Dick, Jr.  
3 children:
- Mamie Lucille Sutton Harper married 2nd. 4 May 1946 William Owen Hart, the son of Wm. O Hart.
- (a) Frances Irene Hart born 15 Aug. 1947 in Pitt County. Married 18 July 1970 Robert Edward Belloir born 13 July 1948 in Heidelberg, Germany, the son of Lucy Jones and Robert Gerald Belloir.
  - (b) William Owen Hart, Jr. born 8 Oct. 1952 in Pitt County. Married 4 Aug. 1972 Kathy Mae Laren, the daughter of Blanche Pickels and Francis Mae Laren.
- D. James Edward Sutton born 17 Feb. 1919 in Lenoir Co. Unmarried.
- E. Lany Marie Sutton born 9 Nov. 1920 in Lenoir County. Married 26 March 1948 William Clay Croom Jr. born 31 Oct. 1920 in Lenoir Co. the son the Harriett Wooten and William Clay Croom, Sr.  
3 children:
- (a) Harriett Marie Croom born 3 Nov. 1949 in Lenoir Co. Married 10 Jan. 1970 Kenneth Earl Garriss born 29 March 1949 in Lenoir Co. the son of Beatrice White and Roland Lee Garriss.
  - (b) Sandra Croom born 10 Jan. 1952 in Lenoir County.
  - (c) William Clay Croom III born 10 June 1957 in Lenoir County.
- F. Roland Hyman Sutton, Jr. born 2 Oct. 1922 in Lenoir Co. Married 5 June 1948 Mable Frances Anderson born 16 July 1926 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Edith Mae Hargrove and George Henry Anderson. 1 son:
- (a) Roland Craig Sutton born 31 Oct. 1951 in Wayne Co.
- G. Hugh Herbert Sutton born 22 Oct. 1924 in Lenoir Co. Died 22 March 1974. Buried . . . Lawn-Croft Cem. Chester, Pa. Married 20 Aug. 1944 Helen Donovan born 3 Dec. 1923 in Harrington, Delaware. The daughter of Bessie M. Sharp and James E. Donovan. 2 children:
- (a) James Roland Sutton born 12 March 1945 in Delaware Co. Delaware. Married 20 Sept. 1969 Carol Ann Riblett born 14 March 1945 in Philadelphia, Pa. the daughter of Edna Miller and John D. Riblett.
  - (1) James (Jim) Riblett Sutton born 12 Feb. 1970 in Chester Co. Pa.
  - (b) Beverly Ann Sutton born 29 Dec. 1949 in Chester Co. Pa. Married 24 April 1971 Charles John Johns III born 29 Jan. 1951 in Philadelphia, Pa. the son of Charles John Johns II and Sophia Milak.
  - (1) Charles John Johns IV born 18 Dec. 1973.
- H. Kathleen Sutton born 16 Dec. 1926 in Lenoir Co. Married 30 June 1947 Edwin Wainwright Pelletier born 19 July 1922 in Lenoir County the son of Nancy Rouse and Oscar Lee Pelletier.  
6 children:
- (a) Edwin Wainwright Pelletier, Jr. born 16 Feb. 1948 in Wayne Co. Married 24 June 1972 Peggy Joyce Rouse born 6 Feb. 1949 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Francis Sugg and George Harvey Rouse. (Peggy Joyce is the great-grand-daughter of Mary Susan Sutton Gray . . sister of Egbert Sutton).
  - (b) Brenda Joyce Pelletier born 6 June 1949 in Wayne County. Married 18 Dec. 1971 Jackie Huntley Arnold born in S.C. the son of Kate Huntley and John C. Arnold.
  - (c) Thomas Lee Pelletier born 23 May 1951 in Wayne County. Married 25 Nov. 1971 Judy Allison Seymour born 27 Jan. 1953 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Ellen Barfield and Carl Randolph Seymour.
  - (d) Donna Jean Pelletier born 21 Jan. 1953 in Wayne County.
  - (e) Sheri Lillimae Pelletier born 4 May 1956 in Wayne County.
  - (f) Dewey Lynn Pelletier born 21 March 1954 in Wayne County.
- I. Dorothy Willis Sutton born 22 Jan. 1928 in Lenoir County. Married 6 Sept. 1953 John Lee Ray born 19 March 1926 in Yancey Co. the son of Emma Lee Banks and Lattie Horace Ray. 4 children:
- (a) Cynthia (Cindy) Lee Ray born 6 Jan. 1956 in Buncombe Co.
  - (b) Mary Katherine (Kathy) Ray born 30 Nov. 1958 in Buncombe Co.
  - (c) Linda Kay Ray born 31 Jan. 1961 in Buncombe Co.
  - (d) John Lattie Ray born 13 Sept. 1967 in Buncombe Co.
- J. Matthew Lee Carr Sutton born 8 April 1930 in Lenoir Co. Married 12 June 1952 Jesse Lou Medlin born 23 July 1933 in Franklin Co. the daughter of Oda Mae Lancaster and Joseph Harvey Medlin.  
3 children:
- (a) Matthew Lee Carr Sutton, Jr. born 9 May 1953 in Wayne Co. Married 2 July 1971 Frances Elizabeth Colie born 15 Oct. 1953 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Anna Lee Taylor and Edward Jackson Colie.
  - (1) Anna Michelle Sutton born 1 Aug. 1973 in Lenoir Co.
  - (b) Sharon Gay Sutton born 3 Oct. 1955 in Wayne County. Married 28 June 1974 James Klaus Barrow son of James Maxton Barrow.
  - (c) Timothy Frazier Sutton born 1 Jan. 1959 in Wayne Co.



- K. Hattie Elizabeth Sutton born 24 Aug. 1932 in Lenoir County. Married 20 July 1951 Carl Greene Hardy, Jr. born 21 June 1929 in Greene Co. the son of Roberta Barnes and Carl Greene Hardy, Sr. 3 children:
- (a) Carl Greene Hardy III born 9 April 1952 in Bexar Co. Texas. Married 19 Aug. 1973 Frances Louise Rouse, born 15 March 1953, the daughter of Frances Elizabeth Sugg and George Harvey Rouse. (Francis Louise is the great-grand-daughter of Mary Sutton Gray ... sister of Egbert Sutton)
  - (b) Michael Phelps (Mike) Hardy born 11 Feb. 1955 in Lenoir Co.
  - (c) Debra Elizabeth (Beth) Hardy born 24 April 1957 in Wayne Co.
- L. Thomas (Tommy) Wilson Sutton born 29 Oct. 1934 in Lenoir Co. Married 28 June 1956 Myrtle Ruth Moye born 9 May 1939 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Edna Skinner and Donald Ray Moye. 3 children:
- (a) Thomas Wilson Sutton, Jr. born 16 Sept. 1957 in Lenoir Co.
  - (b) Douglas Edward Sutton born 13 Jan. 1960 in Lenoir Co.
  - (c) Ray Hyman Sutton born 11 Sept. 1964 in Newfoundland.
2. BETTIE IRENE SUTTON born 17 June 1896 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st. 28 Dec. 1915 Robert Jones Whitfield born 20 May 1882 in Lenoir Co. Died 23 June 1932. Buried . . . Holly Innocent Cem. Seven Springs, N.C. He was the son of Delila Ann Jones and William Augustus Whitfield. 7 children:
- A. Eliza Mewborn Whitfield born 18 Oct. 1915 in Lenoir County. Married 17 Jan. 1937 Jesse Morris Rouse born 18 Oct. 1914 the son of Sara Jane Stroud and James (Alex) Edwards Rouse, Jr. 2 children:
- (a) Betty Jane Rouse born 15 Aug. 1939 in Lenoir County.
  - (b) Audrey Rouse born 15 June 1943 in Lenoir County.
- B. Marvin Augustus Whitfield born 11 Sept. 1917 in Lenoir Co. Married Dec. 1938 Nannie Pennie Stroud born 18 Dec. 1917 the daughter of Nannie and Daniel Stroud. 2 children:
- (a) Roger Marvin Whitfield born Dec. 1938 in Lenoir Co.
  - (b) Nelda Kay Whitfield born 22 May 1942 in Lenoir Co.
- C. Mamie Ruth Whitfield born 20 May 1920 in Lenoir Co. Married 15 July 1939 Marvin Frank Teachey born 4 July 1918 in Duplin Co. the son of Lena Frankie Rouse and Jake Adron Teachy. 1 son:
- (a) Marvin Frank Teachey, Jr. born 9 Jan. 1941 in Duplin Co.
- D. Robert Jones Whitfield Jr. born 28 Dec. 1921 in Lenoir County. Married 4 Feb. 1944 Oretha Wade the daughter of Maud and Horace Wade. 2 children:
- (a) Bobby Whitfield
  - (b) Carolyn Ann Whitfield
- E. Baby Whitfield born 27 April 1924 in Lenoir Co. Died early.
- F. Elmer Sutton Whitfield born 1 Sept. 1925 in Lenoir County. Married 17 Jan. 1947 Pearl Carter born 6 Oct. 1928 the daughter of Callie Horne and Albert Allison Carter. 1 son:
- (a) Jimmie Whitfield born 4 April 1948. Lives in Texas.
- G. Susan Irene Whitfield born 30 Aug. 1930 in Lenoir County. Married Clifton Daniels.
- (a) Donna Gail Daniels born 10 Aug. 1954.
  - (b) Dexter Keith Daniels born 3 March 1956.
- See #2. Bettie Irene Sutton Whitfield married 2nd. 5 Sept. 1936 (Div.) Jake Smith born 31 Jan. 1880 in Duplin County.
- See #2. Bettie Whitfield Smith married 3rd. 22 Nov. 1951 (Div. 1959) Eddie Latham Sutton born 28 Aug. 1880. Died 8 Nov. 1970, the son of Alexander Richard Sutton.
3. RAYMOND PARROTT SUTTON born 1 Sept. 1901 in Lenoir County. Married 23 Dec. 1921 Sarah Elizabeth McGee, born 9 March 1901 in Wayne Co. Died 8 Sept. 1965. Buried . . . Mt. Olive, N.C. She was the daughter of Sarah (Sallie) Florida Davis and James Mosely McGee. They are also buried at Mt. Olive, N.C. 5 children:
- A. James McGee (Jimmy) Sutton born 29 June 1924 in Wayne Co. (twin to Sarah) married 1954 to Mildred Carter Lee. 1 daughter:
- (a) Jimmy Carolyn Sutton born 4 Jan. 1955.
- B. Sarah Elizabeth Sutton born 29 June 1924 in Wayne Co. (twin to James) Married 8 Sept. 1946 to Cyril (Cy) Geoffrey Bennetts. 2 children:
- (a) Douglas Gordon Bennetts born 29 June 1949.
  - (b) Jeffrey Keith Bennetts born 19 Aug. 1954 in N.Y.
- C. Raymond (Ray) Mewborn Sutton born 5 Feb. 1927 in Wayne Co. Veteran of World War II. Unmarried. Living in Mt. Olive.
- D. William (Bill) Egbert Sutton born 26 May 1929 in Wayne Co. Unmarried. Living in N.Y.
- E. John (Jack) Robert Sutton born 6 March 1932 in Wayne Co. Married 14 Aug. 1960 to Mary Smith Wolf. 2 children:
- (a) John Robert Sutton born 29 June 1961.
  - (b) Laura Carolina Sutton born 3 March 1965.

## CHAPTER 5

### JAMES (JIM) WILLIAM SUTTON

JAMES WILLIAM (JIM) SUTTON, SR. was the fifth child of Mary Catherine Hill and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. He was born November 18, 1865 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Jim was of slender build, medium tall in appearance. He was the shortest of the 13 children. He had black hair and brown eyes. At the age of 21, Jim married a lovely young lady of 15, Tabitha "Tabby" Sutton. She was born July 20, 1872 in Lenoir County near Bucklesberry. She was the daughter of Alonza Harold Sutton, son of Tabitha Hayes and Jerry Sutton, and Martha Jane Parks, daughter of Major Parks and Martha (Patsy) Sutton, the daughter of Annie Hill and Hardy Sutton. Hardy Sutton was the son of Benjamin Hardy Sutton, son of Benjamin Oxley Sutton, son of John Sutton Sr.

Jim and Tabby were married October 15, 1887 and first lived in Bucklesberry, near her parents. Jim was a farmer and carpenter by trade and did some painting and contracting work also. They made their home in Lenoir County near Grifton where they raised eight children, 6 boys and 2 girls. They were named Ida Jane, Alonza Harold, Paul Gardner, James Jr., Herman Daniel, Fred Isler, Rosalie and Roy Leon Sutton.

Jim was a good father and provider and believed in strict discipline and saw that they obeyed. Tabby was a good mother, a good cook and a good neighbor. In appearance she was short, heavy and a jolly person. She had blonde hair and blue eyes. They both loved music and Jim played the organ a bit.

Tabby was reared in the Methodist church but after she and Jim were married they joined the Primitive Baptist Church, as he had always been Primitive Baptist.

Tabby had a good mind for business affairs. Jim had no formal education except what his wife taught him, but he could figure faster in his head than most people can on paper.

For a short period of time Jim was with what might be considered today something like the National Guard. He was a Democrat when he voted.

At the age of 46, Tabby contracted Typhoid Fever and died September 18, 1918. After her death, Jim moved to Goldsboro, N.C., then to Wilson, N.C. and finally on to Charlottesville, Virginia to live with one of his daughters, Rosalie. Jim was a Diabetic but his death was due to Cancer. He died in Charlottesville May 13, 1941. Both are buried in Fairview Cemetery at LaGrange, N.C.

## CHAPTER 5

### JAMES (JIM) WILLIAM SUTTON

#### Fifth Child of

#### Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

JAMES (JIM) WILLIAM SUTTON born 18 Nov. 1865 in Lenoir County. Died 13 May 1941. Buried . . . Fairview Cemetery, LaGrange, N.C. Married 15 Oct. 1887, Tabitha (Tabby) Sutton born 20 July 1872 in Lenoir Co. Died 18 Sept. 1918. Buried Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. the daughter of Martha Jane Parks and Alonza Harold Sutton, the son of Jerry Sutton. 8 children: 6 sons and 2 daughters:

James (Jim) William Sutton and wife Tabitha (Tabby) Sutton had 8 children:

1. IDA JANE SUTTON born 28 July 1888 in Lenoir Co. Married 8 Jan. 1911 Leslie Russell Rouse born 8 July 1888 in Lenoir Co. the son of Liddie Jane Sutton and Egbert Parrott Rouse. 10 children; 7 sons and 3 daughters:
  - A. Mamie Jane Rouse born 28 Nov. 1911 in Lenoir County. Died 14 April 1918 at the age of six.
  - B. Minnie Mae Rouse born 6 Sept. 1913 in Lenoir County. Married 1st. 24 Aug. 1936 Woodrow Wilson Ballinger. No children.  
Minnie Mae Rouse married 2nd. 12 April 1952 Ernest Eli Harrell. No children.
  - C. William Arthur Rouse, Jr. born 22 Nov. 1914 in Lenoir Co. Married 3 Feb. 1936 Bonnie Ruth Jackson. 3 children:
    - (a) William Arthur Rouse, Jr. born 26 Sept. 1937 in Lenoir Co. Married 31 May 1959 in Pitt Co. Shella Merrit.
      - (1) William Arthur Rouse III born 14 June 1964
      - (2) Michelle Ann Rouse born 26 May 1971
    - (b) Robert Alvin Rouse born 6 Jan. 1940 in Lenoir Co. Married 19 Dec. 1959 Elaine Nobles.
      - (1) Robert Alvin Rouse, Jr. born 8 May 1961.
      - (2) William Randall Rouse born 23 Sept. 1964
    - (c) James Travis Rouse born 14 Feb. 1947 in Lenoir County.
  - D. Odie Otha Rouse born 21 March 1917 in Lenoir County. Married 1st 21 March 1936. (Div.) Mary Francis Brooks. 1 daughter:
    - (a) Anna Ray Rouse born 4 February 1937 in Lenoir County. Married 25 May 1959 in Medford, Oregon, Gene Warner. 3 children:  
Odie Otha Rouse married 2nd. Kathleen Creech (Div.)  
Odie Otha Rouse married 3rd. 26 March 1951 Kathleen Barrow  
(a) Arlene Belle Rouse born 9 July 1955 in Pitt County



**TABITHA (TABBY) SUTTON**   **JAMES (JIM) WILLIAM SUTTON**  
1872-1918   1865-1941

**Alonza**

**Paul**

**Ida Jane**

**James**



EGBERT SUTTON and his second wife, Emma Carolina Hill:

EGBERT SUTTON born 4 Oct. 1862 in Lenoir Co. Died 18 Dec. 1937. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. Married 2nd. 20 July 1902 Emma Carolina Hill born 23 July 1870 in Greene Co. Died 25 Aug. 1949. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. She was the daughter of Evaline Arthur and Joseph Patrick Hill, the son of Thomas Hill. Had 3 sons:

1. JOSEPH RICHARD SUTTON born 1 Oct. 1903 at Institute in Lenoir Co. Died 24 Aug. 1954. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. Married 1st. 25 Nov. 1922 Swannie Shingleton born 11 Jan. 1905 in Lenoir Co. Died 26 Jan. 1926. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange. 2 children:
  - A. Emma Frances Sutton born 5 Nov. 1923 in Lenoir County. Married 18 Feb. 1947 Carl N. Wood born 7 Jan. 1912 in Douglas Co. Missouri, the son of Ethel Ryan and Oscar Clarence Wood.
    - (a) Kerrin Wood born 14 May 1955 in Brenerhaven, Germany.
  - B. Mamie Christine (Chris) Sutton born 23 Jan. 1926 in Lenoir Co. Married 12 June 1943 Dalton E. Pate Sr. the son of Gladys Harring and Henry Pate.
    - (a) Dalton E. Pate, Jr. born 25 April 1944 in Charlotte, N.C. Married 22 July 1967 Frances Y. Springer born 11 Jan. 1950 in Canada the daughter of June and Phillip Springer.
    - (b) Mark S. Pate born 5 May 1947 in Lenoir Co. Married 14 June 1969. (Div. 1971) Nancy Altergott the daughter of Dorothy and Rusty Altergott.

JOSEPH RICHARD SUTTON married 2nd. 5 Nov. 1927 Nettie Mae Smith born 7 Oct. 1903 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Sylvia Margaret Eason and William (Doc) Smith. 8 children, 6 daughters and two sons:

- A. Tesse Mae Sutton born 1 March 1929 in Lenoir Co. Married 11 Sept. 1947 Mark William Wood, Sr. born 11 Sept. 1927 in Greene Co. the son of Nina Mae Rouse and Albert Wood.
    - (a) Sandra Kay Wood born 1 Sept. 1949 in Lenoir County.
    - (b) Mark William Wood, Jr. born 5 Oct. 1965 in Lenoir Co.
  - B. Hazel Irene Sutton born 29 Jan. 1931 in Lenoir County. Married 1st. 28 May 1949. (Div. 1959) Billy Newton Rogers the son of Jessie Eugenia Langston and Clyde Newton Rogers.
    - (a) Vickie Sue Rogers born 5 March 1951 in Lenoir County. Married 22 Aug. 1970 Lewis Whitfield Herring Jr. born in Lenoir Co. the son of Rosa Etta Dail and Lewis Whitfield Herring.
    - (b) Billie Jean Rogers born 12 Dec. 1954 in Lenoir County.
    - (c) Ricky Douglas Rogers born 19 Feb. 1957 in Lenoir County.
  - B. Hazel Irene Sutton Rogers married 2nd. May 1960 Dominic Dennis LoMurro born 1930 in N.Y.
    - (a) Dominic Dennis LoMurro, Jr. born 25 Jan. 1961 in Wayne Co. N.C.
    - (b) Michael Scott LoMurro born 28 June 1962 in Falls Church, Virginia.
    - (c) Robert Craig LoMurro born 27 Oct. 1967 in Falls Church, Virginia.
  - C. Franklin Delano Sutton born 11 March 1933 in Lenoir County. Married 29 April 1959 Meta Elizabeth Barr born 22 April 1940 in Florence, S.C. the daughter of Minnie Cooper and Walter Friendly Barr.
    - (a) Franklin Delano Sutton, Jr. born 1 Feb. 1960 in Florence, S.C.
    - (b) Joseph Friendly Sutton born 17 Jan. 1962 in Lenoir Co.
  - D. Peggy Jean Sutton born 15 Sept. 1935 in Lenoir Co. Married 29 June 1953 Mearl Carson Boone born 21 July 1933 in Lenoir Co. the son of Elsie Lee Fields and Dempsey Mearl Boone.
    - (a) Debra Jean Boone born 11 Sept. 1954 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.
    - (b) Linda Sue Boone born 27 April 1956 in San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas.
  - E. Josephine Sutton born 1 Dec. 1937 in Lenoir Co. Died 23 July, 1938. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C.
  - F. Lila Ruth Sutton born 13 June 1939 in Lenoir Co. Married 5 April 1959, Winford D. Parker born 26 Jan. 1930 in Sampson Co. the son of Beulah Honeycutt and Paul Parker.
    - (a) Richard Paul Parker born 20 March 1960 in Sampson County.
    - (b) Susan Parker born 25 Aug. 1963 in Sampson County.
    - (c) Betty June Parker born 21 Aug. 1961 in Sampson County.
  - \*F. Lillian Pauline Sutton born 4 Aug. 1941 in Lenoir County. Married 4 June 1960 Robert Lindsey Dewar born 25 March 1925 in Harnett Co. the son of Maude Mann and Carl Abernathy Dewar. Robert Lindsey Dewar married 1st. Janice Sanford born 23 Dec. 1927. Died 30 April 1960. Their 3 children:
    - (a) Robert Lynn Dewar born 21 Jan. 1944 in Wake Co. Married 6 June 1966 Peggy Flora born 7 March 1949 in Wilson Co. the daughter of Mollie Louise Walston and Fred F. Flora.
    - (b) Phillip Michael Dewar born 9 Feb. 1951 in Lenoir Co. Married 27 April 1972 Sherry Bishop.
    - (c) Timothy Sanford Dewar born 30 Oct. 1956 in Lenoir Co.
  - G. Joseph Egbert Sutton born 19 June 1947 in Lenoir County. Unmarried.
- 26 ALBERT THOMAS SUTTON born 7 June 1908 in Lenoir County. Married 6 June 1928 Annie Lora Sutton born 30 Sept. 1911 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Patience and Ivy Sutton. 2 children:
  - A. Mary Elizabeth Sutton born 21 March 1930 in Lenoir County. Married 1st. Archibald Stowe. 1 daughter:
    - (a) Lora Ann Stowe married Julius Odell Walker.Mary Elizabeth Sutton Stowe married 2nd. Herbert Alton Rouse. 2 children:
  - (a) Joani Lee Rouse married Stewart Daniels.
  - (b) Shirley Beth Rouse.

Mary Elizabeth Sutton Stowe Rouse married 3rd. Jesse Farrell. No children.

Mary Elizabeth Sutton Stowe Rouse Farrell married 4th Charles F. Walker. 1 daughter:  
(a) Jannelle Walker born 10 Dec. 1966.

Mary Elizabeth Sutton Stowe Rouse Farrell Walker married 5th. Percy Dunn. No children.

B. Albert Alton (Peanut) Sutton born 23 July 1933 in Lenoir Co. Married 13 Aug. 1953 Janet Ruth Pelletier born the daughter of Rosalie Burroughs and Robert Lee Pelletier Jr. 1 son:

(a) Clifton (Sam) Thomas Sutton born 6 Oct. 1957 in Lenoir Co.

3. MARY CATHERINE SUTTON born 12 April 1910 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st. 12 April 1926 George Ward born 1900 in Cumberland Co. Died 14 Oct. 1963. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. the son of Thomas Ward.

5 children:

A. George Ward Jr. born 18 Dec. 1926 in Cumberland Co. Married Carolyn Turner.

B. Thomas Alfred Ward born 5 Nov. 1928 in Cumberland Co. Married JoAnn Pugh Caudell.

C. Mildred Katherine Ward born 23 Oct. 1930 Cumberland Co. Married 14 June 1947 Theron Lee Williams.

D. James Edward Ward born 16 June 1934 in Cumberland Co. Married 21 Jan. 1952 Bobbie Jean Jarrell born the daughter of Ida Purganson and Theodore R. Jarrell.

(a) James Edward Ward II born 17 Feb. 1953 in Guilford Co.

(b) Teddy Gene Ward born 8 Sept. 1954 in Guilford Co.

(c) Robbie Dean Ward born 22 March 1960 in Guilford Co.

E. Jo Ann Sutton Ward born 18 April 1938 in Cumberland Co. Married 22 July 1966 Robert C. Rouse b. 3 Nov. 1925 in Lenoir Co. the son of Willie Croom and John H. Rouse Sr.

(a) Renee Channing Rouse b. 25 Feb. 1968 in Wayne Co.

(b) Robert Reid Rouse b. 3 Oct. 1972 in Wayne Co.

Mary Catherine Sutton Ward married 2nd. 4 Jan. 1964 Ollie Daniel Taylor born 12 Jan. 1900 in Person Co. the son of William Bedford Taylor.



- E. Kathleen Elizabeth Rouse born 13 Feb. 1919 in Greene Co. Married 1st. 5 Oct. 1940. (Div.) Eugene Leonard Gaskins. 2 children:
- (a) Walter Eugene Gaskins born 26 Feb. 1943 in Lenoir Co. Married 28 July 1968 Janet Elaine White.
    - (1) Tammie Elaine Gaskins born 5 Nov. 1972 in Pitt Co.
  - (b) Carol Ann Gaskins born 10 Jan. 1945 in Lenoir Co. Married 28 June 1964 Wiley Ray Hardee, Jr. the son of W.R. Hardee Sr.
    - (1) Wesley Ray Hardee born 22 May 1967 in Pitt Co.
    - (2) Wiley Ryan Hardy born 10 June 1972 in Pitt Co.
- Kathleen Elizabeth Rouse Gaskins married 2nd. 18 June 1957 Carl Spencer Venters. 1 son:
- (a) Carlton Roy Venters born 16 July 1958 in Pitt Co.
- F. Lester Carl Rouse born 6 Nov. 1920 in Greene Co. Married 28 Feb. 1941 Myra Nell Davidson. 3 children:
- (a) Shelby Dawn Rouse born 28 April 1942 in Pitt County. Married 19 Aug. 1962 J.B. Henderson.
    - (1) Jonathan Scott Henderson born 15 March 1963.
  - (b) Garland Leonard Rouse born 11 Sept. 1943 in Pitt Co. Married 22 Oct. 1968 Betty Lou Highbathan.
    - (1) James Christopher Rouse born 31 May 1967.
    - (2) Stephen Lee Rouse born 2 Feb. 1972.
  - (c) Thomas Carl Rouse born 1 Sept. 1950 in Greene Co. Married 25 Oct. 1971 Beverly Holton.
- G. Harold Rountree Rouse born 3 Aug. 1923 in Greene County. Married 26 Jan. 1945 Lottie Hill. 2 children:
- (a) Harold Russell Rouse born 19 July 1946 in Lenoir Co. Married 6 March 1967 Barbara Arthur.
    - (1) Tammy Kaye Rouse born 21 Feb. 1968 in Lenoir Co.
  - (b) Donna Kaye Rouse born 30 Sept. 1949 in Lenoir Co. Married 2 June 1968 Danny Michael Foss.
    - (1) Danny Ray Foss born 16 Dec. 1969 in Lenoir Co.
    - (2) Ashley Harold Foss born 7 Feb. 1973 in Lenoir Co.
- H. Leslie Earl Rouse born 8 Sept. 1926 in Greene County. Married 11 Dec. 1949 Della Carman Smith.
- (a) Jane Elizabeth Rouse born 22 Oct. 1954 in Lenoir County.
  - (b) Leslie Earl Rouse, Jr. born 5 April 1958 in Lenoir Co.
- I. John Edward Rouse born 7 May 1928 in Greene Co. Died 13 Jan. 1929.
- J. Felix Dawson Rouse born 6 Feb. 1930 in Greene County. Married 1st. 13 Feb. 1956 (Div.) Bonnie Faye Lewis.
- Felix Dawson Rouse married 2nd. 20 Feb. 1960 Mary Turnage.
- (a) Rose Mary Rouse born 24 Feb. 1961 in Lenoir Co.
  - (b) Ricky Dawson Rouse born 20 June 1963 in Lenoir Co.
2. ALONZA HAROLD SUTTON born 12 April 1892. Died 11 April 1921. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C.
3. PAUL GARNER SUTTON, SR. born 25 July 1896 in Lenoir County. Married 1st. 22 Dec. 1918 Dora Lee Williams born 18 July 1898 in Lenoir Co. Died 4 Jan. 1934. Buried . . Snow Hill Cemetery. She was the daughter of Nannie McKeel and Jessie M. (Jetty) Williams. 6 children . . . 4 sons and 2 daughters:
- A. Paul Garner Sutton, Jr. born 5 March 1920 in Greene County. Married 27 Aug. 1941 James Evelyn Suggs born 18 March 1919 in Greene Co. the daughter of Debora Bright and James Lemuel Suggs.
    - (a) Evelyn Garner Sutton born 26 May 1944 in Lenoir County. Married 5 Aug. 1962 Donald Bruce Beamon born 19 March 1944 in Greene Co. the son of Clyde Suggs and John Edward Beamon.
      - (1) Donald Shaye Beamon born 23 Nov. 1969 in Lenoir Co.
      - (2) Debra Regina Beamon born 17 Feb. 1974 in Lenoir Co.
  - B. Edith Parham Sutton born 12 July 1921 in Lenoir County. Died 7 June 1924. Buried . . Snow Hill Cem.
  - C. Alonza Harold (Pulley) Sutton born 11 July 1923 in Lenoir Co. Married 24 Dec. 1950 Eleanor Grant born 2 March 1930 in Greene Co. the daughter of Beatrice Chase and Luther Grant.
    - (a) Alonza Harold Sutton, Jr. born 16 Nov. 1952. Married 30 June 1973 Mary Estelle Cox born 21 Dec. 1954 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Willie Moore and Charlie Cox.
    - (b) Terry Kim Sutton born 16 Sept. 1957.
  - D. Hazel Christine Sutton born 22 Feb. 1926 in Lenoir Co. Married 9 July 1943 William Murphy Hardy, Sr. born 26 Dec. 1925 in Greene Co. the son of Claude Cunningham and Pinkney Arthur Hardy. 4 children:
    - (a) Barbara Ann Hardy born 30 April 1944. Married 9 April, 1966 Elwood Harrison born 14 Dec. 1943 in Greene Co. the son of Louise Edwards and Lloyd Harrison.
      - (1) Christopher Elwood Harrison born 28 July 1968, Lenoir Co.
      - (2) Lorri Dare Harrison born 17 Dec. 1971 in Lenoir Co.
    - (b) William Murphy Hardy, Jr. born 8 Nov. 1948 in Lenoir Co. Married 20 July 1974 Susan Leigh Smith born 12 Oct. 1951 in Nash Co. the daughter of Jean Hearn and Owen Bernice Smith.



- (c) Paula Kay Hardy born 9 Aug. 1955 in Lenoir Co. Married 16 June, 1974 Weldon Marshall Shingleton born 31 March 1954 in Wilson Co. N.C. the son of Inez Wheeler and Thomas Weldon Shingleton.
- (d) Michael West Hardy born 16 Dec. 1958 in Lenoir County.
- E. Jesse Carroll Sutton born 12 Oct. 1928 in Lenoir County. Married 5 May 1951 Grace Price born 4 Aug. 1930 in Onslow Co. the daughter of Addie Midgette and James Franklin Price.
- (a) Jesse Carroll Sutton, Jr. born 11 Nov. 1953 in Lenoir Co.
- (b) Rhonda Gayle Sutton born 29 Jan. 1960 in Lenoir Co.
- F. Jimmy Ray Sutton born 28 May 1931 in Lenoir Co. Married 12 April 1954 Ruby Wells born 12 Dec. 1931 in Greene Co. the daughter of Lula Edmundson and James Berry Wells. 4 children:
- (a) Sheilla Ray Sutton born 30 Jan. 1957 in Lenoir Co.
- (b) Karen Sue Sutton born 19 April 1959 in Lenoir Co.
- (c) Teresa Cheryl Sutton born 19 May 1962 in Lenoir Co.
- (d) Melissa Jill Sutton born 4 June 1971 in Lenoir Co.
- PAUL GARNER SUTTON, SR. married 2nd. 21 Sept. 1935 the sister of his first wife, Eva Mae Williams born 8 Feb. 1902, the daughter of Nannie McKeel and Jesse (Jetty) M. Williams. 2 sons:
- A. Alton Eugene Sutton born 10 March 1939 in Greene Co. Married 8 Aug. 1959 Mollie Jean Carraway born 8 Oct. 1941 in Greene Co. the daughter of Grace Nethercutt and Roy Carraway.
- (a) Marsha Renee Sutton born 10 June 1961 in Lenoir County.
- (b) Martin Eugene Sutton born 20 Feb. 1969 in Lenoir County.
- B. Roger Walker Sutton born 3 Aug. 1941 in Greene County. Married 2 Aug. 1963 Carolyn Ann Davis born 5 Aug. 1946 in Greene Co. the daughter of Edith Ann Kearney and Clifton Davis.
- (a) Lisa Dawn Sutton born 21 Dec. 1964 in Lenoir Co.
- (b) Roger Walker Sutton, Jr. born 27 Sept. 1967 in Lenoir Co.
4. JAMES WILLIAM SUTTON, JR. born 15 March 1901 in Lenoir County. Died 25 Oct. 1958. Buried . . Pennsville, New Jersey. Married 15 June 1922 Anna Bell Abbott. Died 12 Aug. 1971 in Tampa, Florida. One son:
- A. James Randall Sutton born 12 Nov. 1926 in Lenoir County.
5. HERMAN DANIEL SUTTON born 18 Aug. 1903 in Lenoir Co. Died 18 April 1968. Buried . . Pinelawn Memorial Park, Kinston, N.C. Married 21 Dec. 1936 Magge Jane Craft born 26 Sept. 1905 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Lizzie Eugenia Harris and William Albert Craft. 2 children:
- A. Violet Jane Sutton born 14 Nov. 1947 in Lenoir Co. Married 22 Oct. 1972 Raymond Leonard Jones, Jr. born 13 June 1947 in Wayne Co. the son of Raymond Leonard Jones, Sr. and Grace New-some.
- B. Bobby Ray Sutton born 9 March 1938 in Lenoir County. Married 31 Dec. 1972 Jo Ann Godwin born 15 April 1938 in Pitt Co. the daughter of Jeanette Mercer and Fresh Water Godwin.
6. FRED ISLER SUTTON born 24 Nov. 1905 in Lenoir Co. Married 16 May 1929 Sara Anna Beamon born 19 March 1911 in Pitt Co. the daughter of Peggy Ann Hathaway and Jerry Raphael Beamon. 2 daughters:
- A. Freda Ann Sutton born 10 Dec. 1930 in Knox Co. Tennessee. Married 23 Nov. 1949 John Andrew Kovalchick born 17 July 1927 in Armstrong Co. Pa. the son of Anna Lucus and John Kovalchick.
- (a) Judy Elaine Kovalchick born 26 Aug. 1952 in Pitt Co. Married 1 April 1972 Stephen Williams Bailey born 9 April 1945 in Hanover Co., Richmond, Va. son of Katherine Bernice Williams and Merriman Priddy Bailey.
- (b) Terry Ann Kovalchick born 29 Sept. 1956 in Pitt Co.
- B. Nina Joyce Sutton born 27 Nov. 1940 in Pitt County. Married 24 Aug. 1963 Perry Thompson Jones born 11 June 1937 in Cumberland Co., Atlanta, Ga. the son of Marion Thompson and Perry Jones.
- (a) Holly Elizabeth Jones born 14 May 1964 in Cook Co., Chicago, Illinois
- (b) Christopher Perry Sutton Jones (Adopted) 20 June 1970 in Davidson County, Thomasville, N.C.
7. ROSA LEE SUTTON born 15 Nov. 1908 in Lenoir County. Married 29 Nov. 1933 James Wyatt Douglas Elmore, Sr. 9 June 1904 in Wayne Co. Died 8 May 1970. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. He was the son of Mary Thomas Scott and Jeremiah Parker Elmore. 1 son:
- A. James Wyatt Douglas Elmore, Jr. (Jimmy) born 17 Jan. 1947 in Albemarle Co. Virginia. Died 3 Dec. 1958. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C.
8. ROY LEON SUTTON, SR. born 30 Oct. 1910 in Lenoir County. Died 21 Sept. 1974. Buried . . Woodstown, N.J. (Lawnsite Cemetery). Married 1st 20 Sept. 1932 (Div. 1942) Margaret (Peggy) Ellen Melvin. 3 children:
- A. Margaret Ann Sutton born 6 July 1933 in Philadelphia, Pa. Married 15 June 1951 Albert Edward Haskey II born 3 June 1928 in Philadelphia, Pa. the son of Sara Elizabeth Mangan and Albert Edward Haskey I. 5 children:
- (a) Albert Edward Haskey III born 23 June in Salem, N.J.
- (b) Mary Ann Haskey born 27 Dec. 1955 in Salem, N.J.
- (c) William Haskey born 24 Nov. 1953 in Salem, N.J. Died 25 Nov. 1953.
- (d) Kathleen Haskey born 13 Aug. 1958 in Salem, N.J.
- (e) Susan Marie Haskey born 12 Jan. 1960 in Salem, N.J.

- B. Roy Leon Sutton, Jr. born 13 Nov. 1935 in Philadelphia, Pa. Married 19 Aug. 1961 Martha May Rader born 19 Nov. 1941 in Salem, N.J. the daughter of Georgeanna Hogate and Charles Norman Rader. 3 children:
- (a) Vicki Lynn Sutton born 1 May 1963 in Salem, N.J.
  - (b) Diana Marie Sutton born 23 Jan. 1967 in Salem, N.J.
  - (c) Roy Leon Sutton, III born 4 June 1970 in Salem, N.J.
- C. Robert (Bobby) Earl Sutton born 20 Dec. 1938 in Philadelphia, Pa. Married 20 Aug. 1960 Joyce Elaine Hoover born 22 Oct. 1940 in Harrisburg, Va. the daughter of Margaret Elizabeth Rife and Howard Allen Hoover. 3 children:
- (a) Kim Ann Sutton born 7 June 1961 in Salem, N.J.
  - (b) Robert Allen Sutton born 30 March 1964 in Wilmington, Del.
  - (c) Michael Shawn Sutton born 8 Feb. 1969 in Wilmington, Del.

ROY LEON SUTTON, SR. married 2nd. 15 June 1951 Anna Booth of Crumpton, Maryland. (Div. 20 Sept. 1955.)

ROY LEON SUTTON, SR. married 3rd. 18 Oct. 1957 Lillian Margretta Johanson (Bocchino) born 30 May 1914 in Philadelphia, Pa. the daughter of Emma Alberle and Karl Augusta Johanson.



## CHAPTER 6

### MARY SUSAN SUTTON

MARY SUSAN SUTTON was the sixth child of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill. She was born September 30, 1867 in Lenoir County, N.C. at the Falling Creek homeplace.

Mary Susan Sutton was married February 8, 1883 by Mr. Roland Hodges at his home at Falling Creek. She married CORNELIUS GRAY, who was born March 30, 1854 in Lenoir County. He was the son of Mary Ann Sutton and William M. Gray. Mary Ann Sutton was the daughter of Benjamin Hardy Sutton and Annie Hill and William Gray was the son of Edith Mewborn and John P. Gray.

After they were married, Mary Susan and Cornelius Gray lived with her father at Falling Creek. They moved to Greene County near Snow Hill and then to Vance Township in Lenoir County, near Wooten's Crossroads.

Mary Susan was tall and large framed. She had dark hair and brown eyes. She was a good mother, being patient, loving and understanding. She was a firm disciplinarian, a good cook and a meticulous housekeeper. When it came to hospitality no one could exceed her. She was a hard worker and even though in later years she was ill, she continued on the job. She became diabetic late in life.

She is described by her son, Raymond, as being a "good Christian hearted woman." A good church worker. Proverbs 31: 27, 28 and 29 are quite applicable to her life.

Cornelius Gray was a tall, large man weighing about 250 pounds. He had brownish hair and gray eyes. He was a patient, understanding father and a hard-working man. He believed in making his children work too.

They farmed, accumulating some 250 acres in and about Wooten's Cross Road where they lived until their death. They had 14 children, 7 sons and 7 daughters, raising 8 to adulthood. They were named Elizabeth, William Cleveland, Mary Ann, Melia Cornelius, Lydia Mewborn, Vernon Cornelius, Levi Jacob, Eva Bliss, Floyd Benjamin, Mary Glenn, Raymond Richard, Troy Raymond, Thelma Mae, and Eugene Woodard Gray.

Mary Susan Sutton Gray died November 28, 1928 at the age of 61. Cornelius Gray died December 11, 1918 at the age of 64. They are buried in the Gray Family Cemetery at Wheat Swamp in Lenoir County, N.C.

## CHAPTER 6

### MARY SUSAN SUTTON

#### Sixth Child of

#### Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

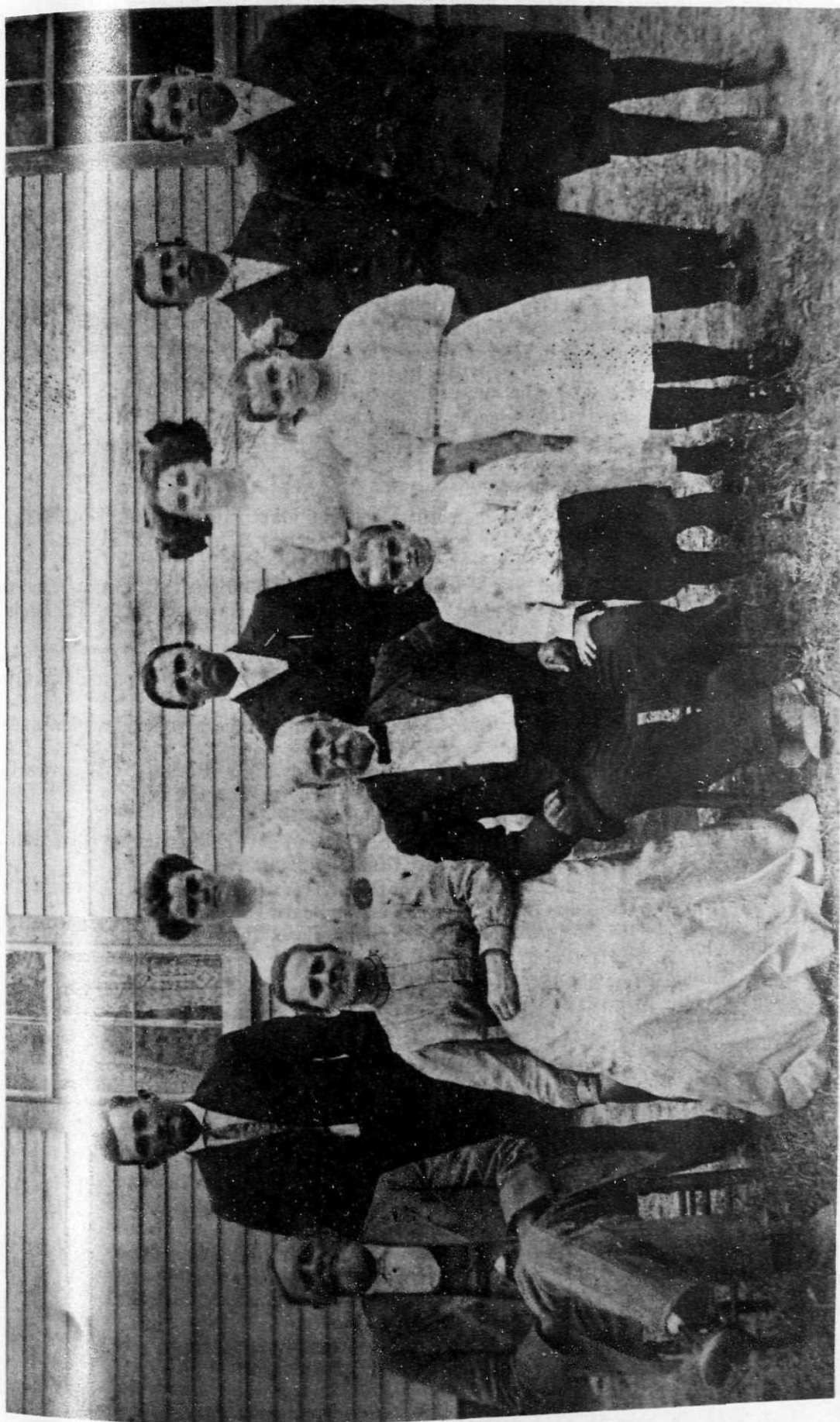
MARY SUSAN SUTTON was born 30 Sept. 1867 in Lenoir County. Died 28 Nov. 1928. Buried . . Gray Family Cemetery at Wheat Swamp in Lenoir County. Married 8 Feb. 1883, CORNELIUS GRAY born 30 March 1854 in Lenoir Co. Died 11 Dec. 1918. He was the son of Mary Ann Sutton and William M. Gray.

Mary Susan Sutton and husband, Cornelius Gray had 14 children, 7 sons and 7 daughters:

1. ELIZABETH MEWBORN GRAY born 30 Jan. 1884 in Lenoir County. A child. Died 17 Oct. 1885. Buried . . Gray Family Cemetery.
2. WILLIAM CLEVELAND GRAY born 14 April 1885 in Lenoir County. Died 2 May 1952. Buried . . Westview Cemetery, Kinston, N.C. Married 26 Oct. 1922 Stella Mae Allen born 8 June 1900 in Beaufort Co. the daughter of Louise Stotesberry and Quincy Allen. She died 2 Oct. 1959. Buried . . Westview Cem. Kinston, N.C.
- A. Delma Cornelius Gray born 11 Dec. 1923 in Lenoir County. Married 1st. 8 Nov. 1942. (Div.) Evelyn Pauline Rouse, the daughter of Effie Rouse and Paul Rouse.  
(a) Myra Gray born 17 Feb. 1944. Married June 1965 to Donald Strickland of Goldsboro.  
Delma Cornelius Gray married 2nd. 18 Oct. 1964 Lillie Bell Stanley (Quinn), the daughter of Alene White and Edward Moseley Stanley, Sr.
- B. Vernon Mitchell Gray born 12 March 1925 in Lenoir County. Married 10 March 1956 Mayme Nell Kidd (Perkins) the daughter of Dewey Kidd. No children.
- C. Marjorie Elizabeth Gray born 22 July 1926. Died 16 April, 1973. Buried . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 9 April 1955 to Major Lofton Tart. No children.
- D. William Cleveland Gray born 22 March 1928 in Lenoir County. Married 10 March 1951 to Joyce Glenn Hill, born 22 July 19 . . , the daughter of Glenn Creech and Herrell Hill.  
(a) Ressa Elaine Gray (adopted) born 12 April 1952. Married Pat Hale the son of Dr. C.C. Hale.
- E. Carl Allen Gray born 11 Sept. 1929 in Lenoir County. Married 17 Dec. 1955 Mary Christine Sutton born 15 Oct. 1934, in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Betty Lorena Sutton and Alton Marcus Sutton.  
(a) Neil Allen Gray born 23 Nov. 1957 in Lenoir Co.  
(b) Mary Charlene Gray born 17 May 1961 in Lenoir Co.



- F. Evelyn Louise Gray born 12 Oct. 1931 in Lenoir County. Married 26 Oct. 1948 Jesse Frank Shingleton born 29 Sept. 1926 in Greene Co. the son of Lany Ellen Tyndall and Eugene Cleveland Shingleton. 4 children:
- (a) Gloria Francille Shingleton born 13 April 1952 in Lenoir Co. Married 19 Dec. 1970 to John Thomas Morrison born 5 Oct. 1951 in Alexandria, Louisiana, the son of Bernice and Elmer Morrison.
  - (b) Franklin Cleveland Shingleton born 19 Jan. 1957 in Lenoir Co.
  - (c) David Gray Shingleton born 21 Sept. 1961 in Lenoir Co.
  - (d) Stella Louise Shingleton born 11 March 1967 in Lenoir Co.
3. MARY ANN ELIZABETH GRAY born 23 April 1886 in Lenoir County. A child. Died 16 July 1887. Buried . . . Gray Family Cem.
4. MELIA CORNELIUS GRAY born 5 April 1887 in Lenoir County. A child. Died 28 May 1888. Buried . . . Gray Family Cem.
5. LYDIA MEWBORN GRAY born 2 March 1889 in Lenoir Co. Died 3 Aug. 1966. Buried . . . Westview Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 25 Oct. 1911 to Albert Thomas Sugg, Sr. born 10 Feb. 1890 in Greene Co. Died 26 Sept. 1946. He was the son of Louvenia Susan Hardy and Thomas Ruffin Sugg. 10 children: 8 daughters and 2 sons:
- A. Mary Louvenia Sugg born 2 April 1914 in Greene Co. Married 16 Dec. 1933 to James Chester Beamon born 5 Oct. 1915 in Greene Co. Died 13 April 1971. Buried . . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. He was the son of Myria and Johnny Beamon. 4 children:
    - (a) James Thomas (Dick) Beamon born 29 Oct. 1934 in Lenoir Co. Married 26 Aug. 1954 Yvonne Briley born 2 July 1936. (Div.) 3 children:
      - (1) James Stephen Beamon born 10 Oct. 1955 in Lenoir Co.
      - (2) Ruby Dianne Beamon born 22 July 1957 in Lenoir Co.
      - (3) Timothy Albert Beamon born 18 March 1961 in Lenoir Co.
 James Thomas Beamon married 2nd. Viola Brinson (Holmes)
    - (b) Mary Elizabeth Beamon born 20 March 1937 in Lenoir Co. Married 24 March 1957 Benjamin Marcellus Taylor born 4 Oct. 1934 the son of Doris Suggs and Marvin L. Taylor.
      - (1) Karen Taylor born 28 June 1959 in Lenoir Co.
    - (c) Ruth Ellen Beamon born 8 June 1944 in Lenoir County. Married 3 Nov. 1961 to Bob Varnell born 12 July in Lenoir Co. the son of Virginia Baker and Lloyd Paul Varnell.
      - (1) Robert Paul Varnell born 18 March 1963 in Lenoir Co.
      - (2) Teresa Ellen Varnell born 20 July 1966 in Lenoir Co.
    - (d) Fredrick Lee Beamon born 22 Oct. 1945 in Lenoir County. Married 1 March 1969 Mary Lucille Sutton born 23 March 1948 the daughter of Alma Lou Spivey and Clifton Rinehart Sutton, Jr.
  - B. Thelma Lois Sugg born 14 May 1915 in Greene Co. Married 21 Dec. 1934 Harry Linwood Aldridge born 18 June 1915 in Lenoir Co. the son of Nollie Dawson and Thomas Aldridge. 2 children:
    - (a) Dorothy Ann Aldridge born 5 Jan. 1936 in Lenoir Co. Married 4 April 1961 Ed Leamon Suggs Jr. born 31 Oct. 1935 the son of Bertha Mae Jernigan and Ed Leamon Suggs Sr.
      - (1) Ed Leamon Suggs III born 22 Sept. 1962 in Lenoir Co.
      - (2) Lisa Ann Suggs born 21 Aug. 1964 in Lenoir Co.
    - (b) Thelma Jean Aldridge born 14 June 1938 in Lenoir County. Married 2 Sept. 1956 Henry Todd Abbott, Jr. born 23 March 1937 the son of Olga Estelle Graham and Henry Todd Abbott Sr.
      - (1) Cynthia (Cindy) Jean Abbott born 14 May 1959 in Lenoir Co.
      - (2) Michael (Mike) Abbott born 4 April 1961 in Lenoir County
  - C. Thomas Frederick Sugg born 20 Dec. 1916 in Greene Co. A child. Died 8 June 1924.
  - D. Nannie Mae Sugg born 14 July 1918 in Greene Co. Married 14 June 1939 Robert Hardy Sutton born 9 May 1916 in Lenoir Co. the son of Louise Creech and Josiah Sutton. 3 children:
    - (a) Bobbie Jo Sutton born 14 July 1940 in Lenoir Co. Married 22 June 1963 Frank Linwood Laney born 14 May 1937 the son of Ruth Lee Hendrick and Henry Lee Laney.
      - (1) Frank Linwood Laney, Jr. born 7 April 1969 in Lenoir Co.
    - (b) Nannette Sutton born 28 Aug. 1949 in Lenoir Co. Married 18 Dec. 1971 Dempsey Hugh Barwick born 18 June 1949 in Lenoir Co. the son of Mary Frances Haskins and Dempsey Duval Barwick.
    - (c) Robert Hardy Sutton, Jr. born 2 April 1954 in Lenoir Co.
  - E. Lydia Doris Sugg born 15 Jan. 1920 in Lenoir Co. Married 4 Dec. 1943 John William Sutton born 5 Feb. 1919 the son of Eliza Creech and Finley Parrott Sutton. 2 children:
    - (a) Johnny Eugene Sutton born 16 Sept. 1945 in Lenoir Co. Married 19 Aug. 1972 Elizabeth Ann McKnight born 11 Nov. 1944 in Cumberland Co. the daughter of Ann Elizabeth and Marcus McKnight. 1 son:
      - (1) William Marcus Sutton born 7 June 1974 in Lenoir Co.
    - (b) David Albert Sutton born 12 March 1950 in Lenoir Co. Married 19 June 1972 Virginia Ann Jones born 15 Dec. 1950 the daughter of Charlotte Sutton and Floyd Barwick Jones.



Back Row: Albert Suggs & Lydia Gray Suggs (married Oct. 1911); Cleveland; Eva; Levi J.; Floyd  
 Front Row: Richard W. Sutton, Sr.; Mary Susan S. Gray, Cornelius, Raymond (age 7, born Jan. 1905), Glen  
 (Picture made about 1912)



- F. Verna Belle Sugg born 9 June 1921 in Lenoir Co. Married 4 Dec. 1941 Leland Ivey born 6 March 1919 in Wayne Co. the son of Sally Gertrude Sutton and Robert William Ivey. 1 daughter:  
 (a) Linda Sugg Ivey born 10 Feb. 1948 in Lenoir Co.
- G. Audrey Glenn Sugg born 2 May 1925 in Lenoir Co. Married 21 July 1945 Edward Matchett Herring, Jr. born 22 Dec. 1925 in Lenoir County the son of Florence Ann Wood and Edward Matchett Herring Sr. He died 30 Sept. 1970. Buried . . . Fairview Cem., LaGrange, N.C. 4 children:  
 (a) Audrey Carol Herring born 16 April 1947 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) Edward Albert Herring born 9 April 1949 in Lenoir Co. Married 5 June 1971 Myra Grace Sutton born 14 Jan. 1948 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Violet Grace Sutton and Kirby Edward Sutton.  
 (c) Florence Wood Herring born 16 Dec. 1951 in Lenoir Co.  
 (d) David Thomas Herring born 9 May 1955 in Lenoir Co.
- H. Albert Thomas Sugg, Jr. born 23 Dec. 1926 in Lenoir Co. Married 27 Sept. 1958 Effie Mae Parrott born 26 Jan. 1926 in Lenoir Co. daughter of Effie Grant and Joseph Parrott. 2 children:  
 (a) Catherine Leigh Sugg born 3 July 1959 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) Albert Thomas Sugg III born 16 March 1961 in Lenoir Co.
- I. Ollie Louise Sugg born 9 June 1930 in Lenoir Co. married 5 April 1947 Charles Henry Jenkins born 25 Jan. 1926 in Lenoir Co. the son of Letha Hardy and Henry Jenkins. 3 children:  
 (a) Lydia Anne Jenkins born 8 Feb. 1948 in Lenoir Co. Married 18 April 1971 Williard Rouse Jr. born 10 March 1946 the son of Ann Hicks Bland and Williard Rouse, Sr.  
 (b) Charles Felix Jenkins born 3 Aug. 1953 in Lenoir Co.  
 (c) Judy Gray Jenkins born 5 March 1959 in Lenoir Co.
- J. Frances Elizabeth Sugg born 4 March 1924 in Lenoir Co. Married 15 Jan. 1943 George Harvey Rouse born 16 Nov. 1922 in Lenoir Co. the son of Ethel Gertrude Outlaw and Albert Leon Rouse. 3 children:  
 (a) Sue Neil Rouse born 8 Nov. 1943 in Lenoir Co. Married 6 March 1965 William M. (Bill) Raynor born 18 Oct. 1942 in Norfolk, Va. the son of Virgie Barnes & Merrill O. Raynor.  
 (1) William Mark Raynor born 19 March 1968 in Asheville, N.C.  
 (b) Peggy Joyce Rouse born 6 Feb. 1949 in Lenoir Co. Married 19 June 1972 Edwin Wainwright Pelletier, Jr. (Eddie) born 16 Feb. 1948 in Wayne Co. the son of Kathleen Sutton and Edwin W. Pelletier, Sr.  
 (c) Francis Louise Rouse born 15 March 1953 in Lenoir Co. Married 19 Aug. 1973 Carl Greene Hardy III born 9 April 1952 in Bexar, Texas, the son of Hattie Elizabeth Sutton and Carl Greene Hardy, Jr.
6. VERNON CORNELIUS GRAY born 17 Feb. 1891 in Lenoir County. Died a young man 10 July 1909. Buried . . . Gray Family Cemetery.
7. LEVI JACOB GRAY born 29 July 1893 in Lenoir Co. Died 12 July 1951. Buried . . . Westview Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 24 Dec. 1922 to Charlotte Barrow born 22 March 1895 in Greene Co. the daughter of Ida Harrison and John Owen Barrow. 5 children:  
 A. Oliver Horace Gray born 16 Sept. 1923 in Lenoir Co. Married 1st. Essie Stanley (Div. 1951) the daughter of Nora Rena Brown and John Parrott Stanley. 2 children:  
 (a) Maurice (Reese) Gray born 2 Feb. 1951 in Lenoir Co. Married 16 Jan. 1971 Connie Beard of Kinston the daughter of Julia Tiffany Hill and J.W. Beard of Jones County.  
 (b) Jewell Gray born 4 Jan. 1953 in Lenoir Co. Married 28 Feb. 1972 Jack Stanley Gonterman of Glendale, Calif.  
 Oliver Horace Gray married 2nd. 19 June 1954 Naomi Stroud born 7 Feb. 1934 in Duplin Co. the daughter of Oscar Stroud.  
 (a) Patricia Charlotte Gray born 17 Aug. 1955 in Lenoir Co.
- B. Charlotte Ruth Gray born 29 June 1925 in Lenoir County. Married 31 May 1959 Jesse Hinnant Suitt born 13 Nov. 1930 in Granville Co. the son of Estelle O'Neal and Aubrey Suitt of Granville County. No children.
- C. Hyman Mewborn Gray born 23 Jan. 1927 in Lenoir County. Married 1st. Juanita Tingen (Div.)  
 (a) Hyman Mewborn Gray, Jr. born 10 March 1949. Married Nancy born 14 April 1950.  
 (1) Christopher Scott Gray born 7 Feb. 1969 in Hampton, Va.  
 (2) Christen Gray born Jan. 1973 in Hampton, Va.  
 Hyman Mewborn Gray married 2nd. 20 Sept. 1954 Christine Warters born 14 Sept. 1932 in Craven Co. the daughter of Lillian Foyles and Andrew Warters. 6 children:  
 (a) Jerry Mewborn Gray born 28 June 1955 in Lenoir County.  
 (b) Phillis Diane Gray born 18 June 1956 in Lenoir County.  
 (c) Peggy Christine Gray born 5 July 1958 in Lenoir County.  
 (d) Infant Gray born and died 20 Dec. 1960 in Dover, Delaware.  
 (e) Douglas Andrew Gray born 27 Oct. 1962 in Dover, Delaware.  
 (f) Christy Lee Gray born 11 Feb. 1972 in Lenoir County.
- D. Levi Jacob Gray, Jr. born 11 April 1933 in Lenoir County. An infant. Died 29 Jan. 1934.



- E. Ralph Barrow Gray born 6 June 1935 in Lenoir County. Married 12 July 1964 Linda Mills born in Pamlico Co. the daughter of Mable and Flavel Mills.  
 (a) Jeffery Barrow Gray born 18 May 1967 in Dubal Co. Florida.  
 (b) Andrea Lynn Gray born 11 May 1969 in Dubal Co. Florida.
8. EVA BLISS GRAY born 2 June 1895 in Lenoir County. Died 26 March, 1974. Buried . . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 21 April 1915 James Franklin Jones born 26 Jan. 1892 in Greene Co. Died 3 Jan. 1974 Buried . . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. He was the son of Sarah Penelope Sugg and Jesse Hardy Jones. 13 children: 5 sons and 8 daughters.
- A. Ellen Bruce Jones born 13 March 1917 in Greene Co. Married 25 Sept. 1935 William (Bill) Aldridge Hardy born 11 Jan. 1915 in Lenoir Co. the son of Bessie Gleen Rouse and Kirby Junious Hardy. 2 children:  
 (a) William (Billy) Aldridge Hardy, Jr. born 17 Feb. 1937 in Greene Co. Married 5 Nov. 1961 Sylvia Ann Davenport born 8 Jan. 1939 in Beaufort Co. the daughter of Martha Virginia Taylor and Hoyle Vance Davenport.  
 (1) William A. Hardy III born 11 Feb. 1964 in Lenoir Co.  
 (2) Benjamin Vance Hardy born 24 Nov. 1966 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) Ellen Bruce Hardy born 19 May 1943 in Greene Co. Married 25 March 1967 George Bernard Cortell born 6 Feb. 1944 in Boston, Mass. the son of Dorothy Lillian Slarve and Herman Hy Cortell.
- B. Mary Ruth Jones born 1918 in Greene Co. An infant age 2 months. Died 1918.
- C. Hazel Gray Jones born 19 March 1919 in Greene Co. Married 19 Dec. 1947 John Ernest Hare born 20 Nov. 1920 in Wake Co. the son of Varina Adolphus Sorrell and John Neal Hare. 2 children:  
 (a) Linda Earle Hare born 20 June 1950 in Wake County. Married 16 Aug. 1970 Frederick Glen Smith born 10 May 1949 in Wake Co. the son of Sadie Ellen Mann and John Wesley Smith.  
 (b) Martha Elaine Hare born 1 March 1953 in Wake Co. Married 19 Dec. 1970 Glenwood Darrell Rowland born 9 June 1952, the son of Vivian Verleen Parker and Carlyle Rowland.  
 (1) Shannon Elaine Rowland born 21 May 1971.
- D. James Franklin Jones born 1920. A child age 6. Died 7 April, 1926.
- E. Jesse Cornelius (J.C.) Jones born 18 May 1922 in Greene Co. Died 18 July 1969. Buried . . . Snow Hill Cemetery, Snow Hill, N.C. Married 12 Feb. 1949 Margaret Jane McGowen born 5 March 1927 in Pender Co. the daughter of Margaret Ruth Sheffield and Charles Dewitte McGowen.  
 (a) Alan Waitman Jones born 21 Jan. 1951 (adopted)
- F. Robert Lester Jones born 14 April 1924 in Greene Co. Died 18 Jan. 1968. Buried . . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 26 June 1948 Ruby Lillian Mewborn 28 Aug. 1930 in Greene Co. the daughter of Lila Mae Johnson and Raymond Parrott Mewborn. Ruby Lillian Jones married 2nd. Charles Harper of Snow Hill.  
 (a) Robert Lester Jones Jr. born 13 June 1949 in Lenoir Co. Married 28 Oct. 1973 Patricia Sue Newcomb, the daughter of Eugene Clayton Newcomb.  
 (b) Ruth Gayle Jones born 28 May 1952 in Lenoir Co. Married 8 June 1974 David Ellis Wood the son of Walter Wood of Powhatan, Virginia.  
 (c) Raymond Jay Jones born 7 April 1961 in Lenoir Co.
- G. Dorothy Bliss Jones born 19 Jan. 1926 in Greene Co. Married 12 June 1947 James Hodges Hardy born 3 July 1924 in Greene Co. the son of Kathleen Hodges and Jewel Seymour Hardy. James Hodges Hardy died 15 Nov. 1951. Buried . . . Snow Hill Cemetery. 3 children:  
 (a) Jacquelyn Hardy born 7 Dec. 1950 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) James Seymour Hardy born 25 June 1954 in Wilson Co.  
 (c) John Franklin Hardy born 16 Feb. 1957 in Wilson Co.
- H. Annie Sue Jones born 4 May 1929 in Greene Co. Married 31 July 1948 Paul Henry Watson born 20 June 1929 in Georgia, the son of Helen Barksdale and David Taliaferro Watson. 3 children:  
 (a) Paula Sue Watson born 17 July 1954 in Lenoir Co. Married 27 May 1973 Arthur Monroe Stadiem born 6 April 1952 in Lenoir Co. the son of Lois Holtsberg and Jacob Ernest Stadiem.  
 (b) David Franklin Watson born 19 May 1952 in Lenoir Co.  
 (c) Donald Neil Watson born 4 March 1957 in Lenoir Co.
- I. Jewel Frances Jones born 20 Sept. 1927 in Greene Co. Married 12 June 1947 Sila Cyrus Brown, Jr. born 25 July 1924 in Greene Co. the son of Rachel Livingston Hargrave and Sila Cyrus Brown Sr. 2 children:  
 (a) Frances Vernice Brown born 11 March 1954 in Wilson Co.  
 (b) William Hargrove Brown born 12 March 1957 in Wilson Co.
- J. Hatie Louise Jones born 17 June 1931 in Greene Co. Married 24 July 1954 William (Bill) Arbie Davenport, Jr. born 11 Nov. 1929 in Lenoir Co. the son of Fannie Mae Smith and William Arbie Davenport, Sr. 3 children:  
 (a) Eva Lou Davenport born 14 Feb. 1957 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) William Scott Davenport born 12 Aug. 1960 in Lenoir Co.  
 (c) Robert Bryan Davenport born 24 May 1968 in Lenoir Co.

- K. James Harold Jones born 29 July 1934 in Greene Co. Married 1st. 26 Aug. 1956 Shirley Mae Williams, born 21 May 1935 in Greene Co. the daughter of Verna Mae Phillips and Dan Williams. She died 10 Sept. 1960. Buried Rainbow Cem. 1 son:  
 (a) Harold Desmond Jones born 5 Sept. 1959 in Lenoir Co.  
 James Harold Jones married 2nd. 17 June 1962 Norma Ann Brinson born 14 Nov. 1937 in Onslow Co. N.C. the daughter of Peggy Ann Thomas and George Buren Brinson. 2 children:  
 (a) James Jeffrey Jones born 21 March 1963 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) Barry Norman Jones born 28 April 1967 in Lenoir Co.
- L. Guy Franklin Jones born 21 Sept. 1935 in Greene Co. Married 9 Feb. 1958 Marjorie Ann Sugg born 20 Oct. 1938 in Greene Co. the daughter of Louise Fisher and Earl Bryant Sugg. 2 children:  
 (a) Guy Franklin Jones, Jr. born 11 Sept. 1959 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) Cynthia Ann Jones born 2 May 1970 in Lenoir Co.
- M. Linda Fave Jones born 25 Aug. 1937 in Greene Co. Married 25 March 1962 Charles William Teseneer born 6 Oct. 1927 in Cleveland Co. N.C. the son of Sallie Catherine Lentz and Columbus Mills Teseneer. 1 son:  
 (a) Charles (Chuck) William Teseneer, Jr. born 15 Oct. 1962 in Lenoir Co.
9. FLOYD BENJAMIN GRAY, SR. born 29 Oct. 1896 in Lenoir Co. Died 8 July 1968. Buried . . Pinelawn Cem. Kinston, N.C. Married 1 Oct. 1923 Ruby Sutton born 13 Jan. 1903 in Lenoir Co. the daughter of Bela Suggs and Leon James Sutton, son of Sally Parrott and James Arthur Sutton. 3 children:  
 A. Floyd Benjamin Gray, Jr. born 14 Oct. 1924 in Lenoir Co. Married 6 April 1947 Edith (Pete) Kilpatrick born 3 July 1926 in Greene Co. 2 children:  
 (a) Deborah Jean Gray born 5 Oct. 1949 in Lenoir Co. Married 16 June 1974 Michael Joe Cason, son of J.C. Cason of Atlanta, Ga.  
 (b) Paul Ronald Gray born 6 Jan. 1953 in Lenoir Co.  
 B. Bela Christine Gray born 24 Mar. 1927 in Lenoir Co. Married 7 June 1947 Dr. Grover Wilton Smith, PA., born 21 Jan. 1927 in Nash Co. the son of Della White and Cullen Wilton Smith. 4 children:  
 (a) Michael Gray Smith born 12 Oct. 1949 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) Joan Elizabeth Smith born 4 April 1954 in Lenoir Co.  
 (c) Susan Lynn Smith born 4 Aug. 1958 in Lenoir Co.  
 (d) Judy Christine Smith born 3 Nov. 1960 in Lenoir Co.  
 C. Clifton Leon Gray born 14 July 1934 in Lenoir Co. Married 27 Nov. 1958 Faye Stocks born 5 Aug. 1936 in Pitt Co. the daughter of Lottie Manning & Clifton Hugh Stocks  
 (a) Steven Clifton Gray born 18 July 1960 in Lenoir County.  
 (b) Mark Floyd Gray born 8 July 1962 in Lenoir County.
10. MARY GLENN GRAY born 11 Feb. 1901 in Greene Co. Died 20 Nov. 1950. Buried . . Rainbow Cem. near Snow Hill. Married Travis Suggs born 19 July 1894 in Greene Co. the son of Nan Suggs and Will Suggs. He died 10 June 1949. Buried . . Rainbow Cem. 4 children:  
 A. Infant born and died. Buried Rainbow Cem.  
 B. Margaret Christine Suggs born 2 Oct. 1926 in Greene Co. Married 25 Jan. 1947 William E. Arnold, Jr. born 6 Jan. 1917 in Lenoir Co. the son of Mary Virginia Grady and William E. Arnold. No children:  
 C. Hildegard Suggs born 8 Feb. 1928 in Greene Co. Married 25 Oct. 1946 James Lyman Harper born 19 March 1927 in Greene Co. the son of Lillie Mae Carraway and Albert Harper.  
 (a) James Travis Suggs Harper born 29 Oct. 1949. Married 7 June 1968 Rachael Marie Nethercutt born 10 Dec. 1948.  
 (1) Roland Travis Harper born 22 Aug. 1969.  
 (b) Christy Glenn Harper born 4 Jan. 1962.  
 D. Infant born and died in Greene Co. Buried Rainbow Cem.
11. RAYMOND RICHARD GRAY born 25 Jan. 1905 in Greene Co. Married 1st. 28 Dec. 1934 Lotchen Belle Hill born 10 Oct. 1896. Died 8 May 1968. Buried . . Westview Cem., Kinston, N.C. She was the daughter of Minnie Sugg and Edgar Hill. 2 children:  
 A. Raymond Fletcher Gray born 22 Nov. 1935 in Lenoir Co. Married 20 Aug. 1960 Delores Carol Heath born the daughter of Virginia Sutton and Tobe Heath.  
 (a) Joel Russwyn Gray born 25 July 1962 in Williamsburg, Va.  
 (b) Neil Fletcher Gray born 23 Sept. 1971 in Lenoir Co.  
 B. Janet Cooper Gray born 9 Nov. 1938 in Lenoir Co. Married 21 Aug. 1959 Thomas Garnett Kendall born 17 Nov. 1934 in Orange Co. Va. the son of Stark Kendall  
 3 children:  
 (a) Emily O'Neal Kendall born 13 Aug. 1962 in Charlottesville, Va.  
 (b) Stephanie Whitted Kendall born 16 June 1964 in Charlottesville, Va.  
 (c) Meredith Gray Kendall born 5 May 1965 in Charlottesville, Va.  
 RAYMOND RICHARD GRAY married 2nd. 24 April 1970, Rosabelle Jones (Murphy) born 15 Nov. 1911 in Greene Co. the daughter of Mary Susan May and Rom Jones.
12. TROY RAYMOND GRAY born 8 Oct. 1903 in Lenoir Co. An infant. Died 15 Sept. 1904. Buried Gray Family Cem.
13. THELMA MAE GRAY born 6 May 1907 in Greene Co. A young child. Died 6 May 1909. Buried . . Gray Family Cem.  
 EUGENE WOODARD GRAY born 4 Nov. 1910 in Greene Co. An infant. Died 9 Nov. 1910. Buried . . Gray Family Cem.



## LYDIA ANN SUTTON

LYDIA ANN SUTTON was the seventh child of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill. Lydia was born July 20, 1869 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Lydia was dark complexioned with brown hair and brown eyes and was of medium build. She had a quiet lady-like manner, and was a good mother. She had a good-natured disposition.

Lydia Ann Sutton was married May 3, 1896 at the age of 26 to Jefferson Davis Alexander. Jefferson was born October 30, 1861 in Mecklenburg County. He was the son of Mary Calwell and James Needham Alexander. Jefferson's parents were from Charlotte and came to Lenoir County to live. They bought a farm near Kinston and settled in the Briary Community near Caswell Training School, where they farmed.

Jefferson Davis Alexander was slender, of medium build, had black hair, fair complexion and blue eyes. He was a farmer and carpenter by trade.

After their marriage they lived near Kinston but later moved to New Bern in Craven County. They had six children, 3 sons and three daughters. Mark died in infancy. Samuel Wooster, Floral Mae, Bessie Pearl, Joseph Cullen, and Catherine Irene reached adulthood, married and had families.

Shortly after Lydia's forty-fourth birthday she contracted Typhoid Fever and developed Pneumonia. She died August 21, 1913.

After Lydia's death and the marriage of his daughter Flora, Jefferson moved to Wayne County about 1921 to the Corbett Hill Community.

At the time of his death of cirrhosis of the liver, he was living with his daughter, Flora. Jefferson Davis Alexander died at the age of sixty-seven on March 2, 1929 in Wayne County.

They are both buried in the Sutton Family Cemetery near Falling Creek in Lenoir County.

## CHAPTER 7

## LYDIA ANN SUTTON

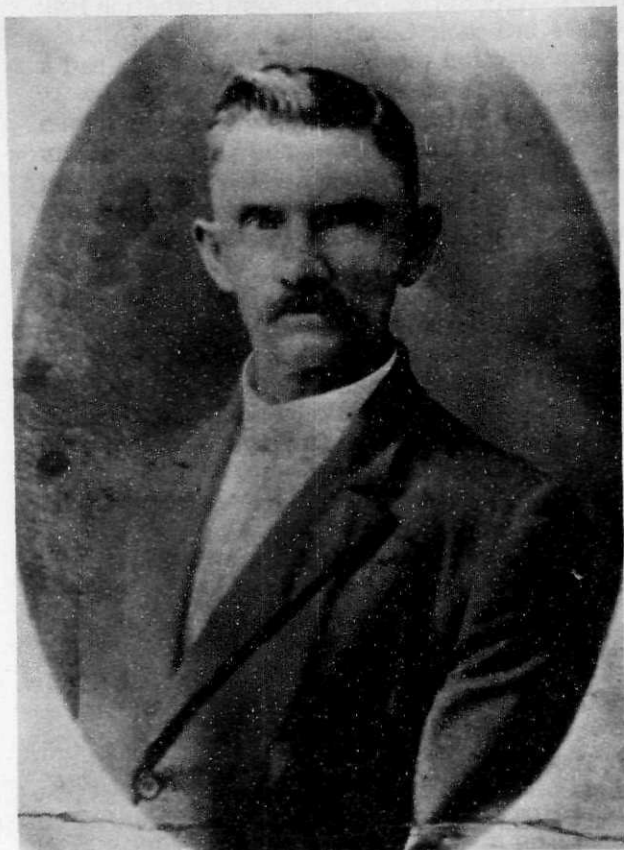
## Seventh Child of

## Richard Walters Sutton and Mary Catherine Hill

LYDIA ANN SUTTON born 20 July 1869 in Lenoir County. Died 21 August 1913 in Craven County. Buried .. Sutton Family Cemetery at Falling Creek in Lenoir Co. Married 3 May 1896 JEFFERSON DAVIS ALEXANDER born 30 Oct. 1861 in Mecklenburg Co. the son of Mary Calwell and James Needham Alexander of Charlotte, N.C. He died 2 March 1929 in Craven Co. Buried .. Sutton Family Cemetery at Falling Creek in Lenoir Co. They had 6 children, 3 sons and 3 daughters.

1. MARK HODGES ALEXANDER born 24 Jan. 1897 in Lenoir Co. An infant. Died 28 Jan. 1897.
2. SAMUEL WOOSTER ALEXANDER born 28 Aug. 1898 in Lenoir County. Died 7 May 1937. Buried .. Crawford Cem. in Wayne Co. N.C. Married 28 Nov. 1929 Alice McMahon Ezzell born 25 Dec. 1903 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Zilphia O. Deans and William L. Ezzell. 2 children:
  - A. Samuel Rudolph Alexander born 2 Nov. 1930 in Wayne County. Married 7 Sept. 1952, Frances Denny Baker born 17 Dec. 1933 in Beaufort Co. the daughter of Lottie Mae Hardee and Rufus McCellan Baker. 4 children:
    - (a) Gregory Lyle Alexander born 13 Feb. 1956 in Beaufort Co.
    - (b) Martha Ophelia Alexander born 25 June 1957 in Craven Co.
    - (c) Steven Rudolph Alexander born 22 Jan. 1960 in Pitt Co.
    - (d) Christy Lynn Alexander born 3 Nov. 1969 in Pitt Co.
  - B. Lydia Ophelia Alexander born 1 May 1933 in Wayne County. Married 19 June 1954 to Blois Taylor Kornegay born 24 Oct. 1931 in Wake Co. the son of LeeLora McLain and John Frank Kornegay. 2 children:
    - (a) Donna Allison Kornegay born 26 Nov. 1959 in Wake Co.
    - (b) Samuel Taylor Kornegay born 18 Jan. 1965 in Wake Co.
3. FLORAL MAE ALEXANDER born 30 April 1900 in Lenoir County. Married 27 Feb. 1917 to Floyd Lenord Taylor, Sr. born 8 June 1885 in Suffolk Co. Va. the son of Evieleena Harrell and George William Taylor. Floyd Lenord Taylor died 24 Sept. 1970 and is buried in Goldsboro. 3 children:
  - A. Floyd Lenord Taylor, Jr. born 4 June 1919 in Wayne County. Married 4 Sept. 1943 to Mildred Lucille Justice, born 5 June 1920 in Duplin Co. the daughter of Beulah Justice and Henry Justice. 3 children:
    - (a) Donna Faye Taylor born 19 Dec. 1947 in Wayne Co.
    - (b) Sandra Mae Taylor born 12 July 1949 in Wayne County. Married Richard Maurer No children.
    - (c) Deborah Floyd Taylor born 28 Dec. 1952 in Wayne County. Married Dwight Kirby. No children.





**JEFFERSON DAVIS ALEXANDER**  
1861-1929



**LYDIA ANN SUTTON ALEXANDER**  
1869-1913



**Their children: (Back Row) Samuel, Flora**  
**(Front Row) Bessie, Catherine, Joseph**

- B. Brinkley Harrell Taylor born 21 March 1921 in Wayne County. Married 5 April 1946, Thelma Brock born 1 Nov. 1926 in Duplin Co. the daughter of Mary Kornegay and Ernest Brock. 2 children:  
 (a) Rose Ann Taylor born 1 Feb. 1953 in Wayne Co.  
 (b) Theresa Lynn Taylor born 11 Oct. 1955 in Wayne Co.
- C. Violet Mae Taylor born 2 April 1924 in Wayne Co. Married 5 Feb. 1946 to John Henry Metz, Sr. born 30 April 1921 in Perry Co. Pa. the son of Clara Mae Wagner and David Henry Metz of Pa. 2 children:  
 (a) Flora Linda Metz born 10 June 1947 in Wayne Co. Married 11 March 1966 to William Howard Seymour, Jr. born 19 April 1947 in Wayne Co. the son of Hazel Sasser and William H. Seymour, Sr. 2 children:  
 (1) Cynthia Ellen Seymour born 5 Sept. 1968 in Wayne Co.  
 (2) Emily Linda Seymour born 5 Jan. 1971 in Wayne Co.  
 (b) John Henry Metz, Jr. born 13 Aug. 1948 in Wayne Co.
4. BESSIE PEARL ALEXANDER born 3 Sept. 1903 in Lenoir County. Died 22 March 1931. Buried .. Wayne Co. N.C. Married 3 June 1921 to Charles Allen Britt, Sr. born 9 Aug. 1890 in Wayne Co. the son of Sarah Thomas Parson and George Bryant Britt. He died 5 Dec. 1937 in Hampton, Va. Buried .. Wayne Co. N.C. 4 children:  
 A. Katie Eloise Britt born 23 March 1922 in Wayne County. Married 20 Jan. 1946 to Leonard Staley Gibbs, born 19 Oct. 1921 in Durham Co. the son of Naomi Hennigar Riggs and Staley Alonzo Gibbs. 2 children:  
 (a) Carol Louise Gibbs born 21 April 1947 in Durham Co. Married 20 Dec. 1966 to Joseph Elden Wood born 21 Nov. 1942 in Thomas, Idaho the son of Roetta Van Orden and Andrew Edwards Wood. 4 children:  
 (1) Tamara Sue Wood born 7 July 1967 in Inglewood, Los Angeles Co. California.  
 (2) Joseph Leonard Wood born 20 March 1969 in Durham Co.  
 (3) Andrew Edward Wood born 14 Feb. 1970 in Durham Co.  
 (4) Hope Louise Wood born 4 Dec. 1972 in Durham Co.  
 (b) Charles Leonard Gibbs born 10 March 1960 in Durham Co.  
 B. Charles Allen Britt, Jr. born 15 April 1925 in Wayne Co. Married 7 June 1948 to Janet Steven Price born 12 Nov. 1932 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Leola Alice Stevens and George A. Price. Charles Allen Britt was accidentally electrocuted. Died 26 May 1949. Buried .. Wayne Co. 1 daughter:  
 (a) Mary Phyllis Britt born 16 May 1949 in Wayne County. Married 25 Feb. 1968 to Joseph Wayne Dixon born 19 Nov. 1946 in Duplin Co. the son of Nell Sasser and Elliwind J. Dixon.  
 (1) Phyllis Renee Dixon born 14 Aug. 1969 in New Hanover County.
- C. Doris Inez Britt born 16 March 1928 in Wayne County. Married 5 Oct. 1946 to Ralph Jiles Murray born 8 Dec. 1922 in Robinson Co. N.C. the son of Susan Rebecca Eason and David Benjamin Murray. 2 children:  
 (a) Ralph Boyd Murray born 19 June 1947 in Durham County. Married 15 June 1968 to Dianah Gail Wilson born 15 July 1949 in Durham Co. the daughter of Eleanor Faye Percy and Curtis Love Wilson.  
 (1) Stacey Lynn Murray b. 22 July 1971 in Durham Co.  
 (2) Shannon Scott Murray b. 28 Nov. 1973 in Durham Co.  
 (b) Rebecca Doris Murray b. 24 July 1962 in Durham, N.C.
- D. Baby Britt born and died in Wayne Co. 18 March 1931.
5. JOSEPH CULLEN ROOT ALEXANDER born 27 Aug. 1905 in Craven County. Died 25 Feb. 1971. Buried .. Evergreen Mem. Cem. on Raleigh Hwy. near Goldsboro. Married 20 Nov. 1938 to Ora Bell Gardner born Jan. 1920 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Julia Howell and William Gardner. 3 children: 1 daughter and twin sons:  
 A. Julia Ann Alexander born 9 Nov. 1938 in Wayne Co. Married 22 Nov. 1959 to Henry Radford, Jr. born 3 Aug. 1934 in Wayne Co. the son of Elia Sasser and Henry Radford, Sr. 2 children:  
 (a) Elizabeth Ann Radford born 13 June 1960 in Wayne County.  
 (b) Joseph Bradley Radford born 17 Jan. 1963 in Wayne County.  
 B. Billy Gerald Alexander born 2 Nov. 1942 in Wayne Co. (Twin—Bobby). Married Carolyn Becton. 2 children:  
 (a) Donald Gerald Alexander born 23 Nov. 1964 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) Elisa Carol Alexander born Sept. in Lenoir Co.
- C. Bobby Sherrill Alexander born 2 Nov. 1942 in Wayne County. (Twin—Billy). Married Hilda 2 children:  
 (a) Wesley Sherrill Alexander born in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) Joseph Earl Alexander born in Guilford Co. High Point, N. C.
6. CATHERINE (KATY) IRENE ALEXANDER born 25 Oct. 1907 in Craven Co. Died 7 July 1964. Buried .. Kinston, N.C. Married 23 Dec. 1934 Thomas Morton Burnette born 30 Nov. 1893 in Franklin Co. the son of Ida Webster and Oliver D. Burnette. He died 24 Jan. 1954 of leukemia. Buried .. Durham, N.C. 1 daughter:  
 A. Jean Rodwell Burnette born 17 May 1945 in Durham Co. N.C. Died 23 June 1973 of leukemia. Buried .. Durham, N.C. Married 7 Aug. 1971 Latney Samuel Medlin born 2 Oct. 1949 in Durham, N.C. the son of Alice Ethel Revill and Latney Bryant Medlin. 1 daughter:  
 (a) Cynthia Renee Burnette born 21 Nov. 1968 in Durham, N.C.



## CHAPTER 8

### HARRIETT OLIVIA SUTTON

HARRIET "HATTIE" OLIVIA SUTTON was the eighth child of Mary Catherine Hill and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. She was born March 4, 1871 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Hattie was dark complexioned with black hair and brown eyes. She was tall and slender and large framed. She was jolly, good natured, loved to visit and have company and never saw a stranger. She was a very neat and proud lady.

Hattie Sutton was married first December 24, 1895 on Christmas Eve to Joseph Oscar Smith. He was born July 1, 1860, in Wayne County. He was the son of Chrischany Parks and Ezekial Smith.

Joseph Smith was fair complexioned with black hair and blue eyes. He always wore a mustache. He was considered a small man physically but stood tall as he went about doing good.

After Hattie and Joseph were married they lived in Wayne County at Hood Swamp with Joseph's father and mother. They farmed, working long and hard hours as farmers do. Being a smart man he accumulated land holdings around Hood Swamp. Hattie was a Free Will Baptist and loved her church at Woods Grove. They held a firm hand on the children and would tan their hides in a minute.

Hattie and Joseph had 6 children, 2 sons and 4 daughters. An infant son was born dead. Robert Lee was accidentally burned to death at the age of 3 years. Chrischane (Kitsey), Mary Catherine (Mamie), Mabel Viola, and Helen Joseph Smith, the four surviving daughters married and had families.

Joseph Oscar Smith died March 31, 1908 in Wayne County. He is buried in the Smith Family Cemetery at Hood Swamp in Wayne County.

Harriett Sutton Smith, a widow with 5 small children, married second October 30, 1908, her husband's first cousin, Calhoun Smith. He was a widower with a family of six boys and two girls. Calhoun Smith was born about 1856, the son of Mary Clasky and Mark Smith, Jr. Hattie helped raise two of these children. Hattie and Calhoun had no children of their own. He died April 21, 1914. He is buried in the Family Cemetery in Greene County.

Harriett Sutton Smith married third in 1925 to George Coker. He was also a widower with a family of six boys and two girls. George Coker was born November 22, 1877. Hattie helped raise three of the youngest children. Hattie and George had no children. George Coker died January 13, 1932 and is buried beside the highway at Coker's Mill in Wayne County.

Hattie lived with her family at Hood Swamp. She became a diabetic late in life but her health remained good. She loved to visit her friends and relatives. She enjoyed calling her sister, Huldah and herself, "Sarah and Sal" as they went about visiting. She also loved young people and like to have them about her. All of her life she wanted to fly in an airplane, but time went by and she never did accomplish this goal.

Harriett Sutton Smith Coker died December 12, 1945 in Wayne County and is buried in the Smith Family Cemetery near her home at Hood Swamp in Wayne County, N.C.

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### HARRIETT OLIVIA SUTTON

#### Eighth Child of

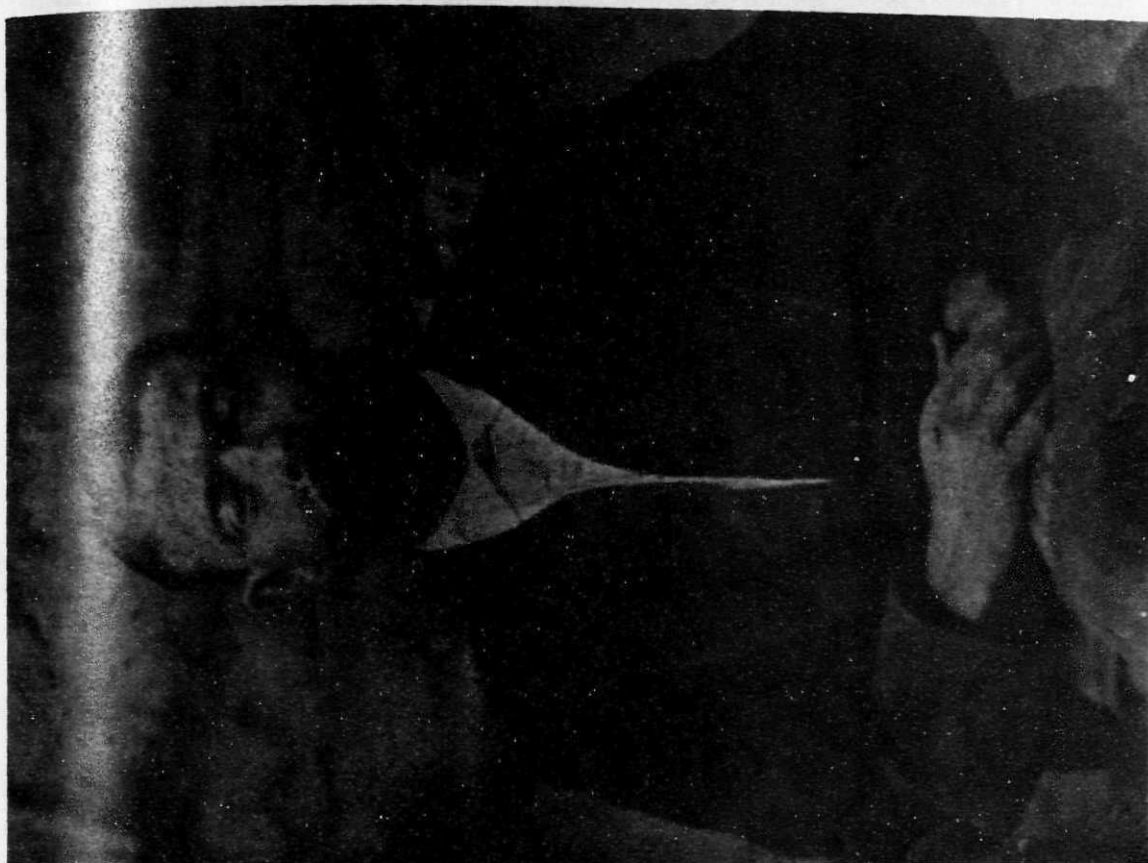
#### Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

HARRIETT (HATTIE) OLIVIA SUTTON born 4 March 1871 in Lenoir County. Died 12 Dec. 1945. Buried . . . Smith Family Cemetery at Hood Swamp, Wayne Co. Married 24 March 1895 1st. JOSEPH OSCAR SMITH born 1 July 1860 in Wayne Co. Died 31 March 1908. Buried . . . Smith Family Cemetery, Wayne County. He was the son of Chrischane Parks and Ezekial Smith (1816-1899).

Harriett Olivia (Hattie) Sutton and Joseph Oscar Smith had 6 children: 2 sons and 4 daughters:

1. INFANT SON born and died October 1896. Lived one day. Buried Smith Family Cemetery at Hood Swamp.
2. CHRISCHANEY (KITSEY) SMITH born 15 July 1898 in Wayne County. Married 14 Jan. 1916, Kirby Wiley Vaughn, Sr. born Oct. 1891 in Greene County. Died 1 Aug. 1951. Buried . . . Vaughn Cemetery, Shine, N.C. He was the son of Missouri Barrow and Lonnie Vaughn. They had 12 children: 9 sons and 3 daughters:
  - A. Kirby (Jack) Wiley Vaughn, Jr. born 28 Sept. 1916 in Greene Co. Married 15 July 1945 to Verna Frances Hart, born 1 April 1922 in Greene County, the daughter of Celia Howell and Johnny Hart. 2 children:
    - (a) Ronald (Ronnie) Ray Vaughn born 26 April 1946 in Greene Co. Married 21 March 1969 Letha Tyndall born 28 Sept. 1946 the daughter of Maude Harrison and Tyndall. 1 daughter:
      - (1) Lisa Carol Tyndall born 28 Jan. 1968 in Sacramento, California.
    - (b) Donnie Roger Vaughn born 16 Dec. 1950 in Greene Co. Married Donna Geraldine Hart born 2 Dec. 1953 the daughter of Mabel Sauls and Edgar Hart.





**JOSEPH OSCAR SMITH**  
1860-1908



**HARRIETT OLIVIA SUTTON SMITH**  
1871-1945

## CHAPTER 9

### NOAH HENRY SUTTON

NOAH HENRY SUTTON was the ninth child of Mary Catherine Hill and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. He was born March 28, 1875 at the Falling Creek homestead in Lenoir County.

As a youth Noah was a favorite with his sisters. He was gentle and thoughtful of them and his step-mother. He was quite a contrast to his mischievous younger step-brother, John Thomas.

Noah was a tall man, about five feet eleven inches. He had black hair and brown eyes and wore a mustache at times. He only had an elementary school education. As a young man he received a blow to the head which left him unconscious for a period of time. Some say this may have contributed to his illness later on.

At the age of twenty-six he was married to a lovely young lady from Jason, N.C. Her name was Nora Mayune Hardy. They were married on her 25th birthday, January 25, 1900. Nora was born January 25, 1875 in Jason in Greene County. She was the daughter of Mary Louisa Mewborn (daughter of Nancy Louisa Hardy and George Mewborn) and Richard Henry Hardy (son of Elizabeth Tyson and Lemuel E. Hardy, son of Benjamin Hardy, son of Lemuel Hardy, son of Lemuel Hardy (Lamb) I and Elizabeth Parrott.)

George Mewborn was the son of Mary Aldridge and Elder Parrott Mewborn, II, son of Parrott Mewborn I and Lydia Howell Hardy. Mewborn's Primitive Baptist Church was named in Elder Mewborn's honor.

Nora was of medium build, and about five feet two inches tall. She was fair complexioned and had black hair and hazel eyes. She attended elementary school at Jason and went for two years on horse and buggy to Institute to be taught by Mr. George Washington Mewborn, her great uncle.

When first married Noah and Nora lived about two years with her parents. Nora was then given a two-hundred acre farm near Jason. They built a home there and it is still in good condition.

They farmed, raising tobacco, corn, cotton and soy beans. They raised their own meat, having hogs and chickens and a garden for vegetables. A cow was kept for milk and they raised turkeys. A lot of geese were raised to have feathers for pillows and feather beds.

Noah farmed and liked to do carpenter work. He also enjoyed whittling . . . and she enjoyed crocheting and quilting. They both were very friendly and loved to sit and talk to friends. They attended Mewborn's Primitive Baptist Church near Jason.

Noah and Nora had three sons named Harold Milton, Robert Newton, and Richard Norman.

About 1908, Noah began to worry over minor things, had lapses of memory and became very undependable when the children were left in his care. He gradually became withdrawn and uncommunicative. On May 12, 1912, he was taken to Dorothy Dix Hospital in Raleigh where he was admitted with the diagnosis of Dementia Praecox, a dream state; a psychosis represented by a dreaming mind in a sleeping body. While there he was completely happy with his surroundings. He helped manage the laundry and was very friendly, helpful and co-operative to the staff and patients. His recovery was never favorable and he remained institutionalized for 39 years.

He was a diabetic and stumped his left toe in 1948 and eventually had to have his leg amputated. In 1950 his right leg began to show signs of gangrene and he suffered a heart attack. He had myocardial damage to his heart. Noah Henry Sutton died Jan. 22, 1951 at the age of seventy-seven.

During Noah's illness, Nora acted as both father and mother to their three young sons. With the help of her brother, H.F. Hardy, they looked after the farm until the oldest son, Harold was able to carry on.

The three brothers worked hard on the farm with their mother Nora working beside them. She held a firm hand and was a strict disciplinarian. She was a good mother but believed in keeping busy. She always had a job waiting for them after school. They later acquired land holdings in Shine township as well as Jason.

Nora took her boys to Mewborn's Primitive Baptist Church, but in her later years joined the Presbyterian Church at Jason. She visited her husband whenever she could.

Her youngest son, Norman went to Snow Hill High School and the day he graduated he married a school teacher from Robinsonville, Miss Eleanor Whitfield, who was teaching in Snow Hill at the time.

About four months later her second son, Robert, who was clerking in H.F. Hardy's store, married another school teacher, Miss Carrie Jenkins from Fairmont, who was also teaching in Snow Hill at the time.

About three months later her oldest son, Harold, married his school sweetheart, Jane Mewborn from Jason. All had married within seven months and farmed together for many years.

Nora came from a large family. She had two sisters, Pauline who married Charles H. Swinson and Helen who married William B. Newsome, and four brothers, Dan who died at age 2, Harper "Hop", married Fannie Lee Taylor, Hugh married Eunice Phelps and Herman married Mollie Elizabeth Walters. They all had large families and at one time these families were living in and around Jason comprising much of the community of Jason. Many of their descendants still reside there.

Nora lived her latter years with her son, Robert and his wife, Carrie, near Jason. She was active in community affairs until she became ill. She was confined to her bed for over a year before passing away July 8, 1949. She was seventy-four years of age.

Noah Henry Sutton and Nora Mayune Hardy Sutton are both buried in Mewborn's Cemetery in Greene County near Jason, N.C. The cemetery overlooks their farmland and was a gift to the community, handed down through the generations.



NOAH HENRY SUTTON  
1873-1951



NORA MAYUNE HARDY SUTTON  
1875-1949



- B. Wyatt Virgil Vaughn born 5 Dec. 1919 in Greene County. Died 11 March 1970. Buried . . Snow Hill Cemetery. Unmarried.
- C. William Wayne Vaughn born 7 July 1921 in Greene County. Married Edith Nancy Denning  
Denning, a widow from Winston-Salem, N.C. 2 children:  
(a) Nancy Carol Vaughn born 12 Nov. 1953. Married 17 May 1972 Donald Dahms of N.Y.  
(1) Donald Dahms, Jr. born 1973 in Japan.  
(b) Thomas (Tommy) Wayne Vaughn born 1959.
- D. Dilliard Otis Vaughn born 9 Aug. 1923 in Greene County. Unmarried.
- E. James Waitus Vaughn born 22 Nov. 1924 in Greene County. Unmarried.
- F. Joseph Denver (Dick) Vaughn born 21 Jan. 1926 in Greene County. Unmarried.
- G. Dorothy Mae Vaughn born 3 Feb. 1928 in Greene County. Married 10 Nov. 1951 (Sep.) Hubert Carlton Wood born 1923, the son of Thelma Byrd and Virley Wood. 4 children:  
(a) Phillip Anthony Wood born and died August 1952 in Pitt Co.  
(b) Marcia Lynn Wood born 19 Sept. 1953 in Pitt County. Married 17 June 1972, Melvin Ray Suggs born 11 April, 1953 in Wayne Co. the son of Sudie Mae Grady and Robert (Rob) LeRoy Suggs.  
(c) Randy Lynn Wood born 21 May 1955 in Pitt County.  
(d) Craig Rennie Wood born 13 March 1959 in Pitt County.
- H. Drew Edward Vaughn born 17 Dec. 1931 in Greene County. Married Shirley Wainwright. 2 children:  
(a) Drew Edward Vaughn, Jr. born March 1964.  
(b) Jeffery Vaughn born 1968.
- I. Jimmy Lee Vaughn born 10 Aug. 1935 in Greene County. Married 18 Dec. 1965 Evelyn Lee born 23 Jan. 1944 in Lenoir County the daughter of Aileene Elizabeth Honeycutt and James Arthur Lee. 2 children:  
(a) Larry Dean Vaughn born 4 Feb. 1967 in Craven County.  
(b) Sonya Kaye Vaughn born 6 Feb. 1968 in Greene County.
- J. Myde Louise Vaughn born 3 April 1937 in Greene Co. Married Hilton Maurice Harrison, Sr. the son of Eugene Harrison.  
(a) Hilton Maurice Harrison, Jr. born 10 Sept. 1966.
- K. Willie Harrell Vaughn born 1 June 1938. A child. Died 26 May, 1942.
- L. Clyde Marjorie Vaughn born 5 June 1940 in Greene County. Married 31 Dec. 1958, Alton Drew Barrow, Sr. born 30 March 1938 in Lenoir Co. the son of Sally Sugg and Daniel Webster Barrow. 2 children:  
(a) Alton Drew Barrow, Jr. born 3 April, 1964 in Lenoir Co.  
(b) Lisa Ann Barrow born 11 Dec. 1965 in Lenoir Co.
3. MARY CATHERINE (MAMIE) SMITH born 27 Jan. 1900 in Wayne County. Died 6 May 1973. Buried . . Walker Cemetery at Hood Swamp, Wayne Co. Married 1st. Willoughby Daniels. Married only a few months. No children.  
Married 2nd. 15 March 1925 Allen Smith born 2 Nov. 1898 in Wayne County, the son of Matt Smith and Mary Smith. 8 children:  
A. Infant son born and died 1926 in Wayne County.  
B. Malcolm Earl Smith born 27 Feb. 1927 Wayne Co. Married 20 Feb. 1950 (Div.) Reba Rebina Ginn. 2 children:  
(a) Sheila Ann Smith born 24 July 1950. Married 26 Dec. 1969 Wilton Douglas Stafford born 9 May 1949.  
(b) Dwight Elliotte Sutton born 1 Nov. 1952.  
Malcolm Earl Smith married 2nd. 7 June 1973 Betty Lou Taylor born 16 July, 1936 the daughter of Corrin Dail and James W. Taylor.
- C. James Harold Smith born 12 Dec. 1928 in Wayne Co. Married 24 Oct. 1953 Mabel Christine Singleton born 11 May 1935 in Wayne Co. the daughter of Lillie Grant and Brodie Milford Singleton. 2 children:  
(a) Pamela Lynn Smith born 22 May 1958 in Sussex Co. Delaware.  
(b) Michael James Smith born 5 April 1961 in Kent Co., Delaware.
- D. Doris Catherine Smith born 7 March 1932 in Wayne County. Married 10 Oct. 1949 (Div.) Willie Howard Vaughn the son of Lillie Best and Charlie Vaughn. 3 children:  
(a) Billy Howard Vaughn born 10 July 1950 in Greene County. Married 14 March 1969 Sandra Smith born July 1950 the daughter of Elizabeth Ginn and Zeb Smith.  
(1) Billy Howard Vaughn, Jr. born 19 March 1971.  
(b) Charlie Dennis Vaughn born 29 Sept. 1953 in Greene Co. Married 23 Sept. 1972 Gwen Morris born 15 Jan. 1955 the daughter of Betty Taylor and Bill Morris.  
(1) Charlia Denise Smith born 10 Nov. 1973.  
(c) Lillie Kathryn (Katy) Vaughn born 10 Oct. 1954 in Wayne Co. Married 1st. 10 June 1970 Roger Keith Smith born 14 June 1953.  
Lillian Kathryn Smith married 2nd. 10 Nov. 1972 Samuel Thomas (Tom) Casey born 24 Nov. the son of Elizabeth Gregory and Emmett Casey.

- E. Grover Allen Smith born 16 Nov. 1933 in Wayne County. Married 16 March 1956 Kathryn Marie Wells born 26 Feb. 1938 the daughter of Irene Sauls and Marvin R. Wells, Sr. 2 children:  
 (a) Grover Allen Smith, Jr. born 24 July 1966.  
 (b) Cynthia Denise Smith born 20 Oct. 1968.
- F. Billy Ray Smith born 15 June 1936 in Wayne County. Married 26 Aug. 1960 Gladys Spicer born 2 Aug. 1937. 3 children:  
 (a) Robbie Smith born 28 July 1959 (Child by Gladys 1st. marriage)  
 (b) Sonja Kaye Smith born 9 Sept. 1962 in Arizona.  
 (c) Laura Ann Smith born 9 April 1966 in Arizona.
- G. Jane Carolyn Smith born 7 Nov. 1939 in Wayne County. Married 6 May 1956 John Walter Smith the son of Mildred Dees and Earl Smith. 2 children:  
 (a) Theresa Ann Smith born 2 Dec. 1956.  
 (b) Dwayne Alan Smith born 25 Feb. 1959.
- H. Winston Churchill Smith born 16 Jan. 1942 in Wayne County. Married 26 Feb. 1956 (Div.) Dianne Dameron.  
 (a) Gary Wayne Smith born 16 May 1966. Married 23 Dec. 1972 Vicki Crawford Wilson born 21 March 1950 the daughter of Margie Crawford and Thomas Wilson.
4. MABEL VIOLA SMITH born 21 Jan. 1902 in Wayne County. Married 1st. 28 Sept. 1918 Frank Bernice Wise, born 11 Oct. 1898 in Wayne County. Died 11 Nov. 1931. Buried .. Smith Family Cemetery, Hood Swamp, Wayne Co. He was the son of Georgiana Butts and Alf Wise. 2 children:  
 A. Harriett Inez Wise born 20 Feb. 1920 in Wayne County. Married 16 April 1939 James Franklin Strickland born 24 March 1917. Died 20 Oct. 1962. Buried .. Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, N.C. He was the son of Ora Hinnant and Joseph Strickland. No children.  
 B. Alease LaVee Wise born 30 July 1922 in Wayne County. Alease La Vee Wise married 3rd. 27 Dec. 1955 Daniel C. Hamer, Jr. born 21 Dec. 1923 in Forsyth. Died 30 Sept. 1971. Buried Knoxville, Tenn. He was the son of Addie Copeland and Daniel Curtis Hamer Sr.  
 1 daughter:  
 (a) Inez LaVee Hamer born 20 Feb. 1957 in Wayne County.
- MABEL VIOLA SMITH WISE married 2nd. 26 Aug. 1934 James (Jim) Parks Smith born 11 Oct. 1885 in Wayne County. Died 24 March 1962. Buried .. Smith Family Cemetery at Hood Swamp. He was the son of Bettie Parks and Amaziah P. Smith. James Parks Smith was a widower with 4 children, named Raymond Lee, Dorothy Dodd, Lola Pearline and Walter William. He adopted Dorothy's son, James McGee, after her death.
- A. James McGee Smith born 15 Nov. 1929 in Wayne County. Married 4 Oct. 1952 Mabel Lynch Herring born 28 Jan. 1931 in Lenoir County, the daughter of Elizabeth Sutton and Ben P. Herring. 2 children:  
 (a) Ben McGee Smith born 12 Dec. 1960.  
 (b) Bethanie Dodd Smith born 1 Sept. 1963.
- B. Betty Shirley Smith born 28 Aug. 1936 in Wayne County. Married 1st. Donald Kay Whitley, the son of Maybelle Coker and Carl Whitley. One son:  
 (a) James Smith Whitley born 20 Oct. 1956 in Wayne County.  
 Shirley Smith Whitley married 2nd. 29 Dec. 1969 Blair MacIver Graham born 30 Dec. 1929 in Charlotte, N.C. the son of Della Watkins Wicker and Norman Graham.
- C. James Parks (J.P.) Smith, Jr. born 21 Dec. 1938 in Wayne County. Married 1st. Edith Darden (Div.) No children.  
 James Parks Smith married 2nd. Sept. 1969 Jackie Eason Edwards born 9 April, 1941, the daughter of Arvona Parnell and Preston Eason. Jackie had a son by 1st. husband, Henry Edwards.  
 (a) Joey Preston Edwards born in Wayne County.
5. ROBERT LEE SMITH born 29 July 1905 in Wayne County. A child, accidentally burned to death. Died 4 Dec. 1908. Buried .. Smith Family Cemetery, Hood Swamp.
6. HELEN JOSEPH SMITH born 4 Nov. 1906 in Wayne County. Married 22 Feb. 1926 Henry Jordan (Jerd) Newsome born 3 March 1903 in Wayne County. Died 10 Feb. 1969. Buried .. Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, N.C. He was the son of Ada Farmer and John J. Newsome. 1 son:  
 A. Conway (Connie) Terrell Newsome born 20 March 1929 in Wayne County. Married 3 Sept. 1955 Maxine Lane born 14 Sept. 1934 in Duplin County, the daughter of Mamie Jones and Lewis Lane. 2 children:  
 (a) Michael (Mike) Terrell Newsome born 9 Jan., 1958 in Wayne Co.  
 (b) Kimberly (Kim) Lane Newsome born 25 Feb. 1960 in Wayne Co.

HARRIETT (HATTIE) OLIVIA SUTTON SMITH married 2nd. 30 Oct. 1908 Calhoun Smith born about 1856 in Greene County. Died 21 April, 1914. Buried .. Family Cemetery in Greene County. No children.

HARRIETT SUTTON SMITH married 3rd. 1925, George Coker, born 22 Nov. 1877. Died 13 Jan. 1932. Buried .. Coker's Mill, Hood Swamp, Wayne County, N.C. No children.



## CHAPTER 9

### NOAH HENRY SUTTON

Ninth Child of

Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

NOAH HENRY SUTTON born 28 March, 1875 in Lenoir County. Died 22 Jan. 1951. Buried . . Mewborn's Cemetery, Jason, N.C. Married 25 Jan. 1900 to Nora Mayune Hardy born 25 Jan. 1875 in Greene County. Died 3 July, 1949. Buried . . Mewborn's Cemetery, Jason, N.C. She was the daughter of Mary Louisa Mewborn and Richard Henry Hardy.

Noah Henry Sutton and Nora Mayune Hardy had 3 sons:

1. HAROLD MILTON SUTTON born 20 Nov. 1900 in Greene County. Attended public school in Greene Co. at Jason. A farmer by trade raising mainly cotton, corn and tobacco. Very mechanical minded, had own work shop. Member of Farm Bureau and is a 50 year member of the Woodmen of the World. Now retired. Married 10 Jan. 1928 to Jane Elizabeth Mewborn, born 17 Jan. 1901 in Greene Co., the daughter of Mary (Molly) Matitia Hodges, (daughter of Jane Heath and John Hodges) and Walter Daniel Mewborn, Sr. (son of Nancy Louisa Hardy and George Mewborn). Jane has been active in church and community affairs. Was Church Historian and Circle Secretary for 20 years. She attended public schools in Greene County and Georgia-Carolina School of Commerce. Worked in father's General Merchandise Store for several years. Three children:
  - A. Infant son born and died 8 April, 1929 in Greene Co. Buried . . Mewborn's Cemetery, Jason, N.C.
  - B. Reuben Milton Sutton born 25 May 1930 in Greene Co. 1948 graduate of Snow Hill High School. Attended Campbell Junior College and Wake Forest College. Served 4 years in U.S. Navy 1950-54 as Hospitalman aboard Air Craft Carrier U.S.S. Valley Forge during Korean War. Member of Jason Presbyterian Church, Farm Bureau and Volunteer Fire Dept. Currently engaged in farming and carpentry. Unmarried.
  - C. Marjorie Elizabeth Sutton born 12 Nov. 1933 in Greene Co. 1952 graduate of Snow Hill High School. Graduate of Wayne County Memorial Hospital School of Practical Nursing. Is a Registered Licensed Practical Nurse. Office Nurse for Dr. M. Edward Bizzell, E.E.N.&T. for 6 years. Member of Jason Presbyterian Church. Has held positions of leadership in the Womens work. Is currently Church Historian. Sunday School teacher for 15 years. Active in Scouting program. Den mother of LaGrange Pack 329 and is Merit Badge Counselor, Advisor and Treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 114. Received Den Leaders Training Award and was presented the Green Band Award by the Caswell District of East Carolina Council in 1972. Dedicates time and efforts to charity drives. Works as volunteer for school functions and Red Cross.  
Married 4 July, 1952 to Franklin Fields Oliver born 22 Sept. 1929 in Johnston Co. the son of Julia Bowden Fields and Joseph Elijah Oliver of Johnston County. 1948 graduate of New Hope High School. Served in U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves 6 years. Discharged with rank of Sergeant 1st class. Was Maintenance Engineer at Wayne Memorial Hospital for 10 years. Farm Manager and cabinet maker. Currently engaged in farming and cabinet making in own shop. 3 children:
    - (a) Harold Franklin Oliver (Hal) born 14 Feb. 1960 in Wayne Co. Attends public school in Lenoir County. Active in Scouting and sports. Received God and Country Award in 1974. Presently holds rank of Life Scout . . . in LaGrange Troop 114.
    - (b) Gregory Van Oliver born 14 July 1963 in Wayne Co. Attends LaGrange public school in Lenoir Co. Class President 1974. Active in Scouting and sports. Received the Arrow of Light, highest award in Cub Scouting in 1974.
    - (c) Derek Sutton Oliver born 8 July 1968 in Wayne Co. Attends LaGrange Elementary School in Lenoir Co.
2. ROBERT NEWTON SUTTON born 26 May 1902 in Greene County. Died 20 Aug. 1973. Buried . . Fairview Cemetery, LaGrange, N.C. Attended Public school in Greene Co. A farmer by trade. He acquired land holdings in Lenoir and Greene Counties. A 50 year member of the Woodmen of the World and a member of the Farm Bureau. Married 22 Oct. 1927 to Carrie Jenkins born 20 July 1900 in Fairmont, Robeson County, N.C. the daughter of Carolina Andrews and Perry Jenkins. She attended Oxford College and taught school in Carteret, Robeson and Greene Counties. A member of Jason Presbyterian Church, she has served in many positions of leadership in the Women's work. One child:
  - A. Infant son born and died 20 Dec. 1931 in Greene Co. Buried . . Fairview Cemetery, LaGrange, N.C.
3. NORMAN RICHARD SUTTON born 18 Nov. 1907 in Greene County. Died 25 Nov. 1962. Buried . . Fairview Cemetery, LaGrange, N.C. Attended public school in Greene Co. and Snow Hill High School. He was a farmer and operated a General Merchandise store and garage at Jason. Member of Rutitan Club and Farm Bureau. Married 3 June 1927 Eleanor Marie Whitfield born 21 June 1907 in Robinsonville, Martin Co. N.C. the daughter of Caddie Bell Powelle and Joseph Henry Whitfield of Martin County. Eleanor married 2nd. 10 Jan. 1969 Hasel Oren Boyd b. 4 April 1897 and died 15 July 1971. Eleanor graduated from Robinsonville High School. Attended East Carolina College. Taught school in Snow Hill. Member of LaGrange United Methodist Church. Sunday School Teacher. Active in Church and Women's Work. Member of Wolfean Book Club. Norman and Eleanor had 2 children:



- A. Eleanor Anita Sutton born 2 June 1928 in Greene County. Graduate of Snow Hill High School. Attended East Carolina College. Member of United Methodist Church. Active in church and community affairs. Member of Garden Club.
- Married 12 April 1947 to James (Jack) Emmett Jones, Jr. born 12 Aug. 1926 in Lenoir Co. the son of James Emmett Jones, Sr. and Lucy Brothers. Jack attended Oak Ridge Military Institute. Served in U.S. Navy. Gunners Mate 3rd class. A Shriner. Member of United Methodist Church. Currently engaged in farming and egg production business. 3 children:
- (a) Eleanor Sue Jones born 1 Aug. 1948 in Lenoir Co. Graduate of North Lenoir High School. Graduate of Greensboro College with B.S. Degree in Biology. Currently engaged in teaching in Warsaw. Married 14 June 1969 John Peirce Walmsley born 4 Sept. 1947, the son of Mary Reid and Dr. James Edward Walmsley of Pennsylvania.
  - One child:
    - (1) Reid Emmett ~~Walmsley~~ <sup>Walmsley</sup> born 5 Nov. 1972 in Greensboro, Guilford Co. N.C.
  - (b) James (Jimmy) Henry Jones born 24 Aug. 1951 in Lenoir Co. Graduate of North Lenoir High School.
  - Graduate of Campbell College with B.S. in Business Administration.
  - (c) Martha Lynn Jones born 8 April in Lenoir Co. Attends Arendell Parrott Academy, Kinston, N.C. Member of Beta Club.
- B. Richard Elliott Sutton born 20 Sept. 1931 in Greene Co. 1950 graduate of Snow Hill High School. Attended Campbell Junior College and East Carolina College. Served 4 years in U.S. Coast Guard 1952-56 as an Aviation Machinist. Was employed with Weil-Creech and Smith-Douglass. Member of Community Baptist Church. Is active in church work. A Mason. Currently employed by Murphy Farms, Inc. of Rose Hill. Is Manager of LaGrange Division Grain Market.
- Married 20 Sept. 1959 Ada Mitchell Barrow born 9 Nov. 1933 in Greene Co. the daughter of Julia Evelyn Grant and Earl Mitchell Barrow. 1951 graduate of Snow Hill High School. Graduate of Wilson School of Nursing. Is a Registered Nurse. Member of Community Baptist Church. Active in church work. 2 children:
- (a) Marcia Hope Sutton born 9 June 1964 in Lenoir Co. Attends LaGrange Elementary School. Is Vice-President of Student Council . . . 1974.
  - (b) Amy Barrow Sutton born 19 April 1966 in Lenoir Co. Attends LaGrange Elementary School.

## CHAPTER 10

### HULDAH ELIZABETH SUTTON

HULDAH ELIZABETH SUTTON was the tenth child of Mary Catherine Hill and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. She was born January 8, 1876 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Huldah was a large built woman with black and brown eyes. She was jolly, lively and good natured to all. She loved her church and was a strict Primitive Baptist. She became a diabetic late in life but remained in good health. She was a good cook and a strict disciplinarian to her children.

Huldah Elizabeth Sutton was married first November 20, 1901 to Henry Drew Mewborn. He was born April 6, 1870 in Greene County, the son of Penniah A. Dixon and Drewary Aldridge Mewborn, an Elder in the Primitive Baptist Church for many years. Henry and Hulda had two daughters and both died young with a "leaking heart." They farmed the three and one-half years of their married life. Henry was also affected with a "leaking heart." At the age of seven years he sucked a grain of corn into his windpipe and it lodged in his bronchial tube and caused several severe hemorrhages. He coughed it up four weeks later but he never fully recovered from the damage it did to his lung. He died February 4, 1905, about a month before his daughter was born. He was only 34 years of age. He is buried at the Parker Family Cemetery in Greene County.

Huldah Sutton Mewborn, a widow with two small girls, lived with her father-in-law, Elder Drewary Aldridge Mewborn. Through church connections she met William Redmon Abrams, a three-time widower with thirteen children. He was born April 14, 1850 in Edgecombe County, the son of Mary Dupree and Elisha Abrams. William Redmon Abrams was married first June 1, 1870 to Mary Edwards. They had six children named Joseph, Mary, Charles, William, Bennett and James Abrams. His second wife was named Nannie Cobb. They had one son named Robert Abrams. William R. Abrams was married third August 22, 1883 to Nellie Ford. There were six children from this union named Mary, Columbus, Redmon, Cooper, Martha and Reddin Abrams.

Huldah Sutton Mewborn and William Redmon Abrams were married June 18, 1905. William Redmond Abrams was a good man. He was tall, of medium build, had black hair and blue eyes. An uneducated man, he could neither read or write his name, but he believed in hard work. He was a farmer, a Deputy Sheriff, and for several years ran a cotton gin near Crisp, N.C. In Crisp he had a combination black-smith and undertakers shop. He built caskets and did undertaking services there.

They lived and farmed in Edgecombe County all of their life, raising a family of their own of four girls and two sons, making a total of 21 children. Their children were named Lizzie Penniah, Nannie Elizabeth, William Richard, John Thomas, Cennie Huldah and Hattie Louise Abrams.

William Redmon Abrams died September 29, 1928 at the age of 78 years. He is buried in the Abrams Family Cemetery at Crisp, N.C.

Huldah is well remembered for her welcomed visits among her relatives for she always had a pleasant word for everyone ... and a spare "tooth-brush" if you wanted one, for she loved to "dip her snuff."

Huldah Elizabeth Sutton Mewborn Abrams died October 18, 1961 at the age of 85 years. She is buried in the Macclesfield Cemetery at Macclesfield, N.C.

## CHAPTER 10

### HULDAH ELIZABETH SUTTON

#### Tenth Child of

#### Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill

HULDAH ELIZABETH SUTTON was born 8 Jan. 1876 in Lenoir County. Died 18 Oct. 1961. Buried .. Macclesfield Cemetery, Macclesfield, N.C. Married 1st. 20 Nov. 1901, Henry Drew Mewborn born 6 April 1870 in Greene Co., the son of Penniah A. Dixon and Drewary Aldridge Mewborn. He died 4 Feb. 1905. Buried .. Parker Family Cem. in Greene County. 2 children:

1. MARY ELLEN MEWBORN born 14 Jan. 1904 in Greene Co. Died 20 Sept. 1920. Buried ... Mewborn Cemetery, Farmville, N.C. Unmarried.
2. MARTHA HENRIETTA MEWBORN born 31 March 1905 in Greene Co. Died 11 Aug. 1925. Buried .. Mewborn Cemetery, Farmville, NC.

HULDAH SUTTON MEWBORN married 2nd. 18 June 1905, William Redmon Abrams born 14 April 1850 in Edgecombe Co. the son of Mary Dupree and Elisha Abrams. He died 29 Sept. 1928. Buried .. Abrams Family Cem. Crisp, N.C. 6 children:

1. LIZZIE PENNIAH (NINA) ABRAMS born 23 April 1906 in Edgecombe County. Married 10 Sept. 1924 Billie Stephen Jones born 2 Nov. 1904 in Edgecombe Co. Died 7 Sept. 1974. Buried .. Macclesfield Cemetery, Macclesfield, N.C. the son of Malinda Mae Gay and Bengen Frank Jones. 1 son:
  - A. Edward Ray Jones born 21 June 1932 in Edgecombe County. Married 2 Aug. 1952, Pearl Cherry born 30 Oct. 1936 in Edgecombe Co. the daughter of Mattie Bell Ruffin and Finnie Tamalage Cherry.
    - (a) Susette Lynn Jones born 23 Sept. 1962 (adopted)

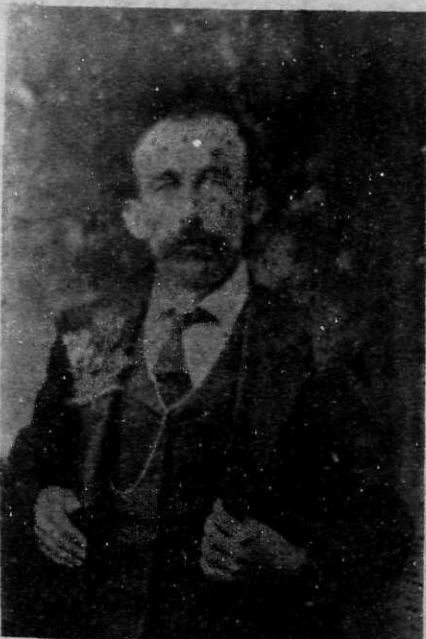
NANNIE ELIZABETH ABRAMS born 7 Dec. 1907 in Edgecombe County. Married 19 Dec. 1928 Allen Curtis Wooten born 10 April 1904 in Edgecombe Co. the son of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Stephenson and Allen Buchanan Wooten.

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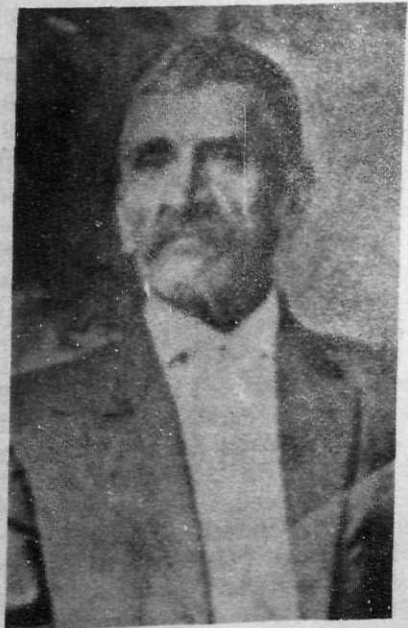




**HULDAH ELIZABETH SUTTON ABRAMS**  
1876-1961



**HENRY DREW MEWBORN**  
1870-1905



**WILLIAM REDMON ABRAMS**  
1850-1928



- A. William Allen Wooten born 22 Oct. 1929 in Edgecombe County. Married 28 Dec. 1951, Jackie Leigh born 15 March 1933 in Edgecombe Co. the daughter of Dora Lee Gay and Homer Leigh. 2 children:  
 (a) Randall Allen Wooten born 28 Oct. 1957 in Lenoir Co.  
 (b) Robert Curtis Wooten born 25 Jan. 1967 in Lenoir Co.
- B. Walter Frank Wooten born 22 June 1933 in Edgecombe County. Married 22 Nov. 1964, Carole Lee Jackson born 2 Dec. 1937 in Wilson Co. the daughter of Minnie Laura Teel and William Lee Jackson.  
 (a) Laura Lee Wooten born 26 Aug. 1969 in Cumberland Co.
- C. Julius Curtis Wooten born 19 Dec. 1941 in Edgecombe Co. Married 28 June 1969, Frances Ann Maness born 11 July 1945 in Richmond Co. the daughter of Mary Helen Roe and Charles Thomas Maness.
- D. Mary Elizabeth Wooten born 15 Jan. 1947 in Edgecombe Co.
- WILLIAM RICHARD ABRAMS born 7 Aug. 1909 in Edgecombe County. Married 22 June 1932, Alice Mae Wooten born 6 Jan. 1911 in Edgecombe Co. Died 31 Oct. 1973. Buried . . . Otter Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. She was the daughter of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Stephenson and Allen Buchanan Wooten. (Brother and sister married brother and sister). 1 son:  
 A. Maynard Allen Abrams born 6 May 1934 in Edgecombe County. Married 3 Sept. 1954, Evelyn Gray Marsh born 25 May 1936 in Edgecombe Co. the daughter of Dorothy Cook and John Wescott Marsh. 2 children:  
 (a) Daniel Allen Abrams born 5 Oct. 1955 in Shreveport, Louisiana.  
 (b) William Richard Abrams born 23 April 1959 in Norfolk, England.
1. JOHN THOMAS ABRAMS born 15 May 1911 in Edgecombe County. Married 23 Dec. 1935, Mary Elizabeth Smith born 23 Nov. 1912 in Edgecombe Co. the daughter of Minnie O. Langley and Campbell E. Smith. 1 daughter:  
 A. Audrey Smith Abrams born 24 July 1942 in Nash County. Married 4 Sept. 1960 Robert Lee Highsmith born 12 Jan. 1939 in Wilson Co. the son of Leona Elizabeth Edwards and John Robert Highsmith. 1 son:  
 (a) Ronald Dale Highsmith born 25 March 1965 in Edgecombe Co.
5. CENNIE (DOLL) HULDAH ABRAMS born 20 Jan. 1913 in Edgecombe County. Married 1st. 12 Jan. 1936, Frank Bridgers born 9 Feb. 1910 in Edgecombe Co. the son of Nancy Lavinia Owens and Joseph Calvin Bridgers. 5 children:  
 A. Frank Carlton Bridgers born 30 Sept. 1936 in Edgecombe Co. Married 11 June 1960, Oliva Apicella born 19 March 1938 in Tripoli, Libya, Africa, the daughter of Teresa Simonutti and Antonio Apicella. 4 children:  
 (a) Teresa Carol Bridgers born 15 March 1961 in Nash Co.  
 (b) Michael Frank Bridgers born 7 June 1964 in Wilson Co.  
 (c) Scott Carlton Bridgers born 18 Jan. 1966 in Wilson Co.  
 (d) Mark Apicella Bridgers born 28 April 1969 in Wilson Co.  
 B. Troy Jerome Bridgers born 18 Aug. 1938 in Edgecombe County. Married 22 April 1961, Judy Yvonne Phillips born 6 Feb. 1941 in Edgecombe Co. the daughter of Mary Lily Cobb and Barney Alfred Phillips. 2 children:  
 (a) Karen Yvonne Bridgers born 17 Nov. 1961 in Nash Co.  
 (b) Susan Michelle Bridgers born 25 July 1966 in Nash Co.  
 (c) April Marie Bridgers born 3 May 1973 in Wayne Co.  
 C. Carol Jean Bridgers born 27 May 1941 in Edgecombe Co. A child. Died 10 March 1945. Buried . . . Macclesfield Cemetery.  
 D. Gloria Ann Bridgers born 9 Dec. 1944 in Edgecombe County. Married 21 Sept. 1963, Robert Walter Turner born 6 March 1943 in Nash Co. the son of Treacy Trevathan and Jeppie Turner.  
 (a) Lisa Ann Turner born 27 Dec. 1969 in Nash County.  
 E. Mary Catherine Bridgers born 6 Oct. 1946 in Edgecombe Co. Married 22 June 1969 William Robert Crisp born 29 Nov. 1946 in Edgecombe Co. the son of Ruby Kathleen Benson and William Harris Crisp.
- CENNIE HULDAH ABRAMS BRIDGERS married 2nd. 21 Oct. 1966 Leslie Loyd Spikes born 15 June 1912 in Greene Co. the son of Annie Alexander and Edward Albert Spikes.
6. HATTIE LOUISE ABRAMS born 7 June 1916 in Edgecombe County. Married 1st. 19 Dec. 1934 (Div.) Willie Clifton Harrell born 19 Sept. 1916 in Edgecombe Co. the son of Lucy Forbes and Albert Harrell. 1 son:  
 A. Willie Marshall Harrell born 10 July 1936 in Edgecombe Co.  
 HATTIE LOUISE ABRAMS HARRELL married 2nd. 5 Feb. 1938 (Div.) Thomas Matthew Dixon born 19 Nov. 1911, the son of Edna and Charlie Dixon. No children.  
 HATTIE ABRAMS HARRELL married 3rd. 4 June 1946, Russell Gordon Carlson born 18 May 1920 in Cuyahga Co. Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Mable E. Anderson and Carl E. Carlson.  
 Willie Marshall Harrell Carlson ("Mike") (above) was adopted 1 Aug. 1946 by Russell G. Carlson. Married June 1958 (Div.) Myrtle Robinson born 19 March 1942 in Broward, Fla. the daughter of Edith Patterson and C. Robinson. 2 children:  
 (a) Deborah Louise Carlson born 8 April 1959 in Broward, Fla.  
 (b) Jean Michelle Carlson born 9 Oct. 1960 in Broward, Fla.  
 Willie Marshall Harrell Carlson married 2nd. 17 Sept. 1971, Roni Zinn.

## CHAPTER 11

### JOHN THOMAS SUTTON

JOHN THOMAS SUTTON was the first child of Nancy Susan Hardy and Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. He was born October 13, 1877 at the Falling Creek homestead in Lenoir County. Here he grew up with his half-brothers and sisters and attended public school. John developed into a normal high spirited boy, full of pranks, some he inflicted on animals and fowls.

During his late teens he was granted permission by his father to leave the farm to work in Mr. Simon Wooten's general merchantile store in LaGrange. He became a tall handsome young man with dark brown hair and blue eyes. While working in LaGrange he met a lovely young lady with fair complexion, blue eyes and dark brown hair. She was Leslie Hardy, the daughter of Irena Aritas Jones and William Loftin Hardy of the Hardy Bridge section in Lenoir County.

Irena Aritas Jones was the daughter of Smithy Rouse, daughter of Winifred and Thomas Rouse and George Jones, son of Frances and Areta Jones.

William Loftin Hardy was the son of Tempie Virginia Nethercutt, the daughter of John Nethercutt and William Hedrick Hardy, son of Jesse Hardy and Sarah Sutton. Sarah Sutton was the daughter of Benjamin Oxley Sutton, son of John Sutton Sr. and Ann Turner (referred to on earlier pages).

Jesse Hardy was the son of Sarah Seawell and William Hardy, son of Elizabeth Parrott and Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy I, descendent of Anthony Hardy (1605-1665) of Pembroke, Wales.

William Loftin Hardy was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War. He was in Company D of the 20th Regiment and served the entire war. The friendship developed between John and Leslie into a romance and marriage. They were married on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1901.

Following their marriage they lived on a farm given them by Leslie's father in the Moss Hill section. During their life together here their family was born. They had 4 girls and 1 boy. They were named Nancy Susan, who died in infancy, Tempie Irena, Thelma Greene, Ethelyn Drew, and John Thomas Sutton.

In the spring of 1914 John and Leslie moved with their young family to Kornegay's Bridge in Duplin County. Here he opened a farm supply business with William Gooding as a partner. Due to John's deep concern for others he refused to collect the farm loans; therefore this business was forced to close. Following this they returned to Lenoir County. John obtained employment with Quinn & Miller Furniture Store in Kinston. Leslie's father came to the family's rescue with a gift of a home in Kinston.

Later, Leslie's father, William Loftin, also moved to Kinston and lived with John and his family.

Leslie was a good Christian wife and mother, and was never known to say an unkind word about anyone. She was a member of the Episcopal Church. As a young girl her membership was at Holy Innocence and later at Saint Mary's in Kinston. She was very active in church work, working with both of the church missions, the Altar Guild and the Church Women. She was a member of the United Daughters of Confederacy.

For years John operated a grocery store in Northwest Kinston and in later years traveled throughout eastern North Carolina as a sales representative calling on wholesale and retail merchants.

Through all their crises John retained his joking disposition and Leslie's kindness never ceased to her family, friends and neighbors.

Upon retirement, John Thomas and Leslie lived with their daughters, Thelma and Drew at 1404 Bond Street, Kinston.

In October of 1953, Leslie fell and broke her hip. While in the hospital she suffered repeated heart attacks and developed pneumonia. Following a massive cerebral hemorrhage she died on December 17, 1953 at the age of 73.

During his remaining years John Thomas lived in Kinston with his daughter, Thelma. He enjoyed playing cards and checkers with friends and telling his fabulous stories. These stories soon gave him the title, "Lying John." He got a big kick out of this. He was a great teaser and enjoyed people.

While visiting his daughter, Tempie in Middlesex, John Thomas suffered a fatal heart attack and died July 1, 1963. He was 85 years of age.

Both are buried in Westview Cemetery at Kinston, N.C.

## CHAPTER 11

### JOHN THOMAS SUTTON, SR.

First Child of

Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Nancy Susan Hardy

JOHN THOMAS SUTTON, SR. born 13 Oct. 1877 in Lenoir County. Died 1 July 1963. Buried .. Westview Cemetery, Kinston, N.C. Married 28 Nov. 1901 to Leslie Hardy born 1 Aug. 1880 in Lenoir Co. Died 17 Dec. 1953. Buried .. Westview Cemetery, Kinston, N.C. She was the daughter of Irena Aritas Jones and William Loftin Hardy.



John Thomas Sutton, Sr. and Leslie Hardy had 5 children:

1. NANCY SUSAN SUTTON born 15 Sept. 1902 in Lenoir County. Died 1 Nov. 1902. An infant. Buried Holy Innocence's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Kinston, N.C.
2. TEMPIE IRENA SUTTON born 23 Dec. 1903 in Lenoir County. She was educated in Lenoir and Duplin Counties and in Kinston City Schools. Married 1st 31 Dec. 1921 (Div.) to Henry Clay Burch born 11 Feb. 1897 in Greene County. He was the son of Ida Smith and David Eugene Burch. He died 16 Jan. 1954 and is buried at Walstonburg in Greene Co. One daughter:
  - A. Doris Jeanne Burch born 13 Jan. 1925 in Greene County. Educated in the Kinston City Schools. Was employed by the City of Kinston in the City Clerks office. Married 5 Jan. 1946 Roy Lee Holt born 9 Jan. 1922 in Johnston County. He is the son of Lillie Jane Canady and Robert Edgar Holt. Employed with the N.C. Prison Department of Currituck County. Jean is an Episcopalian and member of the Eastern Star. 4 children:
    - (a) Roy Lee Holt, Jr. born 14 June 1949 in Jacksonville, N.C. Educated in the public schools of Currituck County and Technological Institute of Elizabeth City. Obtained the God and Country Award as a Boy Scout. Employed with the Civil Service in Shipbuilding at Portsmouth. Married 5 Oct. 1973 to Opal Lee Lupton Younts born 14 Sept. 1951 in Norfolk, Va. the daughter of Mildred Martha Lewark and James Edward Lupton, Sr. Opal has one daughter by a former marriage:
      - (1) Cynthia Lynn Younts born 3 Nov. 1967.
    - (b) John Robert Holt born 15 Dec. 1952 in Jacksonville, N.C. Educated in the public schools of Currituck County. Employed with Seal Test Company.
    - (c) William Franklin Holt born 10 Oct. 1958 in Currituck Co. Died 11 Oct. 1958. Buried . . Jacksonville Cemetery.
    - (d) Richard (Ricky) Allen Holt born 22 April 1960 in Currituck County. Attends public school in Currituck County.

TEMPIE IRENA SUTTON BURCH married 2nd. 9 Nov. 1947 William Jackson Tippitt born 2 Sept. 1890 in Johnston Co. the son of Elizabeth Wilder and William Joseph Tippitt. They live in Middlesex and are members of the Baptist Church. Both were active in the Eastern Star while physically able.

3. THELMA GREENE SUTTON born 23 Oct. 1905 in Lenoir County. Attended public schools in Lenoir and Duplin Counties and the Kinston City Schools. Graduated from Memorial General Hospital, now Lenoir Memorial Hospital as a member of the first graduating class and is a Licensed Registered Nurse. In 1930, graduated from Stuart Circle School of Medical Technologists, Richmond, Virginia. In 1943, attended University of Michigan for graduate work in Serology. Employed as a Medical Technologist by Dr. Paul Whitaker and Dr. Kirby Turrentine. During World War II was employed at N.C. Shipbuilding Co. and N.C. Board of Health. Following the war was employed at the Kinston Clinic Laboratory and DuPont Co. in Kinston. Retired from DuPont October 31, 1970. Charter member of Pilot Club in Kinston, being very active. Member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and is active in the Church Women. Member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Unmarried, she enjoys traveling, gardening, sewing and reading.
4. ETHELYN DREW SUTTON born 5 September 1908 in Lenoir County. Attended public schools in Lenoir and Duplin Counties and the Kinston City Schools and Business School. Was employed by A.J. Sutton's and Sons for several years. Worked for the Kinston Daily Free Press. Became Society Editor. Member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, active as a Sunday Teacher, Young Churchmen, and the Church Women and Guilds. Unmarried. Died 14 July, 1950. Buried . . Westview Cemetery, Kinston, N.C.
5. JOHN THOMAS (J.T.) SUTTON, JR. born 3 Sept. 1913 in Lenoir County. Graduated from Kinston City Schools and Business School. Was a tobacconist for thirteen years, employed by Old Dixie Leaf Tobacco Company, Inc., Farmville Leaf Tobacco Company, and in 1947 assisted in setting up Leaf Department of the Farmers, Owned Tobacco Stabilization Forporation, Raleigh, N.C. Served as first Lenoir Co. United Fund Chairman and is one of strongest boosters. Attended Insurance Schools at Rhode Island State College and the University of Miami. Owner of Sutton's Mutual Insurance Agency in Kinston. Has served on numerous Advisory Boards and served in leadership capacities. Has been active in the Kiwanis and Elks Club. On American Red Cross and Salvation Army Advisory Board for many years. Past President of the Lenoir County Association for Parent and Friends of Retarded Children and currently serves on the Board of Directors. Has been active on State level with the Retarded Children's Association. Has been active in Scouting for 25 years from Boy Scout to Scoutmaster and Vice-Chairman of the Lenoir District. His family are members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Married 11 May 1940, Naomi Pollock born 4 March 1917 in Jones County. Daughter of Maude Pollock and Leroy Otis Pollock. Three children:

- A. John Thomas Sutton III (Tommy) born 1 Dec. 1943 in Lenoir Co. Graduate of the University of the South. Attended Episcopal Seminary, Sewanee, Tenn. An Eagle Scout. Active in the Scouting Program, serving as Assistant Scoutmaster and Explorer Chairman for Caswell District. Was in Marine Corps. Currently associated with father in the Insurance Agency, Kinston. Married 30 May



- 1970, Mary Howard Hinson born 23 Nov. 1946, the daughter of Anna Harrington and Joseph Hinson. She teaches at Parrott Academy.
- B. Naomi Kay Sutton born 22 March 1951 in Lenoir Co. A college student working for a degree in Business Administration. She is active being a volunteer for the rescue squad. She helped organize the fire dept. and volunteer rescue squad at Topsail Beach. Also works with "Hotline." Teaches Guitar lessons.
- C. Leroy Pollock Sutton born 20 Aug. 1954 in Lenoir Co. Part-time resident at Caswell.



**JOHN THOMAS SUTTON & LESLIE HARDY SUTTON**  
1877-1963 1880-1953

## CHAPTER 12

### NANCY JANE SUTTON

NANCY JANE (JANIE) SUTTON was the second child of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Nancy Susan Hardy. She was born April 24, 1883 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County.

Janie was a tall well-built lady with light brown hair and blue eyes. She loved dogs, was a good housekeeper and mother and was a plain-spoken woman. She was very neat in her appearance to the point of being called "prissy". She had a grammar-grade education.

She married first July 19, 1904, her first cousin, John Thomas Sutton II. He was the son of Nancy Jane Warters and John Thomas Sutton I (brother to Richard W. Sutton, Sr.) John Thomas was born August 2, 1862 in Lenoir County. He was a farmer, living at Bucklesberry. After marriage they lived in LaGrange with Janie's father at 401 W. Railroad Street. Janie's mother had died in 1902.

Janie and John Thomas were married only a few short months before his death on January 21, 1905. He is buried near Bucklesberry in the Levi Hill Cemetery. Their son, John Thomas, was born several months after his death. Janie and her son lived with her father.

Nancy Jane was married second June 22, 1911 to Everett R. Rouse. Everett was the son of Martha Wharton and Wiley J. Rouse. He was born May 24, 1845 and was raised in the Contentnea Neck Township of Lenoir County. He farmed there until his first wife's health failed. He then retired from farming and moved to Kinston where they were living when his wife, Betty, died.

After Everett and Janie met and were married, they lived in LaGrange and raised her son and added three daughters to their family.

Everett R. Rouse died February 14, 1924 and was buried in Fairview Cemetery at LaGrange, N.C.

After his death, Janie with the help of her son, John Thomas, raised the three girls, Betty Bruce, Julia Everett and Lillie Bell.

Nancy Jane Sutton Rouse (Janie) died January 29, 1972 at the age of eighty-eight. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery at LaGrange, N.C.

## CHAPTER 12

### NANCY JANE (JANIE) SUTTON

#### Second Child of

#### Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Nancy Susan Hardy

NANCY JANE (JANIE) SUTTON born 24 April 1883 in Lenoir County, and died 29 Jan. 1972. Buried .. Fairview Cemetery in LaGrange, N.C. Married 1st 19 July 1904, John Thomas Sutton, born 2 Aug. 1862 in Lenoir Co. Died 21 Jan. 1905. Buried .. Levi Hill Cemetery at Bucklesberry. He was the son of Nancy Jane Warters and John Thomas Sutton Sr.

Nancy Jane and John Thomas Sutton had 1 son:

1. JOHN THOMAS SUTTON born 25 May 1905 in Lenoir County. Married 1st. 16 July 1940, Mae Hampton Keith born 19 May 1909. Died 28 June 1961. Buried .. Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. She was the daughter of Lanie Ball and Edgar Keith.

JOHN THOMAS SUTTON married 2nd. 26 Jan. 1963, Nancy Jane Plonk born 27 March 1927 in Cleveland County, the daughter of Kathleen McGill and Rugus Plonk.  
No children.

NANCY JANE SUTTON married 2nd. 22 June 1911 Everett R. Rouse born 24 May 1845 in Lenoir County. Died 14 Feb. 1924. Buried .. Fairview Cemetery in LaGrange. He was the son of Martha Wharton and Wiley J. Rouse. Children: 3 daughters:

1. BETTY BRUCE ROUSE born 3 June 1912 in Lenoir County. Died 28 March 1943. Buried .. Fairview Cemetery, LaGrange, N.C. Married 22 Feb. 1942, Emmett Lee Swinson born 23 Aug. 1907 in Edgecombe Co. Died 1 July 1951. Buried .. Willowdale Cemetery, Goldsboro, N.C. He was the son of Lydia Grace Herring and Rufus L. Swinson. No children.
2. JULIA EVERETT ROUSE born 17 April 1915 in Lenoir County. Married 24 Jan. 1942, Daniel Wadsworth Brady born 7 Feb. 1916 in Carthage, N.C. the son of Ida Evelyn Wadsworth and William Oscar Brady. 3 children:
  - A. Jane Rouse Brady born 22 Dec. 1942 in Lenoir County. Married 1 June 1963 George Willis Allen born 23 March 1941 in Bladen Co. the son of Emma Inez Lewis and Glenn Henry Allen.
    - (a) George Anthony Allen born 31 March 1967.
    - (b) Janie Danielle Allen born 6 April 1974 in El Paso Co., Colorado.
  - B. Danette Elizabeth Brady born 12 Dec. 1950 in Martin Co. Married 25 April 1970, David Eric Minshew born 23 Aug. 1948 in Johnston Co. the son of Jacqueline Louise Patterson and David Elmer Minshew.

C. Judy Everett Brady born 16 March 1952 in Martin Co. Married 23 Nov. 1973 Daryl Taylor Rogerson born 13 Jan. 1951 in Martin Co. the son of Elsie Mae Taylor and Dillon Thomas Rogerson.  
 LILLIE BELL ROUSE born 15 May 1918 in Lenoir County. Married 1st. 1 Sept. 1944, Dr. Matthew Lee Carr born 26 Sept. 1892 in Pitt County. died 13 Dec. 1946. Buried . . Fairview Cemetery, LaGrange, N.C. He was the son of Virginia Speight and Richard Ruffin Carr. They had one daughter:  
 A. Betty Lee Carr born 19 Feb. 1946 in Lenoir Co. Married 8 June 1968, Michael Norman Trahos, DDS. born 14 Oct. 1944 in Arlington Co. Va. the son of Dorothy Dyer and Dr. Norman M. Trahos.  
 (a) Elizabeth Carr Trahos born 6 March 1972 in Fairfax Co. Va.

LILLIE BELL ROUSE CARR married 2nd. 9 Aug. 1963, Harroll David Weaver (Buck) born 9 Aug. 1906 in Augusta Co. Virginia, the son of Florence Hildebrand and David Nelson Weaver. No children.



**JOHN THOMAS SUTTON**  
1862-1905

**NANCY JANE SUTTON**  
1883-1972



## CHAPTER 13

### EFFIE ESTELLE SUTTON

EFFIE ESTELLE SUTTON was the baby child of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Nancy Susan Hardy. She was born October 13, 1884 at the Falling Creek homeplace in Lenoir County, N.C.

Although Effie was the baby in a family of thirteen children, she was considered to have the sweetest disposition of all her brothers and sisters. She had medium brown hair and hazel eyes and was about five feet six inches tall. She attended the elementary public schools of Lenoir County.

At the age of 19, Effie, on May 18, 1904 was married at her home in Falling Creek to William Emmett Robinson. He was born October 20, 1875, the son of Spicey Emma and Luther Robinson. He was dark complexioned with hazel eyes, dark brown hair, and was six feet in height. He was a rural mail carrier and farmer. He carried the mail for the town of LaGrange and in the county for many years. He was a member of the Woodman of the World.

They made their home on Railroad St. in LaGrange where their six children were born. They were named Lucille Longence, who died an infant, Richard Alvis, Oris Greene, Dorothy Mae, Annie Sue, and Marshal Caraway Robinson.

Emmett W. Robinson died July 6, 1919 at the age of forty-three. His youngest child was barely a year and a half old. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery at LaGrange, N.C. A Woodman of the World monument marks his gravesite.

After her husband's death, Effie lived in LaGrange where she operated a boarding house. In 1920 Effie moved her 5 small children to Goldsboro. To support her family she first worked in a shirt factory. She then operated a boarding house near the railroad station. Here she cooked and served meals to her boarders, on W. Walnut Street.

During this time, Effie met a bricklayer from Florida doing construction work in Goldsboro. He had a room at her boarding house. His name was Carl Andrew Jester. Effie and Carl were married Sept. 4, 1924. They continued to live in Goldsboro until a short move to Swansboro in the summer of 1925.

Carl Jester in following his trade during the building boom in Florida moved the family to Punta Gorda, March 23, 1926. They resided there during their remaining years.

Carl Andrew Jester died in Greenville, S.C. in 1955. He is buried in Punta Gorda Cemetery, Florida.

Effie continued to live in Punta Gorda, Florida with her family, visiting her North Carolina relatives as often as she could. Her visits were enjoyed by all her family.

She had an accident on December 31, 1961. She fell and fractured her knee. She never fully recovered and on January 29, 1962, she died of pneumonia at Medical Center in Punta Gorda, Florida. Her final resting place was beside her first husband in Fairview Cemetery at LaGrange, N.C.

## CHAPTER 13

### EFFIE ESTELLE SUTTON

#### Third Child of

#### Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Nancy Susan Hardy

EFFIE ESTELLE SUTTON born 13 Oct. 1884 in Lenoir County. Died 29 Jan. 1962. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. Married 1st. 18 May 1904 Emmett W. Robinson born 20 Oct. 1875. Died 6 July 1919. Buried . . Fairview Cem. LaGrange, N.C. He was the son of Spicey Emma and Luther Robinson. Married 2nd. Sept. 1924 Carl A. Jester. Died 1955. He is buried in Punta Gorda Cem. Florida. No children.

Effie Estelle Sutton and Emmett W. Robinson had 6 children:

1. LUCILLE LONGENCE ROBINSON born 1 March 1905 in Lenoir Co. Died 26 June 1905 at the age of 6 months from spinal meningitis. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery at LaGrange, N.C.
2. RICHARD ALVIS ROBINSON born 7 Jan. 1907 in Lenoir County. Died 13 Nov. 1967. Buried . . Indian Springs Cemetery, Punta Gorda, Florida. As a teenager, he developed Parkinson's Disease. His physical condition prevented his working at a trade but he continued to work with the County Public Works until he retired on disability. He married and had three children:
  - A. Richard died from an auto accident in 1972.
  - B. Oris lives in Houston, Texas.
  - C. Marshall lives in Fort Myers, Florida.

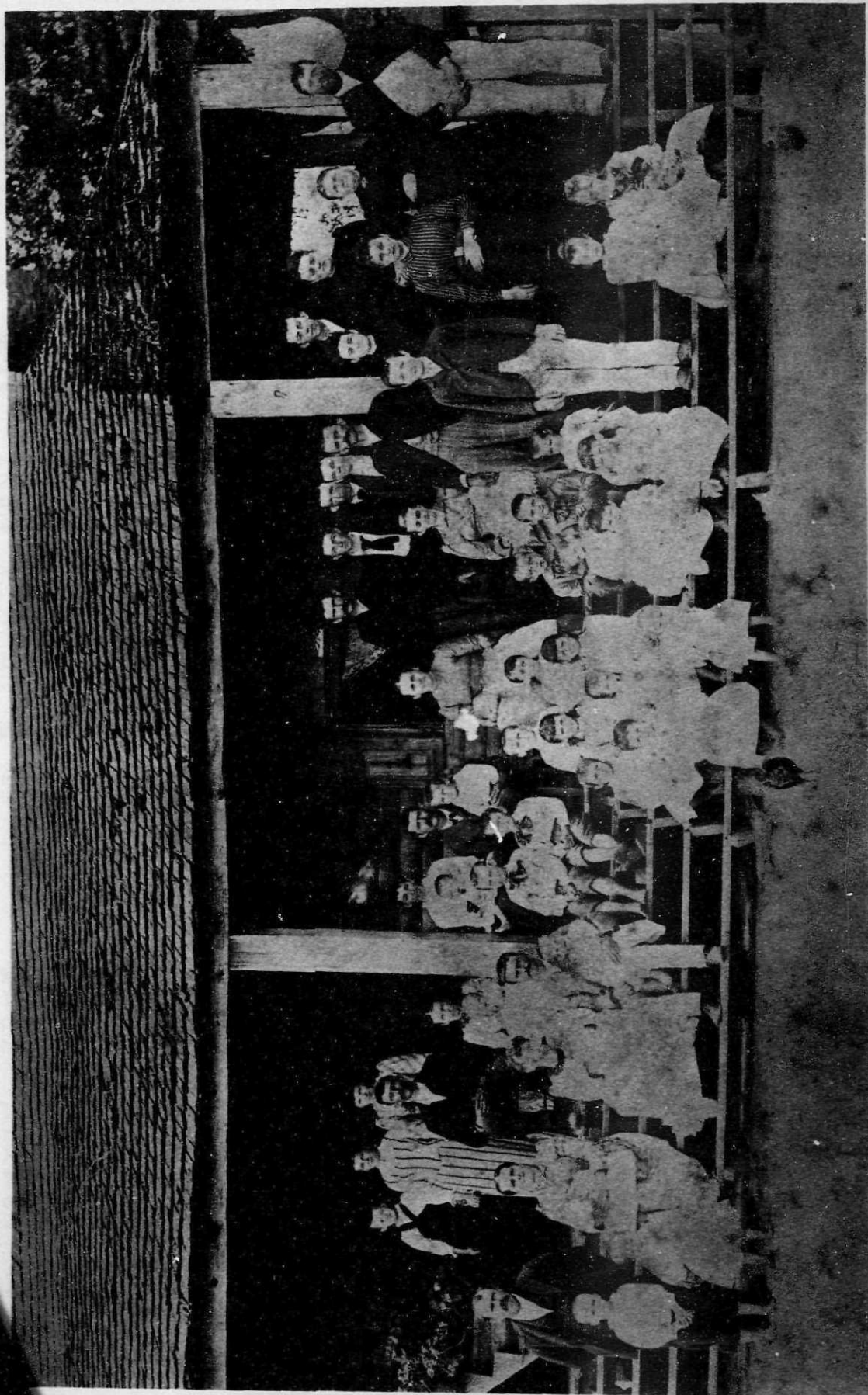
ORIS GREENE ROBINSON born 8 Nov. 1910 in Lenoir County. In 1925 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Fort Dix, New Jersey, he contracted spinal meningitis and died 30 May, 1927. He is buried in Indian Springs Cemetery, Punta Gorda, Florida.

4. DOROTHY MAE ROBINSON born 16 June 1912 in Lenoir County. Graduated from Punta Gorda High School in 1931, and worked as welfare worker. Worked as Office Deputy Sheriff for Charlotte County from 1935 to 1964. Married 24 May, 1934, William Leonard Flowers, Sr. born 4 Aug. 1894. He owned and operated a vegetable packing house in Punta Gorda. He died suddenly, 21 Dec. 1941 from a heart attack. Buried . . Punta Gorda Cemetery, Florida.  
 Married 2nd. February 10, 1951, H.H. Anger of Englewood. He was a commercial fisherman and County Commissioner for the Englewood District. After a divorce from Anger, March 13, 1963, she resumed her former name of Flowers. In May 1964, she entered politics as a candidate for County Commissioner against her former husband, and won the election for a term of 4 years. She was re-elected in 1972 for 4 years. She became the first women Commissioner in the state of Florida. She and Mr. Flowers had two children:
  - A. William Leonard (Bud) Flowers, Jr. born 9 June 1938 in Florida. Married 16 Jan. 1960, Jacqueline Louise Wilkerson born 19 August 1940 in Sarasota, Florida. They own and operate a sporting goods store in Englewood, Fla. 1 son:
    - (a) William Jason Flowers born 4 May 1972 in Bradenton, Fla.
  - B. Grover Alexander Flowers born 3 Aug. 1942 in Punta Gorda, Fla. Married 4 July, 1968, Linda Kay Copelan born 20 April 1944 in McComb, Illinois. After serving 4 years in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot with duty in Viet Nam he entered an insurance and real estate firm in Englewood. Two children:
    - (a) Erin Jane Flowers born 4 April 1970 in Sarasota, Fla.
    - (b) Kristi Noel Flowers born 16 Dec. 1972 in Sarasota, Fla.
5. ANNIE SUE ROBINSON born 17 April 1914 in Lenoir County, N.C. Worked as a florist designer in Bradenton, Florida. Married 30 April 1937 Carter P. Ives born 27 Nov. 1900 in Cook Co. Illinois, son of Louise Penson and James P. Ives. He retired as an investigation officer for the county welfare office. They moved from Bradenton to Franklin, N.C. No children.
6. MARSHALL CARAWAYE ROBINSON born 18 Nov. 1917 in Lenoir County. Married 3 June 1939 Arline Wilkinson born 17 Feb. 1921. Marshall served in England as a 1st. Lt. in the Air Force during World War II and was recalled during the Korean War. After discharged from the Air Force, he returned to Punta Gorda to enter the Insurance and Real Estate business. In 1957 he was elected as Mayor of Punta Gorda and served a 2 year term until 1959. He sold his insurance business, but continued in real estate and appraisal work. 1 daughter:
  - A. Sharon Robinson born 8 June 1945 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Married John Grabfelder. Graduated from the University of Florida with degree in Journalism and is living in Tampa, employed by the Tampa Times as a reporter.



EMMETT W. ROBINSON – EFFIE ESTELLE SUTTON  
 1875-1919 1884-1962





Egbert & Mary Eliza  
Sutton Mewborn

Tabby & Jim Sutton

Huldah & Alex Sutton

John Thomas &  
Martha Jane Hill

Dick, Jr. &  
Martha Ellen

Noah  
Hattie

Lydia  
Huldah

John Thomas

Effie & Janie

Nancy Susan &  
Richard, Sr.

Cornelius & Mary Susan Sutton  
Gray

(July 16, 1892)





Hattie, Noah, Lydia, Nancy Susan Hardy Sutton, Richard W. Sutton, Sr.  
John Thomas, Huldah  
Effie Janie & dog

(July 16, 1892)