

Descendants of THOMAS SUTTON

Generation One

1. **THOMAS¹ SUTTON 1** was born on 25 Mar 1699/0 in Perquimans County, North Carolina.^{1,2} He married **Elizabeth Luterton/Luerton**, daughter of **John Luterton** and **Elizabeth (Luterton)**, before Apr 1722 in Bertie County, North Carolina.³ He married **Judith Hardison**, daughter of **Jasper Hardison I** and **Mary (Hardison)**, in Bertie County, North Carolina, circa 1731. He married **Elizabeth Lawrence**, daughter of **Robert Lawrence** and **Elizabeth Unknown**, circa 1749 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died BY May 1751 in Bertie County, North Carolina.⁴

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#42 - Thomas Suttten ye son of Joseph Suttten Senr & Perthenea his wife was boarn ye 25 Day of March 1699/1700

NOTE: Thomas Sutton had three wives, Elizabeth Luerton, Judith Hardison and Elizabeth Lawrence but to our knowledge only had children by his first two wives. We have no actual birth dates for any of his children. It is odd that few of his sons did not have the usual Sutton names especially of Joseph and Nathaniel but perhaps he did and they died young without issue.

Thomas married first Elizabeth Luerton by April 1722 as proven in the below deed and her maiden name was proven by the will of her half sister, Mary Jones and other family members.

COLONIAL BERTIE COUNTY NC – by Mary Best Bell

P 32 - 14 April 1722 - Lord Proprietors to Thomas Sutton - Grant 262 acres - formerly granted to Elizabeth Jones on 1 April 1714

NOTE: Elizabeth Jones was at best part of the family of Elizabeth Luerton and maybe her mother.

According to the late Ima Mewborn, Thomas was a Warden for the local Episcopal Church but she did not state which one. St. Pauls in Chowan Co was formed in 1701 and there are Vestry Minutes but no Sutton in index. In 1722 St. Thomas Chapel was built in Bertie Co.

Will of Mary Jones 22 Dec 1745 9 Jan 1748 of Bertie - cousin Ellisabeth Spruell, godaughter Martha Hardy, cousin Thos Sutton son of my beloved sister Elizabeth Sutton 188 acs on Cashoake, Cousin John Sutton son of my sister Elizabeth Sutton 100 acs in Cashoake. George Sutton son of my sister Elizabeth all cattle, Sarah Hawkins daughter of Thomas Hawkins, Thomas Hackman - books - cousins John, George, and Thomas Sutton sons of sister Elizabeth - household items Exec cousins Thos and John Sutton, Charles Jacocks
WIT Thomas Hackman, John Burn

NOTE: Estate records for Mary Jones do not offer additional information except it was only signed by Thomas Sutton. I am not sure if the Thomas Sutton who was an exec was Thomas I or his son Thomas II but since she called them cousins

¹Will of Joseph Sutton, written 11Jan1723/24 probated 10 March 1723/24 Perquimans Co NC.

²Weyenette Parks Haun, *OLD ALBERMARLE CO, NC - PERQUIMANS PRECINCT - BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS & FLESH MARKS*.

³Will of Mary Jones, written 22 Dec 1745 probated 9 Jan 1748 Bertie County, NC.

⁴Will of Thomas Sutton, written 3 Feb 1751 probated 2 March 1750 Bertie County, NC.

in the will suspect it was Thomas II. This will proves the relationship between the Suttons and Luertons, the fact that Mary Jones no longer used her married name, appears not to have had living children when she wrote her will, and at least John Sutton was of age but does not prove he was in Bertie Co in 1748 as he did not sign the inventory record. Thomas and Elizabeth Luerton Sutton had at least three sons together – Thomas, John, and George probably born in that order. If they had any daughters Aunt Mary did not remember them in her will; therefore all the other children have been assigned as children of Judith with questions about the son William.

Thomas married 2nd Judith Hardison daughter of Jasper and Mary (surname unknown) Hardison by May 1733 when Jasper Hardison wrote his will.

The first mention of Jasper Hardison was in 1722/23. When he wrote his will in 1733 his daughter Judith was married to Thomas Sutton.

Thomas md 3rd Elizabeth Lawrence and since there were no Sutton children mentioned in her will, it does not appear they had children. Thomas left his son Joshua to take care of his step mother which it appears he did even though she remarried twice more.

NOTE: The birth dates of the children are going to have to be adjusted from previous histories because William would have been born probably before 1734 as his assumed mother Judith Hardison was already married when her father wrote his will on 8 May 1733. In addition William was married in 1751 which made him younger than the average age of a male at the time and this causes a problem for me.

That is really pushing it for Thomas to have 3 children by his first wife, marry again after 10 August 1730 and William to be born by 1730 which is the ca date usually given for him. Could William have been the son of his first wife, Elizabeth Luerton? Maybe but he was not named in the will of Mary Jones as a nephew. Thomas did not leave any land to his son John, son of his first wife, and it is assumed John had already left Bertie County. William md in Mass in April 1750/51 and his father wrote his will in 1750 and he left land to William. That is cutting it close for William to leave NC after his father wrote his will, go to Mass, meet a lady and marry. Mary Jones wrote her will in 1745 and did not name William so this compiler is going with the assumption that William was the eldest son of Judith Hardison Sutton. Having said that an argument can be made that William was the son of Elizabeth Luerton. The estate records for Thomas Sr. clearly state his eldest son was Thomas, then it lists in order John, William, George, Joshua etc and the order appears to be the birth order. In addition William named his only child, Elizabeth, and his mother in law's first name was not Elizabeth. The marriage dates and the dates of some of Thomas' eldest children have been adjusted. The youngest children have been left with their assumed births because no doubt there were some children who died as infants. It is highly unlikely that Thomas' daughter, Mary, was born before 1740 given her assumed marriage date of ca 1760 and the proven date of her first child, Sarah, b in 1761. Arguments for William to have been the child of Elizabeth Luerton are welcome. I have consulted with Roger Kammerer on this issue and he is of the opinion that William was the son of Judith based on the will of May Jones and the fact that many young men were married or running their own plantations prior to their majority as indeed it appears that Thomas I did himself.

CHOWAN COUNTY DEEDS by Weynette Parks Haun

DEED BOOK C #1, Chowan County, NC

#1316 pg. 76 - JOSEPH SUTTON SR. to THOMAS SUTTON - 19 Oct. 1720 for the love and affection I have towards my son - assignment of a Patent for 318 acres on the north east side of Casiah River formerly assigned to the sd.

JOSEPH by JOHN PLOWMAN 1 Apr. 1714

Wit: ROBERT HICKS, JOHN NAIRN Ack. 21 8ber 1721 (sic) by ROBERT

NOTE: This deed proves that Thomas Sutton of Chowan/Bertie County was the son of Joseph and Parthenia Durant Sutton.

HATHAWAY

1719 – Solomon Jordan to brother Roger Snell – Thomas Sutton WIT

1719 – John Byrd to Samuel Jordan – WIT Thomas Sutton

1719 – Solomon Jordan to John Byrd – WIT Thos Sutton

NOTE: I have to assume the above entries for Thomas Sutton in 1719 were our Thomas as he was kin to the Byrd family and one of his daughters married into the Jordan family. He lived between Salmon Creek and Cashy River and at no time were there any other Suttons in that area except the Perquimans family.

NOTE: Cutting it close as to when he moved to Chowan/Bertie County

List of Tithables in Chowan – 9 June 1719 – between Salmon Creek and Cashy River – Thomas Sutton – 2 tithables

COLONIAL BERTIE COUNTY NC – by Mary Best Bell

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Page 32 -7 Sept 1723 - Thomas Sutton and wife Elizabeth to Mary Jones – my sister in law – 262 acres – adj ____ Hill – was in danger of having lapsed – getting this in my name to protect her my sister in law - April Court 1726

P 98 – Thomas Sutton & wife Judith to Isaac Gregory mariner – 9 May 1734 – 200 acres for love, good will and effecton (sic) – part of the tract I elapsed from Elizabeth Jones on 4 April 1722 of 262 acres which I exchanged with James Tilton & now in the possession of John Cook, the sd Tilton's wife's husband and the same 200 acres I assigned over to Mary Jones on 7 Sept 1723 which Mary Jones now married to sd Gregory – sd assignment not being so full as Gregory desires it – WIT Susannah Hendricks, Hannah Hendricks

P 98 – James Keto (Kito) & wife Martha to Isaac Gregory – May 11 1734 – (this is an exchange of properties) – Keto makes over to Isaac Gregory one tract of 150 acres in exchange for two tracts totally 150 A made over to him by Gregory – a tract of land made over to me by Isaac Gregory in exchange for the same land which is known by the name of Rocky Branch – which was patented in Elizabeth Jones name April 1, 1714 --- and elapsed by Thomas Sutton on April 4 1722 – and by Sutton made over to Mary Jones Sept 7 1723 and by deed of gift to Isaac Gregory husband of sd Mary 9 May 1734 – I do acknowledge myself fully satisfied – and make over to Isaac Gregory two tracts joining together – Gregory tract on SS Black Walnut Swamp by name of Rocky Branch of 150 Acres – Keto tracts – on Cashoke Creek in all cont 150 A – 50 acres made over by Deed of Sale dated 1715 to Martha Clark my mother – 2) the other 100 A by John Hawkins --- to my brother by Deed of sale to William Keto April 16, 1715 – and by their deaths now becomes mine – WIT Thomas Hawkins, jurat, John Leurton - . May Court 1734. John Wynns cc.

NOTE: Mary Jones md Isaac Gregory but they appear to have separated and she took back her maiden name.

P 98 – Mary Gregory to Thomas Sutton – 9 May 1734 – POA to ack sale of 150 A to James Keter (Keto) also 50 ac to William Hardy, Jun – Land on SS Black Walnut Swamp – WIT Roger Snell, Richard Sparkman

P 98 – kind of a repeat – Isaac Gregory, mariner to James Ketto – May 11 1734 – (An exchange) Keto gives tract at mouth of Cashoke of 150 acres for 150 ac given by Gregory on Black walnut Swamp – 150 acres at mouth of Cashoke below James Lockhart made over to me by James Ketts being the remaining 150 ac and middle part of 262 acres patented by Elizabeth Jones April 1 1714 and known by name Rocky Branch – adj William Hardy, Jun, John Cook – WIT John Luerton, Thomas Hawkins

P 32 – Isaac Gregory, mariner and wife Mary to William Hardy, Jun – April 6, 1734 – for 32 pds for 50 A of land that did belong to Mary Jones the said Isaac Gregory's wife called Rocky Branch – adj Capt David Henderson at Black Walnut Swamp at mouth of Rocky Run – WIT John Luerton, James Ketter

Book B p 161 – 14 April 1722 – Lord Proprietors to Thomas Sutton – Grant of 262 acres – formerly granted to Elizabeth Jones on 1 April 1714 – Black Walnut Swamp, mouth of Pipin Branch – now due To Thos Sutton

Book C p 279 – 29 March 1729 – John Cook and wife to Thomas Sutton and wife Elizabeth – see p 98 above – 50 pds – Chowan Prec at Cypress Swamp Meadow adj Dukinfield

P 83 - 29 March 1729 John Cook (Cock) & wife Ann to Thomas Sutton and wife Elizabeth -
P 83 - Thomas Sutton and wife Elizabeth to John Cook and wife Ann – 50 pds for 62 acres – Black Walnut Swamp – adj
Mary Jones etc – no date

NOTE: Black Walnut Swamp rises in Bertie and flows E into the Chowan River

P 84 - 10 Aug 1730 – Elizabeth Sutton to Thomas Mitchell – Aug 10 1730 – POA to acknowledge sale of 60 acres above
– Black Walnut Swamp
P 97 - Thomas Sutton & wife Judith to John Leurton May 8 1734 - May Court 1734 - 72 pds for 640 acres – FO John
Plowman by him sold to James Tilton and Tilden exchanged for tract where Cook now lives
P 54 - Feb 1727 – John Bird and wife Mary to Robert Bird son – default to daughter Rebecca – if neither have heirs to
brother Edward and then to other brothers and sisters the same manner of Nathaniel Sutton dec of Perq - own 130 acres
which I by Act of General Assembly am empowered to sell
P 99 – 15 May 1734 – Richard Fryer of Craven Prec to Samuel Herring – 160 acres NS Ruguis Poc – WIT Thomas Sutton

NOTE: Several of the Herrings were in Bucklesbury, Dobbs Co, by 1754.

P 136 – 11 Nov 1738 – George Sutton to Thomas Sutton – 200 pds for 640 acres – adj William Redits, Coll Pollock

NOTE: I don't see how George received this land but it should have been a patent. What I don't see in the Hoffman
Patent Books is the below and what happened to the land.

NOTE: According to his will Thomas Sutton I had land in Tyrrell Co which he may have given to Job Williams – or at
least 100 acres of it – but have not found the notation of the acquisition of any land in Tyrrell.

NC LAND GRANTS - NC Gen JOURNAL Vol 5 #2

P 222 – 28 Sept 1752 – William Soane to John Campbell merchant – William was son of John Soane – land part of 640
acres granted to Richard Booth – WS Chowan below Ferry Point – **EXCEPT 10 ' SQUARE TO THOMAS SUTTON
FOR BURYING GROUND**

NOTE: I didn't see a deed from Soane to Thomas Sutton. Joni asks - is it possible the burial space was included in the
Feb 1731 Sutton to Sloan deed? Or a gentlemans agreement? Yes - original deeds would have to be checked.

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1724 – 1739 BOOK I by Weynette Parks Haun

NOTE: Did not write down the ones with no real information in them

#116 May 1734 – Thos Sutton to John Luerton; Thos Sutton to Isaac Gregory; Isaac Gregory and Mary his wife to James
Ketter – ack by Isaac and (sic) Thos Sutton

#1 – 1 March ----- Last Will of Nathaniell Sutton proven

#42 – Feb 1731 – deed from Thomas Sutton to John Soan prov

#84 – Nov 1732 – Deed from Thomas Sutton to Robt Forster prov

#128 – May 1734 – a Major Sutton – no further information

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1740 – 1743, 1758 - 1762 BOOK 11 by Weynette Parks Haun

NOTE: No indication of what happened to the intervening years – assume they were lost

#399 – May 1743 – Thomas Sutton proved rights – 9 whites and 7 black – did not give their names

NOTE: This would indicate several of his children were born after 1743 unless of course the patent was issued many years after the fact.

COLONIAL RECORDS by SANDERS

VOL 4

P 522 - Minutes of the Lower House of the North Carolina General Assembly North Carolina. General Assembly
February 05, 1740 - February 27, 1740

Bertie & Edgecombe jurymen – John and Thomas Sutton

1721 TAX LIST BERTIE COUNTY

In a row

Eliz Jones – 855 acres

Thos Sutton – 380 acres

Wm. Hardy – 279 acres

NOTE: It needs to be noted that the intermarriages between the descendants of Thomas Sutton and Lemuel (Lamm) and Elizabeth Parrott Hardy are numerous probably right into modern times. Some of the information on them is right and some wrong but no one has ever been able to sort the Hardy family with any degree of certainty. It is proven that Mary, daughter of Thomas Sr., md Lemuel Hardy, Jr. It has been written that Sarah, daughter of Thomas Sr. md John Hardy son of Lamm Sr. It is proven that Benjamin Sutton, son of John I of Dobbs Co, md Sarah Hardy daughter of William and Sarah Sowell Sutton and granddaughter of Lamm Sr. Benjamin and Sarah Hardy Sutton of Dobbs Co had a daughter, Sarah, who md Jesse Hardy but his parents are not proven. And there are several spouses of Thomas Sutton's children and grandchildren that we don't know.

WILL OF THOMAS SUTTON

Transcribed and typed by Sandra Sutton Smith Phelps PHHELPS@EROLS.COM. A copy of the original in my possession and Sandra's version has been checked against the original

In the Name of God amen - The third day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & fifty. I Thomas Sutton of the county of Bertie in the Province of North Carolina being very sick & weak of Body but of perfect mind & memory etc.....do dispose of my worldly Estate in the following manner and form ~

I give and bequeath unto my Son THOMAS SUTTON Two hundred acres of Land at the West End of the Tract of Land which I once purchased of Archibald Bell & held by a Deed from George Bell to my self comonly known by the name of the Reedy Branch Land.

I give & bequeath unto my Son WILLIAM SUTTON Two hundred acres of the above mentioned Tract of Land joyning next to that which I have already given to my Son Thomas.

I give & bequeath unto my Son GEORGE SUTTON all the remaining part of the above mentioned Tract of Land besides what I have already given to my Sons Thomas & William containing two hundred & forty Acres more or less with the Plantation which is thereon to him.

I give & bequeath unto my Son JOSHUA SUTTON the Land & Clearing which is on the upper part of the Land whereon I now Dwell containing One hundred & fifty Acres more or less & divided from the mannour plantation by a branch

comonly called the deep branch beginning at Henery King's Line & running up the branch & that prong of the branch next the mannour plantation till it comes into my line on the other side of the Land to him.

I give & bequeath unto my Son JESPER SUTTON my mannour Plantation and Land containing one hundred & Sixty Eight Acres more or less (reserving a right of Dowery in said Plantation and unto Elizabeth my well beloved Wife during her natural life).

I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth my well beloved Wife all that part of my Estate which belonged to her before I married her to her & to her Disposal.

I give & bequeath unto my Son JOHN SUTTON One negro man named Andrew to him & to his Disposal.

I give & bequeath unto my Children hereafter named (viz) WILLIAM, GEORGE, JOSHUA, PARTHENIA, MARY, ELIZABETH, JESPER, SARAH & JUDITH Eight Negros (viz) Tom, Moll, Dinah, Jane, Little Moll, Dick, Hannah & Patt, they & their increases to be Equally divided amongst them at the Expiration of Six Years from this Date, reserving the use & Services of said negros during these said Six Years for the maintainance & Schooling of my five Youngest Children.

I give & bequeath all the rest of my Estate (after the satisfaction of my Debts &c) both real & personal to be Equally divided amongst all my Children, allowing that my Sons THOMAS & JOHN has had each of them one good New feather Bed, Some Bed Cloaths, Some pewter, & some pots(?) Iron & Some Cattle to be accounted for as part of their Shares.

My further Will & desire is that my Executors hereafter named do raise money at their discretion out of my Estate to discharge & pay all my Just Debts & likewise to Defray the Charges of Entering & Surveying One hundred Acres of Land in Tyrrell County for Job Williams whereon the said Job Williams now dwells in consideration of the said Job Williams taking particular care & looking after my Stock which is at that place. And that none of my Estate be sold at Vendue, but that it be Distributed to my Wife and all my Children according to the foregoing Legacys, and that my Children do run the resque & Stand to the loss if there should be any in my Perishable Estate before a division, or after division before the Youngest Children comes of age Every One to Stand to the loss of their own part.

Lastly I make Constitute ordain & appoint my trusty & well beloved friend John Hardison of Tyrrell County & Edward Rasor of Bertie to be my whole & Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

Note - The words (after the satisfaction of my Debts &c) and the words (out of my Estate) being Interlin'd before Sign'd. Signed, Sealed, published pronounced & declared by the Testator to be his Last Will and Testament in presence of -

Witnesses: Peter Winants Signed: Thomas Sutton
 Arthur Williams
 Elizabeth E. Rasor

Proved before GAB. JOHNSTON Eden House March 2, 1750

Thomas Sutton of Bertie - inventory taken 14 May 1751 by John Hardison - Negroes and items that belonged to wife Mary (sic) before they were married.

On Monday 7 March 1757 the Negroes were divided among William, George, Joshua, Parthenia, Mary, Jesper, Sarah & Judith Sutton (no Thomas or John mentioned). Mary Sutton received Dinah, Recorded in Bertie Co., April Court 1757, Benj. Wynn cc

Pursuant to an order of Court appointing Captain Edward Bryan, Wm Joseph Jordan, Mr. Joseph Hardy and Mr. David Ryan to divide the Estate of Mr. Thomas Sutton late of this County (Bertie) Dec. agreeable to his last Will and Test; accordingly we the said Edwd Bryan, Joseph Jordan, Joseph Hardy & David Ryan met at the late Dwelling House of the said Thomas Sutton Decd. On Friday the 24th Day of Aug Annon. Dom 1753. Qualified & made the following division & appointment of the said Estate in Currency of Virginia

First to Thomas Sutton - Eldest Son of the said Thomas Sutton decd. Two iron Pots, One Bed, bolster and Rug, 3 plates, One Basson, 3 Spoons, One Year Old Mare, One Cross Cut Saw, Some Shoemakers Tools, One Small Gun, One Horse Colt, Three Cows & Claves, One Yearling & 2 Two year olds, Two Sheep.

Secondly to John Sutton. Two Iron Pots, One Bed, Bolster & Rug, 3 Plates, on Bason, 3 Spoons, Sixteen head of Cattle, One Ax & one frying Pan, One Mare, One Doz Spoons (Mare).

Thirdly to William Sutton. One Bed & Bolster, 1 pr Sheets 12/6 & 1 old Saddle 5, 13 1/2 lt pewter, One Small Old Chest, 2 Books Whole Duty of Man & Suitableness of Religion, Six Earthen Plates, 1 bos Iron heaters & wrench, 1 pr Tongs & Shovel, 1 Large Brass Kettle, 1 Old Gridle & Trivet, One Bay Mare, Three Cows & Calves 1 Year Old & Two Year olds, Two Sheep.

Fouthly to George Sutton. One Bugg/6 & 2 pillows5/, One pr of old home spun Blankets, 1 Samll Blackwalnut oval Table, One Linen Wheel, 11 1/4 of Pewter, the Carpenters Tools, One Large Bible, One Old Musket, One Iron Pot, One Pot Tramell, One Gray Mare, Three Cows & Calves, Two Sheep.

Fifthly to Joshua Sutton. One feather Bed & bolster, One pr of Sheets, One Old Saddle, 13 3/4 of Pewter, One pr Styllards, 3 puch Bowls, Flesh for his Sumer & Ladle, 2 Sifters, One Iron Kettle, one old frying pan & Gridiron, one Pewter Tea Pot, on Diaper Table Cloth, one Do Towell, One Bedstead, one 7 year old Roan Mare, 3 Cows & Calves 1 year old & Two 2 year olds, Two Sheep, One four year old steer.

Sixthly to Parthinia Sutton Daugther to Dec. One Bed & Bolster, one pr Balnkets, one Case with 11 Bottles, One Course Hackle, 11 3/4 of pewter, on Large Chest, 1 pr Small Skillards, Tea Pot, Cups, Auscer, old half Bush & Peck, one Surn'd Spice mortar & pestel, one Iron Kettle, one Pot Tramell & pot hooks, one Ox Chain, one Young Roan, pacing, Mare, Three Cows & Calves, One Yearling & Two 2 year olds, Two Sheep.

Seventhly to Mary Sutton, Daughter to Decd. One pr Sheets, One Blackwalnut Dest, 11 of Pewter, on old Whip Lans, one pr Shot moulds, one Cutlass, 3 Candle Sticks, One old Iron Kettle, One Wooden Wheel, 6 chains, One Diaper Table Cloth, One beef & Hide, one Mare at Grindal Creek, 3 Cows & Calves 1 year old & Two 2 year olds, Two Sheep.

Eightly to Elizabeth Sutton: One Rugg 12/6 & 1 pr Blankets, One Chest of Drawers, 14 1/4 of Pewter, one pr of Seails, Some Glasses, one pr Sheep Shears & other Tools, on Curring Knife & Steele, One Iron Pot, 4 wedges 1 curry & 4 links of chin, 5 keep hooks, one funnel & pint pot, One Mare at Grinall, 3 Cows & Calves on Yearling & 2 two year olds, Two sheep.

Ninethly to Jesper Sutton: One Still

Tenthly to Sarah Sutton: One Bed Quilt, 1 pr homespun Blankets, one Case with Bottles, 14 1/2 of Pewter, one pr money seails, on Butter Pot, on Tin Lantern, on pr hand Bellows, One Kettle, One Iron Tramell, One Plow Shear & Colter, 4 Tubbs & 1 Tray, 1 Diaper Table Cloth, one four legged table, One Mare Colt, 3 Cows & Calves, one year old & 2 year olds, 1 four year old Steer & one heifer, Two Sheep.

Eleventhly to Judith Sutton: One pr Sheets, One Large Oval Table, One Fine Hackle, 15th of Pewter, one Hone 7/6 & 1 Grind/Ston 7/6, 2 fine Canisters & other old Fine ..., Jugs & bottles, 1 Iron Pot & pot Tramell, one Bar plow & Fluke, 6

Brass Tea Spoons, 6 Chairs, 1 pruning knife & 2 files, one Bedstead & 2 Butter pots, one four legged Table, one Year Old Hoop, Three Cows & calves, 1 year old & 2 Two year olds, Two Sheep.

Delivered to Mr. Thomas Speller who has lately Just married with Elizabeth relick Widow of the afsd Thomas Sutton decd all that Part of the said Thomas, Decd, his Estate which he the said Thos Sutton gave to his wife in his last Will and Testament. The Still is hired to Mr. Thomas Speller till the division of the Negros at Twenty Shillings Virginia Currency pannun (allowing this last Year to be one) which money is to be Equally Divided among all the Children Except Jesper who owns the Still, to Equallize Each Childs part to that of the Still.

Bertie County, Nov Court 1753.

This division of the Estate of Thos Sutton was exhibited by Edwd Rasor ordered to be recorded.

Test. Saml Ormes cc

Recorded Saml. Orme

NOTE: In addition to the problems of the son William, there are also problems with the daughter Sarah. Of course, we have no proof of any of the birthdates of the children of Thomas and no proof of the order of birth except the estate records which I do think reflect the order of birth. Without question I would not have been able to put some of this family together without information found on Sally's Place because of the interrelationships with several other families in Bertie that I was not familiar with when starting this project. The information has been backtracked on especially the Wood and Freeman families but not so much the Mebane family. It is interesting that most likely this Wood family was the same one who moved into Greene and Lenoir Counties and intermarried with the Sutton family in that area. Again the line of the daughter, Mary who md Lemuel Hardy, Jr, and the line of the possible son, John, are already found on Old Dobbers so they are not being followed.

ELIZABETH LUTERTON/LUERTON died after 10 Aug 1730 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

EARLY RECORDS OF NC – by Dr. Stephen Bradley

VOL IV - WILLS - 1663 – 1722

John Jones – 7 Jan 1712/13 – no probate – of Cashocke – Brother in law O ?? Daniel – mare. Sister in law Hannah Daniel – mare – Elizabeth Luewton daughter of John Lewton – 50 acres in the fork of Black Walnutt commonly called Rockey Branch – daughter Mary Jones – rest of my lands & estate if she should live to age 16 with reversion to my wife Eliz Exec – wife WIT Jno Bryd, Thomas Arnold, Jno Holebrook

NOTE: This indicates John Jones had only one child, Mary.

Thomas Jones – 11 Jan 1712/13 – no probate – in perfect health – son Thos Jones – 500 acres where I now live after the decease of my wife Elizabeth; 3 cows & calves with the female increase until ge 14. Son John Jones 400 acres called Newfound Landing – “Dated by Martin Gardner” 3 cows & calves with the female increase until age 14. Son in law Luke Hamon – 420 acres on Great Swamp adj John Lewerton (formerly Epharim Lewerton) & in the possession of Jno Jones, Wife Elizabeth rest of my estate for life and then to the 3 boys Thomas, John and Luke Haman Exec wife Elizabeth, brother William Jones WIT David Henderson, John Holebrook

Epharim Lewerton – 10 Oct 1713 – no probate – of Chowan – good health of body – cousin John son of John Lewerton – 200 acres on Salmon Creek adj Poplar Run, serge, beaver hat 5 cattle – cousin William son of William Jones – 170 acres on Black Wallnutt Swamp adj John Jones – cousin Elizabeth Lewerton – 2 pewter dishes, 4 plates, an iron pot at her mothers, 3 chairs at John Hardy’s. Cousin Ann Jones – pewter dish, 3 chairs at John Hardy’s. Cousin Mary Jones – 2 pewter basins, iron pot at Mr. Duckinfields. Sister Mary Jones – trunk. Cousin Lewerton cow and calf, heifer – Rebecca Hardy looking glass Exec friend Jno Hardy WIT William Jones, Jno Hollbrook

VOL V - Wills 1723 - 1736

Will of Jasper Hardison - Judah Sutton as well as wife Mary, Mary Carkeet, sons John and Jasper, Charles, Joshua, Thomas, Richard and Joseph Hardison

VOL VI - Wills 1737 – 1749

Will of Mary Jones 22 Dec 1745 9 Jan 1748 of Bertie - cousin Ellisabeth Spruell – gold ring – Sarah Hawkins daughter of Thomas Hawkins – gold ring – Thomas Hackman my books and 60 pds - goddaughter Martha Hardy – 2 ewes and lambs - cousin Thos Sutton son of my sister Elizabeth Sutton 180 acs on Cashoake where I now live, Cousin John Sutton son of my sister Elizabeth Sutton 100 acs in Cashoake. George Sutton son of my sister Elizabeth all cattle – “the women who looked after me in my sickness” all my clothes - Exec cousins Thos and John Sutton WIT Thomas Hackman, John Burn

NOTE: Mary Jones was half sister Thomas Sutton’s first wife, Elizabeth Luerton. Estate records do not offer additional information.

John Luerton planter – 23 Aug 1740 – 23 Feb 1742 – Bertie Co – nephew John Gregory all my cattle, some sows, with reversion to his mother, my sister Mary Jones alias Gregory, James Ketton white horse, sister Mary Jones alias Gregory all of my estate – Exec sd Mary Jones alias Gregory, James Castellaw, Thoas Asburn WIT John Ray, John Hilton.

Children of **Thomas¹ Sutton 1** and **Elizabeth Luterton/Luerton** both born in Bertie County, North Carolina, were as follows:

2. i. **THOMAS² SUTTON 11** was born circa 1723. He married **Sarah Unknown** By Jan 1758 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died BY June 1779.
3. ii. **GEORGE SUTTON** was born circa 1727. He married **Cloannah Smithwick**, daughter of **John Smithwick**, in Bertie County, North Carolina.

JUDITH HARDISON died circa 1748 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

The first mention of Jasper Hardison, father of Judith Hardison, is in a deed from William Morris of Chowan Precinct, planter to Jasper Hardison of the Prec. Planter on 7 Jan. 1722/23 – for 14 pounds current money for 100 acres adj the sd Browning, Thomas Lee, Cullen Pollock, and Welches Creek and is land lately purchased of John Browning. WIT: Robert Hicks, John Smith

This land was called “Roses Plantation” after a former owner, William Rose. The land was on Welch’s Creek and Devil’s Gut, also called Deep Run, and was on the approximate site of the Weyerhauser Paper Mill in the town of Plymouth. It was located in old Albemarle County, later called Tyrrell, then Washington County. James Hardison stated the eastern portion of Albemarle Co. is still in Tyrrell Co. today. Jasper owned enough land to leave each son a parcel. By his having a will in the first place, it indicated he was a man of some education.

Whether his widow was the mother of his children is not known and more than likely his children were born in northern England where it is said the Hardison family originated.

I had the opportunity many years ago to visit the Courthouse in York County, Maine where they have the oldest records in the United States. A local professional assisted me for a day without charge and loaned me her many books. Although I and others are convinced that our Jasper Hardison arrived in NC from York County, I could find no mention of his name. One Stephen Hardison of York County is well documented but the names Jasper and Stephen are not found in the others line although they both had a son John. We did find the Carkeet family in York Co. and it was a prominent family of mariners. The names are the same as in NC and the family appears to be the same. The Carkeet family gives us an

approximate age of some of the children of Jasper Hardison. According to the professionals in York Co., a number of people came into Hog Island off present day Portsmouth, NH and were never recorded. According to descendants of the Haddock family of Pitt Co., NC, the Hardison family came out of the Berwick Co., Maine area. There is not a Berwick Co in Maine but in York Co are the towns of Berwick, E, S, N, & W, Berwick. This is common in several of the southern areas of Maine.

JASPER (JESPER) HARDISON's Will from NC State Archives:

In the name of God Amen the 8th Day of May 1733. I JESPER HARDISON of the County of Albemarle - Planter being Very Sick and Weak in Body but of Perfect mind & Memory -----
I give and Bequeath to my well and dearly beloved Wife Mary Hardison a Negro and all my Goods and Chattles and all and Singular Debts and moveable effects excepting what is under mentioned.
I give and bequeath to John Hardison a tract of Land Containing 640 acres on the South Side of Deep Runn, 1 horse, 1 Dish, a Bason, a Case of bottles, 1 pot.
To Mary Carkeet a Cow and Calf.
I give and bequeath to Judah Sutton fifty pound Current money of Carolina and a Mare Branded B.
To Jasper Hardison my Son a parcel containing 200 acres on Cheat Neck.
To Charles Hardison a piece of Land Called Cheat Neck Island.
To Josuah Hardison and Thos Hardison a parcel of Land from ye upper part of Mr Parkeats Line to Cheat Neck Branch.
To Richard Hardison and Joseph Hardison the plantatiion and remainder part of ye Land after ye decease of my beloved Wife known by the name of Roses Plantation.
I desire my Beloved wife Mary Hardison and John my son to be my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament.

Wit: Joseph Hudson Signed: Jasper Hardison
Samul. Durrance.

Children of **Thomas¹ Sutton 1** and **Judith Hardison** all born in Bertie County, North Carolina, were as follows:

4. i. **WILLIAM² SUTTON** was born circa 1732. He married **Lydia Ryder/Rider**, daughter of **Ebenezer Ryder/Rider** and **Thankful Sylvester**, on 11 Apr 1750 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. He died before 1793.
- ii. **PARTHENIA SUTTON** was born circa 1734.⁵

The only information we can find for Parthenia may be from the estate records of her brother, Joshua, where money was paid to a Parthenia Dempsey. It is not proven this was referring to his sister but it is assumed so. One Patience Dempsey had a will written 12 Feb 1764 – no probate date. No husband mentioned but children Thoroughgood, James, Joshua, Amey, Cate, Mary, grandson Isaac, grandchild Betty and Patience, granddaughter Sarah Brantley. Land was on Salmon Creek. Don't see any estate records for a Patience or Parthenia Dempsey and there are few estate records for this surname until the early 1800's.

There are Dempsys as well as some of the other Suttons on the 1769 Bertie Tax list but I didn't pursue.

5. iii. **JOSHUA SUTTON** was born circa 1736. He married **Catherine Ashburn**, daughter of **Thomas Ashburn**. He died BY Nov 1771.
- iv. **ELIZABETH SUTTON** was born circa 1742.⁶ She married **William Jordan Jr.**

⁵Ibid.

⁶Ibid.

This marriage is proven from many documents but surprisingly there is little on William Jordan Jr. in the records except as it pertains to the Sutton family. There was no will or probate records on NC Estates or Ancestry. It is my understanding that after Jordan's death she remarried Edward Rasor but I can't prove it.

- v. **JESPER SUTTON** was born circa 1744. He died before Jun 1772 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Jasper Sutton was named for his maternal grandfather, Jasper Hardison. There are few mentions for Jasper in the records of Bertie Co.

From his father - I give & bequeath unto my Son JESPER SUTTON my mannour Plantation and Land containing one hundred & Sixty Eight Acres more or less (reserving a right of Dowery in said Plantation and unto Elizabeth my well beloved Wife during her natural life).

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1772 – 1785 – by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#56 – 1772 – Jasper Sutton on jury

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1763 – 1771 BOOK 111 by Weynette Parks Haun

#637 – Aug 1767 – ordered a line run between Joshua and Jasper Sutton

#913 – June 1770 – on jury – Jasper and Thos Sutton

#314 - Jasper Sutton will - 4/8/1772 - June Court 1772 - friend William Jordan Jr. my plantation and land whereon Elisebeth Spruill now livether on NS of Cashy River, my sister Elizabeth, wife of sd William Jordan – negro Dick for her lifetime with reversion to her children – to Jamima Worborton all my hogs,

Exec Wm Jordan Jr.

Wit.: Josiah Williams, Bird Hubbard, Ephraim Coward.

#644 – 25 Dec 1771 – sale of estate of Joshua Sutton – William Jordan Adm – no Sutton's buying – money received from among others – Thomas Sutton – money also paid to Thomas Sutton, Jasper Sutton, Elizabeth Spruill, Perthenia Demcey and to Thomas Ashburn for schooling the child indicating Joshua had a child

WILL OF JASPER SUTTON found on Ancestry

Will of Jasper Sutton - 8 April 1772 - June Ct 1772 - Friend William Jordan Jr., my plantation whereon Elisebeth Spruill now liveth on the NS of Cashy River - my sister Elizabeth wife of sd Jordan negro Dick for her lifetime with reversion to her children, to Jamima Worborton all my hogs. Wm. Jordan Jr Executor

Test Josiah William, Bird Hubbard, Ephraim Coward

NOTE: Elizabeth Spruill was his step mother. I have read the Warborton estate records and see no Jamima listed.

NC ESTATE RECORDS

In folder of his brother Joshua Sutton – inventory of Jasper Sutton = 1 negro called Dick – signed by William Jordan Exec.

- vi. **SARAH SUTTON** was born circa 1746.

For years it has been written that Sarah Sutton, daughter of Thomas and Judith Hardison Sutton, married John Hardy, son of Lemuel (Lam) Hardy, and they left Bertie County for Lincoln County, Ga. It has been written that John Hardy d in 1808 and Sarah died with a will written in 1825. Unfortunately, there has never been any proof and it is not possible. John and Sarah Hardy of Lincoln Co were having children in the mid 1790s but Sarah, daughter of Thomas I, was bc 1746. The dates don't work. It is highly likely this Sarah Hardy of Ga. was indeed a Sutton as they had a son named Sutton Hardy. It is entirely possible Sarah, daughter of Thomas, did live to adulthood and marry a Hardy or someone else. Lincoln Co. is full of members of the Hardy family who moved there as well as a Joshua Sutton and other families from Bertie. They spread from there or county names changed. Cindy Sellers has tried to straighten out some of the Hardy families in Lincoln Co. Jeanne Hardy Tipton descends from John Hardy, son of William and Sarah Sowell Hardy, and her information does not indicate that John went to Ga but from Bertie to Johnston Co, and on to Russell Co, Ala. It has been many years since I was in touch with Jeanne so am not sure of her thinking today but her information differs from that of Mrs. Sellers. Until some documentation is found on Sarah, daughter of THOMAS I, and a possible husband, I have not used what has always been written.

- vii. **JUDITH SUTTON** was born circa 1748.⁷ She died BY Dec 1760.

TYRRELL CO NC COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS

By Steve Bradley

#178 – Dec Court 1760 - petition of William R;oads (sic) praying for division of estate of Judathe Sutton among children of Thomas Sutton dec – so done

NOTE: There are no estate records on NC Estates on Family Search for any Sutton although in 2016 the Tyrrell County records have not been uploaded and there are two records obtained by Guy Potts. This was Judith the youngest child of Thomas and Judith Hardison Sutton of Bertie Co. Don't know the relationship with Rhodes but it could have been through the Hardison family which I have not followed except for Judith and Jasper Jr. They lived in that part of Bertie that became Tyrrell. Sloan Spence Mason does not know the relationship.

ELIZABETH LAWRENCE married **Samuel Spruill** By 24 Jan 1759 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She married **Thomas Speller** circa 1751 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died before 17 Feb 1788 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Elizabeth, widow of Thomas I, was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Lawrence. Robert dc 1744 and was most likely part of the IOW, Va Lawrence family. After Thomas Sutton died she remarried Thomas Speller as proven in the estate records of Thomas Sutton. Speller died and by 24 Jan 1759 Elizabeth remarried Samuel Spruill. Her will written 7 April 1787 - prov 17 Feb 1788 names her cousins (nephews) Frederick and Thomas Lawrence as execs and named her brother Robert Lawrence. She left her estate to her surviving brother and her nieces and nephews and made no mention of any Sutton although she did mention Samuel Spruill. The Suttons and Lawrence families were neighbors as in 1762 Thomas

⁷Ibid.

Sutton, Jr. disputed the division of lands of William Lawrence for his orphans suggesting he was their guardian and their lands adjoined his.

There were no children of **Thomas¹ Sutton 1** and **Elizabeth Lawrence**.

Generation Two

2. THOMAS² SUTTON 11 (*Thomas¹*) was born circa 1723 in Bertie County, North Carolina.^{8,9} He married **Sarah Unknown** By Jan 1758 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died BY June 1779 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Thomas Sutton 11 was the eldest child according to his father's estate records and inherited 188 acres on Cashee from his aunt Mary Jones which he appears to have sold right after his father died.

Will of Mary Jones - 22 Dec 1745 9 Jan 1748 of Bertie - cousin Ellisabeth Spruell, godaughter Martha Hardy, cousin Thos Sutton son of my beloved sister Elizabeth Sutton 188 acs on Cashoake, Cousin John Sutton son of my sister Elizabeth Sutton 100 acs in Cashoake. George Sutton son of my sister Elizabeth all cattle, Sarah Hawkins daughter of Thomas Hawkins, Thomas Hackman - books - cousins John, George, and Thomas Sutton sons of sister Elizabeth household items Exec cousins Thos and John Sutton, Charles Jacocks
WIT Thomas Hackman, John Burn

NOTE: Mary Jones was the half sister to Elizabeth Luerton. Since Thomas 11 may have been the wit to his aunt's will it would suggest he was of age indicating he was born by 1724 and probably the year before. The use of the word "cousin" in this case meant "nephew".

Thomas Sutton 11 inherited from his father, Thomas Sutton 1 - " I give and bequeath unto my Son THOMAS SUTTON Two hundred acres of Land at the West End of the Tract of Land which I once purchased of Archibald Bell & held by a Deed from George Bell to myself commonly known by the name of the Reedy Branch Land."

NOTE: Thomas Sutton 1 divided a tract of land "which I once purchased of Archibald Bell & held by a Deed from George Bell to my self comonly known by the name of the Reedy Branch Land" between his three sons, Thomas, George, and William. Thomas and William received 200 acres each and George the rest although the will does not state the acreage.

Thomas Sutton's widow was Sarah. Sally's Place a website managed by Sally Moore Koestler a well known researcher of old Bertie County families has provided insight into some of the intermarriages of the Bertie Sutton family particularly Thomas and George. Indeed we have relied heavily on some of her research on the Wood, Freeman, and Mebane families but have also backtracked on the documentation where possible. There are some discrepancies on her site with other sites but she only addressed a couple of them with me. Her initial information on the Sutton family was partially incorrect which she admitted and has changed.

<http://sallysfamilyplace.com/new/elizabeth-lawrence-thomas-sutton-thomas-speller-samuel-spruill/>

Sarah Sutton was the widow of George Lawrence. In the estate records of one William Lawrence, Thomas Sutton disputed the division of lands of William Lawrence for his (Lawrence) orphans in 1762. The estate records for William

⁸Will of Mary Jones, written 22 Dec 1745 probated 9 Jan 1748 Bertie County, NC.

⁹Will of Thomas Sutton, written 3 Feb 1751 probated 2 March 1750 Bertie County, NC.

Lawrence indicate the lands of the Lawrence family and Thomas Sutton adjoined. George Lawrence died with a will written 16 Mar 1752 prob Jan Court 1756 when Sarah signed for the inventory as Sarah Lawrence. George and Sarah Lawrence had children Ann, Sarah, Joshua, George and brother, Thomas Lawrence, and another daughter Frances who appears not to have been born at the time her father made his will. The children were underage. By 24 Jan 1758 the George Lawrence estate was in the hands of Thomas Sutton which would suggest she married Thomas Sutton by that time. The ca marriage date provides us with a ca birth of the Sutton children although not their order of birth.

George Lawrence Estate: Inventory July 24, 1756 by Sarah (X) Lawrence, exec.

Appraisal of estate in the hands of Thomas Sutton, Jan. 24, 1758.

28 Jan 1758 Frances Lawrence orphan of George Lawrence bound to Thomas Sutton.

28 Jan 1758 Sarah Lawrence orphan of George Lawrence bound to Thomas Sutton.

28 Jan 1758 Ann Lawrence orphan of George Lawrence bound to Thomas Sutton.

June 1770 Ordered that Frances Larrence whom Thomas Sutton claims as his indented Servant be and remain with her Uncle Joseph Parker till next Court when she is to appear.

NOTE: This suggests that Sarah Lawrence Sutton may have been a Parker by birth but of course Joseph Parker could have been her mother's brother.

Sept 1770 Ordered that Francis Larrence the apprentice of Thomas Sutton be Discharged from his service for (having used her - marked through) not having done his duty as a Master.

June 1771 Frances Lawrence orphan of George Lawrence dec came into the court & chose James Perry to be her guardian. Bond: Joseph Parker & Humphrey Lawrence

COLONIAL BERTIE NC – DEED BOOKS A – H – 1720 – 1757 - Abstracted by Mary Best Bell

P 206 – 28 April 1750 – Thomas Sutton Jr to James Lockhart – 50 pds for 180 acres – Mary Jones bequeathed to me her nephew land on Cashoke

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1740 – 1743, 1758 - 1762 BOOK 11 by Weynette Parks Haun

#331 – Oct 1761 – deed from Thomas Sutton to William S----- (sic) proved
Thomas Sutton appears to have land adj to the Lawrence family 1762

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1763 – 1771 BOOK 111 by Weynette Parks Haun

#913 – June 1770 – on jury – Jasper and Thos Sutton

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1772 – 1780 BOOK 1V by Weynette Parks Haun

#322A – Aug 1779 – Will of Thomas Sutton proved and perishable estate to be sold by William Hardy one of Exec

NOTE: This was Thomas 11

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1781 – 1787 BOOK V by Weynette Parks Haun

#437 – Nov 1782 – estate of Thomas Sutton to be divided

RECORDS OF ESTATES BERTIE CO – 1734 – 1788 by David B. Gammon

#647 – June 1779 – Thomas Sutton – inventory taken by William Jordan Jr and William Hardy exec – division of Negroes
Nov 26, 1782 – Thomas Sutton received Jack, Jean, Hannah, Dave and Little Hannah and Mary Sutton received Bess, Moll, Sarah, Andrew, and Nane. Summons of the exec of the dec to answer to John Sutton and wife for trespass 10, Nov 1782

#173 – George Davis – undated – inventory taken by Thomas Sutton

William Hubbard – 1755 – among buyers was Thomas Sutton, George Lawrence 1756 – appraisal of estate in hands of Thomas Sutton in 1758; James Parker – 1761 – among buyers was Thomas Sutton

NOTE: James Parker did not appear to have had a will

John Webb 1744 – among buyers were Thomas Sutton, some of Hardy, Razor and Fleetwood families

John Williams 1758 – among buyers were Benjamin Hardy, George Mewborn, Thomas Sutton, Edward Razor

NC ESTATE RECORDS From Family Search

THOMAS SUTTON

There are three different estates in this file – Thomas I, his son Thomas 11 and a later Thomas we think was Thomas 111 which is where we have placed him.

Thomas 11 – no additional information

WILL OF THOMAS SUTTON 11

Will transcribed by both Dr. Joe Sutton and Martha Mewborn Marble with slight differences. We thank Guy Potts for obtaining two copies of this will from the NC Archives. The original will is too light to read but a copy was made for the court records and it is readable. Of course, it is a copy and a mistake could have been made in the transcription.

In the Name of God Amen. March 3^d Day 1778 I Thomas Sutton of North Carolina & County of Bertie Planter being sick & weak of (scratched through) in Body though blessed be God of sound and perfect Understanding & Memory do make ordain & constitute this my last Will Testament (that is to say) principally & first of all I give & Recommend my soul to God That gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the Direction of my Executors after named and as touching such worldly Estate as hath it pleased God to bless me with I give & Dispose of in the following manner & form First I will & positively order that all my Debts be paid

Imprimis I give & bequeath to my Son Thomas Sutton all my Land and Plantation whereon I now live to him his Heirs & Assigns forever Provided he should live to the age of twenty one Years & have Issue of his Body lawfully begotten but In case he should die before he comes to the age of twenty one Years and without lawful issue the above sd Land & Plantation To fall to his Sister Mary Sutton to her & her Heirs and Assigns forever provided she should live to the Age of twenty one or have Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten but in case she should die before She becomes to the Age of twenty one Years or without Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten then & in that case I give demise & bequeath the above s.d Land & Plantation to my Sister Mary Hardy's Children to be equally divided among them to them heirs & assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath all the remainder Part of my estate to be equally divided between my two children namely Thomas Sutton & Mary Sutton aforesd. to be divided when either of Them Marries or comes to the age of twenty one Years to them their Heirs & Assigns forever proved they live to the Age of Twenty one years or marry but in Case neither of them live to the Age of twenty one twenty one Years or marry then and in that Case I give & bequeath all the remainder Part of my Estate as above Said to my absd Sister Mary Hardy's Children to be equally divided between them to them their Heirs & assigns forever

Furthermore my Will & Pleasure is that nothing of my Estate be sold more than will pay Debts & defray Charges or as my Executors Shall think proper

Item & Lastly I do constitute ordain & appoint my Brother in law William Jordan & my friend William Hardy Executor of this my last Will & Testament & Trustees for my Children to Execute my above sd Will utterly revoking & disannulling & disallowing all former Will or Wills, ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament in Witness thereof I do there unto set my Hand and Seal the day & year above written.

Thomas Sutton

Signed Sealed Declared & Pronounced

In the Presence of us

Charles Hodgson

Samuel Moore Junr

Mary Sutton

August Court 1779

Bertie County Proved in due form of Law by the Oath of Samuel Moore one of the Subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Test, Stevens Gray CC.

SARAH UNKNOWN married **George Lawrence** circa 1745 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died By 1779 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Children of **Thomas² Sutton 11** and **Sarah Unknown** both born in Bertie County, North Carolina, were as follows:

6. i. **THOMAS³ SUTTON 111** was born circa 1759. He married **Sarah Freeman**, daughter of **Joshua Freeman** and **Mary Outlaw**, before 1794 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died By 1818.
- ii. **MARY SUTTON** was born circa 1760.

Nothing is known about Mary at this time.

3. GEORGE² SUTTON (*Thomas¹*) was born circa 1727 in Bertie County, North Carolina.^{10,11} He married **Cloannah Smithwick**, daughter of **John Smithwick**, in Bertie County, North Carolina.

George Sutton received no land from aunt Mary Jones but did receive cattle.

From his father, Thomas Sutton, - I give & bequeath unto my Son GEORGE SUTTON all the remaining part of the above mentioned Tract of Land besides what I have already given to my Sons Thomas & William containing two hundred & forty Acres more or less with the Plantation which is thereon to him.

NOTE: Thomas Sutton 1 divided a tract of land “which I once purchased of Archibald Bell & held by a Deed from George Bell to my self comonly known by the name of the Reedy Branch Land” between his three sons, Thomas, George, and William. Thomas and William received 200 acres each and George the rest.

COLONIAL BERTIE NC – DEED BOOKS A – H – 1720 – 1757 - Abstracted by Mary Best Bell

P 240 – 20 Feb 1755 – Richard Dunstan joyner to Barnaby Hely Dunstan joyner – NS Cashie adj Dunstan WIT George and Joshua Sutton

George was a wit in 1757

P 238 – 14 Nov 1754 – Titus Leggett of Cashie to George Sutton – 35 pds for 100 acres – land formerly belonged to John Warburton – SS Cashie River adj Spikes – WIT John Smith, John Warburton

¹⁰Will of Mary Jones, written 22 Dec 1745 probated 9 Jan 1748 Bertie County, NC.

¹¹Will of Thomas Sutton, written 3 Feb 1751 probated 2 March 1750 Bertie County, NC.

P 245 – 1 March 1756 - Barnaby Hely Dunston and wife Elizabeth to William Bonner of Chowan – 300 acres in Cashie WIT Edw Rasor, Thom Sutton, George Sutton

P 255 – 26 July 1757 – William Bently to Luke Ward – islands in Roanoke adj John Smithwick – WIT George Sutton, Jno Ward

P 255 – 23 Dec 1756 – Joseph Riding to William Coward – WIT Joseph Riding, George Sutton, John Johnston

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1757 – 1772 by Dr. Stephen Bradley

A John Smithwick Sr – Oct Court – 1762 – father was Edward

NOTE: John Smithwick’s will was written in 1761 and according to court records probated April 1762 so the above notation must have been registered some months after it was executed. This would prove that John Smithwick with that will was indeed the son of Edward and had at least 2 wives. Although this rather “hangs in space” according to the editor, Joni, I am leaving it only because there appears to be some question as to the father of John Smithwick and this proves that question not to mention I may have a Smithwick line not proven.

#762 – Sept --- 1767 - George Sutton of Bertie to John Spruill – 130 pds for 100 acres on Cashie Neck adj Dunston, Barbree – also signed by Cloanah Sutton – WIT John and Clonah Hurst, James Bonner

NOTE: This would indicate that George md Cloannah Smithwick

#269 – 23 Aug 1760 – George Sutton to William Johnson – 40 pds for 240 acres left to me in the will of my father adj Reedy Branch where Thomas Johnson lived

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1772 – 1785 – by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#3 – 1 March 1772 – Deed of Gift – Edmond Smithwick of Tyrell Co to Kinsman Martha Smithwick of Bertie – Molatto WIT Edmund Smithwick, Cloannah Moore, James Boner, Isaac Gardner, Mary Gardner, Chlo Sutton

NOTE: This was probably Martha, daughter of John Smithwick with the will in 1761. Chlo Sutton was probably another daughter, wife of George Sutton, or she could have been a daughter of George and Cloannah Smithwick Sutton. Don’t know who Cloannah Moore was.

#396 – 4 Oct 1772 – Luke Smithwick of Bertie to William Smithwick Sutton – year rents – WIT Cloanah Sutton, Sarah Dunston

NOTE: This is the only time I have seen the name William Smithwick Sutton which provides good evidence that George and Cloannah Smithwick Sutton did indeed have a son William Smithwick Sutton. It also suggests that maybe George was dec and William Smithwick Sutton was renting his inheritance.

#728 – 1 Nov 1784 – William Duggan to John Sutton – 41 acres Cashyy Neck – also signed by Cloanah Duggan

This is as far as the deed abstracts go. Any additional information will have to come from the Courthouse in Windsor

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1763 – 1771 BOOK 111
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#745 – Sept 1766 – Charles Bank vs George Sutton – found for plf – doesn’t say what the suit was about

#709 – June 1765 – George and Joshua on a jury

#802 – Dec 1766 – Deed from George and Cloannah Sutton to John Sutton proved

NOTE: This is important for several reasons. It probably gives us the name of the wife of George Sutton. There is a Cloannah Sutton a number of times in the records.

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1781 – 1787 BOOK V
by Weynette Parks Haun

#642 – 1787 – John Sutton had Adm on estate of Chloe Sutton

NOTE: Was this his mother or his sister?

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1793 – 1797 BOOK V -
by Weynette Parks Haun

NOTE: Thomas and William Sutton listed many times – mostly as a WIT, divider of estates etc. I don't know who the William was – William Smithwick Sutton, son of George, William son of John and Mary Sutton or some other William. There is one exception – William, son of Thomas I. I am of the opinion the Williams were a combination of William Smithwick Sutton and William the son of John Sutton who was the brother of WilliamSmithwick Sutton.

NOTE: There are no estate records for George Sutton on NC Estates, Ancestry or the Bertie Court Records so we don't know when he died. He is not in the records much past 1766. Nor do we know when Cloannah Smithwick Sutton died and I am inclined to think the Cloannah with estate records in 1787 was a daughter not the wife and that is where I am placing her.

NOTE: George and Cloannah may have had additional children that we can't document. There is at least one extra Thomas in the records and the later Joshua. On the 1800 Lincoln Co., Ga. Tax list there is a Joshua Sutton and Cindy Sellers told me the name Amelia and Mildred run down the family in Ga. This George and Cloannah Smithwick Sutton most likely had a daughter, Mildred, and a granddaughter, Amelia.

CLOANNAH SMITHWICK was born circa 1727 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Will of John Smithwick – 13 June 1761 no probate date - son William 200 acres NS of Roanoke River, daughter Martha Smithwick 75 acres in Charltons Creek, son Luke 265 acres NS of Great Swamp adj Charlton Creek – son Joel my manor plantation of 265 acres adj Possom Hill, the island - grandson John Sutton 70 acres adj Charltons Creek – daughter Sarah 1 shilling, daughter Mary and daughter Cloannah 1 shilling – wife Sarah
Exec son William, Edward Edmondson Smithwick, Jesse Gardner, John Ward
WIT: Thoas Howard, Ribrian Howard, Cloannah Duggen

Court records say prob April Court 1762

NOTE: In his will of 1761, John Smithwick mentions a grandson John Sutton but does not give his parents. Smithwick does name a daughter Cloannah but no last name and he didn't give a married name for any of his daughters; however, we know some were married and who they married. Smithwick had at least 2 wives and appears to have lived a LONG life. One of his daughters, Mary, md ca 1741 William Duggan according to written histories on the family. If Cloannah was also by the first wife then this John Sutton was most likely their son although the will does not say so.

Children of **George² Sutton** and **Cloannah Smithwick** were as follows:

- i. **CLOANNAH³ SUTTON** died By Oct 1786 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

RECORDS OF ESTATES BERTIE COUNTY, NC – VOL 1 – 1728 – 1744, 1762 – 1790 By David B. Gammon

CLOANNAH SUTTON

#1103 – Inventory Oct 14 1786 by John Sutton – John Sutton, Henry Speller and Henry Weston gave bond for John Sutton, Adm

NOTE: The inventory does not suggest whether this was John Sutton's mother or maybe his sister but my hunch is his sister – no Negroes and no land was mentioned – just household and a few farm items and hogs and sheep

NOTE: She died after 3 June 1785 when she was buying from the estate of Elizabeth Hendricks.

- ii. **MILDRED SUTTON** was born in Bertie County, North Carolina. She married **Thoms Rascoe** on 12 Nov 1777 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Thomas Rascoe md Mildred Sutton – Marriage Bonds 12 Nov 1777 in Bertie County with Thomas Sutton as Bondsman. A Mildred Smithwick, age 5, died by accident in 1757 according to Court Records. The record does not give her parents or any further information but Mildred was not a common name at the time. It is reasonable to speculate that Mildred Smithwick was the daughter of John Smithwick (d 1761) and Mildred Sutton was named for her aunt thus making her father George Sutton.

- iii. **WILLIAM SMITHWICK SUTTON** was born By 1751 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

It is proven in the estate records of William Sutton, son of John and Mary Sutton, that John and William Sutton were brothers and in at least one record he is referred to as William Smithwick Sutton; however, it appears he rarely used that name. William took over as guardian to his brother, John's, two children probably after their mother, Mary Sutton Weston, died. Thomas Sutton 11 and Joshua Sutton had no son by the name of William. There are a number of William Suttons in Tyrrell County but we are not sure who they were.

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1772 – 1785 – by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#396 – 4 Oct 1772 – Luke Smithwick of Bertie to William Smithwick Sutton – year rents – WIT Cloanah Sutton, Sarah Dunston

NOTE: This suggests that William's father, George was dec by that time and William had inherited land which was rented out which also suggests that William could have been a minor. On the other hand as a minor he would not have been able to receive money as his guardian would have received it; therefore, the assumption is that by 1772 William Smithwick Sutton was in his majority making him born by 1751.

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1785 – 1794 by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#30 – 3 June 1785 – John Sutton of Bertie to Thomas Boothe – 35 acres in Kashy – also signed by wife Mary – WIT Jonathan Baker, William Sutton

#567 – 25 April 1789 – John Smithwick and wife Winifred to Peter Rascoe – land adj Luke Smithwick – WIT William Sutton

1792 – William Sutton a Wit

This is as far as the deed abstracts go. Any additional information will have to come from the Courthouse in Windsor

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1781 – 1787 BOOK V by Weynette Parks Haun

#558 – 1785 - Deed of sale from John and Mary Sutton to Thomas Sutton – prov on oath of William Sutton

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1788 – 1792 BOOK VI by Weynette Parks Haun

#724 – Nov 1788 - John Hagan vs John Sutton & Wm Sutton – the same gun ??? – no further information

#921 – Feb 1792 – John Sutton’s Adm vs Wm Sutton – no further information

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1793 – 1797 BOOK VII - by Weynette Parks Haun

NOTE: Thomas and William Sutton are listed many times – mostly as a WIT, divider of estates etc. I don’t know who these Williams were – William Smithwick Sutton, son of George, William son of John and Mary Sutton or some other William. One would not assume that William, son of John, would have been as active as his uncle, William Smithwick Sutton during this time period There is one exception – William, son of Thomas I who was identified and the information under his name.

#22 – May 1793 – William Sutton appt guardian to Wm and Amelia Sutton orphans of John – Secur given by William Smithwick and Luke Manning

#130 – May 1795 – ordered that Thomas Sutton, Luke Collins, Jonathan Jacocks and John Moore divide the estate of John Sutton guardian to Amelia and William Sutton.

#31 – Aug 1793 – Smithwick Davidson now of proper age and chooses William Sutton as guardian

NOTE: If he was of age why did he choose another guardian.

#257 – May 1797 – a Mollato boy was bound to William Sutton to learn the art of a cooper.

NOTE: This suggests that this William Sutton was a cooper.

NC ESTATE RECORDS – Family Search online

JOHN SUTTON ESTATE – Bertie – 1793 – William Sutton, William Smithwick and Luke Manning took inventory – William Sutton appointed guardian to Amelia and William Sutton orphans of John Sutton – buying at sale were John Smithwick, Christopher Reed, Wm Jordan, Luke Manning, William Sutton, Sarah Smithwick, Thomas Sutton, etc – Mary Sutton signed as the Adm - in 1795 Thomas Sutton, Luke Collins, Nathan Jackocks, John Moore were to divide estate – inventory taken in 1789 – Mary Sutton signed – same year 1789 John Weston and Mary Weston Adm gave account and they sold Negro Bess and child, and Andy ?? – a Milly Sutton got part of the estate (must have been Amelia)

WILLIAM SUTTON ESTATE

NOTE: Almost 900 pages in this file which covers estates of William Sutton, d 1818, son of John and Mary Sutton, and also of John and Mary Sutton. I have split it out and the rest will be found under William Sutton son of John.

Answer of John Sutton and Mary his wife to the petition of William and Amelia Sutton by their guardian William Sutton – John was father to petitioners – Mary was Adm and took over the estate - said Mary intermarried with William Sutton (sic) - was marked through – she intermarried Weston according to other information – this is not clear – p 73/74 – 1794 – said Negroes divided - then it does go on to give answer of Weston and his wife

Estate of John Sutton husband of Mary and father of William and Amelia – it plainly states that John Sutton was the brother of William Sutton. Mary Sutton intermarried with John Weston and he took over the considerable estate – Negroes were Jay, Mote??. Eve and Andre – children applying to John Sutton (sic) who has personal estate as John and Mary Weston have refused to comply and division

CONCLUSIONS AT THIS TIME:

William Smithwick Sutton was still alive in 1794 according to estate records for his brother. There is one William Sutton on the 1790 Bertie Census with two males over 16 and 2 Negroes. His cousin, Thomas Sutton, is also on the census as is an unidentified Joshua Sutton. In Tyrrell County there is a William Sutton Sr and Jr. both unidentified at this time. If William Smithwick Sutton had children they would have been adults by 1790. There are no estate records for him. It is unlikely that William Sutton, son of John and Mary, would have been this William on the 1790 Census as that William did not marry until 1795 and had a guardian up to that time. Could some of William Smithwick Sutton's children have gone to Tyrrell Co to live? We don't know as only one Sutton, James, has been identified in Tyrrell. James was the son of Captain Joseph Sutton of Perquimans County. There were other Suttons in Tyrrell at this time period including the possible descendants of one John Sutton who probably died before 1744.

7. iv. **JOHN SUTTON** was born circa 1750 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He married **Mary Unknown** in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died By 1789 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

4. WILLIAM² SUTTON (*Thomas*¹) was born circa 1732 in Bertie County, North Carolina.¹² He married **Lydia Ryder/Rider**, daughter of **Ebenezer Ryder/Rider** and **Thankful Sylvester**, on 11 Apr 1750 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. He died before 1793.

NOTE: The birth dates of the children of Thomas have been adjusted from previous histories because William would have been born probably by 1733 as his assumed mother Judith Hardison was married when her father wrote his will on 8 May 1733. In addition he was married in April 1751 which made him younger than the average age of a male at the time and this causes a problem for me.

That is really pushing it for Thomas to have 3 children by his first wife, marry again after Aug 1730 and William to be born by 1730 which is the ca date usually given for him. Could William have been the son of his first wife, Elizabeth Luerton? Maybe but he was not named in the will of Mary Jones as a nephew. William md in Mass in April 1751 and his father wrote his will in 1750 and he left land to William. That is cutting it close for William to leave NC after his father

¹²Ibid.

wrote his will, go to Mass, meet a lady and marry. Mary Jones wrote her will in 1745 and did not name William so this compiler is going with the assumption that William was the eldest son of Judith Hardison Sutton based purely on the will of Mary Jones. Having said that an argument can be made that William was the son of Elizabeth Luerton. The estate records for Thomas Sr. clearly state his eldest son was Thomas, then it lists in order John, William, George, Joshua etc and the order appears to be the birth order. In addition William named his only child, Elizabeth, and his mother in law's first name was not Elizabeth. The marriage dates and the dates of some of Thomas' eldest children have been adjusted. The youngest children have been left with their assumed births because no doubt there were some children who died as infants. It is highly unlikely that Thomas' daughter, Mary, was born before 1740 given her assumed marriage date of ca 1760 and the proven date of her first child, Sarah, b in 1761. Arguments for William to have been the child of Elizabeth Luerton are welcome. I have consulted with Roger Kammerer on this issue and he is of the opinion that William was the son of Judith based on the will of Mary Jones and it was not unheard for a young man to be on his own before his majority although a little unusual. Personally I think he was the son of Elizabeth Luerton.

CHOWAN CO COUNTY COURT MINUTES – 1730 – 1745 – by Weynette Parks Haun

#193 – July Court 1744 – William Sutton to help build a bridge from town gate - District of William Sutton

NOTE: No clue if this was Thomas' son William, but I doubt it. Being in the District of William Sutton would indicate an older man so this William probably belonged to one of the unknown John or Thomas Suttons.

William inherited land from his father - I give & bequeath unto my Son WILLIAM SUTTON Two hundred acres of the above mentioned Tract of Land joyning next to that which I have already given to my Son Thomas.

NOTE: According to the records, William was a mariner and appears to have left Bertie Co as a young man and moved to Plymouth County, Mass which is ironic. Fortunately he didn't sell his land before he left. Joni Hudson found the grave of his daughter on Find A Grave and the Rev. War Pension application. William Sutton md Lydia Ryder/Rider 11 Apr 1751 Plymouth, MA - Lydia born 1628 d/o Ebenezer & Thankful (Silvester)

Marriage dates from

<http://www.rays-place.com/marrage/plymouth-ma.htm>

From Joni

FROM "In the Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988

Lydia Rider b 16 Oct 1729 daughter of Ebenezer and Thankful Rider

Also, found in the Plymouth Vital Records as are the birth of Lydia and in NEHGS and in several books on the Mayflower Descendants. Those records all came from the Vital Records of Plymouth.

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1793 – 1797 BOOK V - by Weynette Parks Haun

#14 – Feb 1793 – Deed of Sale from Lydia Sutton and Elizabeth Zollman (sic) to Luke Collins

NOTE: Her name was Totman

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1785 – 1794 by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#1045 – 30 July 1792 – Lidia Sutton of Plymouth, Mass in Plymouth Co widow of William Sutton, mariner late of Plymouth, Mass, son of Thos Sutton dec of NC and Elizabeth Totman widow of sd Plymouth the daughter and only child of Lidia and William Sutton to Luke Collins – 200 acres willed to sd William by his father Thomas Sutton

NOTE: Proves that William son of Thomas left Bertie and went to Plymouth Co, Mass where it is assumed he died although we have found no death records for him.

LYDIA RYDER/RIDER was born on 16 Oct 1729 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. She died after 1793 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Children of **William² Sutton** and **Lydia Ryder/Rider** were:

- i. **ELIZABETH³ SUTTON** was born circa 1756 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. She married **Joshua Totman** on 29 Dec 1776 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. She married **Samuel Churchill** on 27 Oct 1798 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. She died on 7 Jul 1839 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Elizabeth was bc 1756 since her tombstone states she was 83 at the time of her death. She died 7 July 1839 in Plymouth County, Mass. Her first husband was in the Rev. War and was lost at sea in 1786 enroute from Jamaica to England. She gives her marriage date in her application. A supporting statement said she was Elizabeth Sutton before her first marriage. Joni Hudson discovered all the information on Elizabeth.

The year of birth is approximate, being inferred from her age 83 at the time of her death according to the inscription on her gravestone and must be verified.

Elizabeth was the daughter of William Sutton and Lydia Rider. She married first Joshua Totman on December 29, 1776. She married second Samuel Churchill, son of Barnabas Churchill and Lydia Holmes, on October 27, 1798.

Elizabeth applied for a pension based on the Revolutionary War service of her first husband, Joshua Totman. A summary of her application and her two page statement in support of her application are shown in the photos loaded to this memorial. Her statement and the Find A Grave information reads, in part:

"On this tenth day of April in the Year one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight personally appeared before the Hon. Willus Wood Judge of the Court of Probate for said County, Elizabeth Churchill of Plymouth in said County Widow aged Eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 & the Act of Congress passed March 3, 1837. That she was the Widow of Joshua Totman who served in the War of the Revolution....

"She further declared that she was married to the said Joshua Totman on the twenty ninth day of December Seventeen hundred & seventy six, that the said Joshua Totman was lost at Sea about the Year 1786 on his passage from Jamaica to some port in England and that she remained a widow until the twenty seventh day of October in the Year Seventeen hundred & ninety eight; that the said Samuel Churchill her second husband died on the fifteenth day of December in the Year one thousand eight hundred & ten and that she has remained a widow ever since the period last above named as will appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed."

The following statement was made in support of her application:

"I Solomon Davis of Plymouth ... aged seventy seven years on oath do testify that I was a soldier of the Revolution. I was well acquainted with Joshua Totman late of said Plymouth deceased from his youth. * * * He married Elizabeth Sutton. I have always been acquainted with her & intimate with the family. After the close of the Revolution Mr. Totman went to Sea. * * * I perfectly recollect that many years ago it was correctly reported & believed in this town & never doubted that the ship in which said Totman sailed was lost & that all perished. I cannot tell what year it was but after the expiration of one or two years his widow the said Elizabeth Sutton married one Samuel Churchill whom I also knew. He died about thirty years ago in Consumption. The said Elizabeth Sutton has remained a widow ever since that time never having been since married and I know her to be the same Elizabeth Sutton who married said Joshua Totman."

See Revolutionary War Pension File, Mass. Service: Totman, Joshua; Churchill, Elizabeth (Former widow); Number W.22750, 32 pages commencing with: for the entire pension file.

See also page 18 of [1,255,255,255] *The Churchill Family in America*, Gardner Asaph Churchill and Nathaniel Wiley Churchill compilers, Rev. George M. Bodge, editor and associate compiler. Published by the family of Gardner A. Churchill.

Many thanks go to [Marcia Briggs](#) for having done the research that identified the relationship of this Elizabeth (Sutton) Totman to Samuel Churchill, the son of Barnabas Churchill and Lydia Holmes. In particular, she told me about Elizabeth's pension application - of which I had been completely unaware. She shared that information with me which, in turn, allowed me to record the correct information in this memorial. Sandy Lenox, the originator of this memorial, is not to be faulted in her origination of the memorial - I fell into the same traps as she did in originally identifying this Elizabeth as the wife of Samuel Churchill, son of Elizabeth (Churchill) Churchill and Josiah Churchill.

Samuel Churchill (1753 - 1810)

Inscription:

ELIZABETH
Widow of
SAMUEL CHURCHILL,
died July 7th 1839,
in the 83d year
of her age.

Epitaphs from Burial Hill by Bradford Kingman, published 1892; Epitaph #1499. *Burial Hill, Plymouth Massachusetts: Its Monuments and Gravestone Numbered and Briefly Described, And the Inscriptions and Epitaphs Thereon Carefully Copied* by Benjamin Drew, published 1894. Epitaph #1707.

Burial:

Burial Hill, Plymouth, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, USA, Plot: B 518

NOTE: End of abstract of her Rev. War Pension Application and the information from Find A Grave. Both sources will be uploaded under "documents".

DAR Lineage book - Joshua Totman
Lineage Book National Society Of The Daughters of the American Revolution, VOLUME XVI.
1896

Mrs. Bina Totman Van Nortwick. 1537 Born in New York. Wife of John Smith Van Nortwick.
Descendant of Sergt. Joshua Totman, of Massachusetts.
Daughter of Edsel Totman and Mary Allen, his wife.
Granddaughter of Abijah Totman and Betsey Smith, his wife.
Gr.granddaughter of Joshua Totman and Elizabeth Churchill, his wife.

Joshua Totman enlisted at Plymouth and served as sergeant under Col. John Bailey, 1777. His wife received a pension for nine months' service of her husband.

JOSHUA TOTMAN died in 1786.

SAMUEL CHURCHILL died on 15 Dec 1810.

5. JOSHUA² SUTTON (*Thomas*¹) was born circa 1736 in Bertie County, North Carolina.¹³ He married **Catherine Ashburn**, daughter of **Thomas Ashburn**. He died BY Nov 1771 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Joshua would have been of age by 1752 and probably married about that time. His children would have been of age ca 1773 or at least the oldest one.

There are few mentions of Joshua Sutton in the Bertie County records so we know little about him. It is only through the will of his father in law, Thomas Ashburn, that we know the names of at least some of his children and through deeds the name of his wife, Catherine, whom we assume was the daughter of Thomas Ashburn. Since there is a later Joshua it is possible that this Joshua had another wife. It is also my opinion that Joshua Sutton and Joshua Sutton Barbaree have been mixed up by the abstractors.

From his father, Thomas Sutton I he received - I give & bequeath unto my Son JOSHUA SUTTON the Land & Clearing which is on the upper part of the Land whereon I now Dwell containing One hundred & fifty Acres more or less & divided from the mannour plantation by a branch comonly called the deep branch beginning at Henery King's Line & running up the branch & that prong of the branch next the mannour plantation till it comes into my line on the other side of the Land to him.

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P 323 – Will of Thomas Ashburn – 2 March 1775 prov Aug 1781 – grandchildren Mary Sutton – negro boy Peter and Thomas Sutton Negro boy Mick leaving him in the hands of my son Elisha until he returns home from sea – granddaughter Elizabeth Sutton Negro girl Ginny, wife Elizabeth sons Elisha, Benjamin (they had no heirs), William, Peter, Miles Ashburn – daughters Elizabeth Britt, Mary Shehan

NOTE: No Sutton daughter mentioned so she may have been deceased as was his son in law, Joshua Sutton. The will states the grandson Thomas Sutton was at sea – did he return? I see no later wills for the Ashburn family.

COLONIAL BERTIE NC – DEED BOOKS A – H – 1720 – 1757 - Abstracted by Mary Best Bell

P 240 – 20 Feb 1755 – Richard Dunstan joyner to Barnaby Hely Dunstan joyner – NS Cashie adj Dunstan WIT George and Joshua Sutton

NOTE: Only time Joshua in book

¹³Ibid.

P 254 – 30 Feb 1757 – William Ashburn and Thomas Ashburn to John Daly of Tyrell – Cashie Neck, Spring Branch – WIT Mary Sutton

NOTE: I don't know who that Mary Sutton might have been unless she was the daughter of Thomas who md Lemuel Hardy Jr ca 1760; however, she would not have been 21 in 1757. Could Thomas Ashburn have had two daughters who md Joshua Sutton with the 2nd one named Mary? Or was Catherine not the daughter of Thomas Ashburn.

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1757 – 1772 by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#570 – 6 May 1764 – Joshua Sutton and wife Catherine to William Matthews – 100 acres for 40 pds – adj Henry King, Robt West, Thomas Mitchell dec as by a deed by Roger Snell to James McDowell in Aug 1752

NOTE: Checked for deed from Roger Snell to James McDowell – how did Joshua and Catherine get this land – checked for deeds from McDowell to Ashburn. I have not been able to discover how Joshua and Catherine Sutton received this land.

NOTE : McDowell had a will dated 10 Feb 1752 and proved March 1752 – widow Margaret but he left his estate to his relatives in England.

#709 – 16 Oct 1766 – Thomas Ashburn and Benjamin Ashburn, Joshua Sutton and wife Catherine to Thomas Shehan

NOTE: Don't see a will or any estate records for an Ashburn with a Catherine named. Was Thomas Shehan the grantee the husband of Mary Ashburn Shehan?

#900 – 28 March 1770 – Joshua Sutton to Henry Hamimond of Tyrell – 150 acres NS Cashy River adj Spruells Ferry

NOTE: Was this the land his father left him? If so – where was he living.

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1785 – 1794 by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#284 – 18 Nov 1796 – Thomas Sutton to friend Luke Collins – Deed of Gift – 1 acre on Beaver Dam Marsh for gristmill – WIT Joshua Sutton Barkeree (only time in index)

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1740 – 1743, 1758 - 1762 BOOK 11 by Weynette Parks Haun

NOTE: No indication of what happened to the intervening years – assume they were lost

Joshua Sutton mentioned April 1759 – he was a constable in 1761

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1763 – 1771 BOOK 111 by Weynette Parks Haun

#709 – June 1765 – George and Joshua on a jury

#637 – Aug 1767 – ordered a line run between Joshua and Jasper Sutton

#994 – Dec 1771 - William Jordan to have Adm on estate of Joshua Sutton dec – Secu for Bond was Jasper Sutton

#761 – Dec 1766 – Deed of Sale from Thos and Benj Asburn, Joshua and Catherine Sutton prov

#906 – March 1770 – Deed of sale from Joshua Sutton to Henry Hanammond prov

#999 – Dec 1771 – inventory of Joshua Sutton dec received

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1772 – 1780 BOOK 1V
by Weynette Parks Haun

#6 – March 1772 – William Jordan to sell estate of Joshua Sutton

#42 – Dec 1772 – Wm. Ashburn to be Guardian to Mary Sutton orphan of Joshua

NOTE: The estate records of Joshua suggests he had at least one child, not named, in addition to Thomas

NC ESTATE RECORDS AND ANCESTRY

JOSHUA SUTTON – Nov 1771 – William Jordan Adm – son Thomas, pd to Parthenia Demsey etc, got a chest of clothes from Thomas Sutton, money pd to Elizabeth Spruill, to Jasper Sutton acct, money for schooling THE child, money received from Thomas Sutton, some buying from estate were Christopher Reed, Wm Jordan, no Suttons. Son Thomas appears to still be alive – got a hat – but didn't buy anything

NOTE: The estate records only mention one child, Thomas. It suggest another child needed education but it used the word – THE - it also suggests but does not say the Ashburns were probably rearing THE child. His wife appears dec. Elizabeth Spruill was his step mother unless his daughter Elizabeth also married a Spruill. In 1775 when his father in law, Thomas Ashburn wrote his will – he bequeathed to three Sutton grandchildren – Thomas, Mary, and Elizabeth. So what happened to the girls. Did Thomas return from sea and is one of the several Thomas' with marriage Bonds? Probably the only answer will come from deeds and there is nothing in the deed abstracts to indicate what happened to his land. We know that Joshua Sutton and Catherine Ashburn were md by 1764 from deeds and he was a wit in 1759 so he was born at least by 1738.

In folder – inventory of Jasper Sutton = 1 negro called Dick – signed by William Jordan Exec

A MISC JOSHUA

Colonial Records – Wilmington NC Committee of Safety for Duplin, New Hanover, Bladen, Brunswick Co
May 1775 – Holly Shelter – Joshua Sutton

A Joshua was on the 1800 Anson County Census

NOTE: Joni Hudson has some additional information on Joshua Sr. and Jr. of New Hanover. Joshua Sutton Sr. had a will datetd March 1796 - sons Joshua, Benjamin, Anthony - document not readable on Ancestry. One Joshua was on the 1790 New Hanover Census. "A History of New Hanover County: and the lower Cape Fear Region - 1723 - 1800" found on Ancestry, p 118 - states a Thos. Jones, Edward Doty, Henry Williams, John Simmons, Joshua Sutton ... signed a 1775 Resolution on the Rev. War.

LATER JOSHUA

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1785 – 1794 by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#160 – 1786 – Thomas and Joshua Sutton were wit

NOTE: Were they brothers or cousins?

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1772 – 1780 BOOK 1V
by Weynette Parks Haun

#343 – Nov 1779 – Deed from John Cobb to Joshua Sutton Barbaree proved by sur of John Bird

NOTE: Didn't see the deed.

RECORDS OF ESTATES BERTIE CO – 1734 – 1788 by David B. Gammon

#1103 – Joshua Sutton - Inventory Oct 14 1786 by John Sutton

NOTE: Was this even another Joshua?

#103 – 6 Feb 1792 – Joshua Sutton buying from estate of William Cobb

1790 Census BERTIE

Joshua – 3 males over 16, 1 under, 1 female over – 5 Negros

There was a Joshua Sutton on the Lincoln Co, Ga Tax List ca 1800. Many Bertie Co families including several of the Hardy family went to this area of Ga.

ASHBURN

Information from Joni Hudson
Bertie Co NC Deeds

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/nc/bertie/deeds/oxley.txt>

P. 148- 26 Oct 1754 - Andrew Thompson of Duplin Co., Gent. to Thomas Ashburne of Bertie. Wit: Edw Razor, Elizabeth Razor & Mary Sutton.

P. 428- 9 Feb? 1757 - William Ashburn, Joyner & Thomas Ashburn, taylor to John Daly of Tyrell, merchant. Wit: Edwd Razor, Mary Sutton & William Todd.

P. 463 - 26 Oct 1757 - Thomas Ashburn, taylor to John Nicolls bricklayer. Wit: Edwd Razor, Thomas Slatter.

25 Jul 1790 - Lodwick Redditt & George Lockard to Thos. Ashburn. wit Wm. & Frances Ashburn

8 Aug 1789 - Wm. & Judy Coffield to Solomon Green Wit: Jas. Cobb & Wm. Cobb.

7 Mar 1791 - Thos Ashburn to Jas. Turner Wit: Josiah & Lodiwick Redditt.

(lot more Ashburns later dates)

Vanluven, Christopher - September 23, 1732. November 1, 1732. Sons: John and Henry. Wife and Executrix: Elisabeth. Witnesses: Martin Frederick Razor, Thomas Ashburn. Proven before George Burrington.

(Source: Abstracts of North Carolina Wills, By: J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, 1910, Page 386)

Transcript

Generation 2, Item 2 Thomas2 Ashburn (unknown1) was born in Northumberland Co. VA and died abt 1781 in Bertie Co. NC. He married Elizabeth Washington. Thomas Ashburn's will was signed 7 Mar 1775 and witnessed by Edward Razor, H. Nicholis Jr and James Campbell Sr. Exec were sons William and Elisha. The will was proved in Bertie Co Court Aug 1781. Miles Mason Sheton was given one half of the services of "Negro" man Fatty until son became of age 21. (If the will was signed 7 Mar 1775 Peter would not have been 21 at that date). Later noted that Peter was b. aft 1755.

Documentation: Oct 20, 1801, named in deed S-421, Bertie Co.NC

Abstract from: Crilley Subject [NCBERTIE] Bertie Co. NC Ashburns Date:; Su, 19 Mar 2000 14-24-26-0600

(ongoing research by Richard Britt) posted Elizabeth (Ashburn) Britt tree @[ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

JOSHUA SUTTON BARBEREE

There was a small Barradaill/Barberree family in Bertie – one Abraham dc 1762 – wife Mary son Isaac. William Jordan Jun was a WIT Another one, Joseph d 1762 – wife Mary, son Abraham who had son John, Mary Wood wife of Dempsy Wood and their son James - a Joshua Sutton Barbaree in Bertie about the same time - can't connect. Suttons and Wood family intermarried in Dobbs.

Below from www.mcnabbs.org

Joshua Sutton Barbree

no date: married Sarah S. _____.

1779: deed from John Cox of Bertie County, North Carolina to Joshua Sutton Barbree for 150 pounds 100 A...beginning in Wills quarter Swamp at the mouth of Earnals Branch Thomas Hawks line then South up the said Swamp to a Croked Maple John Cobbs Corner thence Southwest along a Line of marked trees to a forked maple in middle Swamp thence Down the Branch to Earnals branch thence down that said branch to the First Station...Bertie County, North Carolina Deed Book M p452.

3 Nov 1793: deed from David and Sarah Harrel to Joshua Sutton Barbaree both of Bertie County, North Carolina for 180 silver dollars weight of which is acknowledged, 100A lying in the fork of flat swamp and Wills quarter swamp which is included in the patent of Capt. John Ploughman bearing date 1717. Bertie County, North Carolina Deed Book Q p7.

NOTE: That would be one of the Plowman patents and Thomas Sutton 1 received one of those from his father, Joseph Sutton.

18 Nov 1798: deed from Joshua Sutton and Sarah S. Barbaree of Bertie County, North Carolina to George Peter Zoellner of same for 400 Silver Dollars "the weight whereof I do hereby acknowledge" 100A ...lying in the fork of Flat Swamp and wills quarter Swamp, which is included in the Patent of Capt. John Ploughman bearing date 1717 likewise 100A of land on the South side of Wills quarter Swamp beginning in Wills quarter Swamp at the mouth Carnals branch Thomas Hawkings line then South up the said Swamp to a crooked Maple John Cobbs corner three then Southwest along a line of marked trees to a forked Maple tree in Middle branch thence down the branch to Carnals branch then down that said branch to the first station. Bertie County, NC Deed Book R p491.

NOTE: Is there any connection with John Sutton Barbree and the Sutton family or was he just named after Joshua Sutton who was a neighbor or a friend. He would have been b by 1758. This deed may indicate they were leaving Bertie Co.

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1785 – 1794 by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#284 – 18 Nov 1796 – Thomas Sutton to friend Luke Collins – Deed of Gift – 1 acre on Beaver Dam Marsh for gristmill – WIT Joshua Sutton Barkeree (only time in index).

CATHERINE ASHBURN was born in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died before 1771 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Children of **Joshua² Sutton** and **Catherine Ashburn** are as follows:

- i. **ELIZABETH³ SUTTON.**
- ii. **MARY SUTTON** was born in Bertie County, North Carolina.
- iii. **THOMAS SUTTON** was born in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Generation Three

6. **THOMAS³ SUTTON 111** (*Thomas², Thomas¹*) was born circa 1759 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He married **Sarah Freeman**, daughter of **Joshua Freeman** and **Mary Outlaw**, before 1794 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died By 1818 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

NOTE: This family is very tangled with the family of William Sutton, son of George and Cloannah Smithwick Sutton. To fully understand the interrelationships please refer to the file on Allied Families.

In this generation we have several Thomas Suttons in Bertie – Thomas 111 son of Thomas 11, Thomas son of Joshua who may have gone to sea, and it is possible George had a son Thomas that we don't know about. Until proven otherwise we are putting this Thomas as the son of Thomas 11 since we don't know if Thomas, son of Joshua, returned to Bertie Co or even if George, son of Thomas Sutton I had a son, Thomas. This is only a working hypothesis based on some of the inter-related families especially that of the Freeman, Wood, and Mebane families which gets very complicated. It was Sally's Place that suggested these intermarriages.

There are marriage bonds for two Thomas Suttons – one to Mary Dickinson in 1787 and one to Durham Mills in 1792. There are only estate records for one later Thomas Sutton in 1818. There is only one estate record for a Dickinson – Mathias Dickinson – who dc 1811 intestate and the records do not indicate the heirs. There are no Mills estates in Bertie Co.

Sally's Place suggests that Thomas Sutton 111 was the one who md Mary Dickinson in 1787; however, she offers no proof and she does not address the other marriage. Without question it was this Thomas who md by 1794, Sarah, the daughter of Joshua Freeman and maybe the widow of Cullen Wood and they md ca 1793 or earlier. Joshua Freeman's will was dated 1794 and he called his daughter Sarah Sutton. The 1790 and 1800 Census Reports in Bertie indicate Thomas 111 had no children until after 1790. Obviously living in his household in 1800 were numerous other people and I am inclined to think it was Thomas' cousin, William, son of George Sutton since it does not appear that William is found in the 1800 Census.

Cullen Wood had a will - 7 May 1792 prov June Ct 1792 - to my brother James Wood; to Freeman Wood son of James; to my brother Lawrence Wood; wife Sarah Wood. Exec: friend Joshua Freeman & brother James Wood.

NOTE: I have seen no proof Cullen Wood's widow was Sarah (Sally) Freeman.

Thomas Sutton III had a daughter Celia as did Joshua Freeman. Because Thomas III had two minor children when he died and it is assumed that at the very least the two youngest children, Celia and William, were by his wife Sally Freeman. His daughter, Mary Sutton Wood, could have been by a first wife if he had a first wife. Since it is not proven that one of the Thomas Suttons with Marriage Bonds was this Thomas we have not included a first marriage and the Census Reports do not indicate a child born before 1790.

As we will see, a William Sutton dc 1818 had a daughter Sally Freeman Sutton and that William could not have been the son of Thomas III based on dates.

1790 Bertie Census

Thomas – 1 male over 16, 2 females over 16 – 19 Negroes

1800 Bertie Census

Thomas Sutton – 4 males 0 – 10, 1 male 10 – 16, 2 male 16-26, 2 males 26 – 45 – 3 females 0 – 10, 1 female 10 – 16, 1 16 – 26, 1 26 – 45 22 Negroes

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1772 – 1785 – by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#697 – 10 July 1784 – William Jenkins to Thomas Sutton – 200 acres adj John Byrd, Cypress Swamp

NOTE: Thomas Sutton II was deceased by this time.

NC ESTATE RECORDS

Later Thomas Sutton found in the Thomas Sutton file – 1818 Bertie Co – John E. Wood and Mary his wife, Celia Sutton and William Sutton – the latter two not of age – were the children – no widow mentioned

Thomas had land in Bertie of 1000 acres adj Elizabeth Jacocks, Edmund Weston and heirs of William Lawrence dec – another 600 acres in Bucklesberry adj Edward Fleetwood – another 700 acres on Albemarle Sound adj Baldy Ashburn, Jonathan Jacocks dec – another tract in Hertford of 640 acres adj Luke Summers, William Bush – another tract in North Hampton County of 500 acres adj Godwin Cotton, Edward Wood and Rebecca Carter

NOTE: While the children of Thomas 111 are proven from the estate records it was Sally's Place that provided the leads of their marriages and the background on some of the families. Those leads helped unravel a very difficult family to follow. We have done a follow up to a certain point but have relied on Sally's Place for details. Having said that, we think we have come to a different conclusion than Mrs. Koestler on even later generations of the Sutton family. Mrs. Koestler has a signature saying that is the best we have ever seen – "This is my working hypothesis – the way I see it of this moment". In other words, some of this information could change.

SARAH FREEMAN died By 1818 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

ANCESTRY

Will of Joshua Freeman – 24 ?? 1794 – wife Mary - heirs were William Freeman, Jacob Freeman, Christian Wood – who received Negroes - Mary Copeland (she originally md to Samuel Harrell and they had children and lived in Hertford Co) - Negroes – Joshua Freeman, Sarah Sutton – 2 Negroes, Celia Campbell, James Freeman (not 21) – exec friend Thomas Sutton, sons William and Jacob Freeman.

Children of **Thomas³ Sutton 111** and **Sarah Freeman** all born in Bertie County, North Carolina, were as follows:

- i. **MARY⁴ SUTTON** was born circa 1796. She married **Dr. John Edwards Wood**, son of **James William Wood** and **Christian (Kitty) Freeman**, on 7 Aug 1816 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died before 1834 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

MARRIAGE BONDS

Dr. John E. Wood to Mary Sutton – 7 Aug 1816

There appears to have been an extremely close relationship between Dr. Wood and William Sutton, son of George. They bought land together, some of William Sutton's children inherited from Dr. Wood, and Dr. Wood was at one time Adm of William and his wife's estates and guardian to some of their children.

DR. JOHN EDWARDS WOOD was born circa 1785. He married **Elisa Foort** circa 1805. He died in 1834 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Sally's Place states Dr. Wood md 1st Elisa Foort daughter of Sugars Foort of Northhampton, NC

NC ESTATE RECORDS

1816 John E Wood guardian of Celia Sutton orphan of Thomas Sutton
1816 John E Wood guardian of Mary Howe orphan of Thomas Howe

John Wood was the Adm of the estate of Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton widow of William Sutton. (See descendants of George Sutton, son of Thomas Sutton 1)

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ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD WOOD

1835 – Alexander W. Mebane, John A. Sutton and William Mooring were adm

Estate divided into 4 lots

Lot # 1 – William Mooring

Lot #2 – William Mebane

Lot # 3 to be divided between A. E. Mebane and John A. Sutton jointly

Lot #4 – Godmin (sic) C. Moore

In witness whereof we here unto set our hands and seal. This the 18th day of February 1835.

J V Reed, Willie J Gilliam, ? Roulhac

NOTE: William Mooring was Wood's half-brother;

William Mebane was the husband of Wood's sister, Mary Wood Mebane;

A. W. Mebane was Alexander Wood Mebane whose wife, Mary W. C. Howe Mebane, was a daughter of Wood's sister, Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton who md 1st Thomas Howe and 2nd William Sutton, son of George Sutton;

John A. Sutton was a son of Wood's sister, Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton, and her husband William Sutton;

Dr. Goodwin Cotton Moore was the husband of Julia Wheeler the daughter of Wood's sister Sally Wood Wheeler.

This complicated family is why we will post a little about some of the allied families.

- ii. **CELIA FREEMAN SUTTON** was born on 6 Oct 1803. She married **Dr. John Alexander Mebane**, son of **Alexander Mebane** and **Mary Armstrong**, on 23 Dec 1819 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died on 25 Sep 1870 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina, at age 66. She was buried in First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

NOTE: There are a number of good sources on the Mebane family online both in NC and for the ones who moved to Tenn although they are in conflict with each other. Some have both Dr. John Alexander and Celia Sutton Mebane buried in Greensboro, NC and some in Ark. In addition to Sally's Place one is

http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Person:Celia_Sutton_%281%29

There are also a number of Memorials for various family members on Find A Grave

Sally's Palace states that Dr. John Alexander Mebane died 25 Jan 1859 in Mebaneville, Cross County, Ark which is different that the tombstone date. Her dates for Celia are the same. Sally did not respond

to my request as to the difference in the dates and where they died. Since their stones are in Greensboro, I am going with that information. It is possible the family erected stones in Greensboro but they really died in Arkansas.

Children of John Alexander Mebane and wife Celia Freeman Sutton:

1. Sarah Ann Lucia Mebane 14 July 1821 – 18 Jan 1822
2. Mary Eliza Mebane 15 April 1822 – 1894 - married 14 Oct 1846 Charles C Graham
3. William T Mebane 27 May 1825 NC – 15 Sept 1891 Ark - Class of 1845 UNC
4. Celia Henrietta Mebane 19 Mar 1828 NC – 21 Mar 1905 TN - married 16 Sept 1856 John Abijah Allen
5. John A Mebane 4 Feb 1830 NC – 28 Sept 1854 Baton Rouge LA
6. James Sutton Mebane 12 May 1832 NC – 26 June 1880 - married 13 Oct 1857 Henrietta Elizabeth Campbell 4 Feb 1834 – 1876 Ark
 - a. John Alexander Mebane 27 Aug 1858 – 29 Jan 1859 Mebaneville, Cross County, Ark
 - b. James Campbell Mebane 4 Feb 1860 – 11 Nov 1923 Farmer St. Francis Co Ark - married 29 April 1900 Jennie Eugenia France
 - c. Kate Reynolds Mebane 20 May 1862 – married 1882 O. B. Dunlap Farmer Rockbridge Co VA son of Madison Dunlap
 - d. Robert Sterling Mebane 7 May 1864 – ca 1880 16 years old
 - e. Allen Sutton Mebane 10 Nov 1868 – In business, Cleveland, Ohio - married 7 Oct 1891 Rose Evelyn Strong 25 Oct 1864
 - f. Donald Moore Mebane 18 July 1870 – Living, 1942 Unmarried Wynne Ark - Lived with his uncle, R. Granville Campbell, on Buffalo Creek, Va., after his mother's death.
7. Carey Osceola Mebane 12 Sept 1836 NC – 4 Jan 1904 Norfolk Va. - married 1858 William Davis Reynolds

According to Sally's Place, some of this information came from History of Cross Co, Ark where Dr. William T. Mebane lived. This article gives his mother as Celia A. Sutton.

DR. JOHN ALEXANDER MEBANE was born on 6 Dec 1790 in Orange County, North Carolina. He died on 11 Jul 1861 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina, at age 70. He was buried in First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

- iii. **WILLIAM THOMAS SUTTON** was born on 3 Mar 1810. He married **Mary Cary Armistead**. He died on 10 Mar 1897 in Norfolk, Virginia, at age 87.

From Sally's Place

Class of 1832 UNC

*Public Ledger, Norfolk Va. Mar 11, 1897 Vol XLII, no 32 Pl, Col. 1
Deaths—The venerable Mr. W. T. Sutton died last night at 12:30 o'clock at the home of his son, Dr. W. T. Sutton, no 265 Granby St. at the advanced age of 87 years. The deceased was formerly of Bertie County, N. C. Funeral by Rev. B. D. Tucker, Old St. Paul's Church (Episcopal) 1 P.M. 3-12-97. Burial at Elmwood.*

The grave is in the Sutton plot at Elmwood Cemetary, Norfolk, Va. b. 3-3-1810 m. Mary Cary Armistead d. 3-10-1897

They had children Stark Armistead, William Thomas, John Mebane, Plumer, and Mary Sutton.

MARY CARY ARMISTEAD died on 10 Mar 1897 in Norfolk, Virginia.

7. **JOHN³ SUTTON** (*George², Thomas¹*) was born circa 1750 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He married **Mary Unknown** in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died By 1789 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

The only John Sutton in this generation in any Bertie record was the son of George and Cloannah Smithwick Sutton. It is not known if he was the only child of this couple born when John Smithwick made his will in 1761 but more than likely he was born closer to 1750 and was probably the eldest child. His parents deeded to him in 1766 according to court records but we don't know what – land or a Negro as there is nothing in the deeds. As a rule parents did not deed to a child unless they were of age but that may not be the case in this situation as it would have John b by 1745 and his father, George, by 1724 and those numbers don't work very well. He was md to Mary, surname unknown, and d by 1789 intestate leaving two young children. He was the adm of the estate of Chloe Sutton in 1787 but it is not known if she was his mother or maybe an unmarried sister. As the eldest son of George he should have inherited property but no deed mentioning such inheritance has been found.

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1772 – 1785 – by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#3 – 1 March 1772 – Deed of Gift – Edmond Smithwick of Tyrell Co to Kinsman Martha Smithwick of Bertie – Molatto WIT Edmund Smithwick, Chloannah Moore, James Boner, Isaac Gardner, Mary Gardner, Chlo Sutton

NOTE: This was probably Martha, daughter of John Smithwick with the will in 1761 who according to John Brayton md John Davidson right after this time so this may have been a wedding gift. Chlo was probably the wife of George or she could have been a daughter of George and Chloannah Smithwick Sutton. Don't know who Cloannah Moore was.

#396 – 4 Oct 1772 – Luke Smithwick of Bertie to William Smithwick Sutton – year rents – WIT Cloanah Sutton, Sarah Dunston

NOTE: If William was 21 he would have been born by 1751. This suggests his father was dec and William's land had been rented out.

#728 – 1 Nov 1784 – William Duggan to John Sutton – 41 acres Cashy Neck – also signed by Cloanah Duggan

DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1785 – 1794 by Dr. Stephen Bradley

#30 – 3 June 1785 – John Sutton of Bertie to Thomas Boothe – 35 acres in Kashy – also signed by wife Mary – WIT Jonathan Baker, William Sutton

#33 – 28 July 1785 – John Sutton to Jesse Boyan – Negro girl Rose

\$191 – 15 Aug 1786 – John Sutton of Bertie to William Jordan Jr – 500 pds – 100 acres in Kessie Neck adj Thomas Booth, Charlton's Creek, Luke Smithwick – Mary Sutton gave up Dower rights

1787 – John a Wit

This is as far as the deed abstracts go. Any additional information will have to come from the Courthouse in Windsor

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1763 – 1771 BOOK 111 by Weynette Parks Haun

#802 – Dec 1766 – Deed from George and Cloannah Sutton to John Sutton proved

NOTE: This is important for several reasons. It gives us the name of the wife of George Sutton. There is a Cloannah Sutton a number of times in the records and in his will of 1761, John Smithwick, mentions a grandson, John Sutton, but does not give his parents. Smithwick does name a daughter Cloannah but no last name and he didn't give a married name

for any of his daughters but we know some were married and who they married. Smithwick had at least 2 wives and appears to have lived a LONG life. John Smithwick's daughter, Mary, md ca 1741 William Dugan and they had a daughter Cloannah according to the estate records of William Duggan.

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1772 – 1780 BOOK 1V
by Weynette Parks Haun

#325 – Aug 1779 – John Sutton appt guardian to Sarah and Smithwick Davidson

NOTE: According to John Brayton, John Smithwick's daughter, Martha, md John Davidson 6 Feb 1773 and she died 1777. John Davidson was the father of Smithwick and Sarah Davidson but the inventory of John Davidson was taken by Elizabeth Davidson in 1779. Smithwick did not have a daughter Elizabeth in his will so John Davidson must have remarried.

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1781 – 1787 BOOK V
by Weynette Parks Haun

#558 – 1785 - Deed of sale from John and Mary Sutton to Thomas Sutton – prov on oath of William Sutton

#597 – Aug 1786 – Deed of sale from Mary Sutton to William Jordan proved

#642 – 1787 – John Sutton had Adm on estate of Chloe Sutton

NOTE: Was this his mother or his sister?

#425 – Aug 1782 – John Sutton was overseer of roads

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1788 – 1792 BOOK VI
by Weynette Parks Haun

#742 – May 1789 - Ordered that Mary Sutton have leave of Administration on the estate of John Sutton dec on her giving Bond & security in the sum of 1000 pds which is given by Thomas Sutton & Cader Powell & sd Mary qualified to execute sd administration and inventory

Ordered that Adm of John Sutton dec have leave to sell the perishable part of sd estate

Ordered that John Hyman, William Jordan, Christian Reed & Benjamin Williams be appt to audit & settle the account of Mary Sutton Adm of John Sutton who was the guardian to Sarah & Smithwick Davidson

NOTE: From estate files – widow of John Davidson was probably Elizabeth. In 1793 William Sutton was appoint guardian

#690 – Feb 1788 – ordered that William Jordan, Christian Reed, John Hyman & Thomas Collins or any three of them be appt to audit & settle the accts of John Sutton guardian to the orphans of John Davidson

#724 – Nov 1788 - John Hagan vs John Sutton & Wm Sutton – the same gun ??? – no further information

#921 – Feb 1792 – John Sutton's Adm vs Wm Sutton – no further information

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1793 – 1797 BOOK V11
- by Weynette Parks Haun

#22 – May 1793 – William Sutton appt guardian to Wm and Amelia Sutton orphans of John – Secur given by William Smithwick and Luke Manning

#130 – May 1795 – ordered that Thomas Sutton, Luke Collins, Jonathan Jacocks and John Moore divide the estate of John Sutton – William Sutton was guardian to Amelia and William Sutton.

#51 – Nov 1793 – John and Mary Weston Adm to settle John Sutton's account

NOTE: Mary Sutton obviously remarried John Weston

#31 – Aug 1793 – Smithwick Davidson now of proper age and chooses William Sutton as guardian

NOTE: If he was of age why did he choose another guardian.

RECORDS OF ESTATES BERTIE COUNTY, NC – VOL 1 – 1728 – 1744, 1762 – 1790 By David B. Gammon

CLOANNAH SUTTON

#1103 – Inventory Oct 14 1786 by John Sutton – John Sutton, Henry Speller and Henry Weston gave bond for John Sutton, Adm

NOTE: The inventory does not suggest whether this was John Sutton's mother or maybe his sister but my hunch is his sister – no Negroes and no land was mentioned – just household and a few farm items and hogs and sheep

NOTE: She died after 3 June 1785 when she was buying from the estate of Elizabeth Hendricks

JOHN SUTTON ESTATE

68 – Account of sale 5 June 1789 by Mary Sutton – have this information from online

#1122 – accounts of Mary Sutton admr ordered settled regarding Sarah Davidson and Smithwick Davidson orphans of John Davidson – 4 June 1789

716 – John Sutton buying from estate of Luke Smithwick – 1 Dec 1778

NOTE: Don't see estate records for Luke

John Sutton buying from estate of Henry Smith in 1784 and Abraham Mair and in 1785 from estate of Winneford Warbutton.

In 1775 John Sutton buying from estate of Benjamin Hooker, in 1785 from estate of Thomas Bayley, same year Benjamin Manning,

#628 – 5 June 1789 - sale of John Sutton by Mary Sutton – buyers – Sarah Smithwick, the widow Sutton, John Smithwick, Wm Sutton, Rasco's including Peter Rasco, Warburtons, Wm. Jordan, Edmond Dunston, Henry Speller etc

#716 – 1 Dec 1778 – estate sale of Luke Smithwick – buying were widow, John Sutton, Spellers,

#1051 – 11 Feb 1786 – Luke Smithwick – settlement of accts Absalom Knott and Elizabeth his wife Admr of dec

#907 – 21 July 1783 – Luke Smithwick – settlements of accts of Absolom Knott gdn to Luke and Leneer (Lanier) Smithwick orphans of dec

#863 – no date – Luke Smithwick – sale of corn belonging to orphans – buying were John Sutton, Absolom Knott, Edmond Dunstan

RECORDS OF ESTATES OF BERTIE COUNTY – VOL 3 – 1788 – 1800 – by David Gammon

#172 – 8 May 1793 John Sutton – sale on 5 June 1789 – by Mary Sutton – William Sutton was appoint gd of orphans William and Amelia Sutton

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JOHN SUTTON – Chowan Co – 1797 - William Sutton was assignee of Mary Sutton Adm of John Sutton

JOHN SUTTON

Bertie – 8 May 1793 – William Sutton, William Smithwick and Luke Manning – William Sutton appointed guardian to Amelia Sutton and William Sutton orphans of John Sutton – buying at sale were John Smithwick, Christopher Reed, Wm Jordan, Luke Manning, William Sutton, Sarah Smithwick, Thomas Sutton, and the widow purchased a lot etc – Mary Sutton signed as Adm - in 1795 Thomas Sutton, Luke Collins, Nathan Jackocks, John Moore were to divide estate – inventory taken in 1789 – Mary Sutton signed – same year John Weston and Mary Weston Adm gave account and they sold Negro Bess and child, and Andy ?? – a Milly Sutton got part of the estate, but that appears to have been the nickname for Amelia.

Perishables sold June 1789

Widow Mary did most of the buying at the estate sale – also a William Sutton and some Smithwicks, Thomas Sutton Had pretty good estate – 3 negroes, 4 cattle, 2 horses, carpenter and coopers tools, ½ of stud horse, Negroes sold. John and Mary Weston were the Adm and guardians of orphans on 31 Aug 1793 There was a lawsuit against John Sutton by Luke Warborton that had not been settled when he died No land involved in estate records – could be something in deeds

In the estate files for **WILLIAM SUTTON** – there are at least two Williams in this file – one being the brother of this John Sutton. I have split out the information as it pertains to this John Sutton.

answer of John Weston and Mary his wife to the petition of William and Amelia Sutton by their guardian William Sutton – John was father to petitioners – Mary was Adm and took over the estate - said Mary intermarried with William Sutton which was marked through – (she intermarried Weston according to other information) – this is not clear – p 73/74 – 1794 – said Negroes divided - then it does go on to give answer of John Weston and his wife

It plainly states that John Sutton was the brother of William Sutton which would be William Smithwick Sutton. Mary intermarried with John Weston and he took over the considerable estate – Negroes were Jay, Mote??, Eve and Andre – children applying to John Sutton (sic) who has personal estate as John and Mary Weston have refused to comply and make division

NOTE: End of information in the William Sutton file.

MARY UNKNOWN married **John Weston** circa 1789 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Children of **John³ Sutton** and **Mary Unknown** both born in Bertie County, North Carolina, were as follows:

i. **AMELIA⁴ SUTTON.**

The estate records of John Sutton prove Amelia was his daughter.

Amelia Sutton was of age in 1813 as proven by the will of Mary Howe as Amelia was a wit.

Pg 520: Howe, Mary, June 13, 1813; Nov. Term 1814. Grand-daughter Mary E C Howe (daughter of my son Thomas), Colin McKenzie (son of George), Eliza Sutton (wife of William), Wm. Sutton Exr. Test, Luke Smithwick, Amelia Sutton.

8. ii. **WILLIAM SUTTON** was born circa 1774. He married **Sarah Warborton**, daughter of **James Warborton**, on 21 Jan 1795 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He married **Elizabeth Wood**, daughter of **James William Wood** and **Christian (Kitty) Freeman**, in 1809 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Generation Four

8. WILLIAM⁴ SUTTON (*John³, George², Thomas¹*) was born circa 1774 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He married **Sarah Warborton**, daughter of **James Warborton**, on 21 Jan 1795 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He married

Elizabeth Wood, daughter of **James William Wood** and **Christian (Kitty) Freeman**, in 1809 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died in 1816 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

John Sutton's estate records – 1789 to 1793 - prove he had a son William and a daughter Amelia and that William had a guardian right up to the point of his first marriage. For most of the time, William's uncle, William Smithwick Sutton, was his guardian.

BERTIE COUNTY COURT MINUTES – COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1793 – 1797 BOOK V -
by Weynette Parks Haun

#22 – May 1793 – William Sutton appt guardian to Wm and Amelia Sutton orphans of John – Secur given by William Smithwick and Luke Manning

#130 – May 1795 – ordered that Thomas Sutton, Luke Collins, Jonathan Jacocks and John Moore divide the estate of John Sutton guardian to Amelia and William Sutton.

NOTE: This would suggest that William and maybe his sister, Amelia, had reached their majority and the estate was now being divided. William appears to have already been married.

BERTIE COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS – found on the Internet

William Sutton md Sarah Warborton 21 Jan 1795

NOTE: Sarah was the daughter of James Warborton who had a will and estate records in 1795/96 in Bertie County. The two surviving heirs of James Warborton at the estate division were Sally Sutton and Thomas Warborton (who died in 1800). It is not known when Sarah Warborton Sutton died but by 1809 William was married to Elizabeth Wood Howe, the daughter of James and Christian Freeman Wood and widow of Thomas Howe. The exercise of placing children listed in various estate records has been difficult.

RECORDS OF ESTATES BERTIE COUNTY – 1734 – 1788 by David Gammon

#688 – James Warborton – written 8 July 1780 prov 14 Nov 1780 - Winifred Warborton, Luke Warborton and Jonathan Rhodes were exec – had 200 acres of land - son John a minor in 1793 – division of Negroes according to the will was done in May 1796 between William Sutton in right of wife Sally – they received Buck, Haner, Lucy, Harry – Thomas Warborton received Beck, Nicy, Dave, Joe and Pol – in 1800 Luke and Winifred Warborton were dec

NOTE: In the will, found on Ancestry, he refers to his daughter Sarah as Sarah Warborton

1790 BERTIE COUNTY CENSUS

William – 2 males over 16 – 2 Negroes

NOTE: One has to assume this was William Smithwick Sutton and his ward and nephew, William Sutton.

1800 BERTIE COUNTY CENSUS

William Sutton – 1 male 10 – 16, 3 males 16 – 26, 1 male 26 – 45; 2 females 0 – 10, 1 female 16 – 26 – 2 females over 45 - 13 blacks

NOTE: There were no males 0 – 10 in the household. If this was William son of John and Mary then he would have been the male 26 – 45 as he was about the age of 25 in 1800. There is no way of knowing who the 2 females 0 – 10 were but

most likely one of them was Eliza. The female 16 – 26 could have been William’s wife, Sarah, or his sister, Amelia. It is not known who the other people in the household would have been. Sarah Warborton Sutton received 4 Negroes from her father and she may have by this time inherited the Negroes from her brother Luke. The estate records of William’s father, John, stated there were Negroes so most likely William inherited at least a couple from his father.

1810 BERTIE COUNTY CENSUS

1 male – 0 – 10, 1 male 16 – 26, 3 males 26 – 45, 2 males over 45; 2 females 10 – 16, 2 other females
This is not consistent with William having remarried in 1809 so this may be some other William or the census taker wrote down the wrong information.

BERTIE CO TAX LIST 1808 – Bertie Archives

Property owners of more than 1000 acres
William Sutton – 2826 acres 28 slaves

NOTE: This is consistent with the land he owned at his death. William Sutton obtained a great deal of land during his short life as evidenced by his estate records. It does appear a lot of that land was purchased with other people including his 2nd wife’s kinsman, Dr. John Edwards Wood, who appears to have been very close to the Suttons. It also appears a large portion of the land was sold during the settlement of the estate. It would take a close examination of deeds at the courthouse to know exactly what he bought and when.

William Sutton md 2nd by 1809 Elizabeth Wood Howe, daughter of James and Christian Wood and widow of Thomas Howe according to various estates. Documentation for the marriage date is found in the estate of her first husband, Thomas Howe, when she is called Elizabeth Sutton in 1809. The estate records for William, as will be seen later, appears to involve two different William Suttons. William Smithwick Sutton appears to have been in his majority in 1772 when his uncle, Luke Smithwick, paid him for a year rents unless it was done through a guardian which was not stated. It would be a little unusual for a man who was of age in 1772 not to have married until 1795

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FROM Joni Hudson
Pg 520: Howe, Mary, June 13, 1813; Nov. Term 1814. Grand-daughter Mary E C Howe (daughter of my son Thomas), Colin McKenzie (son of George), Eliza Sutton (wife of William), Wm. Sutton Exr.
Test, Luke Smithwick, Amelia Sutton.

EDENTON DISTRICT N. C. LOOSE ESTATE PAPERS – 1756 – 1806 by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr

A William Sutton in Bertie in 1798

350 – Capt Alexander Howe – 1763 – in 1815 William Sutton was guardian of Mary Howe daughter of Thomas Howe and also of Collin McKenzie son of Sarah McKenzie – Thomas Howe was a minor in 1792 – his wife Elizabeth later md William Sutton – additional records show that William Sutton d intestate in 1816 with John H. Bryan as his adm

RECORDS OF ESTATES OF BERTIE COUNTY – VOL 3 – 1788 – 1800 – by David Gammon

#228 – 1789 – John Howe estate – widow died testate with William Sutton her exec in 1814 but he died before the estate was settled – Mary Howe was widow of Alexander Howe – Alexander and Mary’s son Thomas died and his widow Elizabeth md William Sutton

THOMAS HOWE – 1808 – FROM NC ESTATE RECORDS

Elizabeth Howe also called Eliza was Adm – William Sutton appt guardian to orphan Mary Howe
1808 – Elizabeth Howe received a year's allotment – in 1809 she was Elizabeth Sutton – notes from Burns and Freemans
– William Sutton in right of wife Elizabeth received Negroes from estate of Thomas Howe

NC ESTATE RECORDS

WILLIAM SUTTON

NOTE: As already mentioned this folder contains the estate of this William Sutton and that of his father, John Sutton. The information on his father has been eliminated here and placed under his father. The file contains almost 900 pages many of which were receipts.

1816 – Elizabeth Sutton to court for Dower – widow of William Sutton - widow received 1/3 part of land where dec lived, Peter Rascoe's corner, Roanoke River, 692 acres except 20 or 25 acres where Mrs. Lovett now lives that she has a lifetime estate in – also 10 to 15 acres held by John Hyman, also the fishing landing ???, Joel Hymans which Sutton owned, also the warehouse and storehouse at the landing

NOTE: - There are no Lovett records NC Estate Records so we don't know of any relationship with Mrs. Lovett but there may have been one.

Another tract sd Sutton bought of James Moore of 200 acres

Another tract bought of Mrs. Elizabeth Madre ?? of 125 acres

Something about the wood island Fishing by the court

Estate Sale June 13 1816 and several other times in other years Joseph Bryan Adm – among others buying – Mrs. Sutton who bought most of it, Miss Eliza Sutton, Luke Ross, Malachi Weston, Nancy Freeman, a Pugh, Joseph Jordan, an Ashburn, James Moore, Roscoes, Smithwicks, Hardisons, Bryans – an additional estate sale in 1817 - John Bond, Eliza Sutton who was doing a lot of buying, Mrs. Sutton (not too often)

Notes belonging to Wm Sutton – right many – actually just about everyone in the area – he appears to have been a merchant – long list of Negroes

A sale from Sheriff of Martin Co for property belonging to Ebenezer Smithwick on 29 Aug 1812 – livestock, furniture, Negroes, etc – a lawsuit in Martin Co against Smithwick by Sutton which remained partly unpaid

Sept 1823 – Alfred M. Slade and Eliza his wife – she was the daughter of William Sutton – rest of children were John Sutton, William Sutton, & Sally Freeman Sutton – estate of about \$20,000 – a lot of Negroes who were handed over by Joseph Bryan Adm to Cullen Capehart who was the guardian of the children – been several years now and distribution has not been made – Capeheart willing to do so but wants order from court – at this time Sally F Sutton was dec by 1827 and Capehart has her administration – met in Cashie Neck to divide the estate –

William G. – Martha, Dole, Simon, Winny, Walden, Eaten, Jerry, Ben Hardison ??, Patty, Betty, June, Matilda, Alfred, Henry, Lewis,

Eliza – didn't write hers down

John – Elijah, Eady, Winnie, Mary, Nancy, Cesar, Nicy, Mary Eliza, Bob, Joe, Sam ?? Curry, Jack Collins, Lucy, Rachel, Ned

Sally F. also got her share although she was dec

Moses Gilliam then guardian to heirs but date given was 1818, then William H Green was guardian,

In 1819 – The Wood Island Fishery was sold – on 1 Jan 1824 the Negroes of William and Elizabeth Sutton were divided – a report made 4 Nov 1826

A dispute between William Sutton and John Harrison over the Wood Island Fishery ca 1812 – Harrison said it was time to deed over 1/3 of Fishery to his son John Harrison – Sutton said that Harrison owed him money – it appears that Harrison Sr died and his son had a guardian by Joel Moore ?? – Alexander Mebane got involved with this along with his wife and it went from 1/4 to 1/5 shares –

Sally Sutton died – the track on the Roanoke adj to Peter Roscoe was 2250 acres – Eliza wanted her 1/3 of the undivided land –

John E. Wood was Adm of Eliza Sutton – 1824 – Eliza MAY have been the guardian of Mary Howe

Some land was sold on the Roanoke and divided between William's heirs and a Kittrell

In 1823 the large track on the Roanoke was divided – 638 ¼ acres ?? on Charltons Creek for Lot 1 – which Eliza received – Lot #2 got 506 1/2 acres drawn by John A. Sutton – lot 3 – 963 1/3 acres – drawn by William who had a middle initial – can't read – G or maybe S - survey map on page 341 – 21 Dec 1823 – John and William still had guardians in 1827

Not sure of date but William Sutton was guardian of Mary Howe probably sometimes around 1814. In 1816 Bryan received money for hire of Negros and rent of land for Mary Howe. In 1817 E ??? Fleetwood was adm of Penelope How ??

Just before his death William Sutton was guardian to Jane Bently

June 1816 – Joseph Bryan paid the tax for Amelia Sutton

William Sutton may have owned a schooner "Eliza Ann"

Feb 1819 – a bill of receipt from Stanley Kittrell from Sutton heirs for his part of the Roanoke River land

This may be a repeat but Alfred and Eliza Slade again petitioned the court for division of the Negroes of William Sutton between Eliza, John and William Sutton and the estate of Sally F. Sutton by Cullen Capeheart the Adm of the estate – the date was 3rd Mon of March 1827 Which is about the last date I see in the file.

There are hundreds of receipts in this file for William before his death and the adm after his death. There are a number of lawsuits. These files were skimmed and may have missed important information. Best reread at the archives.

ELIZABETH SUTTON – 1819 – widow of William Sutton - NC ESTATE RECORDS

Buying from estate – Benjamin Smithwick, Benjamin Hardy, Rasors ??, Askews, Westons, John Wood, no Suttons – Cullen Capeheart was guardian and Adm, another day John Wood was guardian and Adm — large estate – Negros were sold – Simon, Andy, Gansey, Wilson, Tony, Beck, Mary ???, Harriett,

John E. Wood was guard of Mary Howe

Negroes - Polly and children, Clarsy and 3 children, several more – most hired out including one to Will Sutton

Appeared to have inherited – Sally (who was dec), John Sutton, Alexander W. Mebane and wife Mary, William Sutton, A. M. Slade and wife Eliza. William and John were infants and Cullen Capeheart was Elizabeth's admin - Elizabeth died sometimes in 1818 – **her children were inheriting except only John, Sally and Mary were listed as her children.**

26 March 1825 – received of John E. Wood Adm of Elizabeth Sutton \$246 in full of John Sutton's portion; \$246 due estate of Sally, refund to John Wood – signed by Cullen Capeheart; Alexander Mebane received \$246 in right of his wife Mary

NOTE: Elizabeth was the widow of William and died soon after he did. Mary and Alexander W. Mebane - she was Mary Elizabeth Collins Howe Mebane, the daughter of Elizabeth by her first marriage

ELIZA SUTTON

John Wood was adm 24 Sept 1824 – this would have been the widow of William although it was in a separate folder.

NOTE: Now we have a husband and wife both with estate records that name heirs and both the husband and wife have been married before this marriage. The problem is to try and sort the children according to parents. In order to do that we have to again turn to the estate records of Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton's brother, Dr. John Edwards Wood.

NC ESTATE RECORDS

ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD WOOD

1835 – Alexander W. Mebane, John A. Sutton and William Mooring were adm
Estate divided into 4 lots

Lot # 1 – William Mooring

Lot #2 – William Mebane

Lot # 3 to be divided between A. E. Mebane and John A. Sutton jointly

Lot #4 – Godmin (sic) C. Moore

In witness whereof we here unto set our hands and seal. This the 18th day of February 1835.

J V Reed, Willie J Gilliam, ? Roulhac

NOTE: William Mooring was Wood's half-brother;

William Mebane was the husband of Wood's sister, Mary Wood Mebane;

A W. Mebane was Alexander Wood Mebane whose wife, Mary Elizabeth. Collins Howe Mebane, was a daughter of Wood's sister, Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton who md 1st Thomas Howe and 2nd William Sutton, son of John Sutton;

John A. Sutton was a son of Wood's sister, Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton, and her husband William Sutton;

Dr. Goodwin Cotton Moore was the husband of Julia Wheeler the daughter of Wood's sister Sally Wood Wheeler. This complicated family is why we will post a little about some of the allied families.

William Sutton, had heirs John A. Sutton, William Sutton, Eliza Slade and Sally Freeman Sutton.

Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton had heirs John Sutton, William Sutton, Eliza Slade, Mary Mebane, and Sally Freeman Sutton (dec) but only Sally, Mary (who was by her first husband), and John were actually called her children.

Mary Elizabeth Collins Howe Mebane was the daughter of Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton and her first husband, Thomas Howe proven by the will of Mary's grandmother, Mary Howe. Mary appears to have been the only child of Thomas and Elizabeth Wood Howe. She married Alexander Wood Mebane and she shared a lot from the estate of Dr. John Edwards Wood with her half brother, John A. Sutton

Eliza Sutton Slade had to have been the child of William Sutton and his first wife, Sarah Warborton since she married in 1822. William and Elizabeth Wood Howe did not marry until 1809 which would have Eliza entirely too young to have married in 1822 if Elizabeth was her mother.

John A. Sutton would have been the son of William and Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton based on the fact that he was called a child of hers in her estate records. More importantly he was named as an heir in the estate records of his uncle Dr. John Edwards Wood sharing a lot with A. E. Mebane who was the husband of John's half sister, Mary Howe Mebane. That leaves two children, Sally Freeman Sutton and William G. or S. Sutton.

William G. or S. Sutton was not called a child of Elizabeth's in her estate records and he did not inherit from Dr. Wood; however, it appears he may have died about the time he reached his majority after 1827. If he was a child of William and Sarah Warborton Sutton he was probably born about the time of his mother's death. Because I did not see him called a child of Elizabeth he is being placed under Sarah but that could be wrong. I do not know what happened to William but there could be some record at the courthouse. It is also possible he died and his estate records are mixed in with the 900 page file for William Sutton.

Sally Freeman Sutton is the most confusing. She is noted as a child of William and Elizabeth and Elizabeth's mother was a Freeman. Also in Sally's estate records in 1821 it states she was a daughter of Elizabeth Sutton AND the widow of a Thomas Sutton. If William and Elizabeth were not married until 1809 and Sally was the eldest child she would have been only 12 when she died as a widow. Does not make rational sense to me and for that reason I am not placing a husband with her. It has been my experience there are often more than one estate records in the folders found on NC Estates. She didn't have issue.

To complicate things a little further, Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton's mother, Christian Freeman Wood, md 2nd William Mooring in 1798 and they had one child, William Mooring Jr. William Mooring Sr did not have a will but his widow, Christian (Kitty) Freeman Wood Mooring did and it was probated in 1816. She left everything to her son William

Mooring and her son John Edwards Wood and friend Baldy Ashburn were her executors. Baldy Ashburn was her son in law and I am not sure if they had issue. William Mooring Jr. had no children and had a strange will in 1862. He named no heirs but left his estate as the law dictated.

State of North Carolina, Bertie County.

In the name of God amen. I William Moring of the above state and County of Sound mind and memory do hereby make declare and publish this as my last will and Testament revoking all others.

First. I wish all my debts paid.

Secondly. With no feeling of unkindness toward Doctor Godwin C Moore or his wife I nevertheless hereby exclude them and each of them from taking any part of my estate real or personal. I hold a note of two or three hundred dollars against said Godwin C Moore which I do not wish collected amt. of him but give up to him and after this is done neither he nor his wife singly or together are to inherit or take any portion of my estate real or personal.

I would after this exclusion as before go in and give my whole estate specifically and by description to certain other relatives of mine but it is too tedious and irksome to me. I therefore wish and hereby direct that my whole estate real personal and mixed shall go descend and be divided according to the law of North Carolina on the subject of descent and distribution to and among them my relatives just as the said estate would go were I to die intestate without any relationship or connection with said Godwin C Moore or his wife.

In testimony of the foregoing I have hereto set my hand and seal This 14 day of March 1856. William Moring seal
Signed sealed declared & published in presence of us who attest this paper in the presence of the testator at his request—P
H Winston, Jas. Hunter, Wm A Ferguson.

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John H Mebane.; William G. Mebane, Sr; and Green D. Jordan and his wife Eliza., - all of Fayette Co, Tn and Mary F. Bond of the State of Arkansas, 20 Mar 1866, appoint William A Mebane of Bertie Co, NC their attorney to sell a tract of swamp land (1,037 acres in all) in Martin Co., NC which descended to them from William Moring, deceased, in common with others, or was bequeathed by the last will and testament of said Moring, their interest being 4/5 of their 1/2 of the said land, which consisted of the lower Dunstan Patent, the Spruill & Morse Tract, the Peter Roscoe Patent #1 and #2 and the William Jordan Patent.

NOTE: John H. Mebane, William G. Mebane, Eliza Mebane Jordan, and Mary F. Mebane Bond were the children of Mary Elizabeth Collins Howe and her husband, Dr. Alexander Wood Mebane. William Moring was the half uncle of the Mebane children. Dr. Goodwin Cotton Moore md Julia Monroe Wheeler the daughter of Sarah Ford Wood and her husband John Wheeler. Sarah Ford Wood Wheeler was a half sister to William Moring. There should be additional deeds from the Moring estate. This POA is part of the proof of the intermarriages between the Freeman, Wood, Mebane and Sutton families. This information came from Sally's Place.

Mary Elizabeth Collins Howe was the daughter of Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton. More than likely the descendants of Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton's son, John A. Sutton also inherited but that would take a lot of research in the courthouse. John A. Sutton named a son, William Mooring Sutton.

SARAH WARBORTON was born circa 1775 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died before 1809 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Children of **William⁴ Sutton** and **Sarah Warborton** both born in Bertie County, North Carolina, were as follows:

- i. **ELIZA⁵ SUTTON** was born circa 1803. She married **Alfred M. Slade** on 29 Jan 1822 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Eliza Sutton Slade had to have been the child of William Sutton and his first wife, Sarah, Warborton since she married in 1822. William and Elizabeth Wood Howe did not marry until 1809 which would have Eliza entirely too young to have married in 1822 if Elizabeth was her mother.

- ii. **WILLIAM G. OR S. SUTTON** was born circa 1806. He died after 1827.

William G. or S. Sutton was not called a child of Elizabeth's in her estate records and he did not inherit from Dr. Wood; however, it appears he may have died about the time he reached his majority after 1827. If he was a child of William and Sarah Warborton Sutton he was probably born about the time of his mother's death. Because I did not see him called a child of Elizabeth he is being placed under Sarah but that could be wrong. I do not know what happened to William but there could be some record at the courthouse. It is also possible he died and his estate records are mixed in with the 900 page file for William Sutton.

ELIZABETH WOOD was born circa 1781. She married **Thomas Howe**, son of **Alexander Howe** and **Mary Unknown**, on 27 Sep 1804. She died circa 1818 in Bertie County, North Carolina. (an unknown value).

Children of **William⁴ Sutton** and **Elizabeth Wood** both born in Bertie County, North Carolina, were as follows:

- i. **SALLY FREEMAN⁵ SUTTON** was born circa 1810. She died BY 12 Nov 1821 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

Sally Freeman Sutton is the most confusing. She is noted as a child of William and Elizabeth and Elizabeth's mother was a Freeman. Also in Sally's estate records in 1821 it states she was a daughter of Elizabeth Sutton AND the widow of a Thomas Sutton. If William and Elizabeth were not married until 1809 and Sally was the eldest child she would have been only 12 when she died as a widow. Does not make rational sense to me and for that reason I am not placing a husband with her. It has been my experience there are often more than one estate records in the folders found on NC Estates. She didn't have issue.

NC ESTATE RECORDS

Sally Freeman Sutton

Inventory taken 12 Nov 1821 by Cullen Capehart – she was entitled to ¼ of William's estate (she was his daughter) - her mother was Elizabeth Wood Howe Sutton and Sally was entitled to ¼ of her estate - Jno and William Sutton and A. M. Slade and wife inherited – Mebane and wife sued Capehart saying that they were entitle to part of the estate and Sally had been dead for 2 years and they had gotten nothing so far – Mary Howe was also the daughter of Elizabeth Sutton by her first marriage – a number of Negroes – drawing lots were Mary Howe, John and William Sutton, and Alfred Slade and wife – a tract of 70 acres adj William Walford, Ralph Outlaw, John Mitchell being lands being held by Thomas Sutton in right of his wife Sally Sutton commonly called the Blake Baker Tract – her siblings are her only heirs – William's middle initial was G (no initial for John) – Eliza Sutton was dec and the estate was 1/3 to Mebane and wife, Cullen Capehart for John and William Sutton and 1/3 to Capehart for Sally Sutton

NOTE: According to this estate Mary Freeman Sutton was md to a Thomas Sutton who must have died before she did and they had no children. As to whom that Thomas Sutton might have been we have no idea and again she simply did not appear to be old enough to have been married.

- ii. **JOHN A. SUTTON** was born circa 1812. He married **Esther Bond**, daughter of **Lewis Bond**. He died BY 13 Nov 1845 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

NC ESTATE RECORDS

John A. Sutton

George Wynn and William Purdue special Adm 13 Nov 1845 – very short file – John's land – 200 acres in Church Fishery to be sold – that was his 1/8 share – only information – no widow or children – this does not go with what he inherited from his father of 506 ½ acres unless he sold some of it

NOTE: It appears the 1/8 share was referring to the estate of Dr. John Edwards Wood and not John A.'s father, William Sutton. It would take additional work at the courthouse to determine what happened to the land John A. inherited from his parents.

John married Esther Bond daughter of Lewis Bond. She was born 28 Oct 1819. They had two sons, William Moring Sutton and Lewis Bond Sutton. Both served in the Civil War and are buried side by side in the cemetery at the Baptist Church in Windsor.

ESTHER BOND was born on 28 Oct 1819 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

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