

Joel (1st) WATKINS & Descendants

First Generation

1. **Joel (1st) WATKINS** was born 1716 in Henrico County, VA. He died 27 Jan 1776 in Prince Edward County, VA.

I realize there is much more for me to learn about Joel Watkins' and his descendants!

Joel Watkins was born in 1716 in Swift Creek, Henrico, Virginia. He died on 27 Jan 1776 in , Prince Edward, Virginia. He was sealed to his parents on 6 Dec 1779 in the Salt Lake temple. He was baptized on 15 Aug 1779 in the Salt Lake temple. He was endowed on 24 Oct 1779 in the Salt Lake temple. He married Rhoda Gresham on 15 Jul 1752 in , Amelia, Virginia. Their sealing was cleared.

Rhoda Gresham was born about 1735. She died after 1791. She was baptized on 21 Jan 1961. She was endowed on 28 Jan 1961. She married Joel Watkins on 15 Jul 1752 in Amelia County, Virginia. Their sealing was cleared.

From his father Thomas Watkin's will (1760)

Item: I give unto my son Joel Watkins three Negroes Ajax, Cato & Will with the former now in his possession. I also give my said son sett of S? (page torn) maker's tools, one iron pot of a midlin size, a pair of Iron hooks and one Iron pot, two stone juggs, one stone ? , brass skimmer and ladle, one cooper's axe, one cooper's adz, one shovel, and one Carpenter's adz, all the above ? goods I give to my said son and to his heirs forever.

Joel married **Rhoda GRESHAM** on 15 Jul 1752 in Amelia Co., Virginia. Rhoda was born about 1735.

WATKINS, Rhoda married 05 Jan 1792 to BULLOCK, Patterson, widow of Joel Watkins

They had the following children:

- + 2 M i. **Silas WATKINS** was born about 1754 and died by 1799.
- + 3 M ii. **Joel (2nd) WATKINS** was born about 1758.
- 4 M iii. **Phillip WATKINS** was born about 1759 in Virginia.
- 5 F iv. **Elizabeth (dau of Joel 1st) WATKINS** was born about 1760 in Virginia.
- 6 F v. **Agnes (dau of Joel 1st) WATKINS** was born about 1763.
- 7 F vi. **Susannah (dau of Joel 1st) WATKINS** was born about 1763 in Virginia.
- + 8 F vii. **Rhoda (dau of Joel 1st) WATKINS** was born 31 Mar 1764.
- 9 F viii. **Mary Ann WATKINS** was born about 1765 in Virginia.
Mary married¹ **William PATRICK** on 9 Sep 1794 in Prince Edward County, VA.
- + 10 M ix. **Samuel (son of Joel 1st) WATKINS** was born about 1773.

Second Generation

2. **Silas WATKINS** (Joel (1st)) was born about 1754 in Virginia. He died by 1799.

"George Brown Goode Papers, Virginia State Library. Acc 24813: The following correspondence includes abstracts of records on the WATKINS family. These abstracts were made before the Buckingham County records were burned.

Powhattan Courthouse Records, 1777:

[p57] Deed from John Watkins Samuel Watkins Edward Watkins and Henry Watkins to Edmund Wooldridge and Betty his Wife and Silas Watkins and Phobe his wife was probed by the oaths of Matthew Farley junior Peter Day and Daniel Hatcher witnesses thereto.

"Buckingham County Court House, October 17, 1859

"Next in order is an appraisal and inventory of the estate of SILAS WATKINS made in the year 1799, 3rd of April. Personal estate valued at (pounds sterling) 1833.10.6, Joel WATKINS Jr and Samuel WATKINS being administrators."

Silas married **Phoebe (dau of John W.) WATKINS of Cumberland County, VA**, daughter of John W. (son of Edward) WATKINS of Cumberland County, VA and Phoebe HANCOCK, on 26 Apr 1773. Phoebe was born 1753 in Cumberland County, VA.

Marriage: April 26, 1772, Silas Watkins & Phebe Watkins. Consent of Joel Watkins to son Joel's marriage.

They had the following children:

- + 11 M i. **Joel, III (son of Silas) WATKINS** was born 5 Jul 1776.
- 12 F ii. **Elizabeth (dau of Silas) WATKINS** was born 10 Jun 1778 in Buckingham County, VA.
- 13 F iii. **Phoebe (dau of Silas) WATKINS** was born 30 Sep 1780 in Buckingham County, VA.
- 14 M iv. **Silas (II) WATKINS** was born 30 Sep 1782 in Buckingham County, VA.

Marriage registration: 1810 16 Apr - Watkins, Silas to Clark, Lucy M.; sec. by John Clark; Thomas Clark, dec'd, father of the bride; John Clark (consents), guardian of the bride; - married 26 Apr

Silas married¹ **Lucy M. CLARK** on 26 Apr 1810 in Prince Edward County, VA.

- 15 M v. **John (son of Silas) WATKINS** was born 31 Jul 1784 in Buckingham County, VA.
- + 16 F vi. **Rhoda (dau of Silas) WATKINS** was born 22 Apr 1786.
- 17 M vii. **Benjamin H. (son of Silas) WATKINS** was born 28 Jun 1788 in Buckingham County, VA.
Benjamin married **Maria CARRINGTON** on 25 Mar 1818 in Cumberland Cty, VA.
- 18 F viii. **Mary (dau of Silas) WATKINS** was born 9 Apr 1791 in Buckingham County, VA.
- 19 M ix. **Samuel (son of Silas) WATKINS** was born 6 Apr 1794 in Buckingham County, VA.
- 20 M x. **Francis (son of Silas) WATKINS** was born 2 Sep 1795 in Buckingham County, VA.

3. **Joel (2nd) WATKINS** (Joel (1st)) was born about 1758 in Virginia.

There is a marriage registration for a Joel Watkins, Prince Edward County, VA. If this Joel, he would have been 50 years old:

1808 7 Nov - Watkins Joel to Hill, Polly; sec. by Samuel Watkins; William Hill (consents), father of the bride.

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"Buckingham County Court House, October 17, 1859:

"An inventory and appraisal of the estate of JOEL WATKINS made 24th October 1824 - estate amounted to \$10,178.11. Joel Watkins and Samuel Watkins two of the appraisers."

Note: Not sure which Joel Watkins made this diary:

43. Diary, 1789. Watkins, Joel, fl. 1789

Contact information for University of Chicago

Typescript copy of Watkins' account of a trip in Kentucky.

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Watkins, Joel, fl. 1789

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Typescript copy of Watkin's account of a trip in Kentucky.

This collection covers: Watkins, Joel, fl. 1789; Watkins, Joel, fl. 1789 - Journeys - Kentucky Diaries.Kentucky - Description and travel Early works to 1800.

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Joel married **Mary "Polly" HILL (working hypothesis)** on 7 Nov 1808.

They had the following children:

+ 21 F i. **Susannah Elizabeth WATKINS** was born 10 May 1819.

8. **Rhoda (dau of Joel 1st) WATKINS** (Joel (1st)) was born 31 Mar 1764 in Virginia.

Marriage registration: 1778 31 Mar - Chambers, John to Watkins, Rhoda; sec. by Richard Holland; Rhoda Watkins consents for self; John Chambers of Buckingham Co., VA

i. Agnes CHAMBERS was born in 1779. She died in Mar 1819 in , Franklin Co., Virginia.

ii. Samuel CHAMBERS was born in 1781.

iii. William CHAMBERS.

iv. Joel CHAMBERS was born in 1784. He died in Apr 1831 in , Franklin Co., Virginia.

v. Philip CHAMBERS was born in 1786.

vi. Rhoda CHAMBERS was born in 1790.

vii. Mary CHAMBERS was born in 1794.

viii. (Daughter) CHAMBERS was born in 1794.

ix. John CHAMBERS was born in 1800.

x. Susannah CHAMBERS.

Rhoda married **John CHAMBERS of Buckingham Co., VA**, son of Josiah CHAMBERS and Mary WATSON, on 31 Mar 1778 in Jamestown, Prince Edward Co., VA. John was born about 1750. He died 1810.

John CHAMBERS was born in 1750 in , Buckingham Co., Virginia. He died in 1810 in , Franklin Co., Virginia. He was married to Rhoda WATKINS on 31 Mar 1778 in Jamestown, Prince Edw. Co., Virginia.

They had the following children:

22 F i. **Agnes CHAMBERS** was born about 1779. She died 1819 in Franklin Co, VA.

She married Thomas Ferguson 15 DEC 1796, son of Alexander Ferguson and Mary Parker. He was born 5 NOV 1769, and died in Franklin Co., VA.

Child of Agnes Chambers and Thomas Ferguson is: i. Josiah Ferguson was born 1 JUN 1797, and died 27 AUG 1878.

23 M ii. **Samuel CHAMBERS** was born 1781.

24 M iii. **William CHAMBERS** was born 7 Jan 1783.

He was married to Frances. William CHAMBERS and Frances had the following children:

- i. John F. CHAMBERS (born about 1821).
- ii. Nancy CHAMBERS was born about 1815.
- iii. William CHAMBERS was born about 1827.
- iv. Josephus CHAMBERS was born about 1833.
- v. Smithson CHAMBERS was born about 1835.

25 M iv. **Joel CHAMBERS** was born 1784. He died Apr 1831 in Franklin Co, VA.

26 M v. **Philip CHAMBERS** was born 1786.

He was married to Catherine MITCHELL after 29 Sep 1815 in Franklin Co, VA. Catherine MITCHELL was born about 1800. She died after 1850. Philip CHAMBERS and Catherine MITCHELL had the following children:

- i. Rhoda W. CHAMBERS (born between 1822 and 1827).
- ii. Schuyler P. (Scarlotte) CHAMBERS (born in 1824).
- iii. Ann E. CHAMBERS was born about 1827.
- iv. Peter D. CHAMBERS was born about 1827 in Franklin Co, VA. He died on 29 Aug 1862 in Franklin Co, VA. He was a soldier in the 58th Virginia Infantry, Company E during the War between the States.
- v. Calvin G. CHAMBERS was born about 1831. He died on 14 May 1865 in Point Lookout, MD. He was a Confederate soldier in the War between the States.
- vi. John S (Jonathon) CHAMBERS (born in 1839).

27 F vi. **Rhoda CHAMBERS** was born 1790.

28 F vii. **Mary CHAMBERS** was born 1794.

29 M viii. **John (Jr.) CHAMBERS**.

30 F ix. **Susannah CHAMBERS**.

10. **Samuel (son of Joel 1st) WATKINS** (Joel (1st)) was born about 1773 in Virginia.

My potential line: Henry, b abt 1638, m Catherine Pride > Thomas "of Swift Creek", b 1672, m Elizabeth Pride > Joel (1st Prince Edward), b 1716, m Rhoda Gresham > Samuel, b abt 1773, m Elizabeth Goode, 2nd-Mary Watkins > Joel, b 14 Nov 1805, Virginia, m Susannah Elizabeth Watkins, 21 Dec 1836, born 10 May 1819, Virginia < Parents: Joel (Colonel) Watkins m Mary "Polly" Hill > Elizabeth W. Watkins married John Henry Boone 15 Feb 1860, Franklin County, Missouri.

Samuel married **Mary (daughter of ???) WATKINS**.

They had the following children:

+ 31 M i. **Joel (3rd of name) WATKINS** was born 14 Nov 1805.

Third Generation

11. **Joel, III (son of Silas) WATKINS** (Silas, Joel (1st)) was born 5 Jul 1776 in Buckingham County, VA.

Not sure if talking about THIS JOEL? From transcript of records in Buckingham County Courthouse made 1859: "The administration of the estate of Joel Watkins by Charles and Thos. McKinney. Executors of William McKinney who was the administrator with the will annexed of Joel Watkins. James L. Watkins who was the ward of Charles McKinney I presume was his son."

Joel, married **Mary (dau of Wm & Eliz) JONES**.

They had the following children:

32 M i. **William (son of Joel, III) WATKINS.**

16. **Rhoda (dau of Silas) WATKINS** (Silas, Joel (1st)) was born 22 Apr 1786 in Buckingham County, VA.

Notes: (about various Rhoda Watkins')

A Rhoda WATKINS had registered March 31, 1764 to marriage with John CHAMBERS. Rhoda Watkins consents for self; John Chambers of Buckingham Co., VA; Richard Holland was 'sec' to the marriage.

Also according to Prince Edward County record, her marriage to Patterson Bullock was registered Jan 4, 1792, marriage performed Jan 5, 1792. She was "widow of Joel Watkins." "Phillip Watkins" was Sec. to the marriage.

Note: there was also a Rhoda WATKINS who married 1780 9 Dec - John RAINE - secured by Henry Davidson Rhoda Watkins a widow ?; John Raine of Cumberland Co., VA

Rhoda married (1) **Samuel (son of John) WATKINS**, son of (Capt) John WATKINS of Kentucky and Mary HUDSON.

Samuel Watkins married Rhoda Watkins (1786-c.1828). She was the sister of Joel Watkins of Buckingham County, Virginia, and the daughter of Silas Watkins and Phoebe (Watkins) Watkins. When his brother wrote a will in 1799, he said Samuel was living "upon the River Femme Osage," which is a tributary of the Missouri River in St. Charles County, Missouri, a few miles west of St. Louis.

Samuel was a backwoodsman yet records suggest he read. He even bought some books in 1807 from his father's estate. Researchers believe Samuel's wife died around 1825-30 and Samuel went to Missouri to live with their son, John Watkins.

They had the following children:

33 M i. **John (son of Samuel) WATKINS of Missouri.**

Rhoda also married (2) **Patterson BULLOCK**¹ on 5 Jan 1792 in Prince Edward County, VA.

21. **Susannah Elizabeth WATKINS** (Joel (2nd), Joel (1st)) was born 10 May 1819.

Susannah married **Joel (3rd of name) WATKINS**, son of Samuel (son of Joel 1st) WATKINS and Mary (daughter of ???) WATKINS, on 21 Dec 1836. Joel was born 14 Nov 1805.

They had the following children:

34 M i. **Elizabeth W. WATKINS**².

31. **Joel (3rd of name) WATKINS** (Samuel (son of Joel 1st), Joel (1st)) was born 14 Nov 1805.

Joel married **Susannah Elizabeth WATKINS**, daughter of Joel (2nd) WATKINS and Mary "Polly" HILL (working hypothesis), on 21 Dec 1836. Susannah was born 10 May 1819.

They had the following children:

35 M i. Elizabeth W. WATKINS is printed as #34.

Appendix A - Sources

¹ Prince Edward County, VA Marriages.

² *Family Bible, information from Michael G. McManness (2007).*

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