

First Generation

1. Location: in Back Creek area, Highland County, VA near Valley Center in 1780.¹ **William RYDER**² was born (date unknown).

William RYDER had the following children:

- +2 i. **James RYDER**, married Sarah CHESTNUT, 1798.
- +3 ii. **John RYDER**.
- +4 iii. **Richard RYDER**, married Agnes KILPATRICK, 1796.
- +5 iv. **Sarah RYDER**, married Joseph HUTTON, 1807.
- +6 v. **Thomas RYDER**, married Rebecca MATHENY, 1812.
- +7 vi. **William RYDER**, married Mary BRISCOE, 1785.
- +8 vii. **Elizabeth RYDER**, born 1780, Augusta County, VA; married Adam BIRD, 1798.

Second Generation

2. Agriculture: in 1850 54 acres improved, 117 acres unimproved land; farm value \$2,000, machinery value \$200, livestock value \$335 in Highland County, VA³ **James RYDER**⁴⁻⁵ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

James RYDER and Sarah CHESTNUT were married in 1798.⁴ **Sarah CHESTNUT**⁴, daughter of William CHESTNUT, was born (date unknown).

James RYDER and Sarah CHESTNUT had the following children:

- +9 i. **William J. RYDER**.
- +10 ii. **Henry RYDER**.
- +11 iii. **Thomas RYDER**.
- +12 iv. **Mary RYDER**, married James WILEY, 1824.
- +13 v. **Jane RYDER**, married Charles S. CALLAHAN, 1825.
- +14 vi. **Rosa RYDER**.
- +15 vii. **Peter H. RYDER**, born 1817, Bath County, VA.

3. **John RYDER**⁶ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

MATHENY⁶ was born (date unknown).

John RYDER and MATHENY had the following children:

- +16 i. **William C. RYDER**, married Jane CALLAHAN, 1819.
- 17 ii. Moved to: in Harrison .⁶ **Adam RYDER**⁶ was born (date unknown).
- 18 iii. **Peachy RYDER**⁶ was born (date unknown).
- +19 iv. **John Wesley RYDER**, born 8 Aug 1808, Bath County, VA; married Sarah BIRD, 1831; died 2 Nov

1897, Barbour County, VA.

4. Location: moved to Greenbrier, Pocahontas County, VA .⁶ **Richard RYDER**⁶ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Richard RYDER and Agnes KILPATRICK were married in 1796.⁶ **Agnes KILPATRICK**⁶ was born (date unknown).

Richard RYDER and Agnes KILPATRICK had the following child:

+20 i. **William K. RYDER**, born 1798, Bath County, VA.

5. **Sarah RYDER**⁶ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Sarah RYDER and Joseph HUTTON were married in 1807.⁶ **Joseph HUTTON**⁶ was born (date unknown).

6. **Thomas RYDER**⁷ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Thomas RYDER and Rebecca MATHENY were married in 1812.⁸ **Rebecca MATHENY**⁸, daughter of Archibald MATHENY and Jean CURRY, was born (date unknown).

7. **William RYDER**⁶ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

William RYDER and Mary BRISCOE were married in 1785.⁶ **Mary BRISCOE**⁶ was born (date unknown).

8. **Elizabeth RYDER**⁹⁻¹¹ (William-1) was born in 1780 in Augusta County, VA.¹²

Elizabeth RYDER and Adam BIRD were married in 1798.¹³ **Adam BIRD**^{10-11,13-15}, son of John BIRD and Susanna WINTROW, was born in 1768 in Augusta County, VA.¹²

Adam BIRD and Elizabeth RYDER had the following children:

+21 i. **Benjamin BIRD**.
 +22 ii. **Elizabeth BIRD**.
 +23 iii. **John BIRD**, married Letitia DILLEY, 22 Feb 1838, Pocahontas County, VA.
 +24 iv. **Margaret BIRD**.
 +25 v. **Mary Ann BIRD**, married Jacob GILLESPIE, 1837, Pocahontas County, VA.
 +26 vi. **Nancy BIRD**, married Jacob STEUART, 29 Mar 1838, Pocahontas County, VA.
 +27 vii. **Sarah BIRD**, born 1799; married Otho BRISCOE, 1825; died 1856.

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- +28 viii. **William BIRD**, born 1801, Bath County, VA; married Sarah MALCOMB, 1823; died 21 Nov 1875, Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- +29 ix. **Valentine BIRD**, born 28 Jun 1804, Bath County, VA; married Mary CHEATHAM, Augusta County, VA; died 13 May 1876, Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- +30 x. **Thomas "Tom" BIRD**, born 1807, Bath County, VA; married Nancy J. MCCARTNEY, 12 Jan 1827, Pocahontas County, VA; married Nancy J. RYDER, 15 Jun 1854, Highland County, VA.
- 31 xi. **Frederick BIRD**^{12,16-20} was born in Mar 1825 in Bath County, VA.²¹⁻²⁵ Occupation: Farmer in 1850.¹² Occupation: Farmhand in 1860.²² Occupation: Farmer between 1870 and 1880.^{23,26} Property: Owned personal property valued at \$200 in 1870.²³ Occupation: Bachelor farmer in 1900.²⁷ Property: Owns farm free of mortgage in 1900.²⁷ Individual Note: Single.²⁸

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3. 1850 Agricultural Census, Highland County, VA.
4. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 273, 330.
5. 1850 Agricultural Census, Highland County, VA. James H.
6. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 330.
7. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 318, 330. no children.
8. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 318, 330.
9. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264, 330.
10. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 77B. living with son Frederick.
11. Highland County Death Records, 1875, 1876.
12. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 77B.
13. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 264.
14. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 117-119.
15. **Wooddell, James E. & Rita H.**; Pocahontas County Marriage Bonds and Minister's Returns, 21, 23.
16. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 265.
17. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 223. listed in brother Valentine's household.
18. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 162A. listed in household of Mary Bird, wife of deceased nephew Aaron Bird.
19. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 180A. sole member of household.
20. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 211B. sole member of household, single.
21. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 77B. listed as 26 years old.
22. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 223.
23. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 162A.
24. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 180A.
25. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 211B. listed as Mar 1825.
26. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 180A. not clear.
27. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 211B.
28. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 77B.