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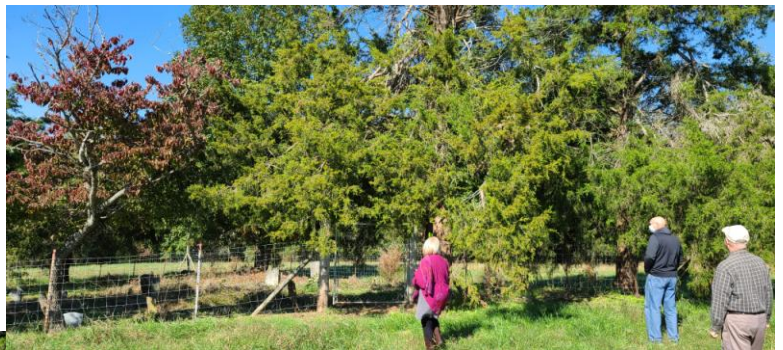
Burlesons Keepers

This is the first project for the new “Burlesons Keepers” part of the BFRG continuing effort of protecting, cleaning, and restoration of abandoned cemeteries.



The Dan Furr Cemetery located on the Coy Almond Farm at 20466 Biles Road, Stanly County, NC.

On October 17th, 2020 we met at the cemetery, JD Burleson, David Almond, Annette & Tommy Rowland, and Herman Almond the owner of the land and son of Coy Almond.



Tommy, Annette Rowland and David Almond

Herman Almond



COLUMBUS WHITEFIELD (BUD)
ROWLAND's Marker and his wife Jane
Gibson Rowland, below
For more information on Columbus Rowland
see Appendix A

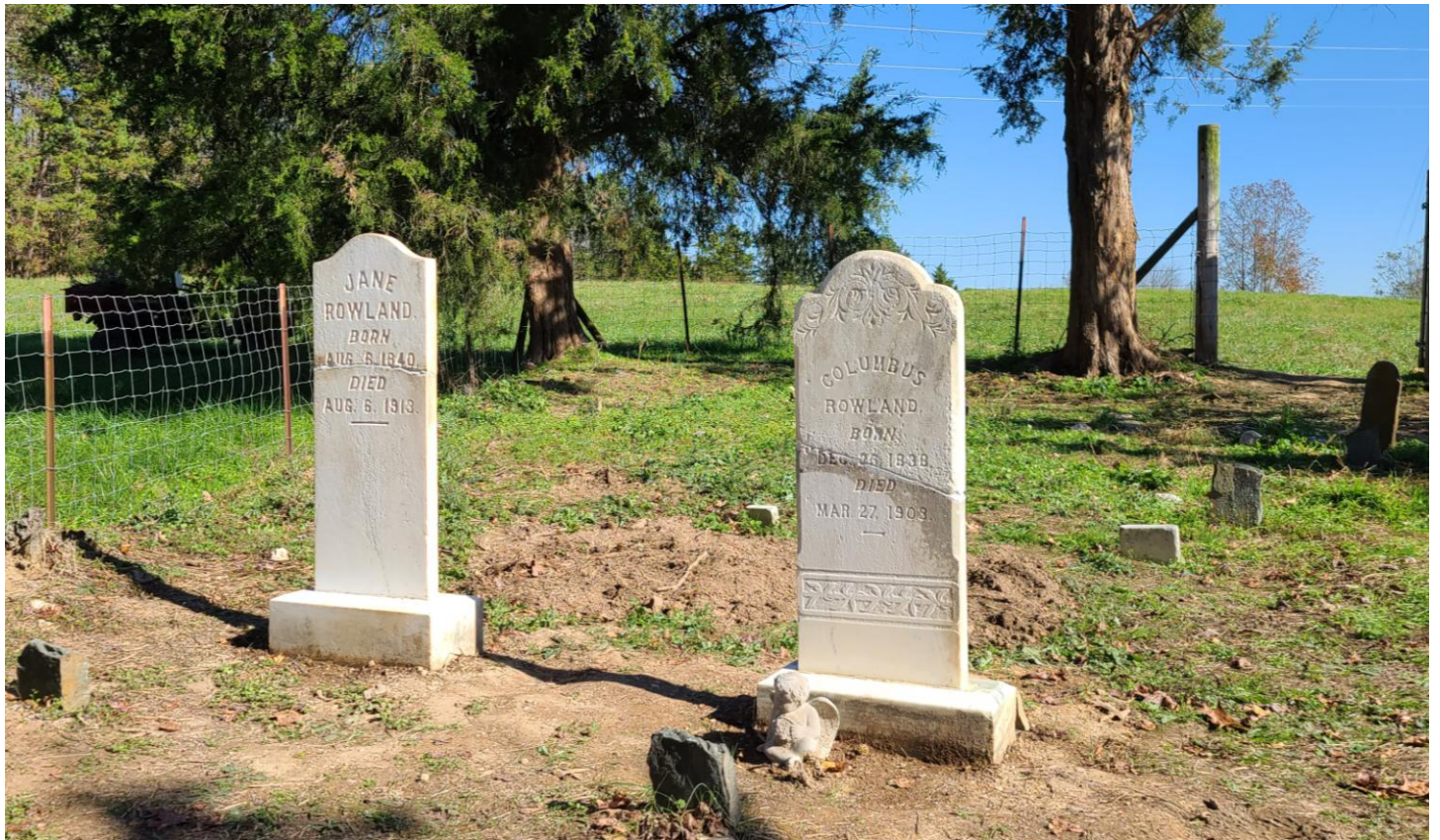




Before



Before and after, we first cleaned and leveled the bases up. Then we applied Akepox and repaired the stones.



Then on Saturday the 21st for November we met with Herman Almond, JD Burleson, Lee & Witt Snuggs, David Almond to clean, fill in some holes and cut the low hanging branches in the cemetery. Below is a before shot of the Cemetery, with Tommy and Annette Rowland and JD Burleson



Rosemary Burleson Adams was also there with her husband Robert. She is a great granddaughter of Columbus Rowland



As you can see we had a great deal of good help, Herman Almond also had the right equipment for the job. A dump truck brought in a load of dirt.



Lee Snuggs did a lot of the heavy lifting and his son Witt (up in the tree) did some great work cutting limbs.



Finally a job well done



Appendix A

Descendants of COLUMBUS WHITEFIELD (BUD) ROWLAND

Generation No. 1

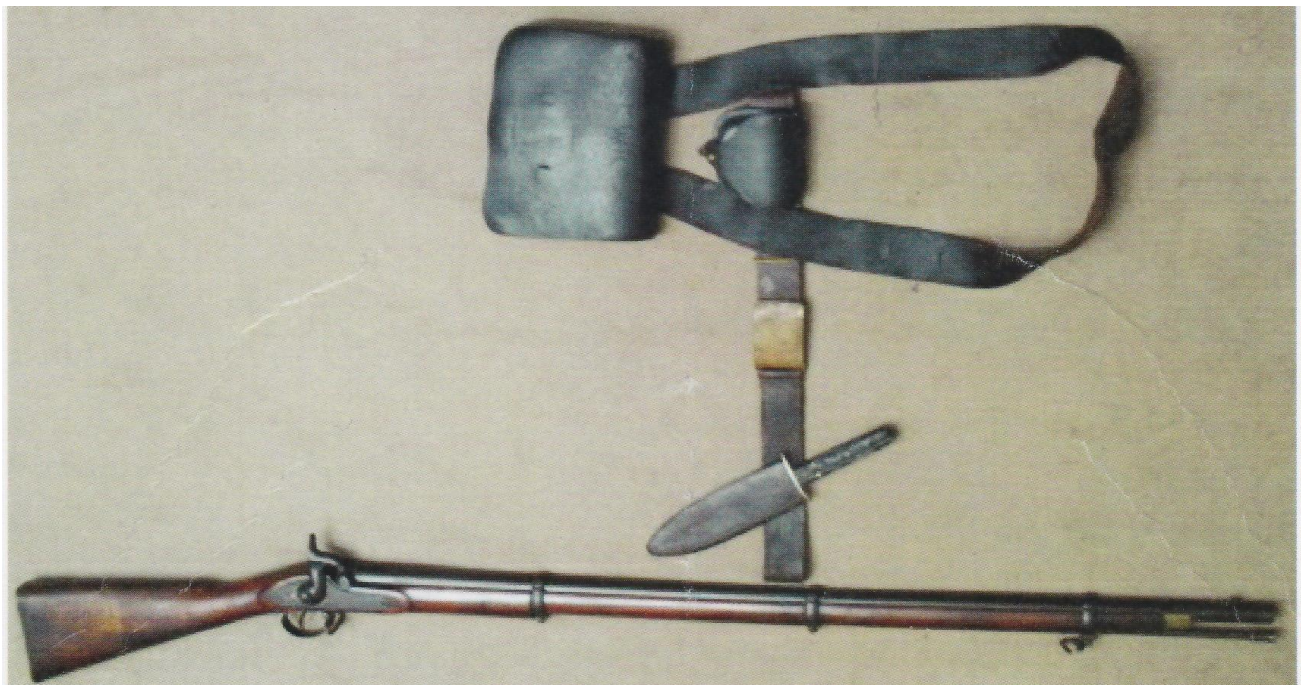
1. COLUMBUS WHITEFIELD (BUD)⁴ ROWLAND (*MATHIAS S. (TICE)³, SHERWOOD², AGUSTINE¹*) was born 26 Dec 1838 in ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC , and died 27 Mar 1903 in ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC FAG#42069884. He married (1) MARY JANE GIBSON. She was born 06 Aug 1840 in NC, and died 06 Aug 1913 in STANLY CO, NC FAG#42069913. He married (2) JANE GIBSON.

Notes for COLUMBUS WHITEFIELD (BUD) ROWLAND:

Private Mathias Rowland and his son, Private Columbus W. Rowland, served in Company D. Columbus earned the Roll of Honor for his gallant service. Posted are pictures of his rifle musket, belt and Bowie knife, cap box, and cartridge box. This Enfield rifle musket, bowie knife and accoutrements are clearly attributed to Private Columbus W. Rowland of Company D, 28th North Carolina. His name and initials are hand-carved in multiple locations, from the "C Rowland" on the stock of his captured yankee Enfield, on the back of his CS/militia russet leather belt (with classic pre-war militia or CS-made rolled sheet-brass buckle), and his initials "CWR" on his captured US cartridge box. The cap box, and the fighting knife are part of this grouping that came down in the family as well. The 1861-dated "Tower" marked Enfield shows the clear Federal demarcation on the brass buttplate, of "I 50", being company I of the 50th regiment too bad they didn't put the state initials as well! But given that Private Rowland and his regiment fought in every major battle with General Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia, he had ample opportunity to acquire many captured US accouterments and this weapon. Private Rowland enlisted on March 15, 1862, and would fight hard with his brothers-in-arms in many battles, being severely wounded "in Richmond" in October of 1864, and then being inducted into the 28th's Roll of Honor.

This was the means of the Army of Northern Virginia's (ordered by General Lee himself) by which each regiment could recognize the service, bravery, duty "above and beyond the call of duty" since the Confederate States government did not have medals to award their soldiers for bravery. Given his wounds, Columbus recuperated within a North Carolina hospital, and was detailed on "detached service in Charlotte, NC" as his records show. In that he was not with the 28th and Lee's army for the final, terrible retreat and surrender at Appomattox, no record of him taking any "oath of allegiance" or surrender exists, since he was back home in North Carolina and was thus able to bring home his rifle musket and fighting gear. His gravestone, near the Old Concord Road in Albemarle, North Carolina, is on the Coy Almond farm in a graveyard called "The Dan Furr Graveyard".

The Rowland family is having the damaged stone repaired.



More About COLUMBUS WHITEFIELD (BUD) ROWLAND and MARY JANE GIBSON:

Burial: DAN FURR CEM, ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC

Military service: 15 Mar 1862, ENLISTED CO. D. 28TH NC INF

Children of COLUMBUS ROWLAND and MARY GIBSON are:

- i. SARAH ANN⁵ ROWLAND, b. 11 Feb 1862; d. 06 Oct 1871, FAG#42070006.
More About SARAH ANN ROWLAND:
Burial: DAN FURR CEM, ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC
- ii. JOHN RILEY ROWLAND, b. 27 Feb 1864; d. 16 Feb 1938, FAG#59992439; m. SARAH EVA SHOE; b. 17 Sep 1871, CABARRUS CO, NC; d. 02 Jan 1934, CABARRUS CO, NC 59992699.
More About JOHN RILEY ROWLAND SARAH EVA SHOE:
Burial: BEAR CREEK UNITED CH OF CHRIST CEM, MT PLEASANT, CABARRUS CO, NC
- iii. ANN ROWLAND, b. 1865.
- iv. FRANCIS JENNET ROWLAND, b. 28 Jul 1866; d. 10 Jan 1877, FAG#42070058.
More About FRANCIS JENNET ROWLAND:
Burial: DAN FURR CEM, ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC
- v. BEADIE CAROLINA ROWLAND, b. 01 Sep 1868; d. 29 Sep 1905, FAG#64959805; m. GEORGE H PAGE.
More About BEADIE CAROLINA ROWLAND:
Burial: OAK GROVE UMC CEM, STANFIELD, STANLY CO, NC
- vi. JOSEPHINE ROWLAND, b. 1871.
- vii. ANDREW JACKSON ROWLAND, b. 29 Dec 1873, STANLY CO, NC; d. 27 Aug 1956, STANLY CO, NC FAG#41787520; m. TINEY (TINA) LOWDER, 21 Jul 1896; b. 09 Nov 1879, STANLY CO, NC; d. 07 Feb 1945, STANLY CO, NC 41787605.
Notes for ANDREW JACKSON ROWLAND:
Andrew J. Rowland was the son of Columbus and Mary Jane Gibson Rowland. He married Tinie (Tina) Lowder on 21 Jul 1896 in Stanly County. They had 7 children; John Quincy, Rellie J., Isaac Alexander, Fred Anderson, Mattie, Odessa and Gertie Lee Rowland.
More About ANDREW JACKSON ROWLAND TINEY (TINA) LOWDER:
Burial: SALEM UMC CEM, ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC
Notes for TINEY (TINA) LOWDER:
Tinie (Tinie, Tina) was the daughter of David Alexander Lowder and Surilla Furr. She married Andrew Jackson Rowland on 21 Jul 1896 in Stanly County.
- viii. AMANDA (MANDY) ROWLAND, b. 29 Dec 1873; d. 08 Aug 1930; m. GEORGE H PAGE.
Notes for AMANDA (MANDY) ROWLAND:
MARRIED BROTHER-IN-LAW AFTER SISTER DIED
More About AMANDA (MANDY) ROWLAND:
Burial: MISSION BAPT CH CEM, LOCUST, STANLY CO, NC
- ix. NOAH H ROWLAND, b. 07 Oct 1875; d. 14 Jul 1903, FAG#16790674; m. MARY J SHOE, 16 Apr 1895. More About NOAH H ROWLAND:
Burial: SAINT MARTINS LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC
- x. LAURIE ROWLAND, b. 07 Nov 1877, STANLY CO, NC; d. 30 May 1918, CABARRUS CO, NC FAG#143657771; m. DAVIS.
More About LAURIE ROWLAND: Burial: OAKWOOD CEM, CONCORD, CABARRUS CO NC
- xi. JONAH ALEXANDER ROWLAND, b. 10 Mar 1880, STANLY CO, NC; d. 27 Sep 1961, STANLY CO, NC FAG#64959815; m. ALICE A SIDES; b. 28 Aug 1877; d. 11 Apr 1939, 64959816.
More About JONAH ALEXANDER ROWLAND & ALICE A SIDES:
Burial: OAK GROVE UMC CEM, STANFIELD, STANLY CO, NC
- xii. MARY JANE ROWLAND, b. 28 Dec 1882; d. 13 Jul 1935, FAG#110328436; m. JOSEPH SAMUEL BURLESON, 03 Nov 1904, STANLY CO NC; b. 07 Mar 1869, STANLY CO, NC; d. 23 Oct 1954, ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC FAG#110328405.
More About MARY JANE ROWLAND & JOSEPH SAMUEL BURLESON:

Burial: PALMERVILLE CEM, PALMERVILLE, STANLY CO, NC
Notes for MY GRANDFATHER JOSEPH SAMUEL BURLEYSON
By Rosemary B Adams July 27, 2005

J.D. Burleson, a cousin has asked me to write about my grandfather. Thanks J.D., you have actually encouraged me to do something I have wanted to do for a long time but somehow kept postponing.

My grandfather on my paternal side was Joseph Samuel Burleyson. Although my grandfather died in 1954 for me he is very much alive in my memories because of his Godly lifestyle. Many people called my grandfather Joe Sam, but our family called him, very lovingly, Papa.

Papa was born in Stanly County on March 7, 1869. His father's name was David Derrick Burleyson, and his mother's name was Nancy Mann.

Papa's father farmed and was in the Civil War. David was conscripted and at the end of the war he was in prison at Point Lookout, Maryland. He had to take the oath of allegiance before he could return home. The war had tremendous impact on the Family. I don't ever remember Papa talking about the war but I know it was probably the topic of conversation with his generation, and created great hardship for his father. One relative told me that when my great grandfather (David Derrick Burleyson) came back from the war he wasn't the same man. His hand and arm had been injured or burned and we are not sure how much he was able to do after the war but all his Children were educated and went on to live productive lives.

Papa had a good sense of humor and enjoyed life. He would try to shock people by saying, "Did you know my mother was a man?" Then he would wait for a reaction. He was always delighted to say his mother was a Mann. Papa also enjoyed music. As a child I remember someone would come and play the autoharp for him. His foot would tap as he listened to the music and the smile on his face and the twinkle in his eyes was a trademark of Papa. Mary Jane his wife who had passed away years before and several of her sisters played the autoharp and would sing at different churches in the area. I believe the music helped him remember a happier time when he was a young man surrounded by his wife and children.

Papa married Rosa Lee Hatley and they had a son named Burley Claude Burleyson, unfortunately she died leaving her husband and young son. However, in 1904 Papa married again this time to Mary Jane Rowland and Mary Jane accepted four year old Claude as her son and showered him with the same affection that she did her biological children. Papa and Mary Jane had seven children together. The first Child was Blanche Estelle who lived less than a year. All the other children lived to become adults. The next child was Eva Ardelia, followed by Ora Gerome, Lillie Leona, Louis Franklin, and my father Hurley Raymond.

Aunt Eva, Papa's oldest daughter loved to talk to me about the past and the family she grew up with. I have no doubt the home was happy and filled with love. My Dad was the baby and stayed with his mother and father when the family was told that Mary Jane had cancer. My Dad would speak about those times often and with great sadness. Dad would tell me that I looked like his mother and that when she died she still had black hair, no gray. One of my aunts said that Papa loved all his grandchildren but I reminded him of Mary Jane and that made him especially happy.

Papa was educated and knew some Latin and Greek but I do not know where he received his education. He taught at Yadkin Mineral Springs Academy which later became Palmerville Academy. The family considered an education a top priority and I have since found that true of all the Burleyson family. Papa also farmed on the land that he had inherited, the combination of teaching and farming provided the income to raise his family.

When Papa was older he would stay with his children. Each family benefited by having him stay for awhile so that his grandchildren got to know him. He stayed mostly with Aunt Eva his oldest daughter. Her husband was a wonderful man who told Papa that as long as he lived he would always have a place for him. I always loved for Papa to stay with us but many times I was in the hospital and had limited contact with him.

My memories of Papa I will admit from the start are biased. I loved him so much that I named my own son Joseph in honor of him. Papa was as close to perfection as a human is able to be. My fondest memories are those that have stayed with me and comforted me just as he was able to offer me comfort as a child. At eighteen months I was diagnosed with polio. Papa was my refuge and when he

held me in his arms and rocked me in a big maple rocking chair with cushions my world seemed save and secure. He would hold me close with my head resting on his chest. The ear against his chest could hear his breathing and the other ear his soft, rhythmic voice that could sooth my fears and pain. It was not until years later that someone told me he was always quoting scripture to me.

Aunt Eva would often ask me "Did you know Papa prayed for you before you were ever born". He prayed for all his children and grandchildren. I did not know. All I knew was this man loved me very much and comforted me in my pain. I believe he was not only quoting scripture when he held me I believe he was praying as well.

When I was older and able to walk with a brace Papa would take me out. He seemed so tall and his blue eyes and snow white hair seemed like a peak on a mountain when I would look up. I remember my little arm had to stretch to hold his hand. He would take me to a little café in Badin. He would reach down and lift me up and put me on a bar stool and then take the seat next to me. I remember looking down and feeling a little fearful when I saw how far off the floor the bar stool stood. Then when I would look at Papa the trust was complete and I knew he would not let me fall. He would buy me a Coca-Cola in a bottle and an oatmeal cookie. To me that was a big treat. He would talk to the other people and I would sit patiently just happy to be beside my Papa. After a visit with the other people Papa would take me down off the bar stool and we would walk back home.

If you didn't know Papa he might seem to be someone you would not easily approach. He always carried himself so erect and dressed in an authoritative manner. I remember he always wore a stiff white shirt and black or navy pants with a gold watch chain dangling at his waist. His outward appearance might seem austere but inside was a heart so filled with love you wondered how he could contain it. I believe Papa loved everybody, in fact he told my cousins that if he had an enemy he never knew it.

Papa worked even when he was elderly. He would go to Charlotte any way he could even if it meant hitchhiking to get Bibles to sell. He also sold little prayer books and I have a little book of blessings from him. One of my cousins recently told me something about Papa that I did not know. He went to the Quarters in Badin an area where only the blacks lived. Papa went when most people would not associate with blacks. He was a friend and he wanted to tell them about Jesus and how much Jesus loved them. Papa knew the families and their children. He would visit in their homes and have meals with them. He spent a lot of time there and the friendly waves and smiles let me know they cared about Papa just as much as he cared for them.

Papa would spend time in our garage where he kept mementoes from the past. He had several large trunks that he would spend hours going through. Some times people would stop by and ask Papa about a passage in the Bible. They would know part of the verse but have no idea where to find it. Papa always knew where to find the passage and was always happy to help; he never turned down an opportunity to discuss the Bible. I still have one of his Bibles and inside the front cover in my little childish penmanship I had written that every time I read his Bible I would remember him and I do.

Papa was fully human even if in my mind he sometimes seems bigger than life. I don't ever remember a harsh word from him. In fact, I remember one time when I got into his cereal, eating a bowl or two and putting the box away. Later Papa came and sat down by my side and said "the cereal I eat is for old people and you need to eat your cereal." He did not scold me but gently reminded me I did not need a high fiber cereal.

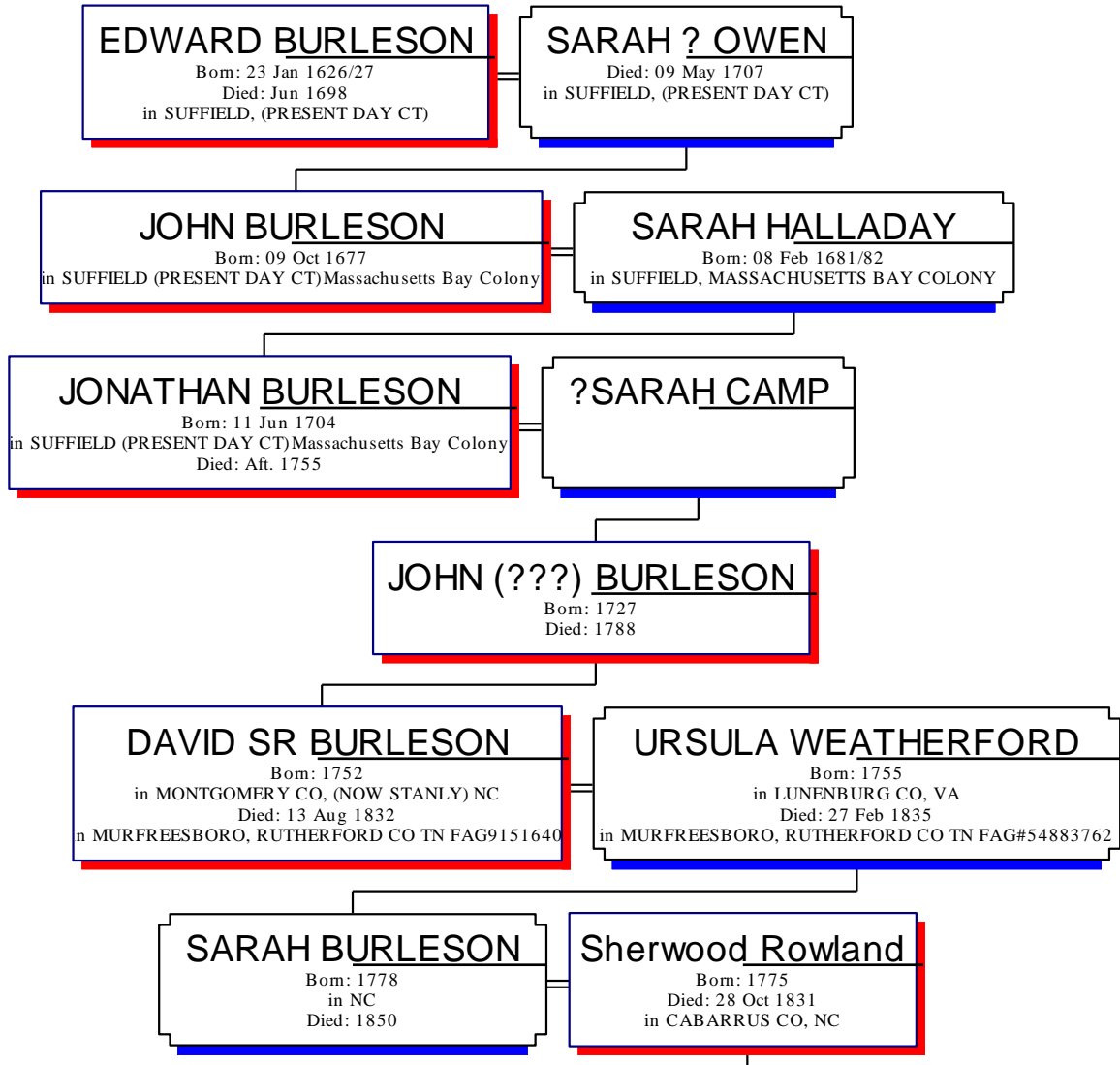
I wish I knew if what I am writing about my grandfather would be pleasing to him. I think he would want me to see him not as so wonderful or significant but as the man who pointed me and others to the one he saw as wonderful and significant...Jesus Christ. One of Papas favorite Bible verses was "every good and perfect gift comes from God above" James 1:17. Yes, every good and perfect gift comes from God above and I am especially thankful for the gift of a humble and Godly grandfather.

More About JOSEPH SAMUEL BURLESON:

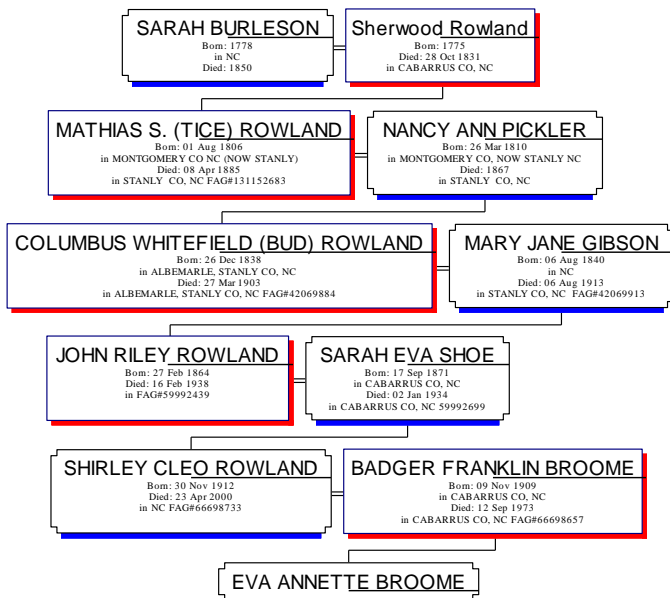
Occupation: TEACHER/FARMER

xiii. MATHIE ELON ROWLAND, b. 25 Nov 1885.

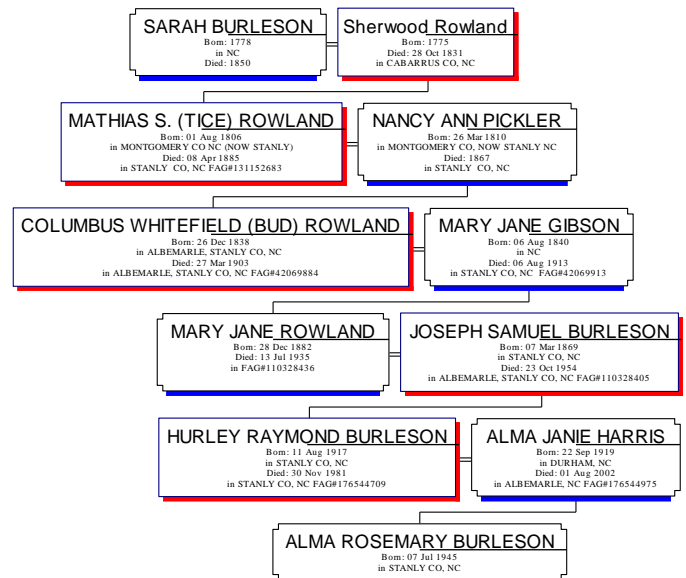
Direct Descendants of EDWARD BURLESON



Direct Descendants of SARAH BURLESON



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Dear Ancestor
(Dedicated to those who have gone before us)

Your tombstone stands among the rest
Neglected and alone
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished marble stone
It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh and blood and bone
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own
Dear Ancestor...the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so
I wonder if you lived and loved
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot
And come to visit you.

.....
Author Unknown

From "These Hallowed Grounds"

Stanly County Genealogical Society, 2012

DAN FURR CEMETERY

- From Albemarle take Hwy 73 W about 8.5 miles just past Salem Methodist Church to Old Concord Rd. turn left. Continue to Flint Ridge Rd. turn left. Continue 1.8 mile to Biles Rd.
- turn left. Cemetery on right side of road in pasture behind house at 20466 Biles Rd.
- Owner: Mrs. Coy Almond
- GPS N35.21. 196 W 80. 20. 243 .
- Surveyed February 2005 by Ron Capel, Priscilla Clarke, Pam Holbrook and Paul Morrison
- 14 marked stones 21 unmarked stones 13 other possible graves

IN MEMEAY OF FARANCES JAINE ROWLAND WAS BORND JULY 28“ 1866

DEST JANy 10th 1877 AGEd 10 YEARS 6 MONTS AND 12 DAYS OLD_ BY ISAAC ROWLAND

SARAH H. RO BORND 1862 FEB. THE 11 DES. OCT. THE 6,1874 Age NINE YEARS 7 M AND 6 DAYS

NETTIE Daut. of Wm. E. & M. FURR Born Aug. 18, 1865 Died Feb. 9, 1880

IN MEMORY OF ALEXAND’R FURR Son 6r Wm. E. and MALINDA FURR’S
Was Born, August the 15“ A.D. 1857 And Died Sept.’ 17*“ AD. 1864 Aged 7Y. 1M0. 2Days

IN MEMORY OF MALINDA FURR. Wife of Wm.’ E. FURR’S And Daughter of PAUL S. and SARAH FURR’S Was Born, 061: 1116 15* Day. A.D. 1836 And 0166 May, the 8*“ day. A.D. 1871 Aged 34 Y. 6M. 24 D’s (Engraver- J. C. Morton)

JANE ROWLAND BORN AUG. 6, 1840 DIED AUG. 6, 1913

COLUMBUS ROWLAND BORN DEC.26, 1838, DIED MAR. 27. 1903

IN MEMORY OF PAUL S. FURR. WAS BORN SEPT’ THE 7m A.D. 1809 And Departed this Life- July the 12”“ A.D. 1864 Aged 54 Y. -10 M.-and 5Days (Engraver - J.C.Mo1ton)

INFANT OF J .D. & MARTHA HATLEY (No Dates)

(Left side of stone broken off and missing. . .this is all that remains on the right side of stone)

RAH OF S. FURR AUG DIED 1898 4 YR 8 DA

Juanita Morris found this and in 1980 Thurman Burleson found : Sarah Howard Furr Aug. 19, 1813 Apr. 27, 1898

(New replacement stone) THOMAS N. GREENE BORN DEC. 20, 1839 DIED SEPT. 28, 1888

MARYANN TUCKER BORN JAN. 8, 1843 DIED FEB. 21, 1877 AGE 34 Y 1 MO & 13 DA
RF (Engraver)

WILLIAM ALEXANDER BOMERS WAS BORN NOVNBER THE DA 1860 DEC THIS LIF
FEBUARY 25,1884 AGE 23 YEARS __(?5) MONTHS 28 DAYS (This may be Bowers)

M. H. (No Name or Dates)