

# *Descendants of John Sparks*

## *Generation No. 1*

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> SPARKS was born 1773 in Mecklenburg County, VA. He married NANCY. She was born 1780.

Children of JOHN SPARKS and NANCY are:

2. i. LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup> SPARKS, b. April 27, 1820; d. August 08, 1864.
- ii. SALLY SPARKS, b. Abt. 1803; m. IGNATIUS MCDANIEL.
3. iii. CALVIN J. SPARKS, b. Abt. 1817.
- iv. ALPHEUS SPARKS, m. LOUISA.
- v. LOUISA J. SPARKS, b. Abt. 1824; m. DAVID JUSTICE.
- vi. STEPHEN SPARKS.
- vii. WILLIAM SPARKS.
- viii. JOHN SPARKS, JR., d. 1852.

## *Generation No. 2*

2. LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup> SPARKS (*JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 27, 1820, and died August 08, 1864. He married SARAH BRIDGES November 28, 1837, daughter of SAMUEL BRIDGES and MARY HAMRICK. She died September 29, 1886.

Notes for LEWIS MORGAN SPARKS:

Lewis Morgan was well educated as seen from original records kept by him and passed on through the family. There was a hand written contract for one of the teachers employed to teach the children, a record of the slaves owned by his mother-in-law, Molly Bridges, as well as his own handwritten will found in the state archives in Raleigh, NC. Lewis Morgan is listed on at least one census as a master carpenter, and on other records he is listed as a farmer. Lewis Morgan died on 8 August 1864 and is buried in the Sparks cemetery located on the Jim Butler farm in Ellenboro, NC, a farm owned previously by Lewis Morgan Sparks. Buried beside him is Sarah Bridges, who died on 29 September 1886. At the time of his death, Lewis Morgan was attending Bethel Baptist Church in Ellenboro, NC, where he had moved his family from Sandy Run Baptist Church. Also buried in the cemetery are grandchildren of Lewis Morgan Sparks and Sarah Bridges.

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More About LEWIS MORGAN SPARKS:

Burial: Sparks Cemetery, Jim Butler Farm, Ellenboro, NC

More About SARAH BRIDGES:

Burial: Sparks Cemetery, Jim Butler Farm, Ellenboro, NC

Children of LEWIS SPARKS and SARAH BRIDGES are:

4. i. JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup> SPARKS, b. November 16, 1841, Cleveland County; d. January 21, 1862, Goldsboro, NC.
- ii. CALEB LEANDER SPARKS, b. January 25, 1843, Cleveland County, NC; d. September 08, 1875; m. EMILY A. WATSON, October 29, 1866.

Notes for CALEB LEANDER SPARKS:

The second son born to Lewis Morgan Sparks and Sarah Bridges was Caleb Leander Sparks b. 25 Jan 1843, d. 8 Sept 1875, m. 29 Oct 1866 Emily A. Watson. According to his Civil War records, he Leander Sparks was born in Cleveland Co., NC and was residing in Rutherford Co. at the time he enlisted at age 18, on 2 Sept 1861. He enlisted with his brother, John Landrum, at the Philadelphia Church across from their farm in what is now Ellenboro, NC and was assigned to the 34th Regiment NC Troops as Company B. This company was known as the "Sandy Run Yellow Jackets". The church still stands and the graves of Lewis Morgan Sparks and Sarah Bridges Sparks are on the farm across from the church. Mustered in as a private, Caleb was promoted to corporal 5/1862. He went

AWOL on 31 Dec 1862 but returned to duty in April, 1863. He went AWOL on 1 Dec 1863 and returned to duty April, 1864. Captured near St. Stedman, VA on 25 Mar 1865, he remained confined at Pt. Lookout, MD until release on 20 June 1865. Research on Caleb Leander Sparks did not reveal any descendants for him and Emily A, Watson.

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More About CALEB LEANDER SPARKS:  
Burial: Bethel Baptist Church, Ellenboro, NC

- iii. WILLIAM ANDREW SPARKS, b. January 27, 1845; d. May 17, 1914; m. MARTHA L. SPURLIN BEDFORD, September 06, 1866.

Notes for WILLIAM ANDREW SPARKS:  
William Andrew Sparks was the third son of Lewis Morgan Sparks and Sarah Bridges Sparks. He resided in Rutherford Co. NC, as a farmer prior to enlisting in Co. 1, 56th Regiment, NC Troops during the Civil War. He transferred to the 34th Regiment, Co. B. on 2 Mar 1865. He surrendered at Appomatox Courthouse, VA on 9 Apr 1865 and was released on 18 June 1865. His father had died on 8 August 1864.

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More About WILLIAM ANDREW SPARKS:  
Burial: Bethel Baptist Church, Ellenboro, NC

- iv. ANDERSON ENSLEY SPARKS, b. September 03, 1849; d. March 07, 1896; m. MARTHA J. BIGGERSTAFF, September 23, 1875.

More About ANDERSON ENSLEY SPARKS:  
Burial: Bethel Baptist Church, Ellenboro, NC

**3. CALVIN J.<sup>2</sup> SPARKS (*JOHN*<sup>1</sup>)** was born Abt. 1817. He married (1) DULCENA CULBRETH February 03, 1842. He married (2) SUSANNA BRIDGES 1850, daughter of SAMUEL BRIDGES and MARY HAMRICK.

Notes for CALVIN J. SPARKS:  
He was one of the first Rutherford County Commissioners.

More About CALVIN J. SPARKS:  
Burial: Shiloh Baptist Cemetery

Children of CALVIN SPARKS and DULCENA CULBRETH are:

- i. JANE<sup>3</sup> SPARKS, b. February 01, 1843; m. JOHN CARTEE.
- ii. MARY SPARKS, m. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE MCBRAYER.
- iii. MERRITT SPARKS.

### *Generation No. 3*

**4. JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup> SPARKS (*LEWIS MORGAN*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>)** was born November 16, 1841 in Cleveland County, and died January 21, 1862 in Goldsboro, NC. He married MARY ANN MINTZ April 14, 1859 in Rutherford County. She was born 1834, and died 1919 in Chase City, VA.

Notes for JOHN LANDRUM SPARKS:  
John Landrum Sparks married Mary Ann Mintz in Rutherford Co., NC 14 April 1859 when he was eighteen years old. Mary Ann Mintz was twenty-five at the time of their marriage. According to records found and copied in the archives in Raleigh, John Landrum enlisted in the 34th Regiment NC Infantry, Co. B in Rutherford Co. 2 September 1861. His brother Caleb Leander enlisted at the same time. This was only three months after their only son, James Lewis Sparks, was born 16 June 1861.

John Landrum left to fight in the Confederate Army, leaving his wife and only child behind. He was only twenty years old when he was mustered in at Camp Fisher in High Point, NC 25 Oct 1861. Records show that he had enlisted for one year. However, John Landrum died in Goldsboro, NC 21 January 1862 of pneumonia less than three months after he was mustered into service. Oral tradition says that his father Lewis claimed his body and returned it for burial to Rutherford Co. At this writing no grave has been found for John Landrum. It is known that men dying during this war were often buried in a common grave at the site of their death. Perhaps this was the fate of John Landrum Sparks.

From John Landrum's army papers he is recorded as having been born in Cleveland County, NC, and that he was 5' 10" tall, making his living as a farmer when he enlisted in the service.

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More About JOHN LANDRUM SPARKS:

Burial: Rutherford County

More About MARY ANN MINTZ:

Burial: Black Branch Baptist Church, Chase City, VA

Child of JOHN SPARKS and MARY MINTZ is:

5. i. JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup> SPARKS, b. June 16, 1861; d. January 28, 1938.

#### *Generation No. 4*

5. JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup> SPARKS (*JOHN LANDRUM*<sup>3</sup>, *LEWIS MORGAN*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born June 16, 1861, and died January 28, 1938. He married (1) CASSA DORINDA CLEMENTINE SPAKE September 15, 1879 in Rutherford County, daughter of GEORGE SPAKE and CYNTHIA MORNINGSTAR. She was born March 25, 1854, and died March 16, 1911. He married (2) MONTIE CULBRETH Aft. March 16, 1911. She was born June 26, 1889.

More About JAMES LEWIS SPARKS:

Burial: Grey Rock Methodist Church, Kittrell

More About CASSA DORINDA CLEMENTINE SPAKE:

Burial: Shiloh Baptist Cemetery

Children of JAMES SPARKS and CASSA SPAKE are:

- i. AUSSIE<sup>5</sup> SPARKS.
- ii. EMORY SPARKS.
- iii. FRED SPARKS.
- iv. GEORGE SPARKS.
- v. GUS SPARKS.
- vi. LEWIS SPARKS.
- vii. ROSETTA LOUISE SPARKS, m. MILTON BURGESS.
- viii. MARY ADELIN DORA JANE SPARKS, b. December 04, 1880; d. February 10, 1951; m. ELIPHEUS LIGE BURGESS, October 15, 1899; b. April 12, 1880; d. June 05, 1951.
- ix. SARAH PARMELIA EMILY SUSANNA SPARKS, b. March 01, 1882; d. March 30, 1958; m. CHRISTOPHER EZELL HODGE; b. November 08, 1878; d. October 19, 1949.
- x. JOHN WILLIAM SPARKS, b. March 24, 1884; d. October 10, 1941; m. LILLIE ROBERSON; b. August 20, 1903; d. September 27, 1983.
- xi. DOCIA ELIZABETH SPARKS, b. May 07, 1885; d. June 30, 1966; m. JULLEUS BLANCH ABRAMS; b. July 06, 1886; d. August 05, 1972.
- xii. DOVIE MELISSA SPARKS, b. May 07, 1885; d. August 05, 1972; m. REV. WILLIAM THOMAS TATE, August 26, 1906; b. January 22, 1887; d. May 06, 1964.
6. xiii. ROBERT LEE SPARKS, b. April 04, 1889, Shiloh Community, Rutherford County, NC; d. May 19, 1952, Cliffside, NC.
- xiv. JAMES JEFFERSON SPARKS, b. June 28, 1898; d. October 02, 1970; m. DELILAH MARGARET CHEVES; b. June 18, 1904; d. December 05, 1987.

Children of JAMES SPARKS and MONTIE CULBRETH are:

- xv. MONROE<sup>5</sup> SPARKS.
- xvi. MORGAN SPARKS.
- xvii. LOUELLEN SPARKS.
- xviii. VIRGINIA SPARKS.
- xix. CHARLES SPARKS.
- xx. GARLAND SPARKS.
- xxi. MONTIE REE SPARKS.
- xxii. LORENZO DOW SPARKS.
- xxiii. EMORY SPARKS.

*Generation No. 5*

**6.** ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup> SPARKS (*JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 04, 1889 in Shiloh Community, Rutherford County, NC, and died May 19, 1952 in Cliffside, NC. He married EBBER SLOAN BOSTIC December 26, 1920 in Caroleen, NC, daughter of BOSWELL BOSTIC and JULIA MCDANIEL. She was born January 10, 1901 in Goshier Community, Cherokee County, SC, and died December 06, 1994 in Rutherford County Hospital.

More About ROBERT LEE SPARKS:

Burial: Cliffside Cemetery

More About EBBER SLOAN BOSTIC:

Burial: Cliffside Cemetery

Marriage Notes for ROBERT SPARKS and EBBER BOSTIC:

Married at the home of Rev. W. T. Tate, the husband of Robert's sister, Dovie Melissa Sparks. The witnesses were E. L. Burgess, Henry Roberts and Marvin Sparks.

Children of ROBERT SPARKS and EBBER BOSTIC are:

- i. GEORGE HOUSTON<sup>6</sup> SPARKS, b. August 28, 1921, Cliffside, NC; d. December 16, 1924, Cliffside, NC.

More About GEORGE HOUSTON SPARKS:

Burial: Cliffside Cemetery

- 7. ii. CARL ROBERT SPARKS, b. March 23, 1923, Cliffside, NC; d. October 08, 1987.
- 8. iii. CHARLES HERMAN SPARKS, b. April 16, 1925, Cliffside, NC; d. December 29, 1996, Kings Mountain, NC.
- 9. iv. BETTY LEE SPARKS, b. June 24, 1926, Cliffside, NC.
- 10. v. JULIA CLEMENTINE SPARKS, b. September 27, 1927, Cliffside, NC.
- 11. vi. MILDRED MAVORINE SPARKS, b. November 25, 1928, Cliffside, NC.
- 12. vii. VIRGINIA LOU SPARKS, b. October 03, 1930, Cliffside, NC.
- 13. viii. BARBARA ELLEN SPARKS, b. February 24, 1933, Cliffside, NC; d. January 08, 1985, Winston Salem, NC.
- 14. ix. JIMMY LOUIS SPARKS, b. April 03, 1935, Cliffside, NC; d. November 13, 2002, Ellenboro, NC.
- 15. x. ELIZABETH ANN SPARKS, b. December 27, 1936, Cliffside, NC.
- 16. xi. PAUL RAY SPARKS, b. August 31, 1938, Cliffside, NC.

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**7.** CARL ROBERT<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 23, 1923 in Cliffside, NC, and died October 08, 1987. He married JACKIE FREDONIA BULLARD October 23, 1943. She was born April 18, 1926 in Charlotte, NC.

Children of CARL SPARKS and JACKIE BULLARD are:

- i. CARL ROBERT<sup>7</sup> SPARKS, JR., b. December 22, 1944.
- ii. JOY RAYE SPARKS, b. July 18, 1952.

**8.** CHARLES HERMAN<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 16, 1925 in Cliffside, NC, and died December 29, 1996 in Kings Mountain, NC. He married ELIZA

CHLOZETTE LYNN April 16, 1949. She was born June 29, 1929 in Kings Mountain, NC.

Children of CHARLES SPARKS and ELIZA LYNN are:

- i. CHARLES HERMAN<sup>7</sup> SPARKS, JR., b. August 08, 1951.
- ii. KAREN LYNN SPARKS, b. May 17, 1954.

**9.** BETTY LEE<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 24, 1926 in Cliffside, NC. She married FRANK THAD SPLAWN February 23, 1946 in Gaffney, SC. He was born June 22, 1928 in Cliffside, NC.

Children of BETTY SPARKS and FRANK SPLAWN are:

- i. TERRY LYNN<sup>7</sup> SPLAWN, b. July 28, 1947.
- ii. MICHAEL FRANK SPLAWN, b. November 29, 1957.
- iii. ROBERT CURTIS SPLAWN, b. April 19, 1959.
- iv. DONALD LEE SPLAWN, b. May 29, 1959.

**10.** JULIA CLEMENTINE<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 27, 1927 in Cliffside, NC. She married RHON WINKLER November 26, 1961. He was born October 15, 1921 in Yadkin Valley, Caldwell County, NC.

Child of JULIA SPARKS and RHON WINKLER is:

- i. LISA DAWN<sup>7</sup> WINKLER, b. July 14, 1964.

**11.** MILDRED MAVORINE<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 25, 1928 in Cliffside, NC. She married JACK JENKINS April 30, 1955. He was born September 06, 1925 in Forest City, NC, and died September 25, 1986.

More About JACK JENKINS:

Burial: Sunset Memorial Park, Forest City, NC

Children of MILDRED SPARKS and JACK JENKINS are:

- i. STEPHEN CRAIG<sup>7</sup> JENKINS, b. May 05, 1960.
- ii. TRACY MACK JENKINS, b. September 18, 1961.

**12.** VIRGINIA LOU<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 03, 1930 in Cliffside, NC. She married JAMES CARL GODFREY August 23, 1955 in Gaffney, SC. He was born August 23, 1928 in Spindale, NC.

Children of VIRGINIA SPARKS and JAMES GODFREY are:

- i. CARLA RAE<sup>7</sup> GODFREY, b. September 09, 1959; Adopted child.
- ii. JIMMY LEE GODFREY, b. October 04, 1962; Adopted child.
- iii. JENNIFER DENISE GODFREY, b. June 25, 1970.

**13.** BARBARA ELLEN<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 24, 1933 in Cliffside, NC, and died January 08, 1985 in Winston Salem, NC. She married JOHN EDWARD MILLS September 06, 1953 in Cliffside Baptist Church. He was born July 18, 1932 in Cliffside, NC, and died June 14, 1997 in Winston Salem, NC.

More About BARBARA ELLEN SPARKS:

Burial: Mt. Airy, NC

Children of BARBARA SPARKS and JOHN MILLS are:

- i. JUDITH ELLEN<sup>7</sup> MILLS, b. March 05, 1957.
- ii. KRISTI ANN MILLS, b. January 10, 1959.
- iii. JOHN EDWARD MILLS, JR., b. July 17, 1961.

**14.** JIMMY LOUIS<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 03, 1935 in Cliffside, NC, and died November 13, 2002 in Ellenboro, NC. He married THOMASENE ALICE BOLAND July 19, 1958. She was born June 09, 1938 in Burlington, NC.

Children of JIMMY SPARKS and THOMASENE BOLAND are:

- i. TANYA ALICE<sup>7</sup> SPARKS, b. July 01, 1959.
- ii. CHRISTOPHER DAVID SPARKS, b. May 06, 1961.
- iii. BARBARA BOLAND SPARKS, b. February 04, 1964.

**15.** ELIZABETH ANN<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 27, 1936 in Cliffside, NC. She married PAUL EUGENE EARLS March 20, 1954.

Children of ELIZABETH SPARKS and PAUL EARLS are:

- i. PAUL GENE<sup>7</sup> EARLS, b. January 20, 1957.
- ii. COLLEN LEE EARLS, b. January 31, 1959.
- iii. KIMBERLEY ANN EARLS, b. October 09, 1965.

**16.** PAUL RAY<sup>6</sup> SPARKS (*ROBERT LEE<sup>5</sup>, JAMES LEWIS<sup>4</sup>, JOHN LANDRUM<sup>3</sup>, LEWIS MORGAN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 31, 1938 in Cliffside, NC. He married PATRICIA ANN LAWS April 22, 1956 in Gaffney, SC. She was born October 08, 1937 in Caroleen, NC.

Children of PAUL SPARKS and PATRICIA LAWS are:

- i. GINA RAYE<sup>7</sup> SPARKS, b. August 04, 1969.
- ii. PAUL RAY SPARKS, JR., b. September 16, 1974.