

## THE REDD FAMILY OF ONslow COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The State Historical Commission at Raleigh, North Carolina, has issued a certificate to a descendant of Whitaker Redd stating that he, Whitaker Redd, was in service in the Revolutionary War, and that William Redd was also a soldier. William was Whitaker Redd's son and he had two sons, Sigle and Kincy.

Legend has it that two Redd brothers came from Scotland and one settled in Virginia and the other in North Carolina.

It is said that the first court house in Onslow County was located on the sea coast and that it was washed away by a tidal wave in 1852. It is possible that it may have been earlier than that as a terrible storm swept the coast about 1820 or 30. Anyway nearly all the records were lost. Some people brought their own documents back later to have them recorded but a lot of information never did come back.

William Redd had two brothers, Henry and Whitaker Jr. The father, Whitaker Sr., died in 1786 or 1789. William was born about 1763 and died since 1831. One legend has it that he came from Scotland but that probably is incorrect. There is no record of what became of Henry, but Whitaker Jr. probably went to Wilmington, North Carolina, as a good many of his descendants still live there, though two, John Hardison Redd and sister, Mary Redd Holt, went first to Tennessee and then on to Utah. Some of their descendants live in Brigham City, Utah.

William Redd, evidently was the only Redd that remained in Onslow County, N.C. He married Celah (pronounced Kala, said to be Indian with no last name) and she had two sons, Sigle and Kincy. Sigle was born Dec. 6, 1785, at Stump Sound, Onslow Co., and died June 11, 1867. Kincy was born about 1787 and died since 1849.

William later married Margaret Everett and she had three daughters and one son: Nellie Russell; Mary (called Polly); Sarah (called Sally); and William Jr. William next married Sarah Barlow and she had William B., born May 15, 1811, died about 1854; and James B., born about 1814 and died about the first of June, 1844.

Sigle married Lennie Fields and she had one daughter, Sarah Jane, who married Seth King. To them were born; Mary who married Thomas Hinen (Hines); Lemuel Fields who married Mary Atkinson; Oliver, John, Nick, Joseph, Dimmie and one called "Puss" who married and went to New York.

After her death he married Susan Annie Anders (or Andrews) and to her were born Marquis LaFayette, born Nov. 15, 1836, died March 13, 1876 (married Emily Amy Sidbury, one daughter Susan Rebecca Redd who married Hill E. King); Basil, born May 20, 1827, died October 30, 1848 (went to Utah and married there); Elda S. born Sept. 22, 1830, died about

1899 (married William Batson first, and Hill Williams, second); Susan Ann, born April 13, 1833, died about 1895 (married Hill Nixon); Sigle Jr., born April 10, 1836, died March 30, 1883 (married Camilla Norton); Alonso born June 9, 1842, died about 1910 (married Lydia Aman Henderson); Francis Marion born March 4, 1844, died March 20, 1907 (married Isabell Jane Justice); and Henrietta (married John Bishop).

The home of Sigle Redd Sr., was built on a high ridge overlooking the sparkling waters of Stump Sound and the blue expanse of the Atlantic Ocean, and here he reared his family. It must have been a jolly family for even in their old age they retained a lot of humor and love of fun. They were all good citizens and esteemed far and near. They were noted for their jet black hair and black eyes. Susan said she never took more trouble to her heart than she could kick off with her heels. Francis Marion was wounded in the Civil War. Marquis was sheriff of Onslow Co., and also a Captain of a company he recruited for service in the Confederate Army.

The mists of time have obscured much of the history of the Redds who first came to Eastern North Carolina. However, the first authentic facts are those taken from the files of the State Historical Commission at Raleigh, N.C. as stated above.

Another story says the two brothers came from Virginia. This is perhaps true as there is in existence an old chest that the children of Sigle Redd claimed came from Virginia with the first Redds. All that is known definitely now is that Sigle Redd acquired land bordering on Stump Sound in Onslow County and built a home there. The home is still in use.

Amos Aaron chose to live in Wilmington. They probably came from Virginia as there are numerous Redds living in Richmond, Va., and the writer knows of no Redds in North Carolina except descendants of these two.