

Eads Collateral Line Research Project-Part One

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Purpose of this Project: To examine the collateral lines connected to my Eads ancestors. To examine names that come up in documents for which we currently do not know the connection to our family, if any. To find and document more unknown ancestral lines thereby growing our family knowledge.

Ezekiel Eades & Polly Barrett

This phase of the research project will deal with connections to my 4th Great Grandparents Ezekiel Eades and Polly Barrett.

Family Locations: Our Eades family came from what is known as the Piedmont Region in North Carolina. We find this branch of our family located first in Rowan County, North Carolina and then as boundaries changed some ended up in Wilkes County and on into Iredell, Davie and Davidson Counties and probably Alexander County as well. Where they came from before entering North Carolina is not currently known, although I suspect they may have come from the Albemarle Virginia area.

Eads connection to Caudell Family

In the year 1811, in Iredell County, North Carolina, Grandfather Ezekiel Eades was a witness to the will of one Buckner Caudell.¹ Then again, in February 1823, Ezekiel's name appeared on the will of that same Buckner Caudell². Ezekiel had apparently gave a statement or affidavit if you please, as to the validity of the will.

¹ North Carolina Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998, Wills, 1757-1959; Author: North Carolina. Superior Court (Rowan County); Probate Place: Rowan, North Carolina, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc, Provo, Utah 2015

² North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998, Wills and Estate Papers (Rowan County), 1663-1978; Author: North Carolina. Division of Archives and History; Probate Place: Rowan, North Carolina, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc, Provo, Utah 2015

After finding his name on that will, I sat out to see just who this man Buckner Caudell may have been and how they may have been related. This Buckner Caudell was born about 1750 in Chatham County, North Carolina.³ Buckner Caudell married one **Elizabeth Lewis** about 1770 in Orange County, North Carolina. Marriage date is currently unsourced. Buckner was the son of **Isham Caudell** and **Elizabeth Buckner**. Isham is thought to have been born about 1732 in Lunenburg, Virginia. So you may be wondering, as I was too, what is the connection between **Ezekiel Eades** and **Buckner Caudell**? Over the course of my research I ran upon some more clues.

Ezekiel's wife **Polly Barrett**, was the daughter of Jonathan Barrett and **Margaret Gilpin**. Grandfather **Jonathan Barrett** died 21 Aug, 1840 in Davidson County, North Carolina. He left a will behind that contained a few clues that will help solve this puzzle.

In Jonathan's will⁴ he names his wife and his children and a few of his grandchildren. One of Jonathan's Daughter's, my 5th Great-Grand Aunt; **Jane Barrett**, married a man named **George Mulder**. Aunt Jane and Uncle George had a daughter, my 1st Cousin, 5 times removed, named **Mary Mulder**. Mary was born between 1810-1820 in North Carolina. Mary married one **Avery Hightower**. Bear with me because I am going somewhere with this, I promise. Turns out that the above mentioned Buckner Caudell also had a brother named **Isham Caudell Jr**, which I will refer to as Jr so it's easy to separate him from the elder Isham Caudell. This Isham Caudell Jr married one **Eliza Hightower**, Eliza was the daughter of **Leroy Hightower**.

³ American Genealogical-Biographical Index, Heads of fams. at the first U.S. census. NC. By U.S. Bureau of the Census. Washington, 1908. (292p.):86, Godfrey Memorial Library Comp, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc, Provo, Utah 1999

⁴ North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998, Wills and Estate Papers (Davidson County), 1663-1978; Author: North Carolina. Division of Archives and History (Raleigh, North Carolina); Probate Place: Davidson, North Carolina, in entry for Jonathan Barrett, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc, Provo, Utah, 2015

There are some researchers that believe the Avery Hightower that married Mary Mulder and this Leroy Hightower (father of Eliza who married Isham Caudell Jr) were siblings. If so, it would explain a connection between the Caudell and the Barrett families which would explain why Grandfather Ezekiel's name was on Buckner Caudell's will. More research is needed on these two Hightower men to see if they are in fact siblings. There may be other connections that I have yet to uncover.

Benjamin Gilpin Connection to Barrett Family

My 5th Great Grandmother, wife of **Jonathan Barrett** and mother to **Polly Barrett-Eades** was **Margaret Gilpin**. Grandmother Margaret was born abt. 1760 in Prince George's County, Maryland.

It is currently believed by this researcher that Jonathan Barretts parents were one **Robert Barrett** and **Sarah Anderson**. You will find more about why I feel these are the correct parents for Jonathan on my website which is linked at the top of this document. Robert and Sarah Anderson Barrett were born in Prince George's County, Maryland. All of their children are named in the will of Robert Barrett, including a Jonathan which I feel is our Jonathan. This couple had a daughter named **Sarah Barrett**. Sarah was born 12 Dec, 1773 at Saint John's Parish in Prince George County, Maryland.⁵ Sarah married one **Isaac Newton Loveless**, on 7 Jan 1794 in Upper Marlborough, Prince George's, Maryland.⁶ It should be noted there are two marriage records for this couple, one gives the year as 1791 and the other 1794.

Back to Grandmother **Margaret Gilpin**. It is not currently known who her parents and or siblings were. Enter **Benjamin Gilpin** born About 1762 in Prince George's County, Maryland and christened 6 May,1764 in Saint

⁵ Maryland, Births and Christenings Index, 1662-1911, in entry for Sarah Barrot, film number 14303, Ancestry.co Operations Inc, Provo, Utah 2011

⁶ Marriage Licenses Issued at Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County, Maryland, 1777-1800.in entry for Sarah Barrett and Isaac Loveless,Maryland Records Colonial, Revolutionary, County, and Church from Original Sources Vol. I, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, Provo, Utah 2002

Anne's Parish, Prince George County, Maryland.⁷ Benjamin Gilpin married one **Rebecca Potts** on 29 Apr 1789 in Rowan County, North Carolina, Bondsman was John Stokes.⁸ This puts Benjamin Gilpin being born in Prince George County Maryland and relocating to Rowan County, North Carolina, the same as our Grandmother Margaret Gilpin. I suspect Benjamin may be a brother to our Grandmother Margaret.

On the 1790 Census for Rowan County, North Carolina, on the page where Benjamin Gilpin is listed is also listed one **Allin McDaniel** and **Ephraim Adams**.⁹ Remember our 4th Great Grandmother **Polly Barrett-Eades** and our 4th Great Grandfather **Ezekiel Eades** had a daughter named **Rebecca "Becky" Eades** who married **Allen McDaniel**? They are listed within the will of our 5th Great Grandfather Jonathan Barrett.

Calling your attention to something else, there appears a **Nancy Loveless/Lovelace** who married one **Jessee Adams** 21 October, 1795 in Wilkes County, North Carolina.¹⁰ Going back to **Benjamin Gilpin** said Jesse Adams was listed in Land Records between Benjamin Gilpin and wife **Rebecca Potts**. There must be some connection there. Perhaps Nancy is related to the **Isaac Newton Loveless/Lovelace** who married **Sarah Barrett**? Bondsman to Jesse and Nancy's marriage was one **Robert Foster**. Must also note that there was an **Ephraim Adams** that appeared on the same 1790 Census page in Rowan County, North Carolina as Benjamin Gilpin was. Should be noted there is another **Nancy**

⁷ Rootsweb Family File of Ann S Bernard, My Family-Mostly North Carolina Folks, Rootsweb World Connect, 23 Aug 2003, retrieved 9 March, 2018

⁸ North Carolina-Index to Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868, North Carolina, County Marriages, 1762-1979, " database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XF9F-V57> : 10 February 2018), Benjamin Gilpin and Rebecca Potts, ; citing Rowan, North Carolina, United States, p. , Office of Archives and History, Division of Archives and Records. State Archive of North Carolina and various county Register of Deeds; FHL microfilm 500,952

⁹ 1790 United States Federal Census, United States Census, 1790, " database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHK1-YQC> : accessed 9 March 2018), Benjamin Gilpin, Rowan, North Carolina, United States; citing p. 302, NARA microfilm publication M637, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 7; FHL microfilm 568,147.

¹⁰ North Carolina, Civil Marriages, 1763-1868", database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q296-9SXP> : 8 November 2017), Jesse Adams and Nancey Lovelace, 1795.

Loveless/Lovelace in Rowan County, North Carolina who married one **Zadoc Leach**. There may not be any connection but in another person's tree they cite a source stating that Benjamin Gilpin sold 144 acres of his land in Rowan County to an Elijah Veach, wondering if that could be a typo for Elijah Leach? I have yet to research this name, just adding it here for a later date in case I can fit it in somehow.

Other Possible Connections

Some of these names turning up I think help to further solidify in my mind that our Jonathan Barrett's parents were indeed **Robert Barrett** and **Sarah Anderson**. Robert and Sarah had a daughter named **Elizabeth Barrett**. Elizabeth married a **John Dory Williams**. Elizabeth and John had a son named **William “Billy” Williams** who married **Mary Ann “Polly” Swicegood**. The Swicegood surname appears over and over again in the will of Jonathan and Isaac Barrett.