

## Samuel Little and Related Families

Samuel Little (1803-1874) and his descendants married into families that had lived in Pitt County for many years. Some land tracts that are not owned by family members can be traced to land that belonged at one time to either the Harris, Chance or Gainer families.

Rebecca Harris (1800-1871), wife of Samuel Little, was of the Harris (Harriss) family that came into Beaufort, later Pitt County from Charles City County and Henrico County, Virginia early in 1700. There are records of a Timothy Harris (d1743 Beaufort County) in Bath Precinct, and Harris records are found in many surrounding counties.

Rebecca was the daughter of Ichabod Harris (c1770-1848) m Sara (?) Nobles (c1770-1859). Ichabod and Sarah Harris had only one other child, a daughter Arcudia (Arcady) who married Daniel Ward.

Major Harris (c1725-c1802) m Ann ?, was the father of Icabod and had at least three other sons; William, Major (Jr.) and John. Major (Jr.) (c1765-1835) had a daughter Rachel (1800-1875) m Joseph J. Harris (1794-1878) who was the son of Jacob (1767-1834).

William Harris (c1705-1783), referred to as "the elder" in many deeds of Pitt County, m Rebecca ? and they had at least two other sons and three daughters. Major Harris (c1725-c1802) was the oldest of the six children, and the others were Hood, Amy m ? Henry Barnhill, Elazibeth m 1<sup>st</sup> ? William Norcet and m 2<sup>nd</sup> a Hagen, Sarah (1732-1818) m John Mooring (Sr.) (c1728-1800) and William m Elizabeth ?, and had son Jacob. (1767-1834) m Melvina Hartville.

Timothy Harris (1676 VA-1743 Beaufort Co.) was the father of William m Rebecca ? James m Susannah ? and ?Major, who died before 1763 and had at least one son, William. In the 1755 Beaufort County Tax List there were William, Major, William Jr., George, Richard, Edward, Timothy, John and Jacob.

Sarah ? Nobles m Icabod Harris is through to be the daughter of Nathaniel Nobles, for at her death she willed Nobles land to her daughters.

Delsora Elizabeth Gainer (1849-c1873) m Harriett Chance (1818-c1893). Harriett was the daughter of Thomas Chance (b1777), whose lands joined the lands of Joseph Gainer and Samuel Little.

The Joseph Gainer home was just across the lane from the Little homeplace near Flat Swamp and the Martin County line. Joseph and Harriett Gainer were the parents of Della m Ichabod Little, William Thomas (b1874), Joseph Henry (b1846), Samuel Albert (b1847) m Delia Andrews, George W. (b1851) m Dicey Turnage, Mary Frances Susan Rebecca (b1853) m John Fleming (1850-1893), Allie (b1861) m George W. Blount, Robert Fernanda (b1862) m Mary McDonald Peal.

Joseph Gainer (b1818) was the son of Joseph Gainer, Jr. (bc1776) m Eliaabeth McKeel (bc1770), daughter of Edmond McKeel m Rebecca. Joseph Jr. and Elizabeth had sons Joseph (b1818) William R., Warren D., and daughters Barsheba m Wherry Latham, Mary m Bert ? Ernul, Rebecca m Noah Wallace Guilford, Susan m Ransom Chauarcy and Sarah Ann m Warren Dawson Andrews.

Joseph Gainer, Jr. (bc1776) was the son of Joseph Gainer (c1730-1839) m Warren Daniels Andrews, Hannah m William Clements, Penny m William Lenier, Charlotte m Johathan Carroway, Isabella m Wallace Andres, Drupina (b1781) m Arden Andrews and a daughter ? m David Carroway.

The Gainer family is believed to be descended from a Samuel Gainer m Elizabeth Eldridge who left an estate in 1696 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. The first of the family dealt with in this history is Samuel Gainer (d1751 Tyrrell Co.) m Ann ?. Their children were Joseph (c1730-dc1793) m Susannah ?, Samuel (d1763), James (d1786) m Mary, William, Thomas, Arthur m 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Butler, m 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth, Benjamin (c1771) m Sarah, Mary m Thomas Whitley, Elizabeth m \_\_\_ Griffin and Sarah.

Azella Mayo (1875-1916) m William Joseph Little was the daughter of John Mayo (1848-1926) m Sallie Louisa Cherry (1854-1947). Other children were: Lizzie Elnora m James Samuel Mooring, Exam Lafayette m Mattie Grimes, Blanche m Fred J. Forbes and John Jr. m Iren Sinclair.

John Mayo was the son of Reuben Mayo 1806-1877) m Lucinda Best (1812-1874). Other children were; Frederick, William A., Martha A. m Burton H. Taylor, Thomas L. m Sue Page, Lydia nmn, Frances m \_\_\_Andrews, Elizabeth m John Whichard, Sallie Lucinda m Edward A. Cherry and Hardy m Acca Warren.

Sallie Louisa Cherry was the daughter of Marcus Cicero Stephen Cherry (1829-1895) m Arcena Best (1829-1897). Other children were: Alfonso m Pattie Knight, William Rodney m Betty Moore, Edward Augustus m Sallie Lucinda Mayo, Theron Thadus Theodore m Carrie Whitehead, James Columbus m Mary Whitehead, Ida Irene m Jesse Thomas, Arcena Virginia m Little Berry Thigpen III, and Marcus C. S. Jr. m Amanda ? Lambert Bird.

John and Sallie Mayo lived north of Bethel, in the Mayo's Cross Roads section, on land that adjoined Sallie's family. Both the Mayo and the Cherry families have lived in Pitt, Beaufort and Edgecombe counties since early in 1700.

Sources: Family records, court records

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