

**Records of The William Fletcher Family Migration From Fauquier Co. VA
to Wilkes Co. NC and Westward**

The earliest records of this particular Fletcher Family date back to the formation of Fauquier Co. VA in 1759. There were two Fletchers listed in the Personal Property Tax Records of this County in its first recordings in 1759. These Fletchers were Moses and William Fletcher. The relationship, if any, of these men is not known, but recent DNA comparisons suggest that these two men were probably related. They both lived in the Manor of Leeds on lands leased from the Propriety of the Northern Neck of Virginia, held and managed by Lord Fairfax and his family. The Moses Fletcher Family remained in Fauquier until well after the American Revolution, but the William Fletcher Family moved to Wilkes Co. NC in mid-1790. William was closely associated with the Family of James Fletcher Sr. Esq., who had gone to NC about 1760 and had become a large land holder and founder of Wilkes Co. NC by 1780. Some of his sons and grandsons had followed him to NC and inherited lands from their Grandfather after 1805.

Early Virginia Records for William Fletcher:

1759 - **Fauquier County** formed from **Prince William County**.

1759 - **William Fletcher** is listed as head of household for Personal Property and Poll Tax in Fauquier Co. VA. **James Fletcher**, taxed in 1759, with a **William Fletcher** head of household, by Thomas Marshall in the Southern District. Ref. Minute Book 3 Page 2, 1764.

1764 - **Spencer Fletcher** born before August 24, 1767.

1767 - August 24. 200 Acres leased to **William Fletcher**, **Elizabeth** his wife, and **Spencer** his son. (This property is in the Manor of Leeds, Farquier Co. VA.(Fauquier Co.) Deed Book, Book 3, Page 122. (It was customary to list three lives on a Lease in case of death of one of the leasees.)

1774 - **Unnamed** possible 2nd son of Willliam and Elizabeth, born in mid-summer of this year.

1778-1780 - **James F. Fletcher**, possible 3rd son of Willliam and Elizabeth, likely born in this period.

1779 - 1780 **Efferella Fletcher**, daughter of William and Elizabeth, likely born during this time.

Fauquier Co. VA Poll & Property Tax List

1782 - 1783 + 20 year tax _purchase off_. **William Fletcher** 200 acres in Tax District B. Fauquier County Land Tax and Years Paid. (Fauquier Co. Tax records begin in **1782**, following the end of the Revolution)

Fauquier Co. VA Personal Property Tax List

Dist.	Head of Household	Males (21+)	Polls	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1782 - B	Fletcher, William	0	1	0	3	4
1783 - B	Fletcher, William	0	1	0	3	5
1784 - B	Fletcher, William	0	1	0	3	6
	Fletcher, William (Listed, but no entries)	-	-	-	-	1785 - B
1786 - B	Fletcher, William	0	1	0	2	3
1787 - B	Fletcher, William	0	1	0	4	2
1788 - B	Fletcher, William	0	1	0	4	(not taxed)
Dist.	Head of Household	Males (16+)	Polls	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
1789 - B	Fletcher, William	0	1	0	4	(not taxed)
1789 - B	Fletcher, Spencer	0	1	1	0	(not taxed)

1789 - **Spencer Fletcher** is listed separately at age > 21 for Personal Property Tax in Fauquier County, VA. He did not appear as age 21+ or 16+ in his father's household .prior to this time. He is surely married at this time to **Fanny unknown** and has begun his own family. (In the 1790 Lists, Horses and Cattle now taxed as Stock.)

Dist.	Head of Household	Males (16+)	Polls	Slaves	Stock	Page
1790 - B	Fletcher, Spencer	0	1	0	1	14
1790 - B	Fletcher, William	0	1	0	4	14

1790 - Both **Spencer** and **William** are listed on the Fauquier Co. VA Tax Roles. (After May of this year, they leave Fauquier and go to NC with their families. They next appear in Wilkes Co. on the 1790 Census, taken in August of 1790.)

North Carolina Records for William Fletcher:

1790 - **William Fletcher** and **Spencer Fletcher** are listed in the Wilkes County NC US Census. (See the discussions below.)

1790 - Wilkes Census lists **William Fletcher**, 2 1 1 2 (2 males \geq 16, 1 male <16, 1 female, 2 slaves). In this listing, there are two unidentified males, one 16+ and one under 16. Note that no males age 16+ were listed in the 1790 Fauquier Personal Property and Poll Lists. The 16+ male must have turned 16 during transit to, or after arriving in Wilkes and before the 1790 Census was taken.. The younger male could be the previously unidentified, **James F. Fletcher**. William's daughter **Efferella**, who is about 10 to 12 in 1790 should also have been listed in this household. (See Spencer's discussion below). If the listing is correct and the male children belong to William and Elizabeth, then he would have to be no more than 10 to 12 years of age and likely born between 1778 and 1780. He could show up on the 1800 Census in the 16 - 26 age grouping; however, no such male is listed. He could have married and or left the area with one of his older brothers by 1800. (See the discussion of James F. Fletcher and Spencer Fletcher below.)

1790 - Wilkes Census lists **Spencer Fletcher**, 1 4 2 0 (1 male >16, 4 males <16, 2 females, and 0 slaves). (It is also possible that one of the males in William's household belongs to Spencer's family, and the extra female in Spencer's household is his sister **Efferella**. Based on this listing and on the Fauquier Poll Lists, Spencer is at least 25 to 26 in 1790. That would make him at least 10 years older than the next oldest male.) Why he did not appear earlier in Fauquier Lists is unexplained. The listing age changed in 1788 from 21+ to 16+, so if he were 21 in late 1788, then in 1789 he would be listed as 21+. It is also possible that he was absent from the County, hence was not counted. Note that in the 1790 Wilkes Census, he has at least 4 children, implying he is age 26 or older in 1790, thus he was born before 1764. His listing on his father's Fauquier Co. Lease has him born before August of 1767. We therefore conclude that he is at least age 26 in 1790.

1789 - 1793 (Wilkes Court Minutes)

1792 - William Fletcher on road jury, 26 Jan.

1793 - Spencer Fletcher on road jury, 1 Feb.

1793 - William Fletcher on Jury in Wilkes, 1 May.

1794 - 1797 (Wilkes Court Minutes)

1794 - William Fletcher on Jury

1794 - Susanna Anderson, illegitimate child of Fanny Anderson (Shaver), is bound to William Fletcher to age 18.

Wilkes Co. NC Taxables and Land Holdings

1791 - William Fletcher Polls 1 200 Acres

Spencer Fletcher Polls 1 0 Acres

1792 - William Fletcher Polls 1 200 Acres
 Spencer Fletcher Polls 1 200 Acres
 1793 - William Fletcher Polls 0 200 Acres
 Spencer Fletcher Polls 1 0 Acres
 1794 - William Fletcher Polls 0 200 Acres

After 1793 Spencer Fletcher is not listed in Wilkes Co. records.

(Apparently William returned to Fauquier Co. VA about 1795, possibly to settle land sales.)

1795 Fauquier County Poll and Personal Property Lists

Dist.	Name	Males(16+)	Polls	Slaves	Stock
B	Fletcher, Benjamin	(Enoch, William)	1	0	2

1795 A **William Fletcher** is listed for Polls in **Benjamin Fletcher's** Fauquier Co. VA, household along with his sons **Enoch** and **John** in the Fauquier County VA Personal Property Tax Lists, but he is not taxed. (He likely came back to dispose of property leases, etc. It is not proven that this is the same William, but there is no other known William in any of these related families of the age to be listed for Polls. He is then listed there separately in 1796, but not thereafter.) He is not charged a tax indicating that he is likely over 60 years old or is not a resident.

1796 Fauquier County Poll and Personal Property Lists

Dist.	Name	Males(16+)	Polls	Slaves	Stock
B	Fletcher, William	0	1	0	0

(Note that there is no property or stock listed for taxing in this entry.)

1796 Wilkes Co. NC Marriage Bonds

1796 - December 7. Wilkes Co. NC Marriage bond between **Efferelle Fletcher** and **John Jeans** with George Hulm bondsman and Edmund Jones C.C. (Efferella is the daughter of William Fletcher.) It is possible that William had not returned by this date as he did not serve as bondsman for his daughter's marriage.)

1796 - State of **Tennessee** formed from the District of Washington and State of Franklin and admitted to the Union.

1798 - James Roberts, age 9, bound to William Fletcher to age 21

The question of the parentage of James F. Fletcher has been discussed previously in the FFRB , September 2001, Page 29. There it was not proven, but was suggested that the most likely parent was James Fletcher Jr., son of James Fletcher Sr. Esq. of Wilkes Co. NC. Subsequent DNA tests on his descendants and comparison with similar tests of James' known descendant have **disproved** this possibility. Other descendants of James F. have hypothesized that he descends from Captain William Fletcher and wife Margaret "Peggy" Cargile who were married in Wilkes Co. NC in 1779. Their marriage bond was dated 06 October, 1779 and Capt. William Gilreath Jr. was his bondsman. If James F. were their son, he would have been born after mid-1780. In Captain William's pension application, S 32-249, he states that he " removed to Georgia and from Georgia I removed to South Carolina and from there to Kentucky, to Tennessee and then removed to Jackson Co. Alabama in the year 1818 where he now lives." Note that the legal marriage age without the consent of parents was 21 for males. James F. would not have been 21 until mid-1801 at the earliest. His marriage bond is dated 10 October, 1799 and his marriage bondsman is John Fletcher, son of Benjamin Fletcher of Fauquier Co. VA and grandson of James Fletcher Sr. Esq. of Wilkes. The conclusion is that his parent **did not** consent to his marriage so he is likely over 21 in October of 1799. Secondly, a check of the property and tax records of Wilkes show **no** William Fletcher living in Wilkes from 1782 to

1790, at which time William Fletcher of Fauquier Co. VA and his known son, Spencer Fletcher, arrive in Wilkes. The conclusion is that Captain William Fletcher, wife, and family left Wilkes about 1782 or before and did not return at any time between 1782 and 1799. Furthermore, the DNA of James F. Fletcher's descendants place them in the Moses Fletcher of Fauquier Co. VA line. The line of William Fletcher and Spencer Fletcher of Fauquier Co. VA also have been connected to this DNA line. This data suggests that William, James F., and Moses Fletcher have a common ancestor. In William Fletcher's family, there is an unnamed male of the correct age to be James F. Fletcher; he is in Wilkes at the correct period of time, and we know that Spencer's descendants DNA match 26/27 with the Moses line, whereas the James F. descendants match 27/27 with the Moses line. The conclusion is that James F. Fletcher is most likely the unnamed 12 year old son of William Fletcher who arrived in Wilkes in 1790. He would have been close to the James Fletcher Sr. family, which would explain John Fletcher being his marriage bondsman; and he would be about 21 or 22 in 1799. Also, these two Fletchers moved out of Wilkes shortly after their marriages to the same area of Tennessee and southern Virginia with the mass migrations toward Kentucky.

1799 - 10 October Marriage Bond for **James F. Fletcher** and Nancy Profitt; **John Fletcher** bondsman.

1799 - 17 October Marriage Bond for **John Fletcher** and Bettey Horton; **James F. Fletcher** bondsman.

The John Fletcher listed here is the son of Benjamin Fletcher and grandson of James Fletcher Sr. Esq. who left John land in his 1805 Will. His association with James F. Fletcher indicates the close relationship with the William Fletcher family of Fauquier Co. Va. John is known to have later moved to Scott Co. VA and Hawkins Co. TN.

1800 Wilkes Co. Census lists **William Fletcher** 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 (Persons in this household now are James Roberts, age 11, and Susanna Anderson age 10-16. William and his wife are both listed as over 45. William is over 62. The other two males have left this household by 1800.)

Spencer Fletcher is not listed in the 1800 Wilkes Census.

James F. Fletcher is not listed in the 1800 Wilkes Census.

John Fletcher is not listed in the 1800 Wilkes Census.

John Jeans is not listed in the 1800 Wilkes Census.

The existing Wilkes records indicate that **Spencer Fletcher** left Wilkes after 1793, likely with the Daniel Boone movements over the Wilderness Road through the Cumberland Gap and into the Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio River Valleys. His next appearance is on the 1800 Census index of Woodford Co. KY. His likely younger brother, **James F. Fletcher** left Wilkes between November of 1799 and before the August Census of 1800 and goes to Washington Co. TN., likely with a similar Daniel Boone led migration. He may have been traveling with **John Fletcher**, son of Benjamin, as he disappears from the Wilkes records about the same time. Note that John and his brother Enoch had moved to Wilkes in late 1798 with their older cousin **John Sr. Esq.** and were living with or near their Grandfather James Sr. Esq. and uncle, James Fletcher Jr. James Jr. later moved on to KY and MO with his family. It is possible that the unnamed male listed as age 16 in William's household in 1790, now age 26, may have accompanied one of his brothers on their westward movement.

James F. Fletcher is next recorded in what became Jonesborough in Washington Co. TN. His first child, **Riley** is recorded as born there in 1802. His other sons are recorded as born in Jonesboro, Washington Co. TN.

- 1805 - **William Fletcher** died in late 1804 or 1805. His son-in-law **John Jeans**, is listed as administrator of his estate. No Will has been found and the Court Minutes do not mention his heirs or a detailed Probate Inventory.
- 1805 - April 26, a Will is written for **James Fletcher Sr.** by his grandson John Fletcher Sr. The Will is filed in Court - July Term 1805; Inventory filed August 2, 1805. John Fletcher Sr. and James' widow Susanna are named as Executors.
- 1807 - February 21, widow Susanna Fletcher married Bernard Franklin (Wilkes Marriage Book 2).
- 1807 - Nov. 7, **John Fletcher** (son of Benjamin) appoints John Foster his attorney to recover, etc from John Fletcher (Sr.) & Bernard Franklin, Executor in RITE of his wife Susanna, in the last Will & Testament of **James Fletcher (Sr. Esq.)**, deceased, lands in Ashe County, NC. (Probate of James Sr.'s estate took several years and John had moved out of the area to TN.)
- 1808 - Wilkes Co. Will Book 2, Page 249, October Term: Estate of William Fletcher deceased, John Jeans Administrator: Allowance to widow Elizabeth for years support. Signed: David Laws, Solomon Barns, Dred Fortner, Committee.
- 1809 - May Term: Wilkes Co. Will Book 2, Pages 265 & 266. Acct. Sale of Estate William Fletcher decd., Purchasers, Elizabeth Fletcher, John Jeans, William Fletcher, one note on Absalom Vess. No Signature.
- 1810 - Jan. Term: Wilkes Co. Will Book 2, Page 279 & 280 Inventory of Estate William Fletcher decd., (Items include amts recd. of Absalom Vess & W. Moody) Signed: Jno Jeans, Adm.
- 1810 - **Wilkes County Census Listings.**
Elizabeth Fletcher, widow, is not listed in Wilkes Census or Tax Records.
Spencer Fletcher is not listed in the 1810 Wilkes Census or Tax Records.
James F. Fletcher is not listed in the 1810 Wilkes Census or Tax Records.
John Fletcher is not listed in the 1810 Wilkes Census or Tax Records.
John Jeans is not listed in the 1810 Wilkes Census or Tax Records.

Kentucky Records and Listings

1792. On 1 June the District of Kentucky's nine Virginia Counties became a new State. Before the Revolution, the Colony of Virginia extended into the Ohio Valley to lands freed from French control after the French and Indian War, (King George's War), and included what are today Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota. In 1784, the new US Government accepted the cession of these Virginia northwestern lands; and between 1784 and 1792, residents of the District of Kentucky petitioned the General Assembly of Virginia to allow their Kentucky Counties to apply for Statehood. On 1 June 1792, the District of Kentucky's nine Virginia Counties became a State. These counties were Bourbon, Fayette, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Mason, Mercer, Nelson, and **Woodford**. The US government recognized and preserved the Virginia land grants in the Kentucky District and they became land holdings in the new state. Many Virginia residents had received lands there as payment for their services in the Revolution. These lands had previously been reserved for the Indians following the end of the French and Indian War, much to the dissatisfaction of Virginia residents who had fought to free these lands from French control. The other part of northwestern Virginia lands, Yohogania County, was ceded to Pennsylvania, Ohio, and what later became West Virginia. Prior to the establishment of Kentucky as a State, Virginia had reserved for her

soldiers all the land in Kentucky south of the Green River. These were encompassed by a line from the head of this stream to the Cumberland Mountains and with these mountains to the Carolina line, thence to the Tennessee River, to the Ohio River, and with the Ohio to the Green River . This huge area was known as the Military (Kentucky) County. Until 1797 no person could enter a survey within this County except a RS veteran. When Kentucky, as a sovereign state, took charge of her vacant lands, new legislation opened up this great reservation to any person possessed of family and over twenty-one years of age. Such persons were entitled to not less than one hundred acres or more than two hundred, but as stated before must have been a settler on the land for one year before they came into actual possession.

Reference: (The Kentucky Land Grants by Willard R. Jellson. 1925.)

It is believed that **Spencer Fletcher** left Wilkes about 1793/1794 and went, along with many others, with the Daniel Boone migrations to Kentucky. It may not be possible to locate his exact location between 1794 and 1800, but the Spencer Fletcher in Woodford Co., KY in 1800, is most likely him. There were **no** other Spencer Fetters listed in Kentucky or any other nearby region.

FLETCHERS IN KENTUCKY

1790 Census Index:

Name	County	Date
Fletcher, Thomas	Lincoln	05/30/1790
Fletcher, Thomas	Bourbon	03/ __/1791
Fletcher, William	Madison	__/__/1789

Woodford County VA was organized from the original Fayette County VA in 1788, and became formally recognized in 1789. The new Kentucky State Legislature opened the Military District of Kentucky for settlement by non-veterans in 1797, after which several new counties were formed in rapid succession. A **Spencer Fletcher** is listed in the Woodford Co. KY Poll and Tax List and in the Census Index below.

1800 Census Index:

Name	County	Date	Fletcher,
Fletcher, George W.	Barren	__/__/1800	Fletcher,
George	Mason	__/__/1800	
Fletcher, Christenah	Green	__/__/1800	
Fletcher, Gilson	Fleming	08/16/1800	
Fletcher, James	Garrard	08/06/1800	
Fletcher, James	Jesamine	08/29/1800	
Fletcher, James	Jesamine	08/29/1800	
Fletcher, John	Green	__/__/1800	
Fletcher, John	Madison	10/01/1800	
Fletcher, John	Montgomery	08/22/1800	
Fletcher, Peter	Livingston	__/__/1800	
Fletcher, Robert	Green	__/__/1800	
Fletcher, Spencer	Woodford	08/__/1800	
Fletcher, Thomas	Henderson	10/01/1800	
Fletcher, Thomas	Montgomery	08/22/1800	
Fletcher, Thomas	Warren	08/01/1800	

The county of Green, precursor of Cumberland and Adair Counties, was formed in 1793 and Cumberland was formed out of the lower half of Green in 1798, and formalized in 1799. Since that time, its boundaries have undergone a number of changes

and subdivisions. Possibly complicating a precise Census analysis for Spencer's family is the loss of the detailed 1800 Census in a fire, and changes in Cumberland Co. from 1800 to 1820. Cumberland and Pulaski counties were formed from Green Co. in 1799. In 1801, Adair Co. And Wayne Co. were also formed from Green and Cumberland Counties. Finally, in 1820, the boundary with Overton, TN was adjusted resulting in loss from the southern part of Cumberland with TN gaining the border territory. These counties must also be checked for Fletcher family members.

The census of 1800 listed the following Fletchers in Green Co. KY.

Fletcher, Christenah	Green	__/__/1800
Fletcher, John	Green	__/__/1800
Fletcher, Robert	Green	__/__/1800

The 1800 US Census detail lists were burned in the War of 1812. Thus, the Census details of these Fletchers as well as Spencer Fletcher's family are not available. The boundary between Kentucky and Tennessee was surveyed in 1779-1780, (the Walker Line), and resulted in an irregular course north of the defined line at 36 degrees and 30 minutes North Latitude. This line was recognized as the defacto boundary until it was formally settled in 1820. During that time, the southern part of Green and then Cumberland County was claimed by both Kentucky and Overton County, TN. Thus the land and tax records may locate Fletchers in different counties and states at different times although they had not changed their physical locations in Green and Cumberland Counties. It is more reliable, therefore, to use land grant and or land tax records that give a geographical location rather than the county listings. From these records we may be able to establish the families and their respective movements.

Kentucky Land Grants, Cumberland Co. KY

Date	Name	Acres	Watershed	County	Book
02-25-1823	Fletcher, James	23	Crocus Cr	Cumberland	Q
----	Fletcher, Lewis	50	Pine Br	Cumberland	40
12- 01-1825	Fletcher, Russell	100	W Fk Crocus Cr	Cumberland	U
06-20-1807	Fletcher, Spencer, Heirs	110	W Fk Crocus Cr	Cumberland	19
08- 05-1807	Fletcher, Spencer, Heirs	60	W Fk Crocus Cr	Cumberland	25
12-22-1910	Fletcher, Unenus	9	Pineys Br	Cumberland	124
12- 9-1825	Fletcher, William	50	Cumberland R	Cumberland	U

Cumberland County was formed in 1799 from Green County, but **Spencer Fletcher** is not recorded in any of the early tax or land records for Green. However, there is a listing for a **John Fletcher** entry for 150 acres on the West Fork of Crocus Creek in **1798**. The Tax lists from 1800 to 1804 and 1806 to 1832 were destroyed in the Civil War; however, the one existing tax list from 1805 includes one **Fletcher** entry for a **Spencer Fletcher** who was taxed on 410 acres of land located on the **Waters of the**

West Fork of Crocus Creek. (Reference: Research Report #109705 - Mitola, LINEAGES Inc., by K. H. Williams)

It appears that this Spencer went from Woodford Co. KY between 1800 and 1804 to the newly formed Cumberland Co. He likely entered for land in Cumberland Co. KY after it had been opened to non-veteran applicants and eventually he received land on the West Fork of Crocus Creek. This location was in Paoli township, near what eventually became Burkesville, the County seat. The land surveys are dated in 1807. Apparently part of the grants were finalized after Spencer had died, as some of the grants are listed to “**Fletcher, Spencer, Heirs**”. Note that there are also grants to other Fletchers nearby to this same location. These are grants to a **James Fletcher** in **1823** and to a **Russell Fletcher** in **1825**. Also, listed in the **Early Laws of Kentucky**, are grants to a **John Fletcher**, 150 Acres, **1798**, West Fork of Crocus Creek, to a **Thomas Fletcher**, 110 Acres, **1807**, West Fork of Crocus Creek, and to **Spencer Fletcher, Heirs**, 50 Acres, West Fork of Crocus Creek, (date not listed), and **James Fletcher**, 100 Acres, Hedleston Branch, Crocus Creek, Adair Co., 27 May **1825**, and to **William Fletcher**, 50 Acres, Cumberland River, 09 Dec. **1825**, (also listed above). We may conclude that Spencer and his family arrived in Cumberland Co. from Woodford Co. KY sometime around 1800. Earlier Woodford County records have not been searched.. His location between 1794 and 1800 is not otherwise known.

In the **1810** US Census for Burkesville, Cumberland Co. KY, there are only two Fletchers listed. An **Elias Fletcher**, age 16-26 and with 1 male child under 10, another male 16 to 26 and a female 16-26. The second listing is exactly next door for a **Spencer Fletcher** with 17 persons in the household. This number is 10 persons more than the listing for the Spencer Fletcher of Wilkes in the **1790** Census. It is possible that there is more than one family living in this household. However, over the ensuing 20 years, having a child every 2 years is certainly possible. Spencer of Wilkes and Virginia was born about 1764 or before in Fauquier or Prince William Co. VA, making him over 46 years old in 1810. The age and name of his wife is unknown, but she is at least 41 to 43 by 1810. The 1810 Census lists this Spencer as over 45, which is consistent with the Spencer Fletcher of Wilkes. In 1790, Spencer of Wilkes had 4 male children under 16 and a one female child of unspecified age. By 1810, the youngest of these children would be at least 20 and the oldest child is about 25. In the **1810** Spencer Fletcher household, there are 2 males under 10, 1 male 10 to 16, and 3 males 16-26, no males 26-45, and 1 male over 45. There are 5 females under 10, 3 females 10 to 16, 1 female 16 to 26, and likely the wife, 26 to 45. Given that there are 11 children born between 1795 and 1810, suggests that there could be a married family member also living in this household. However, there is only one other female over the age of 16 in this household. In the Elias Fletcher household, exactly next door, there are two males 16-26, a female 16 to 26, and one male child under age 10. The second male, 16 to 26, is most likely a brother to Elias. Given that we know that 4 males and 1 female were all born before 1791, the female is at least 20-21 by 1810 and could be a married person. There are 3 unnamed 16-26 year old males in this household, and Elias and a brother next door are also 16-26 year olds. These are **4** of the males identified as sons of the Spencer Fletcher in the 1790 Census of Wilkes, and all 5 males were born before 1794. We therefore conclude that these are most likely the same two families. Now, who are these persons and who belongs to whom?

We have concluded that the 4 older males are most likely the 4 older sons of Spencer and his wife. Note that there are **no other Fletchers** listed in Cumberland Co. KY at this time. To obtain the names of the males, we must look at the 1820 Census for Cumberland Co. We know that the boundaries of Cumberland Co. have remained unchanged after 1810, except for the cession of the southern area to Overton TN. In Cumberland Co. we find listed the following 5 males:

Elias Fletcher, James Fletcher, John Fletcher, William Fletcher, and Matthew Fletcher. All five of these males are listed as 26 to 45 years of age. **Spencer Fletcher** is not listed, but there is a **Fanny Fletcher**, aged 45+, probably the widow of Spencer. In her household, there is one male under 10, one male 10 to 16, one male 16 to 26; two females 10 to 16, five females 16 to 26. Note that these numbers are consistent with the children listed for Spencer in 1810. The last known record of Spencer is in a Law Suite, with the date 11 September 1816. We therefore conclude that Spencer died between late 1816 and 1820. He would have been between 53 and 56 years of age at this time. Of the 17 members in this household in 1810, there are now 11, with only one under 10. This new male could be a grandchild. The 3 males 16-26, and the female 16-26, in the 1810 Census are now out on their own. Of the male Fletchers living apart from Fanny, we find only Elias to have a female 26 to 45 in his household. The others all have their oldest females in the 16 to 26 age group. We conclude that he is likely the oldest of the Fletcher brothers. Also, there are now 5 males surnamed Fletcher, meaning at least one was born after 1790, probably in Wilkes Co. NC, or in TN, and during or before 1794. None of the other males, except for Elias, have children over 10 years of age. This fact implies that the younger 4 males were all married no earlier than 1810. The birth dates of all 5 of these males are therefore before 1789. All the Fletchers in the 1820 Census are living in the same township, Paoli, in Cumberland Co. The obvious conclusion is that these are the five older sons of Spencer, and Fanny is likely his widow. The numbers also support the proposition that 4 of these 5 are the sons of Spencer of Wilkes who were born in Fauquier Co. VA before 1790 with a 5th son born in Wilkes Co. NC or in Woodford Co. KY. Note also that these are also the same names used in the James Fletcher Sr. family that was closely associated with William and Spencer Fletcher in Fauquier Co. VA and Wilkes Co. NC. More study of the existing records may reveal the birth order and ages of these men. The missing 1800 detailed Census may cause the determination of this family to be imprecise.

A possibility is that one of these men does not belong to this family. Recall that there was a record of a John Fletcher entering for land in Cumberland Co. in 1798. Also, we must check the Overton TN records for Fletchers who may belong to this group. John is the only name in question, and we examine nearby counties for other **John Fletchers**. There is a John Fletcher, born before 1777, and listed for a land entry in 1798. Court records of a property dispute also list a John Fletcher living in Cumberland Co. in 1815. It is possible that this John is a different person and not a son of Spencer, as there are no records of Spencer's family being in Cumberland or Green County before 1800. However, there was a John Fletcher listed in Green in 1800 and made entry for land on Crocus Creek in 1798, or before. This John is now listed in Columbia, Adair Co. KY. No Fletchers were found in nearby Overton Co. TN in 1820. There are also no other John Fletchers found in any of the other bordering counties. Furthermore, the age of this John Fletcher is 26 - 45, he has 4 children under 10, and his wife is 16 - 26. He is also living next door to a William Fletcher, who must be a son of Spencer Fletcher. We

conclude that this John must also be a son of Spencer Fletcher, as we had suspected earlier.

Land Grants shown previously for a **James, William**, and a **Russell Fletcher** are for sons of Spencer, based on the dates and locations. (They are still the only Fletchers in Cumberland Co. KY at this time.)

The Spencer Fletcher family was involved in the pioneer church of Cumberland Co. The Salem Baptist Church in Cumberland Co., which dates back to July 9, 1808 when 13 charter members of The Casey's Fork Church met to constitute a Baptist Church at the Salem Meeting House on Rennick Creek. Among the members that signed in this organization were Fanny Fletcher and Elizabeth Fletcher. **Fanny** is the wife of Spencer Fletcher, and **Elizabeth Fletcher** is either a daughter, or daughter-in-law of Spencer. We note that Spencer's mother was named Elizabeth, and the first born daughter would have likely been named for her, following the English traditions. We conclude that she is likely the older daughter in the 1810 Census. One new male child may have been born to Fanny between 1810 and 1816. Spencer's family would therefore have at most, 18 children - 9 males and 9 females. Most of the older males appear to have married about or after 1810. By combining the Census records and the existing records, we arrive at the following approximate description of the **Spencer Fletcher Family**.

Generation 1.

William Fletcher, born bfr. 1738 in Prince William or Stafford Co. VA, married Elizabeth Unknown bfr. 1764 in Prince William Co. VA.

Children:

Spencer Fletcher, born about 1764 in Fauquier Co. VA

Unknown Male Fletcher, born about 1774 in Fauquier Co. VA

James F. Fletcher, born about 1778 in Fauquier Co. VA(unverified)

Eferrella Fletcher, born about 1780 in Fauquier Co. VA

Generation 2.

Spencer Fletcher born abt. 1764, married about 1785 to **Frances "Fanny" Unknown** in Fauquier Co. VA. He died between late 1816 and 1820 in Cumberland Co. KY.

Children:

Elias R. Fletcher born in VA abt 1785; married Nancy Burks, born 23 July 1791; about 1805 in Cumberland Co. KY.

John Fletcher born in VA about 1786/87; married unknown about 1812 in KY.

James Fletcher born in VA abt 1787/88, married **Nancy Hash** abt 1809. Marriage bond dated 06 Nov. 1809.

Elizabeth Fletcher born in VA abt 1789, married unknown abt. 1810/1811.

William Fletcher born in VA abt 1790; married **Sally Blankenship**, 30 July 1811 in KY.

Levi Matthew Fletcher, born abt 1791 in Wilkes Co. NC; married **Rachel Morgan** 04 February 1813 in Overton Co. TN. . (She was born 23 April 1795 in Wythe Co. VA, the daughter of Jonathan Morgan and Jean Buchanan.)

Mary Fletcher, born abt 1793/94 in NC; married **David Mahan**, 6 April 1815 in KY

Unknown Female Fletcher born between 1795/96. (unverified person)

Unknown Female Fletcher born between 1797/98. (unverified person)

Russell Fletcher was born in 1799/80 in Cumberland Co. KY; Part of Cumberland Co. KY was also claimed by Overton County TN in 1806. This part of KY was claimed by both states until the border was settled in 1820. He married Eliza Ann Kelley in 1826 in Overton Co. TN, and he owned land there in 1834-1836. His nephew, **Alexander**, is living with him there in 1830. Eliza Ann Kelley was born in 1803 in VA. Russell and Eliza Fletcher moved to Shelby Co. IL between 1835 and 1840. Reference: 1850 Shelby Co. IL Census, Roll 94, page 134.

Unknown Female Fletcher, born about 1800 in KY (unverified person)

Unknown Fletcher Male, born about 1801/02. (unverified person)

Unknown Female Fletcher, born about 1802/03 in KY (unverified person)

Unknown Female Fletcher, born between 1803/04 in KY. (unverified person)

Unknown Female Fletcher, born between 1804/05 in KY. (unverified person)

Unknown Fletcher Male, born about 1807/08 in KY (unverified person)

Unknown Female Fletcher born about 1809/10 in KY. (unverified person)

Unknown Male Fletcher born between 1810 and 1816. (unverified person)

Generation 3.

Levi Matthew Fletcher m. Rachel Morgan on 04 February 1813

Children:

Frances "Fanny" Elizabeth Fletcher, born 1813, Cumberland Co. Ky

Jane Elizabeth Fletcher born 1814, Cumberland Co. KY

Rachel Fletcher born 1815, Cumberland Co. KY

Biddisy Fletcher born 1816, Cumberland Co. KY

David Fletcher born 1817, Cumberland Co. KY

Solomon Fletcher born 1818, Cumberland Co. KY

Alexander Morgan Fletcher born Nov., 1819 Cumberland Co. KY;

James Fletcher born 1820, Cumberland Co. KY

Reuben Fletcher born 1822, Cumberland Co. KY

Jonathan Fletcher born 1824, Cumberland Co. KY

Generation 4.

Alexander Morgan Fletcher born Nov 1819 Cumberland (Russell in 1836) Co. KY

Wife (1) Hannah Kelly, married 9 Feb. 1842, Knox Co. IN.

Children: (with Hannah Kelley)

Sarah Fletcher, born 1842, Knox Co. IN

Rufus Fletcher, born 1847, Shelby Co. IN

Wife (2) Bashaba Wallace, married 27 Feb., 1848, Knox, IN

Children: (with Bashaba Wallace)

Thomas A. Fletcher, born 1849, Knox Co. IN

Alfred Wallace Fletcher, born Aug. 19, 1850, Knox Co. IN; Wife Mildred Boyd;

Nancy E. Fletcher, born 1852, Knox Co. IN

David Fletcher, born 1854, Knox Co. IN

Mary Fletcher, born 1856, Knox Co. IN

John A. Fletcher, born 1860, Knox Co. IN

Russell Fletcher and Eliza Kelley Fletcher

Children:

John born in 1827 in Overton Co. TN
William born in 1829 in Overton Co. TN
Elizabeth born in 1834 in Overton Co. TN
Julia born in 1838 in Shelby Co. IL
Virginia born in 1841 in Shelby Co. IL
Thomas born in 1842 in Shelby Co. IL
Margaret born in 1845 in Shelby Co. IL
Harriett born in 1848 in Shelby Co. IL

In the 1850 Census in Shelby Co. IL, there is also a Mason Keller, age 16 living in this household. Mason is likely Mason Kelley, a brother or nephew of Eliza Kelley.

Generation 5.

Alfred Wallace Fletcher, born Aug. 19, 1850, Knox Co. IN; Wife Mildred "Jennie" Boyd, born abt 1864 in TN; married abt. 1880.

Children:

Male Fletcher born, abt 1882
George Dewey Fletcher, born 2 Jan. 1884 Wife Lucy Wolf;

As for the connection of this Fletcher Family to other known Fletcher Lines, we have the following linear descent from Spencer Fletcher from William Fletcher of Fauquier Co. VA and Wilkes Co. NC.

George J. Fletcher,
John Boyd Fletcher,
George Dewey Fletcher, Wife Lucy Wolf;
Alfred Wallace Fletcher, Wife Mildred Boyd;

Alexander Fletcher born in KY, Wife (1)Hannah Kelly (2) Bashaba Wallace;
Matthew Fletcher born in either VA or NC, Wife Rachel Morgan;
Spencer Fletcher Fauquier Co. VA - Wilkes Co. NC - Cumberland Co. KY, Wife Fanny.
William Fletcher of Prince Willilam/Fauquier Co. VA, died in Wilkes Co. NC in 1804/05.
His wife was Elizabeth unknown.

Additional Notes:

The DNA results link this line into the Moses Fletcher group being coordinated by John Richard (Dick) Fletcher. Moses and William, who was Spencer's father, were in Fauquier Co. VA with James Fletcher Sr. when it was formed in 1759. The DNA from James Sr.'s descendants are significantly different from James Sr.'s line. However, these families were very close, and lived together most of their lives. James' family was also close to the Moses Fletcher family. Several of his grandchildren had Moses as bondsman at their marriage bonds. In fact, James' grandson, Thomas Fletcher Jr., married Katy Fletcher, daughter of Moses.