First Generation

1. **Frederick COLAW**^{1–3} was born in 1750.⁴ Location: moved from Lancaster County, PA to Crabbottom in 1798.^{4–5} Location: in Wimer Run area, Crabbottom, VA in 1799.⁵ He died in 1816; at the age of 66.⁶

Frederick COLAW and Mary HUFFMAN were married in 1770.4 Mary HUFFMAN4,7 was born (date unknown).

Frederick COLAW and Mary HUFFMAN had the following children:

- i. **Daniel COLAW**^{8–9} was born in Pennsylvania. Individual Note: likely never married.
- +3 ii. **Abraham COLAW**, born abt 1758, Pennsylvania; married Jemima COOKHOLTZ, 10 Jul 1810; died 26 Mar 1864.
- +4 iii. Catharine COLAW, born 1763, Pennsylvania; married Christian HUFFMAN; died 1826.
- +5 iv. **Nancy Barbara COLAW**, born 1768, Pennsylvania; married Daniel GAYLORD, 27 Apr 1789; married NICHOLAS, bef 1789.
- v. **Charity COLAW**, born 1778, Pennsylvania; married Samuel MULLENAX, 1805; died Mar 1858, Jackson's River area, Highland County, VA.
- +7 vi. **George COLAW**, born 1785, Pennsylvania; married Elizabeth WIMER, 21 Jul 1811, Pendleton County, VA; died 9 Jan 1873, Crabbottom area, Highland County, VA.
- +8 vii. Elizabeth COLAW, born 1790, Pennsylvania; married James TRIMBLE, 13 Aug 1818.
- +9 viii. **Jacob COLAW**, born Sep 1794, Pennsylvania; married Mary SUTTON, 10 Sep 1818, Pendleton County, VA; died 1844.

Second Generation

3. **Abraham COLAW**^{8,10} (Frederick-1) was born about 1758 in Pennsylvania.¹⁰ He died on 26 Mar 1864; at the age of 106.¹⁰ He was buried in 1864 in Sugar Creek Cemetery, west of Washington Courthouse, OH.¹⁰ Moved to: in Ohio .⁸ Property: owned land in Sugar Creek District, Fayette County, OH.¹⁰

Abraham COLAW and Jemima "Jenny" COOKHOLTZ were married on 10 Jul 1810. ¹⁰ **Jemima "Jenny" COOKHOLTZ**^{8,10} died on 18 May 1862; . ¹⁰ She was buried in 1862 in Washington Courthouse, OH. ¹⁰ Sugar Creek Cemetery, west of Washington Courthouse.

Abraham COLAW and Jemima COOKHOLTZ had the following children:

- +10 i. **Hager COLER**, married John MCGARRAGH; died 1 Mar 1856.
- ii. **Joshua COLER**¹⁰ was born on 3 Mar 1811 in Ohio.¹¹ He died on 25 May 1862; at the age of 51.¹¹ He was buried in 1862 in Sugar Creek Cemetery, west of Washington Courthouse, OH.¹¹ Military: Militia of Jasper Township, participated in the Mexican War.¹¹
- iii. Sally COLER¹⁰ was born in 1813.¹⁰
- +13 iv. **Abram COLER**, born 10 Nov 1815, Ohio; married Sarah H. FORSHA, 29 Mar 1838; died 30 Aug 1895.
- +14 v. Sandusky COLER, born 10 Mar 1818; married Rachel PURSLEY, 8 Mar 1845; died 17 Sep 1885.
 - vi. Canada COLER¹⁰ was born in 1820.¹⁰
 - vii. Lavinia COLER¹⁰ was born on 19 Sep 1824.¹⁰
- 4. **Catharine COLAW**^{12–14} (Frederick-1) was born in 1763 in Pennsylvania. ^{15–16} She died in 1826; at the age of 63. ¹⁶ She was buried in 1826 in Huffman Cemetery, Dolly Hills, Pendleton County, WV. ¹⁵ formerly called Wimer-Weese Cemetery Illness: weak in body in Dec 1826. ¹³ Catharine signed a will on 4 Dec 1826 in Pendleton County, VA. ¹³ She was buried at Wimer-Weese-Huffman Cemetery in Pendleton County, WV. ¹⁶

Catharine COLAW and Christian HUFFMAN were married.¹⁴ Location: in Rockbridge County, VA before 1796.¹⁵ Property: bought 110 acres in South Branch, Pendleton County, VA in 1796.¹⁵ **Christian HUFFMAN**^{17–18} was born (date unknown).

Christian HUFFMAN and Catharine COLAW had the following children:

- +17 i. **Solomon HUFFMAN**, born 29 Nov 1803, Pendleton County, VA; married Hester BONNER; married Elizabeth WESTFALL; died 1883.
- ii. **Elizabeth HUFFMAN**¹⁵ was born in 1804 in Pendleton County, VA.¹⁹
- +19 iii. **George HUFFMAN**, born 8 Dec 1806, Pendleton County, VA; married Mary Ann SNYDER; died 1 Jun 1894.
- +20 iv. **Laban HUFFMAN**, born 26 Jun 1812, Pendleton County, VA; married Mary BONNER; died 14 May 1881.
- 5. Nancy Barbara COLAW²⁰⁻²¹ (Frederick-1) was born in 1768 in Pennsylvania.²²

Nancy Barbara COLAW and Daniel GAYLORD were married on 27 Apr 1789.²² Daniel GAYLORD^{23–24} was born

(date unknown).

Nancy Barbara COLAW and NICHOLAS were married before 1789.²² NICHOLAS was born (date unknown).

6. **Charity COLAW**^{25–28} (Frederick-1) was born in 1778 in Pennsylvania.^{29–31} She died in Mar 1858; at the age of 80 of infirmity in Jackson's River area, Highland County, VA.^{8,28} Occupation: Housekeeper in 1858.²⁸

Charity COLAW and Samuel MULLENAX were married in 1805.^{8,32} **Samuel MULLENAX**^{27–28,33}, son of John MULLENAX and Jane, signed a will on 12 Nov 1833 in Pendleton County, VA.²⁷

Samuel MULLENAX and Charity COLAW had the following children:

- i. Mary "Polly" MULLENAX³⁴⁻³⁵ was born (date unknown).
- 22 ii. **Elizabeth MULLENAX**²⁷ was born (date unknown).
- +23 iii. Mary E. MULLENAX.
- +24 iv. Margaret MULLENAX, married Salathiel MULLENAX, 1831.
- +25 v. **William MULLENAX**, born 1815, Pendleton County, VA; married Margaret Ann BIRD, 28 Dec 1837, Bath County, VA.
- +26 vi. **Samuel MULLENAX**, born 1817, Virginia; married Matilda B. WIMER, 23 Nov 1844; married Sarah Etta SIMMONS: died 29 Dec 1879.
- 7. **George COLAW**^{8,36–42} (Frederick-1) was born in 1785 in Pennsylvania. ^{42–47} Location: moved from Lancaster County, PA to Highland County, VA in 1800. ⁴⁸ Location: in Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA Three miles north of Crabbottom, VA on the "Cyrus Colaw" homeplace in 1811. ³⁸ Office Held: appointed and served on the first Grand Jury in 1847 in Highland County, VA ⁴⁹ Agriculture: in 1850 owned 200 acres improved, 80 acres unimproved land; farm value \$7,000, machinery value \$50, livestock value \$1,700 in Highland County, VA ⁵⁰ Occupation: None listed in 1850. ³⁷ Occupation: Farmer in 1860. ⁴⁵ Property: owned personal estate valued at \$1,467 in 1860. ⁴⁵ Property: owned real estate valued at \$10,930 in 1860. ⁴⁵ He died on 9 Jan 1873; at the age of 88 in Crabbottom area, Highland County, VA. ^{51–52} He was buried in 1873 in Colaw Cemetery, Blue Grass area, Highland County, VA. ⁶ Individual Note: Said to have given Crabapple bottom, later Crabbottom, VA its name. ³⁸

Minister: Rev. Otto Wade in 1811.⁴⁹ George COLAW and Elizabeth WIMER were married on 21 Jul 1811 in Pendleton County, VA.^{6,8,53} **Elizabeth WIMER**^{8,36,41–42,54}, daughter of Henry WIMER and Catharine, was born in 1791 in Pendleton County, VA.^{6,54–55} She was buried in 1856 in Colaw Cemetery, Blue Grass area, Highland County, VA.⁶ Family cemetery Occupation: House keeper in 1856.²⁸ She died on 17 Dec 1856; at the age of 65 in Highland County, VA.^{6,28}

George COLAW and Elizabeth WIMER had the following children:

- +27 i. **Jesse COLAW**, born 1812, Pendleton County, VA; married Catharine ARBOGAST, 23 Apr 1835, Pendleton County, VA.
- +28 ii. **Cyrus COLAW Sr.**, born 6 Nov 1814, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married Lucinda WHITE, 20 Jan 1853, Highland County, VA; died 2 Jan 1915, Blue Grass District, Highland County, VA.

- +29 iii. **William Benjamin "Bill" COLAW**, born 30 Jan 1815, Crabbottom area, Highland County, VA; married Sabina GUM, 20 Mar 1834, Virginia; married Phebe WOOD, 15 May 1860; married Sarah Ann WILSON, 22 Dec 1872, Downs, IL; died 30 Sep 1896, Downs, IL.
- +30 iv. **George E. COLAW Jr.**, born 30 Mar 1817, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married Sarah A. HARPER, 8 Sep 1842, Pendleton County, VA; died 2 Oct 1901.
- v. **Ephraim COLAW**, born 1820, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married Angeline HELMICK, 22 Mar 1860, Highland County, VA; died 1915, Nebraska.
- vi. **Henry E. COLAW**, born 20 Feb 1824, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married Malinda HALTERMAN, 25 Oct 1849, Crabbottom area, Highland County, VA; died 1921.
- vii. **Elizabeth "Betty" COLAW**, born 1825, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married John LIFE, 15 May 1845; died Oct 1902, Geneseo, IA.
- +34 viii. **Daniel COLAW**, born 12 Jun 1830, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married Sarah Jane FREED, 24 Jan 1863; died 25 Jun 1921, Frank's Run, Blue Grass area, Highland County, VA.
- +35 ix. **Andrew J. "Andy" COLAW**, born 22 Sep 1832, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married Catharine C. HAMMER, 25 May 1871, Pendleton County, WV; died 5 Jul 1919.
- +36 x. **Hannah COLAW**, born 21 May 1834, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married David SMITH, 23 Dec 1852; died 17 Aug 1919.

8. Elizabeth COLAW^{8,56} (Frederick-1) was born in 1790 in Pennsylvania.⁵⁷

Property: owned land lying in hills between North Fork and Dry Run in 1808.⁵⁷ **Frederick WAYMAN**^{8,57} was born (date unknown).

Elizabeth COLAW and James TRIMBLE were married on 13 Aug 1818.^{57–58} Property: Patent for 100 acres on Black Thorn in Pendleton County, VA in 1761.⁵⁹ Property: surveyed land in Strait Creek area, Pendleton County, VA on 2 Nov 1795.⁶⁰ Location: in Strait Creek area, Pendleton County, VA in 1797–1799.⁶¹ Property: purchase of 50 acres for 20 pounds, adjoining his former land; no delivery shown at Strait Creek area in Pendleton County, VA on 7 Mar 1806.⁶⁰ Illness: weak in body in Jan 1824.⁵⁶ **James TRIMBLE**^{56,60,62–64}, son of James TRIMBLE, signed a will on 21 Jan 1824 in Pendleton County, VA.⁵⁶ He died in 1824; in Strait Creek area, Pendleton County, VA.^{65–66} He was buried in 1824 in Pendleton County, VA.⁶⁶ in Harmon Seybert's place in the Meadow called Jeens Meadow; no monument. James was born in Scotland.^{57,66–67} Military: Served in Revolutionary War under Cornwallis and was captured at Yorktown.⁶⁶ Occupation: Farmer .⁶⁶ Property: Seized a large and choice portion of Crabbottom and sold for a tidy sum.^{59,68} Location: Came to America from Scotland at age 16; fellow passenger with Lord Cornwallis .^{66,69} Last name was Turnbull. Came to America when he was 16 years old; was in the Revolutionary War and fought under the British flag. Cornwallis was his commander. James was captured at Yorktown. (NHHC, page 88)

James TRIMBLE and Elizabeth COLAW had the following children:

- i. George A. TRIMBLE^{56,65} was born in 1819.⁶⁵
- 38 ii. **Ezekiel TRIMBLE**^{65,70} was born in 1821.⁵⁷
- +39 iii. **Mary E. TRIMBLE**, born 1823; died 1905.
- 9. **Jacob COLAW**^{4,8} (Frederick-1) was born in Sep 1794 in Pennsylvania.^{71–73} Moved to: in Crabbottom area,

Pendleton County, VA in 1799.⁷⁴ Property: owns early large log house with three large rock chimneys; subsequently deeded to Mary C. Colaw by his heirs at 2 miles north on county route 640 in Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA in 1840–1844.⁷⁵ He died in 1844; at the age of 50.⁷⁶ Occupation: farmer .⁷⁶

Jacob COLAW and Mary "Polly" SUTTON were married on 10 Sep 1818 in Pendleton County, VA.^{77–79} **Mary** "Polly" SUTTON^{4,8,76,80}, daughter of Joshua SUTTON and MIERS, was born in Nov 1789 in Elizabeth, NJ.^{81–83} Agriculture: in 1850 200 acres improved, 200 acres unimproved land; farm value \$2,000, machinery value \$150, livestock value \$1,600 in Highland County, VA⁵⁰ Occupation: farmer in 1850.³⁷ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$2,000 in 1850.³⁷ She died in 1857; at the age of 68.⁷⁶

Jacob COLAW and Mary SUTTON had the following children:

- i. **Sidney COLAW**, born 1818, Crabbottom area, Highland County, VA; married Benjamin TOWNSEND, 11 Mar 1845.
- +41 ii. **Cornelius McKinley COLAW**, born 22 Apr 1819, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married Mary Elizabeth NEWMAN, 22 Sep 1845; died 5 Jan 1900, Crabbottom area, Highland County, VA.
- iii. **Hezekiah COLAW**^{37,76,84–85} was born in 1821 in Pendleton County, VA.^{37,76} Occupation: Farmer in 1860.⁸⁶ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$120 in 1860.⁸⁶ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$2,390 in 1860.⁸⁶ Property: Owned 194 acres valued at \$1,108.40 in 1862.⁸⁷ Cash on Hand: Listed at \$200 in 1862.⁸⁷ Agriculture: in 1862 Owned 10 cattle, horses, or mules valued at \$266.⁸⁷ He died on 22 Sep 1862; at the age of 41.⁸⁸
- +43 iv. **Jonas COLAW**, born 5 Sep 1823, Highland County, VA; married America JUDY, 5 Mar 1860; died 6 Jul 1904.
- v. **John James COLAW**^{76,89} was born in 1824 in Pendleton County, VA. ^{37,76}
- vi. **Alcinda "Lucinda" COLAW**, born 1825, Pendleton County, VA; married James ARBOGAST, 20 Dec 1857, Highland County, VA.
- +46 vii. Margaret Drusilla COLAW, born 1826, Highland County, VA.
- +47 viii. **Allen G. COLAW**, born 24 Sep 1827, Crabbottom area, Pendleton County, VA; married Roxanna JUDY, 22 Nov 1855; died 12 Jul 1918, Crabbottom area, Highland County, VA.
- 48 ix. **Josiah COLAW**^{37,84,90} was born in 1830 in Pendleton County, VA. ^{37,76}

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- 1. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 275. says Frederick Colaw.
- 2. New History of Highland County, VA (1983), 106. 106 says Daniel Coller; 107 says Frederick Colaw
- 3. Anna Margaret Wimer Rexrode Golladay, *Coler/Colaw Family in America* (Harrisonburg, VA: Park View Press, 1986), 3. solid evidence presented that Valentine and (son) Frederick Colaw were the same person.
 - 4. New History of Highland County, VA, 107.
 - 5. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 250.
 - 6. New History of Highland County, VA, 106.
 - 7. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 3.
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 - 9. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 16.
 - 10. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 18.
 - 11. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 19.
 - 12. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 275. Catharine Colaw.
 - 13. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 109-110.
 - 14. Pendleton County Historical Society; Cemetery Records of Pendleton County, WV, 224, 346.
 - 15. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 34.
 - 16. Pendleton County Historical Society; Cemetery Records of Pendleton County, WV, 224.
 - 17. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 275. Christopher Huffman.
- 18. **Pendleton County Historical Society**; Cemetery Records of Pendleton County, WV, 224, 258, 346. Christian on 224; Christopher on 258 and 346.
 - 19. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 34, 35.
 - 20. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 275. no given name.
 - 21. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 34, 38. Nancy Barbara Coler.
 - 22. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 38.
 - 23. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 275. Daniel Gaylord.
 - 24. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 34, 38. Edward Galor Jr.
 - 25. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 275, 323.
 - 26. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 80B. living in son William's household.
 - 27. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, page 156.
 - 28. Highland County Death Records.
 - 29. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 275. says 1778.
 - 30. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 80B. listed as 64 years of age.
 - 31. Highland County Death Records. 80 years.
 - 32. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 323.
 - 33. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 275, 322, 323.
 - 34. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 324. died young.
 - 35. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, page 156. Polly.
 - 36. New History of Highland County, VA, 106, 108.
 - 37. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 97A.
 - 38. Recorder, 50, 11 Nov 05.
- 39. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 191. Cyrus's family, and sons Daniel and Andrew listed as well as 13 year old Ann Rebecca.

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- 40. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 158A. listed in son Cyrus' household.
- 41. J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny, Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia, 324.
- 42. Highland County Death Records, 1873.
- 43. New History of Highland County, VA, 106. says born in Pennsylvania.
- 44. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 97A. says born in Pendleton County, VA.
- 45. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 191.
- 46. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 158A. says 85 years old, born in Pennsylvania.
- 47. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 199A. son Daniel's entry says born in Pennsylvania.
- 48. Recorder, 50, 11 Nov 05. brought family in 1811.
- 49. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 95. 1790.
- 50. 1850 Agricultural Census, Highland County, VA.
- 51. New History of Highland County, VA, 106. 9 Jun 1873.
- 52. Highland County Death Records, 1873. 9 Jan 1873.
- 53. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records.
- 54. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 97B.
- 55. Highland County Death Records. 65 years, Pennsylvania.
- 56. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 81-82.
- 57. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 224.
- 58. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 275, 342. 342 says 1811, 275 says 1818.
- 59. Morton, Oren F., History of Pendleton County, 376.
- 60. Pendleton County, VA Courthouse Deed Books, Book 4, 7 March 1806.
- 61. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 108, 252.
- 62. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 73, 275, 342.
- 63. J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny, Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia, 299.
- 64. New History of Highland County, VA, 88. name was originally Turnbull.
- 65. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 342.
- 66. New History of Highland County, VA, 88.
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- 68. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 73.
- 69. Newspaper clipping, source unknown.
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- 71. New History of Highland County, VA, 107. September 1794.
- 72. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 202A. location based on son Allen's entry.
- 73. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 42. 1780.
- 74. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 54.
- 75. WPA historical survey of homes, Highland County, HI-37.
- 76. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 42.
- 77. New History of Highland County, VA, 107. says 1811.
- 78. Pendleton County, VA Marriage Records. listed as 10 September 1818.
- 79. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 42. 10 Sep 1818.
- 80. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 97A. listed as head of household.
- 81. New History of Highland County, VA, 107. Nov 1789.

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- 82. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 202A. listed as Pennsylvania in son Allen's entry.
- 83. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 42. 1785 in Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- 84. Morton, Oren F., Morton's History of Highland County, VA, 276.
- 85. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 190. listed in brother Jonas' household.
- 86. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 190.
- 87. Civil War Tax Record, Highland County, VA 1862.
- 88. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 59.
- 89. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 97A. could be Jonas?.
- 90. Coler/Colaw Family in America, 42, 92.