

## First Generation

1. Location: in Back Creek area, Highland County, VA near Valley Center in 1781.<sup>1</sup> **William CHESTNUT**<sup>2</sup> was born (date unknown).

William CHESTNUT had the following children:

- +2 i. **Joseph CHESTNUT**, married Mary CORBETT, 1794.
- +3 ii. **Maria CHESTNUT**, married Joseph HENDERSON, 1797.
- +4 iii. **Sarah CHESTNUT**, married James RYDER, 1798.
- +5 iv. **Sophia CHESTNUT**, married Frederick BIRD, 1804.
- +6 v. **John CHESTNUT**, born 1788, Bath County, VA; married Jane HICKLIN, abt 1854.

## Second Generation

2. **Joseph CHESTNUT**<sup>2</sup> (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Joseph CHESTNUT and Mary CORBETT were married in 1794.<sup>2</sup> **Mary CORBETT**<sup>2</sup> was born (date unknown).

3. **Maria CHESTNUT**<sup>2</sup> (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Maria CHESTNUT and Joseph HENDERSON were married in 1797.<sup>2</sup> **Joseph HENDERSON**<sup>2</sup> was born (date unknown).

4. **Sarah CHESTNUT**<sup>3</sup> (William-1) was born (date unknown).

**David PALMER**<sup>2</sup> was born (date unknown).

Sarah CHESTNUT and James RYDER were married in 1798.<sup>3</sup> Agriculture: in 1850 54 acres improved, 117 acres unimproved land; farm value \$2,000, machinery value \$200, livestock value \$335 in Highland County, VA<sup>4</sup> **James RYDER**<sup>3,5</sup>, son of William RYDER, was born (date unknown).

James RYDER and Sarah CHESTNUT had the following children:

- +7 i. **William J. RYDER.**
- +8 ii. **Henry RYDER.**
- +9 iii. **Thomas RYDER.**

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- +10 iv. **Mary RYDER**, married James WILEY, 1824.
  - +11 v. **Jane RYDER**, married Charles S. CALLAHAN, 1825.
  - +12 vi. **Rosa RYDER**.
  - +13 vii. **Peter H. RYDER**, born 1817, Bath County, VA.

5. **Sophia CHESTNUT**<sup>6-7</sup> (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Sophia CHESTNUT and Frederick BIRD were married in 1804.<sup>6-7</sup> **Frederick BIRD**<sup>8-10</sup>, son of John BIRD and Susanna WINTROW, was born in 1778 in Augusta County, VA.<sup>11</sup> Occupation: Farmer in 1850.<sup>9</sup> Agriculture: in 1850 90 acres improved, 8 acres unimproved land; farm value \$3,000, machinery value \$20, livestock value \$225 in Highland County, VA<sup>4</sup> Property: Owned real estate valued at \$3,000 in 1850.<sup>9</sup>

Frederick BIRD and Sophia CHESTNUT had the following children:

- +14 i. **Eleanor BIRD**, married Andrew BIRD.
- +15 ii. **Elsie BIRD**.
- 16 iii. **Mary BIRD**<sup>12</sup> was born (date unknown).
- 17 iv. **Sarah BIRD**<sup>12</sup> was born (date unknown).
- +18 v. **John C. BIRD**, born 12 Apr 1808, Bath County, VA; married Elizabeth CURRY, 6 Dec 1849, Highland County, VA; died 10 Mar 1873.
- +19 vi. **William C. BIRD**, born 1815, Bath County, VA.
- +20 vii. **Nancy BIRD**, born 1816, Bath County, VA.
- +21 viii. **Jane BIRD**, born 1826, Bath County, VA; married William HIGH, Harrison.

6. **John CHESTNUT**<sup>7,13-15</sup> (William-1) was born in 1788 in Bath County, VA.<sup>14</sup> Agriculture: in 1850 200 acres improved, 1000 acres unimproved land; farm value \$5,500, machinery value \$150, livestock value \$1,680 in Highland County, VA<sup>4</sup> Occupation: Farmer in 1850.<sup>14</sup> Property: Owned real estate valued at \$5,500 in 1850.<sup>14</sup>

Location: in Pocahontas County, WV .<sup>7</sup> **Nancy J. GALFORD**<sup>15-18</sup> was born (date unknown).

John CHESTNUT and Nancy J. GALFORD had the following children:

- +22 i. **Jennie CHESTNUT**.
- +23 ii. **Thomas CHESTNUT**.
- +24 iii. **William G. CHESTNUT**, born 1817, Bath County, VA; married Sarah Ann MALCOMB, 20 Sep 1847, Highland County, VA.
- +25 iv. **Joseph G. CHESTNUT**, born 29 Jan 1819, Bath County, VA; married Eliza Ann NOTTINGHAM, 2 Aug 1846, Braxton, WV; died 28 Dec 1861, Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- +26 v. **Mary CHESTNUT**, born 1823, Bath County, VA.
- +27 vi. **John F. CHESTNUT**, born 1825, Bath County, VA.

John CHESTNUT and Jane HICKLIN were married about 1854.<sup>7,19</sup> **Jane HICKLIN**<sup>20-22</sup>, daughter of George HICKLIN and Elizabeth CARLILE, was born in 1806 in Bath County, VA.<sup>14</sup>

John CHESTNUT and Jane HICKLIN had the following child:

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28 i. **Stewart CHESTNUT**<sup>23</sup> was born in Dec 1849 in Highland County, VA.<sup>14</sup>

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1. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 250.
2. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 273.
3. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 273, 330.
4. 1850 Agricultural Census, Highland County, VA.
5. 1850 Agricultural Census, Highland County, VA. James H.
6. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 265.
7. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 274.
8. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 265, 274.
9. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 78A.
10. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 117-119.
11. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 78A. presumptive.
12. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 266.
13. *New History of Highland County, VA* (1983), 102.
14. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 71A.
15. Highland County Death Records.
16. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 274. says Galford.
17. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 102. says Nancy J. Galford.
18. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 71A. lists Jane.
19. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 71A. a Jane Chestnut born in 1806 shown in 1850 census living in John Chestnut dwelling.
20. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 274, 297, 339.
21. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 71A. Jane Steuart. another Steuart is listed in same household; her son from previous marriage.
22. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 311.
23. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 71A. presumed to be child of John and Jane.