

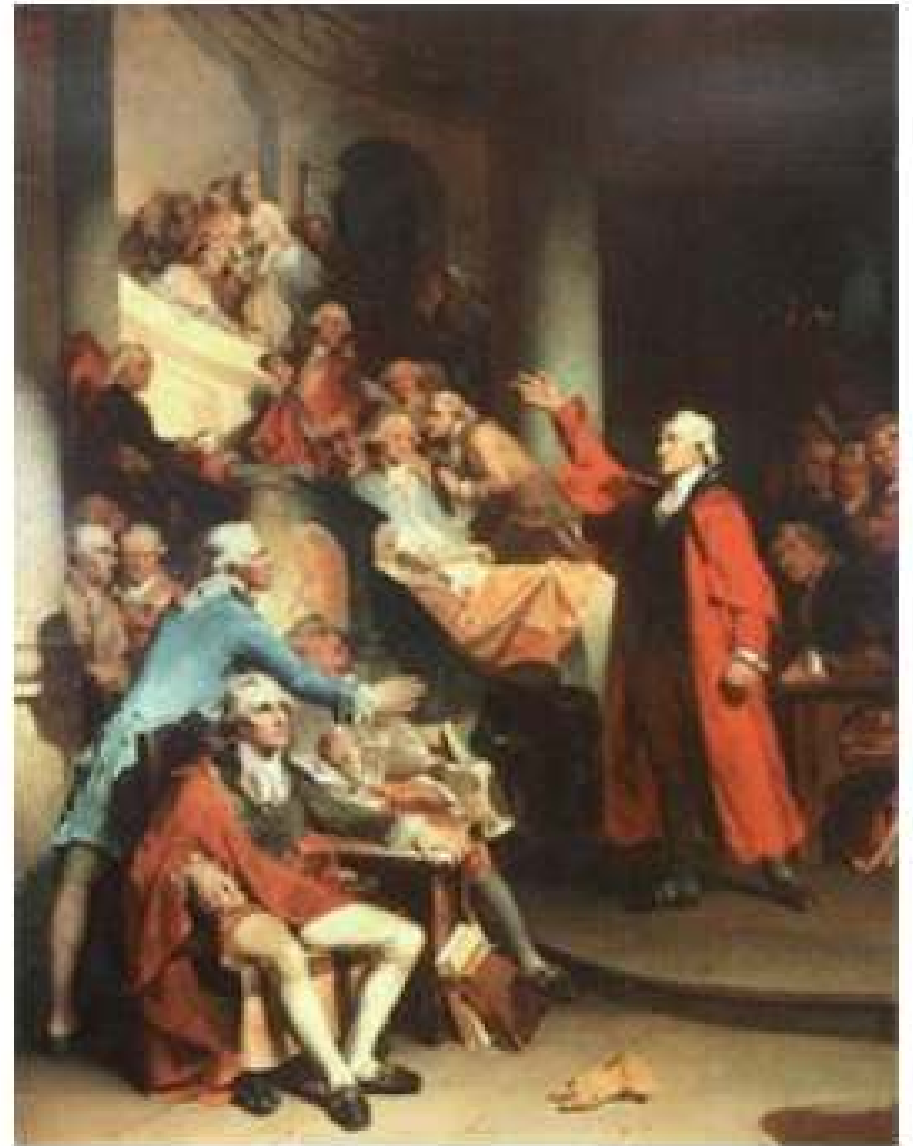
Five Family Migrations

From England to Chestnut Ridge

Phelps - Pollard

Our cousin Doug Payne from Richmond Virginia did quite a bit of research on our family. One of our earliest ancestors was Captain John Phelps. You may do a google search of what Doug has written about John Phelps at John Phelps d 1772 of Bedford County Captain Phelps served in the Virginia House of Burgess in the 1750 era. He served in four assemblies in the House of Burgess serving with Thomas Jefferson. He also fought in the early French and Indian War. Most of the records on Captain Phelps are in Lunenburg County as Bedford County Virginia was created later. We descend from Captain Phelps through his daughter Betty Phelps who married Francis Pollard. Betty Phelps and Francis Pollard's daughter Sarah Frances Pollard married Thomas Payne. This line continues on through our Payne family.

The House of Burgess





The French and Indian War

Early Whorley Family in Pennsylvania

Over the years of research, we have found many variations of the spelling of the Whorley name. WORLEY, WORLDLY, WHORLEY, WHERLEY, WHIRLEY WHIRLY, WHERLEE and many others. Our earliest Whorley family is back in England. Our Henry Whorley died in prison for not professing faith in the Church of England. There were two sons of Henry Whorley, Francis born 1669, died 1726 and Henry born 1672 died 1727. Upon his death his mother remarried Caleb Pusey. Caleb Pusey was a friend of William Penn. They made the first voyage to America in 1682 with William Penn. Caleb was the Penn Colony grain miller. They settled in Upland, Pennsylvania near Philadelphia. During their first winter in America they lived in an earthen made house. Then they built a river rock house in 1683 and this house still stands today and is on the National Register known as the Caleb Pusey House. There is a continue naming of Francis in the family names and it gets confusing. I descend from Francis Whorley and he named a son Francis also a grandson Francis. The grandson Francis served as a Patriot in the Revolutionary War and he is referenced as Francis Worldly in documents. There is also a community in Pennsylvania named Whorley.



The Pusey House

Payne Family

Our Payne ancestry enters our family on several occasions with marriages. Our earliest Payne ancestor was Flayll Payne who was christened in the St. Mary Magdalene Church in England in London England 29 November 1696. The first records of Flayll Payne being in America appears in August 1727 when he settled in Western Maryland. His home was near Knoxville, Maryland. In the Western Maryland Genealogy Journal issue Volume 4, No. 2 of April 1988 there is an extensive story about his many accomplishments. He was involved in many enterprises including Paine's Delight, Paine's Industry and That or None. Flayll Paine also operated a ferry on the Potomac and the Shenandoah Rivers from Knoxville, Maryland to Harpers Ferry, Virginia in the early 1700's. John Payne was the first to live in Bedford County, Virginia and he is my Patriot in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution He died in 1798 leaving a will in Bedford County, Virginia. Another Payne marriage was Martha Payne born abt 1748, died 1843 Bedford County, Virginia. She was married to Francis Whorley a Revolutionary War Patriot. Francis was the father of David referenced here. Thomas married Sarah Frances Pollard as referenced above. From their marriage was born a daughter Elizabeth Payne (1784 – 1849). Elizabeth married Jesse Brown. The other Payne marriages were Martha "Patsy" Payne who married David Whorley. She was the daughter of Peter Payne. Peter Payne was a son of Flayll Payne. John Payne migrated to Bedford County Virginia and lived in the Moneta Community. The Payne property there is now covered by Smith Mountain Lake. This was the area where the Payne, Brown and Whorley families lived.

Brown – Whorley Families From Bedford County, Virginia To Bedford County, Tennessee

David Whorley born 1773 in Frederick County, Maryland and wife Martha “Patsy” Payne had a son David Joel our Chestnut Ridge/Middle Tennessee ancestor. Joel was born in 1805 in Bedford County Virginia. His father David died 08 January 1824 with Joel being of the young age of 19 years. He married Cynthia Brown daughter of Jesse Brown on the date of 04 January 1827 in Bedford County, Virginia. With David dying at an early age his Joel’s grandmother Martha Payne (wife of Francis Whorley) remarried Patrick Lynch. From this marriage to Patrick Lynch there arose a dispute over property that was brought to court in Bedford County, Virginia. The Brown family had been very close to the Whorley children and Jesse Brown had raised several of the children. It is believed and there is strong DNA evidence that Jesse Brown was the son of Dr. Daniel Brown and Lucy Leftwich.

The Leftwich family was a very prominent family in Bedford County, Virginia. After this dispute the families started their migration to Middle Tennessee settling in the Pleasant Grove Community of Bedford County. Some researchers have suggested that they were in migration to Middle Tennessee the Night That The Stars Fell, November 13, 1833. As we look at the 1850 District 4, Marshall County census we have a listing of children in the household of Joel Whorley and Cynthia Brown. Listed are Silas D. age 20 born in Virginia, Jesse 16, born in Virginia, Martha J. 15, born in Tennessee, Alsie Caroline age 12 born in Tennessee, Rhoda age 11, born in Tennessee, Sabra F. age 8, born in Tennessee, Richard age 6, born in Tennessee, Fanny age 3 born in Tennessee, and William T. age 1, born in Tennessee. This tells us with Jesse age 16 born in Virginia and Martha J. age 15 born in Tennessee that their migration was about 1834. Researcher have passed on added information on the children of Joel and Cynthia Also, (a.) Elizabeth Ann born about 1831 married George G. Moore and they are in the Bedford County Census records but no other information.

From this we learned that (b.) John C. was born in 1828 in Virginia and died in Fannin County, Texas. He was married to Eliza Jane Moore. Their children were William J., William Winston, Luella, Daniel, Frank C. and Willie. (c.) Silas D. married (1) Frances Greer, (2) Sinthia Tucker. Children born of Silas D. and Frances Greer were Cynthia L., Mary C., Joel Robert, Rhoda C. and Jesse Calvin. Silas D. and Sinthia Tucker had three children Frances Ellen, Rosa, and Silas Hubert. Silas D. is buried in the Crum Cemetery in Alcorn, Mississippi. (d.) Jesse T. md. Mary Catherine Darnell and there were five children born of that union Cynthia, John T., James A., Jesse and Isabell. (e.) Martha Jane md. N. M. Lumley in 1864 Shelby County, Tennessee. (e.) Rhoda Ann married Joseph Henry Greer in Marshall Co. TN and their children were David Y, Marcy C. James P. Robert s. Joseph H. William C. Bettie and John H. This is a descendant of the Greer family that were the early cane breakers in Southern Middle Tennessee. No further information on Maria C., Sabria F., Lucy and William T. For lack of time I have not posted the children of Joel and Margarete Milam. Joel is buried in the New Hope Cemetery at Tally Station, Marshall County.

After the Brown / Whorley families migrated to Bedford County, Tennessee Joel had asked his father-in-law Jesse Brown to sign papers in order for him to purchase property in Bedford County. Jesse said “no that he would buy the property for him and he could pay him back.” Jesse Brown dies and this brings on more court cases. In this case Joel is in suit against his mother-in-law Elizabeth Brown. It list that there are two minor Brown children under the age John Alvin and Henry. Others listed in the case are Susan Brown Paschal, Jesse, Thomas, Elizabeth, David V., John, Alvin Henry and William Brown plus Cynthia Whorley (Joel’s wife) listed as heirs of Jesse Brown.

I descend from Joel Richard Whorley son of Joel Whorley. He married Sarah Deliah Hasting. Of their union were born (a.) William Cornelius born 20 September 1872, died 27 March 1933. He was married to Elizabeth Cummings. (b.) Joseph Walter born 03 Jan. 1874, died 19 Dec. 1917. was married to Margaret "Maggie" Pfeiffer. (c.) John Frank was born 04 February 1876, died June 1936 married Daisy Pfeiffer. (e.) Maude Elizabeth born 10 May 1881, died 04 March 1905. (f.) Georgia Ethel born 23 July 1883, died 01 March 1949 married George Norman. (g.) Thomas Monroe b. 28 May 1888, died 23 July 1969 married Lucy May Haislip. (h.) Robert Alpine born 23 September 1889, died 04 July 1934 married Ola May Foster.

In the late 1880's Joel Richard donated property for the Arbor Hill Church and School. In Marshall County.

Robert Alpine Whorley WWI

Robert Alpine Whorley is my grandfather and I want to take a little time here to share his story in the military. He was drafted for service in Marshall County and his entrainment date was 02 October, 1917 to report to Fort Gordon. On the date of 24 April, 1918 he departed from Hoboken, New Jersey on the ship Leviathan. He was in the Machine Gun Company, 11th Infantry, rank Private First Class. He was in two major battles in France. He was in the thick of the fighting at St. Mihiel from 12 - 15 September 1918 and Meuse – Argonne from 26 September to 11 November 1918. He departed Le Havre, France on the ship La Touraine on the date 17 May, 1919 arriving in New York on the 26 May, 1919. He was discharged S. T. Aignan Casual Co. No. 4925 Special Discharge. He came home “shell Shocked, battle scared mentally from the war. Can you imagine a young man with a family living in Marshall County, Tennessee who probably had never traveled fifty miles from home. And then sent off to another country to fight. I am sure it was a shock.