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Comments, corrections welcomed

**Ambrose Mayfield** – Draft # 4

**Ambrose Mayfield**, who appeared in the 1790 and 1800 censuses of the **Pendleton District** in **South Carolina**, has been a largely unknown figure. Here I will examine information and questions related to him that other Mayfield researchers may find helpful. I thank Phil Norfleet whose extensive and seemingly careful research of early Mayfield families in America I refer to frequently in this document.

[**Notes** and **emphases** are mine.]

**1750** – An **Ambrose Mayfield** was born this year in South Carolina.

Source: American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI), Vol. 108, p. 516, Heads of Ams. At the first U.S. census. SC. By U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, 1908. (105p.):82

**Note:** A number of people in their family trees on Ancestry.com indicate that **Ambrose Mayfield** was a son of **Sutherland Mayfield** and **Margaret \_\_\_\_\_**, and that he was born in 1750 in VA, he married **Mary \_\_\_\_\_** in 1770 in VA, and he **died** in 1770. Unfortunately, I've not seen sources given for many of those ideas on Ancestry.com or elsewhere.

~ The source mentioned above indicates that an Ambrose was born in 1750 in South Carolina. I wonder if that is same Ambrose. I also think it is more likely that the **Ambrose** this paper is about was born in VA.

~ According to Mayfield researcher Phil Norfleet, **Sutherland Mayfield** was not born until about **1755** himself. So, Sutherland possibly was Ambrose's brother, but he couldn't be Ambrose's father.

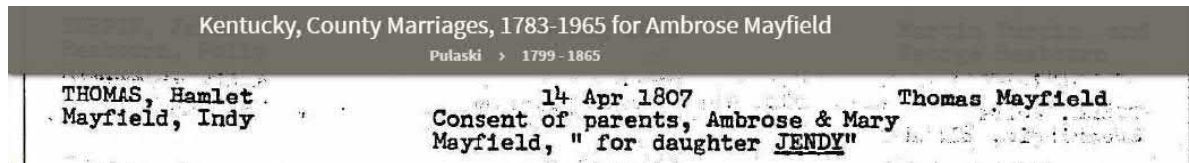
Sutherland's parents were **James Mayfield** (abt 1725, VA - 1780, Eaton's Station, NC) and **Ellender \_\_\_\_\_**.

James' parents were **Isaac Mayfield** and **Isabella Sutherland**, who were married by 1722.

Sources: *Descendants of Robert Mayfield* [14. James Mayfield and Ellender \_\_\_\_\_]  
<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0004.html#CHILD14>

*Descendants of Robert Mayfield* [8. Isaac Mayfield and Isabella Sutherland]  
<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0003.html>

**1775 or earlier** - I've found no source indicating exactly when and where **Ambrose** was married, but, there is an **1807 Pulaski Co., KY** marriage record which indicates that **Ambrose's** wife was named **Mary**. Presumably they were married by 1775 or somewhat earlier, as the oldest presumed sons in the household of Ambrose in the **1800 Pendleton District, SC** census were listed as being in the 16-25 age bracket.



Source: *Kentucky, County Marriages, 1783-1965 for Ambrose Mayfield, Pulaski 1799-1865.*

## WASHINGTON DISTRICT/COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA



**1784 and 1787** - **Ambrose** appears to have lived in the remote Washington District/County of North Carolina in this period, in its Cherokee Creek area, based on a court record, a land purchase record, and a county tax record, which follow.

**Was** = Washington County, North Carolina

Sullivan (Sul) county created from part of Washington Co. in 1779

Greene (Gre) county created from part of Washington Co. in 1783

Washington, Sullivan, and Greene counties form the provisional **State of Franklin**

Source: <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~george/countyformations/northcarolinaformationmaps.html>

The following description of that Washington County area is from Wikipedia:

*“**The Washington District of North Carolina** was in a remote area west of the Appalachian Mountains, officially existing for only a short period (November 1776–November 1777), although it had been self-proclaimed and functioning as an independent governing entity since the spring of 1775. The district was the bureaucratic successor to the Watauga Association, a group of Virginian settlers that colonized the area in 1769, originally believing themselves to be in trans-Appalachian Virginia territory. When the settlement's application to be united with Virginia was denied, they asked North Carolina to annex the settlement, which occurred in November, 1776.*

*After the American Revolution, the now informal district saw a huge growth of the area it encompassed, eventually stretching to the Mississippi River. At the time of North Carolina's final cession of the area to the Federal Government (1790), it had grown to include the seven "Overmountain Counties": Washington, Greene, Davidson, Sullivan, Hawkins, Sumner and Tennessee. These lands would become a large part not only of the subsequent extra-legal State of Franklin, but of the Southwest Territory (1790–1796) and the State of Tennessee (after 1796) as well.”*

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington\\_District,\\_North\\_Carolina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_District,_North_Carolina)

#### **February 1784 – Washington Co., North Carolina Court Records**

***02 Feb 1784** “**Micajah Mayfield** del. and surrendered up his bail. Micajah Mayfield Principal in sum of £20 Specie. Abraham Rife & James Monasco Securities for £10 each, on condition the Principal appears from day to day this court & not depart.”*

*“**Micajah Mayfield** Principal in sum of £20 Specie; **Ambrose Mayfield** Security - £10 Specie; on condition the Principal be of a peaceable and good behavior for the term of three months Towards the good citizens of this State, expecially towards George Mitchell. [Wording has been taken from the Court Plea, Box 1, Folder 12, Page 20.]*

Norfleet indicated that **Ambrose Mayfield** appeared 14 times in the (1778-1800) County Court Minute Books of Washington County, North Carolina. As Norfleet added:

*“This **Ambrose** is probably the same man who, in 1791, surveyed 45 acres of land on 12 Mile River in Pendleton County SC. In Washington County, he apparently owned no land. The court minute book entries mostly pertain to jury duty.”*

Source: Mayfields of South Carolina, Mayfield-Brummett Migration Group of Washington County NC, Greenville County SC and Southeastern KY by Phil Norfleet  
[http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/mayfield\\_brumit\\_migration\\_group.htm](http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/mayfield_brumit_migration_group.htm)

**Note:** The above 02 Feb 1784 court entry is a possible clue to the ancestry of **Ambrose Mayfield**.

How much was £10 worth then in Washington Co., NC [TN]?

In February 1784, a Washington Co. court session recorded the previous sale of 250 bushels of corn for £25 in the estate of a deceased man named Charles Holloway. Based on that figure, apparently £10 in North Carolina money would pay for about 100 bushels of corn in that period.

In our modern day, the market year average (MYA) price of a bushel of corn in the U. S. was \$3.65 in 2015-16 and \$6.89 in 2012-13. That suggests, as a rough “ball park” figure, that **Ambrose’s £10** might have been worth something like **\$365 – \$689** dollars today. And, that could be the amount Ambrose stood to lose if Micajah’s behavior was bad toward any other person over an entire three month period.

Sources: *Tennessee Probate Court Books, 1795-1927, Washington, Inventories, 1779-1821*, image 45 of 352.

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:2:77TV-BJ9V?i=44&wc=M6Q7-NP6%3A179850501%2C179976101&cc=1909088>

*Grain Prices Fall Sharply After USDA Releases Grain Supply and Demand Report*  
<http://www.cornandsoybeandigest.com/blog/grain-prices-fall-sharply-after-usda-releases-grain-supply-and-demand-report>

Who would willingly put so much of their money at risk, depending on the behavior of another person and over such a long period? I think most often, only a close family member would be willing to take on such an expensive and extended risk over a three month period. Thus, I think it is quite possible that **Ambrose**, who might have been about 33-34 years old then, was a close relative of **Micajah** and perhaps even one of Micajah’s hitherto unknown brothers.

Who was **Micajah**? As Phil Norfleet noted, Micajah was one of five likely brothers [**Isaac** (b. abt 1742), **Micajah** (b. abt 1750, VA), **Randolph** (b. abt 1762,) **Jesse** (b. abt 1765), and **John**] who settled in the **Cherokee Creek** area of Washington Co., NC in the 1780's.

Norfleet believes their parents likely were **John Mayfield** (b. abt 1722) and **Mary Stanwix**.

John’s parents are thought to have been **John Mayfield** and **Frances Clark**.

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So, one wonders. Could **Ambrose** have been another son of **John Mayfield** and **Mary Stanwix**?

Sources: *Mayfields of South Carolina, Mayfield-Brummett Migration Group of Washington County NC, Greenville County SC and Southeastern KY* by Phil Norfleet  
[http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/mayfield\\_brunit\\_migration\\_group.htm](http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/mayfield_brunit_migration_group.htm)  
*Descendants of Robert Mayfield* [16. *John Mayfield and Mary Stanwix(??)*]  
<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0006.html#CHI>  
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*Descendants of Robert Mayfield* [9. *John Mayfield (b. VA) and Frances Clark*]  
<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0003.html>

**26 May 1784** – Washington Co., NC (TN) : William Cannon conveyed to Frederick Anderson fifty acres on a branch of **Cherokee Creek** for 40 pounds.

Witnesses were: Russell Cannon, William Murphy, **Ambrose Mayfield**

Original Source: *Washington County, NC, Deed Book, Oct. 1783-Oct. 1786, Vol. 3*, pp. 192-193. (TSLA Roll 195, Old Book "A.") Duplicate record in Washington Co., TN, Court Minutes, Vol. 1. p. 242, microfilm #129.

Online Source: *William Cannon, Sr., in Pendleton & Greenville Districts, South Carolina*  
[http://www.simcockcannongenealogy.com/family\\_information/William\\_Cannon\\_Sr.\\_of\\_Pendleton\\_&\\_Greenville\\_Districts\\_Combined\\_Info,\\_SC.pdf](http://www.simcockcannongenealogy.com/family_information/William_Cannon_Sr._of_Pendleton_&_Greenville_Districts_Combined_Info,_SC.pdf)

**Note:** The "plot thickens," so to speak, when we realize that in addition to the Mayfield/Stannix sons, **Sutherland**, the son of James Mayfield and Ellender \_\_\_\_\_ was **also** living in the Cherokee Creek area of Washington Co., NC from about 1783-1785 –while **Ambrose** was there. As I noted earlier, Sutherland was a possible brother of Ambrose. Phil Norfleet reported the following Washington Co., NC court records concerning Sutherland:

**03 Nov 1783:** Sale from John Terry to Southerlain Mayfield proven by oath of William Murphy.

**02 Aug 1784:** Lawsuit -- Southerland Mayfield vs Justice Reynolds; finding for plaintiff in the amount of £21.16.4.

**07 Nov 1785:** Power of Attorney from Southerland Mayfield to Charles Robertson, Esq. is acknowledged.

Notice that **William Murphy** was a witness in a 1784 Cherokee Creek land purchase [above] which **Ambrose** also was a witness for. Also, notice [above] that a **William Murphy** [presumably the same person?] **also** was a witness for a 1783 sale to Sutherland Mayfield.

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Who was that **William Murphy**? Apparently he was the Rev. William Murphy who was installed on April 2, 1783 as the pastor of the Cherokee Creek Meeting House, which became known as the Cherokee Baptist Church. Murphy is said to have been a Separatist Baptist. And that church still exists and is said to still have its original records. We can wonder:

~ Were **Ambrose** and Sutherland members of that Baptist church?

~ Were they brothers who shared a trust in **William Murphy** to be a witness to legal transactions they had involvement in?

Sources: *Mayfields of South Carolina, Mayfield-Brummett Migration Group of Washington County NC, Greenville County SC and Southeastern KY* by Phil Norfleet  
[http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/mayfield\\_brunit\\_migration\\_group.htm](http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/mayfield_brunit_migration_group.htm)  
*Watauga Association of Genealogists - Northeast Tennessee [Cherokee Creek]*  
<http://www.wagsnetn.org/members-only-2/cherokee-creek/>  
*History of North Carolina Baptists* by George Washington Paschal, Vol. II, 1955, 414-415 - <https://archive.org/details/historyofnorthca21pasc>

According to Phil Norfleet, **Sutherland Mayfield** moved from Montgomery Co., VA to the Washington Co., NC area about **1783**, then left it about **1785** to live in Davidson Co., NC, which had been created in 1783 from a western portion of NC's Washington Co. In the period of 1786-1789, Sutherland built a small fort "at the head of the west fork of Mill Creek" in Davidson Co., which his family and some other families lived in. That fort was called **Mayfield's Station**. Sutherland and his son William were killed on that land by Creek Indians on **March 10, 1789**. At that time, the Indians also captured Sutherland's son George and he subsequently lived with the Creeks for more than ten years. Today, the land that the fort was on is in the Williamson Co. section of Brentwood, TN, which is a suburb of Nashville, TN.

Source: *Southerland Mayfield (d. 1789) - Indian Fighter of VA and Middle TN*, By Phil Norfleet  
[http://mayfield02.tripod.com/southerland\\_mayfield\\_\(d.%201789\).htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/southerland_mayfield_(d.%201789).htm)  
*Mayfield's Station in Tennessee*, by Phil Norfleet  
[http://mayfield02.tripod.com/mayfields\\_station.htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/mayfields_station.htm)  
*Cottonport on the Site of Mayfield Station*  
[https://www.flickr.com/photos/brent\\_nashville/8364406532](https://www.flickr.com/photos/brent_nashville/8364406532)

**1787** – Washington Co., NC (TN): **Ambrose Mayfield** paid a poll tax, but not a tax on any land.

Source: *Creekmore, Pollyanna (Compiled by). East Tennessee Historical Quarterly, Section of East Tennessee Taxpayers, Washington County, Tennessee, 1787*. Page 203.  
As reported on 2003 Mayfield-L Archives genealogical email list at:  
<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/MAYFIELD/2003-06/1054687016>



**1784-1787** - It is noteworthy that by living in Washington Co., NC (TN) in those years, **Ambrose** was living in an area which was claimed by its leaders to be the **State of Franklin**. Though, later some referred to it as the Lost State of Franklin.

Here is an image followed by a Wikipedia article description of that would-be U.S. state:

**THE EIGHT COUNTIES OF  
THE STATE OF FRANKLIN, CIRCA 1786  
(Today in Northeast Tennessee)**



Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:8FranklinCounties.png>

***"The State of Franklin** (also the Free Republic of Franklin or the State of Frankland was an unrecognized and autonomous territory located in what is today eastern Tennessee, United States. Franklin was created in 1784 from part of the territory west of the Appalachian Mountains that had been offered by North Carolina as a cession to Congress to help pay off debts related to the American War for Independence. It was founded with the intent of becoming the fourteenth state of the new United States.*

*Franklin's first capital was Jonesborough. After the summer of 1785, the government of Franklin (which was by then based in Greeneville), ruled as a "parallel government" running alongside (but not harmoniously with) a re-established North Carolina bureaucracy. Franklin was never admitted into the union. The extra-legal state existed for only about four and a half years, ostensibly as a republic, after which North Carolina re-assumed full control of the area."*

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State\\_of\\_Franklin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_of_Franklin)

**Note:** Sutherland left the State of Franklin area in 1785. Ambrose and those Mayfield/Staniwix sons apparently stayed in that area longer. We can wonder, were Ambrose and those sons advocates of statehood for Franklin? And, when that initiative failed, did they feel they had to leave that area? The answers to those questions are not known. The State of Franklin finally dissolved in February 1789.

Phil Norfleet has indicated that in the late 1780's, Micajah, Isaac, Randolph, Jesse, and John Mayfield moved to Greenville County in South Carolina. They resided there on the North Fork of the Saluda River. They were on South Carolina's northern border, close to Cherokee lands. Those likely Mayfield/Staniwix sons are in Greenville county's 1790 Federal census.

Sources: Isaac Mayfield (1742-1822) of SC, KY, TN and AL

[http://mayfield02.tripod.com/isaac\\_mayfield\\_1742-1822.htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/isaac_mayfield_1742-1822.htm)

Mayfields of South Carolina, Mayfield-Brummett Migration Group of Washington County NC, Greenville County SC and Southeastern KY by Phil Norfleet

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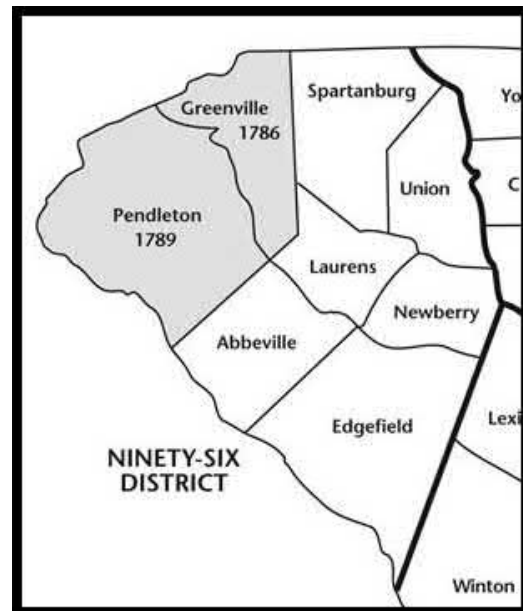
## PENDLETON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

But, what about Ambrose? In fact, he moved too. He moved to the area adjacent to Greenville County. That area was then known as the Pendleton District of South Carolina. Ambrose appeared in Pendleton in both the 1790 and 1800 Federal censuses. Greenville was formed in 1786, then Pendleton in 1789.

The land in those two sections [shown shaded in the map on the right] had been taken from the Cherokees during the American Revolutionary War.

Source: SC Districts and Counties 1786-1790

<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/guide/CountyRecords/1786.htm>





## 1790 Pendleton District, SC Census

[image 7 of 15, Ancestry.com]

The listing below shows the Mayfields who lived close to one another in the Pendleton District of South Carolina in 1790.

free white males of 16 years & upwards, including heads of families	free white males under 16 years	free white females including heads of families	all other free persons	slaves
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Capt John Wilson	2	2	4	u	7
William Memphers	2	3	2		
Joseph Smith	3	3	4	u	1
Phillip Porter	1	2	3		
Peter Memphers	1	u	1		
Samuel Martins	2	3	5		
Elijah Mayfield	1	u	6		
John Oliver	1	u	1		
Isham Mayfield	1	u	2		
William Henderson	1	3	6		
George Miller	2	3	6		
George Shuler	1	3	2		
John Mayfield	1	u	1		
Ambrose Mayfield	1	3	5		
Adley Hamilton	2	3	4	u	5
Stephen Mayfield	1	1	1		
Eddington Martin	1	1	2		
Christ. Guine	1	3	3		
Joseph Martin	2	3	7		
Ezekiel Pelquin	2	u	4		
Joab Downing	1	u	1		
Thomas Coss	1	4	2		
Henry Norton	1	2	3		
John Mayfield	2	5	2		

Elijah Mayfield 1-0-6

Isham Mayfield 1-0-2

John Mayfield 1-0-1

**AMBROSE MAYFIELD** 1-5-5

Stephen Mayfield 1-1-1

John Mayfield Sr. 4-5-2

At this time **Ambrose** and his wife **Mary** apparently had **five sons** under 16 years of age and **four daughters** of undetermined age.

Below are comments regarding the above Mayfields in this list.

~ **Elijah Mayfield** – Researcher Phil Norfleet believes Elijah (10 Jun 1762, Amherst Co., VA-5 Sept 1843, Maury Co., TN) likely was *“the son of James Mayfield who was killed by Indians at Eaton’s Station (near the modern city of Nashville, Tennessee) in about August 1780.”* Elijah was held captive by Indians for a period of time, about 1782-1783. His wife was Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. As Norfleet noted: *“Of all the sons of the elder James Mayfield (d. 1780), **only Elijah Mayfield is known to have lived in South Carolina.**”* Elijah was an older brother of Sutherland Mayfield, who married Margaret \_\_\_\_\_.

Norfleet lists Elijah’s Mayfield ancestors, going back generations, as:

- 4. **JAMES MAYFIELD AND ELLENDER** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. **Isaac Mayfield and Isabella [Sutherland]**
- 2. Robert Mayfield and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_
- 1. Robert Mayfield and \_\_\_\_\_

Sources: *Biographical Sketch of Elijah Mayfield (1762-1843)*  
[http://mayfield02.tripod.com/elijah\\_mayfield\\_1762\\_1843.htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/elijah_mayfield_1762_1843.htm)  
*Descendants of Robert Mayfield [35. Elijah Mayfield and Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_]*  
<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0011.html#CHILD35>

~ **Isham Mayfield** - Researcher Phil Norfleet indicated that Isham Mayfield was an older **brother** of Stephen Mayfield, below. And, as noted in the second source, Norfleet listed Isham Mayfield’s ancestors, going back generations, as follows:

- 4. **JOHN MAYFIELD AND DELIA** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. **Isaac Mayfield and Isabella [Sutherland]**
- 2. Robert Mayfield and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_
- 1. Robert Mayfield and \_\_\_\_\_

Sources: *Mayfields of South Carolina* - <http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/>  
*Descendants of Robert Mayfield [24. John Mayfield and Delia \_\_\_\_\_]*  
<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0004.html#IND3790REF12>

~ **John Mayfield** - As Phil Norfleet noted, *“Identity of this John Mayfield is unknown to me. However, he is probably closely related to **Ambrose** and to the other Mayfields living in Pendleton at this time.”*

Source: *Mayfields of South Carolina* - <http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/>

~ **Ambrose Mayfield** - As Phil Norfleet noted, *“Identity of this Ambrose Mayfield is unknown to me. However, he is probably a brother of John Mayfield, whose land was adjacent to that of Ambrose.”*

Source: *Mayfields of South Carolina* - <http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/>

~ **Stephen Mayfield** - In the first source below, researcher Phil Norfleet indicated that the father of Stephen ( b. VA - 11 Aug 1834, Overton Co., TN) is **not known** and that Norfleet knew of no

documentary evidence to support the common idea that John Mayfield “The Tory” was Stephen’s father. Norfleet indicated, however, that Stephen’s mother was known to be named **Delia**. Stephen is said to have had two wives: Jack, a Cherokee woman, then Bridget \_\_\_\_\_. In the second source below, Norfleet did identify John Mayfield as a likely father of Stephen. Norfleet thus listed Stephen Mayfield’s ancestors, going back generations, as follows:

**4. JOHN MAYFIELD AND DELIA \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Isaac Mayfield and Isabella [Sutherland]**

2. Robert Mayfield and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_

1. Robert Mayfield and \_\_\_\_\_

In the third source below, Norfleet extensively discussed that **John “The Tory” Mayfield**, who has commonly, but in Norfleet’s view mistakenly, been viewed as Stephen’s father..

Sources: *Stephen Mayfield (d. 1834) of Pendleton County SC and Overton County TN*  
[http://mayfield02.tripod.com/stephen\\_mayfield\\_d\\_1834.htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/stephen_mayfield_d_1834.htm)  
*Descendants of Robert Mayfield [24. John Mayfield and Delia \_\_\_\_\_]*  
<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0008.html#CHILD24>  
*Biographical Sketch of Lieutenant-Colonel John Mayfield the Tory, of Browns Creek*  
[http://sc\\_tories.tripod.com/john\\_mayfield.htm](http://sc_tories.tripod.com/john_mayfield.htm)

~ **John Mayfield [Sr.]**- As Phil Norfleet noted, “*Identity of this John Mayfield is unknown to me. However, he is probably closely related to the other Mayfields in Pendleton.*”

Source: *Mayfields of South Carolina* - <http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/>

At this time, **John Sr.** and likely his wife, appear to have had **three sons** 16 years of age or older, **five sons** under 16, and **one** daughter of undetermined age. On May 10, 1790, a John Mayfield was drawn to serve on the next petit jury of the Pendleton District court.

Source: *History - Old Pendleton District: A Genealogy of the Leading Families of the District*, by R. W. Simpson, Pendleton, S.C., 1913, Transcribed by Dena Whitesell  
[http://www.genealogytrails.com/scar/old\\_pendleton.htm](http://www.genealogytrails.com/scar/old_pendleton.htm)

**Note:** If Norfleet is correct, three of the six Mayfields living close together in **1790 Pendleton District, SC** were grandsons of **Isaac Mayfield and Isabella Sutherland: Elijah, Isham, and Stephen**, though through two different fathers.

And, the identity of the other three Mayfields in Pendleton District are, at this point, unknown: **Ambrose, John Sr., John Jr.**

Might they also have been grandsons of **Isaac and Isabella**?

**25 Oct 1791:** **Ambrose Mayfield** surveyed a 45-acre tract of land on **Goldens Creek**, a tributary of 12 Mile River in the **Pendleton District**. That land was subsequently certified to Robert Waring, on 20 July 1793. Ambrose's land was adjacent to land previously surveyed for **David Hamilton**. [See SC Plat Book 31, page 301]

After studying that and the other Mayfield land purchases in that early period of the Pendleton District, Norfleet also indicated the following:

*"Based on the location descriptions contained in the land surveys, all of the Mayfields lived on tributaries of 12 Mile River; all except Stephen, lived on **Goldens Creek**. Both John and **Ambrose** Mayfield's land tracts were directly adjacent to that of a certain David Hamilton. Only Isham and one of the two John Mayfields listed in the 1790 Census do not seem to have had their own land."*

Source: *Mayfields of South Carolina - Pendleton County, South Carolina, An Essay by Phil Norfleet*  
[http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/pendleton\\_county\\_sc.htm](http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/pendleton_county_sc.htm)

**And, who was David Hamilton?** Apparently he was a Revolutionary Soldier who is said to have been born in Scotland about 1750. So far, I haven't found any family connection between him and the Mayfields.

Sources: "Pension application of David Hamilton S17998,: Southern Campaigns Revolutionary War Pension Statements & Rosters - <http://revwarapps.org/s17998.pdf>  
David Hamilton, "The Fraser Family of NC, SC, GA, TN, AL, and TX," Rootsweb  
<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=warlock2000&id=120>

**And, what was it like to live in that Pendleton District area?** Phil Norfleet gave the following description, in connection with **William Campbell Mayfield**, which raises other questions:

*"**William Campbell Mayfield** was born in North Carolina - probably in Washington County, about 13 years before that county became part of the new state of Tennessee. In the early 1780's the Cherokee Nation directly bordered Washington County and there were many Cherokee towns nearby. In the early 1780's several Mayfields were living in Washington County, some of these men may have taken Cherokee wives from the nearby Cherokee towns. During the late 1780's, most of these same families removed to Greenville and Pendleton Counties in South Carolina."*

*William's parents are unknown, but **his father is almost certainly one of the early Mayfield settlers of Pendleton County** who took up land along one of the creeks (probably **Goldens Creek**) which feed into Twelve Mile River in northwestern South Carolina. Prior to 1777, this area had been an integral part of the Cherokee Nation but, after several major military defeats suffered by the Cherokees in the Revolutionary War, they reluctantly ceded the territory to the State of South Carolina on 20 May 1777. Due to continued fighting in the South Carolina Backcountry during the Revolution, few if any*

whites settled in the area until the 1783-1785 time frame.

**William's mother probably was a Cherokee** of either mixed or full blood. At the time the Mayfield settlers entered into the Twelve Mile River area, there were probably many Indian families still living there. White men who had Cherokee wives would have found the transition to life in this area of frontier South Carolina much easier. Some of the Mayfields may have acquired Indian wives when they were still residing in Washington County NC. We do know that one of the early Mayfield Settlers, **Stephen Mayfield** (d. 1834), took a Cherokee wife named Jack or Jock in around 1785, when he was either in North Carolina or South Carolina.

Source: Biographical Sketch of William Campbell Mayfield (1783-1857) of Pickens District SC and Hall County GA

[http://mayfield02.tripod.com/william\\_campbell\\_mayfield\\_\(1783-1857\).htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/william_campbell_mayfield_(1783-1857).htm)

**Note:** We can wonder, was **Ambrose** the father of **William Campbell Mayfield**? Was Ambrose's wife **Mary** of Cherokee descent?

## 1800 Pendleton District, SC Census

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Free White Males					Free White Females					All other Free Persons	Slaves
Under 10	10 thru 15	16 thru 25	26 thru 44	45 and over	Under 10	10 thru 15	16 thru 25	26 thru 44	45 and over		

Household #

725 - **James Brummet** 10100-00100-00

726 - **John Mayfield Sr.** 03301-21011-00 [oldest male: 45+ over, b. 1755 or before]

734 - John Mayfield Jr. 20010-00100-00

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738 - **Ambrose Mayfield** 32201-22010-00 [oldest male: 45+ over, b. 1755 or before]

743 - **Jacob Mayfield** 00100-20100-00

**Note:** Three of the Mayfields in the 1790 Pendleton District, SC census do **not** appear in the 1800 census of that same district. Those that don't appear there are the same three Mayfields who are thought to be grandchildren of **Isaac Mayfield** and **Isabella Sutherland: Elijah, Isham, and Stephen**. Information on them follows.



1800 United States Federal Census													
South Carolina > Pendleton District > Not Stated													
924 Christopher Kerbey	"	1	3	1	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	0
925 James Brummet	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	20
926 John Mayfield Sr.	"	3	3	"	1	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"
927 Kitty Bryant	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"
928 William Parsons	"	1	2	"	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"
929 John C. Bidehole	2	"	"	1	"	4	1	"	"	"	"	"	"
930 John Garner	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
931 Henry Garner	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8
932 Solomon Spist	3	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
933 Henry Anderson	"	"	"	"	1	7	2	"	"	"	"	"	"
934 John Mayfield Jr.	2	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"
935 Elizabeth Hillburn	"	"	"	"	"	1	2	3	"	"	"	"	"

1800 United States Federal Census for Ambrose Mayfield													
South Carolina > Pendleton District > Not Stated													
936 Nathl. Marlow	1	1	3	"	1	1	2	1	1	"	"	"	"
937 William Hillburn	3	"	1	"	1	4	1	"	"	"	"	"	"
938 Ambrose Mayfield	3	2	2	"	X	2	2	"	X	"	"	"	"
939 Joshua Reeder	2	1	2	"	1	1	2	"	"	"	"	"	"
940 David Buckner	2	"	"	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"
941 Leonard Canale	2	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	6
942 John Boyd	1	1	1	"	1	3	2	"	"	1	"	"	"
943 Jacob Mayfield	"	"	1	"	"	2	"	1	"	"	"	"	1

**Elijah Mayfield**, who appeared in the **1790 Pendleton District, SC** census, does **not** appear in its 1800 census. Based on his research, Phil Norfleet concluded that Elijah was in SC from 1785 to about 1802, at which point Elijah moved to **Shelby Co., KY**. From 1803-1818, Elijah alternated between Kentucky's Shelby Co. and nearby **Jefferson Co.** In 1819 Elijah moved to **Hickman Co., TN**, where he appears in its 1820, 1830, and 1840 censuses. Elijah is said to have died in 1843 in **Maury Co., TN**.

Source: *Biographical Sketch of Elijah Mayfield (1762-1843)*  
[http://mayfield02.tripod.com/elijah\\_mayfield\\_1762\\_1843.htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/elijah_mayfield_1762_1843.htm)

**Isham Mayfield** and his likely younger brother **Stephen Mayfield** both appeared in the **1790 Pendleton District, SC** census. But, apparently they both moved out of that district before that district's 1800 census. Norfleet believes Stephen likely moved to **southwestern Virginia** about 1796, then to **Jackson Co., TN** by late 1801 or 1802. In 1806, the part of Jackson Co. Stephen was living in became **Overton Co., TN**. Stephen died in Overton Co. in 1834. A deposition in 1811 in Overton Co., TN was signed by Stephen's brother Isham, suggesting he also lived in Overton Co. then.

Source: *Stephen Mayfield (d. 1834) of Pendleton County SC and Overton County TN*  
[http://mayfield02.tripod.com/stephen\\_mayfield\\_d\\_1834.htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/stephen_mayfield_d_1834.htm)



**Note:** **Jacob Mayfield** appears in this **1800 Pendleton District, SC** census and he was not shown by name in its 1790 census. Many on Ancestry.com have thought him to be a **son** of **Ambrose**, which is possible. He is shown in the 1800 census as age 16-25 (b. 1775-1784). Information on him from Ancestry.com follows. I have **not** tried to research him myself, at this point.

**Jacob Mayfield** - It is said that **Jacob** (b. 1770 [?], VA- 1859, Fulton, GA) married **Elizabeth Hamilton** (b. 1795, NC- d. after 1860, Fulton, Georgia) on 19 January 1818 in North Carolina. It is said that she was a daughter of David Hamilton (1748-1822) and Elizabeth Harrington (1750-1824), who resided in Fairfield, SC, then York, SC. One Ancestry.com site listed the children of Jacob and Elizabeth as:

Isaac Israel Mayfield (b. 1812, NC), Valentine Richard Smith Mayfield (b. 1812, GA), Hamilton H. Mayfield (b. 1819, GA), Wilburn Mayfield (1819, GA), Anderson Mayfield (b. 1824, GA), Jane Mayfield (b. 1831, GA), and Alford Mayfield (b. 1837, GA).

Source: *J Waite- R McKeough Family Tree [Jacob Mayfield]*

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25694382/person/12500907951/facts>

**Note:** The presence of **James Brummet** in this census could be a clue to the identity of the four Mayfields who remained in the Pendleton District in 1800. Although definitive sources are **not** given, some individuals on Ancestry.com believe that individual was **James Micajah Brummett** (1777, Washington Co., NC- abt 1845 Washington Co., TN), a son of **Thomas Brummett** and **Ellender** \_\_\_\_\_. That is one of the Brummett families Phil Norfleet spoke of on the following web page:

Source: *Mayfields of South Carolina, Mayfield-Brummett Migration Group of Washington County NC, Greenville County SC and Southeastern KY* by Phil Norfleet  
[http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/mayfield\\_brumit\\_migration\\_group.htm](http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/mayfield_brumit_migration_group.htm)

If Thomas Brummett and Ellender were the parents of this James, then, according to Phil Norfleet, James'

- a.) sister, **Penelope Brummett**, married **Jesse Mayfield** and his
- b.) sister, **Margaret Rebecca Brummett**, married **Isaac Mayfield**.

Thus, **Jesse** and **Isaac** would have been brothers-in-law of **James**.

**[Note:** Some others believe **Margaret Rebecca Brummett** was an aunt of **Penelope**, a sister of Penelope's father. As Phil Norfleet notes, there was about a 33 year difference between the births of Margaret Rebecca (b. 1744) and Penelope (b. 1777). In any case, they both are said to have been from the same basic Brummett family. Note also that their last name was spelled various ways. They are said to have been of French Huguenot ancestry.] **Continued →**

According to Norfleet, that **Jesse Mayfield** and **Isaac Mayfield** were likely sons of **John Mayfield** (b. abt 1722) and **Mary Stanwix**—along with their sons **Micajah**, **Randolph**, and **John**. And, it was that **Micajah**, for whom **Ambrose** served as a Security back in Washington Co., NC in 1784. Now, in 1800, **James Brummet** with those **Mayfield/Stanwix** connections is living right near **Ambrose** and the other Pendleton District Mayfields.

We wonder, were **Ambrose** and **Jacob** in that **1800 Pendleton District, SC** census descendants of **John Mayfield** and **Mary Stanwix**? And, what about **John Sr.** and **John Jr.** in that census? If they were close relatives of **Ambrose** and **Jacob**, were they **Mayfield/Stanwix** descendants too?

Sources: *Descendants of Robert Mayfield [42. Isaac Mayfield and Rebecca Margaret Brumette]*

<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0013.html>

*Descendants of Robert Mayfield [45. Jesse Mayfield and Penelope Brumette]*

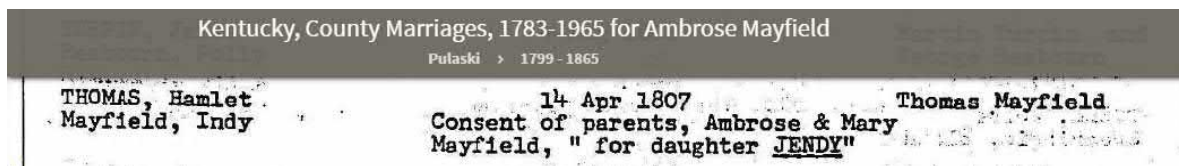
<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0014.html>

Phil Norfleet believes brothers **Isaac**, **Micajah**, and **Randolph** left SC about **1794**. By **1800**, the situations of the five **Mayfield/Stanwix** sons were as follows:

- ~ **Isaac Mayfield** was living in **Pulaski Co., KY**.
- ~ **Micajah Mayfield** died in 1798 in Garrard Co., KY. His brother Isaac became the administrator of Micajah's estate.
- ~ **Randolph Mayfield** was living in Lincoln Co., KY.
- ~ **Jesse Mayfield** and **John Mayfield** were still living in Greenville Co., SC.

## PULASKI COUNTY, KENTUCKY

**16 Apr 1807** - **Ambrose Mayfield** apparently moved to **Pulaski Co., KY** sometime after the **1800 Pendleton District, SC** census. For in 1807, **Judy Mayfield** married **Hamilton "Hamlet" Thomas** in **Pulaski Co., KY**. Consent for this marriage was given by Judy's parents, **Ambrose Mayfield** and his wife **Mary** on Apr 14. The Surety was **Thomas Mayfield**.



Sources: *Kentucky, County Marriages, 1783-1965 for Ambrose Mayfield, Pulaski 1799-1865.*  
*Kentucky, County Marriages, 1783-1965 for Judy Mayfield, Pulaski 1799-1870.*  
 [Both are Family Search images through Ancestry.com]



Excerpt of 1854 Map of Kentucky and Tennessee  
(Pendleton, South Carolina to Pulaski County, Kentucky)  
Joseph Hutchins Colton (1800-1893)

Tennessee State Library and Archives Collection

<http://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p15138coll23/id/9218/rec/5>

The household of **Isaac Mayfield**, son of **John Mayfield** and **Mary Stanwix** and husband of **Rebecca Margaret Brummett**, appears in the **1800 Pulaski Co., KY** census. Norfleet indicates that Isaac and his wife had a number of their children marry in Pulaski Co., KY, beginning in 1800, as follows:

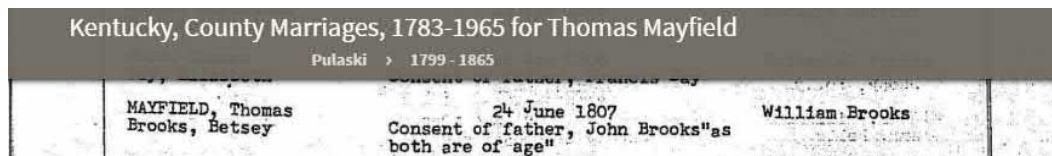
- ~ **Elizabeth** married **Archibald Moore** 18 Aug 1800  
William Mayfield was the Surety.
- ~ **Tabitha** married **Stephen Candray** 23 Jul 1801  
Isaac Mayfield was the Surety.
- ~ **William** (b. abt 1773, SC) married **Elizabeth "Betsey" Robertson** 12 April 1802  
**Thomas Mayfield** was the Surety.
- ~ **Isaac** (b. 16 Mar 1784, SC) married **Ann "Nancy" Bottoms** 3 Apr 1806  
Stephen Condry/Candry, likely the husband of Tabitha Mayfield [above], was the Surety.
- ~ **Winnifred** married **Joseph Sallee** 26 Jul 1810  
Drury Lee was the Surety.

Also, **John Mayfield** (b. 1768, VA), a son of Isaac Mayfield and Margaret Brumette and husband of **Mary Woolf**, died in 1813 in Pulaski Co., KY.

Source: *Descendants of Robert Mayfield [42. Isaac Mayfield and Margaret Brumette]*  
<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/o/r/Phil-Norfleet/BOOK-0001/0008-0013.html#CHILD42>

**Note:** Again, one wonders about **Ambrose's** possible connection to the **Mayfield/Stanwix** line, as Ambrose appears to have followed the Mayfield/Stanwix son **Isaac** to **Pulaski Co., KY**. And, I'm not aware that any Mayfields from the Mayfield/Sutherland line were in Pulaski Co. at that time.

**Thomas Mayfield** married **Betsey Brooks** in **Pulaski Co., KY** not long after **Ambrose's** daughter **Judy** was married there.



**Who was that Thomas Mayfield?** He apparently was relatively young given the statement above by the bride's father, **John Brooks**, who said "both are of age." The Surety for that marriage was likely **William Archibald Brooks**, an older brother of **Elizabeth "Betsey."**

Source: *Adkins Family Genealogy, history & Heritage [Elizabeth "Betsy" Brooks]*  
<http://www.adkins.ws/individual.php?pid=I047&ged=Adkins.GED>

I suspect that **Thomas** was a son of either **Ambrose Mayfield** or the **John Mayfield Sr.** who



appeared with **Ambrose** in the 1790 and 1800 Pendleton District, SC censuses. I say that because about three years after **Thomas**' marriage, the household of a young **Thomas Mayfield** appears with **Ambrose** and **John Sr.** in the 1810 Rutherford, Co., TN census. I assume that is the household of the same **Thomas** with wife **Elizabeth Brooks**.

These questions remain. **Who was the Thomas Mayfield** who served as the Surety for the 1807 marriage of **Ambrose's** daughter **Judy**? Was he the same **Thomas**? He likely was young at that time, perhaps age 23 or younger—based on the 1810 Rutherford Co, TN census.

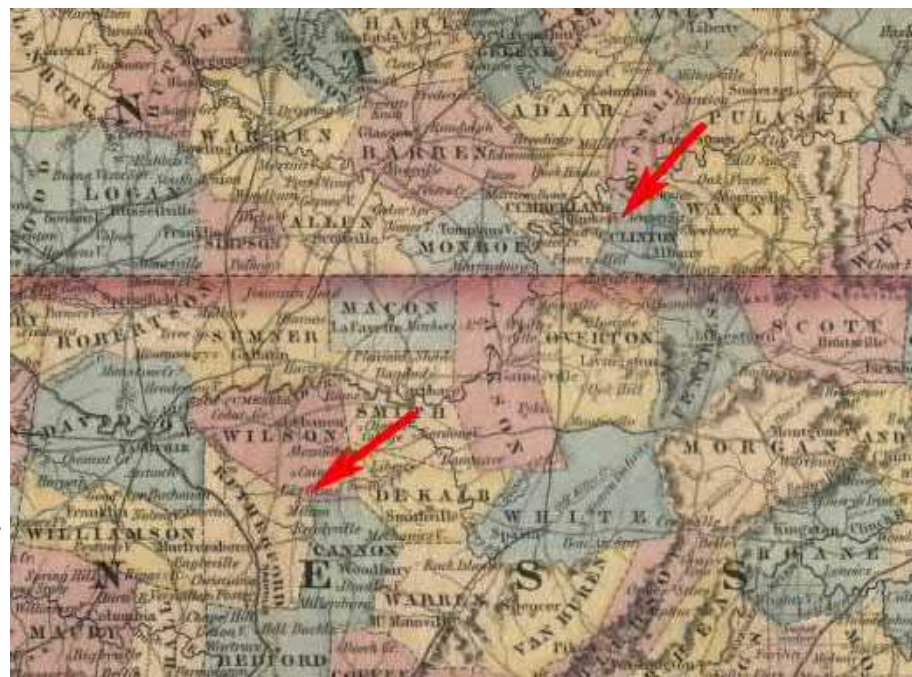
Then the next question. **Who was the Thomas Mayfield** who served as the Surety for the 1802 marriage of **William Mayfield** to **Elizabeth "Betsey" Robertson** 12 April 1802? At that point, Judy's husband-to-be might have been only 18 years old. Could he have been that Surety? **Or**, was there another **Thomas Mayfield** in Pulaski Co., KY at that time? That William, who married Robertson in 1802, likely was a son of **Isaac**, as Norfleet maintains. He died in Giles Co., TN in 1860. Both he and his wife **Elizabeth** are buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery in Pulaski, Giles Co., TN. Phil Norfleet does not indicate that Isaac had a son **Thomas**.

As of this writing, I have not found **John Sr.** or **John Jr. Mayfield** in **Pulaski Co., KY** in this period.

## RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

By 1808, **Ambrose** and **Thomas Mayfield** appear to have moved to **Rutherford Co., TN**.

Excerpt of 1854 Map of  
Kentucky and  
Tennessee  
(Pendleton, South Carolina to  
Pulaski County, Kentucky)  
Joseph Hutchins Colton  
(1800-1893)  
Tennessee State Library and  
Archives Collection  
<http://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p15138coll23/id/9218/rec/5>



On May 11, 1808, **Thomas Mayfield** and **Ambrose Mayfield** served as chain carriers to survey 300 acres of land in **Rutherford County, Tennessee** which was being purchased by **Henry Lofton**. That land was on the Headwaters of the West Fork of the Stones River and adjacent to land owned by William Patterson.

791	LOFTON, Henry	300	Rut	H W Fk Stones	11 May 1808	CC Thos Mayfield, Ambrose Mayfield. AT Wm Patterson.
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**Thomas Mayfield** also purchased 109 acres of land in Rutherford Co., Tennessee on August 3, 1808. It was on the East Fork of the West Fork of the Stones River. Phillip and William Prater were chain carriers for the survey.

875	MAYFIELD, Thomas	109	Rut	E Fk of W Fk of Stones R	03 Aug 1808	CC Phillip Prater, Wm Prater.
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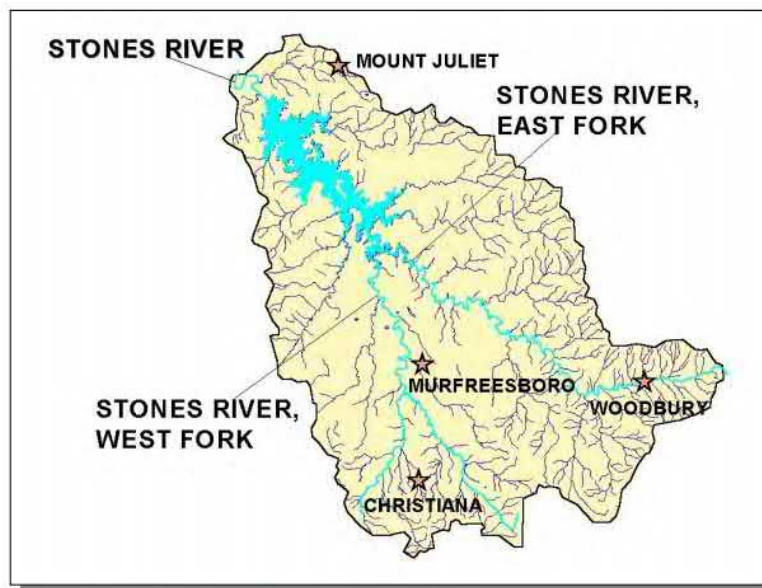


Figure 2-4. Hydrology in the Stones River Watershed. There are 1,031 stream miles and 22,691 lake acres recorded in River Reach File 3 in the Stones River Watershed. Locations of Christiana, Mount Juliet, Murfreesboro, and Woodbury are shown for reference.

Source:

*Watershed (05130203) of the Cumberland River Basin Water Quality Management*

*Plan 2003 - Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Pollution Control, Watershed Management Section*

[http://www.tennessee.gov/assets/entities/environment/attachments/wr-ws\\_watershed-plan-stones-2003.pdf](http://www.tennessee.gov/assets/entities/environment/attachments/wr-ws_watershed-plan-stones-2003.pdf)

*Stones River*

According to the **1810 Rutherford County, Tennessee census**, the Mayfields moved to the town of **Jefferson**, which was on the land below where the Stones River split into East and West forks. Jefferson began as the county seat of Rutherford Co., but that county seat was moved to Murfreesboro in 1811. Being on the banks of the Stones River, the town of Jefferson was often subject to flooding. That town no longer exists after the Army Corps of Engineers bought a great deal of land in Jefferson and built a dam on that river in 1967. The above map shows that water



system after the creation of that dam.

Source: *Rutherford County, Tennessee Historical Society*  
<http://rutherfordtnhistory.org/new-jefferson-page/>



<http://rutherfordtnhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Jefferson-Sign-at-Gils-Market-1977-1.jpg>

We are fortunate to have the 1810 Rutherford Co., TN census, because it and some of the Grainger Co. census are the only 1810 censuses from TN to have survived to our modern day.

### 1810 Jefferson, Rutherford County, TN Census

[image 3 of 13, Ancestry.com]

Free White Males					Free White Females					All other Free Persons	Slaves
Under 10	10 thru 15	16 thru 25	26 thru 44	45 and over	Under 10	10 thru 15	16 thru 25	26 thru 44	45 and over		

**John Mayfield** 11010-100100 [oldest male: 26-44]

**Ambrose Mayfield** 01401-020010 [oldest male: 45 and over]

**Hamilton Thomas** 00100-201000 [oldest male: 16-25]

**Wm Mayfield** 30010-001000 [oldest male: 26-44]

**John Mayfield** 00001-001010 [oldest male: 45 and over]

**Thomas Mayfield** 00100-101000 [oldest male: 16-25]

1810 United States Federal Census for Ambrose Mayfield											
Tennessee > Rutherford > Jefferson											
John Mayfield	1	1	"	1	"	1	"	"	1	"	"
John Mayfield	1	1	"	1	"	1	"	"	1	"	"
Thos Scott	2	"	"	1	"	2	"	"	1	"	"
Ambrose Mayfield	"	1	4	"	1	"	2	"	"	1	"
Hamilton Thomas	"	"	1	"	"	2	"	1	"	"	"
Wm Mayfield	3	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	1	"
John Mayfield	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"
Thos Mayfield	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	"

Once again, as in the **1790** and **1800 Pendleton District, SC** censuses, we see a **John Sr.** And **John Jr.** with **Ambrose**. Those two Johns certainly seem to have had a close relationship with **Ambrose** and I suspect they likely were a brother of Ambrose and a son of John Sr. or Ambrose,

**Thomas Scott** is said to have married **Elizabeth Jones** on March 3, 1802 in Pulaski Co., KY and then moved to Rutherford Co., TN. She was a daughter of **Nicholas Jones** and **Martha "Patsy" Moore** and a granddaughter of **Arthur Moore** who died in 1821 in Franklin Co., TN. Thomas Scott is said to have appeared in the 1820 Lincoln Co., TN census and in the 1830 and 1840 censuses of McNairy Co., TN. I will say more about **Elizabeth** later.

Source: Betty's Boneyard Genealogy Blog - Elizabeth Jones, wife of Thomas Scott, Thomas Mayfield, or Both?: by Betty Tartas  
<https://bettysgenealogyblog.blogspot.com/2012/08/>

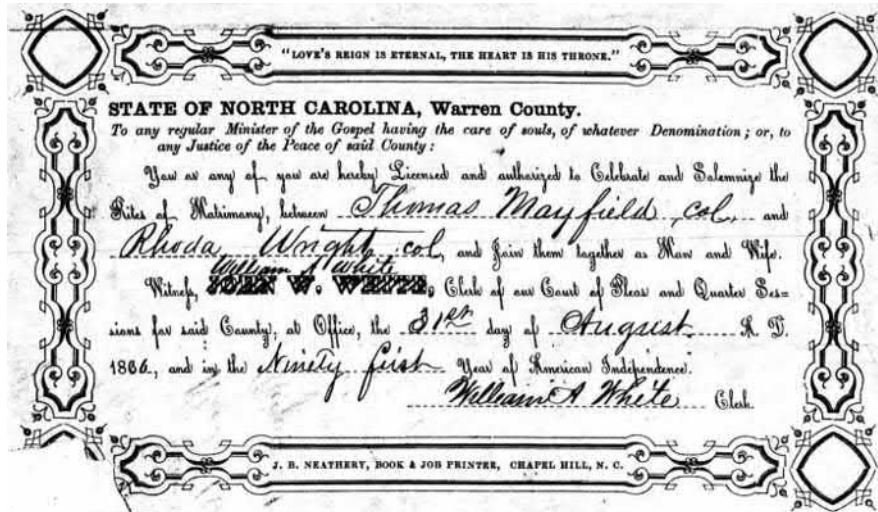
The name below **Ambrose** is hard to read, but I believe it says **Hamilton Thomas** and I believe that was the "**Hamlet**" **Thomas** who married Ambrose's daughter **Judy** in 1807 in **Pulaski Co., KY**.

The identity of **Wm. Mayfield** is presently unknown. However, it seems likely that he was the **William Thomas Mayfield** who was said by Glenn Mayfield to have married **Catharine "Kate" Mayfield**.

It also seems very likely to me that this **William** might have been a son of **Ambrose** or **John Sr.**

Source: The Mayfields - Robert & Sarah - by Glenn Mayfield - William Thomas Mayfield [Person page 75]  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mayfield/GlennWMayfield/p75.htm#i2221>

**Note:** Glenn Mayfield was incorrect in asserting that **Thomas Henderson Mayfield** and **Rhoda Wright** married in **1766** in Warren Co., NC and that they were the parents of **William Thomas Mayfield**. In fact, Thomas Henderson and Rhoda married in **1866** in that county—after William Thomas Mayfield had died in about 1863. They were married by **Rev. L. C. Perkinson**, who lived from 1826 to 1908 and began the Sharon Baptist Church in Warren Co., NC in 1858. Also, the legal records of the marriage of Thomas Henderson and Rhoda described their race as “col.”



Sources: North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011 for Thomas Mayfield [image 1473 of 5237] - Ancestry.com

*The History of Sharon and Wise Baptist Church, 1858-1958* by Clarence H. Thompson

<https://archive.org/stream/historyofsharonw00thom#page/n0/mode/2up>

Glenn Mayfield also asserted that the mother of William Thomas Mayfield was **Catherine “Kate” Mayfield**, a daughter of **Stephen Mayfield Sr.** and **Bridgett Gilmore**. Stephen was in the **1790 Pendleton District Census** with **Ambrose** and **John Mayfield Sr.** Stephen is said to have had a Cherokee wife in addition to Bridgett Gilmore. Norfleet indicates that Stephen likely had a daughter **Catherine (b. 1798)**. However, born then, she wouldn’t have been old enough to marry William Thomas Mayfield and give birth to his known son **Tolbert Fountain Mayfield** in 1804.

Source: *Stephen Mayfield (d. 1834) of Pendleton County SC and Overton County TN* by Phil Norfleet

[http://mayfield02.tripod.com/stephen\\_mayfield\\_d\\_\\_1834.htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/stephen_mayfield_d__1834.htm)

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No record has been found of **William Thomas Mayfield's** marriage, though the **1850** and **1860** censuses of their household in **Polk County, Missouri** do indicate that the name of William Thomas' wife was **Catherine** and that she was born about 1785 in **North Carolina**.

Here is a tentative listing of the children of **William Thomas Mayfield**. Those individuals with a + appear to be mentioned in William's Will recorded on April 22, 1863 in Polk Co., Missouri.

Ambrose Mayfield (1802-1826) may have m: Nancy Brooks?

William O. Mayfield (1803- ?1860) m: Elizabeth Baker [son: +Alisha Woodford Mayfield]

+Tolbert Fountain Mayfield (1804-1870) m: Elizabeth Johnston, Nancy D. Davis

+Bailes Earl Mayfield (1808 - )

Elizabeth Mayfield (1814 - ) m: +William Baker

Mary Anne Mayfield (1814-1852) m: +Willis Jackson Tiller

+Nancy Mayfield (1818- )

+Margaret Elizabeth "Eliza" Mayfield (1821 - 1891) m: Peyton Smith Keele

+Ellen Mayfield (1822 - ) m: John McCurry

+Logan Henderson Mayfield (1825 - 1867) m: Mary Murry, Lucinda Tice

Glenn Mayfield asserted that **William Thomas Mayfield** had a son named **Ambrose Mayfield** who was born in 1802 in Warren Co., TN. Warren Co. was actually formed in 1807 from White Co., TN. However, at present no record has emerged confirming that relationship to William Thomas, though it is possible. That Ambrose supposedly died long before William's Will was made.

Source: *Missouri, Wills and Probate Records, 1766-1988 for William Mayfield - Polk Co. Will Records, Vol A-C, 1839-1929* [image 87 of 654] - Ancestry.com

The court records of Rutherford County, TN, from 1803 to 1829, which dealt with probate and civil issues brought to it, contain **four** references to Mayfields, three of which were to **William Mayfield**. Those references were as follows:

1. [1812] **William Mayfield** was a buyer at a sale of property related to the estate of the late **William Dosy**. The estate administrator was **John Miller**.

279. RB2,p265 - Sale of Property: William Dausy or Dosy - 3 Oct 1812 - A: John Miller - B: Caty Dosy, Firney Norman, Elkin Hand, William John, Margret Miller, Isaac Norman, Nicholas Woodfin, John Miller, Robert Miller, Isaac Miller, John Simmons, Tiny White, James Hand, William Hall, William Mayfield, Benjamin Waller, Matthew McClure, John Cole, John Botchell, Epps Taylor, John Johnson, William Gregory, Moses McQuirtor.

2. [1814] **Isaac Mayfield** was a buyer at a sale related to the estate of **James Moore**. The estate administrator was **James Higgins**.

297. RB2,p294 - Sale: James Moore - R: 30 Aug 1814 - A: James Higgins - B: Elizabeth Ann Umphreys or Humphreys, James Higgins, William Morris, Jobe Dean, Matthew Johnson, Isaac Mayfield, Anthony Kinnard.

3. [1814] **William Mayfield** was a buyer at a sale related to the estate of **William Arnold**. The estate administrator was **Amy Arnold**.

302. RB2,p301 - Inv: William Arnold - R: 3 Nov 1814 - A: Amy Arnold - B: widow, John Wretton, John Brown, William Mankins, William Norton, William Jacobs, William Mayfield, Joseph Gowen, John Newman, William McFarlan, Jeremiah Jacob, Nicholas Edwards, Charles Lowe, Reuben Scott, Joshua Cates, Robert Miller, William Brown.

4. [1822] **William Mayfield** was one of those who owed money to the estate of **William Henderson** [partial images].

865. RB5,p278 - Sales: William Henderson - 21/22 Nov 1822 - Wid: Mary Henderson - B: Mary Henderson, John M. Price, Dr. H. Holmes, Thomas Woods, Medford Caffey, John Bellah, Logan Henderson, Archibald Stinson,

S retained on plantation: Peter, Alston, Mariah - O: Guyger & Locke, Jones Sowell, William Brady, Alexander McKeen, Thomas Brothers, John H. McCoy, John Wade, A. Statler, George Calhoun, John Nelson, Jas. B. Henry, Joseph Poindexter, Joseph Marlin, Robert Kelton, John Cooper, Elijah Cox, William Mayfield, Charles Lowe, Mr. Davison, Nat. Perry, Charles Anderson, Robert Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Abadiah



The following **Mayfields** signed a petition to the General Assembly of Tennessee which was dated **September 27, 1812**. That petition was signed by citizens of Rutherford County who wished to show that a majority of the county's citizens were pleased with the place which the county's commissioners had chosen for the seat of the county—namely Murfreesborough. This petition was 38 pages long. [I will show the Mayfield names together with those who signed it near them, which in itself may provide some clues regarding family relationships.]

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Benjamin Waller  
Benjamin Waller Jr  
William Waller  
Samuel Burks  
James Standly  
**Solamen Mayfield**  
Edmund Edwards  
Thomas B. Edwards  
**Tolbert Mayfield**  
Leonard? Bevins  
Lij? Hill  
William Bigham?  
Willaim Brown  
John Brown  
William Brown [sic]

As noted later in this paper, **Solomon Mayfield** appears to have been a son of **Ambrose Mayfield**, in part because some of his descendants were named Ambrose.

It is not clear who this **Tolbert Mayfield** was, as supposedly the Tolbert who was the son of **William Thomas Mayfield** would have only been about age 8 in 1812 when this petition was signed. And, as described in the source, an effort was to be made not to let school children sign this petition. Was this Tolbert another son of **Ambrose**?

In the 1810 Rutherford Co., TN census, **Edmund Edwards** and others with that surname lived very close to the Mayfields.

Mathias Hoover Jr  
William Hoggatt  
Marten Hoover  
George Burks  
James Burks Jr  
Philip Praytor  
**Isaac Mayfield**  
John Simmons  
Marvell Simmons  
John Simmons Jr  
Peter Bumgarner  
Charles Dorsey  
**John Mayfield**  
**Rewben Mayfield**  
John Rolen/Bolen  
William Robertson  
**William Mayfield**

In this petition there were 36 names between **Tolbert Mayfield** and **Isaac Mayfield**. In the 1810 Rutherford Co., TN census a **James Burks** lived near the Mayfields.

Notice **Philip Praytor** beside Isaac. As mentioned earlier, a **Phillip Prater** was a chain carrier in the 1808 survey of land for **Thomas Mayfield**.

Who was **Reuben Mayfield**—possibly a son or brother of **John Mayfield**, who signed this petition before him? It is worth noting that in 1823, a **Reuben Mayfield** and **Brady Mayfield** [very possibly my direct Mayfield ancestor] signed a petition to the Tennessee Legislature asking that certain sections of Rutherford Co. be attached to Bedford Co., TN.

James Lane  
Thomas Lane  
John Newman  
Joseph Newman  
Alexander Nisbet  
Joseph W. Nisbet

Source: Box 32. Legislative Papers, Tenn. State Archives  
*Tennessee Genealogical Records: Records of Early Settlers From State and County Archives*, by Edythe Rucker Whitley, 1981, p. 141



Chaimberlin Bealk  
 James Richards  
 France B. MCoy  
 Hezekiah Hardgrove  
 Lamuel Nicholas  
 Solomon Mayfield  
 Alfred Moore  
 James Johnson  
 Archibald Moore  
 Henry M. Hudson  
 Thomas Palmr  
 Marquis Moore  
 John Pollard

Here, **Solomon Mayfield** appears again. Did he sign it twice or were there two different Solomon Mayfields?

Notice **Archibald Moore**. He could have been the person of that name who married **Elizabeth "Betsey" Mayfield** on August 18, 1800 in **Pulaski Co., Kentucky**. **William Mayfield** was the Surety. Phil Norfleet indicated that Elizabeth was a daughter of **Isaac Mayfield** and **Rebecca Margaret Brummett**. Isaac was a son of **John Mayfield** and **Mary Stanwix**.

Source: *Petitions to the General Assembly of Tennessee* - Abstracted from Tennessee State Library and Archives Microfilm, Legislative Petitions 1812-1813, Roll No.4

The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, "Ansearchin" News, Vol. 35, No. 3, Fall 1988, 101-102  
<http://www.tngs.org/resources/Documents/Magazine/Vol%2035%20No3%201988.pdf>

## 1820 Rutherford, Rutherford County, TN Census

[image 4 of 19, Ancestry.com]

The 1820 census shows only one Mayfield in Rutherford Co., and that is **William Mayfield**. At least age-wise it could be the same William who was in the 1810 Rutherford Co. census.

Free White Males						Free White Females					Foreigners not naturalized	Numbers of persons engaged in Agriculture	Numbers of persons engaged in Commerce	Numbers of persons engaged in Manufactures
Free white males under ten years	Free white males of ten and under sixteen	Free white males between sixteen and eighteen	Free white males of sixteen and under twenty-six, including heads of families	Free white males of twenty-six and under forty-five, including heads of families	Free white males of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families	Free white females under ten years	Free white females of ten and under sixteen	Free white females of sixteen and under twenty-six, including heads of families	Free white females of twenty-six and under forty-five, including heads of families	Free white females of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families				
to 10	10 to 16	16 to 18	16 to 26	26 to 45	45 & c.	to 10	10 to 16	16 to 26	26 to 45	45 & c.				

**William Mayfield** 011110 - 40010 - 02 [oldest male: age 26-44]

1820 United States Federal Census for William Mayfield														
Tennessee > Rutherford > Rutherford														
Isabel Bailey				1	0		1					1		
William Mayfield	1	1	1	1		4		1				2		
David Phillips	4				1			1				1		

## 1830 Rutherford County, TN Census

[image 95 of 200, Ancestry.com]

The 1830 census shows **five** Mayfield households in Rutherford Co.

Age categories for this census are the same for both males and females. **Fountain Mayfield** and **William Mayfield** are relatively close to each other. But, the other Mayfield families appear to be quite a distance from each other.

Under five years of age.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under thirty.	Of thirty and under forty.	Of forty and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.	Of seventy and under eighty.	Of eighty and under ninety.	Of ninety and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and upward.
under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100. &c.

**Thomas Mayfield** 1112001000000 - 1020001000000 [oldest male: 40-49] [3 slaves] [image 84 of 200]

**Fountain Mayfield** 0000100000000 - 1001000000000 [oldest male: age 20-29] [image 95 of 200]

**William Mayfield** 0200101000000 - 0212001000000 [oldest male: age 40-49] [image 95 of 200]

**Isaac Mayfield** 2011010000000 - 011101 [oldest male: age 30-39] [18 slaves] [image 105 of 200]

**Robert Mayfield** 2000100000000 - 0000100000000 [oldest male: age 20-29] [image 212 of 200]

## 1840 Rutherford County, TN Census

[image 95 of 200, Ancestry.com]

The 1840 census shows **six** Mayfield households in Rutherford Co. In this census, **Fountain S.**, **William**, and **Isaac** appear to be relatively close to each other. I will note that Fountain S. could actually be **Fountain T[olbert]**.

Under 5	5 & under 10	10 & under 15	15 & under 20	20 & under 30	30 & under 40	40 & under 50	50 & under 60	60 & under 70	70 & under 80	80 & under 90	90 & under 100	100 & upwards
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**Thomas Mayfield** 0020100100000 - 0011000100000 [oldest male: age 50-59] [4 slaves] [image 123 of 198]

**William Mayfield** 1020010100000 - 0001300100000 [oldest male: 50-59] [image 147 of 198]

**Fountain S. Mayfield** 001111000000 - 1110100000000 [oldest male: age 30-39] [1 slave] [image 163 of 198]

**William Mayfield** 0000010000000 - 3000100000000 [oldest male: age 30-39] [image 163 of 198]

**Isaac Mayfield** 0210100100000 - 0010010000000 [oldest male: age 50-59] [26 slaves] [image 163 of 198]

**Isaac Mayfield** 1210100000000 - 0110100000000 [oldest male: age 20-29] [image 177 of 198]

## 1850 Rutherford County, TN Census

Family #

908 **William Mayfield** 46 NC, Anna 33 TN, Elizabeth 18 TN, Sarah 12 TN, Sarah 12 TN, Thomas C. 10, Louisa 8 TN, John W. 6 TN, Clementine 4 TN, Tabitia/Lotitia 1 TN. [Big Spring]

1154 **John Mayfield** 27 TN, Catharine 27 TN, Evelin 4 TN, Jene 3 TN. [Fosterville]

1224 **William Mayfield** 35 TN, Malvina 33 TN, Elizabeth 13 TN, Fountain 12 TN, Wm 10 IL?, Susan 7 TN, Evaline 5 TN, Philip 2 TN. [Fosterville]

**Note:** We now return to **Rutherford Co., TN** the year after the 1810 census, in 1811, and consider a possible son of **Ambrose**, whose name was **Solomon Mayfield**. Following this Mayfield line into **Warren Co., TN** we do come across Mayfield children with the name **Ambrose**.

**Solomon Mayfield** joined the second militia regiment in Rutherford Co., TN, which was formed in 1811 and called the 45<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

Matthews, John	Ensign 22nd Regiment	Feb. 21, 1811
Mayberry, John	Lieut. 2nd (45th) Reg.	May 24, 1811
Mayfield, Solomon	Ensign " " "	June 10, 1811
Miller, James	Lieut. " " "	July 24, 1811

Source: Rutherford County Militia Commissions by Henry Wray  
<http://digital.mtsu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/rchs/id/64>

Source: *Excerpt from 1834 Henry Schenck  
Tanner's U. S. Map*  
TNGenWeb Project  
<https://www.tngenweb.org/maps/>



**Solomon Mayfield** 3M(Under 10), **1M(25-44)**, 1F (16-25), 1F(26-44) [image 10 of 43]

1820 United States Federal Census for Solomon Mayfield																			
Tennessee > Warren > Not Stated																			
John Hicks				1			2		1										
James Porter	1		1			1	1	4		1		1							
Elisha Anderson	1	1			1		4	1		1									
William Newman						1	1					1		1					
Solomon Mayfield	3				1				1	1			1						
Elisha Harrison				1		1									2				

**Solomon Mayfield** 1M(Under 5), 1M(5-9), 2M(10-14), 1M(15-19), 1M(30-39), **1M(90-99)**

1F(Under 5), 1F(5-9), 1F(20-29)

[Image 99 of 158]

1830 United States Federal Census for Solomon Mayfala													
Tennessee	>	Warren	>	Not Stated									
Solomon Mayfala	1	1	2	1	.	1	.			1	1	1	1

Notice that **Solomon** had a **male age 90-99** in his household. Who was that? I wonder if that **was Ambrose** or, perhaps, **John Sr.**? I don't think we know for sure that Ambrose was born in 1750, though the American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI) indicates that an Ambrose Mayfield was. The **1800 Pendleton District, SC** census indicated that Ambrose Mayfield was at least 45 years old then or older. Also note that **Solomon** appears to be quite a distance away from other Mayfields in this county's census.

**Elisha Mayfield** 2M(Under 5), 1M(5-9), **1M(20-29)**, 1F(Under 5), 1F(20-29) [image 139 of 158]

**John Mayfield** 1M(15-19), **1M(50-59)**, 1F(15-19), 1F(20-29), 1F(50-59) [image 141 of 158]

**Robert Mayfield** 2M(Under 5), 1M(5-9), **1M(40-49)**, 1F(under 5), 1F(20-29) [image 149 of 158]

**Robert Mayfield** 2M(5-9), **1M(30-39)**, 1F(Under 5), 1F(20-29), 1F(30-39) [image 151 of 158]



## 1840 Warren County, TN Census

**Solomon Mayfield** 1M(Under 5), 3M(5-9), 2M(10-14), 1M(15-19), 1M(20-29), **1M(40-49)**,  
2F(5-9), 1F(15-19), **1F(40-49)** [image 15 of 100]

1840 United States Federal Census for Solomon Mayfield																											
Tennessee > Warren > Not Stated																											
Names of Family Head, Wife, Children, and other persons living in the household	NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES	MALES														FEMALES											
		Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and upwards	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and upwards
	Christman Mayfield	2		1	1		1								1	1				1							
	Solomon Mayfield	1	3	2	1	1		1								2		1		1							
	Ann Burdison					1									2	2			1								
	Holbert Mayfield					1													1								

Notice that **Holbert Mayfield** is very close to **Solomon**.

**Holbert Mayfield** 1M(20-29), 1F(20-29) [image 15 of 100]

[Note: the census taker wrote this individual's first name with an "H." However, this individual may well have been **Tolbert Mayfield** who appears in other early Warren Co., TN records. I wonder, might Tolbert have been a close relative of **Solomon**?]

**Elisha Mayfield** 2M(5-9), 1M(10-14), **1M(30-39)**, 2F(Under 5), 1F(5-9), 1F(10-14), **1F(30-39)**  
[image 25 of 100]

**Nancy Mayfield** 1M(Under 5), 1F(5-9), 2F(20-29) [1 person Deaf and Dumb, 25 and over]  
[image 29 of 100]

**Robert Mayfield** 1M(Under 5), 1M(5-9), 1M(10-14), 1M(15-19), **1M(20-29)**, **1M(70-79)**,  
2F(Under 5), 1F(5-9), 1F(15-19), **1F(30-39)** [image 63 of 100]

## 1850 Warren County, TN Census

District 15, Family # 218

**Mary Mayfield** 49 TN, **Ambrose** 22 TN, Adaline 20 TN, Eliza J. 18 TN, William B. 14 TN,  
**Fountain S.** 14 TN, Francis M. 11 TN, Phillip S. 9 TN, **Margaret Mayfield** 36 TN, **Ambrose**  
**L.** 2 TN.



**Note:** The International Genealogical Index/Family Tree in Familysearch.org indicates that **Solomon Mayfield** was born abt 1795 in TN, that he married **Nancy Riddle** on 6 Jan 1816 in Warren Co., TN, and that he died on 16 Nov 1848 in that county. Further, it indicates that **Elizabeth Jane Mayfield**, the daughter of Solomon and Nancy, was born 10 Jun 1839, that she married **James Porter Braly** (1830-1890) on 19 Jun 1853 in **Batesville, Independence Co., Arkansas**, and that she died on 4 May 1863 in **Cherokee, Texas**.

One of the sources for that IGI/Family Tree info was **Delpha Weatherson**, who I was able to contact. She told me that she secured that information in the 1960's from **Mrs. Lottie Braly** (deceased 1973), who was a relative of Delpha's husband and a genealogist. Mrs. Lottie Braly was the wife of **Leonard Allen Braly**, who was a son of **Joseph Ambrose Braly**, who was a son of **James Porter Braly** and **Elizabeth Jane Mayfield**. Lottie Braly had the Bible record of that line and confirmed that **Solomon Mayfield** was the father of Elizabeth Jane as well the information on Solomon's marriage and death.

Source: <https://familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/KHMN-KRT/landscape>

Elizabeth Jane apparently was the **Eliza J. 18 TN** in the **1850 Warren Co., TN** census above. That census shows **Ambrose 22 TN** as a likely older brother of hers, though her mother there is listed as **Mary Mayfield 49 TN**. Further support for that connection, is that Elizabeth's mother and some siblings are found in the 1860 census in the same basic locale [Independence Co., AR] where Elizabeth married in 1853. And, her mother is listed as **Nancy** there.

**1860 Ruddell, Independence, Arkansas Federal Census**  
[Post office: **Batesville**]

**Nancy Mayfield 57 TN, Ambrose Mayfield 31 TN, Francis M. Mayfield 18 TN, Philip S. Mayfield 18 TN, Marcy Crim 19 TN.**

As noted above, **Elizabeth Jane (Mayfield) Braly** named one of her sons **Joseph Ambrose Braly** (5 Jan 1856, Cherokee Co., Texas - 1 Dec 1948, Ada, Pontotoc Co., Oklahoma). He married **Nancy Florence Heathman** (1858-1902).

It has not been proven, but it seems likely that **Ambrose** of **Washington Co., Pendleton District, Pulaski Co., and Rutherford Co.** was the father of **Solomon**.

**Note:** Who were **Margaret Mayfield 36 TN** and **Ambrose L. 2 TN** who were in the household of **Mary Mayfield** in the **1850 Warren Co., TN** census? He is said to have been **Ambrose Taylor Mayfield** (b. 1848, TN) who married **Melissa Maddy** (1851-1859) in 1871 in Joplin, Jasper Co., MO.

**Ambrose Taylor Mayfield** and his family, including his mother, appear in two different censuses in **1880**, as follows:

**1880 Joplin, Jasper Co., Missouri** Federal Census  
Family #26 [June 1, 1880]

**A. Taylor Mayfield** 32, Mining Superintendent, Melisa 26, Fred 5, Elmer 3, **Margaret Bernard** 65, married

**1880 Galena, Cherokee Co., Kansas** Federal Census  
Family #539 [June 22, 1880]

**Taylor Mayfield** 31, Superintending Smelter, Melisa 26, Frederic 5, Elmer 3, **Margaret Bernard** 65, widowed/divorced

I think it is likely that Mayfield was **Margaret's** married name. If so, her husband likely died [or left her] before the 1850 census. I don't know if her maiden name was **Bernard** or she married a Bernard after the 1850 census.

See the next section for comments on **Marcy Crim 19 TN** who appears in the 1860 census in the household of **Mary/Nancy Mayfield**.

## 1850 Warren County, TN Census [continued]

Only two other Mayfield individuals appear in the 1850 Warren Co. Census, and they are in the household of **Hasten L. Crim**, who soon after the 1850 census married **Artemissa Mayfield** who was then in his household. Note that this Crim household is in a **different** district of Warren Co., TN, than **Mary Mayfield's** household was in.

District 4, Family #405

**Hasten L. Crimm** 40 Unknown, John Crimm 18 TN, George H. Crimm 16 TN, Williams Crimm 15 TN, Thomas J. Crimm 13 TN, **Mary M. Crimm 12 TN**, Hasten L. Crimm 9 TN, Amanda Crimm 7 TN, Lafayette Crimm 6 TN, Audley H. Crimm 2 TN, **Artimisa Mayfield 28 TN**, **James H. Mayfield 1 TN**

**Note:** The correct surname of the above family appears to have been **Crim**. Despite the name difference recorded by the census taker, that same family seems to appear in the **1860** Federal Census of **Davidson, Randolph Co., Arkansas** as follows.

**Hasting L. Crain** 54 NC, **Artemissa Crain** 34 TN, **Mary Crain 20, Seamstress, TN**, Hastin L. Crain 18 TN, Amanda Crain 16 TN, Lafayette Crain 15 TN, Audley Crain 11 TN, Jessie Crain 9 TN, Sarah Crain 6 TN, Charles Crain 4 TN, Louisa Crain 2 AR, Elizabeth Crain 6/12 AR.

The Ruiz-Isasi Family Tree on Ancestry.com indicates that **Hasten Linville Crim** was born in 1810 in Stokes Co., NC, that he first married **Lavisa Hitchcock** [1814-1848], that he then married **Artimisa Mayfield** [b. 1822] with whom he had children: Jessie 1851, Sarah 1854, Charles 1856, Louisa Jane 1858, Elizabeth 1860, and Cynthia 1862. Hasten is said to have died in 1869 in Ripley, Missouri.

It is not clear to me that **Artemissa's** maiden name was Mayfield or what happened to **James H. Mayfield** who is listed with her in the 1850 Warren Co., TN census. Possibly he died before the 1860 census?

**Marcy Crimm age 19, TN** appears in the 1860 household of **Nancy Mayfield** in **Ruddell, Independence Co., AR**. That census was taken on June 6, 1860. **Mary Crain 20, Seamstress, TN** appears in the 1860 household of **Hasten Linville** and **Artemissa Crim** in **Davidson, Randolph Co., AR**. That census was taken on 28 Aug 1860. The distance between the two locations is roughly 70 miles or so. I suspect that is two different listings of the same young woman-taken at different times. And, if so, that suggests a definite connection between **Artemissa** and **Mary/Nancy Mayfield**.

Was **Artemissa Mary/Nancy Mayfield's** daughter, daughter-in-law, or possibly even a much younger sister of hers?

**Artemissa Crim** later appears in the **1870** and **1880** censuses of **Union, Ripley Co., Missouri**.

*Source: Ruiz-Isasi Family Tree [Hasten Linville Crim]*  
<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/23174114/person/12192677104/facts>

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

On December 24, 1822, **Ambrose Mayfield** and **Cyrus Montgomery** filed a bond in **Williamson Co., Tennessee** for the marriage of **Ambrose** and **Nancy Brooks**. Presumably their marriage took place that day or soon afterwards. The identity of Nancy is known. As Thomas Adkins has researched and noted on his website [below]: Nancy was a daughter of **John Brooks** (1751-1835) and **Nancy “Ann” Stuart** (1750-1826), who lived at that time in Williamson Co. Nancy was born about July 20, 1788 in Virginia.

Before 1829, Nancy married **Iredell Reding** (1791, Randolph, NC -1864, Danville, Montgomery, Texas). **Nancy (Brooks) (Mayfield) Reding** died in 1861 in Danville too.

The children Nancy had with **Ambrose Mayfield** were the following:

**Samuel Brooks Mayfield** was born about 1825 in Tennessee, married **Mary Louise Seymour** in 1855 in Montgomery, Texas, and died in 1899 in Harris Co., Texas. None of his children are known to have been named Ambrose, though one was named Hamilton.

**Rebecca Jane Mayfield** is said to have been born in 1826 in Indiana. She married **Collatinus Cincinnatus Ezell** in 1840 in Rutherford Co., Tennessee and died about 1902 in Cherokee, Texas. They are said to have had five children.

**Source:** *Adkins Family Genealogy, History & Heritage*  
<http://www.adkins.ws/index.php?ctype=gedcom&ged=Adkins.GED>

**Note:** Our question is, who was the **Ambrose Mayfield** who married **Nancy Brooks** in 1822 in **Williamson Co., TN**?

There are two different answers often given to that question, which I will discuss here.

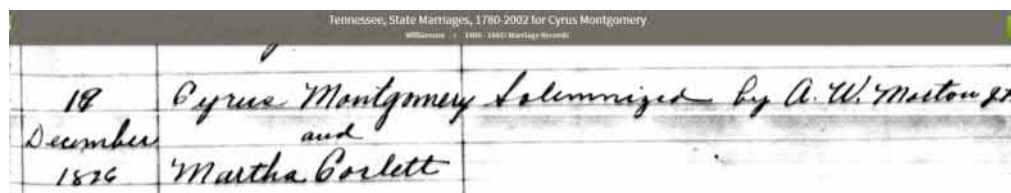
**Answer 1.** Some maintain he was the **Ambrose**, perhaps born about 1750, who in 1810 lived in Rutherford Co., TN, which was then adjacent to Williamson Co, TN. That Ambrose is the main subject of this paper and its research.

It is possible that answer is correct, as that **Ambrose** apparently lived in a TN county adjacent to Williamson Co. just 12 years before the marriage of **Nancy Brooks**. However, although it is possible, I am not inclined to favor that answer for the following two reasons:

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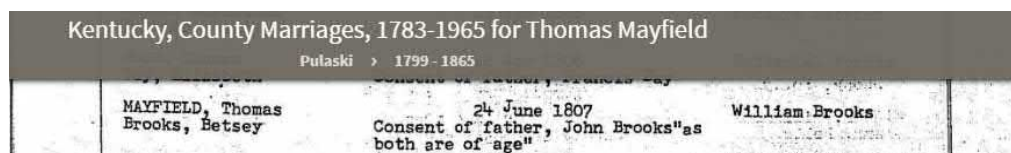
The bondsman for the marriage of **Ambrose** and **Nancy** was **Cyrus Montgomery**, who apparently was born about 1795 in North Carolina, according to his stated age of 55 in the **1850 Williamson Co., TN** Federal Census. Thus Cyrus was about 27 years old at the time Ambrose and Nancy married in 1822. In 1822, the **Ambrose** of Rutherford Co. might have been age 72 or perhaps even older and **Nancy** would have been about age 34.

**Cyrus** married **Martha Corlett** in **Williamson Co., TN** in 1826, so he may have been single at the time of Ambrose's marriage to Nancy in 1822.



~ It is possible in this instance, but I think it's less likely that a man in his 70's would turn to a 27 year old man, who may have been both single and a non-relative, to serve as the Security for his marriage. It seems more likely that a much younger man would turn to such a 27 year old for such support—particularly if that person was a close friend and a contemporary age-wise.

Previously in this paper, I noted the 1807 wedding of **Thomas Mayfield** and **Elizabeth “Betsy” Brooks** in **Pulaski Co., KY** and indicated that I thought it likely that this Thomas was a son of either **Ambrose Mayfield** or his likely brother, **John Mayfield Sr.** The households of that Thomas, Ambrose, and John Sr. seem to appear together in the 1810 Rutherford Co., TN census.



As Thomas Adkins has confirmed, that **Elizabeth Brooks** (1785 - by 1846) was an older sister of **Nancy Brooks** who married **Ambrose Mayfield** in 1822.

~ Once again, it is possible in this instance, but I think it is less likely, that a man, and particularly an older man, would marry the younger sister of the wife of his own son or nephew.

Source: *Adkins Family Genealogy, History & Heritage [Elizabeth “Betsy” Brooks]*  
<http://www.adkins.ws/individual.php?pid=1047&ged=Adkins.GED>



**Answer 2.** Mayfield researcher Glenn Mayfield has maintained that the **Ambrose Mayfield**, who married **Nancy Brooks** in 1822, was the Ambrose born in 1802 in Warren Co., TN, son of **William Thomas Mayfield** (b. abt 1783, TN - d. abt 1863) and **Catherine Mayfield** (b. 1783 TN - d. abt 1858). Additionally, Glenn has maintained that William Thomas' parents were **Thomas Henderson Mayfield** (b. abt 1747) and **Rhoda Wright** (b. abt 1749) and that Catherine's parents were **Stephen Mayfield Sr.** ( 1755- 1834) and **Bridgett Gilmore** (b. abt 1758).

Sources: *The Mayfields - Robert & Sarah* [p. 777 - Ambrose Mayfield]  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mayfield/GlennWMayfield/p777.htm#i23305>  
*The Mayfields - Robert & Sarah* [p. 75 - William Thomas Mayfield]  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mayfield/GlennWMayfield/p75.htm#i2221>

Unfortunately, very few sources have accompanied those assertions.

Was there such an **Ambrose Mayfield** born to **William Thomas** and **Catherine** in 1802 in Warren Co., TN?

~ So far, I have found no indication of **William Thomas Mayfield** and **Catherine Mayfield** having such a son **Ambrose**, but I would be glad if someone could provide sources for that, if there are any sources.

~ Furthermore, I will note that many of the children Glenn Mayfield said were born of **Ambrose Mayfield** and **Nancy Brooks**, were, instead, the children of **Solomon Mayfield** and **Nancy Riddle**, as shown, as I noted previously, in the **1850 Warren Co., TN** census, District 15, Family # 218. Thus, that accounting of their offspring in *The Mayfields - Robert & Sarah*, p. 777, is not reliable. Again, for the correct list of the children of **Ambrose Mayfield** and **Nancy Brooks**, see the website of Thomas Adkins.

Source: *Adkins Family Genealogy, History & Heritage*  
<http://www.adkins.ws/index.php?ctype=gedcom&ged=Adkins.GED>

**So, where does that leave us?** What other possible options might there be for the **Ambrose Mayfield** who married **Nancy Brooks**?

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In researching the legal documents related to **Ambrose Mayfield's** marriage to **Nancy Brooks**, I noticed a curious feature in the marriage bond which was filled out on December 24, 1822. Looking at that bond closely, it appears to me as though Ambrose's name is written as **Ambrose Mayfield Jr** on the first line of that document.



And, it seems as though a period, meant to go along with those possible letters Jr, may have been misplaced above the word Williamson below them.



**Is that Ambrose Mayfield a Jr.?** If so, it might mean that this Ambrose was a son of the **Ambrose** who was in Rutherford Co. in 1810. Or, it might mean that this Ambrose was a son of another relative of Ambrose--the name Jr. given to this Ambrose simply to distinguish him from the older Ambrose Mayfield. At this point I am reminded of that 90-99 year old male who was living in the household of **Solomon Mayfield** in the 1830 Warren Co., TN census.

I find this idea intriguing. But, I will also note that **nowhere else** on that marriage bond or the other legal documents concerning **Ambrose's** 1822 marriage do I find any such letters or squiggles added to Ambrose's surname.

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Whether or not the **Ambrose Mayfield** who married **Nancy Brooks** was known as **Jr.**, I think it is still quite possible that he was a son of one of the three Mayfields—**Ambrose**, **John Sr.**, or **John Jr.**—whose households appeared closely together in three different Federal censuses, namely, the **1790** and **1800 Pendleton District, SC** censuses and the **1810 Rutherford Co., TN** census.

I think it is very likely that **Ambrose** and **John Sr.** were brothers. I also think it is very likely that **John Jr.** was a son of either **Ambrose** or **John Sr.**

And certainly, those three had a number of males in their households who might have been the younger **Ambrose** who married **Nancy Brooks**. And, given the apparent lack of source material for the claim that this **Ambrose** was born in 1802, I do **not assume** that he necessarily was born then. In fact, I suspect he might have been born earlier, particularly considering that **Nancy Brooks** was about age 34 at the time of their marriage in 1822.

In the **1800 Pendleton District, SC** census:

**Ambrose** appears to have **seven** sons: 3(Under 10), 2(10-15), 2(16-25)

**John Sr.** appears to have **six** sons: 3(10-15), 3(16-25)

**John Jr.** appears to have **two** sons: 2(Under 10)

And, the identities of most of those sons are unknown today.

**Note:** There is one other issue I would like to mention. Glenn Mayfield has indicated that the **Fountain S. Mayfield, 14 TN** in the household of **Mary Mayfield 49 TN** in the **1850 Warren Co., TN** census, was a son of **Ambrose Mayfield** and **Nancy Brooks**—which is not correct. Furthermore, he has also indicated that Fountain S. was a grandson of **William Thomas Mayfield** and **Catherine Mayfield**—which likely also is not correct, given the error about Fountain's parents. The above **Fountain S. Mayfield** actually was a son of **Solomon Mayfield** and **Nancy Riddle**, as I indicated earlier.

~ Some Thoughts in Conclusion ~

This paper is just a **first** draft and may be edited further if more evidence emerges which will help clarify the relationships and lives of the Mayfields reviewed herein. I welcome comments, corrections, etc.

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Based on locations and contacts, I'm inclined to think that **Ambrose, John Sr.**, and **John Jr.** were closely related. It seems that John Sr. may have been the oldest of the three, because he had older sons. I think Ambrose and John Sr. likely were brothers and John Jr. was likely a son of one them, though perhaps more likely of John Sr.

Which particular line were those Mayfields in? As I've noted in this paper, I think **Ambrose** and **John Sr.** likely were either:

- ~ grandsons of **Isaac Mayfield** and **Isabella Sutherland** or
- ~ sons of **John Mayfield** and **Mary Stanwix**.

At present, I am leaning toward the connection to Isaac and Isabella being more likely, but that could change if more information emerges.

I feel it is unfortunate that so little has been known about **Ambrose** and **John Sr.** and their children. They have been a "hole" in contemporary Mayfield research, which I hope will be filled some day.

I admit that I am intrigued by the **90-99 year old man** who was recorded by the **1830 Warren Co., TN** census as being in the household of **Solomon Mayfield**. Who was he? And how many people back in that time period lived that long?

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My own personal connection to the Mayfield line is likely through **Brady Mayfield (b. 1770-1780)**, who appeared with his family in the **1830** census of **Knox Co., TN** and earlier in the **1810** census of **Pendleton District, SC**. I suspect that he might have been one of the sons of **John Mayfield Sr.** – or possibly **Ambrose Mayfield**.