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Note: This is a work “in progress.” Comments, corrections welcome.

~ Early Pendleton District, SC Research on Brady Mayfield ~

Jesse Bynam/Isaac Miller land in Pendleton District, SC

22 May 1798. **JESSE BYNUM** (Pendleton Co) to **ISAAC MILLER** (same); for \$50 sold 247 acres; border: begins at a post oak.

(signed) **WILLIAM BYNUM**'s mark "X" (sic);

(witness) **ASA BYNUM & BRADY MAYFIELD**;

wit. Oath 8 Oct 1804 by Asa Bynum before **DAVID MURPHREE JP**;

25 Oct 1824 recorded; Book R, p. 76.

Source: Book by Bruce Pruitt: 5386, p. 78. (Book R-Pendleton District)

With thanks to Anne Sheriff for the above information

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A Synopsis of Thoughts Based on the Research Which Follows

~ Brady Mayfield was born **1770-1780** and likely in SC

~ Brady may have been a son of 1790 Pendleton District, SC residents: **John Mayfield Sr.** or **Ambrose Mayfield**, or perhaps **Stephen Mayfield**.

~ John Mayfield Sr. and Ambrose Mayfield may have been brothers

~ Brady Mayfield may have grown up with Isaac Miller, purchaser of the above land in 1798

~ Isaac Miller's wife, b. about 1762, may have been a daughter of a 1790 Pendleton District Mayfield and a sister of Brady

~ Brady Mayfield likely married sometime between **1794-1799**.

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Land sold 1798 to: ISAAC MILLER

Who was **ISAAC MILLER** who purchased the land that Brady Mayfield served as a witness for in the above land transaction? Isaac is said to have been a son of **GEORGE MILLER/MUELLER** who appears in the 1790 Pendleton District, SC census near numerous Mayfield households.

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GEORGE MUELLER/MILLER was born 1740 in Germany, and died March 17, 1812 in Warren County, KY1. He married MARY. She was born in Germany. According to information received from Dolores Pringle, George Mueller came to America as a Hessian soldier during the French-Indian wars. George and wife Mary settled beyond the Great Indian boundary in Pendleton (Pickens County), SC. They lived along Rice's Creek and Golden Creek. He had other land grants but moved into the Indian lands where white settlers were not allowed. In 1804 George and Mary went to Warren County, KY. . .

George served in the military between 1756 and 1771 in South Carolina, US during the Cherokee Wars. He was a planter before 1812 in Kentucky, US. He signed a will on March 12, 1812 in Warren Co, KY, US, proved 27 Jun 1812. He died on March 17, 1812 in Warren Co, KY, US.

He was granted land in Pickens Co, SC near Rice Creek in 1789 and near Golden Creek of 12 Mile River on 5 Nov 1792. He left Pendleton District, SC in 1804 and went to Warren Co, KY. Isaac, his oldest son stayed in SC. George was married to Mary about 1764 in South Carolina, US. Mary died in Kentucky, US.

Source: Ruth Anne Bennett

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/LACLAIBO/2008-06/1214095420>

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Source: excerpt from Mills, Robert, Scribling, and B Schelten.

Pendleton District, South Carolina. [1820] Map.

Retrieved from the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division.

<https://www.loc.gov/item/2007627797>. (Accessed April 02, 2016.)

See also: *The Twelve Mile River and its tributaries in
"A Map of the lands ceded by the Cherokee Indians to the State
of South-Carolina at a congress held in May, A.D. 1777;
containing about 1,697,700 acres."*

Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division

<https://www.loc.gov/item/73691572/>

1790 Pendleton District, SC Census

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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	7
William Memphers	2	3	2	
Joseph Smith	3	3	4	1
Philip Porter	1	2	3	
Dea Memphers	1	1	1	
Samuel Martin	2	3	5	
Elijah Mayfield	1	1	6	
John Oliver	1	1	1	
Isham Mayfield	1	1	2	
William Henderson	1	3	6	
George Miller	2	3	6	
George Shuler	1	3	2	
John Mayfield	1	1	1	
Ambrose Mayfield	1	1	5	
Isaac Hamilton	2	3	4	5
Stephen Mayfield	1	1	1	
William Martin	1	1	2	
Christ. Guinn	1	3	3	
Joseph Martin	2	2	7	
Ezekiel Pelquin	2	1	4	
Joab Bowring	1	1	1	
Thomas Goff	1	1	2	
Henry Norton	1	2	3	
John Mayfield	2	5	2	

Elijah Mayfield 1-0-6

Isham Mayfield 1-0-2

George Miller 2-3-6

John Mayfield 1-0-1

AMBROSE MAYFIELD 1-5-5**STEPHEN MAYFIELD** 1-1-1**JOHN MAYFIELD SR.** 4-5-2

Based on BRADY MAYFIELD'S age in the 1810 Pendleton District census and the 1830 Knox Co., TN census, it appears that he was born 1770-1780. Thus, in the 1790 census he likely would have been between the ages of 10-20.

Thus, age-wise, if Brady was in one of the above Mayfield households, it would have been in the household of **AMBROSE**, **STEPHEN**, or **JOHN SR.**

Notice **GEORGE MILLER**, mentioned earlier, who is in the midst of those Mayfield households. George's son ISAAC was born about 1766-1770, based on the 1810 Pendleton and 1830 Pickens censuses.

In 1790, Brady would have been 10-20 years old and Isaac would have been 20-24 years old.

There seems to be a strong possibility that Brady and Isaac knew each other long before 1798 when Brady witnessed the sale of that 247 acres of land to Isaac. That deed places Brady in Pendleton District at that time, even though he does not appear in the census there until 1810.

I've read that a male as young as 14 years old could legally witness a deed in that Colonial period. If that is true, that is not helpful in determining Brady's age, as he could have been as much as 28 years old when he witnessed that 1798 deed.

The **WIFE** of **ISAAC MILLER**

Who was Isaac Miller's wife? Some have said that she was **HESTER/ELIZABETH MAYFIELD**. She could have been a daughter of any of the six Mayfields in the 1790 Pendleton District census above. Though, it seems less likely that she was the daughter of John Mayfield or Stephen Mayfield- -unless their wives had died or were elsewhere during that 1790 census.

If her last name was Mayfield, she probably was a close relative of Brady's and even that relationship in itself could account for why Brady was chosen to serve as a witness to that land sale. At this writing, I'm not clear if the follow statement contributes or not to the idea that Isaac's wife probably was a Mayfield.

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How to read Deed's [sic]:

In the lower left-hand corner of most deeds, you will find signatures of two to four witnesses. The first one is (most always, but not written in stone) is from the husband's side. The next one always from the wife's side. This is to protect her 1/3 dower right under the LAW. Nothing you will use will give greater clues to maiden names than witnesses to old deeds!

Source: <https://theshygenealogist.wordpress.com/reading-land-deeds/>

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The following text is from a person who believes Isaac's wife's maiden name was **MAYFIELD**:

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My 5th Great G'mother was **ELIZABETH MAYFIELD** bef. her marriage to ISAAC MILLER, Sr. According to info she gave on the 1850 SC Pickens Dist., Census, she was born c1767 in NC. At that time, parts of SC were considered to be in NC, so it's really a guess as to whether she was born in what is now Pickens Co., SC, or over the line somewhere in present-day NC.

Elizabeth was called Elizabeth in her husband's will, and he died 28 Jan 1846. Isaac MILLER, Sr. was a son of George MILLER and his wf. Mary who settled in Old Pendleton Dist., SC (in the part that is now Pickens Co., SC). George MILLER settled in this area when it was still Indian land. I have been told by elderly historians in the county that he was most likely the first white man to live there.

Elizabeth MAYFIELD MILLER died abt 1855. I have searched in many places and gotten no where with her; she is a definite brick wall. I have also been told that she was Indian - was she??? I've tried looking among the Indian info on the internet and mailing lists and had absolutely not one reply nor found one piece of info.

There were many MAYFIELDS in Old Pendleton Dist., some of whom lived near the MILLERS. Was Elizabeth a dau of one of them? All of Elizabeth and Isaac's children were named "MILLER family names" except for the following: William J. and Isabella. The other names, which are well-used MILLER names, are Barbara, Esther, Mary, Isaac, III, George, Jesse.

Elizabeth has me intrigued, but I'm at a point where I would really like to be able to place her with her parents. Thanks for reading and thank you for any help!

Source: Dolores Miller Pringle

Subject: [SCPICKENS] Elizabeth MAYFIELD MILLER

Date: Tue, 21 Oct 2003 17:25:06 -0400

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/SCPICKEN/2003-10/1066771500>

[Note: I have written Dolores Pringle at more recent email addresses {dpringles@aol.com and dpringle@fm.sccoast.net} to see what evidence she has for the Mayfield surname, but at this writing I have not heard back from her.]

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ISAAC MILLER SR. Last Will & Testament – 11 November 1844, Pickens Co., SC

Recorded in Will Book No. 1, page 104, Pickens District, South Carolina

[**ISAAC MILLER, SR.** was the eldest son of **GEORGE MILLER** and wf. **MARY** who lived in Old Pendleton Dist., SC, until 1804 when they migrated to Warren Co., KY. Most of George's family went to KY with him, but his son Isaac remained in SC. Another son **JESSE** either went to KY with George and Mary and then returned to Pendleton Dist., SC, or he may not have left at all. George d.1812, Warren Co., KY; wf. Mary was still living.]

[Wife of Isaac Miller, Sr. was **Hester Elizabeth WEAVER OR MAYFIELD**. No proof has been found. She is called Hester in earlier papers but is the same woman called Elizabeth later. Hester/Esther is an unmarried daughter who died in 1850. Note that her siblings requested the land be sold after Esther died rather than revert to the mother per the father's will.]

ISAAC MILLER WILL: 11 November 1844

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN; I, ISAAC MILLER, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and the certainty of death and being in my right mind do make this my last will and testament.

First, I give and bequeath to my wife ELIZABETH MILLER one bead and furniture one cow and calf and the cubbord and furniture and pot ware enuf for her use, and also hogs anuf for her support.

Second, I give and bequeath to my Daughter ESTHER MILLER one hundred acres of land laid out in such direction as to imbrace the house and two beds and furniture and one cow and hogs enuf for her support and also her Mother to live in the house and have her maintenance off the land, and I require my executors heare in after named to furnish ESTHER with a good horse worth Thirty five dollars.

And that property that I have given to my wife ELIZABETH MILLER to be at her disposal and also the property given to my Daughter ESTHER MILLER to be at her disposal.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath the ballance of my land to my sons, ISAAC MILLER and GEORGE

MILLER to be equal between them and all the ballance of my estate to be sold and equally divide the proceeds between BARBARY KILBURN, ISABELLA WINCHESTER and MARY McKINNEY, and I hereby appoint ISAAC MILLER, JR. and GEORGE MILLER and JESSE MILLER my Executors to carry this my last will and testament into execution.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

ISAAC MILLER (SEAL)

Test. BARNETT H. ALLGOOD, MORRIS MILLER, ALVAN ALLGOOD

ESTATE PAPERS, Isaac Miller, Sr., Pickens Dist., SC

Note: found at Pickens Co. CH: Date at top: Nov. 8, 1850

We the undersigned legatees of ISAAC MILLER, dec'd., are of the opinion that the land willed by ISAAC MILLER decd. to HESTER MILLER out of which the widdow of said decd. Should have a support should be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of one two or three years with interest from date.

[Signatures] ISAAC MILLER GEORGE MILLER JESSE MILLER JOSEPH (x) WINCHESTER WILEY (x) KILBURN

[The name "Hester" in this note refers to Isaac's dau Esther.]

To W. D. Steele Ordinary, Pickens District.

The humble petition of the undersigned sheweth to your Court that Esther Miller late of Pickens District deceased died intestate seized & possessed of a tract of land containing one hundred acres more or less lying on **Rice's Creek** adjoining Isaac Miller & others. Your petitioner therefore prays you to grant and order to divide or sell the same as will be best for the heirs.

She has left a mother that is to have a maintenance off the said land. The following are the heirs. Isaac Miller, Jesse Miller, George Miller, Joseph Winchester in right of wife Isabel, Wm. McKinney in right of wife Mary. Wiley Kilburne in right of wife Barbara.

29th July 1851. [signatures] George Miller, Isaac Miller, Jesse Miller

Source: Record Submitter - Dolores Miller Pringle

Record - This will is copied exactly as written with no changes. Explanations by the submitter are enclosed in brackets.

http://genealogytrails.com/scar/pickens/wills_1.htm

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Not everyone has agreed that Isaac's wife was a MAYFIELD. Some say her surname was **WEAVER**. I did find Weaver families in the 1790 and 1800 censuses of Pendleton District, SC. Consider the following text.

[Note: I've seen no indication of this, but I suppose it would be possible for Isaac Miller to be the woman's second husband and that she married a Weaver first.]

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GEORGE MILLER lived next door to **GEORGE SHULER** in the 1790 Census, & his son **ISAAC MILLER** witnessed deed transactions for George SHULER.

George MILLER was born about 1740/1745, place unknown. According to family as well as local Pickens Co. legend, he had been a German soldier who first came into the upstate of SC to assist in fighting the Indians. George & his son ISAAC were responsible for witnessing statements for many later Germans who came into the area in the late 1700-early 1800's and applied for citizenship. The German form of his surname was originally MUELLER. . .

George MULLER/MILLER received a land grant on Rices Creek, a tributary of 12 Mile River, in 1792, and had earlier grants in 1771 and 1774. His wife Mary may have been Native American. Their children included Isaac who md. **Hester Elizabeth WEAVER** and remained in Pickens County. . . George MILLER & his wife Mary and most of their children left Pickens Co. in 1804 and moved to Warren Co, KY; his will was filed there 12 Mar 1812.

Source: <http://www.rootcellar.us/shlrnote.htm>

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GEORGE SHULER appears in the 1790 Pendleton District census in between the households of George Miller and John Mayfield Jr. Here is a brief description of this neighbor and where he lived.

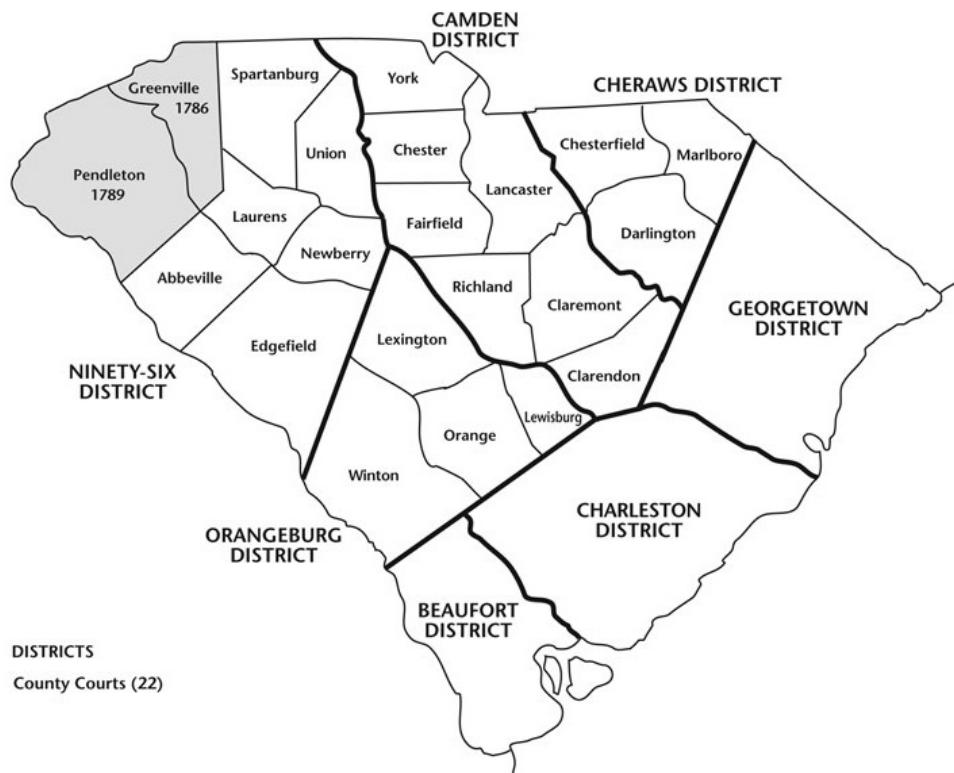
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The first records found of our **GEORGE SHULER** in South Carolina are . . . in the area which became Pendleton District, where a 1784 record shows that George SHULER was paid "for provisions and forage supplied the militia in 1781 and 1782," during the American Revolutionary War. In 1789, George bought land in Pendleton District in the far western corner of South Carolina, which had just been taken from the Cherokee Indians. He owned land along Twelve Mile Creek in what is now Pickens County, and along a branch of the Little River in what is now Oconee County.

In the latter part of the 1790's George sold his lands in South Carolina and bought 1600 acres near the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, about forty miles north of Pendleton District. He moved his family there probably in 1801 and continued to live there the rest of his life. . . George Shuler apparently moved his family to Buncombe County, North Carolina in 1801, just after this [1800] census was taken. He had already purchased land in Buncombe County prior to 1800. .

Source: <http://www.rootcellar.us/shlrgeor.htm>

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SC Districts and Counties, 1786-1790

In 1786, part of the unorganized Indian land, which had been taken from the Cherokee Indians during the American Revolution and lay northwest of Ninety-Six District, became Greenville County; in 1789, the remainder of the Indian land became Pendleton County.

*Source: South Carolina Department of Archives and History
<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/guide/CountyRecords/1786.htm>*

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 #

720 - William Bynum 00101-00001-00

721 - [Jesse Bynum](#) 20010-00100-00725 - [James Brummet](#) 10100-00100-00726 - **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

751 - Isaac Miller 20010-20010-00

976 - George Schuler 311010001000

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The above **JESSE BYNUM** was the person who sold the land to Isaac Miller, which Brady Mayfield was a witness to in 1798. Jesse's father likely was the William Bynum in the household beside him here

[Note: I will comment on that Bynum family later in this paper.]

By 1800, Brady's possible father, **STEPHEN MAYFIELD**, had moved out of the Pendleton District. Isham Mayfield had also moved out.

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Brady Mayfield would have been age 20-30 in the above 1800 census. If he had been living in any of the above Pendleton Mayfield households then, it would have been in that of: **JOHN SR.**, **John Jr.**, **AMBROSE**, **Jacob**. I've emphasized with CAPS and underline those households he might have been living in in the 1790 census. Jacob Mayfield in that 1800 census may have been a son of Ambrose.

By the 1810 Pendleton District census, Brady Mayfield had one boy 10-15 and four girls under 10 in his household, which suggests that he was married sometime between 1794-1799.

In the 1800 Pendleton District census, one would expect that Brady and his family would be listed under its own household in some county, if not in Pendleton District. But, such a listing has not been found. Could Brady, his wife, and his son [then under 10] have been living in someone else's household in 1800? Or, perhaps that family was just missed in that census?

An Important Clue?-- **JAMES BRUMMETT**

In the 1800 Pendleton District census, notice the **JAMES BRUMMETT** household, which is right next to the John Mayfield Sr. household. That individual is thought to be **James Micajah Brummett** (1777, Washington, NC - abt 1845, Washington, TN).

James' parents are said to have been **THOMAS BRUMMETT** (1739, Fairfax, VA - 1815, Greenville, SC) and **ELLENDER** _____ (bef 1755 - abt 1828, likely Greenville, SC).

James is said to have had an older sister, **PENELOPE BRUMMETT** (1768, Amherst, VA - 31 Mar 1853, McMinn, TN) who married **JESSE D. MAYFIELD** (1765, Mecklenberg, NC - 9 Dec 1833, McMinn, TN). Jesse's Mayfield lineage is said to have been as follows:

~ parents: **JOHN MAYFIELD** (1726 VA - 1784 Union, SC) and **MARY STANWIX**
~ grandparents: **ABRAHAM MAYFIELD** (1679 Essex, VA -) and **ELIZABETH** _____
~ g-grandparents: **ROBERT MAYFIELD** (b. abt 1635 Glouster, VA and **SARAH** _____

Jesse's older brother **ISAAC MAYFIELD** (1742 VA - 1822, Lauderdale, AL) married **MARGARET REBECCA BRUMMETT** (1744 Fairfax, VA - 1 Nov 1814, Giles, TN). Margaret appears to have been a sister of James' father Thomas Brummett, hence an aunt of Jesse's.

Did John Mayfield Sr. and Ambrose Mayfield in the 1800 census of Pendleton District, SC have a close connection with the John Mayfield and Mary Stanwix line? It makes one wonder. Could either [or both] John and Ambrose possibly have been a son of John and Mary?

Phil Norfleet has considerable information on the Brummitt families at his web page "Mayfield-Brummett Migration Group of Washington County, NC, Greenville County SC and Southeastern KY." Norfleet seems to consider James Brummett to be a son either of Thomas Brummett or Samuel Brummett, both of whom appear in the 1790 Greenville Co., SC census.

http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/mayfield_brunit_migration_group.htm

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1810 Pendleton District, SC Census

[Ancestry.com census microfilm]

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		

Edmond Mayfield 321011101002

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Bryant Mayfield 010103001000

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BRADY MAYFIELD 010104001000

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Shugar Mayfield 210103201000

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Elisha Miller [beside Shugar] 101103301000

Abraham Mayfield 010010001100

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Samuel Mayfield [beside Abraham] 010111110100

Austin Mayfield 000103010000

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The Mayfields in that 1810 Pendleton District census were scattered across that district. No other Mayfield household is anywhere close to Brady Mayfield. It is believed, however, that Brady was living on land near Golden's Creek, because Brady is listed in that census as living next to FRANCIS DOVER, whose plantation on Golden's Creek was being sold not long after that 1810 census was taken.

Below is an image attributed to Marilyn Dover Tolbert at Ancestry.com which shows information about that plantation sale:

[Note: I hope to be able to discover who owned the lands around that property of Francis Dover to see if they give a clue as to Brady's relatives. At this writing, I am not aware that Brady owned any land himself.].

MILLER'S WEEKLY MESSENGER.

No. 47. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1810. Printed by JOHN MILLER, PENDLETON, S. C. VOL.

MESSAGE
 From his Excellency the Governor, For should it turn out to be only a matter of experiment, or the engine of designing persons, the cure will be worse than the thing, the exertions which you so dently made during the last two for the safety of the state. Guard

Sheriff's Sale,
By virtue of Sundry Writs of Fieri Facias, to me directed,
WILL BE SOLD,
BEFORE the Court House in Pendleton, on the first Monday and Tuesday in January, next; within the legal hours, the following property:

NOTICE GIVEN.
 The plantation of Francis Dover, lying on the waters of Golden's creek, as his property, at the suit of Richard Tarrant.

*FRANCIS JOHNSON DOVER (June 28, 1760 NC- Dec 15, 1851 Ga)
 land for sale at Sheriff's Auction, on Golden Creek, near Easley, SC
 Distributed by is 6th Great Grandson James David Gillespie Pickens, SC- Romans 8:1*

By 1810, **JOHN MAYFIELD SR.** and **AMBROSE MAYFIELD**, each of whom seems like a possible father of Brady Mayfield, had moved to the town of Jefferson in Rutherford Co., TN.

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1810 Jefferson, Rutherford County, TN Census

[Ancestry.com census microfilm]

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 110101001000 [oldest male: 26-44 - b. 1766-1784] [p. 3 of 13]

AMBROSE MAYFIELD 014010200100 [oldest male: 45+ over - b. before 1755 (1800 census)]

William Mayfield 30010001000 [oldest male: 26-44 -b. 1766-1784]

JOHN MAYFIELD 000010010100 [oldest male: 45 + over - b. before 1755 (1800 census)]

Thomas Mayfield 001001010000 [oldest male: 15-25 - 1785-1795]

The above five households are close together, with only the households of Thomas Scott and Daniel Thomas separating them. Again I will note that it seems likely that **JOHN MAYFIELD SR.** and **AMBROSE MAYFIELD** were brothers. A James Mayfield 101001010000 also lived in the Nashville section of Rutherford Co., TN in this 1810 census - p. 1 of 13]

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Who was **JOHN MAYFIELD SR.** ?

JOHN MAYFIELD

On May 10, 1790, John Mayfield was chosen to serve on a petit jury in the town of Pendleton in Pendleton District, SC. The first court session in Pendleton District had been held the previous April. At that time, a temporary log court house of 18 X 25 feet was built.

Source: "History of Old Pendleton District, with a genealogy of the leading ... " Simpson, R. W. (Richard Wright), 1840-1912.

<http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=yale.39002005855003;view=1up;seq=18>

Pendleton District, 1800 Census

No. 727. **John Mayfield Sr.** (03301-21011-00 – family members).

"This family appears to be related to the Mayfields in Spartanburg District, SC from North Carolina."

Source: 1800 Census in book "1800 of Pendleton District, SC" by William C. Stewart, 26.

With thanks to Anne Sheriff who found this source

Who was **AMBROSE MAYFIELD** ?

AMBROSE MAYFIELD (1745-1826)

I am interested in locating the grave and any other information that may be found in Williamson County for Ambrose MAYFIELD (1745 VA - 1826 TN). Ambrose moved to Rutherford County, Tennessee about 1805 from Pendleton District, South Carolina. In Pendleton he had at least seven sons and one (Jacob) living next door.

With him in Rutherford were his wife, two daughters and five sons at home where he appears in the 1810 census. He and his son Thomas are living on the E. Fork of the W. Fork of Stones River.

By 1820 I feel that Ambrose is living in Franklin, Williamson County with his son Elijah who is 26 - 45. Ambrose is about 74. Elijah Mayfield who married Amelia Gillespie in 1818 bonded by Samuel Brooks, lives next door to John and Nancy Brooks Samuel's father.

On Dec 24, 1822, 76 year old Ambrose marries Nancy Brooks, the daughter of John and Nancy. They have a son Samuel Brooks Mayfield in about 1825 and Ambrose dies there in Franklin about 1826. Now I know it sounds odd that Nancy would marry a 76 year old man, but when Ambrose dies, she turns around and marries Iredell Redding who in 1830 is between 80 & 90. They have two more children!

I am looking for any information that might confirm the names of the missing five or six sons of Ambrose who may have stayed in Williamson County. Sorry for the long introduction but Ambrose must have left some foot prints in Williamson County. There are several Mayfields there that

Mayfield researchers all seem to claim as sons of others. Nobody claims Ambrose as the father. Please keep an eye out for Ambrose MAYFIELD.

Source: Tom Leihn, Posted 28 Dec 2007 4:22PM GMT

<http://boards.ancestry.com.au/localities.northam.usa.states.tennessee.counties.williamson/898/mb.ashx>

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Who was **STEPHEN MAYFIELD** ?

STEPHEN MAYFIELD . . . is thought to be the one who bought 75a on Bushy Creek, Sandy River on July 4, 1790 and sold it to Wm. Clark in Nov. 1797. Stephen received a land grant #260a in Dec. 1793 in Dist. of 96 on a branch of Rice's Creek of 12 mile River in Pendleton Co. (later Anderson Co.) It was disposed of by his brother Elisha Mayfield, on March 11, 1801, it appears that he had already left that part of the country. Stephen gave a bond in Court of Pendleton Co. in 1794 because of his bastard child by Catherine Briant.

Source: J. Hoyle Mayfield

Subject: Re: [MAYFIELD] of Stephen MAYFIELD's dau, Mary V.

Date: Fri, 14 Apr 2000 20:18:09 -0700

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/MAYFIELD/2000-04/0955768689>

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Considerable more material about Stephen Mayfield can be found at Phil Norfleet's web page "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).

Norfleet believes that Stephen and family moved to southwestern VA about 1796, then to the eastern section of Jackson, TN in 1801/1802. That part of Jackson county became TN's Overton county in 1806.

Norfleet thinks that possibly the free white male under 16 in Stephen Mayfield's household in the 1790 Pendleton District census may have been Stephen's son JAMES HENRY MAYFIELD (abt 1785-1827) [not Brady], but he is not certain of that.

Norfleet does not know who Stephen's parents were, though some researchers believe his parents were **JOHN W. MAYFIELD SR.** "The Tory" (abt 1724 Essex, VA - 1781 Union, SC) and **MARY DELIA BRACKEN**. Norfleet rejects that view, stating on the above website: "*I do not know of any documentary evidence whatsoever that supports such a conjecture. Indeed, my research and that of Gary Wilbanks (a direct descendant of John the Tory), indicate that John Mayfield the Tory belonged to an entirely different branch of the Mayfield family.*"

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Land sold 1798 by: JESSE BYNUM

Who was **JESSE BYNUM** who sold the land to Isaac Miller in 1798 that Brady Mayfield served as a witness for? Jesse is said to have been a son of **WILLIAM BYNUM** who appears in the 1800 Pendleton District, SC census near numerous Mayfield households.

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WILLIAM BYNUM Jr.,

b. 1720, Isle of Wight, VA, d. aft 1807 Pendleton, SC m: **MARY CROCKER**.
They had children: John, Isaac, Jesse, Benjamin, Rebecca, Mary, and David.

Son: **JESSE BYNUM**,

b. 1765, Orange Co., NC, d. aft 1840 Blount Co., AL m: **JANE BENEFIELD**.

Source: Jo Ann Thomas Myers on website "Ancestors of Jo Ann Myers"

<http://www.algw.org/blount/Histories/joann.htm#i18538>

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JESSE BYNUM appears to have been a son of **WILLIAM BYNUM** (b. abt 1723) and his wife **MARY** _____. Jesse likely was born abt 1772.

William had owned land/lived in North Carolina in the counties of Edgecomb, Johnson, Orange, and Chatham. He was in the latter county by 1783 and appears in the 1790 Chatham Co. census. By 1791, William had sold all his land in NC. And, in the 1790's he moved his whole family to Pendleton District, SC. Pendleton was formed from Cherokee territory in 1789, though it was known as the Washington District 1791-1800. Many other Chatham Co., NC families also moved to Pendleton District at that time.

William was granted 1,000 acres on Rice's Creek off the Twelve Mile River in 1794, after he surveyed it in 1792. He also bought 740 acres on Wolf Creek in 1799, 504 acres of which he sold in 1801.

William's son Jesse was in Pendleton District by at least 1797. William Bynum's date and place of death are not known. He might have died in 1804. Or, perhaps he moved with other family members to Tennessee and died there.

Synopsis from Source: Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet, William Bynum (c1723- aft 1800) at:

<http://www.genfiles.com/bynum/william-bynum-c1723-aft1800/>

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I think it is most likely that Brady grew up in Pendleton District in one of the Mayfield households there. But, suppose he didn't? Perhaps he previously lived in Chatham Co., NC and was at least a friend, if not a relative, of Jesse Bynum there, before they both moved to Pendleton District in the late 1790's?

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Land transactions:

~ On August 21, 1797, **JESSE BYNUM** bought 640 acres on **Rice's Creek** in Pendleton District, South Carolina adjacent to William Bynum (Deed Book F, page 85).

~ [Jesse Bynam] sold 58 acres of this [Rice's Creek] land (Deed Book H, page 25) in March, 1804 to James Bynum, with Jesse's wife Elizabeth relinquishing dower rights (and WILLIAM and ASA BYNUM as witnesses), 300 acres to **ASA BYNUM** in 1804 (Deed Book M, page 65). and 262 acres to **SOLOMON MURPHREE** (recorded in 1814) (Deed Book M, page 321).

Source: The THOMAS Family website

Jesse Bynum (~1772 - ~1848) of Jackson County, and DeKalb County, Alabama at:

http://www.oocities.org/marcuscthomas/jesse_bynum.htm

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1800 Pendleton District, SC Census

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 #

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720 - William Bynum 00101-00001-00

721 - Jesse Bynum 20010-00100-00

725 - James Brummet 10100-00100-00

726 - **JOHN MAYFIELD SR.** 03301-21011-00

734 - John Mayfield Jr. 20010-00100-00

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738 - **AMBROSE MAYFIELD** 32201-22010-00

743 - Jacob Mayfield 00100-20100-00

751 - Isaac Miller 20010-20010-00

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I wonder, which tributary of the 12 Mile River in Pendleton District were the above households near? Was it the Golden's Creek River or the Rice's Creek River north of it? Phil Norfleet noted in his research that "all of the Mayfields lived on tributaries of 12 Mile River; all except Stephen, lived on Goldens Creek." However, the above Bynum land purchase in 1797 is on the Rice's Creek River tributary.

Norfleet Source: http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/pendleton_county_sc.htm

Note also the following land purchases on the Golden's Creek tributary.

With thanks to Anne Sheriff for this information

~ 14 Dec 1792. **JOHN MAYFIELD** 303 ac in Ninety-six Dist on branches of **golden Cr of Twelve Mile R**; surveyed 12 Oct 1791 for him; plat shows land on both sides of 2 branches and joins vacant land on 3 sides, laid out to David Hamilton, and land laid out; plat about 50 by 60 chains. (signed) Robert McCann DS; book 29, p. 377.

Source: Book by Bruce Pruitt: 19082, p. 62.

~ 14 Dec 1792. **JOHN BRADY** 82 ac in Ninety-Six Dist on a branch of **Goldens Cr of Twelve mile R**; surveyed 12 Oct 1791 for him, plat shows land on both sides of a branch, includes a pond & **Jno. Mayfield** improvement, & joins vacant land, land laid out, Saml Martin, & Wm. Henderson; plat about 20 by 40 chains. (signed) Robert McCann DS; book 31 p. 90.

Source: Book by Bruce Pruitt: 20708, p. 18.

The appearance of John Brady in the above land record, plus the name of John Mayfield, makes me wonder if possibly Brady Mayfield was both a son of John Mayfield Sr. and named after that John Brady.

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Phil Norfleet noted the following about John Brady:

~ 14 April 1834: Leonard S. Hamilton conveys to William O'Dell, for \$595, a 170 and 1/2 acre tract of land, lying on Goldens Creek of 12 Mile River. The tract consists of two parts: One part was granted to Samuel Martin in 1787, who sold to Absolom Martin, who sold to William Mayfield, who sold to Isaiah Prater, who sold to Leonard Hamilton. The other part was granted to **JOHN BRADY** in 1789, who then sold to Aaron Boggs, who then sold to Leonard Hamilton.

[See Pickens District SC, Deed Book C-1, page 1]

Source: [http://mayfield02.tripod.com/william_campbell_mayfield_\(1783-1857\).htm](http://mayfield02.tripod.com/william_campbell_mayfield_(1783-1857).htm)

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Phil Norfleet noted that of those Mayfields listed in the 1800 Pendleton District census above:

~ **JOHN MAYFIELD SR.** –

His land is directly adjacent to David Hamilton's. John removed to the town of Jefferson, in Rutherford County TN by 1810.

~ John Mayfield Jr. –

This younger John Mayfield is listed in 1790 Census, but no land records for him have been found. John removed to the town of Jefferson, in Rutherford County TN by 1810.

~ **AMBROSE MAYFIELD** –

His land is directly adjacent to David Hamilton's. Ambrose removed to the town of Jefferson, in Rutherford County TN by 1810.

Source: http://mayfieldsofsc.tripod.com/pendleton_county_sc.htm

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A Brady Mayfield and a Reuben Mayfield, apparently residents of Rutherford Co., TN, signed a petition in 1823 seeking to have a portion of Rutherford Co. annexed to adjacent Bedford Co., TN. Presumably, that was the same Brady Mayfield being researched here and before he moved to Knox Co., TN. Brady signing this petition makes it seem all the more likely that Brady had a connection to **JOHN MAYFIELD SR.** and **AMBROSE MAYFIELD** (above) who resided in Pendleton District but then left it by 1810 to reside in Jefferson, Rutherford Co., TN.

And, one wonders, who was Reuben Mayfield? Could he have been a brother of Brady?

Bedford County, annexation	Petition from a portion of Rutherford County asking to be annexed to Bedford County. (many signatures)	Bedford, Rutherford	1823	54
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Source: *Tennessee Secretary of State*
Tennessee Petitions 1822-1823
<http://share.tn.gov/tsla/history/misc/petition05.pdf>

MONDAY, November 17, 1823.

Mr. Steele, from the committee of propositions and grievances, made an unfavorable report on a petition (which was presented by Mr. Jetton on the 12th inst.) of sundry citizens of Rutherford county, praying to be annexed to Bedford county; which report was concurred in by the Senate.
A. W. BROWN, Chairman,

Source: *Tennessee, General Assembly, Senate, 1823, 219*
https://books.google.com/books?id=C0RHAQAAMAAJ&source=gbs_navlinks_s

Jefferson, Rutherford Co., TN was founded in 1804. It was the county seat of what became Rutherford Co. until 1811, when Murfreesboro became Rutherford's new county seat. Jefferson was located in the northern part of that county; Murfreesboro is located near the county's center. In the 1950's, citizens of Jefferson were evacuated, the town was razed, and a lake was created over that land, in what is known as the Percy Priest Lake project.

Synopsis of Source: <https://sites.google.com/site/oldjeffersonrutherfordtn/>

Given Jefferson's northern location within Rutherford Co., it doesn't seem likely that Brady Mayfield was living in it in 1823, when he signed the above petition. More likely he was living somewhere in the southern part of Rutherford Co., which was adjacent to Bedford Co., TN.

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Jesse Bynum apparently left Pendleton District and joined his brothers in TN [possibly Franklin Co., TN], after Jesse sold his Pendleton land in 1804 or later. Jesse apparently was in Jackson Co., AL by 1820 and appears in that county's 1830 census. He died in Jackson Co. about 1848.

Source: *Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet, William Bynum (c1723- aft 1800) at:*
<http://www.genfiles.com/bynum/william-bynum-c1723-aft1800/>

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1798 Land Sale Witnessed by: **ASA BYNUM**

ASA BYNUM is said to have been a son of **ISAAC BYNUM** (c1758- aft 1840). **ISAAC** and **JESSE BYNUM** [above] are said to have been sons of **WILLIAM BYNUM** and his wife **MARY** _____. Thus, Asa was witnessing that land sale as a **nephew** of Jesse, the seller.

Asa is said to have been born about 1780. In 1802 he married **REBECCA MURPHREE**, a daughter of **SOLOMON MURPHREE**. Solomon had bought some of Jesse Bynum's Rice's Creek land as noted above.

Asa appears in the 1810 Pendleton District, SC census. But, he sold his land there and purchased land in 1815 in Franklin Co., TN. He moved to Blount Co., Alabama and died there in 1833. He was a primitive Baptist preacher. He and Solomon Murphree were founders of Mt. Moriah Church.

Synopsis of Source: Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet, Isaac Bynum (c1758- aft 1840) at: <http://www.genfiles.com/bynum/isaac-bynum-c1758-aft1840/>

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A Different Line of Inquiry: **WILLIAM CAMPBELL MAYFIELD**

In the 1810 Pendleton District, SC census, **GEORGE KENNEMORE** and family are seven households away from **BRADY MAYFIELD**, and two households beyond George there is **MICHAEL KENNEMORE**.

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		

George Kennemore 10001-0120100

Michael Kennemore 00010-3001000

The following text is mostly from Phil Norfleet's research:

George Kennemore's wife was **ELIZABETH KENNEMORE** (b. 1750, surname Riley). George died in 1828. George and Elizabeth had daughters **PHOEBE KENNEMORE** and **TEMPERANCE KENNEMORE** (b. 1799).

Phoebe Kennemore was the first wife of **WILLIAM CAMPBELL MAYFIELD** (1783-1857). Temperance Kennemore was his second wife. At the time of the 1810 census, Phoebe might have been age 16-25 and Temperance might have been about age 11.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL MAYFIELD appears in the 1830, 1840, and 1859 Pickens District, SC censuses. He has not been found in earlier censuses. He died in 1857 in Hall Co., GA.

According to Phil Norfleet, the father of William Campbell Mayfield was "almost certainly" one of the early Mayfields who settled in the Pendleton District, and "probably" one of those who settled

near the **Golden's Creek** tributary of the 12 Mile River. William and some of his sons owned land on Golden's Creek at one time or another.

William Campbell Mayfield was born in 1783 Washington Co., NC [which became a part of TN] and he likely was named after a Revolutionary War hero, Brigadier General William Campbell. His mother apparently a full or mixed blood Cherokee. In that period of time, numerous Native American families probably lived near that 12 Mile River.

William Campbell Mayfield had six sons and three daughters:

- ~ Pearson, b. 1811
- ~ Israel, b. 1814
- ~ Naomi, b. 1817
- ~ Reuben, b. 1821
- ~ Elizabeth, b. 1823
- ~ William Sidney, b. 1824
- ~ Mary, b. 1828
- ~ Duncan, b. 1833
- ~ Baylis, b. 1834

William Campbell Mayfield may also have had an additional son, who appears with his family in the 1830 Pickens District, SC census as being 20-30 years old.

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

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

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Who was the father of William Campbell Mayfield? And, was William a younger brother of Brady Mayfield? Brady was born 1770-1780. William was born 1783.

WILLIAM C. MAYFIELD, b. abt 1826, TN, was a great-great grandfather of mine. I assume that he, very likely, was a son of Brady Mayfield. William C. Mayfield married SARAH CRUZE in 1861 in Knox Co., TN. Their first son, my great grandfather, was ROBERT BRADY MAYFIELD. Sarah's father was ROBERT CRUZE. I assume William and Sarah named their first child after both their fathers.

Years ago, a Knox Co., TN relative informed me that William C. Mayfield's middle name was CARSON. But, now I'm wondering, could it actually have been CAMPBELL?

The mystery continues . . .

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