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MOODY ANCESTRY

I. THOMAS MOODY of Weyanoke Parish, Charles City County, Virginia, Will proved 1655, wife Ann remarried Francis Redford who was guardian of the heir Samuel. I know of no cost of arms and the English ancestry has not been found. Redford's will was probated 1662 in Henrico Co., Va. where Robert Moody was found, who may be another son of Thomas Moody.


The first deed I found in Stokes Co., N.C. which was cut off from Surry 1789, was to Joel Moody from Henry Samuel, Book A, p. 33. I know nothing more of this Joel Moody but he could be of the above line.

Robert had a son Arthur, whose children were: Polley a. Henry Moody, Mecklenburg, Va., Nancy, perhaps Skipwith Moody, of Mecklenburg, Va. 1802. (Who was Nancy?) Robert also had a son Henry in Henrico, 1743; Henry had son Blanks b. 1756, Rev. soldier of Pittsylvania, Va. m. Eliza Easley; also William of Pittsylvania, Va. m. Judith Burford, also JOEL MOODY (born maybe around 1758 as his brother was b. that date). Henry also had a son Francis of Chesterfield and Mecklenburg, Va. who perhaps had son Meredith of Mecklenburg, Va. (For this family see Moody Family Record, 1957, publ. by Dr. Thomas Moody Family Organization, $10, order from E. Grant Moody, 1412 College Ave., Tampa, Arizona.) Above book contains full history of the Dr. Thomas Moody family so far as traced, but not complete.

The Robert Moody line married into Cavalier Virginia families, the best—Blanks, Loud e.t.c. Also the line of Samuel married into the most important families such as Eppes, Wyatt, but maternal lines are not yet traced.

Write to the clerk of Stokes Co., N.C. for abstract of above deed of Joel Moody Book A, p. 33, to see if it tells where he then lived and got date e.t.c. This may help trace this line. I found a deed for Alexander Moody 1804 in Stokes, and his children were Nathaniel, Alexander, Thomas and daughters. Thomas was still there 1834, Book 15, p. 124 deed to John Peppr for land on Buffalo Creek past Germantown Main Street, Alexander Sr. died 1826. He had to be born twenty years before 1804 at least. HE COULD BE A SON OF JOEL. See if any probate for Joel Moody exists.

John Moody (Blanks, father, Henry, grandfather; Robert great-grandfather) was brother of the Rev. soldier Blanks of Pittsylvania, Va. and of Zach of Kentucky who died in Pittsylvania, Va., 1794. Blanks was b. 1756, so this John could be near that age, yet with 7 children in that family he could have been born 14 years or more later—around 1770. IS IT POSSIBLE HE WAS THE JOHN WHO MARRIED ELIZABETH Lack of Laird 1797, which would be then age 27. The son of John and Eliza. Jesse Rollingsworth Moody was said to be born in Southwest Virginia in 1797. (See p/xiv of Moody book for Robert line.)

Reuben Moody had to be b. by 1751 as he bought land in 1802 in N.C. He could be a brother of John but not his son probably, though John could have married twice.
In 1790 census of Stokes Co., N.C. is Judath Ladd with 3 females; also Noble Ladd (Jr.) on same page with 1 male over 16, 4 males under 16, three females, 1 slave.

On p. 17 of my Ladd genealogy is this: William Ladd (son of William and Huldah Blinford, moved to Mecklenburg Co., Va.) children listed in the records: ELIZABETH, Huldah etc. Warren Ladd gives a son of Wm. as of Mecklenburg Co., Va. with Children: Agatha b. 1761, ELIZABETH b. 1762. They were Quakers. P. 20 of my Ladd data lists in 1797 Noble Ladd, son of John and Hannah, Mecklenburg Co., disowned. P. 22 has Goose Creek Meeting of Quakers 1799 Ruth Ladd (formerly Cadwalader) disowned for marrying Samuel Moody Apr. 13, 1799.

John Ladd was in Fluavanna Co., Va. 1777-83, and in 1835. William Ladd p. 29 will 1797, Charles City Co., had dau. Elizabeth.

In Albemarle Co. Va. President Jefferson's father bought land of Noble Ladd 1754, on S. of Fluavanna River opposite Totier Creek, 400 acres purchased of John Ladd, 100 purchased of Noble Ladd.


Court Minutes, Stokes Co., N.C. Noble Ladd was juror 1789; Noble was on juror 1793, p. 33 of my book. Part Two. Wm. Ladd sold to Noble Ladd both of Stokes Co. land inherited from father, 230 acres, p. 243, about 1797, no date noted. BEN BETHUNIA LADD m. Benjamin Forsyth, 1794, Stokes Co., N.C. and NOBLE LADD m. Sally Syrus 1811; Noble m. Polly Burton 1812. NO MARRIAGE IS HERE FOR ELIZABETH noted.

Noble Ladd was on tax list in Surry Co., N.C. as early as 17712, with Amos, Dan River. Noble Ladd Sr. entered 200 acres Surry Co. in 1780.

THE BOOK OF MOODY ANCESTRY by me is $5 mimeographed (not the same as the printed genealogy book). This has information on Moodys not in above book. Here are the Moodys of Fluavanna, cut from Albemarle 1777. Thomas Moody is mentioned in will of Thompson in Fluavanna in 1777. Elizabeth dau. of Thomas Moody married Thomas Day in 1785 there. This John Moody had deed in 1765 in Albemarle Co., Va. and had Revolutionary record. In 1794 he bought in Bedford Co., Va. and moved there with family of 11; was there 1790. Widow moved to Kentucky; he d. 1804. But this John's Elizabeth m. Humphreys and went to Kentucky, where they were in 1811. Yet Mrs. R.C. Coxhundre, DAR Chapt. Fork Union, Va. sent a note: "Fluavanna Co., Va. Old Marriage Book, no number or page. "I Geo. Anderson Minister Baptist Society...rites of matrimony between John Moody & Elizabeth Price, 7 Sept. 1797."

John had a son John who in 1809 had deed from other heirs in Bedford Co., Va. A John married 1766 and 1801. Who were these? HE COULD BE or rather one could be a grandson of the original John of Albemarle, son of Samuel or George perhaps. John could have married three times, of course.

A John Moody was in Dinwiddie Co., Va. on 1782 tax list with Philip Moody, who had a Revolutionary record shown in WD files. Bedford was formed from Lunenberg 1753.


Thomas Jefferson's Farm Book 1953 says p. 367 "To John Moody, Monticello...my mill stones have all been hung." In 1803 John Moody wrote Jefferson, Albemarle Co.

THE DATE 1797 for marriage of J in Moody looks as if it could be Mrs. Sela line, if she be not sure the name was Elizabeth Ladd and of course Elizabeth could be a widow too.

In other words, I am not at present able to identify the John and Reuben Moody of N.C. More work must be done.
REUBEN MOODY LINE: Thomas Gilbert Moody, 219 Gardner St., Raleigh, N.C. 27607, wrote in 1967, that he was from Haywood County, N.C. “My ancestor Reuben Moody came to that section about 1800 about the same time as John and Elizabeth Moody. Since their business dealing and property ownership were closely interwoven, I am of the opinion they were brothers...I cannot find any reference to a Reuben Moody anywhere else.”

I went to Waynesville, N.C. seat of Haywood County, to trace Moody records, and talked with the widow of Brave J. Moody and others at Maggie, N.C. Was Reuben's wife a Harlan, as he named a son this? I found these records:

Reuben Moody lived in Buncombe Co., N.C. in 1802, when he bought a tract of land on Chambers Branch from Joseph Sorrells. In 1819 Reuben received a land grant from the State of North Carolina No. IX 96 for 100 acres on Jonathan Creek. His wife was named Jane. (See if this land grant was for military service by looking up the patents at the State Library in North Carolina; also look up patents for any Moody of related problem.) In 1831 Reuben had bill of sale to C.S. Moody and C.S. Moody executed a bond for $2,000 for interest in land on Hemphil Creek; for notes held by Reuben Moody against Harlen Moody, provided C.S. Moody should provide Reuben Moody and his wife Jane Moody comfortable maintenance. Reuben Sr. was alive in 1843 when he deeded land to C.S. Moody. The records indicate the following children of Reuben:

1. John Moody, Jr. who received a land grant No. 239 from the State of N.C. for 100 acres on Jonathan Creek in 1837. (See if this is for military service.) In 1845 he had a deed from George S. Moody.
2. Reuben Moody, Jr.
3. George S. Moody, who provided for Reuben as above stated.
   4. William Moody, who had deed from John Moody Sr. in 1836 for 100 acres on Jonathan Creek. In 1833 he bought from Thomas Colwell (Caldwell), 100 ac. of Jonathan Creek.
5. Harlen (Harlan?) Moody who made deed to John H. Moody for 100 acres on Hemphil Creek 1837. Harlen Moody also bought 100 acres in 1838 from Kedar Boons.

JOHN MOODY, JR. of Jonathan Creek, above, married \_____ Rice. His sons were: Brave J. Moody, Box 209, Route 1, Waynesville, N.C. who had sons Ben Moody and perhaps James Moody of Indian Creek, near Delwood, and perhaps others. John Moody Jr. also had sons John, Pete, Lewis and Dick, in addition to Brave J. Moody, according to the widow.

The term Jr. was used not only for a son but for any junior when an elder of that name was alive. So this does not prove that he was a son but it does prove that they were related. Using the same name Reuben, it seems John and Reuben were brothers, as the common names are Reuben and John.

John Moody lived in Haywood Co., N.C. in 1809 and had 81 acres on both sides of Jonathan Creek, near Maggie, N.C. He married Elizabeth Laird or Ladd July 26, 1796, daughter of Noble Ladd b. 1762 in Rowan or Surry Co., N.C. according to Mrs. Sels. Their first child Jesse Hollingsworth Moody was b. southwest Virginia (could have been N.C. she says), 10-1-1797 d. 105-1822, Tennessee (once a part of N.C.) He m. 1st Miss Foster and had four children. He lived in Alabama. He m. 2nd Susan Rhymor, his governness, b. 7-31-1820, d. 4-11-1919 (ancestors of Mrs. Sels). John’s other children were REUBEN who lived in Haywood Co., N.C. Mrs. Sels says; then Harrison, Hiram, Felix, Polly, Dan, Lucinda, and Joseph Carrol Moody b. Buncombe Co., N.C. went to Texas late, and James, of Texas.

I think we can take for granted that John and Reuben were brothers and Reuben owned in Buncombe Co. in 1802, John at least by 1809. I have other records from Waynesville, N.C. courthouse but they are not away and would take time to find them. I did not copy down the detailed references. Mrs. Sels says Elizabeth Ladd died in Haywood Co. N.C. after 1860.
John of the line of Blanks does not have any son Reuben listed, but the
texts in this book are not always complete. See p. 33 of the Moody Book.
In 1750 John Moody of Franklin Co., N.C. sold to Joel Moody 270 acres.
In 1787 John Sr. of Franklin sold to Jabez Moody, son of John, for love same
land. Alabama (Franklin Co.,) 1850 census showed a Joel Moody age 78, also
a Joel age 19, with Thomas Moody age 31. (See p. 33.)
Joel Moody may have followed the cotton migration to Alabama—as did also
my own line of Dr. Thomas Moody. But John Moody appears to have died after
1787 deed to Jabez as he deeded with provision to occupy said land during
lifetime. JOHN MOODY JR. could be the one we are looking for.

II. SAMUEL MOODY, son of Thomas of Wayanoke, Va. and wife Ann ______. He had grandsons
Benjamin and Isaiah of Lunenburg, Va. 1748-1750, sons of Benjamin, line not
traced further.

III. SAMUEL, patented land in Brunswick, Va. 1737, sold by Thomas Moody in 1738. children:

IV. Wyatt Moody, who had son Dr. Thomas Moody b. 1759, Rev. soldier.
   (2) Thomas, Jr. in Lunenburg, 1776, guardian of Sturdivant children in
   I know nothing more of him. He could have gone to N.C.
   (3) John of Lunenburg Co., Va. taxed there 1772, still there 1805; he had
   one son John Jr. in Lunenburg, 1779, in Franklin, N.C. 1780, in
   Oglethorpe, Ga. 1834, and perhaps others.

V. Thomas Moody b. 1759 Cumberland Co., Va. Rev. soldier, d. Alabama; m. Mary Young, b
   son John Wyatt Moody b. 1776 Lunenburg Co., Va., 1839, Texas, where he was first
   auditor of the Republic. John Wyatt Moody's first child was b. 1803 Irisell Co., N.C.
   and the last was b. 1822 in Alabama; his wife was Mary Young.
   katz Baldwin m. 1806, in Ohio, Warren Co.
   (Note: Mrs. J. Earl Selz, Pilot Point, Texas, says her John and Elizabeth had
   child Jesse b. 1797, Southwest Va. and then 9 other children, which would mean
   the last was born about twenty years later or about 1818-20. But from 1808
   to 1822, we have accurate records of the children of above John Wyatt Moody—
   so HE CANNOT BE THE JOHN MOODY of Mrs. Selz 'line—though he could have had
   a first wife as he did not marry till age 30 above Mary Baldwin, my ancestor.)

V. JOHN MOODY, son of Wyatt, and brother of Dr. Thomas Moody of children, Wyatt, Thomas and Martha. One of the boys was a doctor, the other
   a lawyer, they lived in South Carolina in about the year 1616,' according to
   our Moody records. WAS THIS THOMAS IN N.C.?

V. EFFES MOODY, son of Wyatt, was in Franklin Co., N.C. 1800, and in
   Franklin Co., Alabama, 1822 (see p. 73 of the book)

TO FIND THE ANCESTRY OF THE STOKES COUNTY MOODYS AND THE LINE OF MRS. SELZ THEREFORE,
we have to eliminate, one by one, the above possibilities. We have eliminated John Wyatt
Moody as we have his record from 1808 to 1822 and he had no children as she lists.
Yet these families travelled together so it makes for confusion and they had similar
names—for the purpose of keeping the relationship close. Mrs. Selz line could be the
Thomas or John line of Lunenburg, Va. taxed 1776 and 1772.

Thomas Moody, son of John and grandson of Wyatt is a possibility, even thought said to
be in S.C. 1816, we cannot be sure of such dates. He may have a revolutionary record.
I have not tried to trace all the Rev. records.
In 1965 Robt. W. Evans of 1111 Earley St., Sweeney, Texas, wrote me that he had found that Robert Majors who d. 1847 in Bedford Co., Tenn., married Beldah Ladd of Stokes Co., N.C. in 1771 and they became Methodist. Bible said they m. 26 July 1781. "In the N. C. Treasurers and Controllers Papers, Rev. Pay Vouchers—Noble Ladd Sr. (also a Jr.) of Salisbury District, N.C. was payed 11 lb. 6 sh. 6 p. by act of Gen'l Assembly 1776." public

This above proves that both Noble Ladd Sr. and Jr. had Revolutionary/service and qualifies for DAR. Therefore by the wife of John Moody, Elizabeth, the line is eligible for DAR membership. These vouchers should be copied and find what the service was. Also look for any Moodys in these records and send them to me for my reference.

Elizabith Ladd has not been traced by me but she would be dau. of Noble Ladd Jr., Noble Ladd Jr. was son of Noble Sr. whose wife was Judith Damron, his will is in Olds' Wills of N.C., 1782, Surry Co., N.C. (I have the complete Damron history all the way back for 12,500 almeographed, and as a descendant.) I also have the Ladd history all the way back if wanted.

My Thomas Moody says he went to Surry and Rowan Co.s. N.C. Census of Stokes Co., N.C. 1800, p. 563 shows Thomas Moody 1-1-1, with John Ladd, Constantine Ladd and Noble Ladd on the same page. Is this a coincidence or what? My Thomas was at Hunting Creek, and in 1796 Thomas bought land there, Surry Co., N.C. Part of Hunting Creek was on the border of Surry (cut from Rowan 1770).

b. 1759

My Thomas had a son Thomas who died in 1811, Surry Co., N.C. and was a physician. We have no record of his or his family but he could not have been born before 1776 or 1773, so at his death he was about 28 and could have left a family. He was age 21 or could have been by 1804—so he could not be father of Reuben Moody of N.C.

Census of North Carolina 1850 in Rowan Co. showed: John Moody age 52, born in CONNECTICUT, p. 241. The 1790 record for N.C. showed Joel Moody p. 393, and John p. 547. There is a big Moody family in Conn. which could be checked.

Look up the printed 1790 index of the census at the State Library and copy down ALL THE MOODYS and check where they were by looking at the pages. Who was this John p. 547? Where was above Joel? But he said he moved to "Surry and Rowan" about 1790.

In 1796 my Thomas Moody in Surry had first deed on Hunting Creek. I did not write down date of first deed of Joel in Stokes, cut off 1789. This should be checked. Did they come together or buy about the same time? Was Alexander son of Joel? WAS THERE ANOTHER THOMAS MOODY of 1802 grant with Forsythe? He was of Germantown. Was he father of Alexander?

Look up in Raleigh ALL TAX RECORDS for Surry Co., N.C and also for Rowan. They are not in Dobson or Salisbury. Also look up the court records, in Raleigh.

WERE THERE TWO THOMAS MOODYs in Surry Co., N.C. one of Germantown—and the father of Alexander? Was one Thomas the son of John and brother of our Thomas Moody? Or was this Thomas 1st cousin of our Thomas, who was guardian of Sturdvants 1792?

And where did John Moody marry Elizabeth Laird or Ladd—give proof of this. They may have still been in SW Virginia in 1797. Did this John ever go to N.C. and what is the proof of this? They were married 1790 and she was b. N.C. 1792, Mrs. Selz says. There was a Noble Ladd will 1855 Franklin Co., Tenn. Who was he?

Amos Ladd had land on the Fluvanna River, Glouceld, Va. 1728-1733. Amos had got 1,729 acres for transporting Thos. Foster and others. Fluvanna Co. was taken from Albemarle 1777, Hardware river was in Fluvanna then, the Ladd place. In 1749 Noble Ladd had a ferry in Albemarle Co. on Fluvanna River. Noble Ladd's will was in Surry Co., N.C. Nov. 1782, listing wife Judith, but no dau. Elizabeth, son Noble Jr. Son Joseph was in Stokes Co., N.C. in 1780 with Mr. and Constantine.