

First Generation

1. **William CHESTNUT Jr.**¹⁻² was born about 1750.² Location: in Back Creek area, Augusta County, VA near Valley Center in 1781.²⁻³ He died in 1788; at the age of 38 in Augusta County, VA.²

William CHESTNUT Jr. and Sophia WADE were married in Augusta County, VA.² **Sophia WADE**⁴⁻⁵, daughter of John WADE and Sophia HOWARD, was born in 1755.⁴

William CHESTNUT and Sophia WADE had the following children:

- +2 i. **Joseph CHESTNUT**, married Mary CORBETT, Sep 1794, Bath County, VA.
- +3 ii. **Maria CHESTNUT**, married Joseph HENDERSON, 21 Dec 1797, Bath County, VA.
- +4 iii. **Sarah CHESTNUT**, married James RYDER, 15 Mar 1798, Bath County, VA.
- +5 iv. **Sophia CHESTNUT**, married Frederick BIRD, Dec 1804, Bath County, VA.
- +6 v. **John CHESTNUT**, born 1788, Bath County, VA; married Nancy J. GALFORD, 2 Jan 1817, Bath County, VA; married Jane HICKLIN, abt 1854.

Second Generation

2. **Joseph CHESTNUT**⁶⁻⁷ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Minister: George Guthrie in 1794.⁷ Joseph CHESTNUT and Mary CORBETT were married in Sep 1794 in Bath County, VA.⁶⁻⁷ **Mary CORBETT**⁶⁻⁷, daughter of Samuel CORBETT, was born (date unknown).

3. **Maria CHESTNUT**^{6,8} (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Minister: James Ward in 1797.⁸ Maria CHESTNUT and Joseph HENDERSON were married on 21 Dec 1797 in Bath County, VA.^{6,8} **Joseph HENDERSON**^{6,8} was born (date unknown).

4. **Sarah CHESTNUT**⁹⁻¹⁰ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

David PALMER⁶ was born (date unknown).

Minister: James Ward in 1798.¹⁰ Sarah CHESTNUT and James RYDER were married on 15 Mar 1798 in Bath County, VA.⁹⁻¹⁰ Agriculture: in 1850 54 acres improved, 117 acres unimproved land; farm value \$2,000, machinery value \$200, livestock value \$335 in Highland County, VA.¹¹ **James RYDER**^{9,12-13}, son of William RYDER, was born (date unknown).

James RYDER and Sarah CHESTNUT had the following children:

- +7 i. **William J. RYDER**, married Rosanna SHARP, 28 Jun 1821, Bath County, VA.
- +8 ii. **Henry RYDER**.
- +9 iii. **Thomas RYDER**.
- +10 iv. **Mary "Polly" RYDER**, married James WILEY, Nov 1824, Bath County, VA.
- +11 v. **Jane RYDER**, married Charles S. CALLAHAN, Mar 1825, Bath County, VA.
- +12 vi. **Rosa RYDER**.
- +13 vii. **Peter H. RYDER**, born 1817, Bath County, VA; married Sarah A. GREEN, 3 Oct 1839, Bath County, VA.

5. **Sophia CHESTNUT**¹⁴⁻¹⁵ (William-1) was born (date unknown).

Sophia CHESTNUT and Frederick BIRD were married in Dec 1804 in Bath County, VA.^{14,16} **Frederick BIRD**^{14,17-19}, son of John BIRD and Susanna WINTROW, was born in 1778 in Augusta County, VA.²⁰ Occupation: Farmer in 1850.¹⁷ Agriculture: in 1850 90 acres improved, 8 acres unimproved land; farm value \$3,000, machinery value \$20, livestock value \$225 in Highland County, VA¹¹ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$3,000 in 1850.¹⁷

Frederick BIRD and Sophia CHESTNUT had the following children:

- +14 i. **Eleanor BIRD**, married Andrew V. BIRD, 27 May 1845, Bath County, VA.
- +15 ii. **Elsie BIRD**, married Morgan BIRD, 7 Apr 1831, Bath County, VA.
- 16 iii. **Mary BIRD**²¹ was born (date unknown).
- 17 iv. **Sarah BIRD**²¹ 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; married Sarah Ann CURRY, 2 Apr 1835, Bath County, VA.
- +20 vii. **Nancy BIRD**, born 1816, Bath County, VA; married Isaac BRISCOE, 28 Dec 1837, Bath County, VA.
- +21 viii. **Jane BIRD**, born 1826, Bath County, VA; married William HIGH, Harrison.

6. **John CHESTNUT**²²⁻²⁷ (William-1) was born in 1788 in Bath County, VA.²⁴ Agriculture: in 1850 200 acres improved, 1000 acres unimproved land; farm value \$5,500, machinery value \$150, livestock value \$1,680 in Highland County, VA¹¹ Occupation: Farmer in 1850.²⁴ Property: Owned real estate valued at \$5,500 in 1850.²⁴

Minister: Otho Wade in 1817.²⁶ John CHESTNUT and Nancy J. GALFORD were married on 2 Jan 1817 in Bath County, VA.²⁶ Location: in Pocahontas County, WV.²² **Nancy J. GALFORD**^{25,28-31}, daughter of Thomas GALFORD, 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 George CHESTNUT**, born 1817, Bath County, VA; married Sarah Ann MALCOMB, 20 Sep 1847, Highland County, VA; died 1884.
- +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.

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- +26 v. **Mary CHESTNUT**, born 1823, Bath County, VA.
+27 vi. **John F. CHESTNUT**, born 1825, Bath County, VA; married Elizabeth A. HINER, Nov 1846, Bath County, VA.

John CHESTNUT and Jane HICKLIN were married about 1854.^{22,32} **Jane HICKLIN**³³⁻³⁸, daughter of George HICKLIN and Elizabeth CARLILE, was born in 1806 in Bath County, VA.²⁴

John CHESTNUT and Jane HICKLIN had the following child:

- 28 i. **Stewart CHESTNUT**³⁹ was born in Dec 1849 in Highland County, VA.²⁴

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11. 1850 Agricultural Census, Highland County, VA.
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15. Bath County Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns, 30.
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20. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 78A. presumptive.
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22. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 274.
23. *New History of Highland County, VA* (1983), 102.
24. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 71A.
25. Highland County Death Records.
26. Bath County Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns, 51.
27. The Bicentennial History of Bath County, Virginia, 1991, 162.
28. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 274. says Galford.
29. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 102. says Nancy J. Galford.
30. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 71A. lists Jane, probably John's second wife.
31. Bath County Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns, 51. Nancy Galford/Gilford.
32. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 71A. a Jane Chestnut born in 1806 shown in 1850 census living in John Chestnut dwelling.
33. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 274, 297, 339.
34. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 226.
35. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 308.
36. Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 71A. Jane Steuart. another Steuart is listed in same household; her son from previous marriage.
37. Highland County Courthouse Marriage Records, Book 2, page 311.
38. Bath County Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns, 59.
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