

NOTES ON THE EARLY FAMILIES OF LIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND ILLINOIS

Compiled from the genealogical records of the Reverend Deyard C. Williams, a retired Methodist minister, now living in Mt. Carmel, Ill. He is a past President of the Montgomery County Historical and Genealogical Society of Hillsboro, Ill.

His research dates back over the past fifty-five years and concerns many families with early ties to North Carolina and some of the thirteen original states. Much of his research has been published in three genealogies dealing with the Blackwelder families and allied families. The second book is so named--Blackwelder and Allied Families, published in 1965, and in the eyes of many people, this is a fabulously rich book in content and careful research.

Several months ago Mr. Williams sent me many of his notes thinking they would be of help in my research, as indeed they are, but on reading his notes it was evident that much of the data has not been published so he gave his gracious consent for me to condense his findings and to place this data in any libraries of my choice. His hope is that his research will help some one else who may need the facts he has uncovered. We are indebted to the generosity of this kind and gentle man.

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The Godfrey Lipe family is of German origin and the name was originally spelled Leib. Just when this particular family arrived in America has not been ascertained. From Pennsylvania German Pioneers by Strassburger and Hinke, Vol. I, pp. 8 and 10, is found Johannes Leib who landed at Philadelphia on 18 September 1727 on the ship, William and Sarah. Also, in Vol. I, p. 498 is listed a Johannes Leip who arrived 20 October 1752 on the ship, Duke of Wirtenburg. Then, in Pennsylvania on 23 March 1775, a John Leib married Mary Cyphert. This latter name is a common Cabarrus County, N.C. name but is now spelled in several different ways: Sifford, Sieford, Siefert, etc. Whether any of these men have any connection with the North Carolina Lipe family has not yet been proven.

They have certainly been here since pre-Revolutionary days. Several members served in that war and those who settled in Illinois stem from the North Carolina families – at least, those whose history in Illinois dates back to the first part of the last century. In the Union County, Illinois census of 1820, is found Henry Lipe and the Revolutionary War soldier, Leonard Lipe who came early to Illinois and received Bounty land.

Note: The outline is the numerical one used by the Rev. D.C. Williams.

1. Godfrey Lipe on June 25, 1764 received a grant of 136 acres on Dutch Buffalo Creek, on the same day and in the same section of Mecklenburg County, N.C. that many other German settlers received land grants. In the 1790 census for North Carolina, this man is called Godfryt Lype, Sr. and he was living alone. In this same census are listed: Godfrey, Jr. whose household consisted of himself, a female (Likely his wife), and a male under 16 years; Jonas Lype (Lipe), who had in his family – himself and five females; and Leonard Lippe (Lipe) who had in his household – himself, one male under 16 years, and two females.

In January 1768, Godfrey and Barbara Lipe sold 136 acres to Leonard Starnes. This land was on Dutch Buffalo Creek and Rocky River – recorded in

Mecklenburg County, N.C. Deed B.3, p.29. This tells us that his wife's name was Barbara but we do not know her maiden name, and since it seems that in 1790 Godfrey was living alone, we can assume that Barbara died between 1768 and 1790.

Research has given us the names of five sons but there may have been other children.

2. Jonas Lipe
 3. Leonard Lipe
 4. John Godfrey Lipe, Jr.
 5. John Lipe
 6. Jacob Lipe
2. Jonas Lipe son of #1, b. ca. 1759/60. as per his Revolutionary War Pension record. d. in Iredell County, N.C. 6-10-1843, according to his widow's statement in her application for a widow's pension.

Jonas married twice. His first wife was most likely Christina Misenheimer as Misenheimer records indicate but this is not proven by document. She died before October 1801 because on 27 October 1801 he married as his second wife, Ann Christina Huber (Hoover). This ceremony was performed by Peter Cauble, J. P., in Rowan County, N.C.

In his deposition for a Revolutionary pension filed 1832, he stated his age as 73 years, said that he volunteered for military service in the militia while living in Mecklenburg County, N.C. and served under Capt. Osborn, Maj. Harris, Lt. Patterson, and Ensign Joseph Shinn. His company was called "The Charlotte Company". They marched to Charleston, S.C. He volunteered again for three months in 1781 in Mecklenburg County and served under Gen Rutherford, Col. Calab Phifer, Maj. James White and Lt. Quilman. On June 10, 1833, in Rowan County, he said he was born 1760.

On 2-23-1853, Ann Christine Leib, age 77, appeared before a J. P. in Iredell County, N.C. and stated that she was the widow of Jonas Leib, who at the time of his being placed on the Pension Roll, was living in Rowan

County, N.C. On 4-9-1855 in Iredell County, N.C. Christine Leib, age 80, widow of Jonas Leib, stated that Jonas Leib was placed on the Pension Roll at \$20.00 per annum for life. She said that they were married by Justice of the Peace, Peter Cauble, that her maiden name was Huber (Hoover) and that Jonas died at his home in Iredell County, N.C. 6-10-1843. In a further statement, 12-13-1859, she said that she had resided in Iredell County, N.C. for the past twenty years.

On 3-31-1853 in Rowan County, N.C., Abraham Lipe said that he was the son of Jonas Leib, late of Iredell County, N.C., that his father was of German extraction and the name, though pronounced Lipe, was, in German language spelled LEIB; that his brothers and sisters, when at school used the German spelling, but not until they grew up and left their father, that the LIPE spelling was adopted by them.

There must have been several more than the four children, who names have been found, and are:

Rachel b.ca.1786, d. 3-12-1848, m. (1)John Bost (2)Peter Rouch (Rowe).

Esther m. her cousin, Jonas Lipe - son of John Lipe.

Abraham b. 1-2-1799, bapt. 10-27-1799, d. 11-29-1887, buried Prospect Church.

Jonas, m. 8-26-1826 in Rowan Co. N.C. Polly Downs.

3. Leonard Lipe son of #1, b. 4-5-1763, served in the Revolutionary War according to his pension application - File S-32381 - in National Archives. He said he was born in Lincoln County, N.C. [But this county was not erected until 1779, so he may have been born near where the established line of Lincoln County was. M.P.W.] and was living in Mecklenburg County, N.C. when he entered the service for ten months in 1781 as a private in the N.C. troops under Capt. Samuel Martin and Col. Wm. Polk and was at the battle of Eutaw Springs. He was pensioned, certificate #25,798 and was paid through the Illinois agency.

He married Barbara Wentz, b. 1767. They migrated to Union County, Illinois in the general exodus from Cabarrus and Rowan Counties, N.C. about 1818-1819 but were living in Jackson County, Illinois in 1820. Barbara died in Perry County, Illinois and so did Leonard. His death date is 1849. He was listed in the Perry County, Illinois census 1840 as 77 years old. There have been found several land records for Leonard: 50 acres 11-17-1790 B.14 p. 202; and 47 acres 12-20-1791 B.14 p. 203 both these in Mecklenburg County, N.C.; on 12-28-1819 and 8-24-1821 he entered land in Jackson County, Illinois.

For more data on the Leonard Lipe family and descendants, see the first two Blackwelder genealogies by the Rev. D.C. Williams.

4. John Godfrey Lipe son of #1, b. 1759 Anson County, N.C. (Mecklenburg County was created from part of Anson County in 1762 – and Cabarrus County was cut off of Mecklenburg County in 1792.) m. Barbara House, b. 2-11-1768, daughter of Mark and Ann Maria “Mary” (Bost) House. John Godfrey was a soldier in the American Revolution. He was a noted grower of grain in Cabarrus County and a lover of fine horses. He and Barbara are listed as members of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Cabarrus County on the 1838 roll. His will dated 3-1-1843 is recorded in Cabarrus County, N.C. Book W-1, p.164.

His children were:

John Godfrey, Jr. b. 1789, m. Rachel Blackwelder

Henry m. 1-1-1818 Leah Blackwelder

Rachel b. 1791, m. 1-5-1811 Daniel Dry

Sarah “Sally” m. 3-16-1822 Jerry Blackwelder

Moses b: 1802 m. 2-22-1806 _____ Blackwelder

Catherine b. 7-16-1807, d. 4-27-1863, m. 5-18-25 Reuben Blackwelder

Daniel m. Matilda _____

Julia m. _____ Harkey

Margaret m. John Bowers

More on this family can be found in Blackwelder and Allied Families, 1965, by Rev D.C. Williams.

5. John Lipe son of #1, was born in N.C. – likely Mecklenburg County. He married Elizabeth _____, and it is thought Elizabeth was a sister of Catherine (House) Friesland but this requires more research. They migrated to Illinois, settling in Jackson County. He entered land in Jackson County 10-14-1818. Children – Lipe:

Jonas b. 6-9-1790, m. 8-4-1809 Esther Lipe, daughter of his uncle Jonas.

John W. b. 5-2-1798, bapt. St. John's Lutheran Church Cabarrus County, N.C. 7-29-1799, m. Nancy Ann Hagler.

George b. ___ d. 1-26-1849, m. 10-22-1808 Sarah Misenheimer.

Elizabeth b. 1-21-1806, d. 11-4-1884, m. John Jacob Quilman, b. 9-22-1769.

6. Jacob Lipe son of #1, m. 4-4-1794 in Rowan County, N.C. Mary Quilman, daughter of Peter Quilman, Sr. There are two known children:

Magdalena, b. 12-23-1797, Bapt. 9-8-1798 St. John's Lu. Ch., Cabarrus County, N.C. Sponsors: Peter and Barbara (Misenheimer) Quilman.

Levi, b. 2-3-1809, d. 3-8-1856 Perry County, Illinois, m. Sarah House b. N.C. 1810. Sarah m. on 1-3-1859, as her second husband, Abraham Fry. Levi and Sarah Lipe migrated to Illinois and had eight children, as proven by their wills. Levi Lipe's will: Box 525 #2242 and Sarah's will: Box 727 #2262. Perry County, Illinois.

There are voluminous notes on this family in the Rev D.C. Williams papers but most of the later generations can be found in his books and the earlier data is much harder to come by, and some is not in print, thus it is hoped these bits of information will speed someone on his/her adventure in the popular avocation of Ancestor Hunting.

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