

Biographical Notes and Lineage for Winchester/Presley/Keziah/Rowe Family

Winchester Line

Following are several lines of the Winchester connections to various other families. More information on the Winchester lines will continue to be added as researched and submitted.

Winchester/Hastings

CHAPTER V

EDMUND WINCHESTER.

(*Gen. V*) EDMUND WINCHESTER⁵ (*John¹, John², Stephen³, Stephen⁴*), born in Newton, Mass., March 24, 1772, son of Stephen Winchester, Jr., and his second wife HANNAH ASPINWALL, the widow of Caleb Aspinwall, and daughter of Samuel and Hepsibah (Dana) Hastings of Newton, was the great-grandson of John Winchester, the first Representative from Brookline in the Colonial Assembly of Massachusetts from 1706 to 1710 inclusive; he was also a descendant of the Gullivers of Milton, his grandmother Winchester being Hannah, daughter of Capt. Jonathan Gulliver by his first wife, Mary Robinson, daughter of Mr. Samuel Robinson of Dorchester, Mass. (Town Clerk of Milton, Mass., in Nov., 1894; also N. E. Register for 1882, p. 19.)

Between 1704 and 1729, Capt. Jonathan Gulliver was Selectman, Town Treasurer and Moderator for many years, also Representative to the General Court in 1727, 1734 and 1737.

On the maternal side, Mr. Winchester was a grandson of Samuel and Hepsibah (Dana) Hastings, consequently a lineal descendant of John Hastings, who removed to Cambridge in 1654, and of Richard Dana, who settled there in 1640, the great-grandson of Daniel Dana and Naomi Croswell, making him a descendant in the fifth generation of John Upham of Weymouth, through his great-great-grandmother, Priscilla Upham.

Sprung thus from a sturdy race of men, the pioneers of the new world, Edmund Winchester seemed to have inherited many of their fine moral traits, their courage, strength of character and energy of purpose. He was a man of liberal views and great natural talent.

he assumed the rectorship of Christ Church, Nashville, Tenn., of which he is now in charge. In 1893, the honorary degree of D. D. was conferred upon Mr. Winchester by the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

The Winchester family came from England, and settled in Queen Anne's county, Md., about 1649, receiving a grant of land from Lord Baltimore, which remained in the family until sold, in 1845, by Jacob Winchester, who, as eldest son of the eldest son, inherited it. The Ridout family, into which they married, were of French Huguenot descent; John, the first of the name in America, was the private secretary of Governor Sharpe, and later adopted by him; he married a daughter of Governor Ogle, who, family tradition states, was at one time engaged to Governor Sharpe, but he resigned his claims in favor of his adopted son, and blessed their union by leaving them his estates.

V, CHARLES HENRY⁷. See 91.

THE PAGE FAMILY.

“Here lieth in hope of a Joyfull Resurrection the Body of Colonel John Page, of Bruton Parish Esquire. One of their Majesties Council in the Dominion of Virginia, who departed this life the 23 of January, in the year of our

Lord, 1691-2, aged 65.” Such is the inscription on the tombstone of the progenitor of this justly famous Virginia family. He is said to have arrived in Virginia about 1650, being then 23 years old; he married Alice Luckin, and left two sons, Francis and Matthew. The eldest son married Mary, daughter of Edward Digges, of Hampton Parish, and had only one child, a daughter Elizabeth, who married a “John Page, of York county, Gent.,” of whom nothing is known. Matthew, the second son, was born at Williamsburg, in 1659, and died the 9th of January, 1703; he is described on his tombstone as “One of Her Majesties most



Honourable Councill of the Parish of Abingdon in the County of Gloucester in the Collony of Virginia,” etc. He married (about 1689) Mary, the only child of John and Mary Mann, of “Timberneck,” Gloucester, and settled (about 1700) at “Rosewell,” on Carter's Creek, also in Gloucester, which place has ever since been famous as the old homestead of the Pages. This couple left only one surviving child, a son, Mann Page, who died the

CHILDREN OF JACOB AND MARY (RIDOUT) WINCHESTER.

1. ANN WEEMS WINCHESTER, married Samuel Ridout, M.D., of Annapolis. Both died in 1904.
2. PRUDENCE WINCHESTER, married Franklin Anderson Ridout of Roanoke, Va.
3. ISAAC WINCHESTER, born 1837; died 1860.
4. HORACE RIDOUT WINCHESTER, married Josephine Beeman of Hartford County, Md., at Annapolis, Md.
5. JOHN WINCHESTER, married; died leaving two children.
6. CARRIE C. WINCHESTER, married Dr. Samuel Grosvenor Thompson of Kent Island. They live near Lewisburg, Va.
7. SAMUEL WINCHESTER, died aged 13.
8. FRANK WINCHESTER, died in infancy.
9. JACOB WINCHESTER, died aged 27; married Rose Bodwen of Anne Arundel County, Md.
10. DR. WEEMS RIDOUT WINCHESTER, practicing medicine at Macon, Ga.; married Sallie P. Harrison of Lewisburg, Va.
11. FRANCIS OGLE WINCHESTER, died aged 44 years; married Ella Kent of Annapolis, Md.
12. JAMES RIDOUT WINCHESTER, Episcopal Clergyman at St. Louis, Mo.; married Eliza Atkinson.
13. THOMAS CHASE WINCHESTER, married Miss Thompson, Annapolis, Md.
14. ELEANOR RIDOUT WINCHESTER, died in infancy.

LINEAGE OF REV. JAMES RIDOUT WINCHESTER,
HIS CHILDREN AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

REV. JAMES R. WINCHESTER, son of Jacob and Mary (Ridout) Winchester. Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Cates and Goodfellow avenues, St. Louis, Mo. (From Church Almanac for 1902.) He married ELIZA ATKINSON, daughter of Col. Richard Henry Lee and Evelyn Byrd Page. (See Lees of Virginia.) Married probably as early as 1878.

Mr. Winchester says: "My family is confined to Maryland, Kent Island, Maryland, having been their home for over one hundred years. My father, Jacob Winchester, sold there about 1850 and moved to the western shore. The Family Bible became mutilated and records are gone, excepting the following, found elsewhere."

CASIAH/KEZIAH/PRESLEY/WINCHESTER/ROWE

Elvis' 5th grandfather, John Presley, was married to a Casiah. That would make Elvis Presley directly descended from the Tuscarora bloodline, and from one of the tribal heads, Chief Nicholas Cashie/Casiah. A "Chief Cashie" was documented as one of 7 chiefs who signed the Treaty of 1831, giving away most of the Indian lands in Bertie County, NC. Chief Casiah and members of the Deer Clan, along with others of the Bear Clan, stayed behind to protect what was left of their native lands, while some of the Casiah people left for New York where there is record of a Chief William Casiah at the Tuscarora Reservation near Niagara. There is record of a William Casiah in 1830 in NC.

By as early as 1771, pre-Revolutionary War, the brothers, Thomas and Andrew, Jr., along with Andrew Presley, Sr. had been documented in Kershaw County, SC, and the brothers Thomas, Andrew, Jr. and John as well in Anson, Buncombe, Rutherford, Rowan Counties in NC. Interestingly, the Preslar/Presley name has had a history of being misspelled, sometimes as much as three different spellings to one document. We have seen Presler/ Presley/ Pressley / Preslie/ Prestly/Priestley on various deeds and census records.

We have Andrew Presley, Jr. in Buncombe County, NC, in 1790, and also in Buncombe County is Sandifer Casiah and his family. Ten years later we have Andrew Prestley in Lancaster County, SC, formed of part of Kershaw County with neighbor, Dunnan Coshilaw, which is proven to be the misspelling of Dunning Casiah, according to the Casiah family records. We have on the 1800 census of Kershaw County, Anthony, Charles, and John Presley, these same Presleys mentioned along with Andrew on the 1810 Buncombe County, NC census. Charles Presley was married to Polly Keziah, the daughter of Dunning Casiah. There is an existing marriage record for Charles Priestley and Mary "Polly" Keziah in Rowan County, NC, in 1783, under which are the comments: "son of Andrew Presley, a blacksmith, from Cecile County, MD.") John Presley, brother of Charles and son of Andrew, Jr. was to become the father of Dunnan John Presley. It is quite apparent that the name "Dunnan" was actually to be "Dunning," that the child would have been named for Dunning Casiah, his grandfather. A Tuscarora trait is to name a son for the mother's father, his grandfather. Dunnan John Presley was born in Lancaster County, SC, in 1780. With "Dunning" Presley having been named for Dunning Casiah, presumeably his mother's father, we can ultimately be confident in the fact that John Presley, like his brother, Charles, had married a Casiah/Keziah. John has been documented as "married to ? Casiah..."

Dunning Casiah and his brother, Sandifer, served in the NC militia along with William

Winchester and his father, Thomas, under Captain Polk. It was William Winchester who would marry Sarah Keziah, a sister of Dunning and Sandifer.

So how do we know that these NC Casiahs were Tuscarora? The following documentation was found in colonial abstracts on Sandifer Casiah:

SANDIFER CASIAH, a Tuscarora Indian Scout Rev. War born 1737 Bertie Co, NC d 1829 poss McMinn Co, TN. SANDIFER enumerated in Buncombe Co, NC.

Nine children given:

1. JOHN CASIAH, b. 1755 NO FURTHER INFORMATION this submitter.
2. Federic Casiah 1755-17760
3. Nancy b abt 1762,
4. Nicholas b abt 1764,
5. William b 1767 Mecklenburg Co, NC,
6. Richard b abt 1770,
7. Lodwick b 1773 Mecklenburg Co, NC,
- 8.+James b abt 1779 Pulaski Co, KY d Pike Co, AR,
- 9.+Samuel b 1785 Rutherford Co, NC d 1838 Clay Co, IN

It seems that the behavioral pattern for the Presley men during the pre-Revolutionary War, Rev. War, and post-Rev. War period was the continuous movement between NC and SC, and even TN. Andrew left NC for SC, as did his sons, and Thomas Presley's family moved to Chester County, directly adjacent to Kershaw County. The brothers seem to have stayed nearby but always one county apart. When Thomas and John were in Anson County, NC, Andrew, Jr. was in Buncombe and then Rowan. John Presley, son of Andrew, Jr. stated in his Revolutionary War pension that he did move between N. Car. And TN to be with family, from whom, it is told, he was largely estranged after a time.

By July of 1808, Thomas Presley is gone and his widow and some of his married children have relocated permanently to Chester County, SC. Dunnan Presley, Sr. is married in 1808 to his 2nd wife, Catherine in Lancaster, S.C. After 1810, we have Dunnan Presley, Sr., listed alone in Buncombe County, NC. In 1820, he is shown with Andrew, Anthony, John, David, and Rachel. Dunnan Presley, Sr. does not stay in either NC or SC as in 1827, his son, Dunnan, Jr. is born in Monroe County, TN. In the 1850 Polk County, TN, census, DUNING PRESLEY is living beside a brother, John.

Following is the Casiah genealogy of this branch showing the cousin connections of the aforementioned families excluding the "once removed" connections:

Chief Nicholas Casiah (Keziah)*

b. ca. 1710, Bertie County, NC

d. Bertie County, NC

m. ?

*Tuscarora Southern Band, Bertie County, NC

NOTES: Children: Seven in all including Sarah, Sandifer, Dunning, John, and Buxton. Sons named after prominent NC families in the area. Children born between 1730 and 1750.

Sarah Keziah
b. 1735, Bertie County, NC

(siblings)

Dunning Casiah (Keziah)
b. possibly VA

d.
m. William Douglas Winchester before 1750
b. 1730, Aberdeenship, Scotland
d. 1789, Pickens County, SC

d.
m. ?
b.

Douglas Winchester (1st cousins)
b. 1750, Winchester, VA
d. 1793, Mecklenburg Cnty., NC
at Old Frank Krauss Homeplace
m. Sarah Matthews, ca. 1772
b. 10 July 1759, Mecklenburg Cnty., NC
d. 17 April 1839, Union County, NC

Mary "Polly" Keziah
b. NC
d. 1844, Bledsoe County, TN
m. Charles Presley, 1783, Rowan
County, NC s/o Andrew Presley, Jr.
b. 1746 Rowan County, NC
d. 1835, Bledsoe County, TN

Thomas D. Winchester (2nd cousins)
b. 10 Jan. 1774, Union County, NC
d. 22 April 1864
m. Rachel Finney, 8 Aug. 1800, NC
b. ? d. ?

Dunning Presley, Sr.
(nephew of Charles Presley)
b. 1 June 1780, Lancaster Cnty. SC
d. 1 June 1860, MS
m. Catherine 1808, NC

William D. Winchester (3rd cousins)
b. 7 April 1801, Union County, NC
d. 30 Aug. 1882, Union County, NC
m. Polly Wolfe, "on Thirsday," 5 Feb. 1821
Union County, NC
b. ca. 1806 d. ca 1850

Dunning Presley, Jr.
b. 1827, Monroe County, TN
d. 10 March 1900, Barry Cnty, MI
m. Martha Jane Wesson
d. 1868, Itawamba Cnty, MS

Samuel A. Winchester (4th cousins)
b. May, 1823, Union County, NC
d. 1881, Union County, NC
m. Emily J. Helms, 25 July 1854,
Dougherty County, GA
b. Dec. 8, 1834, Union County, NC
d. 17 August 1912, Union County, NC

Rosella Elizabeth Presley
b. Feb, 1862, Fulton County, MS
d. 30 July 1924, Pineville, MS

John E. Winchester (5th cousins)
b. 1868, Barbour County, AL
d. March 13, 1924, Tampa, FL
m. Laura Eva Wentz, 1890, NC
b. 14 May 1874, Union Count, NC
d. 22 Aug. 1941, Mecklenburg County, NC
d/o Josiah Wentz and Sarah Helms

Jesse D. Presley
b. 9 April 1896, Fulton, MS
d. 19 April 1973
m. Minnie Mae Hood, 20 July 1913
b. 17 June 1888, Itawamba, MS
d. 8 May 1980, Memphis, TN

Blanche Lorene Winchester (6th cousins)
b. 24 Feb. 1901, NC

Vernon Elvis Presley
b. 8 January 1916, Clay County, MS

d. 15 June 1968, Gaston County, NC
m. Charles W. Rowe* ca. 1927
b. 26 Oct. 1877
d. 1 May 1937, Texarkana, Tx

d. 16 August 1979, Memphis, TN
m. Gladys Love Smith, 17 June 1933
Pontotoc County, MS
b. 25 April 1912, Pontotoc Cnty.,
MS d. 14 August 1958,
Memphis, TN

William Rowe
b. Sept. 28, 1931, Augusta, GA
d. 23 Dec. 1992, Babylon, NY
m. Annette C. (last name withheld)
m. 31 Oct. 1954
East Rockaway, NY
b. March 1, 1933, Brooklyn, NY
d. January 24, 1972, L.I., NY

(7th cousins) Elvis Aron Presley (Jesse Garon)
b. 8 January 1935, E. Tupelo, MS
d. 16 August 1977, Memphis, TN
m. Priscilla Beaulieu, 1 May 1967
b. Brooklyn, NY

NOTES: *Charles and Polly Presley had seven children. Charles served in the American Revolutionary War and both husband and wife filed for pensions. Charles received his pension in 1832, almost 90 years old. After his death, Polly Priestley attempted to file again.

*** Denotes kinship of the founder of *The Kin of Rock and Roll* to Elvis Presley. Others included in these same lines may send in their information which will be added to this lineage.**

Following is the John Presley connection to the same line:

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b. 10 Jan. 1774, Mecklenberg, NC 1x removed b. 1785, Kershaw County, SC
d. 22 April 1864, Union County, NC to Polly, 2nd) d. Bledsoe County, TN
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b. ca. 1789 d. ca. 1849 (2nd wife)

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b. NC

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