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WILLIAM CANNADAY

of Franklin County, Virginia

Much of the information I have on this family comes from the research of Frieda Clark Cannaday who published a book on this family in 1988. Before I found her book, The Cannaday Family of Virginia and West Virginia, all I had was a single group sheet from the Yates Exchange on this William's grandson, Patrick Billie Cannaday done by a B. B. Hooper in 1985. There is also a section on Cannaday families in a book, The Akers Family of Franklin County, Virginia from which some more info was picked up. These are all about this particular branch of the Cannadays.

The Senior William Cannaday was in Virginia in the 1700s, and again was not the original immigrant. Some members of this family were Quakers, and I feel that this line and mine must be connected back about 1700 or earlier. Here is my guesswork on the beginning of this line.

Based on what pops up in Maryland in the 1600s and early 1700s, I am making a stab at the early American part of this particular Canaday family.

Much of this is based on several points. These lines all spell their name the same way. They were all Quakers. They all have roots on the Eastern shore of Maryland in the mid to late 1600s. All moved to Virginia by the early 1700s. They married into the same families.

WILLIAM CANADAY

William was born about 1645-1650 most likely in Ireland, but possibly in England. Records show that he was transported to Virginia (Virginia, which of course then included Maryland, Pennsylvania and most of the South) in 1665. Transport was paid for by Ambrose London on January 22, 1665. He is listed in Somerset County, Maryland in 1666.

He married Anne Fisher in Somerset May 28, 1667 or April 26, 1668. Anne came to Maryland by ship in 1665. Transport was paid by Richard Whitty who sold Anne's indenture to William Canaday, and they were married soon afterwards. They were later divorced and Anne married George Treherne on August 29, 1676.

He had a daughter Mary born July 26, 1669 and son William born October 22, 1671, and maybe another one or two tossed in for good measure. Then he seems to have married again and had Roger in 1678 and John in 1680.

JOHN CANADAY

John was born in Somerset County, Maryland in about 1680. He has his own cattle marks registered here in 1700. He married Elizabeth Douge or Douze in Kent County Maryland on May 31, 1701. Since there is a gap between the first and second kids, we think he had a second wife, but don't know her name yet.

JOHN CANADAY was born in 1707, and married Margaret Summers on August 17, 1727 in Talbot County, Maryland. Their children were:

John Canaday born July 22, 1728. He married Susan Triplet in King George County about 1750. He died in 1773. See **JOHN CANADAY OF KING GEORGE COUNTY VIRGINIA.**

William Canaday born October 16, 1730. He was first married about 1750, but we don't have her name. He later married Nancy Hill September 11, 1759 and ended up in Franklin County, Virginia. See **WILLIAM CANNADAY of FRANKLIN COUNTY VIRGINIA.**

Sarah Canaday born July 12, 1733.

Summers Canaday born April 12, 1734.

Moses Canaday born February 20, 1735.

JANE CANADAY born in 1714. She married William Bowers in Kent County, Maryland April 21, 1731.

CHARLES CANADAY born in 1715. He married Phoebe Beales in Prince George County, Maryland in 1740. This is where Suzy's line comes from and is covered separately under **THE CHARLES CANADAY FAMILY.** They had two sons:

John Canaday born in Prince George County on April 5, 1741. He married Margaret Thornburgh in Guilford County, North Carolina on April 10, 1764. This is my wife's family, and they went into Jefferson County, Tennessee and then up into Wayne County, Indiana.

Charles Canaday born in Fairfax County, Virginia on November 4, 1744. He married Abigail Foster in Guilford County, North Carolina on March 13, 1771. Charles died in 1797 in Tennessee. Some of the family moved south, most went up into Indiana and Ohio.

MARY CANADAY born in 1716 and married John Vain in Talbot County, Maryland on November 27, 1734.

DANIEL CANADAY born in 1718 and married Mary Vinton in Talbot County, Maryland on February 13, 1739. They had at least one son:

William Canaday born in Kent County, Maryland on December 18, 1765. He is very possibly the William Cannady of Wilkes County, North Carolina. See **SOME NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES.**

WILLIAM CANNADAY, SR.

There are only a few bits of recorded information on William. He bought land in Henry County, Virginia in 1779. This was probably in what is now Franklin County that was formed out of Henry in 1785. In 1786 and 1787, there are two other deeds in Franklin County. There is a 1792 deed in Franklin County and his death record in Franklin County in 1801. His estate settlement is dated November 18, 1801.

William was born October 16, 1730 (in Kent County, Maryland, a son of John and Margaret Cannaday *if my guess is correct*), and was married by 1750 and had 3 children: William Cannaday Junior in 1750, James Cannaday in 1755 and Sarah Canaday in 1757. The first wife died in 1758 or early 1759.

He then married Nancy Hill on September 11, 1759. She was a daughter of John Hill and Mildred Gillman and was born in Goochland County in 1733. They had two more children John Cannaday in 1761 and Nancy Cannaday in 1763. They also seem to have adopted Misniah Cannaday who was part if not all Indian, born in Pennsylvania in 1749.

He died in Franklin County in 1801. In her book, Freida Cannaday gives his wife's name as Nancy. She states family tradition indicates the family came from Buckingham County or nearby in central Virginia. There is a reference in Buckingham County showing a William Kennaday owning lands next to Charles Macey. The Macey was undoubtedly Charles Macy from Nantucket, another prominent Quaker family.

From Mrs. Cannaday's work, I get the names of five children and I have added a sixth based on the estate settlement. In that settlement, the children all agreed to sell their shares to William Cannaday, Junior.

This is the only mention I have of this William Junior, other than what appears to be his marriage record in Franklin County, Virginia.

James Cannaday

He was born about 1755, probably in Franklin County. He served in the Revolution under General Green. He married Elizabeth Raikes in 1775.

He must have died in late 1816 or early 1817 as his will was probated in Franklin County on February 9, 1817. This will lists his living children.

Elizabeth Cannaday died September 1, 1863 in Franklin County.

The children were:

ELIZABETH CANNADAY born about 1776. She married Isaac or Isaiah Turner December 9, 1797.

JOHN CANNADAY born about 1778, and married Martha Susan Winfrey on May 11, 1812. Their children were:

Baily Cannaday born 1822 and died 1912. He married Mary Huff.

Pleasant Cannaday

Elizabeth Cannaday married Preston Howery on December 2, 1844.

James Cannaday married Martha Huff.

MARY 'POLLY' CANNADAY born September 18, 1781. She married Pleasant Thomas on March 6, 1800. She died August 2, 1861. Their children were:

Charles Thomas. He married a Cannaday and then Judith Thomas.

Pleasant C. Thomas. He married Frances Kennett on November 11, 1839.

James Thomas. He married Cynthia Thomas in November of 1843.

Richard Thomas. He married an Elizabeth and moved to Illinois.

Judith Thomas born in 1803 and died in 1902. She married John Young Short.

WILLIAM CANNADAY born about 1782. He moved to adjacent Patrick County in 1818 and was known as 'Patrick Billy'. Billy married Martha '*Patsy*' Wright. They had some 24 children that I guess sent Patsy to her early grave as he married a widow, Nancy (Winfrey) Hill on September 11, 1857. Billy died at age ninety-three on July 11, 1874 in Patrick County near Danville, Virginia. The children were:

Nancy Jane Cannaday born December 8, 1808. She married Anderson Taylor on January 15, 1832, and moved to Warren County, Tennessee where she died May 6, 1894.

Mary 'Polly' Cannaday born June 5, 1810. She married John Randolph Hall January 15, 1826, and died in Rutherford County Tennessee in 1891.

James B. Cannaday a twin born June 5, 1810. He married Charlotte Agnew on January 12, 1832 in Floyd County and died in Patrick County September 3, 1882. More info on this line was supplied by Joel Cannaday and Roger Cannaday.

Elizabeth 'Bettie' Cannaday was born in 1811 and married Reuben Rakes January 27, 1829 in Patrick County. She died there sometime after 1874.

Martha Cannaday born in 1812 in Franklin County, and married John Moran on December 10, 1835. She died in Floyd County July 23, 1866.

Flemming Cannaday was born January 7, 1814. He married Susan Thomas on January 15, 1839. He died in Raleigh County, West Virginia on June 15, 1903.

Delilah Cannaday was born November 19, 1816 and married James Moran on October 27, 1836. She died in Patrick County in about 1899.

William Cannaday was born in September 1815. He married Elizabeth Hylton on September 10, 1839 and died in Floyd County, Virginia March 1, 1862.

Joshua Cannaday was born January 16, 1818. He married Lydia Shorr on January 21, 1839. He died in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio on January 20, 1886. He seems to have preferred the month of January.

John Cannaday was born about 1819, and married Sally W. Bartlett in Patrick County on November 12, 1840.

Constantine Cannaday was born in 1820. He married Sarah Ball October 21, 1839 and then later married Elizabeth Martin on December 21, 1862 in Henry County. He died in Danville, Virginia.

Susannah Cannaday was born about 1820-21. She married Lewis Burnette on September 28, 1839.

Jacob Burl Cannaday was born July 27, 1822. He married Elenor Cannaday October 11, 1841. Elenor was a daughter of Pleasant and Elizabeth Cannaday. He died January 16, 1895 in Raleigh County, West Virginia.

Pleasant Cannaday was born in 1824. He married Deborah Hall on September 4, 1849. He died in Patrick County in January 1892.

Stephen Cannaday was born July 7, 1825. He married Elizabeth Lemons on December 30, 1849. He died in Floyd County in 1879.

Randolph Cannaday was born on December 27, 1827. He married Mary Jane Viers in January 1852 and died February 15, 1928 at just over 100 years of age. Not bad in those days!

Marshall Patterson Cannaday was born January 29, 1830. He married Anna Sumpter on September 15, 1856.

Other Cannadays There were seven more children who died in infancy or at an early age. They were **Granville, Thomas, Ira, Mahala, Hessie** and two unnamed children.

JAMES CANNADAY born about 1788. He married Sarah Young on February 22, 1813. His will was written in Franklin County on October 9, 1861. He died there on November 4, 1861. Their twelve children were:

Peter Cannaday born in 1813 and died in 1893. He married Mildred Ann Turner.

James Cannaday born 1815. He married Martha Turner.

Isaac Cannaday born 1817. He married Mary Shelor.

William Cannaday married Sarah Shelor.

Caroline Cannaday married Andrew Sims.

Elizabeth Cannaday married Thomas Banks.

Stephen Cannaday was the Sheriff of Franklin County.

David Cannaday born in 1828 and died before 1851.

Mary Cannaday married Wiley Menifree.

Sarah (Sallie) Cannaday married Valentine Byrd.

Harriet Cannaday married Thomas Moseley.

John T. Cannaday married Sarah Banks.

CHARLES CANNADAY born March 15, 1793 and died July 29, 1853. He married Mary Ingram on April 6, 1822. Mary was born June 29, 1805 and died July 5, 1859. Their children were:

James H. Cannaday born in 1827 and died in 1899. He moved to Texas.

Charles Cannaday

John B. Cannaday born 1833 and died 1897. He married Virginia Ingram.

Asa Cannaday born 1836 and died 1907. He was a physician and member of the Virginia Legislature. He married Demaris Graham on April 13, 1857.

Giles B. Cannaday born 1839 and died 1908. He married Sarah Cannaday, daughter of Isaac and Mary Shelor Cannaday.

DAVID CANNADAY was born in 1794 or 1795, and married to Jane Walker on August 2, 1819. They had seven children. David died November 25, 1839. His spouse, Jane, was born in about 1800 and was a daughter of Joel Walker and Sarah Bowen. After David died, Jane married a Radford. She was shown as a widow (Radford) in 1850 with her four youngest Cannaday kids still with her. Children were:

George Cannaday a physician who died in 1861.

Adaline Cannaday married to James Ingram Junior on March 24, 1841.

Elizabeth Cannaday born about 1826. She married Peter S. Moore on June 29, 1846.

Ferdinand Cannaday

Fleming S. Cannaday born June 30, 1834 in Raleigh County, (West Virginia) and died in Clarksville, Tennessee on February 17, 1862 of pneumonia. He was there fighting for the CSA. He married Clara Toney, born July 26, 1833 and died July 18, 1914.

Margaret Cannaday who married John Miller December 23, 1853 in Raleigh County, West Virginia.

David Cannaday Junior born about 1836.

PLEASANT CANNADAY born about 1801. He married Elizabeth (Betsy) Young on November 23, 1822. He died December 21, 1829. She remarried to Jacob Huff on February 1, 1847. Pleasant and Betsy had four children:

Isaac Young Cannaday born October 15, 1825. He married Mary Rakes on December 26, 1843. He died February 11, 1875.

Elizabeth Cannaday born in 1829 and died in 1911. She married Peter Snuffer on April 6, 1846 in Franklin County.

Sarah Cannaday born about 1827. She married Jesse Brammer on August 26, 1844.

Ellender Cannaday born about 1826 and died May 25, 1898 in Raleigh County, West Virginia. She married Jacob Burl Cannaday on October 11, 1841. Jacob was a son of William (Patrick Billie) Cannaday and Martha Wright.

Sarah Cannaday

Sarah was born in the late 1750s. She married John Radford in 1788.

Misniah Cannaday

She was born in 1749 in Pennsylvania, and died in 1803. She was adopted but I have no real idea what the circumstances were. She married Samuel Underwood in about 1764. He was a next door neighbor and was a Quaker. He was dismissed from the Church for marrying out of unity.

Family tradition leans to the notion that Misniah might be part Indian. This creates a little intrigue here.

Samuel Underwood's father was a Quaker Minister. Samuel and Misniah moved to the Cane Creek Meeting in Orange County, North Carolina where the first 9 or 10 children were born. They must have returned to Franklin County, as that is where Samuel Underwood's will was probated on June 6, 1803.

The children were:

HANNAH UNDERWOOD born in 1765. She married John Heard in Franklin County January 24, 1788.

SAMUEL UNDERWOOD, 3RD born in 1766. Will dated 1818.

JOSEPH UNDERWOOD born in 1767. He married Ellen Justice and died in 1840.

MARY UNDERWOOD born in 1769. She married James Roberts and then Mosby Vest.

JOHN UNDERWOOD born in about 1770. He married Sarah Lemon.

SETH UNDERWOOD born in 1771, and married Sarah Worley.

EMANUEL UNDERWOOD born in 1773, died 1845. His spouse was Elizabeth.

JESSE UNDERWOOD born 1790, died 1850. He married Elender Greer.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD married Celia Manning in 1808.

ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD married Bird Cole October 21, 1818.

URSULA UNDERWOOD married Edmund Moore in 1811.

JOANNA UNDERWOOD born about 1794. She married Samuel Radford in 1818.

MARY UNDERWOOD born about 1796.

ELLENDER UNDERWOOD born in 1798.

John Cannaday

John was married to a Nancy according to the estate settlement in 1801.

Nancy Cannaday

Nancy was first married to John Ward. He was killed in 1792. She then married James Allen in 1793.

William Cannaday, Jr.

The only mention I have of William was in the 1801 agreement on his father's estate. He was to buy out the other children's shares of the estate.

Then based on a marriage record provided by Cheryl Knowles, it seems he had a daughter.

RHODA CANNADAY She married John Hennis in Franklin County, Virginia on September 9, 1787. That's all I have except that her daddy was William Cannady. This is from the marriage record found by Cheryl Knowles. She must have been a daughter of the younger William as she was not mentioned in the settlement of the older William's estate.

There is also a marriage record that I do not know where else to place except here.

WILLIAM CANADAY married to Mary Davity or Dounty, a daughter of Elizabeth Parker on May 23, 1798.

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