

John Phelps d1772 Bedford Co, VA

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John Phelps d. 1772 Bedford Co, VA and son John d 1801 Bedford, VA

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4/2019: A number of links referred to below have been misplaced. However the reader is directed to an inventory of related files and documents at Bedford section of the Virginia grouping at the [Southern Phelps Research site](#)

Researchers of this line should contact John Sinks [sinksjohnd AT gmail.com](mailto:sinksjohnd@gmail.com) and Doug Payne 'Doug Payne' [ndp1696 AT gmail.com](mailto:ndp1696@gmail.com)>

[Tested descendants of this line should join the private Google forum: John Phelps d 1772 Bedford County](#)

To view a map of the Phelps locations in early central VA (and Caswell Co, NC,

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yDNA Tested Lineages

After many years the Phelps project has finally found a matching second yDNA test which confirms the STRs of this line. Neither of these test match in any way to any other known yDNA tested Phelps line anywhere and is thus a new southern Phelps line. In addition to an ancestor submission by one testee, other Phelps researchers contributed greatly. This page's information was coordinated by D Phelps. JC Rogers, Mary Galgan, Christi Cirone, M. Galgan, D Payne provided much information We hope other descendants of this line will see a link and join our project.

CAUTION: While logged into FTDNA, all tested yDNA members of this project are viewable at the [FTDNA yDNA page](#). Viewers of that page are cautioned that many recently tested members have chosen privacy options which prevent their yDNA display to non-logged in members. This currently includes the second tested member below.

This line is defined by FTDNA as Haplogroupo I-P37 with this comment:

Haplogroup I dates to 23,000 years ago, or older. The I-P215 lineage is about 15,000 years old and began in southern Europe. Today it is found primarily in Sardinia and the Balkans. Haplogroup I represents one of the first peoples in Europe.

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Additional genealogy *with sources*, including many siblings, are found further down this page.

1. John Phelps, Col. d: 1772 m. Mary unknown
2. John Phelps, d. 1801 Little Otter River, Bedford Co, VA m. Susanna Younger, 1787
3. Thomas Phelps b 1771 (source: 1850 census) d: Abt. 1851 Bedford (source: JC Rogers & Our Kin) m. Nancy Carter 12/1/1816 sources: Bedford Mar. Bonds)
Thomas and Nancy were named in [1852 Estate sale of Thomas](#). His children were

named in *Our Kin*

| 4. Thomas Jefferson Phelps b. 28 Dec 1821 d: 15 Dec 1905. *Buried in the Key-Phelps cemetery near Body Camp in Bedford*

| 5. Thomas Key Phelps b 9/21/1847 d. 12/27/1925 Roanoke, VA (buried in the Key-Phelps cemetery near Body Camp in Bedford VA.

| 6. William "Colonel" Richard Phelps b 1886. m Mildred Davis. Taught at Randolph Macon.

| Descendant Kit 107084 Haplogroup I-P37 Ancestry submitted by descendant (*back to Thomas Jefferson Phelps*) This lineage was reviewed by researcher Christie Cirone christiecirone AT @ comcast.net, beginning with #6 above and found to be accurate.

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3. Glenn Phelps b. ca. 1791, Bedford Co., VA , d. abt 1843, Jackson Co., GA. m. 8 Mar 1823, GA (wife: Harriet Key, b. 1812, dau. of Tandy Center Key and Ann "Annie (Cochran) Key, GA. moved to Jasper Co, GA

4. Dr. James Cochran Phelps b 1829 Jackson Co m. Mary ann Edwards 1850, Russel co, ALA - Russel Co, now Lee Co, Ala. Source: [Key and Allied Families](#), p. 234, 235 [b. Jackson CO, GA, d. 1885 Opelika ALA \(source\)](#)

5. Robert Warren Phelps b 1855 alabama d. June 4 1930 Shotwell Alabama. m. Annie Elica Lockhart Lee Co

6. James Cockran Phelps, II b 1878 m 1st Jessie Bledsoe; m. 2nd Ella Yount [Key and Allied Families p 234-5](#) [Also see obituary of his son \(1940 New Orleans census: b.1898 Alabama;](#)

7. James Cochran Phelps III b 1926 [See his obituary d. 2008 age 81 lifelong resident of Algiers, New Orleans\)](#) 1940 New Orleans census: b.1928 Miss; Grandson Descendant Kit 682527 Haplogroup I-P37 This genealogy was researched by D. Phelps with approval by the testee.

Below is a report on this line by D Phelps including the coordinated research of others. Sources were wills, census records, deeds, other primary sources and also "Our Kin" Corrections or additions are welcomed.

The Phelps from Bedford Co, VA Revised 2017

This paper was originally written to research any possibility that a Phelps from this area was the father of James Phelps d1786 CaswellCo, NC. To date, no such connection has been found. It has evolved to be a collection of information about the genealogy of this Bedford line.

A great deal of help came from Chuck Featherston of Richmond, VA, Mary Galgan, Mark Phelps of Snow Camp, NC and JC Rogers of Appomattox, VA, ChristieCirone@comcast.net. In my search (D Phelps) for a James of this line who might be my James (of Caswell Co) I found one. He was James, a son of John Phelps d 1801. **We now know this line was of an entirely different haplogroup from any other Phelps line.**

Important information in this report is a Bedford [Deed of 1815](#) naming Bedford Phelps living in Jasper Co, GA THIS DEED SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN LOST

The formation of Bedford Co:

- 1702: Prince George formed in 1702 from Charles City
- 1720: Brunswick formed in 1720 from Prince George
- 1746: Lunenburg formed from Brunswick in 1746

- 1752: Halifax formed from Lunenburg in 1752
- 1753: **Bedford** formed from Albemarle and Lunenburg in 1753. F
- 1764: Charlotte and Mecklenburg from Lunenburg
- 1766: Part of Halifax used for Pittsylvania in 1766

[Click on this to see a map of Virginia showing the approximate locations of the Phelps lines.](#)

Other background information:

Halifax and Bedford deed books and other materials contain many references to Phelps beginning in 1742 when the areas of these two counties were in Lunenburg Co.

Deaths and births were listed only in parish records in colonial times. Since marriages were sometimes only listed in parish records, I reviewed all the available parish documents. *None* of the needed area parish marriage, death and birth records remain in existence but Vestry minutes are often available. Those searched were Atrim 1752-1818 (Halifax); Cumberland 1746-1816 (Lunenburg); Camden 1767-1852 (Pittsylvania); St James 1744-1806 (Goochland). Russel parish (Bedford) was not available in Raleigh but in any case, its records start too late in m.

To view PDF Bedford county index pages of Phelps marriage, wills, and Grantors, [click here](#)

John Phelps, Col, of Bedford d.1772

John Phelps, Capt./Col. d 1772: This John was very prominent and appears often in records. Had a son John, but no James. From [his will](#) *Our Kin : the genealogies of some of the early families who made history in the founding and development of Bedford County, Virginia* Published 1930 by Ackerly, Mary Denham SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES "John Phelps, the first of the name of whom we have any authentic record, was already settled in Brunswick County, Va., when Lunenburg was taken from that county, and was one of the first Justices of the new county. He, with Matthew Talbot and others, was present at the first Court of Lunenburg County held May 5, 1746. When the increase in population made it necessary to form still another county from Lunenburg's territory, and Bedford came into being, we find John Phelps again at the head of affairs-"Justice of the Peace, and a Justice of the County Court in Chancery." He and William Callaway were Bedford's first representatives in the House of Burgesses, and from Hening's Statutes, Vol. VII, we learn that he was a Colonel in the Colonial Army. He died in Bedford County in 1772, and his will, recorded in Will Book "A" page 137, mentions wife, Mary; children: Jane, Judith, Sarah, Ann, Mary, Betty, John, and Aggey."

(Correction) Another book, *Roots in Virginia, An Account of Captain Thomas Hale*, by Nathaniel Claiborne Hale,, 1948 places John's origins in Hartford, Ct. He is listed as a descendant of William Phelps b. 1599 Tewkesbury, England; Samuel Phelps b. England; Timothy Phelps b. Windsor CT 1656, Timothy Phelps b 1702 Hartford, CT, - but this has been largely discredited by lack of evidence and preliminary y-dna testing. (Further testing hopefully will end further speculation. This book was an account of Capt Thomas Hale However it does get it right in saying some of John's children moved to GA. This book was an account of Capt Thomas Hale. See the text here and evidence which may disprove the New England claim..

Here is the page from the Roots in Va book:

Using John's will, it is curious that there is only one son. Could it be that the Caswell, NC James (d 1786) could have been a son of this John – but was omitted from John's will? Even more interesting is the possibility that a son Thomas was omitted from the will, considering the unknown origins of the "older Thomas" of

Caswell, NC b 1727 (not Thomas the son of James of Caswell).

The following information was supplied by Mary Galgan:

~~...there is no evidence that he was a Col.~~ He died in 1772 but no one knows when he was born...probably a little before 1704, because he was granted a patent in 1724 in Henrico Co., VA. I don't believe anyone has proved who his parents were. We know his wife was named Mary, but her last name has not been proven. The Thomas, William, John, John line you have above is not correct. We do know some things about him. The following are some of the things we know for sure about him, because of recorded evidence:

- He was a member of the House of Burgesses, Justice of Court of Lunenburg Co. in 1746:
1746 - At May Court 1746 - Lunenburg Co., VA - John PHELPS, gentleman, was appointed to take a list of tithables in Lunenburg Co. from the Mouth of Otter River to the extent of the county upwards. John and Mary were in Brunswick Co., VA when Lunenburg Co. was formed from it. He was a member of the House of Burgesses, Justice of Court of both Lunenburg Co. in 1746 and in 1749 was a Justice in the County Court in Chancery, Lunenburg Co., VA, Order Bk. 2, 1748-1752, June Court 1749 p.146.

- He was appointed to take Tithables 1747 - June Court 1747 - John PHELPS, from Falling River to the extent of the county upwards, to take tithables. John PHELPS precinct from Falling River westward was sparsely settled. Lunenburg Co.,VA.

- He was a Coroner: 1748 - 2 June 1748 - John PHELPS, Gent. sworn as a Coroner of county. Lunenburg Co., VA, Order Bk. 2, 1748-1752, June Court p.10.

- He was appointed a Justice/Justice of the Peace: 5 June 1749 - June Court - Robert JONES, Henry EMBRY, John HALL, Wm HAYWARD, Matthew TALBOT, Field JEFFERSON (~~father of Thomas JEFFERSON~~) [*corrected by Doug Payne to " Thomas Jefferson's paternal uncle" ; Peter Jefferson was his father*], Wm WYNNE, James MITCHELL, David STOKES, Lewis DELONY, John PHELPS, W, HILL, John CALDWELL, Cornelius CARGILL, Abraham COOK, Hugh LAWSON, Thomas BOLLING, Liddal BACON, Thomas LANEAR, Robert Henry DYER, Wm CALDWEL, Peter FONTAINE, Abraham MARTIN, John COX, & Nicholas HAYLE Gentlemen, sworn as Justices of the Peace/Justices in the County Court in Chancery. Lunenburg Co., VA, Order Bk. 2, 1748-1752, June Court 1749 p.146.

- He was elected a Vestryman: 3 October 1749 - October Court. Vestrymen elected by freeholders & housekeepers of Parish of Cumberland, Lunenburg Co.: John EDLOE, Peter FONTAINE, junr, Field JEFFERSON, Francis EALEDGE, Wm EMBRY, Luke SMITH, THos BOULDIN, John PHELPS, John COX, Abraham MARTIN & Clement READ; each man signs conformable to doctrine of Church of England. Lunenburg Co., VA, Order Bk. 2, 1748-1752, Oct. Court 1749 p. 214.

- He was a Captain during the French & Indian War while living in Bedford Co., VA:
1750 - 3 July 1750 - July Court - John PHELPS, Gentleman, was appointed to take list of tithables & give public notice of time & place. From Falling River to Goose Creek. Lunenburg Co., VA, Order Bk. 2, 1748-1752, July Court 1750 p. 278. And Francis ELLEDGE, John PHELPS, Wm CALDWELL, & Wm POOL Gentlemen were sworn as Captains of the Foot in this County. Lunenburg Co., VA, Order Bk. 2, 1748-1752, July Court 1750 p. 290.

1756 - On the 20th of August 1756 Capt. John PHELPS was commissioned to command a Company of Rangers to be raised in Bedford Co., VA to protect the settlers from the French and Indians in the area.

Added4/2017 by John Sinks: The 1756 date for John Phelps being commissioned as captain of the rangers seems to be in error. It was 1755. It appears that he was commissioned **captain** in August and in October commissioned **colonel**. See related pages from Order Bks 1A and 1B along with his commission as justice. in the downloadable files below.

1758 - Bedford Co., VA - September 1758 - 32d George II.

Money paid to the Militia of the County of Bedford, and for Provisions furnished by sundry Inhabitants of the said county, viz.

To John Phelps, as captain (£2.8.0).

Information about military status: reported in the [Phelps Families of America by a Benjamin T.](#)

[Phelps, Ottawa, Ill, 1865](#) including that his great grandfather (this John d. 1772) was a colonel in the British Army.

Comment from JC Rogers:

The original Phelps lands in Bedford were actually located on an outskirt of the City of Lynchburg and closer to there than actual Bedford. (JC Rogers)

JC Rogers, a respected researcher of the central VA Phelps lines, says he can tie John d 1772 and Mary Phelps of Bedford to Thomas d. 1751 Albemarle with land transactions and feel they are related perhaps closer than any of the other line to Thomas.

Detailed List of Descendants of John Phelps, Col, of Bedford d.1772

John d. 1772's original will is downloadable from the files listed at the end of this page.

1 John Phelps, Col. d: 1772 in Bedford Co, VA m. [Mary??](#) Lived on Little Otter River in Bedford

2 Sarah Phelps

2 Ann Phelps ??

2 Judith Phelps

2 Mary daughter of John-d1772 Phelps

2 Betty Phelps +Francis Pollard b: Abt. 1720 d: 1771 (reported by Elizabeth Harris, 2005 D. Payne's professional genealogist is researching the hypothesis that "Betsy was born ca. 1745 in Hartford, CT, and that her mother was named "Mary."

2 Aggey Phelps

2 Jane daughter of John d1772 Phelps

2 John Phelps d. 1801 (who, in his father's will, inherited all the land of his father)

NOTE: Abstract of the Will of John Phelps, filed 2/25/1772, Bedford Co: Son named John; daughters were Jane, Judith, Sarah, Ann, Mary, Betty. This is from "Virginia Wills Before 1799", Southern Book Co. Baltimore, 1958. Will Book 1, page 137. This does NOT agree with the book "Our Kin" SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES which reported a wife Mary and another child, Aggey, nor with deed referenced below.

From "Our kin":SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES the genealogies of some of the early families who made history in the founding and development of Bedford County, Virginia Published 1930 by Ackerly, Mary Denham He died in Bedford County in 1772, and his will, recorded in Will Book "A" page 137, mentions wife. Mary; children: Jane, Judith, Sarah, Ann, Mary, Betty, John, and Aggey."

From Charles Feathersston ccfathers@juno.com : There are two places which Mary [as a wife] is identified; one is a deed filed in Brunswick County, Deed Book, Vol..No. 2 1744 -1755, 1764, Page No. 718 (537) and [in] the abstract of his will. Mary is not identified by name in his will as recorded, but is in the abstract. His will was dated 1771 and recorded in Bedford County Will Book No.1, Page 137, February, 25, 1772. Names mentioned in order are: my wife; Jane, Judith, Sarah, Ann, Mary, Betty, Aggy, and son John..Wife Mary and son John were executors of the will.

John Phelps d 1801 Introduction

John Phelps d 1801 is understood to be the son of John d 1772. Married first Jemima Turner and then Susan Younger in 1787 (source: *Our Kin SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES and (Index to marriages Bedford Co. VA 1785-1870)*). His will of 1801 will named the children listed in the ancestry below including a **James Phelps, This James appears not to have been the James (of Caswell Co) because James died in 1785, six years before this will was written. Additionally, a James married Ruth Grant in 1794 as recorded in Bedford marriages - currently known as James son of John d.1801 . The Caswell Co James' wife was named Mary (and his mother was with him when he died).**

Quaker References: REVISION 5/2017 By D Phelps: the Bedford Phelps references found in the "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol VI Virginia" are totally

misleading. I allowed myself be totally misled. I am convinced there is zero evidence of a Quaker connection to the Phelps of Bedford. After spending hours researching everything I could find, I came to this conclusion. The Encyclopedia book VI, and references to it, are extremely misleading by listing probably all of the Bedford marriages giving the impression to the unassuming they are Quakers. I simply assumed the author would have written a warning. The evidence of this fault is when we go to Ancestry.com searching for the Bedford Phelps, they don't show up. Moreover, using Ancestry, I was able with difficulty to find the actual handwritten Quaker name index to all of the minutes and marriages of that area. No Phelps listed (although the index is pages of poorly arranged pages. The original pages are said to be stored at Swathmore College. For those wanting to explore this, please contact me for Ancestry tips. This exercise did however give me much insight into the apparent truth that Quakers were highly present in early Bedford County.

The *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia Vol. II* published by the Georgia DAR in 1941, compiled by Ettie Tidwell McCall (Mrs. Howard H.) included soldiers who were not from Georgia but whose ancestors were. It appears to be rather authentic, although no source is given for the Phelps line. The ancestry lists Lt. John Phelps of Bedford marrying Jemima Turner and Susanna Younger (1794). The children were named for each mother: 11 by Jemima; 6 by Susanna. Clearly this indicates a GA descendant placed their VA ancestry in this book.

John's 1801 will left the plantation to wife Susannah and sons Overton, Robert and Glenn. He left 100 acres to Washington, William, and Randolph. He did not leave land to Thomas, Richard, James, John or any of the daughters.

Descendants of John Phelps, Lt of Bedford d. 1801 (son of John d 1772)

Sources:

*Descendant list Source: Click to see John's will , a "[Roster of Rev Soldiers in GA Vol II](#)", and "[Our Kin, A history of Bedford Co., VA](#) " **SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES, [Key and Allied Families](#) :***

A litigation of a Bedford deed of 1815 naming the Bedford Phelps living in Jasper Co, GA THIS INFORMATION MAY HAVE B; [Key and Allied Families](#), p. 234, 235 and by ChristieCirone@comcast.net; Bedford County Marriages

For Richard Phelps and his descendants see the downloadable file at the end named "Ogle Co" and "Phelps Family in America, Vol. 1 and 2."

1. John Phelps, Lt. d. 1801 m. Susanna Younger, 1787

For yDNA purposes the wives of John are not germane. However for those who are working with other dna types, extended comment by knowledgeable researcher christiecirone AT comcast.net comment is necessary. "Most of the related [Phelps Families of America #804](#) is wholly incorrect and disproved. It should read, John Phelps (Lieut.), who died 1801, Bedford Co., VA (son of Col. John Phelps & Mary), m. 1) Jemima Turner, dau. of James Turner & Ruth Admire; m. 2) Miss Susannah Younger, dau. of John Younger & Ann Moss. This Lieut. John Phelps NEVER MARRIED a Miss Babbitt. However, his son, John Phelps III, d. 1815, Franklin Co., VA (my ancestor) did have a first wife (my ancestress) who was a Miss Bobbit (Bobit). So the two John Phelps (father and son) were unfortunately conflated, somehow, by the interviewer of recorder of this family's history. So my ancestor John Phelps III (d. 1815, Franklin Co., VA), m. ca. 1785: 1) Miss. ___ Bobbit (dau. of William Bobbit & Lucy), who had 4 daughters: Mary "Polly" Phelps (m. John K. Ferguson); Nancy A. Phelps (m. James Hooper Burnett); Sophia Phelps (m. Moses Ferguson); and Susannah Phelps (m. Christopher William "Kit" Board).

Then, as a widower with four young daughters, John Phelps (d. 1815, Franklin Co., VA) m. his second wife: 2) Miss Mary "Polly" Ferguson; and had 3 more children: Rev. Richard T. Phelps m. Bethany Ellis Thurman; Evaline Phelps m. Samuel Arrington, and Permelia "Milly" Phelps m. William Greer Heptinstall."

In addition, "the source ("[Key and Allied Families](#)" - below) for the gross error, that

alleged Lieut. John Phelps' (d. 1801) first wife was a Miss Babbitt. It is just simply and wholly incorrect. Lieut. John Phelps (d. 1801) m. 1) Jemima Turner; and 2) Susannah Younger. It was Lieut. John Phelps' SON – John Phelps III (d. 1815, Franklin Co., VA), who m. 1st Miss ___ Bobbit (Bobit), dau. of William Bobbit & Lucy, of Bedford co., VA. This Miss Bobbit was my direct ancestress, mother of Sophia Phelps (b. 1793, Bedford Co., VA) who m. 1815 Moses Ferguson (b. 1794, Franklin Co., VA). "Key and Allied Families", Lane, Janie Warren Hollingsworth, Press of the J. W. Burke Company, Macon, Statesboro, Ga., 1931, page 234."

Further reference is found in the **downloadable index to marriages Bedford Co. VA 1785-1870**

After the death of John, his widow Susannah Younger Phelps remarried to William Campbell in Bedford Co. Some of John's children moved to GA. Records are found in Oglethorpe, Jasper and Jackson Co, GA But most of the children by John's *first* wife (Jemima Turner) remained in VA or had moved west, not south. (Paraphrase of christiecirone AT comcast.net)

An important piece of GA evidence is a Bedford deed in 1815 which clearly names his 5 sons and 3 daughters who were in Jasper Co. GA adjacent to Elbert Co, GA and documented their father, John of Bedford, and deceased brother Robert. It also names John's residence as *Little Otter River in Bedfordr. (D Phelps)*

2. James Phelps m. Ruth Grant 1/15/1794 As of 2/2007 no evidence for the final location of James.

2. John Phelps III d 1815 lived Hales Ford, Franklin Co (from Bedford Co) m. Bobbit (Bobit) m. ca 1785, m. Mary "Polly" Ferguson (his 2nd wife) This entire descendant line is reported by descendant researcher christiecirone AT comcast.net

| 3. Daughters by Bobbit: Mary "Polly" Phelps (m. John K. Ferguson); Nancy A. Phelps (m. James Hooper Burnett); Sophia Phelps (m. Moses Ferguson); and Susannah Phelps (m. Christopher William "Kit" Board).

| 3. Daughters by Mary Polly Ferguson: Bethany Ellis Thurman; Evaline Phelps m. Samuel Arrington, and Permelia "Milly" Phelps m. William Greer Heptinstall.

| 3. **Richard T. Phelps, Rev. Methodist Ministor. By mother Mary "Polly" Ferguson: (1807 Franklin co, VA --1845 Cumberland Co, KY. (resided in Bedford Co., VA, then sold his land there, moved to Franklin Co., VA (from Bedford 1786), near Hales Ford, d. 1815 m. Mary "Polly" Ferguson (his 2nd wife) m. Bethany Ellis Thurman. in Cumberland Co KY late 1820s Note: Incorrect information is in [Phelps Families of America #804 as reported by Benjamin T. Phelps, grandson in 1865 No brothers per christiecirone](#)**

| 4. Robert Gordrich Channing DeAubrey Phelps b.1829 Cumberland Co, KY - d. 1904 Cumberland Co, KY **No other males reached adulthood, per christiecirone**

| 5. Thompson Baker Sampson Boanerges "Tom" Phelps b 1867 d. 1932 Cumberland Co. KY

| 6. William Robert "Willie" Phelps b 1912 d. 1978- Cumberland Co, KY

| | 7. John Alexander Phelps, Sr., b. 1946, Barren Co., KY, d, 2009, Cumberland Co., KY.

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| 6. Several other brothers per christiecirone

2. Thomas Phelps m. Nancy Carter 12/1/1816 sources: Bedford Mar. Bonds) b 1771 (source: 1850 census) d: Abt. 1851 Bedford (source: JC Rogers & Our Kin)SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES Thomas and Nancy were named in [1852 Estate sale of Thomas](#). His children were named in *Our Kin* SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES

| 3 **Richard** Son of Thomas Phelps Source: Our Kin ONLY

| 3 Thomas Jefferson Phelps 1821-1905 Source: Our Kin SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES & 1850 census & named in 1852 Estate sale of father Thomas. b: 28 Dec 1821 d: 15 Dec 1905 Source: Our Kin SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES & 1850 & 1880 census m.Malinda P. (Key) Helms

11/23/1846 He and wife Melinda P. and family are in the 1850/60 Bedford census. Key-Phelps cemetery near Body Camp in Bedford VA.

/ / 4. Thomas Key Phelps 1847-1925 1850/60/80 census; m. Sarah Moulton (source: Our Kin) Source: His will, book 38, p80 Key-Phelps Cemetery, Bedford Co.near Body Camp in Bedford VA.

/ / / 5. Thomas Hammond Phelps b 1873 d. Source: Thomas Key Phelps' will. Our Kin 1880 Bedford Co.census 1910 census in Roanoke, VA with Annie B. no children. 1910/30 Roanoke census with Annie B; **no children.**

| | | 5. William Richard Phelps, Col 1886-1984 taught at Randolph Macon Source: TK Phelps' will, Our Kin 1900 Bedford census?? Oakwood cem. | | | 6. **Moulton D. Phelps**

1919-19971920/30/40 census Bedford Co. Randolph Macon College Oakwood Cemetery Bedford Co.

| | | 5. James Key Phelps b.1878 **DIED??**Source: TK Phelps' will, Our Kin; 1880/1900 Bedford Co. census

| | | 5. Wilbur Moulton Phelps 1880-1906 **died young** Our Kin "Mo??ton" 1900 Bedford Co.census as "Moulton" Key-Phelps Cemetery, Bedford co.

| | 4. Mary Elvira Phelps b 1849 source 1850/60 census, Our Kin

| | 4. Annie Z Phelps b 1850 source 1860 census, Our Kin

| | 4. William Richard Phelps 1854-1882 1860/80 Bedford Co. census, Our Kin Key-Phelps Cemetery, Bedford co. **1882 Will of William R. Phelps named these Phelps as heirs: Thomas J, Thomas K and Malinda (perhaps his brother, father, and mother) Source Bedford Co, General Indes page 75 Not in 1900 Bedford census**

| 3 James Phelps 1826-1876 Our Kin & 1850/60 census Key-Phelps Cemetery, Bedford co.

| 3 Joseph Carter (W?) Phelps b. 1831 **DIED??**Source: Our Kin & 1850/60 census 1860 with John H and M T Phelps. 1880/1900 census with wife Bettie no children

| 3 John Henry Phelps **DIED??**Source: Our kin 1860 census & named in 1852 Estate sale of father Thomas

| 3 Elvira Phelps b 1818 Source: Our Kin & 1850 census

| 3 Bethania Phelps b. 1820 Source: Our Kin & 1850 census

| 3 Ammon Phelps Source: Our Kin and "A Phelps" in 1860 census b 1822 with mother Nancy age 70, "B (Bethania?), E (Elvira?), James M. b 1828

2 [Richard Phelps](#) b. 1772 d.1833 m. Sarah Woodcock m: 31 Aug 1791 Move to Wilson Co, TN in "Portrait and Bio. Album of Ogle County Illinois 1886" - See ethe Ogle Co downloadable files at the bottom. page 397, son George W.

| 3. George Washington Phelps (1812-1892) m Elizabeth Palmer (c. 1821-1857) info from "[Portrait and Bio. Album of Ogle County Illinois 1886](#)" - See ethe Ogle Co downloadable files at the bottom. To Madison CO, ILL 1827 Then with brothers Benjamin T and John Phelps to Ogle Co, Rockvale Township 1834 Returned to TN to marry Eliz Palmer. Lived in Ill until 1857; moved to Texas for a while. M. Margaet Johnson, 1859 Oregon, Ill

| | 4. Alonzo Ettinger Phelps (1843-1901) m Annie Lyons (Anna Elizaabeth Lyman)

| | | 5. Adelaide Mae Phelps 1881-1935 m Verner Eugene Eastman 1877-1953

| | | 6. Marion Adelaide Eastman 1912- m. Donald Ross McLaughlin (1908-1989) Ancestry researched by Peggy McLaughlin

| | | See <http://genforum.genealogy.com/phelps/messages/3912.html>

| | 4. William H. Phelps lived in Kansas (source lost)

| | 4. John B Phelps. m. Georgian Parsons lived in Chana, Ogle CO, Ill. (source lost)

| | 4. George Johnson Phelps m. Alverno Clevidence lived Kansas City (source lost)

| 3. Benjamin T. Phelps Researched by Gordon Merrit

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/phelps/messages/3914.html>Additional information is reported in the [Phelps Families of America by a Benjamin T Phelps, Ottawa, Ill, 1865](#)including that his great grandfather was a colonel.in the British Army. Descendants and other info from "Portrait and Bio. Album of Ogle County Illinois 1886" - See ethe Ogle Co downloadable files at the bottom.to Ogle Co, Rockvale Township 1834 Returned t TN to marry Eliz Palmer. Lived in Ill until 1857; moved to Texas

for a while. M. Margaet Johnson, 1859 Oregon, Ill.

| | 4. Three sons reported in Phelps Family of America # b. Jjan 27 1810: All died young.

| 3. John Phelps b. 1796 Bedford co, Virginia, d.1874/9 Illinois. **Lived in Tennessee between 1815 - 1827** For descendantss see ""Portrat and Bio. Album of Ogle County Illinois 1886" - See ethe Ogle Co downloadable files at the bottom.". **Other info at** Narrative of John Phelps written by this John, contributed by Gordon Merrit d. **April 1st, 1874. buried , in Greenwood Cemetery, above Oregon, Illinois (or Riverview Cemetery Oregon, Ill ??). Since then a Scotch granite monument has been erected to his memory, at an expense of \$2,000. A known descendant, Mr. Courtney Phelps is deceased, with no paternal son. From "Portrat and Bio. Album of Ogle County Illinois 1886" - See ethe Ogle Co downloadable files at the bottom. :** To Wilson Co, TN with his father , 1810, joined army of Jackson fighting British Dec 23, 1814 . Lived in St. Louis; Galena, ILL 1827; Settled in Schuyler CO, ILL. Platted town of Oregon, ILL 1835 m. Sarah Rogan Carlin 1816 ; This John is the third great-grandfather of researcher Gordon Merrit. See related Ogle Co. article [here](#), and comment at end by Gordon.

| | 4. Napoleon d. New Orleans, Dec 1857 No Issue (Phelps Family of America)

| | 4. James C. T/P. Phelps resident of Kansas City, Mo 1886

| | Unknown lineage down to a Courtney Phelps deceased in the 1990s? with no paternal son (From G Merrit

| 3. Henry (1) (source: Richard's will and Gordon Merrit) & Phelps Family of America #4756

| | **4. Richard W. b 1842 b. Oregon, ILL**

| | **4. Bagel L. b. Oregon, ILL**

| | **4. Arville C. b. Oregon, ILL**

| 3. Elizabeth (source: Richard's will and Gordon Merrit)

| 3. Thomas b 1800 Bedford Co, d 1851 Platt Co, MO (source: Richard's will, ChristieCirone@comcast.net, and Gordon Merrit)

| 4. John Marshall Phelps of California (Source: ChristieCirone@comcast.net, and Gordon Merrit

| 4. William Samuel Phelps d.t College City, Colusa Co., CA, May 1887

(Source: ChristieCirone@comcast.net, and Gordon Merri

2 [Bethsheba](#) Phelps m. James Grayson 5/21/1791 Source: Bedford County Marriages **Unknown destination.**

2 [Washington](#) Phelps (Philps) moved to Jasper Co, GA,d. before 23 Jan 1823 (see detail below), m. Bathsheba Lang Long 4/1816 Randolph (Jasper), GA. See psangels1@cox.netfor details

| 3 Lucinda Phelps b. 1818 Jasper Co, GA, m. Burwell Binns II 1835 GA. Donated land for Buelah Bap Church 1861. [See plaque at Beulah Cemetery, Drew Co, Ark.](#)See psangels1@cox.netfor details

2 Nancy Phelps b: 10 Dec 1768 +Jesse Eley *2nd Husband of Nancy Phelps: +Pleasant Furguson m: 06 Oct 1785

. 2 [Lucy](#) Phelps moved to Jasper Co, GA (See below 1815 Bedford Co Litigation over the estate of John Phelps d.1801 Deed)

2 [Jemima](#) Phelps

2 Mary Phelps

2 [Jane](#) (Jeanny) Phelps moved to Jasper Co, GA (See below 1815 Bedford Co Litigation over the estate of John Phelps d.1801 Deed)) (1789- d. 1844 Clark CO, GA ource: ChristieCirone@comcast.net)

2 [Robert](#) Phelps +Martha White Moved to Jasper Co, GA, possibly later to Oglethorpe, GA (See below 1815 Bedford Co Litigation over the estate of John Phelps d.1801 Deed)) (1814-1924 Source: ChristieCirone@comcast.net).

. 2 [Overton](#) Phelps moved to Jasper Co, GA (See below 1815 Bedford Co Litigation over the estate of John Phelps d.1801 Deed),possibly later t Oglethorpe, GA (1819-1931 Source: ChristieCirone@comcast.net).

2 Randolph Phelps moved to Jasper Co, GA (See below 1815 Bedford Co Litigation over the estate of

John Phelps d.1801 Deed)

2 William Phelps moved to Jasper Co, GA See below 1815 Bedford Co Litigation over the estate of John Phelps d.1801 Deed)

2 Elizabeth/Betsy Phelps moved to Jasper Co, GA (See below 1815 Bedford Co Litigation over the estate of John Phelps d.1801 Deed))

2 [Glenn](#) Phelps **b. ca. 1791, Bedford Co., VA , d. abt 1843, Jackson Co., GA. m. 8 Mar 1823, GA (wife: Harriet Key, b. 1812, dau. of Tandy Center Key and Ann "Annie (Cochran) Key, GA.** moved to Jasper Co, GA See below 1815 Bedford Co Litigation over the estate of John Phelps d.1801 Deed) After Glenn's death Harriet and children **moved to Russel Co, now Lee Co. Ala.**Source for this line: [Key and Allied Families](#),p. 234, 235 and by

ChristieCirone@comcast.net who provided this and other information: *...see other records, e.g., Chancery Case Index 1804-007 (1804 decree for land survey and plat), Bedford County, Virginia, for a division of the lands bequeathed to Glenn Phelps' siblings Randolph, William and Washington Phelps (100 acres each). (Also, see my map from the original court-ordered land survey, for division among Lieut. John Phelps' heirs).*

3. John Phelps

3. Robert Phelps

3. Thomas Glenn

3. Tandy Key Lived in Russel Co, now Lee Co, Ala.

3. Mary Ann Lived in Russel Co, now Lee Co, Ala.

3. Dr. James Cochran Phelps b 1829 Jackson Co m. Mary ann Edwards 1850, Russel co, ALA - Russel Co, now Lee Co, Ala. Source: [Key and Allied Families](#),p. 234, 235 [b. Jackson CO, GA, d. 1885 Opelika ALA \(source\)](#)

| 4. Mary Ann b.1853

| 4. Harriett b 1857

| 4. Robert Warren Phelps b 1855 alabama d. June 4 1930 Shotwell Alabama. m. Annie Elica Lockhart Lee Co

| 5. James Cockran Phelps, II b 1878 m 1st Jessie Bledsoe; m. 2nd **Ella** Yount [Key and Allied Families p 234-5](#) [Also see obituary of his son](#) (1940 New Orleans census: b.1898 Alabama;

| 6. Janie Bledsoe b 1910

| 6. Ann

| 6. Ella Ruth b 1922

| 6. Martha Lockhart b. 1924

| 6. Robert Warren Phelps II (He is named as a brother of James III in his James' obit, but this seem incorrect)

| **6. James Cochran Phelps III b 1926**[See his obituary d. 2008 age 81 lifelong resident of Algiers, New Orleans](#))1940 New Orleans census: b.1928 Miss; |

3. John Phelps Lived in Russel Co, now Lee Co, Ala.

3. Robert Phelps Lived in Russel Co, now Lee Co, Ala. (This is likely the Robert Warren Phelps II named above)

3. Thomas Glenn Phelps Lived in Russel Co, now Lee Co, Ala.

Several sources for the above including [Key and Allied Families](#),

Additional sources of information on the children of John d 1801

The following information about an Elbert Co, GA James is now considered to be a James of the Albemarle Phelps line... as discovered by extensive ydna SNP testing.

· A James of the line of Thomas d. 1751 Albemarle VA is shown in an 1800 Elbert Co deedbook F p119 , 20 Mar. It named **James Phelps & Elizabeth his wife of Elbert Co. Ga. This deed is clearly identified to exclude James of Bedford.** It shows a James and *Elizabeth* living in Elbert Co selling property owned in **Campbell Co. VA.** (See the deed in my [article on William](#)

Phelps, d.1749, Albemarle, VA, son of Thomas Phelps Sr d.1751 of Albemarle Co, VA.) However, it is curious that a James of the Albemarle Phelps line from Campbell/Buckingham counties moved to GA near the same time as Phelps siblings from Bedford Co. [See the evidence](#). This could imply a close family relationship of the two lines.

· 1809: James and Thomas Phelps, along with many other names, named in Elbert Co involving an inquisition of R. Lindsay. 7/13/1809 Elbert deedbook "M"

· Elbert Co. GA 1820 census: shows a James Phelps and wife, born before 1775, with son born 1804-1810. (1820 was the first GA census). No other public records have been found. This appears to be the James who moved from Campbell Co, VA.

· Liberty Co, GA 1820 census (some distance from Elbert): James E Phelps b bef 1775, wife b 1775-1794, 1 son <10, 1 son 16-20, 1 girl <10, 1 girl 10-16 Since we know there was a James & Elizabeth in Elbert Co in 1801 and he was not the Bedford James, it is conceivable that the Liberty James was the Bedford James..

Thomas Phelps The Thomas Phelps who remained in Bedford, VA

· b ca 1773 (Elbert Census records, IF he moved to Elbert Co, GA

· d. 1851 in Bedford, VA if we use *Our Kin SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES*, published 1930 states he died in 1851 with no supportive documents)

· m. Nancy Carter 01 Dec 1814. Source: **Bedford**County Marriages and *Our Kin*. ,1930. **From the evidence below , the majority of indications are that a different Thomas moved to Elbert Co, GA around 1811. The 1814 Bedford marriage indicates the Elbert Co Thomas was not the Bedford CoThomas.**

· *Our Kin SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES* describes the children of Thomas, of Bedford Co VA, and even more about son Thomas Jefferson Phelps implying they all remained in Bedford.. Bedford marriages show Thomas of Bedford married Nancy Carter in 1814.

· 1820 Bedford VA census b bef 1775 (wife also) 2 sons <10, 1 son 16-20, 2 girls < 10, 1 girl 10-16. This cannot be Thomas' son who was born in 1821.

· JC Rogers says *I know Thomas' son Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Jefferson's son, Thomas Key Phelps are buried in the Key-Phelps cemetery near Body Camp in Bedford VA.*

The two Thomas Phelps in GA

1. A **Thomas**Phelps in Elbert, GA unknown origins. This Elbert county Thomas is now considered to be of the Albemarle line via SNP testing

- 1809: James and Thomas Phelps named in Elbert Co involving an inquisition of R. Lindsay (no relationship implied) 7/13/1809 Elbert deedbook "M"
- 1811: In Elbert he buys 100 a. on Doves Crk in Elbert Co from a **William Phelps of Franklin Co ([see below](#))**. Deep Creek Baptist Church is near Doves Crk and contains records of Phelps. **This record is an indication that William and Thomas were related.**
- Elbert census 1820 He and wife b. 1775-1794 one son 10-16; 2 daughters 10-16

- Elbert census 1830 age 50-60 (b. 1770-1780) 0-2-1-1-0-0-0-1 0-0-1-0-1-0-1 3 slaves
- Elbert census 1840, born 1775-1780, with 4 boys, 2 girls.
- 1850 Elbert Co census: T. Phelps b 1780, living with JC Brown in Elbert **says he was born in VA** From Martha (see below), descendant: The Brown family that Thomas Phelps was living with in 1850 was a nephew... the son of Christian Staples Phelps' sister, Lucy, who married a Brown.
- His apparent son, Thomas Phelps jr. m Elizabeth Ann Stinchcomb 1846 in Elbert, GA (marriage records).
- 1860 Elbert Census: Thomas Sr, b 1773, living with Thomas Phelps Jr. **says he was born in VA.**
- 1880 Elbert census: Thomas Phelps b 1815 with Elizabeth and 4 children **says his parents were born in GA**

2. A second Thomas in Jasper Co, GA from the Rowan Co, NC Phelps line. from the work of Mark Phelps, Snow Camp, NC

- 1827: He is named in the Land Grants to GA Rev War Vets. County of Jasper, granted 12/1/1830, Requirements was Rev War service, not necessarily under GA, and at least 3 years residence
- 1830 Jasper census b 1760-1770
- 1831-9 will in Jasper Co. Is listed in *Index to Wills* by Jeannette Austin 1985 (some are lost): 1831-9, Jasper Co..
- Property records of Jasper have not been researched.

Two William Phelps in GA:

1. William Phelps m. Anney by 1808 (per GA deeds) **from Bedford Co, VA Is in Jasper Co, GA by 1815.** Source: see [Bedford deed of 1815](#) below. Property records of Jasper have not been researched.

- A marriage record exists for a William Phelps to Ann Johnson in Jasper Co 7/9/1816

2. Another William appears in Elbert Count deeds and must be of another Phelps line, possibly that of James and wife Elizabeth of the Thomas d 1751 Albemarle line

Elbert Co, GA deeds; Sources: Elbert Co Deed Books C, F, G, J, M, N, O 1795-1813.)

- Received a headright or bounty grant in 1774 (*Headrights and Bounty Grants of GA 1756-1909*)
- 1795: bought 100A on Doves Crk., Elbert Co. from Richard Coulter. Deep Creek Baptist Church is near Doves Crk and contains records of Phelps
- 1796 & 1798: on Doves Crk .
- **1799:** bought 100A on Doves Crk from **Absalom Stinchcomb*.

- 1804: buys 225 a. on Doves Crk. from Joseph King
- 1805: Phelps is on Doves Crk.
- 1808: William Phelps of Franklin Co (adjacent to Elbert Co) sells 100 a. on Doves Crk. William's wife: Anney
- 1811: William Phelps of Franklin Co sells 100 a. Doves Crk to **Thomas Phelps** of Elbert Co. **This record is an indication that William and Thomas were related.**
- 1811 William Phelps of Franklin Co sells 225 a. on Doves Crk. William's wife: Anney

*"A. Stinchcomb" was named in a 1800 Elbert Co deed when a James and wife Elizabeth Phelps (of the Thomas d 1751 line) of Elbert Co sold property in Campbell Co, VA while they were in Elbert Co, GA. (see my write-up " William Phelps (d.1749, Albemarle, VA), son of Thomas Phelps Sr (d.1751 of Albemarle Co, VA"). Elbert Co, GA. Deedbook F p119: 20 Mar. 1800. James Phelps & Elizabeth his wife of Elbert Co. Ga. To William Bradley of Buckingham Co. VA for one hundred pounds VA. Money, 100 acres in Campbell Co. VA on Wreck Island Creek... formerly possessed by Shearer, at present possessed by Alexander Caldwell, signed James Phelps, Elizabeth (X) Phelps, Wit. James (X) Lee, John Penn, **A. Stinchcomb**, Regd. 12, Mar. 1800

Also: Elizabeth Ann **Stinchcomb** was named in a 1846 Phelps marriage in Elbert Co – see below.

There is no William recorded in the GA censuses; all census records until 1820 were burned in the War of 1812. Apparently they died or moved by 1820

~~John Phelps~~ **Possibly moved to Oglethorpe, GA** Source: Probate 1822 in Oglethorpe. see index at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaogleth/newpage6.htm#P ??????????????????>

Bethsheba Phelps m. James Grayson 5/21/1791 Source: Bedford County Marriages **Unknown destination.**

Washington Phelps **Moved to Jasper Co, GA by 1815.** source: see Bedford deed of 1812 below. (named ex on John's will so likely is oldest)

1. Listed in *Index to Wills* by Jeannette Austin 1985 (some are lost): 1822-26, Jasper Co..
 2. A marriage record exists for a Washington Phelps to Bersheba On Lang , (?) 4/21/1816 in Jasper Co.
 3. The following newspaper articles- Georgia newspaper clippings 1812-1834- prove that Washington Phelps died before 23 Jan 1823. I have seen countless databases showing him dying on 18 Oct 1826 which is incorrect. I also have found him dead between the ages of 1 - 3. In his will it mentions his wife and daughter. Submitted by Patricia <psangels1@cox.net>
- Tues. Jan 23 1823 Georgia, Jasper County. And whereas John R. Cargill and Barsbaba Phelps have applied to me for letters of administration on the estate of Washington Phelps, late of said county...deceased...Given under my hand this 23d of Jan, 1823 (signed) John C. Gibson
 - Tues, Jan 27 1824 Administrator's sale - will be sold at the court house in Monticello, Jasper County first Tuesday in April two likely negroes. Sold as property of Washington Phelps, deceased, for the benefit of the creditors. (Signed) Ezekiel Fears, Administrator
 - Tues, March 16 1824 Administrator's sale - Agreeable to an order of the Inferior Court of

Jasper County, will be sold at the court house in Monticello on the first Tuesday in July next, all the real estate of Washington Phelps, deceased. viz: one tract of land on the Ocmulgee River, containing 301 acres...parts of the No. 106 and 107, in the 18th district of Baldwin, now Jasper County, also 202 1/2 acres...18th district formerly Baldwin now Jasper County, when the said Phelps deceased (signed) Ezekiel Fears, Administrator

- Aug 2, 1825 Georgia, Jasper County, court of ordinary, July Adjoined Term, 1825. Ezekial Fears, Administartor of Washington Phelps, deceased, having petitioned this court to be dismissed from the administrator of the same. A true extract from the minutes. Given under my hand July 24, 1825 (signed) J.C. Gibson

Randolph Phelps Moved to Jasper Co, GA by 1815. source: see Bedford deed of 1812 below.

A Randolph is in the 1810 Bedford Census

Richard Phelps b. 1772 d.1833 m.Sarah Woodcock m: 31 Aug 1791 : Source: Bedford County Marriages.

· Is in the Bedford 1810 census

Betsy (Elizabeth?) Phelps. “Betsy” named in father’s will. “Elizabeth” m. John Oliver.. “Elizabeth” named in the Bedford deed below. **Moved to Jasper Co, GA by 1815.** source: see Bedford deed of 1815 below which names Elizabeth.

Jemima Phelps +Jeremiah Ferguson m: 20 Feb 1785 Source: Bedford County Marriages Unknown destination.

Mary (Polly??)Phelps m. unknown Hall bef 1801 – “Mary Hall” named on her father’s will. Likely remained in Bedford.

· If we assume that Polly is a nickname for Mary, then m. John Furguson 7 Dec 1805 Source: Bedford County Marriages.

· A Polly who might be this Mary/Polly in Elbert Co, m. William Hicks Nov. 23, 1809 . Source: Georgia Marriages

NancyPhelps +Pleasant Furguson m: 06 Oct 1785 1794 Source: Bedford County Marriages Unknown destination.

LucyPhelps Moved to Jasper Co, GA by 1812. source: see Bedford deed of 1812 below m..Robert Haynes, b. 1770. m: 15 Sep 1794

· Robert was the son of Capt Parmenas Haynes, Sr. and Elizabeth Baber (a name known in central VA). Parmenas was a Rev War soldier of Bedford, Va and Oglethorpe, GA. Source: **Bedford County Marriages** Also, Georgia Bible Records by Jeannette Austin, 1985 and an ancestry book of GA Haynes of NC; Oglethourpe Co, GA

· Lucinda Listed in *Index to Wills* by Jeannette Austin 1985 (some are lost): Jasper Co. 1779-1792

RobertPhelps d by 1815. (m. Martha White Source: misplaced or in error) Moved to Oglethorpe GA.Source: 1815 Bedford deed below and Probate 1814/1824 in Oglethorpe. (See index at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaogleth/newpage6.htm#P>“ Will be sold, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February next, at the subscriber's house in **Oglethorpe county, the personal property of ROBERT PHELPS, dec'd**, consisting of two likely Negroes, by order of the

honorable Court of Ordinary of said county. R. O. HAYNES, Adm'r. January 20, 1814." Source: *The Friend and Monitor* - Washington, Georgia Volume I, Number 2. Friday, January 20, 1815 - page 3
ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE **Possibly later to Oglethorpe, GA**

Glenn Phelps Moved to Jasper Co, GA by 1812. source: see Bedford deed of 1815 below. **His descendant James Cochran Phelps III obituary**

PHELPS Capt. James Cochran Phelps III, U.S. Navy (Ret.), on Thursday, February 28, 2008. Age 81 and a lifelong resident of Algiers. Beloved husband of the late Emily Whitfield Phelps. Father of Sara Ann (Leverett) Bogle, Gwendolyn (Michael) O'Connor, **James Cochran (Elizabeth) Phelps IV**. Son of the late Ella Yount Phelps and James Cochran Phelps II. Brother of Ruth Mickel, the late Martha Thompson, Ann Meric and Robert Warren Phelps II. Grandfather of Alice Alsbury, Evelyn McCarstle, Brian, Jonathan, Peter and Nathan O'Connor, Esther and James Cochran Phelps V. Great-grandfather of Jesse and Chrystal Coates, "Trey" and Adam Alsbury, Savannah and Gunner McCarstle, Brendan Strong and Isabell O'Connor. Survived by a host of nieces and nephews. Relatives, friends and members of Ret. Officer's Assn., Reserve Officers Assn., Naval Reserve Assn., Naval Order of the U.S. , Fleet Reserve Assn., American Legion Post 218, VFW Post 3121, Assn. of Naval Aviation, Indivisible Friends Lodge 4041 F & AM, Grand Consistory of LA 32nd Degree, Algiers Irish Assn., Boaz Social Club, U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Assn., Naval Academy Foundation, LSU Alumni Assn. and The Founders Society of WWII are invited to attend Funeral Services on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 10:00AM at Algiers United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Gretna. Visitation will be at MOTHE FUNERAL HOME, 1300 Vallette St., Algiers, LA on Sunday from 6:00PM until 10:00PM and on Monday from 8:00AM until 9:30AM. Donations in his memory may be made to Capt. James C. Phelps Leadership Scholarship Fund, c/o LSU Alumni Assn., 3838 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Information: 366-4343. - See more at: <http://obits.nola.com/obituaries/nola/obituary.aspx?n=james-cochran-phelps&pid=104730355#sthash.NgNYxNKm.dpuf>

Jane (Jenny/Jeanny) Phelps b. 1789, d.1844 **Moved with husband Haynes to Jasper Co, GA by 1815.** source: see Bedford deed of 1815 below. m.. Parmenas Haynes, Jr. b. 1783 Jr, in Oglethorpe, GA, 4/30/1807.

- Parmenas Jr was the son of Parmenas Haynes, Sr – see Lucy's husband. (a Rev War soldier of Bedford, Va and Oglethorpe, GA). Source: Georgia Bible Records by Jeannette Austin, 1985 and an ancestry book of GA Haynes of NC; Oglethorpe Co, GA. Jane is named as Genny and the daughter of John and Susannah Phelps. Jeanny is the name used in her father's will.
- "See NSDAR 159937; 161089. See McCalls Roster of Rev Soldiers in GA" As stated in *Roster of Rev Soldiers in GA Vol II*.

Overton Phelps Moved to Jasper Co, GA by 1812 source: see Bedford deed of 1812 below. **Possibly moved later to Oglethorpe, GA** Source: Probate 1819/1831 in Oglethorpe. (see index at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~gaogleth/newpage6.htm#P>)

Key Georgia counties: Elbert Co formed in 1790 from **Wilkes** Co. which is adjacent to **Oglethorpe** Co (formed from Wilkes in 1793) Wilkes Co formed Dec 1777. **Jasper** Co. formed from **Baldwin** County in 1807 but was known originally as **Randolph** Co until 1812.

Researching the counties of Wise, Elbert, Jasper, and Oglethorpe:

- Phelps receiving a headright or bounty grant *Headrights and Bounty Grants of GA 1756-1909*:
- Avington, 1771:

- David, 1797 Also listed in Index to Wills by Jeannette Austin 1985 (some are lost): 1779-1792, Wilkes Co.
- Moses, 1799;
- William, 1774
- Wills of David Felts Putnam Co *Georgia Wills 1808-22* and John Felts Putnam Co *Georgia Wills 1823-56* Putnam is in the interior formed in 1807/
- 1820 census: Aquilla (twice) in Jasper; Elizabeth W Phelps in Liberty, Glen Phelps in Clarke, Hillery Phepls and James E Pelps in Liberty

Other census records should be examined

- Elbert Co Deedbook 1812-1813 lists these Phelps: A., Anny, Aquilla, Avington, David, James, Nancy, Thomas, William.
- Thomas Phelps Jr is listed in the Elbert census in 1860 as born 1816 Ga. He is listed (not as jr) in the 1850 census as born 1817. In the 1880 Elbert census he is listed born 1815 with wife Elizabeth b 1829. His parents are listed as born Georgia. (daughters Nancy?, William D, Liona?, Cornelia S?)
- Mary Phelps m. Jesse Moon 1823 in Elbert Co. This is probably not the Mary (Polly?) who married John Furguson in Bedford.
- Other Elbert marriages include a Fanny Phelps m. Stephen Moon; Mary Phelps m. Jesse Moon; Polly Phelps m. William Hicks; Melinda Phelps m. Wyatt Hicks
- James Phelps m. Mary A. Moon 1835 in Madison CO. Madison Marriage Records 1812-1909
- James Phelps m. Amarintha in Liberty Co, GA 3/11/1813 Marriage Records of Liberty CO, GA 1785-1895
- John Phelps m. Susan A. Moon 1843 in Madison CO. Madison Marriage Records 1812-1909

Other sources of information:

1815 Bedford Co Litigation over the estate of John Phelps d.1801 Deed

reported on Genforum by [Peggy McLaughlin](http://genforum.genealogy.com/cgi-bin/pageload.cgi?robert,phelps::phelps::3909.html) <http://genforum.genealogy.com/cgi-bin/pageload.cgi?robert,phelps::phelps::3909.html>

"As a result of litigation over the will of John Phelps, husband of Susannah Younger Phelps [Campbell], the following deed was registered. It shows that by 1815 John's daughter Elizabeth (Betsey) was married to John Oliver in Georgia:

Land and Financial Transactions of the Phelps Family 1772-1828

July 20, 1815

*Randolph Phelps, William Phelps, Washington Phelps, Overton Phelps, Glenn Phelps, Lucy Haynes, formerly Lucy Phelps, represented by her husband Robert Haynes, Jane Phelps, [represented by her husband Parmenas Haynes], ELIZABETH PHELPS, represented by her husband JOHN OLIVER, all of the County of JASPER and State of GEORGIA, to Robert Haynes, Esquire of the County of Oglethorpe and the State of Georgia, to dispose of a tract of land in Bedford County, Virginia on **Little Otter***

Riverwhereon [LIEUT.] JOHN PHELPS, DECEASED, formerly lived, joining land of Saunders, Walker, Preston and Key -- respecting our interest, respecting the estate of Robert Phelps, deceased, or any of the aforesaid provinces.

Signed: Randolph Phelps, William Phelps, Washington Phelps. Overton Phelps, Glenn Phelps, Parmenas Haynes, John Oliver.

Witness: Jasper Haynes, Major Barkwell, Richard Clark.

Attested: Jasper County, Georgia, July 25, 1815 by William W. Kennon, J.I.C.

Recorded: BEDFORD COUNTY, Mar. 26, 1816.

Our line goes back through Betsey's older brother Richard, who moved to Tennessee..."

From gmerritt783@yahoo.com on genforum

I see one Betsy Phelps who was dau of John Phelps d. 1801. and Susannah Younger in Bedford Co, VA She could have been of marriage age in 1818, but her mother took most of the children to Georgia to some bounty land owned by her husband... This would have been about 1802-3.

THE FOLLOWING LINE IS NOW CONSIDERED TO BE OF THE ALBEMARLE CO PHELPS LINE, BASED ON YDNA TESTING.

From Martha tsoglesby@mindspring.com : Her line documents that an early **Thomas Phelps married Christian J. Staples.**

This is her deceased husband's line.... research starting with the notes her mother-in-law left from her 60s and 70 research.

Children of Thomas and Christian Staples Phelps

- 1.Sarah Phelps
 - 2.Mary Phelps b. 1809 Farm Hill, Oglethorpe Co., Ga
 - 3.David S. Phelps
 - 4.James P. Staples b. 1813
 - 5.Thomas Phelps, Jr. b. July 5, 1817, died Feb 2, 1902
 - 6.Elizabeth phelpsb. 1819, d. 1879 Meriwether Co., GA
 - 7.John [Wofford] Phelps b. Jan. 23, 1821 Elbert Co. (**our ancestor**)d. March 31, 1881, Elbert Co.
- Jefferson Davis Phelps
- Dora Phelps Maxwell
8. Reuben (Rubin)Phelps abt. 1823 (based on census)

Her evidence that Thomas Phelps [apparent Thomas of early Elbert] married Christian J. Staples, daughter of David S. and Fanny Mandley Staples follows:

1. She has a letter written in 1997 by Dora P. Maxwell and notarized that Thomas Phelps, who came to Elbert Co. from Bedford Co, VA, was married to Christian J. Staples [no date/location] based on the family info. Dora was a daughter of Jefferson Davis Phelps, son of John Phelps b. 1821. Info handed down by the family through Jessie Norris Phelps, born 1861, died 1955 Bedford continually changed in relation to the Wreck Island location in Buckingham. [See my associated maps](#) How close to to James & Eliz Phelps of the Wreck Island area depends on when they moved from "Bedford".
2. "Charles W. Christian Exe of the Will of Fanny Staples dec'd makes the following returns to the Ordinary of Elbert County November Thurs. 1851." Re'd of C. W. Christian Exec in the **Estate of Fanny Staples de'c and trustee for Christian Phelps my mother who is now also dec'd her children being the (two word I can't read)** in her estate thirteen 55/100 dollars it being one equal share in her estate re'd by me this 1st (? 1849 Signed: Thomas (his mark) Phelps, Jr. These records are dated 1851. Then it has names where different people received amounts of money. Included are: Thos. Phelps - \$13.55, David S. Phelps - \$12.50, Reuben Phelps - 12.50, David S. Phelps - 12.50, Reuben Phelps - \$12.50, David S. Phelps - \$315.45. It also lists about 15 other names who received money. At the bottom of this page it starts with the different numbers and written as I previously sent in regard to Thomas Phelps for each of the names above... basically numbers 22 - 26. After that is a list of the items sold and who purchased with amount paid in order to set. Copied it from the Georgia Archives back in the 1970s. There are 7 pages. On the back it says " Photocopy form Elbert County Ordinary Court, Bk or Vol S (or 5) Dates 1846-1851, page 189, Date copied Feb. 18m 1871 Dr. 93, Box 21 and 22

The Christian Phelps who Thomas received money for, was a daughter of Fanny Staples would be the wife of Thomas Phelps, Sr.

The Brown family that Thomas Phelps was living with in the 1850 census was a nephew... the son of Christian Staples sister, Lucy, who married a Brown.

Roots in Virginia by Nathaniel Claiborne Hale, 1948

and evidence to discredit the New England connection

I am copying here from page 162 the text concerning the Phelps family. Most researchers feel there is no support for the New England connection.

" William Phelps (I) born 1599, emigrated from Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, England, to Massachusetts in 1630. His son Samuel Phelps (II) born in England in 1625 died in Windsor, Connecticut, May 24, 1669, married on November 10, 1652 at Windsor, Connecticut, Sarah Griwold, daughter of Edward and Margaret Griswold. They had a son Timothy Phelps (III) born at Windsor, Connecticut, October 26, 1656, died at Hartford Connecticut, in 1714, who first married Sarah Gaylord, and second, on November 13, 1690, Sarah Pratt, born at Hartford 1662, died February 18, 1758, daughter of Daniel Pratt. Their son Timothy Phelps (IV), born at Hartford May 24, 1702 married Sarah Brown and had a son John Phelps (V), born at Hartford January 29, 1728, died 1772, who moved south, settled on the James River in Virginia and became a Militia Officer in Bedford County. He had a son John Phelps (VI) who married, 1st, Miss Turner, born 1750, died 1790, by whom he had eight children; and 2nd, Miss Babbitt about 1791 by whom he had four sons and five daughters, all of whom moved to Georgia with their mother after the death of their father. Among these presumably was Emily Phelps (VII) who married John Tobin."

The Y-dna and ancestry of this New England line is here

<https://sites.google.com/site/archivedydnaphelpsgenealogies/01-04-new-england-and-related-lines/william-phelps-b-c1593-crewkerne-somerset-england-d-1672-windsor-hartford-co-ct>

The 1772 death of the John (V) conforms to the first John d.1772 in this paper. The John (VI) could be this paper's John d 1801 who had two wives and 17 children; Turner is agreed to, but not Babbit. New research does confirm the movement of some children to Georgia.

An argument to discredit an New England connection was made by Mary Galgan:

The facts prove that the John Phelps, we call "John of Bedford", was not from the New England line of William of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, England, (below)

Here's some proof.

1 - John bought property in 1725 telling us he was of age and born prior to 1705 and in Henrico Co. (presentday Buckingham Co, VA) by 1725:

1725 - Henrico Co., Patent Book 12, p. 406. A certain tract of land containing 100 acres of New Land, lying about South side of James River in the County of Henrico, Beginning at the mouth of Bear Garden crook thence up the river to ALEXANDERs. 10 Shillings. 24th Day of March 1725. - signed John PHELPS

Source - *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Vol. III, p. 301.*

Sold some of same property proving it was John & Mary Phelps who owned this property:

1741 - 2 November 1741 - From John PHELPS & **Mary his wife** to Robert BABER of Caroline County, Va for £55 all that tract of land in Parish of St. James about 250 acres bounded by the mouth of Bear Garden Creek, Thomas & John PHELPS. Signed John PHELPS his wife Mary PHELPS. Mary made her mark "C". Witnesses: Isaac BATES, William COCKERHAM, Robert BABER, Jnr. Recorded 15th March, 1742. *Deeds of Goochland County, VA 1741-1745, page 137 & 147.*

1742 - *Deeds of Goochland County, VA 1741-1745 on p. 147.* 2 Feb. 1742 Grantor - John & Mary PHELPS to Grantee - Robert BABER.

2 - Another early purchase for John of Bedford:

1733 - *Goochland Co., VA Patent Book 15, 1732-35, p. 105.* On 17 August 1733 John PHELPS purchased 400 acres beginning at a corner of a former patent of his standing on the south side of the Rivanna & adjoining land of SHELTON (sic - SKELTON) and others. He paid 40 Shillings or 2 Pounds.

1734 - "John Phelps qualified as undersheriff July Court, 1734. Source: *Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 23, p. 84; also from Vol. 23, p. 84,* "Notes from the Records of Goochland Co.":

John & Mary sold property purchased on 17 August 1733:

1737 - *Goochland Co., VA, Bk., p. 26. Deed 15 March 1736/7.* John PHELPS of Goochland Co., VA and **Mary, his wife**, to Thomas PHELPS of same, for 20 pounds, land on Rockie branch, on line formerly called SKELTON's, 250 acres. Wit.: Arthur HOPKINS, David DUNCAN, Wentworth WEBB (X). Signed: John PHELPS. Recorded 17 May 1737.

Mary Galgan

[See the will of John d. 1772, Bedford](#)

(supplied by Mary Galgan, transcribed from the original found on microfilm at the LVA in Richmand, VA.)

4/2017 John d. 1772's will is downloadable from the files listed at the end of this page.

1772 - Will Book No. 1, 1763-1787 (Reel 25), p. 137-138. Will Proved 25 Feb 1772. Inventory and Appraisal recorded 28 April 1772, p. 146-147. Bedford Co., VA, p. 137-138.

John PHELPS, Will

Dated: _____ (left blank) 1771

My daughters Jane, Judith, Sarah, Ann one shilling sterling each.

My daughter Mary bequeathed Hanna and one shilling sterling.

My daughter Bettey (sic) 44 acres beginning at the corner white oak near the mouth of Hunts Spring Branch..... to the middle Branch....to dividing line.

My son John PHELPS all the land that I possessed with, also bequeathed Dick and Rachel, and "as a legacy" my riding horse, bridle and saddle and my wearing clothes.

My daughter Aggey bequeathed Old Jack and young Dick.

My beloved wife bequeathed Lucy [APPARENTLY A SLAVE], Desire that the estate may remain in my wife's hands during her life or widowhood and at her decease the estate to be brought to an appraisement and equally divided between John PHELPS, James TURNER "Juner" and Nath TURNER.

(Note from Mary: This will was not fully dated, did not name specific executors, was not signed or witnessed.) Court 25 Feb 1772, Bedford Co., VA: "This writing purporting the Last Will and Testament of John PHELPS, Gentleman, deceased, was Exhibited into Court by Mary and John PHELPS and on Examination of divers Witnesses who deposed that the said John PHELPS deceased at the time of his last illness (when in perfect senses) did declare and acknowledge the Same in their presents...." Ordered to be recorded. Mary and John PHELPS obtained letters of administration with the will annexed. Security: William AUSTIN and Henry STRATTON. *Note for above - The Nathan Turner is a son of James Turner who by gift gave Nathan 200 acres in 1761 & Nathan gave or sold to John Phelps, Jr. in 1762. There is a brother of Nathan named James who would have been a Jr.)

From Mary Galgan: *John's Will does not say that Lucy was his wife. John's Will doesn't name his wife. She is referred to as his "Beloved wife". Note: That this will was a little suspect, at the time, because 1- it was not fully dated, 2- did not name specific executors, 3- was not signed or witnessed. "A" Mary and John PHELPS had to go to court to obtain letters of administration for the will. We can "assume", but ONLY assume that the Mary was his wife....BUT it could have been his daughter, Mary, if his beloved wife passed before he did and rewrote his Will. So there are 2 Marys that it could have been...no Proof here that it was his wife! ... My last entry for John & Mary was in 1753. That's almost 20 years before this Will. I'm not sure we can PROVE that this is the same John.*

NOTE: Abstract of the Will of John Phelps, filed 2/25/1772, Bedford Co: Son named John; daughters were Jane, Judith, Sarah, Ann, Mary, Betty. This is from "Virginia Wills Before 1799", Southern Book

Co. Baltimore, 1958. Will Book 1, page 137. This does NOT agree with the book "**Our Kin**"SEE BELOW IN DOWNLOADABLE FILES Published 1930 by Ackerly, Mary Denham which reported a wife **Mary** and another child, Aggey, nor with deed referenced above

From Charles Feathersston ccfathers@juno.com : There are two places which Mary [as a wife] is identified; one is a deed filed in Brunswick County, Deed Book, Vol..No. 2 1744 -1755, 1764, Page No. 718 (537) and [in] the abstract of his will. **Mary is not identified by name in his will as recorded, but is in the abstract.** His will was dated 1771 and recorded in Bedford County Will Book No.1, Page 137, February, 25, 1772. Names mentioned in order are: my wife; Jane, Judith, Sarah, Ann, Mary, Betty, Aggy, and son John.. Wife Mary and son John were executors of the will.

Will of JOHN PHELPS, d 1801

Bedford Will book 2, p323-327 Dated: 13 January 1801

Correction 6/19/2010: This will had been only partially uploaded and incorrectly named Halifax co rather than Bedford Co.

JOHN PHELPS will, Bedford Co, VA Willbook 2,pages 323-327, 13 January, 1801 (scanned by Doug K Phelps to text from a Bedford Co, VA book of wills, pages 86-88)

After the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses I give to my daughter Mary Hall one negro girl Vina, also one feather bed and furniture and one mare all of which she has already received.

To my daughter Jemima Forguson one feather bed and furniture, one mare and one cow and calf all of which she has received.

To my daughter Nancy Forguson one horse one (mare?), one feather bed and one cow and calf all of which she has received.

To my son John Phelps one mare, one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture all of which he has already received.

To my son James Phelps one mare, one feather bed and one cow and calf all of which he has received.

To my son Richard Phelps one negro boy Will for and during my natural life. After my decease he shall be sold by my Executors hereafter named and the money arising equally divided between my sons John Phelps, James Phelps, L,e said Richard Phelps and Thomas. Also give my son Richard Phelps one mare, one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture all of which together with the said boy Will he has received. To my son Thomas one horse, one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture all of which he has received.

To my daughter Bethsheba Grayson a negro girl named Seeny. Also one feather bed, one young mare, one cow and calf all of which she has received.

To my daughter Lucy Hayne,_s a negro girl named Dorcas. Also one feather bed and one young mare all of which she has received. I also give her one negro boy named Harry now in my possession. In case my said daughter Lucy should die without issue the said legacy should be equally divided between my son Glenn and my daughter Betsy.

To my son Randolph the use of 100 acres of land whereon he now lives to be laid off in such a manner as will produce the least injury to the tract of land from which it is taken. Also one negro woman named Sal, one feather bed and furniture, one horse, one cow and calf.

To my son William Phelps 100 acres of land adjoining to the said land aforementioned and to be laid off in the same manner, and one negro boy named Gabriel. Also one bay mare, one feather bed and furniture and one cow and calf.

To my son Washington Phelps 100 acres of land adjoining the land given by me to his brother Randolph to be laid off in the same manner, and one negro boy named Bailey. Also one young mare, one feather bed and furniture and one cow and calf.

To my daughter Jeanny one negro woman named Jude and one negro girl named Vina. Also one young mare, one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture.

To my son Overton Phelps one negro girl Sophee. Also one young horse, one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture.

To my son Robert Phelps one negro girl named Milley. Also one young horse, one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture.

To my son Glenn one negro boy named Boston. Also one young horse, one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture.

To my daughter Betsy Phelps one negro woman named Sarah. Also one young horse, one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture.

To my loving wife Susanna Phelps my plantation whereon I now live together together with the balance of the tract of land adjoining except the 300 acres before mentioned to her during her natural life or widowhood, after which I bequeath the same to my sons Overton Robert and Glenn to be between them equally divided having respect to quantity and quality.

I also give to my loving wife one negro man named Frank, one other named Laddy, one negro woman named Jean, one other named Nan, one otter named Kate and one other named Fann for and during her natural life or widowhood. After her decease the same to be equally divided between my said wife's children.

In case any or either of my said children should decease before they receive their legacy the same should revert to the rest of their full brothers and sisters to be divided equally between them. In case any part of either of my children's legacies should perish before they receive it after my wife's decease the same should be by my Executors made good to them and the balance of my estate which is not specifically named I give to my said wife during her natural life or widowhood and after her decease I bequeath the same to her children.

Executrix and Executors: my beloved wife Susannah, my son Washington, my friends David Saunders and William Leftwich, Jr.

Witnesses: John H. Stratton, Thomas Pollard, John Pollard

Executors: Washington Phelps, David Saunders, William Leftwich, Jr.. Liberty being reserved to Susanna Phelps the Executrix named therein to join in the probate thereof when she shall think fit,

Securities. Charles Moorman, James Quarles, Stephen Preston and William Bobbett

Bond: \$20,000

OLD 1852 DOCUMENT -- 18 NAMED SLAVES BEDFORD COUNTY, VA

8 page document 8 x 12 ½" stitched together and entitled: A LIST OF SALES OF

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF THOMAS PHELPS DECEASED, SOLD ON THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 1852. This sale was conducted in Bedford County, Virginia, although it is not so-stated in the document.

The original was advertised for sale around 2005. It is also listed in: A Guide to the Bedford County (Va.) Thomas Phelps Estate Sale Inventory, January 1852

Barcode number 1166126 A Collection in the Library of Virginia

The first three pages list the names of various buyers and describes the property each purchased with prices. Includes all sorts of farming equipment, livestock & tools. The fourth & fifth pages detail all of the property taken by Thomas Phelps widow Nancy, which includes many household goods, furniture, clothing & dry goods, some food & livestock, etc.

The last three pages consist of a quite interesting system for the ALOTTMENT OF ELEVEN SLAVES from the estate to various members of the family, and the outright sale of others.

11 slaves are drawn by lot and then money is used adjust any difference between the appraised value of the drawn slave and an average(?) value of \$637.00.

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN & MEN AND THEIR WIVES ARE APPARENTLY KEPT TOGETHER IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF LOTS.

The inventory lists:

Jim valued \$675

Betsey valued \$550

Francis valued \$525

Ralph & Lucinda valued \$650

Louisa valued \$533

Sarah & Ellis valued \$700

Rachael & two children Harriet & Edmund valued \$825

Other slaves in addition to these drawn lots, most listed by name (John Flora, Nathan, Darrow, Amarilla & 2 children) are sold off separately (valued at between \$200 and \$850) to family members (Thomas' widow Nancy Phelps, and to his sons(?) Thomas J. and John H. Phelps.) Total of 18 slaves in this inventory sale.

Some expected stains and wrinkles to the paper, large brown stain on the back pages (see scan). Spine is sewn together. All pages are intact with some edge wear & tear, but otherwise in good condition & paper has quite good rag content. Scan shows front, one interior page (slave lots), and reverse. A rare old antebellum Virginia slavery / African American history document with unusual insight into America's "Peculiar Institution."

pages of the Bedford Co indexes

Phelps Index to Heirs, Devisees or Fiduciaries – Bedford Co, VA 1771-1949 3 mb file

Phelps male/female Index to marriages Bedford Co. VA 1785-1870 2 mb file

Phelps General Index to real estate conveyances GRANTORS Bedford Co, VA 1755-1903 LARGE 7.5 mb file Info provided by Kathy Mann: *This Bedford index includes many Phelps actually from nearby Buckingham. Included are Charles and David B. Phelps not normally considered "Bedford Phelps". Also see Peter W., Bettie F. and Delilah are mentioned who are more Buckingham (what became Appomattox and Campbell) Phelps people.*

Related Documents from the NC Genealogy Library in Raleigh:
The following may be searched for availability at this NC library site
statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/research/information-researchers/online-resources

Abstracts of Bedford County, Virginia, will book 2, with inventories and accounts, 1788-1803

[Bedford County, Virginia order book 1, 1754-1761.](#)

[Marriage bonds of Bedford County, Virginia, 1755-1800 / compiled by Earle S. Dennis and Jane E. Smith.](#)

[Will book 4-A and 4-B, Feb 1811-Nov 1817 : including appraisements and inventories, sales, and allotments, Bedford County Circuit Court, Bedford, Virginia / by Belle Garraghty Harrell & June Mackey Slaughter.](#)

[Personal property tax lists for the year 1787 for Bedford County, Virginia / by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Love.](#)

[Abstracts of Bedford County, Virginia, wills, inventories, and accounts, 1754-1787.](#)

[Bedford County, Virginia deeds.](#)

The Board family chronicle : from Maryland to Bedford County

[St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Bedford County, Forest, Virginia : historical records & registers from 1824 to 1915.](#)

Bedford Co., VA, deed book

[Bedford Co. VA will book / by Ann Chilton.](#)

[Index to Virginia estates, 1800-1865 / compiled by Wesley E. Pippenger.](#)

[Virginia wills before 1799; a complete abstract register of all names mentioned in over six hundred recorded wills ... Copied from the court house records of Amherst, Bedford, Campbell, Loudoun, Prince William, and Rockbridge Counties.](#)

[Elbert County, Georgia, early marriage records.](#)

[Elbert County, Georgia deed books / abstracted and indexed by Michal Martin Farmer.1791-1806](#)

1806-1819 1820-1835 Elbert Co Deed Books C, F, G, J, M, N, O 1795-1813.)

[Elbert County, Georgia death record index, 1875-1876 & 1919-1995 / compiled ... by A.C. Holloman.](#)

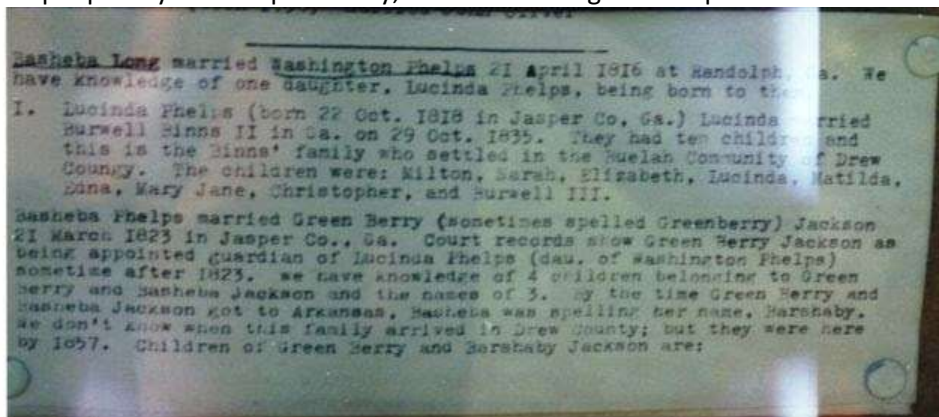
Oglethorpe Co, GA a number of books are available

[Early Georgia wills and settlements of estates, Wilkes County, Georgia / by Sarah Quinn Smith \(Mrs. Edgar L.\).](#)

Possibly more books....?

Plaque at the Beulah Cemetery, Drew Co., Arkansas. (Washington and Basheba Phelps descendants)

The plaque says Randolph County, but it was changed to Jasper in 1812.



Narrative of John Phelps Born 1796 Virginia - Died 1874 Illinois Lived in Tennessee between 1815 - 1827

Contributed by Gordon Merrit See at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnsumner/phelps1.htm>

This narrative is described by Mr. Merrit : gmerritt783 AT yahoo.com below It was found at

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/collections/> stated as "One of the nation's premier collections of published and unpublished materials essential to researching family lineage and history." *"This is John Phelps own narrative, except for the small part at the end, that is written in the second person after his death. It was originally written by*

John Phelps, or probably dictated to his daughter Sarah Phelps Johnston in 1861 and an addition was done later (in 1874?). I typed a copy from a typescript carbon copy made from an original written copy in the 1920's by his legal secretary by lawyer John Phelps Fridley, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. A condensation was published by John Phelps' grandson Termolean Oscar Johnston, in 1874, as an obituary for John Phelps in his paper, the Ogle Co. Republican. Various family lines of descendants of John Phelps have a copy of this work. The family mailed a written copy of the earlier section to Lyman Draper at the Wisconsin State Historical Society. This society also has a typescript of the newspaper summary, obituary article. I received the 1861 partial written copy from the Wisconsin State Historical Society, and compared it to the typescript copy of the whole narrative. I did not notice any material difference in this story in any of the copies. If the legal secretary made 1920's spelling changes in the typed copy she made, I changed it to reflect the written copy's spelling. There was a 1930 novel about the "Prarie Pirates" which told a little of the life of John Phelps. It did not quote his narrative.

Revision 3/2014 by Gordon Merrit: : "Some of this negative Ogle County history was told in local county histories of Ogle county and surrounding counties, and by Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., in his description of travels in Ogle County, and in "A History of Illinois" by Governor Thomas Ford in 1854. Circuit Judge, and later Governor Thomas Ford was a friend of John Phelps from his days in Galena in 1820's and in the 1830's in Ogle County when they were neighbors. (Judge Ford convinced John Phelps to provide his children the best educations possible. It paid future dividends for their families, who became wealthy and well educated)."

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