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Robert Gragg Sr. aka Gragg

Born **about 1732** in **Ireland** ?

Son of [John Gragg](#) and [Nancy Ann \(Wood\) Gragg](#)

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Brother of [Thomas Gragg](#), [Margaret Gragg](#), [John F \(Gragg\) Gregg](#), [Henry Gregg](#), [Samual Gragg](#), [Nancy Ann Gragg](#), [William Obediah Gregg Sr.](#), [Margaret \(Gregg\) Kimsey](#) (half) and [Jane E Gragg](#)

Husband of **Lydia Alice (Harrison) Gregg** — married about 1753 in Mount Solon, Augusta, Virginia Colony, British Colonial America ?

Father of [William Gragg](#), [Robert \(Gragg\) Gregg Jr.](#), [Henry Gregg](#), [Samuel Ole Gragg](#), [Nancy Ann \(Gragg\) Crow](#), [Thomas \(Gregg\) Gragg Sr.](#), [John Gragg](#), [Sarah Mary \(Gragg\) Malcolm](#), [Dinah Gregg](#), [Elizabeth Gragg](#), [William Gragg](#), [Elizabeth \(Gregg\) Smith](#) and [Abigail \(Gragg\) Harris](#)

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Died **5 May 1796** at about age 64 in **Greene, Tennessee, United States** ?

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It may be possible to [confirm](#) family relationships.

Paternal line **Y-chromosome DNA** test-takers:

[Ron Gragg](#) [F]: [Family Tree DNA](#) Y-DNA

Test 67 markers, haplogroup R-M269,

FTDNA kit #372126 [\[test details\]](#)

It is likely that these **autosomal DNA** test-takers will share [some percentage](#) of DNA with Robert:

~2.34% [X] ~1.56% [Pat Elliott](#) [F]:

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~1.56% [Brenda \(Satterwhite\) Woolridge](#) [F]:

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Biography

Robert Gragg was born about 1732 in Ireland a son of John Gragg and Nancy Wood. Robert's family immigrated to America, when he was a child. The family lived first in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and then in Augusta County, Virginia, which was formed from Orange County in 1738.

In 1754, in Augusta county, Virginia, Robert married Lydia Alice Harrison. Robert Gregg lived in Augusta County, Virginia, approximately 38 years and all of his known children were born there.

"Robert served in the Virginia Militia, in 1758 and served under Captain Sawyers, and Colonel Christie in the 1774 expedition in Tennessee, which led them to the Tellico Valley towns of the Cherokee. Augusta County court records show, 22 October 1788, Robert Gragg about to move to the frontier of North Carolina. The records also reveal that Robert sold his 513 acres of land to Frederick Michel of Rockingham County, Virginia. Robert Gragg, Sr., and several members of his family, moved to Greene County, Southwest Territory about five years after the county was organized as a part of North Carolina, and about eight years before the area became a part of the State of Tennessee." ^{[1][2]}

Robert Gragg wrote his Will on May 3, 1796, and in it, he names his children John,

	Robert Gragg Sr. has Scottish Ancestors.
	Robert Gragg Sr. was born in Ireland.
	Robert was a Farmer
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Will of Robert Gragg

Third day of May 1796. The Will of Robert Gragg Being low in body, but in perfect mind, and of good memory, I make this my last will and testament.

I do give and bequeath to my two Beloved sons John and William, the land I now possess to them and their heirs forever. And the executors shall so divide the land so as to have each an equal in value and improvements considered and that one shall not dispose of his part without the consent of the other.

I give to John my sorrel horse, bay mare, old cattle, four sheep and half the hogs. To William, the young sorrel mare, gray horse, one grown cow, two young cattle, four sheep and half the hogs, my wifes gun, the big pot and crook. To John the little oven and little pot and crook and one plow to William.

I do bequeath to my beloved daughter Abigail Gregg the young rone mare, one cow, three sheep, her bed and bedding and half the dresser.

To my Beloved daughter Betsy Gregg one bed and bedding.

To my Beloved son Robert Gragg, my big Bible.

To my Beloved son Samuel Gragg, my sword. All that remains at my death over and above paying legatees above mentioned and what money is coming from Virginia that may remain at my death, after paying Col. Kelley, also it is my desire that out of the price of the Steed named Shakespeare that there shall be 25 lbs Virginia currency to be paid to my daughter Betsy when she marries.


I do bequeath to my sons Thomas Gragg, Henry Gragg, Samuel Gragg, and Robert Gragg, Benjamin Crow, George Malcolm, and Joseph McMurtry an equal share of what remains after paying legatees above.


I do bequeath to my sons John and William each of them their axes, and what books remain at my death except the Bible and the harrow, to be equally divided.


I do likewise constitute and appoint, make and ordain my two beloved sons Samuel and Robert to be my sole executors. My desire is that John and William live and work together. That William trade none, but John be sole actor for him while they work together, but if they separate the executors is to take Williams estate all in their hands and keep it till he is twenty-one years old. I ratify this to be my last will and hereby revoke all others. Signed Robert Gragg

Benjamin Crow, Jurat William Wall

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 Private Robert Gragg Sr. served with Virginia Militia during the American Revolution.

 Robert Gragg Sr. is an **NSSAR** Patriot Ancestor. NSSAR Ancestor #: **170398** Rank: Private

 Robert Gragg Sr. is a DAR Patriot Ancestor, **A047685**.

Citation "United States Rosters of Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors, 1775-1783."

Auguste County And The Revolution
 ...beginning of the war found most of Auguste County's soldiers already drilled, and a large number of her officers had their baptism of fire in previous conflicts - fighting the Indians on the frontier. In fact, many of the Virginia Colonial Line had served under Washington in the French and Indian War, when he headquartered at Winchester, Virginia.
 The Valley was remote from the arena of combat. Only once, was there an alarm of invasion. However, many Valley troops served in other areas. The Convention, which managed affairs in Virginia from the time the old system of government disappeared until the adoption of the first Constitution of the State in 1776, passed an ordinance, July 17, 1775, for raising two regiments of regular troops.
 Commissioners from the counties of Buckingham, Amherst, Albemarle and Auguste, composing a district, met on the 8 of September, 1775, at the house of wate, near the falls, near Nelsons. It was resolved that Auguste furnish four companies of fifty men each, and that each of the other counties furnish two companies, making a total of ten companies of 500 men required by the ordinance.
 Every man enlisted was required to "furnish himself with a good rifle, if to be had, otherwise with a Colubach, common firelock, bayonet, pouch, or cartouch box, and three charges of powder and ball."
 Robert Gragg served in the Virginia Colonial Line as a private during the Revolution. He was one of the 450 volunteers from the Auguste County area, who went on the Cherokee expedition to Holston County, which is now Tennessee. The Cherokee had been incited to war by the British. The tour was of few months duration, and under the command of Capt. Savers of Rowan County, Va., and Col. Christian from Buchanan Co., Va. They encountered the Cherokee in the valley town west of Tellico, Tennessee, and made a treaty with the Indians.
 As was mentioned in the previous chapter, in his Revolutionary War Pension Application, No. 51624, Samuel, son of Robert, stated that in the skirmish at Tellico, his father killed Young McCormack, a half-breed chief. He further stated "the killing of Young McCormack made much noise and delayed the treaty."
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Robert Gragg's Children

Virginia, however, this has not been documented. Miss Kendall also named the following children and grandchildren of this couple:
 1. John Gragg
 2. Pamela Gragg
 3. Eliza Gragg
 4. William G. Gragg
 5. William S. Gragg
 6. Samuel Gragg
 Auguste County court records show "John Gragg removed, 17 November, 1776." It is believed that John, with his family, moved to Palisade County, Kentucky, in 1776.
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John Gregg to Robert Gragg Sr.

JOHN GREGG
 1740-1798
 The earliest known progenitor of our Gregg family, with certainty, is Robert Gregg of Auguste County, Virginia, and later of Greene County, Tennessee. Thomas Gregg was the father of Thomas, John, Robert, William, and Margaret.
 There is no proof or suggestion of this tradition. After several years of extensive research, it is more disappointing not to completely document dates and facts pertaining to this John Gregg. As previously stated, there is substantial evidence that after coming to America, he lived in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, for a period of years; that he and his family returned to Auguste County, Virginia, in the early 1750s; that he was born in North Carolina, probably County Anson, through recorded dates of birth of some of his children, John was born about 1690.
 The writer had considerable correspondence with Neal M. Kendall, a Gregg descendant, and author of "Gregg Foundations", an extremely well documented chronicle on the lineage of William Gregg, the author. In compiling dates, and information for her book, which was published in 1961, Miss Kendall researched all possible sources in regard to the Greggs of America, and in the process, noted on those which led to a complete presentation of history, dates, and marriage of the lineage of William Gregg, the writer.
 Miss Kendall stated that one branch of the Greggs, came from Northern Ireland, to Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, that this John Gregg married Nancy Ann Stone, daughter of William Stone, removed to Auguste County, Virginia, in 1752, and died in Auguste County, in 1758.
 As stated, definite proof in all instances has not been established, but such evidence about John Gregg had four known sons, and one known daughter, described as follows:
 1. Thomas Gregg was probably born about 1711, in Northern Ireland. According to Nathan's "History of Pendleton County, West Virginia," Thomas Gregg came from Ireland with his sons, Henry, and William, and one of their younger sons.
 Thomas Gregg's will, dated April, 1773, Auguste County, Virginia, named his wife, Elizabeth, and children: Ann, Mary, and Elizabeth - sons Henry, and William, who was mentioned in the will. Thomas married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Sample. Thomas apparently died soon after the making of his will, as appears from the will and probate, 17 August, 1773. Henry, youngest of Thomas, was born out to his brother, William, in 1773. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas, was born out to her brother, William, in 1760.
 The first mention of Thomas in Auguste County, Virginia, court records, was in August, 1776 - "Thomas Gregg's bond with Samuel Sample as administrator of William Stone's estate." On 16 February, 1784, Thomas bought 150 acres of land from Samuel Sample, on Sky Branch of Linville Creek. The area in which the Thomas Gregg family lived, is about three miles north, and west of Harrisonburg, Virginia.
 Thomas Gregg children and grandchildren:
 1. William Gregg, Sr., was born in 1737, established by Auguste County, Virginia, court records. According to Nathan's "History of Pendleton County, West Virginia," William came to America with the family from Northern Ireland.
 This family of Gregg intermarried with the Menckel family of Pendleton County, and according to a Menckel Genealogy, William had a son, William, Sr., who a daughter, Hannah, by his first wife, Mary Menckel, William, Sr., married Margaret Margaret Johnson, widow of Arthur

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The Original house of Robert Gragg Sr.

Another Frontier

Augusta County records reveal that Robert sold 513 acres of land in Augusta County, 31 October, 1788, to Frederick Michel, of Rockingham County, Virginia. He purchased 500 acres of land from Alexander Kelly, south of the Nolichucky River, in Greene County, Tennessee, 3 February, 1789, according to Greene County Court records.



The original house of Robert Gragg, Sr., near Loves Bridge south of the Nolichucky River in Greene County, Tennessee.

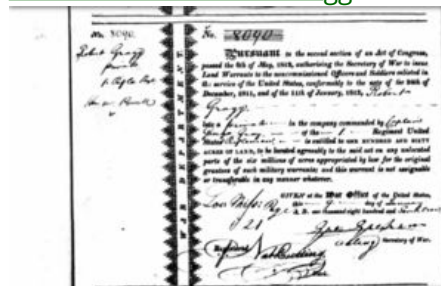
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Where was Robert born?

Born in Pennsylvania Claim

Robert Gragg Sr was born about 1732 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. His parents were [John Gragg](#) and [Nancy Wood](#). Robert married Lydia Alice Harrison in 1754, in Augusta County, Virginia. Robert Gragg passed away May 03, 1793 in South Nolachucky River, Greene County, Tennessee, USA.^{[4][5][6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13][14][15][16][17][18][19][20][21][22][23][24]} <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~nmllanera/genealogy/notesGragg.html> go to this link for more on Robert I can only post the link because there is a copy right on this


Robert Gragg Sr. was born in Ireland.


Robert Gragg Sr. was a [Virginia colonist](#).


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Born in Northern Ireland Claim

Robert Gragg Sr was born about 1732, probably in Northern Ireland. It is thought that John, the father, and his family emigrated from Ireland to America in the early 1740s. The family lived in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, for a period of years, then migrated southwest through the Shenandoah Valley, to Augusta County, Virginia* , in the early 1750s.^{[25][26][27][28][29][30]}

It is generally accepted that Robert Gregg/Gragg was born in Northern Ireland, and came with his parents [John Gragg](#) and [Nancy Wood](#) to America with his two brothers [Thomas](#), [William](#) and sister [Margaret](#).^{[31][32]} It is unknown how the whole Pennsylvania birth information originated, but since there is some documentation to support this theory, both are represented here until one is disproved.

General Bio information

AUGUSTA COUNTY "Robert Gragg lived in Augusta County, Virginia, approximately 38 years and all of his known children were born there. As nearly as can be determined, he moved into the county with his father's family, about the year 1750. According to historians, the country now embraced in Augusta County was not entered by white men until the year 1716. The area was originally inhabited by Shawnee Indians. The first permanent settlement by white people in this section of Virginia was in 1726, on the Shenandoah River, a few miles below the present town of Port Republic. Although some were of German and English decent, the early settlers were almost exclusively of the Scotch-Irish race, natives of the north of Ireland, but of Scottish ancestry. Many had first settled in the south-central part of Pennsylvania, then migrated farther to the south and west to the Shenandoah Valley. Most of those early immigrants were dissenters from the Church of England - they were Presbyterian faith and victims of religious persecution in their native land. They were generally a profoundly religious people, bringing the Bible with them and as soon as possible erected log meeting houses in which to assemble for the worship of God. The Church of England was established by law throughout the colony but while a spirit of intolerance and inseparation from such a system prevailed in other parts of Virginia, the dissenters of the Valley had very little to complain about. The

first Presbyterian minister in the Valley was the Rev. John Craig, born 1709, in County Antrim, Ireland. He was educated at Edinburg, was licensed to preach in 1737, and came to Augusta County in 1740. Augusta County was formed from Orange County in 1738. The new county consisted of all that portion of the Colony of Virginia, which lay west of the Blue Ridge Mountains; bounded on the north by the boundaries of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the Rappahannock River on the west its territory embraced all of the land claimed by the British, without limit or extent and on the south by the Carolina line. Augusta County was named in honor of Princess Augusta, wife of Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales, the father of George III. After about 35 years of pioneering and living in Augusta County, Robert sold his land and buildings and moved to Holston Country (Tennessee). Augusta County court records show, "22 October 1788, Robert Gragg about to move to the frontier of North Carolina." The records also reveal that Robert sold his 513 acres of land to Frederick Michel of Rockingham County, Virginia."^[33]

Gragg Descent

The first mention of Robert in Augusta County Court Records, was on the 1755 Tax List . Throughout the some 35 years in Augusta County, there are many references in the court records regarding Robert - as a witness, land transactions, and other court proceedings. From the land transactions recorded, Robert accumulated 513 acres. A surveyor's description of this land, made in 1768, was found at the Harrisonburg, Virginia , Court House. This land was bought in parcels of 100, 207, and 206 acres, from 1765 through 1768, and is located on the North River of Shenandoah. This area was visited by the writer and his wife in 1977. The land owned by Robert is about two miles northwest of the town of Mt. Solon, and is located in a small valley, with Castle Hill bordering it on the west, and adjoining the Natural Chimneys Regional Park on the north. Modern farm buildings, complete with a s i l o , are now on the farm, replacing the log cabin home, sheds, and out buildings of the old Gragg homestead.^[34]

Chalkley Quotes

"Robert Gragg appointed surveyor of highway from Duck Ponds to Middle River."^[35]

"Robert Gragg, from Winchester--witness."^[36]

"Robert Gragg vs. John McDonald.--Plaintiff of Augusta County, 18th August, 1785. On that day plaintiff contracted to sell 37 acres to defendant. Consideration, bar iron and horses."^[37]

"Robert Gragg is about to remove to the frontiers of North Carolina 22d October, 1788."^[38]

"Henry Millar vs. Samuel and Robert Gragg.--Writ, 31st August, 1787. Executed" ^[39]

Robert Gragg, Sr., and several members of his family, moved to Greene County, Southwest Territory *, about five years after the county was organized as a part of North Carolina, and about eight years before the area became a part of the State of Tennessee. ^{[40][41]}

*note:

Greene County began as the Nolichucky settlement, which was established by pioneer Jacob Brown on land leased from the Cherokee in the early 1770s. The Nolichucky settlement aligned itself with the Watauga Settlement centered in what is now Elizabethton.

*note:

Greene County was formed in 1783 from the original Washington County North Carolina

part of the former Washington District. It was also part of the Territory The county is named for Major General Nathanael Greene(1742-1786), a major general in the Continental Army . It was also part of The Territory South of the River Ohio, more commonly known as the Southwest Territory. John Crockett father of Davy Crockett settled in the county near Limestone and Davy was born there in 1786. The area was then part of the State of Franklin^[42] Also see:^[43]

*note:

Robert, Sr., in his will, named three sons-in-law: Benjamin Crow, George Malcom, and Joseph McMurtry. There is no proof, or disproof, that Benjamin Crow married Ann Gragg; that George Malcom married Polly (Mary) Gragg, however, there is substantial evidence that this is fact. Some descendants of Robert, Sr., claim that Joseph McMurtry married Abegail, daughter of Robert, but present no documentation. It is the contention of the writer, that Abegail was living at home with her father, at the time his will was written in 1793 - naming Joseph McMurtry as a son-inlaw. Robert's will quoted in part - " I do bequeath to my beloved daughter, Abegail Gragg, the young rone mair, one cow and three sheep, her bed and bedding, and the half of the dresser to herself or assigns for ever." It may be assumed from the wording of the will , that Abegail, in 1793, was living in her father's house - sharing a dresser and room with her younger sister, Betsey.^[44]

Land Grants

Virginia Land Grant - 31 Oct 1788 - 513 acres; 70 acres on Nores Run of North River of Shanidore; 400 acres, near Castle Hill... First tract patented to grantor, 6 Apr 1769; second tract patented to grantor, 10 Apr 1781; third tract patented to grantor, 1 Jun 1782. *note:* This land record was originally published in "Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, 1745-1800. Extracted from the Original Court Records of Augusta County" by Lyman Chalkley. ^[45]^[46]^[47]

The Will of Robert Gragg

Being low in body, but in perfect mind, and of good memory, I make this my last will and testament. I do give and bequeath to my two Beloved sons John and William, the land I now possess to them and their heirs forever. And the executors shall so divide the land so as to have each an equal in value and improvements considered and that one shall not dispose of his part without the consent of the other. I give to John my sorrel horse, bay mare, old cattle, four sheep and half the hogs. To William, the young sorrel mare, gray horse, one grown cow, two young cattle, four sheep and half the hogs, my wifes gun, the big pot and crook. To John the little oven and little pot and crook and one plow to William. I do bequeath to my beloved daughter Abigail Gregg the young rone mare, one cow, three sheep, her bed and bedding and half the dresser. To my Beloved daughter Betsy Gregg one bed and bedding. To my Beloved son Robert Gragg, my big Bible. To my Beloved son Samuel Gragg, my sword. All that remains at my death over and above paying legatees above mentioned and what money is coming from Virginia that may remain at my death, after paying Col. Kelley, also it is my desire that out of the price of the Steed named Shakespeare that there shall be 25 lbs Virginia currency to be paid to my daughter Betsy when she marries. I do bequeath to my sons Thomas Gragg, Henry Gragg, Samuel Gragg, and Robert Gragg, Benjamin Crow, George Maleolin, and Joseph McMurtry an equal share of what remains after paying legatees above. I do bequeath to my sons John and William each of them their axes, and what books remain at my death except the Bible and the harrow, to be equally divided. I do likewise constitute and appoint, make and ordain my two beloved sons Samuel and Robert to be my sole executors. My desire is that John and William live and work together. That William trade none, but John be sole actor for him while they work together, but if they separate the executors is to take Williams estate all in their hands and keep it till he is twenty-one years old. I ratify this to be my last will and hereby revoke all others. Signed Robert Gregg^[48]^[49]

Benjamin Crow, Jurat William Wall^[50]

Augusta County records reveal that Robert sold 513 acres of land in Augusta County, 31 October, 1788, to Frederick Michel, of Rockingham County, Virginia. He purchased 500 acres of land from Alexander Kelly, south of the Nolichucky River, in Greene County, Tennessee, 3 February, 1789, according to Greene County court records. After the completion of their new home in Tennessee, sons John and William; daughters, Abigail and Elizabeth, continued to live at home with their father, Robert. In 1787, sons Samuel, Thomas, and Henry, obtained land grants in what was then Greene County, Tennessee. Little is known about Robert, Jr., the eldest son, after his removal from Augusta County, to Greene County, Tennessee.^{[51][52]}

The will of Robert Gragg, Sr., was dated 23 May, 1793, in "Green County, and Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio." Children named were: Robert, Samuel, Thomas, Henry, John, William, Abigail and Betsey. Robert, the father, died, May, 1796, in Greene County, Tennessee.^{[53][54]}

February 3, 1789 - Purchased 500 acres from Alexander Kelly - land on the waters of the Nolichucky River - south side of river, joining John Trembler and John Chamberlain.^{[55][56]}

Frederick Co., VA Deed Book 12, page 148-150 William Smith and James Stevolt of Baltimore to Robert Gregg of Frederick Co., VA; Mortgage; signed 22 Aug 1767, recorded 2 Mar 1768.^[57]

Frederick Co., VA Deed Book 19, page 384-387 James Craik and Marianne his wife of Charles Co. MD convey to Robert Gregg of Washinton Co, MD; Lot no. 2 of Town of Winchester last addition made by Colonel James Wood deceased; signed 10 Feb 1783, recorded 5 Mar 1783..^[58]

Marriage

Name: Robert Gragg
 Gender: Male
 Birth Place: PA
 Birth Year: 1732
 Spouse Name: Lydia Harrison
 Marriage Year: 1754
 Number Pages: 2^[59]


*note:

More information on Augusta CountyVirginia.^{[60][61][62]}

Children

Henry GRAGG 1755 – 1824
 Ann GRAGG 1755 –
 Robert Jr. GRAGG Jr. 1755 – 1796
 Samuel GRAGG 1757 – 1841
Thomas GRAGG Sr. 1765 – 1862
 Sarah Polly GRAGG 1766 –
 John GRAGG 1771 – 1847
 Abigaile GRAGG 1773 – 1841
 William GRAGG 1775 – 1850
 Elizabeth "Betsy" Gragg^[63]

Military

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"Robert served in the Virginia Militia, in 1758. While still living in Augusta County, Robert experienced more trouble with the Cherokee Indians during the American Revolution. He served under Capt. Sawyers, and Col. Christie in the 1774 expedition in Tennessee, which led them to the Tellico Valley towns of the Cherokee. Still later, more trouble with the Cherokee, after the family moved to yet another frontier in Holston Country (Tennessee)."^{[64][65]}

Military Pension

Name: Robert Gregg

Year Range: 1833-1848

Pension Office Place: Nashville, Tennessee, USA^{[66][67][68]}

*note:

"Robert Gragg and his son, Samuel, who was seventeen years old at the time, served as privates under Capt. Sawyer and Col Christie in the 1774 campaign...According to Samuel Gragg, son of Robert, in his Revolutionary War Pension Application , the Indian expedition led them to the Tellico Valley towns of the Cherokee, and it was there that his father killed a half-breed Cherokee chief named McCormack. This McCormack was mentioned as a renegade in David H. Corkran's book, The Cherokee Frontier."^[69]

Additional Scots-Irish Historical Information

Clan Gregor History

Who are the MacGregor's^[70]

Scots Irish Slavery

few people know of of the atrocities the Royalty and Rich in Great Briton levied upon the Scots and Irish citizens!

White Slavery: The Scottish Slaves of England and Americas

There were hundreds of thousands of Scots sold into slavery during Colonial America. White slavery to the American Colonies occurred as early as 1630 in Scotland.^[71]


White Slavery, what the Scots already know (by: Kelly d. Whittaker)

"Alexander Stewart was herded off the Gildart in July of 1747, bound with chains. Stewart was pushed onto the auction block in Wecomica, St Mary's County, Maryland." ^[72]

SCOTTISH SLAVES IN AMERICA

"Ship Passenger Lists: National and New England (1600-1825)," Edited and Indexed by Carl Boyer III, Published by the Compiler, Newhall, California, 1977, Pages 164-171.^[73]

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Please take a look at the researchers notes for sister, Nancy Ann. There are sources on her parents Find A Grave that indicate that this family immigrated in 1730 and that they lived for a time in New Hampshire.

Need to make some decisions prior to merge with <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Gragg-345>, which has a lower internal entry number for this person

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Ron Gragg

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[Brenda \(Gregg\) Swaggerty](#)

Why are their 3 brothers list here in Robert Gregg and they have the same wife listed?This get confusing🤔. Please take a look at these and advise how to presume which is correct🙄. Thanks for any help that can be given.Also the same problem with his sons🙄🙄

[posted](#) on Gregg-766 (merged) Apr 17, 2020 by [Brenda \(Gregg\) Swaggerty](#)

[edited](#) Apr 17, 2020 by [Brenda \(Gregg\) Swaggerty](#)

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[Ron Gragg](#)

Brenda,

First, let me say Hello Cousin ? Its always nice to meet a new relative.

The query you made was a bit confusing, so I hope I can answer it

You wrote: I was just wondering if the FamilySearch record was correct and if it goes on Robthe's record located here here ..I know you cannot believe everything you read that's why it. Is goif to have 2 set of

The Family Search site has him as Robert Jr. He is actually Robert Sr. Robert Gregg Jr was born about 1755 in Augusta County, Virginia, and according to (See: "Gragg Descent" ~ George Robert Gragg 1978, pp 78), Robert Jrs brother Samuel said was killed by Indians. Its unknown the exact date Robert Jr. died, but it was around 1800.

Also, the Family Search site is not all inclusive, as it totally fails to list Robert Gregg Jr on the list at all. Also, many web sites provide Both Robert Sr. and Robert Jr. being married to the same Lydia Alice Harrison. This is definitely untrue, as Robert Jr. was married to an Ellender. Most believe it was Ellender Dinah Harlen.

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**Brenda (Gregg) Swaggerty**

David Can you please help me here? My Daughter came across this,while doing the Swaggerty (her father) line of the family and I am not sure it goes here.Let me know if you can't see it on Familysearch.I will try to send it some other way <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LBRV-5JT?1=1&spouse=LY3N-SFM>

posted on Gregg-766 (merged) Sep 01, 2018 by [Brenda \(Gregg\) Swaggerty](#)

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Robert Lewis

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posted on Gregg-766 (merged) Jan 03, 2017 by [Robert Lewis](#)

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**Ron Gragg**

David,

No problem... I've been doing so many edits and updates lately, that I sometimes get all cock-eyed, and dizzy from looking at the computer screen too long. :)

Ron

posted on Gregg-766 (merged) Aug 21, 2016 by [Ron Gragg](#)

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**David Black**

Ron, Thanks,

I thought I was going genealogy blind there for a minute. Couldn't find the mistake. That's why more than one profile manager comes in handy. More eyes the better. David

posted on Gregg-766 (merged) Aug 20, 2016 by [David Black](#)

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**Ron Gragg**

David,

I fixed it... Somehow, most likely during previous merge, Nancy Ann got listed as Robert's wife.

posted on Gregg-766 (merged) Aug 20, 2016 by [Ron Gragg](#)

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**David Black**

see what you see???

David

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Sally x

mix-up ? linked as both son and husband of Nancy Ann Wood-1280

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