

John Dye, the son of Henry & Anna Dye

John Dye was born about 1787-1788 in Chester Co, SC to Henry & Anna Dye. He was named for Henry's Father, John Dye of Chester Co, South Carolina. John was about 13 years old when the family relocated to Sandy Run, Rutherford Co, NC.

His known siblings were: Sarah, William, Thomas, Agnes and Gilbert Dye. John married his 1st unknown wife in Rutherford Co, NC when he was 20 years old, ca. 1814. He appears, below his Mother, Anna Webber, on the 1820 Rutherford Co, NC Census. John's 1st wife, gave him 6, known children and they are: Whitson, William, David, Sarah, Susannah and Juda Anna Dye, however, because of some age gaps in children it is not know if there are more children or if possible John had an additional wife in the interim. There appears to be a possible 10 year age gap among the first few children and subsequent children attributed to the 1st Unknown wife.

On the 1830 Census of Rutherford Co, NC, John is married with 6 Children 3 boys and 3 girls. On March 18, 1831 upon Sandy Run, John married his 2nd wife Ailey Hill.

Richard Harrill performed the ceremony. This marriage announcement appears in the April 2, 1831 edition of the North Carolina Spectator and Western Advertiser.

Ailey b. 1805 NC is assumed to be the daughter of Rueben Hill and Margaret Brien of Rutherford Co, NC. This should not be confused with the marriage of her Brother, Rueben Hill to Margaret McBrayer.

John and Ailey have not been found on the 1840 census in Rutherford Co, NC, however, there are court records that indicate that John resided there until as late as 1845.

The Sandy Run Community became part of Cleveland Co, NC when it was formed in 1841.

All 7 of the children he had with Ailey were born in North Carolina.

Alfred Burton, Obediah, John Jr, Zachariah, Jeremiah, Perry G and Catherine Jane.

In 1850, John and Ailey appear on the 1850 McMinn Co, TN Census.

In 1860 they still reside in McMinn Co, TN.

After the War, Perry & his wife Mary Jane Baker bought a farm in Grundy Co, TN.

This Farm appears on the 1870 Agricultural Census.

Living nearby are James, Jane, John and Ala Dye.

James Dye was the son of John's Brother, William, he had married his cousin, youngest daughter, Catherine JANE Dye and in 1870 they all resided in Grundy Co, TN.

This is confirmed in the Civil War Pension Documents for James Dye.

John Dye is believed to have passed, sometime after the 1870 Census in Grundy Co, TN.

When Perry and his wife, Mary, sold the farm and moved to Missouri, Ailey moved in with her other son, Obediah, and his wife Cynthia in Bledsoe Co, TN, and she died there prior to 1900.

Children of John Dye and his first Unknown wife:

Sarah Ann Dye b. 1815 d 1888 (aka Sarah Digh) Sarah never married. She is recorded as having 4 children in the records of the North Carolina Bastardy Bonds.

She raised two sons, James Digh and John Pinkney Digh.

The other two children were either deceased or raised by the natural father, this is unknown. James Digh was the son of Sarah Dye and James Williamson, whose Father was Eli Williamson. John Pinkney is thought to be the son of John Jackson Finch, but this is speculation and unproven, as Finch was a married, neighbor. John named a son John Jackson Digh. Sarah is buried at Palm Tree Methodist Church.

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Sally Dye Mar 1857 Bondsmen Eli S Williamson and George Blanton

James Yarboro (Yarborough) was Whitson's Brother in Law...

It is unknown what happened to the Yarborough Child, perhaps, was raised by the Yarborough Family. James was born June 15, 1857. John P was born April 10, 1862.

Whitson Dye (aka Whitson Digh)b. 1816 d. 1869 Cleveland Co, NC. He married Sarah Jane Yarborough on Jan 2, 1840 at Rutherford Co, NC. Jane b. 1820 d. ca. 1888 in Cleveland Co, NC. She is thought to be the Daughter of John Yarborough.

Known Children include: Andrew Crowel, John Pinkney, James W, Doctor W, Roxanna, Priscilla, Margaret, Elvira Caroline, George Franklin, & Hester Digh.

Dye-Die-Digh The name change

Keeping in mind that in this time period most people were minimally educated and many did not know how to read or write even their own names. Knowing your own family history was just not as important as it is today. Sometimes if someone did know the art of writing they would keep a family record in a family Bible, but often these were lost in time. Whit's Grandfather, Henry Dye appears on the 1790 Census in Chester Co, SC as Henry Die and appears on the 1800 Census in Rutherford Co, NC as Henry DIGH. In both cases, the record taker chose how the name was spelled. They often spelled by sounding out the name or by spelling it close to another name they already knew that sounded similar. This is why in genealogy we are forced so often to search for our ancestor under many various ways to spell a surname. The historical spelling of the name originates in England as DYE. The majority of the family line maintains that spelling as of this date. It is believed that the reason the family members that stayed in North Carolina maintained the DIGH spelling is because when they began to learn how to spell the name and to read, they looked around and saw all the documentation of the name spelled DIGH, this was a locally adapted spelling, it had been spelled that way on numerous records and documentation. It was then easier to keep that spelling of the name. I don't think that they really realized that it was spelled any differently than relatives in Tennessee. There could have been some falling out between some of John's older children and his new wife and children with her. Perhaps they did not remain in contact much after they moved to Tennessee, this is unknown. However, John's daughter Susannah and her husband, Abner Greene Dycus, did try to settle in Warren Co, TN for a short time, however, they returned to Rutherford/Cleveland Co, NC area. The younger children were raised by Ailey, and had a closer relationship with her. Only the children of the two elder children of John Dye continued the DIGH name. Whitson and his sister Sarah, who had never married, her two sons, adapted the DIGH spelling, as well.

Unknown Male Dye

David Dye was ca. 1827 in Rutherford Co, NC and died after 1870 in Tennessee. David married Artissica Blanton on June 3, 1848 in Monroe Co, TN. Artissica was born about 1828 in Rutherford Co, NC and died about 1866 in Monroe Co, TN. Arti and David had the following children: Elizabeth, John, Eliza Jane, Zachary Taylor, Joseph Jasper and Anna Alta Dye. David remarried to Elizabeth Lemons in Meigs Co, TN about 1868. David & Elizabeth had the following known children: Ibiz E, Sarah, Amanda, Addison, William, Rueben and Calvin Watson Dye. He last married Vianna Farr Goss and they had no children together.

Susannah Digh Dycus married Abner Green Dycus about 1849 in Rutherford Co, NC.

Susannah was born Sep 22, 1829 in Rutherford Co, NC and died May 17, 1865 in Rutherford Co, NC. Abner was born 1 Aug 1827 in Rutherford Co, NC and died 7 Aug 1908 in Cleveland Co, NC. Abner is buried at Wall's Baptist Church in Forest City, Rutherford Co, NC. He was the son of Elijah Dycus and Lavinia Green.

Shortly, after the marriage, the couple moved to Warren Co, TN. This location was very close to Susannah's Father in McMinn Co, TN.

They resided there 2 or 3 years and returned to Rutherford Co, NC where Susannah died in 1865. Known children of Abner and Susannah Digh Dycus are: Sarah Ann Dweney, William Elijah, Rachel Ann, John Robert, & Mary Ann Elizabeth Dycus.

Abner remarried to Celia Bridges Wright in Sep of 1865.

Children of Abner & Celia are: Ricey Ann Marena, Bridie Ann, William Ezekiel, Julianne, Rosanna, Carrie Susannah, James Melton, John C & James Abner Dycus.

Juda Anna Dye b.1830 Rutherford Co, NC and died 1880 in Putnam Co, TN. Judy married her cousin, Thomas Dye, June 30 or July 31, 1847 in McMinn Co, TN. He was the son of her Father's brother, William Dye. Thomas had been married previous and had a son named Alfred and a daughter named Jane. It is believed that Alfred died in the Civil War on Jan 4, 1863 and is buried at the Nashville National Cemetery in Nashville, TN. Known children of Tom & Judy are: Sarah, William Ryly, Alie, David Franklin, James M and Juda Eva Dye. Judy and Tom resided in Monroe Co, TN and Putnam Co, TN. After Judy died in 1880, David brought the younger children, James & Eva to Dunklin Co, MO. Alie and her husband, James Jones resided in this area also.

The Children of John Dye & Ailey Hill:

Alfred Burton Dye b. 1834 Rutherford Co, NC is thought to be the eldest child of John & Ailey.

Alfred married Sarah Louisa Gilbreath in Bledsoe Co, TN in 1855.

She was the daughter of David & Elizabeth Gilbreath of Bledsoe Co, TN.

They resided in Sequatchie Co, TN from about 1857-1865 and in Bledsoe Co, TN about 1865-1873. Since the area county lines were changing it is likely they never moved between counties, but the county lines likely moved.

Alfred like many of his cousins served as a Conscripted Confederate Soldier, prior to be reported AWOL within 3-4 months of enlistment.

Burton & Sallie had the following known children: Sarah Elizabeth, John, Louisa Eliza, David D., Thomas H, Charles H, Henry D, and Mollie M Dye.

Alfred died about 1905 in Dunklin Co, MO. Sallie died Feb 18, 1917 in Dunklin Co, MO and is buried at Sumach Cemetery.

Obediah Dye b. 1838 Rutherford Co, NC married Cynthia Unknown b. 1842 NC, in Bledsoe Co, TN about 1857. Obediah served as a Confederate Soldier. Private Dye served in Co. D 50th Tennessee Infantry. In addition, He served in the Union Army Co. G & B 8th Tennessee Calvary. In 1860, the Couple resided in McMinn Co, TN. After the War, the couple resided in Bledsoe Co, TN. Children of this couple include Perry D Dye, Nancy C, and Mary Dye. Family legend dictates that Nancy died when she backed up and fell into the fireplace fire when she was small. Perry D Dye married Tennessee Sutherland in Bledsoe Co, TN ca. 1874 and resided in Dunklin Co, MO. He died before 1900 and she remarried to C W Summers Sep 13, 1906 and Mr. Johnston later. Mary Dye married Samuel C Wayne Jr, on July 18, 1893 in Dunklin Co, MO

John Dye Jr. b.1840 Rutherford Co, NC d.after 1880 in Warren Co, TN
John Dye age 23 is shown married to Elizabeth Unknown and they resided with Samuel Graves in McMinn Co, TN in 1860. This Census was taken July 2, 1860. However, a month later, Aug 2, 1860, John Dye Jr , age 22 is shown as being in the household of his Cousin, Mourning Dye Brown and her husband James H Brown, in McMinn Co, TN. This suggests, either he split from Elizabeth or she died during that time. The birthday is likely wrong on the 1st census he was actually 22, because further down the page his Brother, Obediah is 23 and if he had his birthday for the year before the census then, that is the correct age for Obediah. Where John was actually 20/21 years old; if he was born 1839/1840. John Jr served in the GA Co. D 66th with his Brother, Zachariah. The Records show that John Dye enlisted as a Private on 28 Sep 1863 in Co, D 66th GA Infantry He was on extra duty 15 Jan 1864 in Dalton GA, and returned 31 Jan 1864. By 1870, John had married Margaret Ann Jordan, the daughter of Anderson Jordan & Dorcas Mallind., about 1867, near McMinnville, Warren Co, TN. Known Children of John & Maggie are: Laura Ann, Anderson, Janre, & Dorcas Dye. Margaret Ann Jordan Dye died 9 May 1908 at the age of 74 years and is buried at Hopewell Cemetery, Warren Co, TN.
Daughter Dorcas Dye 1873-1938 married Wm McCagg and James K Polk Millrany, she is buried at Bethel Cemetery in Warren Co, TN.
The Will of Anderson Jordan appears in the Will Books of Warren Co, TN Will Books, Vol. 8-11 Vol 3 Betty Moore Majors Copyright 1996

Zachariah I Dye b. 1842 Rutherford Co, NC d after 1880 Unknown
Zack enlisted as a Private on 4 Aug 1863 in Co D GA Infantry Confederate Army.

It was organized at Atlanta GA and fought all through Tennessee and ended the War in North Carolina. Zack was reported AWOL 15 Jul 1864. He was Admitted on 20 Nov 1864 at a Macon Co, GA Hospital. He married Olivia M Wayne in Dunklin CO, MO on 9 July 1878 and no additional information has been found.

Jeremiah Dye b. 1844 There is no known record of Jeremiah, other than his appearance on the 1850 Census. It is assumed he died as a child.

Perry G Dye b. 1846 Rutherford Co, NC and died after the 1890 Veterans Census in Dunklin CO, MO. Perry served in the 8th TN Calvary Co B and appears on the 1890 Veteran's Census in Dunklin Co, MO. He married Mary Jane Baker on Sep 16, 1861 in Monroe Co, TN Mary was born Dec 1843 to James & Sarah Baker who were both born in North Carolina and came to Sweetwater, Monroe Co, TN by 1860.

Her brother, David E Baker, married his cousin, Tabitha Dye.

In 1870, Perry appears on the 1870 Agricultural Census of Grundy Co, TN and on the 1870 Census of Grundy Co, TN.

His parents were living nearby, with his cousin, James Dye had married his sister, Catherine Jane Dye and the parents, John & Ala (Ailey) were residing with them in Grundy Co, TN. Perry owned 10 improved acres, 90 unimproved acres, 150.00 Cash value of Farm, 1 milk cow and two working oxen, 3 Swine, Livestock valued at \$150.00

50 bushels of Indian Corn, 20 bushels of Irish Potatoes, 156 lbs of Butter, \$40 of home manufactures (these included canned goods and homemade items) \$ 50 worth of slaughtered animals (meat) \$200 worth of Produce and 150lbs of Maple Sugar.

Known children of Perry & Mary Jane are: Calvin, Obediah D, Sarah Jane, Ada, & Mary Dye.

Catherine Jane Dye b. 1847 in Rutherford Co, NC and died about 1873 in Dunlap, Sequatchie Co, TN. Jane married her cousin, James Dye, son of William Dye about 1869 probably in Grundy Co, TN. They resided in Grundy Co, TN on the 1870 census near

Altamont, TN. Most of the information on Jane came from the Civil War Pension Documents of James Dye. These documents are vital in the information they provided on the family. Jane died about 1872 and was buried at Sequatchie Co, TN near Dunlap.

Some family members attended her funeral there. The only known child of James & Jane Dye was as son, Alfred Burton Dye "Burton" b. 1870 Grundy Co, TN named after Jane's eldest brother. Burton married Lillie Hawes, Aug 31, 1905 in Dunklin Co, MO. He died in Dunklin Co Jan 19, 1937. James Dye remarried to Anna Sutherland, Mar 27, 1877 in Bledsoe Co, TN, after Jane's death, and had the following children: Girtie, Pope, William, James O, Sarah "Sallie" and Charles Cicero Dye. The couple died 1899/1900 in Dunklin Co, MO.