

Grandmother's People

Martin Martin—Jesey Scruggs & Partheynisey Martin—Capt. John Martin

MARTIN MARTIN

Martin Martin, the Revolutionary patriot, a participant in the battle of Brandywine and forebear of a great race, married Dicey Hicks and lived with her and their children near what is now Cowpens Battleground. After his long experience in the army he began to build his farmland. He had been a good soldier, he was no less an earnest citizen. He did much work before he passed away in his old age, and was buried at the Martin graveyard near Piedmont Baptist Church in what is now Cherokee County, South Carolina.

Of their children Robert Martin lived and died at the foot of Thicketty Mountain.

John Martin, a bachelor, the oldest son, lived at home, much beloved by all people. When my grandfather Wright, the husband of Annie Martin, his [John's] sister, died, Robert took her and her two children, W. W. Wright and Delia Burton Wright to his home. The last named is the mother of the author.

Jerry Martin married Charlotte, a daughter of Bryant Bonner and a sister of Rev. Bryant Bonner. To them several children were born and lived with them near Piedmont church. Andrew married a Tanner. Captain John married Delphia Ezell. Benson married a Turner. Myar married an Ezell. Dock was killed in the battle of Seven Pines, May 31, 1862. Greene was either killed in battle or died at home. (This is from memory and may be inexact in some details.) Of Charlotte's children, George W. and Benjamin served with me in the Civil War and were good soldiers; the former married a Moseley, the latter married a Lipscomb; Louisa married Rick Ellis; Will married a Webber; Rev. Jack married a Turner and Bryant Barto Bee Breckenbridge Beuregard Robert E. Lee Bonner^[1] married — —. Calvin Bonner married Fannie Martin, a daughter of Andy Martin.

All the Martins came of an honored ancestry, honest as the days were long. There was only one thing they would steal—beautiful young ladies whose parents would not give them up. That was not often because most fathers were glad to have their daughters marry into the family.

Billy Martin's first wife was Nancy Bonner, his second wife, Susan Scruggs. There were several children; Willis, Manda. Sallie, Fayette. Willis married an Ezell. He was a good farmer. His children have all done well, others better. He was too old to serve in the war. Manda married Billy Cudd in 1858. She was a beautiful girl. At sixteen years of age I thought her a daisy. She and Billy reared a large family and have passed away. Sallie married Billy Westbrooks. Fayette married Mary Cash, a daughter of Big Ben Cash of Spartanburg, South Carolina. She was a wonderfully pretty and attractive girl. He served under Captain John Martin, was shot in the arm which necessitated the removal of four inches of bone. He and Mary had several children.

Willis was a man of few words. He and I were together much. He has several children. A boy,

¹ Barto, Bee, Breckenbridge, Beuregard and Robert E. Lee are all names of Confederate officers in the Civil War.

Billy, has a store now at Chesnee, South Carolina. Willis and Louis went west in search of a better home. Whether they found it I do not know because the Piedmont section of the Carolinas is hard to beat, but I feel sure that they have held tight to the Martin tradition.

Richard, the oldest son of Martin Martin, married Fanny Hamilton. Their children are: Audley M., Archibald, Joseph, William and Mary.

Richard Martin married Fannie Hamilton.

Children—Audley Martin, Archibald Martin, Joseph Martin, William Martin. Mary Martin married Martin E. Goode.

A. M. Martin married Susan Lattimore.

Children—J. L. Martin died while in the Confederate army.

D. D. Martin married Lorraine Melton. No children.

R. M. Martin married Margaret Beam of Arkansas.

Children—John Martin.

W. A. Martin married Pantha Stroud.

W. A. Martin married (second time)

Children—W. B. Martin, J. B. Martin.

V. L. Martin married W. P. Leister.

M. G. Martin married E. E. Bostic. No Children. They are Baptist.

J. A. Martin married M. A. Albright, of Alamance County.

Children—Hal. B. Martin, Lucy G. Martin, died in childhood.

Hattie L. Martin married C. J. Hill.

Donna M. Martin married Frank Howell.

Fannie Martin married D. B. Harrill.

Catherine Martin married M. L. Beam.

Mary L. Martin married B. J. Gold.

Margaret Martin, died single.

Rachel Martin married T. C. Wood.

Audley and Susan lived on Sandy Run Creek and engaged in farming, owned land and negroes and operated a copperas mine. He was also fond of squirrel hunting, was a good shot and made it a point to shoot in the neck in order that he might save the head, his favorite piece. The whole family was fond of music. Each one of them could play some instrument. Both of them lived to be old and full of years. God bless them. Of their children, J. L. died while in the Confederate army. He served valiantly. Daniel D. was especially fond of fox hunting. Wherever one finds a Martin one will find a hunter. William A. is a hunter as well as a farmer, an office holder and a merchant.

Archibald, son of Richard, was the father of several children by Polly Sweezy. He was a violinist and often came to our house. The boys liked him because he would play pranks with us.

Joseph: For him I could obtain no data.

William: For him I could obtain no data.

Mary Martin, daughter of Richard, married Martin E. Goode.



JESEY SCRUGGS AND PARTHEYNISEY MARTIN

Jesey Scruggs married Partheynisey Martin, a daughter of Martin Martin and lived near the battleground. Jesey was a good citizen and beliked by his neighbors. Jesey and his wife were of Baptist faith. Jesey had accumulated a nice fortune in land and negroes and always kept a lot of horses, cattle, and sheep, and when he called than they knew his voice and they would come. Jesey was always jolly and had something good to say to all.

Jesey and Partheynisey Scruggs had four boys and four girls. Boys: James married Emley Farrow; had no heirs. Alfred never married. Dick married Mirey Pagete; they had three children, two boys and one girl. Partheynisey married Pat Farrow; one of the girls married Almarine Braile. One girl married a Gearite. Mary married a Cantrel; they had several children. First she married John Bead; they had one or two children: the writer doesn't know their names. Daisy married Moses Cash; they had one girl, Virdy. She married John Cabaness; they live at Cheney, S. C., and are doing well. John and Virdy are good workers. They got a good start by her father and mother and have added to what they got. The writer visited them once and they treated me royal. John has made a good husband. They have several children and all are doing well. Blessed are they who help the poor. The writer wishes them well.



CAPTAIN JOHN MARTIN

Capt. John Martin, son of Jerry Martin, and a grandson of Martin Martin, Sr., married Delphia Ezell, a daughter of Ephriam Ezell. He commanded a company of one hundred men of the Fifth South Carolina regiment made up around Cowpens battleground. On April 13, 1861, he led them to Spartanburg, where they were to entrain for Columbia. While there he addressed his company, "Boys, this company is made up of brothers, cousins, friends and neighbors. I expect to treat you all alike. Everybody will do duty alike. No favors will be shown."

At one time he was an officer of the day, but had no boots. He came to me and asked to borrow mine. I was glad to let him have them. He said that they were a perfect fit. So when he came to return them, we swapped to the satisfaction of both.

He commanded his company in the first Bull Run fight, and later when a new regiment, the Palmetto Sharpshooters, was formed, he went with his old Colonel under whom he served through the various vicissitudes of war, which the writer has elsewhere recounted, until he fell in the battle of Seven Pines. His brother, Dock, as first lieutenant, assumed command of his brother's company when he fell. He also was killed in the same battle.

His wife reared their children. Emily married Frank Lamb. They raised a large family before they passed away. Louisa married an Elder. Docia married a Cash, and is still living hale and hearty. Dude or D. P. L., married Sallie Ezell. He is engaged in farming near Chesnee. They have four children. John, Jr. first married Temp, daughter of Bud Cash. They had three children. Then he married Mary, a daughter of Dr. Allison, of Hickory Grove. He is a contractor and saw mill owner. Catherine married James Ezell. He is a farmer and public servant. His advice is much sought. Both are Baptists.

