

First Generation

1. Property: Purchased land on the Cowpasture at a run which bears his name, Highland County, VA. in 1776.¹⁻²
Location: in 1776 in Lower Cowpasture, Benson's Run area .³ **George BENSON**⁴⁻⁵ died about 1809; .⁶

Margaret⁶ was born (date unknown).

George BENSON and Margaret had the following children:

- +2 i. **Mary BENSON**, married Henry SWADLEY Jr., abt 1800.
- +3 ii. **BENSON**.

Second Generation

2. **Mary BENSON**^{4,7-9} (George-1) was born (date unknown).

Mary BENSON and Henry SWADLEY Jr. were married about 1800.⁴⁻⁵ **Henry SWADLEY Jr.**⁷⁻¹², son of Henry SWADLEY and Mary PENCE, was born in Oct 1781.¹³ Property: Pendleton County land patent for 50 acres on South Fork in 1820.¹⁴ He signed a will on 24 Mar 1845 in Pendleton County, VA.¹⁵ He died in 1845; at the age of 64.¹³
Location: in Pendleton County, WV .⁴

Henry SWADLEY and Mary BENSON had the following children:

- +4 i. **Eliza SWADLEY**, married William PROPST.
- +5 ii. **Jacob SWADLEY**, married Susan FOLKS, 1 Dec 1842, Pendleton County, VA.
- +6 iii. **Nicholas SWADLEY**, married Jane SHARP, 1837, Pocahontas County, VA.
- +7 iv. **Peter SWADLEY**, married Mahala REXRODE.
- +8 v. **Marx SWADLEY**, married Malinda PROPST.
- 9 vi. Location: in Pocahontas County, VA .¹³ **Mary SWADLEY**¹³ was born (date unknown).
- +10 vii. **Lavina SWADLEY**, married Daniel PROPST.
- 11 viii. **Infant SWADLEY**¹⁶ was born (date unknown).
- 12 ix. **Infant SWADLEY**¹⁶ was born (date unknown).
- +13 x. **Sarah "Sally" SWADLEY**, born 1805, Pendleton County, VA; married Jacob EYE.
- +14 xi. **John SWADLEY**, born 9 Jan 1803, Pendleton County, VA; married Sarah STONE; married Mary BOLTON; married Susannah HEVENER.
- +15 xii. **Naomi SWADLEY**, born 6 Dec 1807, Pendleton County, VA; married Henry HEVENER, 5 Nov 1829, Pendleton County, VA; died 9 Jun 1883, Crabbottom area, Highland County, VA.
- +16 xiii. **Hettie SWADLEY**, born 1810, Pendleton County, VA; married RIGGLEMAN.

3. **BENSON** (George-1) was born (date unknown).

BENSON had the following children:

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- +17 i. **George BENSON**.
 - 18 ii. **Andrew BENSON**⁴ was born (date unknown).
 - 19 iii. **William BENSON**⁴ was born (date unknown).
 - +20 iv. **Robert BENSON**.
 - 21 v. **Howard BENSON**⁴ was born (date unknown).
 - +22 vi. **Mary BENSON**, married Isaac SKIDMORE, 1803.
 - +23 vii. **Eleanor BENSON**, married James MCCUTCHEON, 1815.
 - +24 viii. **Hamilton BENSON**, born 1786, Bath County, VA.

Third Generation

4. **Eliza SWADLEY**^{9,13,17} (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

Eliza SWADLEY and William PROPST were married.¹³ **William PROPST**^{13,17} died in 1888; .¹⁷ Occupation: teacher.¹⁷
Office Held: Justice of the Peace in Pendleton County, WV¹⁷

William PROPST and Eliza SWADLEY had the following child:

- 25 i. **Edward Harvey PROPST**¹⁷ was born (date unknown).

5. **Jacob SWADLEY**^{9,18} (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

Jacob SWADLEY and Susan FOLKS were married on 1 Dec 1842 in Pendleton County, VA.¹⁹ **Susan FOLKS**²⁰⁻²², daughter of John FOLKS and Elizabeth REXRODE, was born (date unknown).

6. Location: in Pocahontas County, VA .¹³ **Nicholas SWADLEY**^{9,13,23} (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

Nicholas SWADLEY and Jane SHARP were married in 1837 in Pocahontas County, VA.²⁴ **Jane SHARP**²³, daughter of James SHARP, was born (date unknown).

Nicholas SWADLEY and Jane SHARP had the following child:

- +26 i. **James SWADLEY**, born 1839, Pendleton County, VA; married Amanda D. O'ROURK, 12 Oct 1862, Pocahontas County, VA.

7. **Peter SWADLEY**^{9,25} (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

Peter SWADLEY and Mahala REXRODE were married.¹³ **Mahala REXRODE**²⁶, daughter of George R. REXRODE and Elizabeth EYE, was born (date unknown).

8. **Marx SWADLEY**²⁷⁻²⁸ (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

Marx SWADLEY and Malinda PROPST were married.¹³ **Malinda PROPST**¹³ was born (date unknown).

10. **Lavina SWADLEY**^{9,13} (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

Lavina SWADLEY and Daniel PROPST were married.¹³ **Daniel PROPST**¹³ was born (date unknown).

13. **Sarah "Sally" SWADLEY**²⁹⁻³² (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born in 1805 in Pendleton County, VA.³³⁻³⁴

Sarah "Sally" SWADLEY and Jacob EYE were married.¹³ **Jacob EYE**^{29,31-32,35}, son of Christian EYE and Elizabeth PROPST, was born in 1798 in Virginia.^{32,36} Occupation: in 1850 farmer in Pendleton County, VA.³² Property: owned real estate valued at \$2,000 in Pendleton County, VA in 1850.³² He signed a will on 7 Jan 1861 in Pendleton County, VA.³⁷ He died in 1861; at the age of 63 in Pendleton County, VA.³¹

Jacob EYE and Sarah SWADLEY had the following children:

- 27 i. **Naomi EYE**³⁸ was born (date unknown).
- 28 ii. **Samuel H. EYE**³⁶ was born (date unknown).
- +29 iii. **Robert D. EYE**, married PROPST; married Julia A. DICE; married BOLTON.
- +30 iv. **Laban EYE**, born 1829, Virginia; married Hannah MALLOW; died 1909.
- +31 v. **Mary Elizabeth EYE**, born 1833, Virginia; married John M. RUDDLE.
- +32 vi. **Sarah Eliza EYE**, born 1834, Virginia; married Jesse A. HARTMAN.
- 33 vii. **Malinda Catherine EYE**^{31-32,36} was born in 1837 in Virginia.³²
- 34 viii. **Lavina J. EYE**^{32,39} was born in 1839 in Virginia.³²
- +35 ix. **Jacob J. EYE**, born 1841, Virginia; married Timnah DAVIS.
- +36 x. **Mahulda Margaret EYE**, born 1842, Virginia; married Adam BODKIN.
- 37 xi. **William Mark EYE**^{31,36,40} was born in 1844 in Virginia.⁴⁰
- 38 xii. **Josephine EYE**³⁹⁻⁴⁰ was born in 1849 in Virginia.⁴⁰

14. **John SWADLEY**^{9,41-43} (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born on 9 Jan 1803 in Pendleton County, VA.^{13,44} Occupation: in 1850 farmer in Pendleton County, VA.⁴³ Property: owned real estate valued at \$1,760 in Pendleton County, VA in 1850.⁴³ Family Note: 28 year old John Bolton also listed in household in 1850.⁴³ Family Note: 1850 census and Morton's History of Pendleton County do not fully agree on maternal line of John's children.⁴³

John SWADLEY and Sarah STONE were married.⁴² **Sarah STONE**^{42,45}, daughter of Christian STONE and Anna Marie SMITH, was born (date unknown).

John SWADLEY and Sarah STONE had the following child:

- 39 i. **Jemima M. SWADLEY**^{13,43} was born in 1839 in Virginia.^{13,43}

John SWADLEY and Mary BOLTON were married.^{13,41} **Mary BOLTON**^{13,41,43} was born in 1818 in Virginia.⁴³

John SWADLEY and Mary BOLTON had the following children:

- 40 i. **Henry W. SWADLEY**⁴³ was born in 1848 in Virginia.⁴³
- 41 ii. **Jacob N. SWADLEY**^{13,43} was born in 1849 in Virginia.⁴³
- +42 iii. **Mary J. SWADLEY**, born Jan 1850, Pendleton County, VA; married John A. BOLTON, 12 May 1870, Highland County, VA.

John SWADLEY and Susannah HEVENER were married.¹³ **Susannah HEVENER**¹³ was born (date unknown).

15. **Naomi SWADLEY**^{9,13,46-58} (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born on 6 Dec 1807 in Pendleton County, VA.^{49,59-64} Occupation: between 1860 and 1870 Housekeeper.^{49,60} Property: Owned personal property valued at \$500 in 1870.⁶⁰ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$5,000 in 1870.⁶⁰ Education: Listed as an adult who could not read or write in 1870.⁶⁰ She died on 9 Jun 1883; at the age of 75 cancer in Crabbottom area, Highland County, VA.¹¹ She was buried in Hevener Family Cemetery, Blue Grass area, Highland County, VA.⁶⁵

Naomi SWADLEY and Henry HEVENER⁵³⁻⁵⁴ were married on 5 Nov 1829 in Pendleton County, VA.^{19,46,48} **Henry HEVENER**^{46,48-49,53-55,57-58,66-69}, son of Jacob HEVENER and Catharine SWADLEY, was born on 27 Jan 1803 in Pendleton County, VA.^{46,48-49,65-66} Occupation: between 1850 and 1860 Farmer.^{49,66} Property: Owned real estate valued at \$5,800 in 1850.⁶⁶ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$3,035 in 1860.⁴⁹ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$5,687 in 1860.⁴⁹ He died on 16 Feb 1867; at the age of 64.^{46,48,65} He was buried in Hevener Family Cemetery, Blue Grass area, Highland County, VA.⁶⁵

Henry HEVENER and Naomi SWADLEY had the following children:

- +43 i. **Joseph A. HEVENER**, born 23 Sep 1831, Pendleton County, VA; married Malinda WHITE, 11 Nov 1858, Highland County, VA; died 1 Oct 1892, Hightown, Highland County, VA.
- 44 ii. **Peter S. HEVENER**^{48-49,66,70} was born in 1833 in Pendleton County, VA.^{49,66} Education: Attended school within the past year in 1850.⁶⁶ Occupation: in 1860 Farmhand.⁴⁹ He died in 1863; at the age of 30.⁷⁰
- +45 iii. **Mary C. HEVENER**, born 1836, Pendleton County, VA; married Washington RIGGLEMAN, 26 Sep 1865, Highland County, VA.
- +46 iv. **Jacob P. HEVENER**, born 1838, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married Phoebe Jane LUNSFORD, 6 Nov 1878, Crabbottom, Highland County, VA; died 15 Jul 1890, Hightown, Highland County, VA.
- +47 v. **Washington Wayne HEVENER**, born 28 Nov 1840, Pendleton County, VA; married Lavina WHITE, 4 Jul 1867, Crabbottom, Highland County, VA; died 23 Nov 1920.
- +48 vi. **Sarah Elizabeth HEVENER**, born 1842, Pendleton County, VA; married Solomon PUFFENBERGER, 17 Oct 1867, Highland County, VA.
- +49 vii. **Lavina E. HEVENER**, born 31 Jul 1845, Pendleton County, VA; married Joshua LUNSFORD, 14 Jun 1870, Highland County, VA; died 11 Jul 1931.
- +50 viii. **Hannah Eliza HEVENER**, born 11 Apr 1849, Hightown, Highland County, VA; married John Luther SWADLEY, 11 Jun 1874, Crabbottom, Highland County, VA; died 28 May 1887.

16. **Hettie SWADLEY**⁷¹⁻⁷² (Mary Benson-2, George-1) was born in 1810 in Pendleton County, VA.¹³

Hettie SWADLEY and RIGGLEMAN were married.¹³ **RIGGLEMAN**¹³ was born (date unknown).

17. **George BENSON**⁴ (-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

MCGLAUGHLIN⁴ was born (date unknown).

20. **Robert BENSON**⁴ (-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

DONAHOE⁴ was born (date unknown).

22. **Mary BENSON**⁴ (-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

Mary BENSON and Isaac SKIDMORE were married in 1803.⁴ Location: in Pendleton County, WV .⁴ **Isaac SKIDMORE**⁴ was born (date unknown).

23. **Eleanor BENSON**⁴ (-2, George-1) was born (date unknown).

Eleanor BENSON and James MCCUTCHEON were married in 1815.⁴ Location: in Augusta County, VA .⁴ **James MCCUTCHEON**⁴ was born (date unknown).

24. **Hamilton BENSON**^{4,73-80} (-2, George-1) was born in 1786 in Bath County, VA.^{4,73,81-82} Occupation: between 1850 and 1860 Farmer.^{73,81} Property: Owned real estate valued at \$3,000 in 1850.⁷³ Property: Owned personal property valued at \$105 in 1860.⁸¹ Property: slave Margaret died of fever at age 18 years in Highland County, VA in Aug 1862.⁸³ Illness: Infirm in 1870 .⁸²

Elizabeth HODGE^{4,73,76-79,84} was born in 1795 in Bath County, VA.⁷³

Hamilton BENSON and Elizabeth HODGE had the following children:

- +51 i. **Margaret A. BENSON**.
- 52 ii. **Rebecca E. BENSON**⁴ was born (date unknown).
- 53 iii. **Mary J. BENSON**⁸⁵⁻⁸⁶ was born in 1812.⁴

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- 54 iv. **Sally BENSON**⁷³ was born in 1813 in Bath County, VA.⁷³
- +55 v. **George Harvey BENSON**, born 1814, Cowpasture River, Bath County, VA; died 4 Jan 1880, Cowpasture River Valley, Highland County, VA.
- +56 vi. **Sarah L. BENSON**, born 1819, Bath County, VA; died 13 Jul 1894.
- +57 vii. **Martha E. BENSON**, born 27 Jul 1820, Bath County, VA; married Jacob HUPMAN, 1844; died 7 Jul 1902.
- 58 viii. **James Hamilton BENSON**^{4,73,76,87-90} was born on 12 Mar 1827 in Bath County, VA.^{4,73,76,87,91-93} Occupation: in 1860 Farmhand.⁸⁷ Property: Owned personal property valued at \$20. in 1860.⁸⁷ Occupation: between 1900 and 1914 Farm laborer.^{76,92} He died on 10 Feb 1914; at the age of 86 in Stonewall District, Highland County, VA.⁷⁶
- 59 ix. **Harry BENSON**⁹⁴ was born in 1828 in Bath County, VA.⁷³
- +60 x. **Amanda E. BENSON**, born 1826, Bath County, VA; married Charles L. KINCAID Jr., 29 Nov 1849, Highland County, VA; married Robert S. MILLER, 3 Nov 1864, Highland County, VA.
- +61 xi. **Harriet Huggard "Hettie" BENSON**, born 17 May 1835, Cowpasture River, Bath County, VA; married James S. HUPMAN, 11 Oct 1866, Highland County, VA; married Lewis PAULIE, 28 Aug 1851; married William KINCAID, 22 Dec 1853, Highland County, VA; died 7 Feb 1911.
- 62 xii. **Lewis BENSON**^{87,95} was born in 1833 in Bath County, VA.^{87,95} Occupation: in 1860 Farmhand.⁸⁷ Property: Owned personal property valued at \$20 in 1860.⁸⁷
- +63 xiii. **William L. Charles BENSON**, born 1837, Bath County, VA; married Laura E. STEUART, 11 Oct 1869, Highland County, VA.

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1. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 86.
2. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 333. says 1770
3. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 250.
4. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264.
5. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 333.
6. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 263.
7. *New History of Highland County, VA* (1983), 228.
8. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 303, 333.
9. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 249-251.
10. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264, 369.
11. Highland County Death Records, 1883.
12. **Wooddell, James E. & Rita H.**; Pocahontas County Marriage Bonds and Minister's Returns, 21.
13. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 303.
14. *Pendleton County Land Patent from Sims' Index*, 5:.
15. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 249-251. proved 3 April 1845.
16. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 303. died young.
17. *Recorder*, 6, 5 Nov 1964.
18. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 286.
19. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records.
20. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 286. Susan Folks.
21. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records. listed as Susan Fox.
22. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 303. Susan Fox.
23. **Wooddell, James E. & Rita H.**; Pocahontas County Marriage Bonds and Minister's Returns, 21, 74.
24. **Wooddell, James E. & Rita H.**; Pocahontas County Marriage Bonds and Minister's Returns, 21. no minister's return.
25. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 285, 303.
26. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 285, 303. Mahala (303), Mahulda (285).
27. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 303. Marx.
28. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 249-251. Marks.
29. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 205, 303.
30. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 249-251. Sally.
31. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 399-400.
32. Pendleton County, Virginia Census, 1850, 4B.
33. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 303. 1801.
34. Pendleton County, Virginia Census, 1850, 4B. 45 years.
35. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 285-286.
36. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 205.
37. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 399-400. proved 3 Oct 1861.
38. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 399-400. Neoma. says daughter of Jacob Eye.
39. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 205. died young.
40. Pendleton County, Virginia Census, 1850, 5A.
41. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 658.
42. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 302, 303.

43. Pendleton County, Virginia Census, 1850, 10B.
44. Pendleton County, Virginia Census, 1850, 10B. 45 years.
45. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 63-65.
46. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 295.
47. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 91B. spelled Naoma.
48. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 147.
49. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 201.
50. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 167A. also listed in household was 30 year old John A. Bolton, farmhand and 21 year old wife Mary J., domestic.
51. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 166A, 171B. listed in son-in-law Joshua's household on 166A and son Washington Wayne's on 171B.
52. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, 415. Naomi.
53. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 857.
54. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 859.
55. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 74.
56. Highland County Death Records, 1883, 1890, 1892.
57. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 166.
58. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 330.
59. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 91B. 41 years.
60. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 167A.
61. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 166A, 171B.
62. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 303. 1806.
63. Highland County Death Records, 1883. 74 years, Rockingham County.
64. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 150. 6 Dec 1807.
65. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 150.
66. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 91B.
67. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records. listed as Henry Hevner.
68. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, 415.
69. Highland County Death Records, 1890, 1892.
70. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 296.
71. **Morton, Oren F.**, *History of Pendleton County*, 303. Hettie.
72. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 249-251. Hessie.
73. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 110A.
74. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 262. listed as widower; daughter Sarah, son Lewis, son James, and Littleton B. Kincaid also listed in household.
75. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 204A. listed in grandson Warwick's household.
76. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 322.
77. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, 358.
78. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 630.
79. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 899.
80. Highland County Death Records, 1880. Harvey (1894).
81. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 262.

82. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 204A.
83. Highland County Death Records.
84. Highland County Death Records, 1880.
85. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264. says married Joseph Gwin, but not sure which.
86. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 294. says married Joseph Gwin, but not sure which.
87. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 263.
88. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 208A. almost certainly the same as James H. Benson listed in James S. Hupman household, but is listed as a servant, not a relative.
89. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 253A. listed in sister Harriet's household, single.
90. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 62B. listed in Emma Hupman household, single.
91. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 208A.
92. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 253A.
93. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 62B.
94. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 110A. may be same as one of the other sons of Hamilton, George H.
95. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 110B.