
First Generation

1. Location: Came to Back Creek Valley near Green Hill, Highland County from Albermarle County, VA about 1800.¹⁻² **Samuel WOODS**^{1,3-4} died in 1846; .³

SHARP³ was born (date unknown).

Mary WOODDELL⁵⁻⁶ was born (date unknown).

Samuel WOODS and Mary WOODDELL had the following children:

- 2 i. **Michael WOODS**³ died in 1841; .³
- 3 ii. **Elizabeth WOODS**³ died in 1845; .³
- +4 iii. **Sarah WOODS**, born 1799, Bath County, VA; married Jacob BRISCOE, 30 Sep 1830, Bath County, VA; died 13 Oct 1856, Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- 5 iv. **Mary WOODS**³ was born in 1802.³ She died in 1839; at the age of 37.³
- +6 v. **James WOODS**, born Apr 1803, Bath County, VA; died 20 Oct 1861, Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- 7 vi. **Jane WOODS**³ was born in 1806.³ She died in 1837; at the age of 31.³
- +8 vii. **John WOODS**, born 21 Sep 1809, Bath County, VA; married Mary L. BIRD, 3 Oct 1833, Bath County, VA; died 7 Oct 1861, Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.
- +9 viii. **Samuel WOODS Jr.**, born 1820, Bath County, VA; married Elizabeth ROBERTSON, 16 Apr 1844, Bath County, VA; died 10 Feb 1898.

Second Generation

4. **Sarah WOODS**^{4,7-10} (Samuel-1) was born in 1799 in Bath County, VA.^{4,9} Occupation: housekeeper in 1856.⁴ She died on 13 Oct 1856; at the age of 57 in Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.⁴

Minister: James Reed Jr. in 1830.¹⁰ Sarah WOODS and Jacob BRISCOE were married on 30 Sep 1830 in Bath County, VA.^{4,7,10} **Jacob BRISCOE**^{4,7-15}, son of Isaac BRISCOE and Priscilla CALLAHAN, was born in 1804 in Bath County, VA.^{7,11-12,16-19} Agriculture: in 1850 owned 40 acres improved, 40 acres unimproved land; farm value \$800, machinery value \$15, livestock value \$1,275 in Highland County, VA.²⁰ Occupation: Farmer between 1850 and 1870.^{9,11-12,21} Property: Owned real estate valued at \$800 in 1850.⁹ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$417 in 1860.¹¹ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$1,400 in 1860.¹¹ Property: Owned 50 acres valued at \$650 in 1862.²² Agriculture: in 1862 Owned 6 cattle, horses, or mules valued at \$75.²² Property: Owned personal property valued at \$600 in 1870.¹² Property: Owned real estate valued at \$1,500. in 1870.¹² He died on 27 Mar 1877; at the age of 73 in Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.²³⁻²⁴

United States Census, 25th District, Highland County, Virginia, 1850, taken July 31 (ref #78A) lists Jacob Briscoe household in dwelling number 147. Jacob was listed as a 46 year old male farmer with real estate valued at \$800. Also in the dwelling were Sarah (his wife) a female 50 years of age, Mary J. a female 19 years of age, Sarah A. a female 17 years of age, John B. a male 15 years of age, Elizabeth A. a female 12 years of age, and William H. a male 9 years of age. All were listed as born in Bath County, Virginia. John, Elizabeth, and William were listed as attending school within the year. (NARA)

Jacob BRISCOE and Sarah WOODS had the following children:

- 10 i. **Mary Jane BRISCOE**^{8-9,11,25-30} was born on 8 Jan 1831 in Bath County, VA.^{7,9,11,31-35} Occupation: Housekeeper in 1860.¹¹ Occupation: Domestic in 1870.³¹ Occupation: Farmer in 1900.³² Property: Owns farm free of mortgage in 1900.³² She died on 11 Feb 1921; at the age of 90 at home of nephew William Austin Briscoe in Little Back Creek area, Blue Grass District, Highland County, VA.^{7,30}
- 11 ii. **Sarah Ann BRISCOE**^{8,11,25,36-39} was born on 2 Apr 1833 in Mill Gap, Highland County, VA.^{12,40-45} Occupation: House attendant in 1860.¹¹ She died on 18 Mar 1916; at the age of 82 in Little Back Creek area, Blue Grass District, Highland County, VA.⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ Occupation: Housekeeper in 1916.⁴⁹
- +12 iii. **John Brown BRISCOE**, born Mar 1835, Bath County, VA; married Nancy B. SHELTON, 1865; died 25 May 1912, Little Back Creek area, Blue Grass District, Highland County, VA.
- 13 iv. **Elizabeth A. "Lizzie" BRISCOE**^{8-9,11,25,36,50-52} was born in Apr 1839 in Bath County, VA.^{9,11-12,53-55} Education: Attended school within the year in 1850.⁹ Occupation: House attendant in 1860.¹¹ Occupation: Farm laborer in 1900.³² Property: Owns farm free of mortgage in 1910.³³ She died on 26 Nov 1918; at the age of 79 at home of her nephew, Austin Briscoe in Little Back Creek area, Blue Grass District, Highland County, VA.^{7,56}
- +14 v. **William Harding BRISCOE**, born 1841, Bath County, VA; married Alice JOHNSON, Western U.S.; died 1890.

6. **James WOODS**⁵⁷⁻⁶⁴ (Samuel-1) was born in Apr 1803 in Bath County, VA.^{59,65-66} Agriculture: in 1850 60 acres improved, 50 acres unimproved land; farm value \$2,200, machinery value \$10, livestock value \$425 in Highland County, VA.²⁰ Occupation: Farmer between 1850 and 1861.^{4,58-59} Property: Owned real estate valued at \$2,200 in 1850.⁵⁸ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$696 in 1860.⁵⁹ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$3,120 in 1860.⁵⁹ He died on 20 Oct 1861; at the age of 58 of typhoid fever in Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.⁴

Mary "Polly" GRAHAM^{60,63-64,67-73}, daughter of GRAHAM, was born in 1811 in Augusta County, VA.^{58-59,74-76} Occupation: Housekeeper in 1860.⁵⁹ Property: Owned personal property valued at \$600 in 1870.⁷⁴ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$900 in 1870.⁷⁴ She died on 17 Apr 1882; at the age of 71 of pneumonia in Hightown area, Highland County, VA.⁷⁷

James WOODS and Mary GRAHAM had the following children:

- +15 i. **Isabella W. "Isabel" WOODS**, born 1830, Pendleton County, VA; married Samuel B. CAMPBELL, 25 Oct 1855, Highland County, VA; died 17 Aug 1895, Meadowdale area of Highland County, VA.
- +16 ii. **Thomas J. WOODS**, born Jan 1832, Pendleton County, VA; married Elvira Ann ERVINE, 26 May 1869, Highland County, VA; died 3 Jan 1910, Meadowdale area of Highland County, VA.
- 17 iii. **Rachel C. WOODS**^{58-60,74,78-80} was born on 25 Nov 1833 in Meadowdale, VA.^{59-60,74-75,81-83} Occupation: House attendant in 1860.⁵⁹ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$400 in 1870.⁷⁴ Occupation: Housekeeper in 1880.⁷⁵ Occupation: Nurse in 1900.⁸⁴ She died on 20 Jan 1916; at the age of 82 in Blue Grass District, Highland County, VA.⁶⁰
- 18 iv. **Evaline A. WOODS**⁸⁵⁻⁸⁶ was born in 1835 in Pendleton County, VA.^{58,74} Occupation: Housekeeper in 1870.⁷⁴
- +19 v. **Laura Anne WOODS**, born 23 Apr 1838, Pendleton County, VA; married John STEPHENSON, 25 Dec 1855, Meadowdale, Highland County, VA; died 27 May 1923.
- 20 vi. **John B. WOODS**^{58-59,87} was born in 1840 in Pendleton County, VA.⁵⁸⁻⁵⁹ Occupation: Farmhand in 1860.⁵⁹ Military: in 1861-1863 3rd Sergeant, Company F, 25th Virginia Infantry, CSA; wounded at Gettysburg, left kneecap shattered by shell; captured at Gettysburg and died of wounds in New York.⁸⁷ He died in Jul 1863; at the age of 23 of wounds at David's Island in New York.⁸⁷ He was buried at Cypress Hill Cemetery in Long Island, NY.⁸⁷
- 21 vii. **Martha WOODS**^{4,58} was born in 1840 in Pendleton County, VA.⁵⁸ She died on 20 Apr 1853; at the age of 13 typhoid fever in Highland County, VA.⁴ Occupation: farmer .⁴
- +22 viii. **Newton Brown WOODS**, born 1 Oct 1845, Pendleton County, VA; married Lucy E. KRAMER, 10 May 1877, Crabbottom, Highland County, VA; died 29 Jan 1915.
- +23 ix. **Alice Amanda WOODS**, born Sep 1848, Highland County, VA; married Wilson Irvine RYDER, 6 Feb 1878, Highland County, VA; died 29 Nov 1922, Staunton, VA.

8. **John WOODS**^{1,60,88-94} (Samuel-1) was born on 21 Sep 1809 in Bath County, VA.^{90,95-97} Agriculture: in 1850 190 acres improved, 10 acres unimproved land; farm value \$2,000, machinery value \$20, livestock value \$175 in Highland County, VA.²⁰ Occupation: Farmer between 1850 and 1861.^{4,89-90} Property: Owned real estate valued at \$2,000 in 1850.⁸⁹ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$1,073 in 1860.⁹⁰ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$3,000 in 1860.⁹⁰ He died on 7 Oct 1861; at the age of 52 of typhoid fever in Back Creek area, Highland County, VA.³⁻⁴ He was buried in Green Hill Cemetery, Mill Gap, Highland County, VA.⁹⁷ United States Census, 25th District, Highland County, Virginia, 1850, taken 1 August (ref #78B) lists John Woods household in dwelling number 152. John was listed as a 40 year old male farmer with real estate valued at \$2,000. Also in the dwelling were Mary (his wife) a female 37 years of age, James M. a male 15 years of age, David B. a male 13 years of age, John A. a male 10 years of age, Peter W. a male 4 years of age, and Ann a female 55 years of age. All were listed as born in Bath County, Virginia. James, David, and John were listed as attending school within the year. (NARA) Not sure who Ann Woods was.

Minister: R. Slaven in 1833 .⁹⁴ John WOODS and Mary L. BIRD were married on 3 Oct 1833 in Bath County, VA.^{94,98} **Mary L. BIRD**^{1,4,60,88-90,92-94,99-100}, daughter of John BIRD and Susannah HARTMAN, was born on 27 Jul 1815 in Bath County, VA.^{89-90,97,101} Occupation: Housekeeper in 1860.⁹⁰ She died on 3 Aug 1908; at the age of 93 at her home in Green Hill, Highland County, VA.^{97-98,100,102} She was buried on 4 Aug 1908 in Green Hill Cemetery, Mill Gap, Highland County, VA.^{97,100} Religion: member, Methodist Episcopal Church.⁹⁸

John WOODS and Mary L. BIRD had the following children:

- +24 i. **James Morgan WOODS**, born 1835, Bath County, VA; married Sarah D. WILEY, 7 Apr 1859, Highland County, VA; died May 1922, Monterey, Highland County, VA.
- 25 ii. **David H. B. WOODS**^{1,3,87,89,98,103-105} was born in 1836 in Back Creek, Bath County, VA.^{89-90,103,106} Education: Attended school within the past year in 1850.⁸⁹ Occupation: Farmhand in 1860.⁹⁰ Military: in 1861 1st Sergeant, Company F, 25th Virginia Infantry, CSA; became debilitated and removed from 1st Sergeant position; captured at Old Church, Coal Harbor, sent to Point Lookout, then Elmira; died of disease at Elmira.^{87,107} He died on 18 Dec 1864; at the age of 28 of smallpox in Elmira, NY.¹⁰⁸⁻¹¹¹ Unsure of which death date is correct, Highland County Death Records or regimental history.
- 26 iii. **John Amos WOODS**^{98,112-116} was born in 1840 in Bath County, VA.^{4,89-90} Education: Attended school within the past year in 1850.⁸⁹ Occupation: Farmer in 1860/1.^{4,90} He died on 24 Jul 1861; at the age of 21 of wounds from a shot by a Yankee in Cheat Mountain.^{4,92,117} Individual Note: unmarried.⁴
- +27 iv. **Peter Wesley WOODS**, born 18 Jul 1845, Mill Gap, Highland County, VA; married Rachel Ann BIRD, 13 Jan 1868, Highland County, VA; died 24 Apr 1913, Blue Grass District, Highland County, VA.

9. **Samuel WOODS Jr.**¹¹⁸⁻¹²² (Samuel-1) was born in 1820 in Bath County, VA.¹¹⁹⁻¹²¹ Occupation: Farmhand in 1860.¹²⁰ Property: Owned personal estate valued at \$50 in 1860.¹²⁰ He was buried in Feb 1898 in Big Valley Cemetery, VA.¹²¹ He died on 10 Feb 1898; at the age of 78 of heart failure at home of Mr. George Baldwin.¹²¹ Religion: member, Southern Methodist Church.¹²¹

Minister: William J. Rider in 1844.¹²² Samuel WOODS Jr. and Elizabeth ROBERTSON were married on 16 Apr 1844 in Bath County, VA.¹²² **Elizabeth ROBERTSON**^{119-120,122-123}, daughter of William ROBERTSON and Mary HORN, was born in 1820 in Augusta County, VA.¹¹⁹⁻¹²⁰ Occupation: Housekeeper in 1860.¹²⁰

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1. *New History of Highland County, VA* (1983), 253.
2. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 252.
3. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 351.
4. Highland County Death Records.
5. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 351. says ? Wooddell.
6. Highland County Death Records. lists Catharine as mother of son John and Mary as mother of son James.
7. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 96.
8. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 271.
9. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 78A.
10. Bath County Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns, 73.
11. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 209.
12. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 165A.
13. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 667. widow.
14. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 551.
15. The Bicentennial History of Bath County, Virginia, 1991, 209.
16. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 271. says 1805.
17. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 78A. says 46 years of age.
18. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 667. Highland County.
19. Highland County Death Records, 1877. 74 years.
20. 1850 Agricultural Census, Highland County, VA.
21. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 1, page 667.
22. Civil War Tax Record, Highland County, VA 1862.
23. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 96. 1879.
24. Highland County Death Records, 1877. 27 Mar 1877.
25. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 96. says single.
26. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 160B. listed in Adam L. Gum household, next door to brother John B. Briscoe's household.
27. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 214A. listed as head of household containing sisters Sarah and Lizzie.
28. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 14B. single, head of household containing sisters Sarah and Lizzie.
29. Highland County, Virginia Census 1920, 98-11B. listed in nephew William Briscoe's household.
30. *Recorder*, 1, 15 Feb 1946.
31. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 160B.
32. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 214A.
33. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 14B.
34. Highland County, Virginia Census 1920, 98-11B.
35. *Recorder*, 1, 15 Feb 1946. 90 years, 1 month, 3 days old.
36. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 165A. listed in father's household.
37. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 214A. single, listed in household with sisters Lizzie and Mary.
38. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 14B. single, listed in sister Mary's household.
39. *Recorder*, 2, 24 Mar 1966.
40. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 96. says 1844.
41. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 209. says 21 years old.
42. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 214A. listed as Jan 1833.

43. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 323. listed as 2 Apr 1833.
44. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 14B. 76 years.
45. *Recorder*, 2, 24 Mar 1966. 70 years.
46. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 96. says 1903.
47. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 323. listed as 18 Mar 1916.
48. *Recorder*, 2, 24 Mar 1966. 18 March, at home of her nephew Austin Briscoe.
49. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 323.
50. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 214A. single; listed in household with sisters Mary and Sarah.
51. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 14B. Lizzie, single, listed in sister Sarah's household.
52. *Recorder*, 2, 28 Nov 1968. Lizzie, an aged maiden lady.
53. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 96. says 1839.
54. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 214A. listed as Apr 1839.
55. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 14B. 71 years.
56. *Recorder*, 2, 28 Nov 1968.
57. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 351. says single; other sources indicate married.
58. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 76B.
59. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 215.
60. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 336.
61. Highland County Death Records, 1861, 1895.
62. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 235. William Woods.
63. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 429.
64. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 431.
65. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 76B. listed as 46 years old.
66. Highland County Death Records. 58 years, 6 months.
67. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 76B. listed as Polly.
68. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 215. listed as Polly .
69. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 171B. listed as Mary in household of her children.
70. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 167A. listed as Mary in son Newton's household.
71. **H. W. Cochran**, *Marriages Highland County, Virginia 1853-1860* (Pub in 2000). listed as Mary.
72. Highland County Death Records, 1861, 1882, 1895. Mary.
73. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 235.
74. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 171B.
75. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 167A.
76. Highland County Death Records, 1882. 72 years.
77. Highland County Death Records, 1882.
78. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 167A. listed in brother Newton's household.
79. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 209A. listed in brother Newton's household, single.
80. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 10A. listed in brother Newton's household, single.
81. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 76B. listed as 17 years old.
82. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 209A. listed as Nov 1837.
83. Highland County, Virginia Census 1910, 10A.
84. Highland County, Virginia Census 1900, 209A.

85. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 76B. listed as Evaline.
86. Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 171B. listed as Elvira A.
87. 25th Virginia Infantry and 9th Battalion Virginia Infantry, 1990, Richard L. Armstrong, 256.
88. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 266, 351.
89. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 78B.
90. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 223.
91. Highland County Death Records. lists parents as Samuel and Catharine Woods.
92. *Recorder*, 1, 9 May 1947.
93. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 430.
94. Bath County Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns, 78.
95. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 78B. listed as 40 years old.
96. Highland County Death Records. 52 years.
97. **J. C. Matheny Jr., E. R. Matheny**, *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*, 225.
98. *Recorder*, 2, 7 Aug 1908.
99. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 178B. listed in son Peter's household.
100. *Recorder*, 3, 7 Aug 1908.
101. Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 178B.
102. *Recorder*, 2, 7 Aug 1958.
103. *Recorder*, 8 Jan 1892.
104. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 223. provides both middle initials.
105. Highland County Death Records. D. Woods; David B. Woods. listed as source of brother John and father John's death information.
106. Highland County Death Records. 37 years, 7 months, 3 days.
107. 25th Virginia Infantry and 9th Battalion Virginia Infantry, 1990, Richard L. Armstrong, 247.
108. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 351. says 1861.
109. *Recorder*, 8 Jan 1892. says 24 Dec 1891 (sic) on Back Creek.
110. Highland County Death Records. 28 Dec 1864, Elmira, NY of smallpox.
111. 25th Virginia Infantry and 9th Battalion Virginia Infantry, 1990, Richard L. Armstrong, 256. 18 Dec 1864, of variola.
112. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 78B. listed as John A.
113. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 351. says Amos.
114. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 253. says Amos.
115. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 223. listed as John A.
116. Highland County Death Records. Jno. A. Woods.
117. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 351. killed.
118. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 351, 329. 351 says no children.
119. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 82B.
120. Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 233.
121. *Recorder*, 1, 13 Feb 1948.
122. Bath County Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns, 99.
123. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 329, 351.