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Leroy W.Tilton's

Looney Family in America

Manuscripts, 1963 Edition



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DEDICATION:

The current work expended in the transcription of Tilton's Manuscript and the creation of these Web Pages is dedicated to **Miss. Elizabeth Looney of Washington, D.C.** Miss. Looney is a long time Looney Family Genealogist who worked with Mr. Tilton and many others in creating Tilton's Manuscripts. Miss. Looney has not only collected Looney Family information in excess of 50 years, but she has been graciously willing to freely and openly share her findings with others researching Looney and Allied Family Heritage. Miss. Looney has helped directly and indirectly to guide many a lost Looney Family Researcher onto the trail of lost ancestorial lines. Miss. Looney is turly the Matriarch of the Looney Family Researchers in America.

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Elizabeth is a descendant of the Absalom (2) Looney branch.

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to research their own branchs, ignoring the others. It is also due to the effort involved in providing a complete hard copy of a work of this size.

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EARLY LOONEYS IN AMERICA

By Leroy W. Tilton

Robert (1) and Elizabeth Looney Family

(James River)

FORWARD

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"Early Looneys in America" is a tentative outline for the history of the family that some day may be written. It is the cooperative result of work and study by a number of people of records and traditions collected and analyzed, and to some extent harmonized by the compiler over a period of about 50 years. It exists for the most part only in manuscript and notes that are almost illegible except to the compiler.

Miss Elizabeth **Looney** of Washington, D. C., is responsible for an arrangement whereby a few interested persons are providing secretarial assistance so that this Looney collection concerning early generations can be made available as fully as possible to a few who wish to continue the work. No claim is made for completeness or correctness. Where many have cooperated over half century concerning data in so many states, it cannot be otherwise.

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INTRODUCTION

Robert (1) and Elizabeth Looney Family

Approved procedures in making genealogical compilations should differ appropriately according to the circumstances. There are some branches of our families that have always lived in long settled communities where records were adequate and so carefully kept that the compilation of genealogies without detailed use of public records and the inclusion of definite references is considered inexcusable. Other branches of our families have followed the frontiers so closely and persistently that they sometimes have successfully evaded

almost all records, including the inescapable -- death and taxes. For these cases, even tradition should be carefully and impartially recorded with the hope that it may assist in the interpretation of fragmentary evidence that may yet be found in Bibles, family letters, or other papers, probably more or less private. Between these extremes are the cases of chief importance to a large number of the inhabitants of our South, Middle West, and West who are now interested in the records, if any, relative to Mr. Average Citizen of 100 to 200 years ago.

For the majority of such citizens, especially west of the Alleghenies, there are no vital records, and they made far fewer wills than did their grandparents. Many deeds, some marriage records, and a few petitions are to be found; also some military, pension, land-grants, and bounty-land papers. Early court minutes of frontier counties and the survey books are particularly valuable. However, it is frequently the federal census on which we must chiefly rely if we are to get any publicly recorded evidence for bolstering our family

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records and traditions, or for use in our attempts to piece together with a reasonable degree of probability the few fragments of definite evidence that may be available but remain almost useless unless supported and connected.

Regardless of a paucity of "clinching documents", genealogies of frontier families will be written and genealogists should seek to establish guide lines that are as adequate as possible.

The idea that reliable genealogy can be based largely on evidence of fragmentary and circumstantial character without clinching documents for all the various links, should be examined with care and, if accepted, be used only with caution. In considering this proposal, it is pertinent to realize that no documents and no amount of evidence can really give genealogical certainty. These can mearly indicate a very high probability. It is useless to propose precise but wholly arbitrary definitions of such terms as "reasonable certainty" for use in genealogy. Even in the field of statistical probability where such a term is sometimes proposed for use in Physics or chemistry, there is no generally accepted meaning of such a concept.

It is mathematically conceivable that a large number of individually inclusive items of evidence can be interwoven in such a manner that one approximates the same high degree of probability for the whole fabric, that would have to have been achieved by several clinching documents. The precise evaluation of such probabilities from fragmentary genealogical data is quite another matter and so difficult that it would be altogether to slow and unwieldy. General estimates must be left almost entirely to the common sense and intuition of experienced genealogists.

Thus the approach may be termed quasi-statistical and the idea of a reliable genealogy seriously weak in clinching documents for

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some of the generations is sound, but the difficulties of execution are a challenge to the ability of the genealogist to make impartial and valid judgments. In the writer's opinion, then, whenever the older generations are satisfactorily documented on or near the Atlantic seaboard, it is possible by means of frontier records, properly supplemented by extensive and thorough search of the census ..records, to carry many lines through the difficult period of their intermittent westward travel. The slower they travel the more clannish their nature and *the less common the family name* the more easily the method is applied. In particular, the more complete and exhaustive is the search of the census records, the more reliable are the resulting inferences. Perhaps the most important step the be taken if possible, is long-continued active cooperation of several interested genealogists, preferably working in different sections of the country.

The most useful genealogical evidence of the census records, after name and locality of residence, is data on age. Unfortunately, the age intervals prior to 1850 are so large, for example 26 to 45 years, and the

classification of 45 and upward is so indefinite that many genealogists consider these data hopeless for precise work. Moreover, when several enumerations are considered, the evidence is conflicting. When several different estimates of a birth date are possible from census records of different decades involving different age intervals, it is only for exceptional cases that all of these should be listed and discussed in detail in a genealogy. Nor is it, as a rule, advisable that the compiler select one or two estimated dates of birth and exclude all others. It is not too difficult to adopt a standard and impersonal procedure for the precise interpretation and adjustment of various and sometimes inconsistent

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census data births; and one could follow a concise and more or less standardized form in which such results might be published.

Enumerations were customarily made during the second half of a census year, and ages seem usually given as of the individual's last birth date rather than the nearest date. Thus if the stated age, or age for the group interval in question, be subtracted from the year of the census, the remainder is the most probable estimate for the year of birth and the 100% uncertainty interval (which is one-half of the group interval) extends each way from about March of that year. (Where the indefinite groups, "over 16 and "45" and upwards, " are concerned, one might take threescore and ten as a reasonable and probable limit to assume or the upper side, especially for frontier life. Thus, median ages of 45 * 2 7/ and 57# 12 could be used as probable average ages for these age groups.) If in extraordinary cases, and in the absence of other pertinent evidence, one wishes to be precise, one might estimate the date of birth from various census by weighing the several results in inverse proportion to the squares of their uncertainty intervals.

Such precision, however, is seldom if ever justified. In the writer's experience the errors present are very likely to vitiate the apparent precision. Instead, it is recommended that one find an adjusted birth year that is as consistent as possible with all the age intervals available from the various census reports and also reasonable with respect to the other evidence that may be available concerning births, marriages, etc., of all members of the families concerned. This might be called adjusting for minimum conflicts between the various data.

For some families there is little data on the dates of births, but considerable evidence concerning the relative ages of the children.

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Perhaps the marriage date for the parents is known approximately. In such cases it is often convenient to assign approximations to birth dates and clearly label them by some devices, such as "b. say 1792." In such cases, one finds only the census record, 1850 or later, and such a datum may be appropriately translated as "b. ca 1852." The recording of any year date without qualification should be made only if the writer considers that it is based on probably reliable datum or on two or more independent reports that agree and if he has not noticed an apparent conflict with other dates or date that he has accepted.

The writer has, with the assistance of numerous co-workers, compiled an account of the descendants of Robert and Elizabeth **Looney** of Botetourt County, Virginia. Four or five generations have been traced in migrations through 15 or more states in order to outline the history of the many branches (7) of this family that stem from Robert Jr., Adam, Absalom, John, Peter, David, and Joseph, the sons that are known to have had male progeny.

The project has been running for over half a century during which searches have been made by the writer in several state archives and many courthouses. Dozens of pension and bounty-land papers have been read, other military records searched, and thousands of pages of (unalphabetized) census enumerations have been scanned. Over a score of persons have participated in important degree, especially on their respective branches of the family. General acknowledgment should be made to Professor Rupert **Taylor** of Clemson,

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The principal source of record evidence for generations 1 and 2 is Judge Lyman **Chalkley**'s voluminous abstracts of the Records of Augusta County. These books are well indexed and page citations will not be given here. Other references will often be cited in the text. Admittedly the evidence for many relationships remains circumstantial even if plausible. The inclusion of numerous reports, statements, etc., does not necessarily imply full acceptance but rather possible value worth preserving for later consideration, and many tentative relationships are suggested merely as such. The data presented are known to be only a part of that which can be found and it is inevitable that many errors should be made in a cooperative undertaking of such scope. The results are made public in order

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that further searches by others may be facilitated.

The limited scope of this edition does not permit inclusion of all data that has reached the compiler. Efforts will be made to preserve all unused notes and records so they may be available for future use. ...

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The Robert and Elizabeth Looney Family

By Leroy W. **Tilton**

First Generations in America

According to some accounts the Looneys are said to be of Scotch origin, more often they are considered to be from Ireland where the **O'Looneys** were chiefs of Montir **Loney**, a district known as the Monter Loney **Mountains** in the county of Tyrone. It is also a Munster surname found chiefly in Cork and Clare, **Ireland**. Variants of the name are **O'Looney**; **O'Lowney**; **Lowney**; **O'Luinie**, **Lonney**, **Lunney**, **Luna**, etc.

The Looneys descended from Robert **Looney** of Augusta and Botetourt Counties, Virginia, and said to have come from Ballagilley **Farm** about 3 miles south of Ramsey in Maughold Parish, Isle of **Man**; or possibly from **Ballalooney** in Amogary **Parish**. They claim that an ancestor fought with **Marlborough** in Flanders (ca 1708-1709) in the reign of Queen **Anne**.

According to persistent tradition in these Looney families, they are descended from John and Llewellen **Looney** who had 14 sons; namely, Moses, Josiah, James, Peter, Jonathan, Adam, John, Benjamin, Michael, Samuel, Robert, David, Joseph and Abraham. Sometimes Absalom is given instead of Abraham.

The tradition of John and Llewellen and their 14 sons is widespread and has had - or received- considerable attention. It has been considered that John and Llewellen were the parents of Robert (1) who married Elizabeth and lived in Augusta and Botetourt Counties of Virginia. It is also suggested that it originated from the fact that Robert (1) and Robert Jr. Had a combined total of 14 children, the births extending from ca 1718 to 1740 and from ca 1743 to 1754 for the son. (However, only 7 names above given are on the combined list of 10 plus 4.) The tradition has in some

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cases been traced to Judge Benjamin F. **Looney** of Greenville, Texas, Who states that he copied it from the Bible (since burned) of his grandfather (who was Absalom (4) Benjamin (3) or Robert (2)Jr). Judge Looney's record from the same source for the children of Robert (2) Looney is in agreement with information obtained from the will of Moses (3) **Looney** and the will of Mary, **widow** of Benjamin (3) **Looney**. Records in Hawkins County, **Tennessee**, of a lawsuit by Wm. **Gardner** against Mary, widow of Benjamin (3) **Looney**, also confirm Judge Looney's account . Finally, it seems that the Bible of Absalom (4) **Looney** recorded the name of Hetty **Renfo** " as the wife of John (2) **Looney**. Hetty is a nickname for Hester or Esther and the Bible record named their sons John, Stephen, Robert, and Peter. The searches made in compiling this account of the Looney family have verified the wife's name, and the children named have (chronologically at least) permitted a reasonable interpretation of the Looney family (John (2) **Looney**) that otherwise seemed impossible.

In brief, the only error that has been shown in connection with the records from the Bible of Absalom(4) **Looney** is the apparent complete elimination of one generation that of Robert (1) and his wife, Elizabeth. Therefore the compiler thinks it probable that John **Looney** and his wife ----Llewellen (as Judge **Looney** writes her name) were the parents of 14 sons (and doubtless some daughters) of whom the 11th (as Judge **Looney** specifies) was Robert, his ancestor. Of the 14 names above, only Josiah does not appear among the children ad grandchildren of Robert (1) **Looney** and his wife Elizabeth.

Some attention should be given to the idea that some of Robt's brothers came to America with him or at about the same time. Maryland muster rolls during the Revolution list John **Looney** and a Thomas **Looney**. The 1790 census of Maryland lists several **Loneys**

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and **Lunees**, but no indications have been found that any of them are related to Robert (1) of Augusta County, **Virginia**.

If the John **Lowney** whose estate was appraised on 17 June 1762 (Augusta, Va., wills 5, 170) was related, it would probable be as a brother of Robert (1), but no indication of this has been found.

Nevertheless, the descendants of Robert (1) have spelled their names in many ways and care is necessary to eliminate the others not of the same immediate ancestry. For example, in Fayette County, Kentucky, one finds a Thomas **Lonay** in the 1810 census and a Jos. **Lonney** marrying a Frances **Simpson** in 1817 with Thomas **Lonay** as bondsman. Then Hugh **Looney** married Nancy **Harris** in 1837. But at the 1850

census Hugh **Loney** age 51 with wife Nancy is recorded as born in Ireland. Again in Strafford County, New Hampshire, at the 1850 census there is listed Francis **Looney**, 48 born in England, with wife, Rhoda A. 23, born in New Hampshire, also in the same county was Richard **Looney** 25, born in New Hampshire, also in the same county was Richard **Looney** 25, born in Nova Scotia.

A Thomas **Looney** came from the Isle of **man** to New York City about 1850 and had a son Alexander who was father of Howard C. **Looney** of Washington, D. C. Relatives in Michigan were: Howard M. **Looney** and Walter **Looney**, Pontiac; Robert **Looney** and Thomas **Looney**, Oakland County.

Ellenor **Looney** and Robert **Looney**, Both born in Ireland, were in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1870. Moses **Loney** with wife Frances and children Amos and William were in Harford County, Md., in 1776. Lott **Loney** and Kitt **Loney** were in nearby Maryland at the same time.

In Virginia Joseph **Lunee**, Tarpley **Lunee**, and Ellis **Lunee** were in Northymberland County in 1790.

No record of Robert (1) **Looney** in America has been found earlier than 1734 when Robert and Elizabeth **Looney** were in

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Philadelphia at the time their son Peter was born. This is known only because of an interview that Peter had on 28 July 1757 at Philadelphia with a correspondent of the "London Chronicle: or Universal Evening Post." The issue for September 6 - 8 gives an account of Peter's captivity for about a year among the French and Indians at Fort **Detroit**. Peter stated that he was about 23 years of age, had been born in Philadelphia, and was on his way from Albany to Virginia where his parents lived. (Miss Valley Hist. Rev. 13, 76, 15, 95.)

It is probable that in 1734 Robert and Elizabeth and their older children, at least 7 sons, had recently arrived in America and that they soon moved westward through Pennsylvania. This family was one of 70 that entered the Colony of Virginia with Alexander **Ross** and Morgan **Bryan**, of the Province of Pennsylvania, according to an agreement made as set forth in an order of the Lieutenant Governor and Council of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia dated 25 April 1735. (Executive Journal of the Council of 4, 229. See also William and Mary Historical Quarterly (2) 16, 617; and Hopewell Friends History. 1734-1934, p. 12.) Others among 41 who were "imported" into Virginia at the same time were: John **Mills**, John **Mills** Jr., James **Davis**, Edward **Davis**, Evan **Thomas**, Nathaniel **Thomas**, and Thomas **Anderson**.

Robert **Luna** (like the others who entered Virginia with Ross and Bryan) received a patent from George the **Second**. Robert's was dated 12 Nov. 1735 for 294 acres on the south bank of the Cohongoronta (Upper Potomac) River, near Samuel **Owens**' plantation, to be held as of the King's Manor of East **Greenwich** in the county of Kent, in free and common socage, not in Capite or by Knight's services, by cultivating and improving 3 and part of every 50 acres of land fee rent of one shilling yearly, and by

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Cultivating and improving 3 and part of every 50 acres of the tract within 3 years. This property was probably not far from Hagerstown, **Maryland**, where, according to some accounts, one of the Looney children once attended school.

Robert **Looney** received 1540 pounds of tobacco for 11 old wolf's heads at Orange County Court, 26 October 1738. Robert **Luney** was sued by John **Harrison** in 1740 concerning 1 long gun. Judgment was obtained by default in 1741 for 40 shilling and 135 pounds of tobacco (costs), but in 1742 it seems uncollectable and Robert **Luney** was not found in the sheriff's bailiwick. (These several actions are recorded in order Books 1, 2, & 3, of Orange Co., Va.) The homeplace had been sold to Jeremiah **Jacks** before the suit. On 22 March 1739 the Orange County Court ordered the recording of the deed from Robert **Luna** to Jeremiah

Jacks, but it seems not to have been done. (A second deed was made, perhaps 4 Nov. 1756, by James **Jacks** acting for Robert **Looney** of Augusta Co.; David **Looney** et al being witnesses to the power of Attorney which was dated 13 June 1766, or possibly merely recorded in Frederick Co. on that date.

Baylor's Book of Surveys in Frederick County Courthouse, shows that Robert **Looney** had a survey on Lunie's Mill **Creek** in April 1740. The Looney family probably moved south through the Shenandoah **Valley** about 1739 or 1740. Robert **Looney** obtained a grant of 250 acres on James **River** and on Lunie's Mill **Creek** on 30 July 1742. These lands are not far from Natural **Bridge** in what had become Augusta **County** in 1738 (but not organized as such until 1745) and in 1769 became a part of Botetourt **County**. Consequently, since the Augusta County was not organized, the suits in Orange **County** continued. Adam **Payne** sued Robert **Luney** of trespass in 1745, but after several continuances it was dismissed in 1744. Francis and John **Marshall**

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sued Robert **Luney** for debt in 1744, James **Patton** being security for Luney. The case was tried by jury 4 August 1744 and a verdict found against Luney for 18 pounds 1 shilling 6 pence, with 1 penny damage, and so recorded 5 October 1745. (Orange Order Book 4).

The old Looney **home** on the James stood on the south bank of the river and the west bank of the creek, but it was seldom usable and the family operated a ferry at the eddy just above the creek. Robert and his sons hunted, ran the ferry and a mill, grazed cattle and horses, and developed a nursery and orchards. (See Kegley's Virginia Frontier, p. 163; also West Va. Blue Book 1924, and Roanoke Times 4 June 1961.) Looney's **Ferry** estb. 1742)

From the Augusta County Court records as abstracted in Chalkleys Records of Augusta County, Virginia, much can be learned about Robert and Elizabeth **Looney** and their children. In 1745 he received some cash, probably from the estate of Daniel **Monahan**. The first court for the new county was held on 9 December 1745 when Robert **Looney**, John **Newport**, and Timothy **Holdway** were appointed to value improvements by Christian **Zimmerman** on 400 acres. A court order of 10 Feb. 1745-6 appoints Robert **Looney** as an appraiser. On 20 August 1747 his wife was excused from attendance at court, being aged and infirm, and a commission was appointed to take her testimony. In 1750 Robert **Looney** and John **Smith** were sureties for Elizabeth **Barber**, administratrix of George **Barber**.

On 11 October 1759 Robert **Looney** made an agreement with his sons Peter **Looney** and David **Looney** by the terms of which much of his land and other property were given to these sons who were to build a house for their parents and care for them through the infirmities of old age. There was some delay or dispute over the terms of the agreement and meanwhile Peter died in 1760. But again an

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agreement was reached, David was even willing to move the barn in order to build the house where his parents wanted it. Peter's widow sent for the cattle that she was to "winter" as her part of the bargain. David drew firewood to Robert and also wintered cattle. Widow Looney sent a "hand" to cut wood for Robert, etc.

During these years both Robert and his sons furnished supplies to troops in service on the frontier. For example, on 15 Jan. 1759 Robert **Looney** signed a receipt for L6, 5s, - 5d in payment for beef for the use of Colonel John **Buchanan**'s company. (Wisc. Hist. Publ., "Preston and Va. Papers," Calendar Series Vol. 1, 44. See also Henning's Statutes V 11, 190.)

In 1762 Robert is mentioned as exempt from county levy, probably because of age. Yet, in an old Survey Book in Rockingham Co., there is mention of a survey of 60 acres on the south side of James **River**

for Robert **Looney**, dated 17 March 1762, of land adjoining other land of said Looney. (Augusta Surveys 2, 14.)

But on 15 November 1762 something happened that made it possible for Looney descendants to get considerable information about Robert and his family. One this day Robert **Looney** and Elizabeth deeded to John **Bowyer** 250 acres, the land that was patented in 1742 on 30 July. This seems to have included not only the land verbally given to sons Peter and David but also land previously given to sons Absalom and Daniel. Consequently, certain suits were brought by the heirs of Daniel and of Peter against Robert **Looney** and John **Bowyer**, and these affairs were taken or discussed in the court records at length. Robert (1) was active at least as late as August 1764 when he pleaded in answer to such suits that he was drunk (intoxicated) when the instruments were signed, on 20 Nov. 1764 he deeded land, 160 acres at Sinking **Springs** to Joseph **Looney**. On 24 May 1765 it was decreed that John **Bowyer**

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should reconvey to each of the interested parties their lands. The agreement of 1759 was recorded in the same month. John **Bowyer** deeded the lands to David **Looney**, to Peter **Looney** Jr., son of Peter **Looney**, deceased and to "Margaret" **Looney**, daughter and heiress of Daniel.

In May 1768 there is recorded an account or record of settlement between Robert **Looney** and Irwin **Patterson**'s estate. From this it seems that Elizabeth **Looney** bought one looking glass and sundry goods on 10 May 1745-6 also that ferriage at 20 shillings per annum for 10 years was due from **Patterson**'s estate to Looney.

Certain entries at the October term of court in 1770 indicate that Robert was living then, but his death occurred in Oct. or Nov. before his will was proved 13 November 1770.

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Robert Looney's Will

In the name of God amen September the fourteenth one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine I Robert **Looney** being very sick and weak in Body but of Perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and knowing that all men was worn to die once I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my Body to the ground to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but I shall have it again at the Resurrection. As for the worldly Estate that it has pleased God to Bless me with I give and bequeath in manner and form the following. I leave my well beloved wife Elizabeth **Luney** and my beloved son Joseph **Luney** to be my sole Executors. Next I leave to my beloved grandson John **Luney** one shilling sterling. All the remainder of my Bodily Estate after my funeral charges and Lawful Debts are paid I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Elizabeth **Luney** to Live on and use as she pleaseth During her natural Life and then to descend to my beloved son Joseph at her death the rest of my children having already got all that I allow to them of my estate.

Signed Sealed and Pronounced in Presence of us

John **Smith** (His Mark)
James **Crow** Robert (RL) **Luney** (Seal)
Elinor **Crow** (His Mark)
John **Burton** (His Mark)

At a court held for Botetourt County the 13th of November 1770 this writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Robert **Looney** decd. was presented in court by Joseph **Looney** one of the Executors herein named and proved by the oaths of Thomas **Crow**, James **Crow** and John **Smith** and ordered to be recorded and on motion of said Executor who made oath according to Law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form whereupon he together with Abraham **McClelland** and John **Looney** his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in five Hundred pounds conditioned as the Law directs. Tests John **May** C.B.C. Recorded in Will Book A, page 5; Botetourt County, **Virginia**.
(Robert's mark was a capital R on the upper shank of capital L.) (Probably his stock Brand)

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Abraham **McClelland** was a brother of the wife of David (2) **Looney**, and John **Looney**, who also acted as security for Joseph (2) **Looney**, the executor, was Robert's son, about 38 years old at that time. John **Looney**, grandson, was the eldest son of Robert (2) Jr. (deed).) and legal heir by right of primogeniture.

It is unfortunate that Robert (1) **Looney** did not name all of his children in his will. The muster roll of the Augusta County Militia, Company 8, under Captain George **Robinson** includes Thomas, Dan, and Adam **Looney**, in the order mentioned, and the date of this list has been fixed by Waddell as 1742. Probably Robert (1) was too old for service at that time. This roll is here accepted as a clue to the relative ages of older sons of Robert (1) and Elizabeth. It is surmised that no other sons were as old as 16 in 1742.

With possible exception of Samuel, the above and 6 others are established as sons of Robert (1) **Looney** by reference to the Augusta County records.

According to Notable Southern Families (Vol. 2, pp. 305, 315) a Louisa **Looney** married Captain John **Shelby** of the military organization of Washington County, Virginia. According to a D.A.R. application paper (Lineage 78, 382) John **Shelby** Sr. (b. 1724 - d. 1794) went to join his brother Moses in North Carolina in 1750 where he met Louisa **Looney**. He established a station in the Wautauga District known as Shelby's. Their children were: John **Shelby** Jr., married Elizabeth **Brigham**; David **Shelby** married Sarah **Bledsoe**; Eban **Shelby**, Thomas **Shelby**, Isaac **Shelby**; Louisa **Shelby** married Wm. **McCrab**; and Catherine **Shelby** who married __?__ **Evan**.

Also, according to D.A.R. lineage Lucy Jane **Looney** married 1753 Stephen **Holston** (1729-1776) son of Henry **Holston** Sr. (Lineage 68, 301; 149, 235.) Among their children was James Henry **Holston** (1754-1825) who married Lucy **Austin** (1764-).

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Doubtless there were other daughters. It is not unlikely that some of them may have married men named **Clark**, **Crow**, **Mills**, **Rowland**, or **Smith** who were closely associated with the Looneys.

Mrs. Edward Spear **Atkinson** of 1502 Stuart Avenue, Houston, Texas (in 1947) and Mrs. Louisa P. **Bosworth** of Woodstock, Vermont (in 1945) are interested in various families of early Sullivan County, N.C. In a letter to the compiler from Mrs. Bosworth in 1945 one finds; "Have you any record of the marriage of Abraham **McClelland** to Julie Ann **Looney**? Mrs Atkinson says he was married twice, and Julia Ann **Looney** was his first wife. He (Abraham **McClelland**) was very evidently the son of John and brother of William who married Barbara **Walker**, of Mary who married Bobt. (sic) **Looney**, and of ---(Jane) who md.... (Samuel) **Gamble**." (David instead of Robert Looney was intended of course.) Then in an undated letter in February or March 1947 Mrs. Atkinson included a list of 9 children of William **McClelland** who married 22 December 1768 Barbara **Walker** born 1741. Among those children were:

3) Jane **McClelland** b. 28 Oct. 1770, married James **Looney**. 5) Abraham **McClelland** b. 1 Nov. 1776, m. Julia Ann (or Annis) **Looney**.

In a later letter Mrs. Atkinson reported that John **Wallace** born 1750 married (")--?-- **McClelland** and being left a widow she m. (2) Captain Wm. **Lowry** in Blount County, Tenn. They had a son, Abraham **Wallace**, who married in 1802 his first cousin Ann **McClelland**, only daughter of Abraham **McClelland** by his first wife. The bases of these reports are not known to the compiler and their interpretation with respect to Looney is not clear. As Mrs. Atkinson observed, the Abraham **McClelland**, son of Wm. and Barbara, was not old enough to have a daughter marrying in 1802; but it is plain that Abraham **McClelland**, brother of Mrs. David **Looney** was to old to have had a first wife's only daughter that married in 1802; and

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especially so because he had a Rachel who married ca 1759 James **Gregg**. Thus if weight is given to the Wallace report there remains no implication that Julis Annis **Looney** was one of the daughters of Robert (1) **Looney**. There is some possibility that these reports may pertain to the Adam **Looney** Branch of this family. (See Adam Branch).

There are other questions of early date. One is the identity of Mary **Looney** who owned land on the south side of Looney's Mill **Creek** adjacent to the 196 acres (adjoining John **Mill**'s land) that were surveyed for John **Looney** on March 4, 1768. (Rockingham Co. surveys 1, 137.) With reference to the 196 acres Kegley says, "line of his own land and Mary **Looney**'s Land." Does this indicate that a Mary **Looney** was married to John **Mills** at about this time? Professor **Taylor** thought that Mary, as used here, was an error for Margaret, the widow of Robert **Looney** Jr., but Robert Jr. died in 1756 and Margaret was called **Renfro** as early as 1763. On the other hand, she and her son John (3) did not sell their 213 acres on the Looney Mill Creek until 1773. (See Robert **Looney** Jr. Branch.)

There was also a Margaret **Looney** who had a survey of 250 acres on Looney's Mill Creek in 1755, according to Kegley. Peter (2) **Looney** bought 250 acres on the Creek in 1754, but was not married until ca 1759 and died in 1760. His widow Margaret seems not to have married James **McCain** before 1767 and thus may have had the land surveyed in 1765 but not in 1755.

The following is a tentative list of the children of Robert (1) and Elizabeth **Looney**, with Approximate and adjusted best estimates of dates of birth, death, and marriage.

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CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND ELIZABETH **LOONEY**.

Thomas Looney, b. 1718-1746; d. between 1755-60, married Jane **Harmon**. Had one child only so far as known - Lovice **Looney** m. John **Brigham**.

Robert Jr. Looney, b. 1721-1756; m. ca 1742/43 Margaret **Rhea**, who later as Robert's widow married Stephen **Renfro**. (See Robt Jr. Branch)

Daniel Looney, 1723-1760, married Jane **Evans**.

Adam Looney, 1725-1770, m. Hannah **Wright**, of N. Carolina. (See Adam Looney Branch)

Samuel Looney, 1727-175- said to have been killed by Indians in 1760. His widow was Ann **__?__** who adm. estate and married Elijah **Cross**. Looney children were Samuel Jr. and Moses. (H.H. **Smith**, Blountville, Tenn. is a descendant of Elijah and Ann Looney **Cross**.)

Louisa Looney, 1728- married Capt. John **Shelby**, say 1750-51 in North Carolina.

Absalom Looney, 1729-1796; three years old when brought to the colonies. Married Margaret (Peggy) **__?__**, who was not living at the time he made his will 1791, probated 1796. (See Absalom (2) Branch.)

Lucy Jane Looney, b. 1730- married in 1753 Stephen **Holston**-(or (Lucy had Henry Holston or **Holstein**)

John Looney, 1732-1817, m ca 1759 Esther **Renfro**. (Noah **Looney** was grand-nephew of John who died at Bachelor's Retreat, S.C.

Peter Looney, b. 1734-1760; (in Philadelphia) m Margaret **___**. In Will Book 4, p. 93 Mch 16 1768 "Margaret" **Looney** is admix of husband Peter **Looney** estate, (Augusta Co.) Peter **Looney** Jr. was only heir, and a minor.

David Looney, b. 1735-1810, married ca 1755 Mary **McClelland**.

Joseph Looney, b. in Botetourt Co. Va. 1740-1817, married Jean (Jane) **Bowen** 25 June 1764 in Augusta Co. Va. (license) See will of Lilly **Bowan**, Washington Co. Va. Book 2, p73.

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Thomas (2), and Daniel (2) **Looney** as above, seem not to have had male progeny. Brief accounts of them will be given here and the other sons of Robert (1) and Elizabeth **Looney** will be considered later in separate branches, each of which begins with the second generation in America.

Thomas (2) **Looney** b. 1718, died in Indian raid between 1755-60, was the first of the Looneys named on the muster roll of Augusta County, Virginia, in 1742 and probably the eldest son and heir of Robert and Elizabeth **Looney**. (Mr. **Tilton**, the compiler of these records and comments, - gives death of Thomas (2) **Looney** as based on an entry in Augusta Order Book 1, 26. dated 15 April 1746: Petition of Margaret **Lundey** -- her clothes taken by David **Logan**, constable on attachment vs. her deceased husband Thomas **Lundey** at suit of Daniel Harriss, be returned," (Comment by EWS: Some similarity of names, but why assume Lundey to be meant for Luney? Perhaps there was a Thomas **Lundey**, decd. whose widow was Margaret. The Thomas (2) **Looney** (Luney) son of Robert (1) had wife Jane **Harmon**, - no Margaret mentioned - though she may have been Margaret Jane **Harmon**. They had daughter Lovice **Looney** who married John **Brigham**, according to many records among descendants. Family record of Mrs. Marvin **Huff**, Evansville, Ind., gives Peter **Looney** (H). Wife Rachael **Harmon**, - born in Maryland - associated with John **Brigham**, husband of Lovice **Looney**,)

Mrs. W.C. **Weaks** of Terre Haute, Indiana, and his cousin Miss Mabel **Weaks** of New York City have a record of the birth about 1745 or 1746 of a Louisa **Looney** who married James **Brigham**. They have considered that her mother was Margaret **Harmon**, daughter of Captain Adam **Harmon**, and immigrant from Germany credited with being one of the first permanent settlers on New River in the early 1740's. (Harmon Genealogy of Southern Branch, by J.N. **Harmon**

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of Tazwell Va. 1925.) There may have been another child. Mary **Lundey**, orphan of Thomas **Lundey**, was ordered bound out to William **Williams** who was about to remove to Carolina. (Order Book 3, 181, 28 August 1751.

Summers in his History of S.W. Virginia, page 51, mentions that the home of Adam **Harmon** near Englis' **Ferry** on New River was visited by Indians and furs and skins stolen.

On 19 November 1760 David (2) **Luney** gave bond as administrator of the estate of Thomas **Luney**. (Wills 2, 424.) Loues **Looney**, grandchild of Adam **Harmon**, obtained judgment against Adam **Harmon** at November Court 1764 on his 101b. bond dated 28 February 1754 to Loues **Looney** with lawful interest from 29 July 1746. (Query: Was this the date of birth of Loues **Looney**? Witnesses were John **Crockette** and Ann **Crockette**. Loues **Looney** deposed by commission on 22 August 1766 and then on 26 December 1766 at Fort Chiswell James **Brigham** and David **Looney** addressed the following to Mr. William **Thompson** at Back Creek: "We your Humble Servants have this day met and compromised the matter in regard to the money attach'd in your hands on behalf of Louicy **Looney** with Henry **Harmon** on his leaving Twenty pounds Virginia currency in your hands." (Document 2QQ98, Preston and Va. Papers in Wisc. Hist. Soc.)

According to the views as outlined, Loues was about one year old when her father, Thomas, died, at age 27 about 6 when her sister Mary was bound out to Wm. **Williams**, about 19 when she obtained judgment against her grandfather, and 21 when she collected her inheritance. Also one understands why there are no records of other heirs of Thomas **Looney**.

On the other hand, one may ask why, if he died before 15 Apr. 1764 was Thomas **Looney** cited on 19 November 1746 to work on a road from Adam **Harmon's** to the north branch of Roan Oak. Perhaps

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his estate was obliged to furnish a man. His name on a delinquent tax list in 1755 could refer to his estate, and David **Looney**'s appointment as administrator on 19 March 1760 could of course, be a replacement, perhaps, after -Margaret's (?) death.

Louice (**Looney**) and James **Brigham** were living in lower Washington County on 6 November 1777 when the names James **Brigham** and Peter **Looney** are adjacent on a petition protesting plans for the erection of a court house at a location deemed inconvenient. This Peter is considered as Peter (3) **Looney** (b. 24 Nov. 1755, son of Absalom (2) **Looney**) who later, with wife Rachel **Harmon**, settled in Sumner County, Tennessee, as did James **Brigham**.

James **Brigham** had grants form the state of North Carolina in 1779, 1781, 1782, 1787, and 1790, etc. Some of the land was in Sullivan County near lands of David **Looney**, Robert **Gray**, George **Maxwell**, and David **Maxwell**. According to Historic Sullivan, James **Brigham** operated the first tavern in Blountville, Hawkins County, Virginia. He donated 30 acres in 1792 for the town of Blountville. He was Revolutionary soldier.

The will of James **Brigham**, wife Louisa **Brigham**, is of record in Book B.B. (1811-1815), page 77, Montgomery County, Tennessee.

Daniel (2) **Looney**, (b. ca 1723, d. ca 1760) was on the muster roll of Augusta County in 1742. He patented 180 acres on Long Run on 20 August 1748, probably called the Draper Place. He lived there in 1753 or 1754 when Robert (1) **Looney** asked Absalom (2) **Looney** and his family to come home and settle because of danger from the Indians at the outlying settlement where Absalom was living on the Bluestone, a branch of New River, Robert asked Daniel (2) **Looney** to give the 180 acres to Absalom in exchange for some of Robert's land. Daniel made a deed to Abs. on 18 September 1754 for the 180 acres, mentioning a corner of land

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of Robert **Looney** Sr. A witness was Wm. **Harbison**. (This deed was not delivered until August 1762, but in Chalkley's Augusta Records the grantee's name is printed ABRAHAM **Looney** and no evidence of a Absalom (2) **Looney** has been established.) Daniel moved across the creek onto some of Robert's land, but Robert made no deed to Daniel.

Jane (Evans) **Looney** (probably wife of Daniel) in 1760 sued Daniel **Looney** in chancery, but suit after several continuances was dismissed on Plaintiff's motion. On 11 October 1759 when Robt. divided his cattle between Peter and David, he reserved 2 horses for his son Daniel. Even as late as 24 May 1760 it is known that Daniel **Looney** was living -- Jane **Looney** sued him on writ of scirrefacias, but his attorney obtained imparlance until the next court. (Augusta Orders 6,218, 381.)

Very soon thereafter, however, Daniel died and on 19 November 1760 his brother David (2) **Looney** gave bond as administrator of Dan's estate. The appraisement of Daniel's estate was mentioned as of 18 August 1761 and at this time Jane **Evans**, late Looney, asked for the administration of her husband's estate, hitherto granted to David **Looney**. It seems possible that the widow Jane **Looney** had married Alexander **Evans** who later, 2 October 1765, purchased 140 acres from Adam (2) and Hannah **Looney** who were then of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. (Augusta Deeds 13, 92.)

On 18 October 1765 David **Looney** gave bond with James **McDowell** as the appointed guardian to Margaret **Looney**, orphan of Daniel **Looney** and granddaughter of Robert (1) **Looney**. (Augusta Wills B3, 433.) In Margaret's name suit was brought to obtain for her the land "across the creek" where her father had lived. Robert's deed of 13 November 1762 to John **Bowyer** had included Daniel's land. However, Colonel John **Smith** and Colonel John **Buchanan** each deposed in May 1765 concerning the fact. Colonel Smith recited

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the circumstances leading to the exchange of lands between Daniel and Absalom. Colonel **Buchan** testifies that Daniel, on his death bed and in the presence of his father Robert, stated that the land was his and was to descend to his daughter; and that Robert did not object or say anything against this. Accordingly, on 19 October 1765 John **Bowyer** deeded the land to Margaret **Looney**, heiress and only child of Daniel **Looney**, Deceased.

Deed records indicate that Margaret **Looney** married John **Miner** who on 23 October 1782 received a North Carolina grant of 250 acres on Holston River. On 19 October 1784 John **Miner** and Margaret of Sullivan County, North Carolina, for 100 pounds sold to John **Mills** 37 acres on James River below Looney's Mill Creek. (Botetourt Deeds 3, 325.) This is probably a grant of land inherited from her father Daniel **Looney**.

In Sumner Deeds 1, 424, there is recorded on dated April, 1797 from David **Looney** of Sullivan County to Margaret **Miner**, Hannah Turner **Miner**, Daniel Looney **Miner** of Sumner County for 320 acres for $500. Again in July 1799 David **Looney** signed a deed to Margaret **Miner** for 106 acres for $200. (Deeds 3, 10.)

Among the marriage records of Sumner County, Tennessee, is: Daniel **Looney** Married Elizabeth **Briley** 24 October 1805.

Samuel (2) **Looney**, b ca 1727, d after 1752,- say about 1770. He was not on the muster roll of Augusta County in 1742. He was named on 20 May 1752 in Augusta County to assist William **Smith**, overseer, on the road along the Calf-Pasture (river) from Wm. **Grey's** to Robert **McCutcheon's** Mill and then to Robert **Campbell's**. Samuel **Looney** left widow Ann **Looney** who administered his estate and married Elijah **Cross**. (The **Looney** children were Samuel Jr. and Moses.) Sullivan County, Tennessee census 1840 gives Elijah **Cross** age 84, living with David L. **Cross**. Elijah was pensioned for Rev.

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War service 1777, Sullivan County, Tenness. Pension papers of Elijah (Elishe). William and Zacharia **Cross** state that they were born in Baltimore County, Maryland. (Echoes: East Tennessee Historical Society, May 1958, page 92.) Homer H. **Smith**, Atty. of Blountville, Tenn., in a letter states: "My mother was Elizabeth **Cross** and a descendant of Elijah **Cross** I, and Mrs. Ann **Looney**, whose husband Samuel **Looney** was killed

by Indians in the early settlement of Sullivan County. This Cross-Looney couple had 5 sons and two daughters." (The two Looney sons were mentioned in the will of Moses **Looney**, of Knox County, Tenn., in 1823-24.

Query: Who was Margaret **Looney** who had survey of 250 acres on Looney's Mill **Creek** in 1755 (Kegley). and who sued Anthony in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1759?

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"EARLY LOONEYS IN AMERICA"
Part 2

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Robert Looney Jr. Branch
(Second Generation)

Robert (2) **Looney** Jr., son of Robert (1) and Elizabeth **Looney** of **Looney's** Mill Creek of James River in what is now Botetourt Co., Va., was born about 1721, probably in the Isle of Man. He was on the muster roll of Augusta Co. in 1742. (Stephen **Rentfro** also was on this roll.) It was this Robert **Looney** Jr. who on July 30, 1742 received a grant of 213 acres beginning at the South side of **Luney's** Mill Creek and extending to Beaver Dam Swamp. Robert **Looney** Jr. was a surety on Eleanor **Draper**'s bond of May 17, 1749, for her administration of George **Draper**'s estate. (Probably the George **Draper** who went hunting and never returned. His wife was killed by Indians in July 1755 at **Draper's** Meadow on New or Wood's River) On Nov. 27, 1755, Robert **Looney** Jr. and John **Mills** were processioners for **Looney's** Creek and the waters thereof. In Feb. of 1756 Robert **Looney** was killed by the enemy at Reed Creek, "nigh Alex **Sawyer**'s" east of Kings Mills, later Kingsport, Tenn. (Wm. **Preston**'s Journal.)

Margaret **Looney** gave bond as administratrix 17 Mar. 1756. John **Looney** and Robert **Rowland** were sureties. (Was Margaret related to Robert Rowland?) This John **Looney** was a younger brother to Robert Jr. and at about this time he became son-in-law to Stephen **Rentfro**. The Robert **Looney** Jr. estate was appraised 15 May 1756 by John **Bowen**, Hugh **Caruthers**, Robert **Rowland**, and Wm. **Harbison**. Margaret **Looney** may have been identical with the Margaret **Looney** who in Bedford Co., Va., in 1759 sued **Anthony** (Fee Book) when Anthony sued **Looney** & Co. (Order Book).

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On April 7, 1763, Stephen **Rentfro** and Margaret **Looney** witnessed a deed from David and Mary **Looney** to Amos **Potts** and John **Potts**, Jr. (David **Looney** was a younger brother of Robert **Looney** Jr.) Margaret **Rentfro**, late Looney, was mentioned as administratrix of her deceased husband on June 22, 1763, when Robert **Rowland** asked countersecurity. In Feb. 1763 (probably 1764) there was reference to a judgment obtained on Jan 18, 1763 (probably 1764) by Margaret **Rentfro**, late Margaret **Looney**, vs. John **Crank** (Stephen **Rentfro** mentioned). On Nov. 10, 1773 (Botetourt County, Va.), John **Looney** and wife Elizabeth **Rentfro**, Stephen **Rentfro** and Margaret **Rentfro** (mother of John **Looney**) deeded to John **Paxton** 213 acres on **Looney's** Mill Creek, branch of the James River. This land was patented to Robert **Looney** Jr. in 1742 and this deed shows that John **Looney** was the eldest son and heir of Robert **Looney** Jr. and Margaret **Looney** because it recites title by "inheritance in fee simple". Moreover, a separate deed to Margaret **Rentfro** for a slave shows definitely by its tenor that she signed because of dower rights.

This group soon migrated southward (apparently) together with Moses (3) **Looney**, David (2) **Looney**, some of the children of Absalom (2) **Looney**, and others, and it is this John (3) **Looney**, who with brother Samuel (3) **Looney**, Stephen **Rentfro** Sr., Stephen **Rentfro** Jr., John **Rentfro**, etc., signed on Nov. 6, 1777 a petition by the inhabitants of t he lower part of Washington County, Va., protesting the erection of a court house.

Stephen **Rentfro** entered 200 acres at the mouth of the Boxer, 31 Jan. 1780, and he moved there in 1782 when it was surveyed. This was probably on Holston River in what is now Sullivan County, Tenn. where (Deed

Book 6, p. 416) there is mention, Feb. 1780, of a **Looney** line joining "old **Renfrow**" and Jas. **McKain**. The will of Stephen **Rentfro**, dated 19 Dec. 1802, and proved in July 1804, is recorded in Knox County, Tenn. (Estate Book I, p.149.)

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It mentions lawful heirs of son John (**Rentfro**) and son Stephen (**Rentfro**), both deceased, who are to receive an equal share with Elizabeth **Looney** and Easter **Looney**, and with Moses **Looney**, "son of my wife." The last is named executor.

Robert (2) **Looney** Jr. is identical with Robert **Looney** who, according to family records of Judge Ben F. **Looney** of Greenville and Dallas, Texas, married Margaret **Rhea** and had sons John (3), Moses (3), Samuel (3), and Benjamin (3) **Looney**. Also, a daughter Mary (**Looney**) who married __?__ **Grimes**. Judge **Looney** states that his information was taken from the Bible of his grandfather, Absalom (4) **Looney**, youngest son of Benjamin (3) and Mary **Johnson Looney**. This seems the only available evidence for the wife and children of Robert (2) **Looney** Jr.

Since Robert **Looney** Jr. was killed in Feb. 1756 and had at least five children, it seems that he married Margaret **Rhea** about 1742 or 1743. The will of Moses (3) **Looney** names his siblings or their heirs in the order John, Benjamin, Samuel, and Mary (**Looney**). Since Benjamin (3) (**Looney**) had at least five children and was slain in the 1783, he must have been married by 1770 and this makes it unlikely that he was the youngest son of Robert (2), killed in 1756. Therefore the order of birth indicated by the will of Moses (3) (**Looney**) will be followed in estimating births of the children of Robert (2) and Margaret (**Rhea**) **Looney**. This permits an estimate of birth for Benjamin of 1748 and allows for a child that may have died young:

John (3) **Looney** b. say 1743 See 3rd Generation
Moses (3) **Looney** b. say 1745 See 3rd Generation
Benjamin (3) **Looney** b. say 1748 See 3rd Generation
A child perhaps b. say 1751
Samuel (3) **Looney** b. say 1754 See 3rd Generation
Mary (3) **Looney** b. say 1756; md.__?__ **Grimes**

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Notes on the Rhea Family.

Matthew **Rhea** of Donegal, Ireland, had 4 sons (and perhaps some daughters) by his first wife and 4 sons and a daughter by his second wife, Elizabeth **McClain**. Several of these children came to America "early" and settled in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. Among these who came early were William (**Rhea**) of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and Isaac (**Rhea**) also of Pennsylvania. Their half-brother, the Rev. Joseph **Rhea** (1715-1777), with wife Elizabeth **McIlevaine**, came to Philadelphia in 1769 with children John (**Rhea**), Mathew IV (**Rhea**) who later married Jane **Preston**, William (**Rhea**), Joseph (**Rhea**), and a daughter. They lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Taneytown, Maryland, but he died before he could move his family to Sullivan County in East Tennessee, where he had bought land on Beaver Creek of the Holston River. Mathew IV (**Rhea**)(1755-1816) who married Mary **Looney** b. 1801, daughter of Abrham (3) (**Looney**) (David (2) **Looney**) and Elizabeth (**Gammon**) Looney. The compiler suggests that Margaret **Rhea**, whose marriage to Robert (2) **Looney** Jr. must have taken place about 1742 or 1743 (very soon after Robert (1) **Looney** and family removed from northern Virginia to the James River settlement in Augusta County), must have been a sister or half-sister to Rev. Joseph **Rhea**.

Ref. "Some East Tennessee Families" by **Nelson**.
"Notable Southern Families" by Zella **Armstrong**.
"Dawn of Tennessee Valley and Tennessee History" by S. C. **Williams**.

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Third Generation

John (3) **Looney** must, as the eldest of 5 children, have been born about 1743, which is 13 years before his father's death. As John **Looney** Jr. he received one shilling according to the will of his grandfather, Robert (1) **Looney** dated 1769 and this may indicate that at that time he was the next in line as legal heir by primogeniture. (This was of course after the death, about 1746, of Thomas (2) **Looney**, without issue, and the death of Robert 2 in 1756.) It was he who as John **Looney** Jr. assisted with the inventory of Robert (1) in 1771. When John **May** & Co. sued the heirs of Robert **Looney** in Botetourt County, Va. court 12 Feb. 1773, John (3) **Looney** was the first of four defendants.

John (3) **Looney** married Elizabeth (**Rentfro**), daughter of Stephen **Rentfro**, certainly well before 10 Nov. 1773 when in Botetourt County, Va., with Elizabeth (**Rentfro**) and with Stephen and Margaret **Rentfro**, he deeded to John **Paxton** the 213 acres which he inherited. Their marriage is estimated as in 1770.

John (3) **Looney** lived in the lower part of Washington County, Va. in 1777 and signed the protest of 6 Nov. It is not unlikely that this is the "Capt. **Looney**" mentioned in the letters of Maj. Arthur **Campbell** to Col. William **Preston** dated at Royal Oak, Aug. 10, 19, Oct. 6 etc. 1774. Capt. **Looney** was in command at Blackmore's Fort, lowest on the Clinch River, at the mouth of Stony Creek, back of Moccasin Gap in Fincastle County, (later Scott County, Va.) in the latter part of September. Moccasin Gap was about 10 miles north of his neighbors, the **Roberts** family, were killed by Indians on 24 September and Capt. **Looney** went home leaving Sergeant **Moore** and 16 men of "Fincastle Regiment" at Blackmore's. On 9 October the Indians attacked suddenly and killed Dale **Carter**. (Dunmore's War p. 219.)

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In the History of Scott County the name of the Capt. **Looney** of Blackmore's Fort is given as James, but no other reference to a Capt. James **Looney** has been found by the compiler. It is certain that John **Looney** lived in the vicinity of Blackmore's Fort in 1779 when on Monday 25 October General Daniel **Smith**, boundary line commissioner, "lay at John **Looney**'s", near **Looney's** Gap of the Clinch Mountains.

On 19 Nov. 1778 John **Looney**, Benjamin **Looney**, et al. were ordered by the Court of Washington County, Va., to appraise the estate of Archibald **McNeil**.

John (3) **Looney** worked 120 days (at 6 shillings per day) as Bullock Master, collecting lost cattle, etc., during August to December 1776, probably in southern Washington County, Va., and in parts of North Carolina (including pre-Tennessee) after the men under Col. Wm. **Christian** returned from the Cherokee expedition.

Capt. John **Looney**'s company in the regiment under Arthur **Campbell** included one Wm. **Sympson**, later of Green County, Ky., who states in pension papers (S15669) that he enlisted in Sullivan County, N.C. in October 1781 and served a 3 months tour against the Cherokee Indians. They joined Col. **Savier** at the southwest side of the French Broad River and then crossed the Tennessee River to the Cherokee Towns. On August 5, 1782, Col. Arthur **Campbell** wrote from Washington County to Col. **Davies** concerning information just received by Capt. John **Looney**, "who was captivated last March", about the peaceable disposition of part of

the Cherokees on the southern branches of the Tennessee River and stated that the arrival of Capt. **Looney** had inspired everyone with confidence.

John **Looney** had a grant from North Carolina of 160 acres on Possum Creek on October 23, 1782. This land was then in Sullivan County but after 1786 in Hawkins County (perhaps in Stanley Valley and near a 600 acre tract entered in 1784 by David (2) **Looney**).

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On 25 January 1784 Col. Joseph **Martin** wrote from Sullivan to Governor **Martin** that **Springston** had returned from certain Indian Towns with a letter from Arthur **Coody** dated January 11, 1784 at Chickammoggy about condition in the Towns. **Coody** says, "There has not been one horse brought into these Towns since the time you say there has been so many taken from the Kentucky road, except them that I left at Capt. **Looney**'s when up last."

Capt. John **Looney** and perhaps others of the name seem to have had high standing among the Indians as well as the settlers.

In State Papers of North Carolina, Vol. XVII, 11,12,13, one may read about Corporal John **Looney**, Cherokee Indian (born in 1776, nephew of Chief **Enolee**) who volunteered in the service of the United States under Andrew **Jackson** against the Creek Indians in December 1813, was wounded at Talladega and pensioned in 1842. In 1856 his widow, Betsey **Looney**, born ca 1796, declared that she was in 1815 in the Cherokee Nation married to said Looney, that he died 15 May 1846, in Washington, D.C., being there as a delegate, and she applied for bounty land. The History Oklahoma by T. B. **Thoburn**, p. 133, says the Act of Union was signed on behalf of the Old Settlers by John **Looney**, Actin Principal Chief, et al.

Another item of interest is the name Ah-tah- **Looney**, Turkey Town, Ala., listed with a family of 10 "full blooded" Cherokees on p. 16 of the Henderson Roll, the earliest census of Eastern Cherokees, taken in 1835.

North Carolina Warrant No. 1495 was issued 26, Mar. 1785, to William **Fowler** for 100 acres on north side of Holston River about one-half mile below the mouth of Garman Creek. Possession of the warrant was transferred to John **Looney**, Sr. by Thos. **King**, C.S. This land was surveyed by Thos. **King**, C.S. for John **Looney**, Jr. on 30 Oct. 1794. The land was in Puncheon Dame Valley of Hawkins County (Grant Book 3, 432; C, 170; 7, 650; at Nashville).

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About 1789 or 1790 John **Looney** purchased from Mark **Chambers** 40 acres on the north side of Holston River in Hawkins County near Caldwell's Corner. (Hawkins Deeds 1, 30.) On 16 Nov. 1790 he had a grant on Sinking Creek adjoining Thos. **Caldwell**. On June 1, 1792, John **Looney** obtained a grant of 200 acres on the north side of Holston River on both sides of Sinking Creek and joining Thos. **Caldwell**, Hawkins County. (Hawkins Grants, 341.) Almost immediately thereafter, however, on July 3, 1792, John **Looney** of Hawkins County sold the 160 acres on Possum Creek to Jno. **Wadde** and the next day, July 4, sold the 200 acre tract on Sinking Creek to Jno. **Locksmith**. (Hawkins Deeds 2, 20, 32.)

In "Early Travels in the Tennessee Country", p.341, it is stated that Andrew **Michaux**, French Botanist, took lodgings on 10, Mar. 1796, in the house of Captain **Loune** near the Cumberland River. A footnote says the river was really Holston River and the place was Knoxville. If the footnote is relevant it does not credit to Michaux. It is possible, however, that the Cumberland was meant and the host could have been Capt. John (3) **Looney** who probably crossed the Cumberland Mountains at about this time or earlier in progress toward

Middle Tennessee. Certain it is that he purchased 240 acres on 1 Jan. 1797, on the north side of the Cumberland River in Sumner County from Henry **Tourney**. (Sumner Deeds A, 90.) Sumner at that time included a very large area with eastern boundary at the Cumberland Mountains. Perhaps this land was in or near what in 1799 became Smith County. However, when John **Looney** sold 200 acres of it to Edward **Sanders** on 13 Dec. 1800, the transfer was recorded in Sumner County. The name John **Looney** is on a Sumner County petition dated 30 Sept. 1800, concerning the new county.

John (3) **Looney** was prominent in Smith County, Tennessee at least as early as 1800 when in Order Book 2, p.52, there is reference to a road from

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John **Looney**, Esq., to Esq. **Kavanaugh**'s; and John **Looney** attended court as Justice in June 1802 (p.63). On 3 Feb. 1806, he purchased, from Enoch **Enochs**, 100 acres in Smith County on Clear Fork Branch of Smith's Fork. (Smith Deeds B, 328.) This place was sold on 23 Feb.
1808 by John **Looney**, Sr. to Thos. **Whaley**, and on the same day John **Looney**, Sr. of Smith County sold to Josiah **Dunkin** 220 acres on Smith's Fork of Caney Fork in Smith County, the witnesses being John **Looney**, Jr. and John **Rentfro**. (Smith Deeds 3, 99, 101.) John (3) **Looney** was a Justice of the Peace in 1809 Smith County.

White County came from Smith in 1806 and in the first Minute Book, p. 23, 63, are records of a suit John **Looney** vs. Michael **Looney**.

Warren County was erected in 1807 from White County. The Bill for Warren County states that "The court shall be held at the home of Joseph **Westmoreland** on the South side of Barren Fork River near a large spring on **Looney's** trace." This trace could still be seen in 1941 where it traversed a farm owned by Thos. J. **Barnes** of McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee. Either John **Looney** or his son John obtained a North Carolina grant of 200 acres in Warren County on the waters of Collins River, as assignee of Sutton **Trulock** who had performed military service to the State of North Carolina. Grant No. 1641, under the **Trulock** Warrant No. 1446, dated 20 Nov. 1784, was surveyed to John **Looney** 19 Dec. 1807. (Warren Deeds A, 144.) Perhaps John **Looney** was an absentee owner, because on 25 Aug. 1810, he is described as of Smith County when he sold this whole tract of 200 acres to John **Strimett** of Warren County. (Warren Deeds A, 153-4.)

Thos. J. **Barnes**, who owned this tract in 1941, states that John **Looney** lived in Smith County in 1813.

The Minute Book of Smith County, 1808-1811, has numerous entries related to John **Looney**, Esq., one of the Justices of the Court, and others concerning Capt. John **Looney's** Company. The Justice was probably John (3) **Looney**, Senior, and the Captain was John (4) **Looney**, Junior.

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On 6 June 1808 John and Stephen **Renfro**, orphans, chose John **Looney** as their Guardian. When the Justices were ordered to take lists of tithables for 1809, John **Looney**, Esq., made returns on 7 Mar. 1809 of a list in Capt. John **Looney's** Company. At about these times there were several actions in court against John **Looney** for debt, but in some cases the plaintiffs declined to prosecute. Certain it is, however, John (3) **Looney**, Sr. once lived in Warren County and that he died before 15 Feb. 1819 when John (4) **Looney** of St. Clair County, Alabama, deeded to Elisha **Dodson** the plantation in Warren County, Tennessee, on Barren Fork of Collins River "where John **Looney** Sr. formerly lived". Witnesses were Isaac **Martin** and Wm. **Barnes**. (Warren Deeds D, 128.)

There are grants and other conveyances of land in Smith, Warren and many other counties of Tennessee between 1810 and 1818, some of which may be acts of John (3) **Looney** and some the acts of John (4) **Looney**.

It seems probable that John (3) **Looney** died in Smith County, Tennessee. On p. 374, 375 of Maury County Circuit Court Minute Book, 24 June 1820, in the case of Thomas **Hopkins** vs. John **Looney**, Garnishee:

"John **Derryberry** being summoned as Garnishee and duly sworn deposeth... he is executor of the estate of John **Looney** who was father to the Defendant and as executor of said estate has collected some money that the amount of the sales of said estate is $1720, that there is collected $30, or $40, that $70 are to be taken out of said $1720 that the balance of said $1720, is to be divided into 6 shares to 1/6 part of which the Defendant is entitled agreeably to the will of John **Looney**, Sr."

This is followed by a similar statement by John **Graham** who says he is the executor of John **Looney**, etc.

In 1941 the Register of Maury County could find no evidence either in County or Circuit Court records of said will, or that said deponents were appointed by Maury County courts. It is reported from McMinnville, Warren County, that no will could be found of record. In 1962 the Register of Smith County reported no record of John **Looney** other than deeds.

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Assuming that there was no widow living, and that one child, Robert 4, predeceased his father leaving no heirs, there may be assigned to Capt. John **Looney** and wife Elizabeth **Renfro** 7 children, tentatively as follows:

John (4) **Looney** b. say 1771 See 4th Generation
Robert (4) **Looney** b. say 1774
Martin (4) **Looney** b. say 1776 See 4th Generation
Moses (4) **Looney** b.6 Aug. 1780 See 4th Generation
Stephen (4) **Looney** b. say 1782 See 4th Generation
Daughter b. say 1784; married John **Derryberry**
Daughter b. say 1787; married John **Graham**

Note: Among Early Marriages in Washington County, Va. (see p. 1265 of Annals of Southwest Virginia by **Summers**) there is listed Peter **Lowny** to Catherine **Zimmerlie**, 15 Oct. 1794 by minister Jacob **Linck**. If this Peter was born **Looney** he was perhaps a son of Capt. John and Esther **Renfro Looney** and either dead or unknown to John's executors in Tennessee in 1820.

Moses (3) **Looney** is estimated born about 1745, probably on **Looney's** Mill Creek in Augusta County, Va. (This birth date agrees well with information from the Knoxville Register 17 Oct. 1838, that Sarah **Looney**, wife of Moses **Looney**, was born 1749.) When Adam (2) and Hannah **Looney** of Mechlenburg County, North Carolina, deeded 140 acres on **Looney's** Creek, Augusta County, Va., to Alex **Evans** on Oct. 2, 1765, the witnesses were John **Looney**, Moses **Looney**, and Christian **Epshear**. On Jan. 29, 1770, Moses **Looney** was an appraiser of the estate of Derby **Shea** of which David **Looney** was administrator. In Fincastle County records, Jan. 6, 1773, Moses **Looney** is mentioned as surveyor of a road from Muddy Creek to the County line. Moses (3) **Looney** was third of four defendants, heirs of Robert (1) **Looney**, sued by John **May** & Co. in Botetourt County, Va., 12 Feb. 1773. In the Lost State of Franklin, by Samuel Cole

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Williams, on pages 314, 315, it is said that the Court order of Fincastle County on May 3, 1774, for a lost of tithables in Capt. **Looney's** Company, refers to Moses **Looney**.

Moses (3) **Looney** lived in the Western Parts of Fincastle County in June 1776 and signed a petition asking for a division of the county. On Feb. 25, 1777, he was one of the appraisers of the estate of Wm. **White**, Washington County, Va. (David (2) **Looney** being surety for Anthony **Bledsoe**, the administrator). On August 27, 1777, Moses and David **Looney** were appraisers of the estate of Wm. **Purvience**, and on September 30, 1777, Moses **Looney** was mentioned as viewing a road. On May 9, 1778, Moses (3) and Samuel (3) **Looney** were appraisers of an estate and David **Looney** was a security. On November 20, 1778, Moses **Looney** was recommended for Lieutenant of Militia, Washington County, Va. (and Robert **Looney**, perhaps son of David (2) **Looney** was recommended for Ensign).

On February 7, 1780, at Moses **Looney**'s house, Sullivan County, North Carolina, was organized and Court was held there. On March 10, 1780, John **Snodgrass** entered 200 acres adjoining the plantation of Moses **Looney** and Robert **Gray**, perhaps in what is not Sullivan county, Tennessee. (Whitley's Tennessee General Records, 4, 32.)

The Revolutionary War papers of James **Anderson**, S1786, show service beginning 1 August 1780 under Capt. Moses **Looney** in a Militia Company of Mounted Gunmen. They went from Sullivan County to Charlotte, to Camden, South Carolina, and through the Waxsaw settlement to the Hills of Santee. In The Lost State of **Franklin**, p. 322, it is stated that Moses **Looney** was captured by Indians in 1781, but this was probably his brother Capt. John **Looney**. On 21 May 1782 Moses **Looney** moved, in behalf of Ann **Cross** administratrix of Samuel **Looney**, that Washington Court request Sullivan Court to choose guardians and settle with said administratrix. On October 1, 1783,

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the State of North Carolina granted to Moses **Looney** 383 acres in Sullivan County. Colonial records of North Carolina show that Moses **Looney** was Tax Collector of Sullivan County in 1784. Moses **Looney** was Captain of a company that served as a guard to Griffith **Rutherford**, Absolum **Tatum**, James **Robertson**, Archibald **Lytle**, and Anthony **Bledsoe**, Commissioners for ascertaining the bounds of the Military Reservation in 1784. On 2 October 1805 Moses **Looney**, Captain of the Guard to the Commissioners, certified that William **Reasons** was a soldier in his company and entitled to all pay and bounty. (Cert. No. 2, Capt. **Looney**, Box 2, Tennessee Archives. Edythe R. **Whitley**, Vol. 5, 31.)

In the 1784 convention at Jonesboro, Moses **Looney** voted in favor of a new state of Franklin, separate from North Carolina. In December 1787 he signed a petition of Inhabitants of the Western County to the General Assembly of North Carolina for separation. Later Moses **Looney** was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of North Carolina at Feyetteville in 1789 which ratified the Federal Constitution.

In the 1790's it seems that Moses (3) **Looney** removed to Knox County, Tennessee, which had been formed from Greene County and Hawkins County in 1792. In Early Travels in the Tennessee Country, p. 341, it is stated that Andre **Michaux**, French botanist, took lodgings, Mar 10, 1796, in the house of Captain **Loune** near Cumberland River. A footnote says this **Looney** was of the Sullivan County family and the river was really the Holston (new Tennessee), and the place was near Knoxville. The Lost State of Franklin, p. 315, says, "In 1796 David **Looney** was the leading Inn Keeper of Knoxville where he had removed." It seems unlikely that this was David (2) **Looney**, who at that time represented Sullivan County in the Tennessee Legislature and to who a higher title than Captain would have applied. It is unlikely that his son David (3) **Looney** had the title. If the footnote is correct the botanist lodged with

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Moses (3) **Looney**, but if the Cumberland River was indeed correct, then it may have been Capt. John (3) **Looney** (Robert 2) to whom reference is made by **Michaux**.

On October 14, 1800, Moses **Looney** of Knox County, Tennessee, gave a power of Attorney to General Daniel **Smith** to convey to Geo. **Ridley** 350 acres in Williamson County. (Deed J, 176) The will of Stephen **Rentfro** dated 19 Dec. 1802, proved 1804, and recorded in Knox County, Tennessee, names "Moses **Looney**, son of my wife," as executor. Tax list for 1806 shows Moses owned 320 acres and he was in Knox County.

When, in 1807 (Botetourt County, Va. Book 9, p.319), 218 acres on Craig's Creek, from the estate of Henry **Holstein**, Sr., were sold to Richard **Sommerfield**, it appeared that the Henry **Holstein** heirs included Moses **Looney** and wife Sarah of Tennessee. Thus Sarah (**Holstein**), wife of Moses (3) **Looney**, was a daughter of Henry **Holstein**, Sr.

In Knox County, Tennessee, in Estate Book 4, p. 17, there is recorded the will of Moses **Looney** dated August 2, 1823, with codicil of June 5, 1824, as probated at the October session, 1824. Capt. Moses **Looney** died 12 July 1824. (Knoxville Register, 16 July 1824.) In his will he names wife Sarah, and leaves to brother John **Looney**'s heirs $5; brother Benjamin **Looney**'s heirs $5; brother Samuel **Looney**'s heirs $5; sister Mary **Grimes**' heirs $5; nephew Samuel **Looney** $5; nephew Moses **Looney** $10; Jesse (**Looney**), son of my nephew Moses **Looney** $50; nephews Moses, Round, and Evan (**Looney**), sons of nephew Moses **Looney**, $50 to be divided; Evan (under 21 years), son of nephew Moses **Looney**, a new set of blacksmith's tools; Moses (**Looney**), son of nephew Samuel (**Looney**), a rifle. He also mentions John, son of Henry **Stephens**; Peggy (**Looney**), daughter of nephew Moses **Looney**; Absalom and Samuel **Looney**, sons of nephew Absalom (**Looney**); Eleanor (__?__), wife of nephew Absalom **Looney**. Absalom and Samuel (**Looney**), sons of nephew Absalom (**Looney**), are to have the home place after their father Absalom and his wife Eleanor use it. The will also provides that

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David **Holstein**, nephew of wife Sarah (**Holstein**), shall have certain land, but the codicil directs that Absalom and Samuel (**Looney**), sons of nephew Absalom **Looney**, shall have same. Negro slaves are to be free after faithful service to wife Sarah during her lifetime. Executors: Absalom **Looney**, John **Stephens**, Sr., Wm. **Lyon**. Witnesses: Thos. **Hudeburgh**, Jacob **Lonas**, and Jesse **Wells**. Witnesses to codicil: Edwin **Wyatt**, James **Colman**, Benjamin **Looney** (perhaps nephew)

Thus Moses and Sarah **Looney** seem to have had not surviving children. Judge Ben F. **Looney** of Greenville and Dallas, Texas, says the data from the Moses **Looney** will is in accord with his records taken from the Bible of his grandfather, Absalom **Looney**, who was executor of Moses (3) **Looney**'s will.

A brief account of the killing of a Moses **Looney** while engaged in the arrest of one Thomas **Faulin** is given by **Williams** on page 315 of The Lost State of Franklin. The date of the killing and the source of information is not given but one cannot reconcile this account with known data concerning Moses (3) **Looney**. Possibly it refers to his nephew Moses (4) (**Looney**) of Samuel (3) (**Looney**).

The 1830 census of Knox County shows Sarah **Looney**, 70 to 80 years, living with six slaves near Moses' nephew Absalom 4 of Benjamin 3. Sarah lived 14 years a widow and died 10 October 1838 near Knoxville. (Knoxville Register, 17 Oct. 1838.) Sarah's estate was administered in November 1838 by Absalom (4) **Looney**. (Knox County Estate Book 6, 289.)

Benjamin (3) **Looney** was, it is estimated, born about the year of his father's death, 1748, probably on **Looney's** Mill Creek, Augusta County, Va. On November 6, 1777, he lived in the lower part of Washington County, Va. and with his brothers John (3) and Samuel (3) **Looney**, stepfather Stephen **Rentfro** Sr., and others including Walter **Johnson** he signed a petition protesting the erection.

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of a court house. At a court of November 19, 1778 for Washington County, Va., it was ordered that Benjamin **Loony** and John **Loony** and others appraise the estate of Archibald **McNeil**. On February 29, 1780, Wm. **Tatum** entered 40 acres in Sullivan County, North Carolina, on the branch above Benjamin **Looney**'s and Joseph **Kinkaid**, including said **Looney's** sugar camp and the mill seat above **Hollis**' Cabbin; transferred to John **Johnson**. (Whitley's Tennessee General Records 4, 31.)

On 28 October 1782 Benjamin **Looney** had a grant of 200 acres on Sinking Creek in what after 1786 became Hawkins County, Tennessee. (Hawkins Deeds 1, 160.) On 10 October 1783 there was a North Carolina Grant No. 180 of 260 acres on Possum Creek, head of Big Creek, to Benjamin **Looney**. (Hawkins Deed 1, 118) This was then in Sullivan County, later Hawkins, and in Stanley Valley near a 160 acre tract granted to John (3) **Looney** 23 October 1782 (Hawkins Deeds 1, 158) and perhaps near a 600 acre tract entered 1784 by David (2) **Looney**. Benjamin **Looney** took up 500 acres on 2 December 1782 on Indian Creek, Fayette County, Kentucky. (Perhaps the Indian Creek that flows north into Cumberland River in modern Clinton County about 150 miles west of Moccasin Gap.)

According to an account by William (6) Gaines **Looney** (Absalom 2 Branch), Michael (3) **Looney** (ca32), his brother Jonathan (3) **Looney** (ca22), and Benjamin (3) **Looney** (about 35) went buffalo hunting northwest of Black Mountain in Harlan County, Kentucky. On their return, when near Cumberland Gap, they noticed some "whet rocks" where they had been exposed by the uprooting of a tree during a storm. It was late in the day and they did not stop, because they suspected the presence of Indians from the behavior of their horses, but pushed on some distance before camping. Next morning while backtracking for the whet rocks they were attacked. Ben was wounded and Jonathan captured. Sometime later

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while Ben was resting, perhaps mortally wounded, an Indian killed him, and Michael escaped with nothing but his flint-lock rifle and on charge which he needed to get food during the three day and night return trip on foot. (Jonathan escaped much later, after he was gradually permitted increased liberty of movement.) Query: Did they go as far as the 500 acre tract on Indian Creek that Benjamin had entered on 2 December 1782?

Judge Ben F. **Looney** of Greenville and Dallas, Texas, says Benjamin (3) **Looney** married Mary **Johnson** (b. 1745 + 5, 1830 census), and was slain by Cherokees at Cumberland Gap in East Tennessee, leaving 5 sons, Benjamin, John, Isham, Robert, and Absolom (**Looney**).

On page 12 of the Superior Court Enrollment Docket for Washington District of Tennessee, dated 1788-1804 there is a record of a law suit by William **Gardner** against the widow of Benjamin **Looney** who in 1779 lived in Sullivan County, North Carolina, on Sinking Creek and died in 1783, intestate, leaving under age Isham, Robert, and Absalom (**Looney**). (Presumably all children of Benjamin 3 were under age in 1783 when he was killed but in 1793 when the guardian answered there were only 3 minors.) Mary's answer is dated 27 March 1797; an answer by Walter **Johnson**, guardian for orphans, is dated 16 December 1793. It is stated that Ben had only 12 acres cleared in 1779. Since Mary and Ben had at least 5, probably 6, children they were probably married as early as 1768 when Benjamin was about 20 years old. It can be estimated that Benjamin 3

was born about 1748. The census of 1830 shows that Mary **Johnson** Looney was born 1745 + 5, and living alone except for one male and one female slave.

Mary **Looney**, widow of Ben, made a will dated 20 March 1830 in which she emancipated slaves and mentions: grandchildren; children of son Benjamin deceased; son John $5.00; son Isam $10.00; grandchildren, children of son Robert Deceased $1.00 equally between them; Alzina **Mullins** and Metildy **Looney**,

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children of son Absalom who was named executor. The witnesses were James **Johnson** and J. L. **Johnson**. (Hawkins Wills 1, 320.)

With reference to Johnsons, there is a Fincastle County, Va. deed February 10, 1774, John **Johnson**, 230 acres on Sinking Creek of Holston River. Walter **Johnson** of Sullivan County had grant of 260 acres in Stanley Valley 23 June, 1788, adjoining Benjamin **Looney** and Andrew **Forgey**, which he soon sold to John **Rhea**. This must relate to Benjamin 3 deceased. (Hawkins Grants, 16; Deeds 1, 8.)

On 10 August 1802, Isam **Looney** deeded to Jesse **Looney** 72 acres in Stanley Valley on Big Creek, part of tract widow Looney lived on. (Prentiss **Price**, genealogist , of Blountville, Tennessee, considers Jesse was a son of Ben and Mary **Looney**. He may have been first born and like Benjamin and John considered an adult when suit was instituted by William **Gardner** and dead before Mary made her will ca 1830.) On 9 September 1809 Isam **Looney** deeded to Absalom **Looney** 188 acres in Stanley Valley, both sides of Big Creek, land whereon Mary **Looney** and said Absalom (**Looney**) then lived, reserving to Mary her right of dower.

Thus Benjamin (3) and Mary (Johnson) **Looney** probably had:

Jesse (4) **Looney** b. 1769 See 4th Generation
Benjamin (4) **Looney** b. 1771. See 4th Generation
John (4) **Looney** b. 10 Sept. 1772 See 4th Generation
Isam (4) **Looney** b. 26 Oct. 1775
Robert (4) **Looney** b. say 1778
Absalom (4) **Looney** b. say 1782

Samuel (3) Looney

Samuel (3) **Looney** was born say about 1754, which was two years before his father's death; probably born on **Looney's** Mill Creek in Augusta County, Va. It is probable that he was named for his uncle Samuel **Looney** who "worked on

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the road" in 1752 and is not again found of record. Samuel (3) **Looney** married Ann __?__, perhaps about 1776 and settled on the Holston River one mile below the mouth of Beaver Creek. (Godspeed's East Tennessee, p. 913.) On 6 November 1777 he was supposed to be living in the lower part of Washington County, Va. (Formed from Fincastle County the same year) With brother John 3 and Benjamin 3, Stepfather Stephen **Rentfro** Sr., Stephen **Rentfro** Jr., and John **Rentfro**, etc., he signed a petition protesting the erection of a court house. In May 1778 Samuel **Looney**'s name was included on a list of drovers who served 30 days at 4 shillings per day under his brother Capt. John (3) **Looney**, bullock master, collecting stray cattle, beginning in August 1776.

On May 19, 1778, with his brother Moses (3) **Looney** and others he was appointed to appraise the estate of John **Keer** in Washington County, Va.; David (2) **Looney** and Abraham **McClelan** were securities for the administratrix, Jean (**McClelan**) **Keer**. Samuel **Looney** died or was killed soon thereafter and on May 18, 1779, Ann **Looney** was granted administration by Washington County, Va. on the estate of Samuel **Looney**, deceased. Within a year thereafter his widow married Elijah **Cross**, perhaps son of Britttain **Cross**, possibly of the part of Fincastle County that had become Montgomery County. Mr. H. H. **Smith** of Blountville, Sullivan County, Tennessee, a descendant of Elijah and Ann Looney **Cross**, says Samuel **Looney** was killed while fighting Indians. On May 21, 1780, on motion of Moses **Looney** in behalf of Ann **Cross** admx. of Samuel **Looney** deceased, Washington Court requested Sullivan Court to choose Guardians and settle with the said Admx.

On October 6, 1779, a tract of 394 acres joining "old **Renfrow**" and including an island in the Holston River, was entered in Washington County for Moses and Samuel **Looney**, orphans of Samuel **Looney**, deceased. This was

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surveyed October 26, 1785; the grant from North Carolina is dated July 10, 1788, and recorded July 8, 1814, in Sullivan County, Tennessee. This is the 400 acres entered 1 February 1780 by Anne **Looney** for Moses and Samuel **Looney**, orphans of Samuel **Looney**. It was surveyed 26 October 1785, adjoining Jas. **McKain** and Stephen **Rentfro** Sr. (Entry No. 1846, Nashville, Tenn.)

Samuel (3) and Ann **Looney** were married for about 3 years before he was killed and they had at least two sons:
Moses (4) **Looney** b. ca 1777. See 4th Generation.
Samuel (4) **Looney** b. ca 1778. See 4th Generation.

Ann, widow of Samuel (3) **Looney**, married (2) Elijah **Cross** and had Elijah **Cross** Jr., Jane **Cross**, Zachariah **Cross**, Abraham **Cross**, David Looney **Cross**, Rachel **Cross**, and Amanda **Cross**. Elijah and Ann lived, died, and were buried on a farm about five miles from Blountville, Sullivan County, Tennessee, on the South Fork of the Holston River.

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Fourth Generation

John (4) **Looney** (John 3) was born about 1771 it is estimated, probably in Botetourt County, Va., shortly before his parents sold their 213 acres to John **Patton** on 10 Nov. 1773, and about the time when his father as John **Looney** Jr. had assisted with the inventory of Robert (1) **Looney**, dec.,in 1771. John (4) is probably the John **Looney** Jr. who on 3 Nov. 1790 was commissioned Ensign in Hawkins County, N.C. (Territorial Papers, U.S.,Vol. IV, p. 437.) On 3 Oct. 1794 he had 100 acres surveyed on the north side of the Holston River, one-half mile below the mouth of Garmon Creek,land that John (3) **Looney** Sr. had obtained from William **Fowler**, who had entered same in 1785 on warrant #1495 (See John (3) **Looney** section).

John (4) probably migrated westward through Tennessee with or in advance of his father, Capt. John (3) **Looney**, and they were in Smith County about 1800 or earlier. John (4) may be he of Smith who went, temporarily, "to the Illinoise" in June 1804 as reported by Lee **Sullivan**, Sheriff of Smith County, in answer to a summons from Sumner County for John **Looney** who was wanted to give testimony.

John (4), or possibly his father John (3), obtained a North Carolina grant of 200 acres in Warren County on the waters of Collins River as assignee of Sutton **Trulock** who had performed military service to the State of

North Carolina. Grant No. 1641, under the Trulock Warrant no. 1446, dated 20 Nov. 1784, was surveyed to John (4) **Looney** 19 Dec. 1807. (Warren Deeds A, p. 144.) Nashville, Book C, p. 206.) Both John (4) **Looney** and his father John (3) lived in Smith County at this time. It is probably John (4) **Looney** who was appointed Capt. in the 16th Regt. of Tennessee Milita of

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Smith County on 18 Nov. 1807. The 200 acre tract was in the 3rd division, sections 34 and 35. The owner, John **Looney** was described as of Smith County on 25 Aug. 1810 when he sold this tract of 200 acres to John **Stinett** of Warren County. (Warren Deeds A, p. 153-4)

On 3 Dec. 1811 John **Looney** of Smith County sold to William **Overall**, the Looney home place, on the South Fork of Smith's Fork on the south side of Cumberland River. (Waren Deeds D, p. 80) Soon thereafter, on April 9, 10, and 13, 1812, John **Looney** of Smith County sold 3 other tracts in that county to Samuel **Garrison** 135 acres, to Jas. **Brown** 84 acres, and to Alex **Haas** 166 acres, respectively, all on Smith's Fork. (Warren Deeds D, p. 135, 84,161.) Then on 3 Aug. 1812 John **Looney** of Maury County sold Geo. D. **Staton** 155 acres on Collins River in Warren County: and on the same day to William **Barnes** 100 acres on same Collins River. (Warren Deeds A, p. 321, 329.)

Tentatively, then, it is surmised on the basis of these deeds that John (4) **Looney** removed from Smith to Maury County, Tenn., between 13 April and 3 Aug. 1812. Perhaps he went down the Cumberland to Gallatin in Sumner County where, in a Record of Bill of Sales, 1805-1818, under date of 10 June 1812, it is found that John **Looney**, Maury County, sold a negro man, Ned for $475. On 1 Sept. 1812 John **Looney** of Maury County sold to Richard **Hancock** of Wilson County, 20 acres of land for $100. (Wilson Deeds E.)

From pension application papers it is found that John (4) **Looney** from 24 Sept. to 19 Dec. 1813 served as Sergeant under Captain John **Gordon**, commander of the Mounted Spies, Tennessee Militia, in the Creek War, and was wounded in the right thigh so that he was totally disabled for manual labor. Immediately, however, on 20. Dec. 1813 he volunteered and served until 8 Feb 1814 as 2nd Lt. in Capt. John **Doak**'s Company, 1st Regt. of Mounted

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Riflemen, West Tenn. Volunteers under Col. N. T. **Perkins** on the expedition against the Creek Nation. They proceeded from Camp Carroll to Emuefou (?) and back, a distance of 314 miles. Less than two weeks after discharge John (4) **Looney** entered the 2nd Regt. of West Tenn. Militia as Captain of a Company under Col. **Lowry** and Lt. Col **Hammons** and served from 20. Sept. 1814 to 20 April 1815 as part of General **Taylor**'s Brigade on the expedition to Mobile during which they travelled 614 miles and were as far east as Pensacola. On 11 Jan. 1815 he was a superannuary at a general court-martial at Mobile.

Following his return to Maury County after these three tours of service he sold, on 5 Nov. 1815, land on Smith's Fork, Smith County, to Samuel **Lake** (Smith Deeds D. p. 281) and on 18 Nov. sold 210 acres on Globe Creek, six miles southeast of Columbia, to John **Brown**, in trust. (Maury Deeds F, p. 278) Then in 1816 he sold 215 acres, where he then lived in Maury County, to James **Davis**. (Maury Deeds F, p. 326)

His application for a pension is dated 15 Aug. 1817 in Maury County and the physicians certified to total disability. On 15 Feb. 1818 he sold to Thomas **Grant** 23 acres beginning on John **Brown**'s northwest corner. (Maury Deeds H, p. 401)

John (4) **Looney** left Maury county soon thereafter and went to St. Clair County, Alabama Territory, where he lived on 15 Feb. 1819 when he sold to Elisha **Dods** the plantation on Barren Fork of Collins River, Warren County, Tenn. "where John **Looney** Sr. formerly lived.": (Warren Deeds D, p. 128) Likewise, on 21 and 22 Feb., same year, he sold land on Clear Fork of Smith's Fork, Smith County, Tenn. to Lawernce **Lamberson** Sr. (Smith Deeds E, p. 106, 164)

The John **Lewney** family in St. Clair County in 1820 consisted of two males over 21 and 7 under 21; one female over 21 and two females under 21; with 12 slaves. (Ala. Hist. Qrly, 1944)

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Land Office records in Washington, DC and data received from St. Clair County records show that John (4) **Looney** bought land there in 1820, Oct. 13, 79.6 acres at $1.50 per acre, the E 1/2 of NE 1/4 Section 14, Township 14, of Range 4 E. On 26 Feb. 1821 he purchased the W 1/2 of the same 1/4 section at $1.25 per acre. Patent for the second purchase is dated 29 Nov. 1822. On Dec. 22, 1823 John **Looney** conveyed this NE 1/4 section to his son Henry **Looney**.

It is said that John (4) **Looney** and his son Henry (5) **Looney** first came to Alabama with **Jackson's** Army, liked the country and returned to settle in the Choccolocco Valley but stopped near Ashville, St. Clair County. John (4) **Looney** died before 15 Jan. 1827 when John **Chenault**, Sheriff, was appointed administrator.

John (4) **Looney** left a wife, Rebeckah **__?__** (born 1770-1780) who made her will 19 May 1841, proved 7 May 1842 naming sons and daughters. Supplementing the will with census and pension records, etc., one must conclude as follows concerning their children (probably all born in Tennessee):

Henry (5) **Looney**, b. 1797. See 5th Generation
John (5) **Looney**, b. 1805. See 5th Generation
Asa **Looney**, b. ca. 1806/07, d. after 1830, probably, and before 1841.
His heirs received $2 according to the will of Rebecca **Looney**, 1841.
Issac (5) **Looney**, b. 1808 See 5th Generation
Wiley (5) **Looney**, b. 1813 See 5th Generation
Absolem (5) **Looney**, b. 1814. See 5th Generation
Sophia (5) **Looney**, b. ca. 1808 or 1809, in Tenn., m. ca 1835 John **Cooper**,
b. 1806 in S.C. In 1850 they lived in Coosa County, Ala., with children;
Alameth **Cooper**; b. 1836

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Isaac **Cooper** b. 1837,
John **Cooper** b. 1839,
Pinkney **Cooper** b. 1841,
Oliver **Cooper** b. 1843,
Mary **Cooper** b.1845,
Hu **Cooper** b. 1847, and
Wm. **Cooper** b. 1849.

Malinda (5) **Looney**, m. 1830-1840, __?__ **Cooper** (Who was Beedy **Looney** who m. George **Kieves** in Madison County, Ala., 27 Oct. 1818; George **Chennault** on m. bond ?)

Robert (4) **Looney** (John 3) is a possibility that should be mentioned. His birth is estimated at 1774 at about the time his parents were preparing for the group migration to lower Washington County and the pre-Sullivan County called N.C. It is possible that he was the Robert who served in Capt. **Beard**'s Company of Guards in the Territory south of the Ohio in 1791, but Robert (3) **Looney** (David 2 **Looney**) is considered more likely for this service.

Robert (4) **Looney** probably moved westward in Tennessee, perhpas about 1800. But he could be the Robert **Looney** who was appointed Lieut. in a Cavalry Regiment, Washington district of Tennessee Militia on 30 July 1800. Certainly a Robert **Looney** was taxed in Warren county in 1812 (as were John and Stephen **Looney**, possibly his brothers).

Robert received a grant of 144 acres on Caney Fork of Collins River in Warren County dated 17 Nov 1813 as assignee of Robert **Drury** and Henry **Cross** (on their survey of 1808, entered 1810). (Warren Deeds A, p. 405)

Did this Robert (4) **Looney** die without direct heirs before his father's death in 1819 or 1820? Had he married Susan or Suasanna **__?__** who in 1825 married James **Fergus** in Cumberland County, KY?

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Marten ? (4) **Looney** (John (3) **Looney**) may have been born about 1776 in Washington County, Virginia. This suggestion is made because the same name Martin **Looney** is of record in the 1817-1819 Minute Book of White County, Tenn., and a father is needed for the famiily of Catherine **Looney** of Lauderdale County, Ala., with sons Stephen **Looney**, Martin **Looney**, George **Looney**, William **Looney**, and Joseph **Looney**. Furthermore, Moses (4) **Looney** (John 3) named a son Martin (5) **Looney**.

John (3) **Looney** was associated with Col. Joseph **Martin** (see Martin's letter of 25 Jan. 1784 to Governor Alexander **Martin** in the John (3) section) and may have named a son for him. Such a son may have m. Catherine **__?__**, say about 1798 and died before Nov. 1826 when Catherine **Looney** made her will which was proved 15 Dec. in Lauderdale County (Wills 5, 6, p. 272; inventory p. 316; appriasement p. 309; settlement p. 396, 16 Oct. 1827) She left personal property to Abraham **McCarty** and wife Mary **McCarty**, devising the balance to Martin **Looney**, George **Looney**, William W. **Looney**, Stephen **Looney** and Joseph M. **Looney**. Joseph **Rice** (or **Price** Rice) was named sole executor. Mary **Looney** had married 9 March 1820, Abraham **McCarley**. (Lauderdale Mar. 1,2.)

Therefore, the following children are assigned to Martin ? **Looney** and wife Catherine **__?__**:

Mary (Polly) **Looney** m. 9 Mar. 1820 Abraham **McCarley**.
Martin (5) **Looney** b. ca. 1800 See 5th Generation
George (5) **Looney** b. ca. 1805 See 5th Generation
William W. **Looney**, named in mother's will
Stephen (5) **Looney**, named in mother's will
James (5) M. **Looney** See 5th Generation

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Moses (4) **Looney** (John3) was born 6 Aug. 1780, probably in Sullivan County, pre-Tennessee. He moved westward in Tennessee with his father and was married in Warren County, Tenn., on 21 April 1809, by James **McDaniel**, J.P. to Mary **Guest**, daughter of Moses and Darcus **Guest** of Coffee County, Tenn. Mary (**Guest**) Looney was born in Tennessee 17 Oct. 1791. Moses enlisted 20 Dec. 1813 in Coffee County, Tenn., in

Capt. John **Dokes**' Company, 1st regiment of mounted Infantry, commanded by ;M. **Speeks**, in the war with the Creek Iondians. He was discharged 8 Feb. 1814.

At the 1830 census of Lawrence County, Ala., Moses and Mary **Looney** were settled there with eight sons and three daughters. He purchased 40 acres in that county on 30 July 1833. In 1840 they and two girls under 10 years are listed, also one boy of 10-15 years. Both Moses and Mary are listed there at the 1850 census, but Mary was with her daughter Mary A. **Bruce**. Moses (4) died 9 Jan. 1855, aged 74 years, 5 months, 3 days and Mary, his wife, died 27 Jan. 1857, aged 65 years, 3 months, 14 days. They are buried in Friendship Baptist Church yard on the line between Lawrence and Morgan Counties, Ala. His personal estate was sold on 19 May 1855. Thomas **Sparks** was administrator on 16 April 1856.

On 6 Oct. 1857, Wm. **Gibson**, Administrator of Mary **Looney**, deceased, receipted to the Clerk of Court, Grundy County, Tenn., for $608, part of Mary **Looney**'s share of the personal property of Moses **Guest**, deceased. (Grundy Wills 1, p. 38)

The tombstone of Moses is marked "Son of John and Elizabeth **Looney**". Among their children were:

Willie **Looney**, b. 28 Oct. 1810; d. 28 Aug. 1820
John William **Looney**, b. say 1813. See 5th Generation
Jeff **Looney**, b. say 1813 Reported by Jas. Weaver **Looney**

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Lydia Ann **Looney**, b. say 1815; m. 20 Jan. 1840 James **McDaniel** and d. in Memphis
Martin **Looney**, b. 1817 in Tenn. At the 1850 census of Lawrence Co., Ala., he was a boatman and lived with Margaret T. **Looney** b. 1834 in Ala. He bought land there in 1851.
Moses **Looney**, Jr., b. 1819 See 5th Generation
Wiley M. **Looney**, b. 28 Nov., 1820. in Morgan County, Ala., in 1840, married but without children at that time. Died 23 Aug. 1840
Son, b. ca 1821; missing at 1840 census
Dau., b. ca 1822; " "
Dau., b. ca 1824 " "
Son, b. ca 1826 " "
Joseph **Looney**, b. ca 1828; missing in 1850 census; d. 1885 or 6
Anderson **Looney**, b. 1832; living with Stephen A. **Bruce** in 1850; m. Nancy **Penn**; moved to Winston Co., Ala.
Mary A. **Looney**, b. 1833; m. Stephen A. **Bruce**
William **Looney**, b. 1836; "Black Fox"
Matinlde **Looney**, b. 1838; living in 1840

Stephen (4) **Looney** (probably John 3) is estimated as b. 1782 in pre-Sullivan County, Tenn. He probably moved westward to middle Tennessee with his father. Early records of Stephen are his appointment as Lieut. of the 29th regiment of Warren County Militia on 22 June 1810 and his taxation in 1812 in Warren County where his father John (3) and/or older brother John(4)

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had a grant on Collins River in 1807, and other grants. John (3) **Looney** and Robert **Looney**, possibly Stephen's (**Looney**) older brother, were also taxed in Warren county at about these times, but none of them is listed there at the 1820 Federal Census.

Stephen (4) **Looney** had a grant #11097 of 200 acres on Barren Fork of Collins River in Warren County 10 Dec. 1817. (Nashville Land Record) This land was sold 18 Feb. 1820 by Stephen **Looney** of "Elk County",. Miss. Territory, to Thomas **Hopkins** of Sullivan County, Tenn. (Warren Deeds C, p. 240) (Elk River is now southeast corner of Lauderdale County, Ala.)

Stephen purchased 159.33 acres in Lauderdale County on 23 July 1818 from Wm. **Fanning**. (Book A, Orphans Record 56, 71; also Gandrude 104, 12.) (The book, Orphans Record, makes one wonder if this entry refers to Stephen (5) (Martin 4) rather than to Stephen (4) of this section.) Then on 21 April 1821 Elizabeth **Looney** of Lauderdale County sold a slave to Isiah **Starkey**, and again on 28 Aug. she sold a slave to George **Guthrey**. Stephen obtained "further credit" on his land purchase on 13 Sept. 1821, final certificate 27 June 1831, and patent dated 7 Sept. 1832 to the NE 1/4 of Section 9 in Township 1 of Range 11 West. On 15 Jan. 1834, Stephen and Elizabeth **Looney** sold this land, the 159.33 acres for $1000. (Lauderdale Deeds 6, p. 274)

At the 1830 census of Lauderdale County, Stephen **Looney** is listed as only 30/40 but with female 40/50; also with two boys 5/10, one boy 15/20, one boy 20/30, and one girl 0/5, one girl 5/10, one girl 10/15. On 15 June 1831 S. **Looney** made an agreement with S. W. **Littleton**. (Lauderdale Deeds 5, p. 168)

Certainly in 1840 in Panola County, Miss., both Stephen and the oldest female are listed as 50/60, so they were born 1785 +/- 5. The children of Stephen and Elizabeth **Looney** may have included:

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Claiborne (5) **Looney**, b. ca 1805 See 5th Generation
Jesse (5) **Looney**, b. 1807 See 5th Generation
Nancy **Looney**; m. 28 July 1828 Tobias **Whitehead** (Lauderdale Marr. p. 95)
Benjamin **Looney**, b. say 1813; living alone at 1830 census of Lauderdale County; m. 14 July 1831 Ruth **Clark**. (Lauderdale Marr. 2, p. 255; 3 p. 27)
Moses **Looney**; m. 14 Aug. 1835 Lauretta **McNeil** (Lauderdale Marr. 3, p. 131)
Sarah Looney; m. 26 June 1836 by D. R. **Looney**, J.P. to Jefferson **Whitney** (Lauderdale Marr. 3, p. 150)

Possibly Jesse (4) **Looney** (Benjamin 3) was born about 1769. The reason for suggesting Jesse in this family is the deed of 10 Aug. 1802 from Isum (4) **Looney** to Jesse **Looney**, both of Hawkins County, for 72 acres in Stanley Valley on the waters of Big Creek, a part of the tract that the Widow **Looney** then lived on. (However, the consideration was $300 and this could have been a sale without indication of kinship) This Jesse is certainly too old for Jesse (5) **Looney** (Moses 4, Samuel 3) or Jesse (5) (John 4, Benjamin 3) No other record of such a Jesse is at hand, and he is not mentioned in the will of Mary **Looney**, widow of Ben in 1830. Did this Jesse die without issue, or at least without male issue, before 1830?

This Jesse is, however a possible father of Nancy **Looney**, "youngest child", b. 11 or 15 Jan 1801 in Hawkins County Tenn. Both her parents died when she was quite young. She lived with older sisters. At the 1830

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census of Hawkins, Margaret **Looney**, b. 1795 +/-5, appears to lived alone with a girl, 10/15 years, and a boy, 5/10 years. Was this Margaret also a daughter of Jesse (4) above and an older sister who cared for the orphans? Nancy owned a family of slaves when she m. Nathan **Strong** in Jan. 1821 near Tusecumbia in Lauderdale County, Ala. They lived there 16 years before moving to Clark County, Ark. in 1837. Mrs. Nancy **Strong** was living in Clark County, near Arkadelphia, Ark., in 1880 and that census should give her parents' birthplaces.

Benjamin (4) **Looney** (Benjamin 3) was born about 1771, probably in Botetourt County, Va., about two years before the **Looneys** and **Renfros** moved southward toward lower Washington County where his parents were living in 1777. By 1780 his father had a "sugar camp and mill seat above **Hollis**' cabbin" in Sullivan County, NC. The family probably lived in Stanley Valley by Oct. 1782 on Sinking Creek, later to be included in Hawkins County. On 20 Oct. 1792 Benjamin (4) **Looney** m. Mary **Galbraith** (b. 1 July 1774) daughter of Arthur and Mary (**Sharp**) **Galbraith**.

On 18 Nov. 1801 Arthur **Galbraith** for $200 deeded 200 acres in Carter's Valley (both sides of Valley Road), Hawkins County, to Benjamin (4) **Looney**. (Hawkins Deeds 3, p. 26) On 27 Nov. 1805 Benjamin **Looney** for $300 deeded 100 acres of this same land (adjoining Arthur **Galbraith**) to Joseph **Galbraith**. (Hawkins Deeds 4, p. 134.) On 26 Sept. 1807 Benjamin **Looney** witnessed a deed signed by John **Looney**. (Hawkins Deeds 6. p. 56) On 16 April 1808 Benjamin (4) **Looney** and R. (4) **Looney** (his youngest brother) witnessed a deed to Michael (3) **Looney** (Absolom 2) for land on Big Creek. (Hawkins Deeds 6, p. 190) On 5 Jan. 1816 Benjamin witnessed a deed from John **Slough** to John **Galbraith**.

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Polly (**Galbraith**) **Looney** was a widow when her father, Arthur **Galbraith**, died 21 Feb. 1818, leaving eleven heirs, including Polly **Looney**, widow of Benjamin. (Mary, wife of Arthur **Galbraith**, had predeceased her husband by about ten days.)

About four years later on 12 July 1822 Polly's youngest brother-in-law, Absolom (4) **Looney** of Hawkins County, deeded, in trust, to John F. **Johnson** of Hawkins and to John (4) **Looney** of Jackson County, Ala., certain livestock and furniture to secure Absolom's debt $214.50 to Benjamin (5) **Looney**, Jr. of Hawkins and $130 to Polly **Looney**, widow, of Franklin County, Tenn.

The will of Mary **Looney**, mother of Benjamin (4) **Looney**, 30 Nov. 1830, provided that $1.00 should be equally divided between her grandchildren, children of her son Banjamin, deceased. The 1830 census of Frankllin County, Tenn., shows that a female b. 1775 +/- 5 was living there in the household of her unmarried son Moses (4) **Looney**. In 1840 in Polk County, Mo., Polly was probably the older female still with Moses (4) **Looney**.

Information concerning the children of Benjamin(4) **Looney** and Mary (**Galbraith**) **Looney** has been furnished by G. W. **Looney** (grandson of Benjamin (5)) to his daughter May (8) **Stevens** and Dr. O. E. **Looney** of Paducah, Texas, and is here supplemented by census and pension records:

David R. (Riley ?) **Looney**, b. 2 Sept. 1793. See 5th Generation
Arthur G. **Looney**, b. 9 Feb. 1795. See 5th Generation
Benjamin (5) **Looney**, b. 31 Jan. 1796 or 7 See 5th Generation
Moses (5) **Looney**, b. 24 Jan. 1801 See 5th Generation
Mary **Looney**, b. 11 July 1802. Perhaps m. Dave **Lyons**.
A son was born in Tenn.
Also to be considered in this family (chiefly because they

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were located in Franklin County in 1830 where the mother Polly and her sons Benjamin (4) and Moses (4) were living at that date) are:
John (5) **Looney** b. say 1798 or 9 See 5th Generation

Anthony (5) **Looney**, b. say 1804. See 5th Generation

John (4) **Looney** (Benjamin 3) was born 10 Sept. 1774, either in Botetourt County, Va., or the lower part of Washington County. On May 29 1797 John (4) **Looney** purchased of Alexander **Martin** for 90 Pounds, land on the north side of Clinch River about 2 1/2 miles below Blackwater; the witnesses were Isam (4) **Looney** and A. (4) **Luney**, younger brother of John (4), who were aged 22 and 15 respectively. (Hawkins Deeds 2, p. 308) This land was probably only 5 or 10 miles west of **Looney's** Gap at the head of Stanley Valley. Possibly, also, it was John (4) **Looney** who purchased 195 acres on the south side of Clinch River from Jas. **Roberts** on 1 Mar. 1801. (Hawkins Deeds 1, p. 341)

According to Miss Pauline **Looney**, granddaughter of John (4), his wife was Mary **Garrison**. It is estimated that Mary **Garrison** was born about 1780 and that they married about 1796. According to Miss **Looney**, the family probably lived "near Knoxville, Tenn." in 1801 (when their son Jesse was born). However, in Oct. 1813, with his brother Isam (4) he filed a petition in Hawkins County, Tenn., to correct error in the N.C. grant #180, 12 Oct. 1783, on Big Creek to their father Benjamin (3) **Looney**.

John (4) **Looney** was probably among the first settlers on tribal lands of the Cherkoee Indians north of the Tennessee River in southern Tennessee and northeastern Alabama. Gov. Joseph **McMinn** of Tennessee told the Cherokee

Chiefs in Nov. 1818 that it was no longer possible to protect them from encroachment by the surrounding white people. In the spring of 1819 John (4) **Looney** sold a negro woman and 3 children to Samuel **Wilson**. Was John preparing to go to the Indian lands?

The instructions continued but in May or June of 1819 orders were issued for removal of the whites. Then in August the white inhabitants in the Cherokee country petitioned for and received "indulgence" for another year. Possibly some of these settlers were in what, during that year, became Jackson County, Ala., as well as those in pre-Hamilton and Marion Counties of Tenn. Among the 237 petitioners is John **Looney**, whose name follows those of Jesse **Bond** and Benjamin **Bond** and is near those of Joseph and David **Crawford**. Issac **Garrison** also signed with the same group. There were 3 separate petitions. The name of John **Looney** appears on the second. (National Genealogical Society Quarterly 23, 65 (1945).

John (4) **Looney** was commissioned a Justice of the Peace in Jackson County, Ala., on 4 Aug. 1820. (Civil Register County Officials, Vol. 1, p. 125) He was living there in 1822 when on 12 July his youngest brother Absolom (4) **Looney** of Hawkins County deeded to John F. **Johnson** of Hawkins and to John (4) **Looney** of Jackson County, Ala., in trust, certain livestock and furniture to secure Absolom's debts of $214.50 to Benjamin (5) **Looney**, Jr. of Hawkins and $130 to Polly **Looney**, widow, of Franklin County, Tenn.

John (4) **Looney** and family probably lived in Jackson County, Ala., at least until 16 Mar. 1827 when their son Jesse (5) **Looney** m. Ruby Crawford **Bond**. They are not found there in the 1830 census. According to the Oregon Historical Quarterly, vol. 32, p. 197, Jesse (5) **Looney**, after marriage in Ala. in 1827, went to Illinois, and was in Wisconsin in 1820 before he

went to Missouri. It is probable then that John (4) **Looney** followed a similar route, at least to Illinois, on his way to Ralls County, Mo., where he is listed in the census of 1830, aged 50/60, wife 40/50, with 2 boys 10/15, 1 female 20/30, 2 females 15/20 and 1 10/15. (It is not unlikely that John (4) **Looney** knew that some of his

kinsmen were in Illinois. David (3) (**Looney**) of David (2) lived in Randolph County, Ill., in 1820 and in Jackson Co., Ill. in 1830 with his son John (4) Spurgeon **Looney**. Later they were in Iowa County and in LaFayette County, Wisconsin.)

John (4) **Looney** bought land in the present Monroe County, Mo., on 10 Jan. 1829, 22 Mar. 1831, and 29 Oct. 1831, but whether John (4) or his son John (5) is not known. Isaac (5) bought land there 6 Nov. 1828 and Absolom (5) did likewise on 14 Sept. 1831. John (4) **Looney** and or some of his sons may have lived in present Monroe County, Mo., just west of present Ralls County, Mo. Possibly Ralls extended westward and included Monroe lands in 1830.

John (4) **Looney** bought 40 acres of land at auction in Greene County, near Walnut Grove, Mo., on 31 July 1838. This was the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section 16. On 26 Oct. 1838, as John **Looney** Sr., he entered 160 acres, the SW 1/4 of Section 15. On 7 Dec. 1838 he and wife Polly sold to Benjamin **Bond**, both of Polk County, 100 acres for $800; all in Township 32, Range 22 North. Then on 31 Dec. 1838, again as Sr., he entered 40 acres (cert. 1302), the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 15; also 80 acres, the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 9. John (4) **Looney** also owned 40 acres, the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 16, but no information is at hand concerning its acquisition. All or most of this land, 360 acres, seems to have been purchased for $1.25 per acre, and all was in Township 30, Range 23. On 15 Nov. 1839, with wife Polly, John **Looney**, Sr., for $200 conveyed to William **Looney** 160 acres of these lands. (Greene Deeds A., p. 238-9)

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John (4) **Looney** died in Greene County, Mo., near Walnut Grove and was buried on his own land on Whittenburg Prairie, Section 15, Township 30, Range 23. The grave was located by Opal Looney **Frye** of Walnut Grove in March 1963 about a mile SSE of Cave Spring. The headstone is inscribed: John **Looney**, born Sept. X 1774, and the foot stone: John **Looney** Die Nov. 16, 1839. This was a very important find for this branch of the family. The birthdate records nicely with that of 20. Oct. 1775 (family record) which Mrs. **Vanderheide** has found for Isham (4) **Looney**. (It will be remembered that Judge Ben F. **Looney** of Texas reported John and Isham as adjacent sons of Ben (3) **Looney** who was killed at Cumberland Gap in 1783. Both birthdates are in fair agreement with estimates furnished by the compiler to Mrs. Tina **Clause** in 1956 for births in the Ben(3) **Looney** family.)

Issac **Looney** applied 2 Dec. 1839 for administration of the estate of John **Looney**, deceased, and took the oath according to law. William **Looney**, John **Looney** and John **Lair** were securities on his bond. (Letter Record A, p. 121, 203 Probate Court. This should be reexamined; a list of the heirs may be given!) A list of John's property was made on 16 Dec. by Wm. **Parrish** and Martin B. **Gay**, and sworn to before Isaac **Looney**, J.P. The bill of sale of property sold at the residence of the deceased on 20 Jan 1840 totaled $1052 and was signed 21 Jan. by B. A. **Jones**, Clerk of Sale and sworn to in court 5 May 1840. A list of notes and accounts due amounted to $1164.04. The administrator listed the land on 4 Feb. 1840 -- $4696. Isaac also reported receipt of $192.11 from slave hire before they were sold.

Isaac (5) **Looney** died 15 Dec. 1842 before completing his administration duties. His widow, as administratrix of her husband's estate, thereupon acted at least to some extent, in settling the estate of John (4) **Looney**, perhaps until

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Feb. court 1843 when William **Looney** seemed already to be administrator de bonus non of the estate of John **Looney**, deceased, and as such he was "allowed $356.10 and that the credit be entered on the books as charged against Isaac **Looney**, dec. former administrator of said John **Looney**, decd." This credit was probably for inventoried items of notes and accounts that proved to be uncollectable. (Doubtless an important item of this sort was a note for $182.75 dated 23 Nov. 1819 and signed by A. (4) **Looney**, Senior, who must have been the youngest brother of John (4) **Looney**, then living in Knox County Tenn. Interest on this old note in the amount of $185.64 was also on the inventory and probably uncollectable. Another doubtful note was that for $150.00 due from John's son Absalom (5) **Looney**, who died probably soon after 21 Jan. 1841 before settlement of John's estate.)

If it be supposed that the court also granted another credit (not yet found of record) of $150.00 to the administrators, then the net collections from:

(1) notes and accounts ($1164.04 less $518.39) were actually	$645.65
(2) sale of house and farm effects	$1052.00
(3) sale of slaves	$4696.00
(4) received for salve hire	$192.11
Making a total of	$6585.76
on which 5% commission would be	$329.29
and expenses (reported before division) were $17.43 =	$ 346.72
Leaving to be divided between 12 heirs	$6239.04
i.e. for each	$ 519.92
as compared with the actually distributed share of	$ 520.00

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In the court files Mrs. **Vanderheide** found receipts from the legatees showing the amounts of cash received by each from Isaac, and then from Isaac's widow. In the final settlement dated 4 Nov 1845, William (6) **Looney** (Isaac 5) listed (separately) receipts for both cash and articles received and for indebtedness to the estate paid by the adminstrator for the legatees. The court received the final settlement as "the full amount of all his exhibits" and William (6) **Looney** was discharged from all further administration on the estate. The total of his list of receitps is recorded as $5536.04 but it omits one receipt of $133.50 that Mrs. **Vanderheide** found and the compiler sees evidence that another $88 was omitted from the final list. With these additions the total disbursements to 11 legatees (excluding Isaac (5)) were $5757.54 as compared with the available $6239.00. Or, in other words, a share of $481.46 for Isaac instead of $520.00.

(Note that no receipt was given by Isaac to himself as administrator either for his commission or for his distributive share in the estate. The shortage in his share came about principally because Isaac overpaid the widow Polly about $23 when he settled with her before he had charged for expenses or his commission, and because a tax of $20 was paid after computations had been made and settlements were in progress.

To summarize in a few words, the estate of John (4) **Looney**, both real and personal, was divided into twelfths, one for the widow, Polly **Looney**, and one for each of the children. Each share amounted to $520 and 16 2/3 acres of land. The children were:

Benjamin (5) **Looney**	b. 20 Oct. 1797	See 5th Generation
John (5) **Looney**	b. 18 Jan. 1799	See 5th Generation
Jesse (5) **Looney**	b. 15 Dec. 1801	See 5th Generation
Isaac (5) **Looney**	b. 3 Nov. 1802	See 5th Generation

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Absalom (5) **Looney**	b. ca. 1804	See 5th Generation
William (5) **Looney**	b. ca. 1813	See 5th Generation
Mary (5) **Looney**	m. James H. H. **Smith**	See 5th Generation
Martha (5) Looney	m. John **Smith**	See 5th Generation
Nancy (5) **Looney**	m. John **Robinson**	See 5th Generation
Margaret (5) **Looney**	m. John **Lair**	See 5th Generation
Lavinia (5) **Looney**	m. Rodham K. **Payne**	See 5th Generation

Sources for this record of the John (4) **Looney** family and his estate settlement are: Letter written in 1920 by Pauline (6) **Looney** (Jesse5) to Coyd A. **Looney**; census records of Tenn., Ala., and Mo., and of very great import, abstracts of Greene Co., Mo., court records made by Mrs. Julius **Vanderheide**, great-granddaughter of Isaac (5) **Looney**. Miss Pauline **Looney**, of Jefferson, Oregon, in 1920, was able to name John (4) and Mary (**Garrison**) **Looney** and all their children except the daughter Mary who married James H. H. **Smith**. (In the order in which the children are listed, the placing of all the girls after all the boys was almost certainly arbitrary.)

The details of the entries and sales of land by John (4) **Looney** and the conveyances that show how some of the heirs disposed of their inheritances of real estate are voluminous. They have been searched and copied by Mrs. **Vanderheide**. The inventory shows that John (4) **Looney** died possessed of 200 acres in Sections 9, 15 and 16 of Township 30, Range 23, In Greene County. In selling their inherited real estate their interests are figured in twelfths and 16 2/3 acres seems conveyed by each heir.

An important conveyance is recorded in Green County Deeds H, p. 596, dated 15 April 1850. Jesse **Grigsby** and Margaret sell to Joseph A. **Renshaw** an interest in 200 acres enterd by John **Looney** Sr., and divided at his decease. The **Grigsby**s had purchased their interest from John **Smyth** and wife,

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William **Looney** and Almiry **__?__**, his wife, Benjamin **Looney** and Polly, his wife, and Mary **Looney** the widow of said John **Looney**, Senior, deceased, "heirs of John **Looney** decd."

Even more important is the conveyance recorded in Greene Deeds G. p. 572, dated 22 Oct 1855 from William (6) **Looney** and Dorcas **Looney**, "legal heirs of John **Looney**, deceased" of County of Greene to Stephen M. **Dillard** of same, for 16 2/3 acres in Sections 15 and 9 of Township 30, Range 23. (8 1/3 acres in each section.) The consideration was $60.

William (6) M. **Looney** (as will appear later) was a son of Isaac (5) **Looney**, in fact the one who acted as administrtator of the estate of John (4) **Looney** after Isaac and his wife. The first wife of William (6) M. **Looney** was his second cousin Dorcas **Looney**, daughter of Alen (5) **Looney**. Their inheritanace of land as "legal heirs" of John (4) **Looney** Senior could only be through Isaac (5) **Looney**.

(At present it is not clear why William (6) M. **Looney**, the fourth child and third son of Isaac (5) **Looney** should be entitled to the one-twelfth interest in his grandfather's estate to the exclusion of his siblings. He did purchase from some of them their interests in certain lands that had been Isaac's. It is entirely possible that some of the quit claims were so executed as to cover Isaac's interests in the John (4) **Looney** inheritance.)

Polly **Looney**, widow of John (4) **Looney** was probably the female 50 to 60 living at the time of the 1840 census of Greene Co., Mo., in the home of her son William (5) **Looney**. It has been reported that Polly migrated westward with one of her daughters and emancipated her only salve just before she died in Sacramento, Calif.

(The settlement of the estate of John (4) **Looney** has been discussed in great detail because some question has been raised as to the relationship

of John (4) **Looney** to the administrator Isaac **Looney**. The family of John (4) and his wife Mary **Garrison Looney** has been written to include as their children all those who shared in the distribution of his estate, including Isaac (5) **Looney**, administrator. This has been done contrary to a firm belief among some of Isaac's descendants, particularly Mrs. Julius **Vanderheide**, who is by far the most interested and the most active investigator of the Looneys of Missouri, that Isaac was adopted by John (4) **Looney** but actually a son of Absalom **Looney** and Perhaps Sally **Martin**. The records of the estate settlement are in almost perfect order, and there is no doubt that Isaac and his estate shared as a son in both the personal and real estate of John (4) **Looney**. Moreover, there is no available evidence of any Absalom **Looney** who may have been a legitimate father of this Isaac (5) **Looney**.

Isam (or Isham) (4) **Looney** (Benjamin 3) was born 26 Oct. 1775, probably in the lower part of Washington County, Va., or Tenn., shortly before his father and others, including Walter **Johnson** and Stephen **Rentfroe**, Sr., signed a petition protesting the erection of a court house. (The birth date comes from old family papers of grandson John Findley **Looney**) Isam's boyhood must have been spent in Stanley Valley on sinking Creek, Possum Creek and Big Creek.

Isam **Looney** was under age on 16 Dec. 1793, when Walter **Johnson**, guardian for Isam (4), Robert (4) and Absolom (4) **Looney**, made answer to the suit by William **Gardner** against their mother Mary (**Johnson**) **Looney**, widow of Benjamin (3) **Looney**. On 29 May 1797 he was a witness when Alexander **Martin** deeded to Isam's brother John (4) **Looney**, land on the north side of Clinch River about 2 1/2 miles below Blackwater.

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At about this time Isam must have met Anne (or Amy) **__?__** who was born 29 Oct. 1780 in Tenn.

On 10 Aug. 1802 Isam (4) **Looney** deeded to Jesse **Looney** (his older brother?), both of Hawkins County, 92 acres in Stanley Valley on waters of Big Creek, part of the tract that the widow **Looney** lived on. On 9 Sept. 1809 Isam (4) **Looney** deeded to Absalom **Looney** (probably his youngest brother) 188 acres in Stanley Valley, whereon Mary **Looney** and Absalom **Looney** lived, on both sides of Big Creek, reserving to Mary her right of dower. (A David **Looney** witnessed this deed. Was he a minor, son of Robert (4) **Looney** and nephew to Isam(4)?)

Isham **Looney** was listed in Capt. **McCoy**'s Company in 1809 with 1 white poll and 72 acres of land. On 8 Feb 1809 he witnessed the will of Andrew **Forgey**. Isham was a juror in April 1812. With his brother John (4) **Looney**, Isam signed a petition in Oct. 1813 for correction of error in the grant No. 180 by North Carolina to their father Benjamin (3) **Looney** dated 12 Oct. 1783. Tennessee Grant No. 3345, dated 31 Mar. 1815, shows that Isham **Looney** on 12 Sept 1812 entered 100 acres on the headwaters of Big Creek in Stanley Valley, including part of the imporvement where said Looney lived. (Hawkins Grants 2, p. 119) This grant was issued 31 Mar. 1815.

Isam may have migrated southward and lived on Indian lands before it was legal to do so. His name does not, however, appear on the 1819 petition protesting of ejection of settlers from those lands, but three of his sons and several of his Stanley Valley neighbors did sign.

Isam **Looney** was in Jackson County, Ala., at the 1830 census with wife (several years younger) and 4 males and 4 females. He received $10.00 according to his mother's will dated 20 Nov. 1830. On 16 July of that year he paid cash for 80 acres of government land in Jackson County, Ala., in

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Section 21, Township 1, Range 7 East. On 11 Nov. 1831 Isam **Looney** of Jackson County deeded 172 acres in Stanley Valley to James **Johnson** of Hawkins County, Tenn., land where said Isam formerly lived, mentioning the line of Benjamin (3) **Looney**'s old grant. (Hawkins Deeds 14, p. 391)

By 1840 Isam (4) **Looney** and wife of same age group, i.e. born 1785 plus 5, was of Greene County, Mo., with only 1 boy 10/15 (Janioh). A neighbor was Wm. **Johnson**. Then in 1850 they were in St. Clair County, Mo. Then in that same county in 1860 Anna is a widow and living alone.

Isam (4) **Looney** died not long after the 1850 census. He made a will which should be sought for in St. Clair County, Mo., but Jesse (5) **Looney** was appointed administrator. Isam had willed $100 to Allen **Looney** and Jesse had required Allen to make a bond dated 15 Mar. 1852 agreeing to assume his share of any debts that might be established against the estate.

The Bible and family papers of a grandson, John Findley **Looney**, show that the children of Isam (4) and Anne (or Amy) **Looney** were:

Allen (5) **Looney** b. 17/19 July 1798 See 5th Generation
William (5) J. **Looney** b. 15 Sept. 1800 See 5th Generation
Mary **Looney** b. 7 Oct. 1802 (this may be the Polly who m. on horseback 3 Aug. 1837 Gideon **Ruyle**, son of Aaron **Ruyle**.
Benjamin (5) **Looney** b.5 Nov. 1804 See 5th Generation
Elizabeth **Looney** b. 27 Jan 1807 Lived with parents in 1830 in Jackson Co., Ala.
Jesse (5) **Looney** b. 27 Jan. 1807 See 5th Generation
Sally **Looney** b. 7 Feb. 1810 Lived with parents in 1830 in Jackson Co., Ala.
John (5) C. **Looney** b. 1 Dec. 1815 See 5th Generation
Nancy **Looney** b. 17 Feb. 1819
Ann **Looney** b. 13 Aug. 1823
Janioh **Looney** b. 19 Sept. 1828, Ala See 5th Generation

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Robert (4) **Looney** (Benjamin 3) was born in what was supposed the lower part of Washington County, Va., or in the Stanley Valley of pre-Tennessee about 1778. That he had children and died ante 20 Nov. 1830 is evidenced by his mother's will of that date in which she left $1.00 to be divided equally between the children of her son Robert **Looney**, decd. (Margaret **Looney**, who was 30 to 40 at the 1830 census of Hawkins County, seems too young for Robert's widow and too old for Robert's daughter-in-law.)

In 1946, Prof. Rupert **Taylor** wrote: " At Jasper, Marion Co, Tenn., where I expected to pick up some record of the Looneys who signed the petition of 1819, I found only deed books and a few entry books antedating 1865. From them I learned that Robert **Looney** was an original settler there on **Looney's** Mill Creek, though I did not find the grant or deed to his larger piece of property. The register said that land had continued in the Looney family until her day. The creek was known as Looney's as early as 1823, and I found an entry in Robert's name in 1829 for 100 acres. Lands of John **Looney** were mentioned 11 Oct. 1825 in **Bromley** to **Johnson**, but no deed or grant to him was found."

Marion County was taken from Cherokee Indian Lands in 1817. Robert (4) had an older brother, Benjamin (4) **Looney**, whose widow, Polly, lived just west of Marion County in Franklin County in 1822. Polly's son, Arthur (5) **Looney**, lived in Marion County at the 1840 census.

Among the children of Robert (4) **Looney**, then, there should be listed:

John (5) **Looney** b. ca 1800 See 5th generation

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Absalom (4) **Looney** (Benjamin3) was born in Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, Tenn. about 1782. (La. census 1850). In 1797, 29 May, when only 15 years of age, he and his brother Isam (4) **Looney**, aged 22, witnessed a deed from Alexander Martin to their brother John (4) **Looney**, who for L90 was purchasing land on the north side of Clinch River about 2 1/2 miles below Blackwater.

In 1803 he married Nancy **Long**, daughter of John **Long**, Sr. (b. 1750). (Nancy had a sister Jane b ca1775 and a sister Ruth b ca1776 who married **Leeper**; also a brother James Y. **Long** of Monroe County, Tenn., b. 1780. See papers filed in Hawkins County regarding the suit in chancery filed 25 June 1823 by **McKee Meen** and **Greenway** vs. John A. **Rogers** et al. (Absalom **Looney** & Co., S. **Wilson**, and S. **Powel**.)

On 27 Aug. 1804, Absalom (4) **Looney** witnessed a deed made by John **Looney** (Hawkins Deeds 6, p. 209). On Apr. 16 1808 A. **Looney** with brother Benjamin (4) **Looney** was a witness to a deed by Michael **Looney** for land on Big Creek. (Hawkins Deeds 6, p. 190). Either Absolom (4) or Absalom (3) (Absalom2) **Looney** was a member of a Masonic Lodge in Hawkins County, Tenn., in 1805. (Tennessee Cousins p 58.) The Absalom **Looney** commissioned on the 30 July 1808 at Lt. Commander of the 11th regiment of Hawkins County Militia was probably Absolom (4). (Recs. of Comms of Officers ion the Tenn. Militia 1796-1811, p. 59.) Many deeds signed A. **Looney**, Sheriff, from 1807 to 1811 show that he was Sheriff of Hawkins County for about that period.

On Sept. 9 1809 Absalom (4) purchased from his older brother Isam (4) **Looney**, for $150.00, 177 acres in Stanley Valley on both sides of Big Creek, land whereon Mary **Looney** and Absalom **Looney** lived, reserving to Mary **Looney** her right of dower. The witnesses were John F. G. **Johnson**, and David **Looney** (could be David (5) Reilly **Looney**), and Anthony **Stewart**. (Hawkins Deeds 6, p. 207.)

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In this year 1809 the name of Absalom (4) **Looney** was in the list of those in Capt. **McCoy**'s Company (with Isam (4) **Looney**, Michael **Looney**, and Mary **Looney** (widow)). Absalom had one white poll, no land, and 3 black polls; Mary had 164 acres and one black poll.

In 1810 Absalom (4) **Looney** seems, then, to be obtaining his second land-30 acres in Stanley Valley by Tenn. Grant No. 1879, 26 Dec. 1810. On 1 March following, he sold one of his slaves. Lucy, and her 2 year old child Jean, to John **Caldwell** for $420.

Absalom (4) **Looney** was Col. of Hawkins County Militia in 1812.

Absalom did not keep his land in Stanley Valley very long, but sold it on 20 Feb. 1814 to James **Johnson** for $1500-all 218 acres of it, on both sides of Big Creek, part of a tract granted by North Carolina Grant No. 180 to Benjamin (3) **Looney** and also the Tenn. Grant No. 1879 to Absolom (4) **Looney**-reserving to Mary **Looney** her right of dower. (Hawkins Deeds 4, p. 496.)

Then on 24 April 1816, by Tenn. Grant No, 3770 Absalom (4) **Looney** received 150 acres (perhaps on his entry of 11 Feb. 1813); also 45 acres on north side of Clinch River where Valentine **Collins** formerly lived. Again Absalom soon sold part of this land, 45 acres where Valentine **Collins** formerly lived, to James **Johnson** by deed of 5 Feb. 1817 for $250. (Hawkins Deeds 8, p. 64.) On April 30 1817 Absalom (4) **Looney** had a Tenn.

Grant No. 5093 for 10 acres on Big Creek and he sold this to Jacob B. **Groves** 6 May 1819. (Hawkins Deeds 10, p. 2 & 52.)

On May 20 1818 Absalom (4) **Looney** of Hawkins County sold to Jos. **McCalla** for $200, 100 acres in Gravelly Valley adjoining Thomas **Hopkins**, Wm. **Larkins**, and David **Looney**, on **Larkin's** Branch. (Hopkins Deeds 9, p 79.)

In the year 1818 Nancy (**Long**) **Looney** died. Her sister Ruthe (**Long**) stated that Nancy was in poor health for many years. Absalom (4) married (2) in 1818

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Eleanor ("Mellie") **Wilson** b. ca 1796, daughter of Samuel **Wilson** (1775-1853) and his wife Mary **Ingram** (1779-1859).

In or about 1821 Absalom (4) **Looney**, Samuel **Wilson**, and William **Powel** entered into partnership for the purpose of carrying on the mercantile business in Surgoinsville and purchased, as Absalom **Looney** & Co., a house and 2 lots in Surgoinsville (where Absalom lived in 1822); 3 other lots in Surgoinsville; an interest in a tanyard on lands of John A. **Rogers** in Surgoinsville; and with Thomas **Gillenwaters** formed a partnership for digging for salt in Poor Valley, and purchasing tracts adjacent to the salt wells, and purchased kettles and equipment for the salt making business; and **Powel** bought **Gillenwaters** interest, and Absalom **Looney** & Co. are indebted to the merchants in Baltimore, etc., etc.; now **Looney** deeds all his interest in the real and personal property of tan companies to **Wilson** & **Powel**, and also his interest in 23 acres adjoining William **Lyons**; 8 Jan. 1822. Wit: Wm. I. **Wilson** and Richard **Steel**. (Hawkins Deeds 11, p. 59.) (See Knoxville Register 4 Dec. 1821 for Private Acts of the Legislature for Benefit of Absalom **Looney** et al.).

On 12 July 1822 Absalom (4) **Looney** of Hawkins made a deed of trust of certain furniture, stock, and farming equipment to John F. **Johnson** of Hawkins and to John (4) **Looney** of Jackson Co., Ala., to secure payment of Absalom's debt of $214.50 to Benjamin (5) **Looney** of Hawkins Co., and $130 to Polly **Looney** (widow) of Franklin Co., Tenn. Wit: Sam'l **Wilson** and James **Johnson**. (Hawkins Deeds 11, p. 66.)

On 27 Aug. 1822 Absalom (4) **Looney** sold to William **Stuart** for $300 a house and lot in Rogersville (bought of Wm. **Hicks** and wife 28 May 1821). Meanwhile, on 18 Feb. 1822, John **Long** made a deed of gift to his five grandchildren, John (5) **Looney**, Alzina **Looney**, Joseph (5) M. **Looney**, Matilda C. **Looney**, and Absalom (5) **Looney**. Witnesses were: James **Johnson**, Nancy D. **Long**, and James T. **Long**.

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Absalom **Looney** and family removed to Knox County, Tenn. about 1822 and made their home with his uncle, Moses (3) **Looney**, who died soon, on 12 July 1824.

The Knoxville Register, issue 26 May 1824, contained a notice: The partnership heretofore subsisting between Absalom **Looney**, Samuel **Wilson**, and Samuel **Powel** of Hawkins Co., Tenn., usually conducted under the style of A. **Looney** & Co. was dissolved by mutual consent some years ago. Signed: Samuel **Wilson**, Samuel **Powel**.

Absalom (4) **Looney** was executor and probably principal legatee of the will of his uncle Moses (3) **Looney**, probated in 1824 in Knox Co. (There is another report that Absalom and family did not remove to Knox Co. until 1827.) In 1830 Absalom's mother, Mary **Johnson** of Hawkins County, named him as executor

and legatee of her will. (The date of her death and date of probate of her will has not been ascertained by the writer.)

At the 1830 census of Knox Co., Tenn., Absalom (4) **Looney** and wife Eleanor had in their household 5 males and 3 females, all under 30. His aunt Sarah, widow of Moses (3) **Looney**, lived alone, as a neighbor, except for 6 slaves.

A. **Looney**, of Knox County, on 29 Aug. 1831, deeded to James M. **Cooper** for $50, 25 acres in Carter's Valley. The witnesses were Benjamin **Looney** and Daniel **Wills**. (Hawkins Deeds 14, p. 200.) On 14 April 1834, Absalom **Looney** of Knox Co., Tenn., deeded to Henry and James **Patterson** of Hawkins Co., for $20, 35 acres including a place called the pond spring, on the waters of Marshall's Creek. (This was also called Big Creek.) The witnesses were Benjamin **Looney**, John **Looney**, Robert **Young**. (Hawkins Deeds 17, p. 102.)

In Nov. 1838 Absalom was administrator of the estate of Sarah **Looney**, wife of Moses (3) **Looney**. (Knox Estates 6, p. 289.)

In 1840 Absalom (4) **Looney** and wife were still in Knox Co., with 3 males and 5 females. (Their son John (5) **Looney** was also there as head of a household.)

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Absalom (4) and family removed to Sparta, Bienville Parish, La., between 1848 and 1850. At the census, taken Sept. 20 1850, their household consisted of Absalom **Looney**, 68, farmer; Ellender **Looney** 54; Benjamin F. **Looney** 17; Lucinda **Looney** 14 and Jane C. **Looney**, 12, all born in Tenn. (Bossier Parish census of 1860 should be searched.) Eleanor, mother of the above children, died 1858 or 1859; Absalom (4) **Looney** died in 1858 or 1859 in Bienville Parish, La.

The children of the first marriage were:

John (5) **Looney** b. 9 April 1804 See 5th generation
Alzira (or Eliza) **Looney** m. 26 Nov. 1829 **Mullens** (Knox Co., Marr.)
Joseph (5) McMinn **Looney** b. ca1813
Matilda G. **Looney** m. 15 Dec. 1831 Allen **Johnson** b. 1807
Moved to MO. 1841 where she d 1851, and he returned
to Hawkins Co. 1852 and m.(2) Polly, perhaps **Gamble**.
8 Children, including James L. **Johnson** 1840-1925.
Absalom (5) **Looney** b. 3 May 1818 See 5th generation

The children of the second marriage were:

Samuel (5) Wilson **Looney** b. 3 Aug. 1819 See 5th generation
Nancy Long **Looney** d. young 11 Sept. 1827
Robert Johnson **Looney** b. ca 1823 See 5th generation
Sarah **Looney** b. say 1825, m. 29 Dec. 1841, Knox Co.
John M. **Pearson**. Lived Bienville Parish, LA. in 1861.
Eleanor **Looney** b. say 1828, m. 20 Nov. 1846, Knox Co.,
Thomas Jefferson **Badgett**.
Mary I. **Looney** b. say 1830, m. ante 1850 Lemuel M. **Boyd**.
Living in Bienville Parish, La. in 1861.
Benjamin Franklin **Looney** b. 1833 See 5th generation

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Lucinda **Looney** b. 1836
Jane C. **Looney** b. 8 Oct. 1837; m. July 1859 at Sparta, La.,
to David Lee **Foster**. Their children included Lucy **Foster**, who
m. her 1st cousin Samuel Ingram **Wilson** (1848-1889).
Lived at Salem, Texas. She d. 10 Jan 1916 at Bryan, Texas.

Moses (4) **Looney** (Samuel 3) was born about 1777 in lower Washington Co., VA., or perhaps in pre Tennessee and probably was with the family of Elijah **Cross**, his stepfather, on a farm about 5 miles from Blountville in the South Fork of the Holston River. This could be the Moses **Looney** who was taxed in Roane Co., Tenn. in 1805.

On Feb. 15 1812, Moses (4) **Looney** deeded to Elijah **Cross** 197 acres in Sullivan County, Tenn., being one-half of the 394 acres entered 1 Feb. 1780, adjoining Jas. **McKain** and the 'older **Rentfro**' (N.C. entry #1806, Nashville, Tenn.), and recorded 8 July 1814 in Sullivan County.

On 29 Dec. 1819 Moses (4) **Looney** of Roane Co., Tenn., deeded to Wm. **Dalton** 80 acres on north side of Clinch River bought of James **Glasgow**. Then on 10 Mar. 1820, being still of the same county, he deeded 240 acres in Raccoon Valley of White Oak to Elijah **Billings** of Roane County. Moses (4) **Looney** gave receipt for $10.00 according to the will of his uncle, Moses (3) **Looney**, dated 1823.

The inventory of Moses **Looney**, Jr., appears in Estate Book 6, p. 438-9, Knox Co., Tenn. (See also Estate Book 7, Dec. 1841, p. 286; E. I. **Looney**, Admin.)

Judging from the will of Moses (3) **Looney**, dated 1823 (see account of Moses (3) (Robert 2 Jr. Branch)),

Moses 4 of Samuel 3 **Looney** had children:

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Jesse **Looney** was to receive $50 from the estate of his great uncle Moses (3) **Looney**. This money was left in the hands of Jesse's first cousin Absalom (4) **Looney**, executor of the estate of Moses (3) **Looney**.

The estate of Jesse (5) **Looney** is mentioned in the Estate Book of Knox Co. 7, p. 288-299; E. I. **Looney**, administrator.

Moses Round **Looney**

The estate of Moses R. **Looney** is mentioned in the Estate Book of Knox Co. 7, p. 287: E. I. **Looney**, administrator.

Evan I. **Looney** (under 21 in 1823) he was the administrator 3 times in Knox Co., Tenn. (1st) of Moses (4) Sr.; (2nd) of Jesse (5) ; (3rd) of Moses (5) R.

Peggy **Looney**

Possibly Moses (4) of this account was the Captain **Looney** of a company of 'regulators' who was shot by Thomas **Fallin** during a parlay during which **Fallin** himself had been suddenly shot by some irresponsible member of the company. The account is found in a **Draper** MSS 329, 14 DD 113; Letter of 1 Dec. 1942 and received by S. C. **Williams** in "Lost State of Franklin".

Samuel (4) **Looney** (Samuel3) was born about 1778 in the lower part Washington Co., Va., and with his brother Moses (4) was reared in the family of Elijah **Cross**, his stepfather, on a farm near Blountville, present Sullivan County, Tenn., on the South Fork of Holston River.

In 1812 Samuel (4) witnessed a deed from his older brother Moses (4) **Looney** to Elijah **Cross**. Possibly this Samuel **Looney** is he who witnesses the will of Thos. **Nanse** in Knox Co., Tenn., in 1818. Certainly he received $5 according

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to the will of his uncle Moses (3) **Looney** in 1823. His age is right for him to be identical with Samuel of the 1830 census of Rhea County, i.e. b. 1775 +5, wife over 50, with 2 girls over 10 and 2 over 20. In this Rhea County in Feb. 1832 he bought 2 cows, etc., at the sales of David **Bevins**. He was on jury in Rhea County 1834, 1835. In 1834 he was one of 5 petitioners for release of responsibility as surety for Samuel **McDaniel** and Abraham **Cox**, administrators of estate of Thos. **Cox**.

According to a published Biographical Review of Samuel's grandson, Hon. Wm. (6) A. **Looney**, Samuel (4) **Looney**'s wife was (Sarah) **Evan**, and Samuel (4) died near Knoxville at about 96 years of age. That would be about 1874.

By 1840 at the census he was living in Meigs County near Zachariah **Cross** (Elijah **Cross**). Samuel and wife were 60/70 and with them was 1 female 30/40. In 1850 they were both there and both 72 years old, i.e., b. 1778, and Sarah b. in Virginia. In 1860 he was 82 and alone except for a probable daughter, Ann B. **Blevins**, b. 1802, housekeeper.

It is estimated that Samuel (4) **Looney** and his wife Sarah **Evan Looney** had at least the following children:

Moses (5) **Looney** b. say 1796 See 5th generation
Anna B. **Looney** b. ca 1802; m. 3 Apr. 1828 Hugh T. **Blevins**.
As a widow, Ann B. **Blevins**, she was housekeeper for her father in 1860 in Meigs Co., Tenn.
William (5) Evan **Looney** b. say 1805 See 5th generation
John (5) **Looney** b. say 1810 See 5th generation
There were probably 3 other girls according to the 1830 census of Rhea Co., Tenn.

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Fifth Generation

Henry (5) **Looney** (John4 , John3) was born in Tenn. in 1797, which was before his grandfather, Capt. John (3) **Looney** migrated westward from Hawkins County to Warren and Smith Counties. Henry enlisted with his father Lt. John (4) **Looney** 20 Dec. 1813 and served until 10 Feb. 1814 on the expedition against the Creek Nation. (Henry refers to his father as Capt. **Looney**.) For military service Henry received land warrant #48848.

Henry came to St. Clair County with his father probably about 1818 or 1819. As Henry **Looney** he was commissioned Justice of the Peace in 18 March 1829. (Civil Register of Co. Officials, Vol. 1, p. 296.) At the 1830 census of St. Clair County, Henry was head of the family household, with **Rebecca** , probably mother, brothers Asa, Isaac, Wiley, and Absalom **Looney**; sisters Sophia and Malinda **Looney**.

It was not until 25 Oct. 1838 or 1839 that Henry married Jane R. **Ash** who was born in 1815 in Georgia. In 1840 at census he is found with wife, mother, brother Wiley, 12 slaves, and no children. In 1850 Henry and Jane **Looney** had Margaret A. **Looney** b. 1843, Elizabeth C. **Looney** b. 1845, and a male infant b. 1849.

Henry (5) bought land in St. Clair County in 1854 and 1855. A daughter Mary **Looney** and son George **Looney** were reported as unmarried. Pension papers show that Henry died 3 May 1876. Jane, his wife, died 8 Feb. 1901.

Children of Henry and Jane **Looney** included:

Margaret A. **Looney** b. 1843. Perhaps m. Jesse **Davidson**.
Elizabeth C. **Looney** b. 1845, m. Wiley **Yarborough** and had a daughter who
m. J. W. **Smiley** of Tyler, Texas.
George **Looney** b. 1849, who d. unmarried.

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John (5) **Looney** (John (4) , John (3)) was born in Tennessee in 1805 which was at about the time or soon after his father migrated from East Tennessee to Warren and Smith Counties. He came to Alabama Territory from Maury County about 1818 or 1819 with his father.

John (5) **Looney** was m. in St. Clair County, Alabama Territory, on 4 Feb. 1830 to Lucinda R. **Cooper** ('Cinderella **Cooper**', b. 1810 in South Carolina), sister to John **Cooper** of the 1850 census of Coosa Co., Ala.. They are listed in the 1830 census of St. Clair County.

On 27 Sept. 1833 John (5) sold to Asa **Trammel** the E1/2 of NW1/4, Sect 9, Twp. 14, Range 5 E. for $500; and not long thereafter they removed to Coosa County, probably 1835 to 1840, where in 1840 his family consisted of wife and 5 children. John was for many years a commissioner of Coosa County. He died 14 May 1868. His wife Lucinda survived him and died 28 Nov. 1876.

As judged by the 1850 census of Coosa County, their children, all born in Alabama, were:

Possibly a son	b. ca 1832; dead or gone by 1850.	
Rufus P. **Looney**	b. 1834; killed 22 July 1864 in CSA at Atlanta.	
Noah (6) C. **Looney**	b. 1835 or 1836	See 6th generation
Caroline **Looney**	b. 1838	
Oliver (Powell) **Looney**	b. 1840. A county commissioner. Daughter m. Judge A.D. **Beatley**; another m. George **McDonald**. A son Walter **Looney** m. Sadie **Bentley**.	
Mary **Looney**	b. 1842	
John J. **Looney**	b. 1844; In CSA and died at Camp Chase, Feb. 1865.	
Susan **Looney**	b. 1846	
Baby **Looney**, daughter	b. 1848	

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The Memorial Record of Alabama (Vol. 2, p. 971) in an account of Noah (6) C. **Looney** of Talladega Co., Ala., calls him son of John and Cinderella (**Cooper**) **Looney** and grandson of "John and Elizabeth **Looney** both of whom were of German descent." The tradition of descent from John and Elizabeth **Looney** is persistent. One recalls the gravestone inscriptions in the cemetery of Friendship Baptist Church, Lawrence Co.,

Ala. "Old" **Rentfro** was probably of German origin and proud of it. (See Ala. Historical Quarterly 4, p. 229; 1942; also Men of Special Note in Coosa, p. 178.)

Isaac (5) **Looney** (John4 , John3) was born in Tennessee ca 1808, probably in Warren County or Smith County and came to St. Clair Co., Ala., about 1818 after sojourns with his parents in Maury Co., Tenn. He bought land in St. Clair County as early as 1836 and in 1840 was head of household with wife, baby son Richmond **Looney**, 5 slaves, and 2 other white males of his own age group. In 1850, however, he seems a widower with sons:

Richmond **Looney** b. 1840
William **Looney** b. 1844

This Isaac (5) **Looney** is probably the Isaac b. 26 July 1807, who is reported to have m. (2)Melvina **__?__** and have gone to Texas where they both died in Milam County.

Wiley (5) **Looney** (John4 , John3) was b, 1813 in Tennessee, and bought land in St. Clair County in 1838; he m. about 1843 Lamideo W. **__?__** b. 1825 in Alabama. In 1850 their children were:

Wm. M. **Looney** b. 1844
James (6) M. **Looney** b. 1847. This may be James Knox **Looney** b. 8 Nov. 1846.
John **Looney** b. 1849

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Absalom (5) **Looney** (John4 , John3) was b. 1814 in Tennessee, m. 4 Feb. 1836 Nancy **Chennault** b. 1817 in Tennessee. They are listed in St. Clair County census in 1840 with 2 daughters under 5 years. In 1850 Absalom again is enumerated as living with his brother Isaac **Looney**, while Nancy **Looney** is head of another household with:

Frances **Looney** b. 1838
Rebecca **Looney** b. 1840
Elizabeth **Looney** b. 1841
Martha J. **Looney** b. 1844
Wm. J. **Looney** b. 1846

Martin (5) **Looney** (Martin4 ?, John3) was b. 1800 in Tennessee, probably in Smith County, where his grandfather, Capt. John **Looney**, lived at that time. On 10 Dec. 1828 he m. Sarah **Joiner** b. 1806 in Alabama. (Lauderdale Mar. 2, p. 74). At the 1830 census of Lauderdale County, Martin (5) **Looney** is listed as b. 1805 +5 with a female in same age group and a daughter under 5 years of age. Living with them in 1830 was a young man (perhaps Martin's younger brother Stephen or Joseph M. **Looney**) born 1810 to 1815 in Alabama. Joseph M. was an orphan at that time.

Both Martin (5) and Sarah **Looney** were in Lauderdale County at the 1840 census (still with an extra adult male) and with 5 children under 15 years. They were also in Lauderdale County at the 1870 census with children:

Lucinda **Looney** b. 1843
Sarah F. **Looney** b. 1846

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George (5) **Luny** (Martin4?, John3) was born ca 1805 in Tennessee, perhaps in Smith County. He married (1) 23 Dec. 1830 Elizabeth **Hammonds** (Lauderdale Co., Ala. Mar. 2, p. 197.) and (2) 21 or 31 Aug. 1837, Lucinda (Lucy) **Newton**, b. 1820 in Tennessee. (Lauderdale Mar. 3, p. 212.) He was living alone in Lauderdale in 1830 and the census listing indicates that he was b. 1795 +5.

In 1840 George (5) **Looney** was listed in Lauderdale County with wife as if both were born 1815 +5 and they had only 1 boy under 5 years. On 11 Jan. 1840 G. **Loony** made a deed to D. R. **Looney**, possibly a deed of trust on a mortgage. (Lauderdale Deeds 10, p. 213.) At the 1850 census George **Luny** (b. Tenn. 1805) and Lucinda (b. Tenn. 1820) were in Lauderdale with 5 children, all born in Alabama from 1838 to 1848, and with them lived Joseph **Luny**, laborer, b. Alabama 1834.

It seems possible that the children of George (5) **Looney** by first wife, Elizabeth, may have included:

Joseph **Luny** b. Ala. 1834, laborer
George (6) C. **Looney** b. Ala. 1836 See 6th Generation.
(Why, however, does the census of 1840, Lauderdale, show only 1 boy under 5 years?)

The children by second wife, Lucinda, to whom George (5) was married in 1837 were:

Mary **Luny** b. 1838 (Where was Mary in 1840?)
John **Luny** b. 1840
Joseph **Luny** b. 1842
Aneline **Luny** b. 1845
Nancy **Luny** b. 1848

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Joseph M. **Looney** (Martin4 , John3) was m. 23 Feb. 1837 by D. R. **Looney**, J.P. to Elizabeth **Lentz** b. 1820 in Tenn. (Lauderdale Mars. 3, p. 78.) Joseph's death may be inferred as between 1846 and 1850. At the 1850 census of Lauderdale County the widow, Elizabeth **Looney**, was listed with children, all born in Alabama:

William **Looney** b. 1836
Rebecca **Looney** b. 1837
Mary **Looney** b. 1846

Where was this family in 1840? At the 1840 census of Lauderdale an A. J. **Looney** was living alone.

John (5) William **Looney** (Moses4, John3) was born in 1812, probably in Coffee County, Tenn. He m. (1) 6 Jan 1831 in Lawrence County, Ala., Mary **Hamilton** (b. ca 1811 in Ala.) and (2) Sarah Grath (Crash) **Henson** of South Carolina (who d. 1916 in Memphis, Tenn.). John (5) William **Looney** bought land in Lawrence Co., Ala., in 1835 and in 1855. At the 1840 census there they had 2 boys and 2 girls under 10, and 2 older females lived with them. In 1850 he was a waggoner in the same county. John and his wife Mary had:

George W. **Looney** b. 27 Oct. 1833, d. 23 July 1834 (gravestone)
Mose **Looney** b. Oct. 1833, d. (illegible)
Madison **Looney** b. 1835 ("Matt")
Oliver **Looney** b. 1838
Ludemy **Looney** b. 1840

Thomas **Looney** b. 1842
James M. **Looney** b. 12 Mar. 1844, d. 12 Apr. 1844 (gravestone)
Francis Marion **Looney** b. 20 Oct. 1846 See 6th generation
Benjamin **Looney** b. 1849, d. in Miss.

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John and his second wife, Sarah, had:

Sally **Looney** d. in Memphis. Marr. George **Allen**.
Edison Lee **Looney** (Edgar) m. Beulah **Shoemaker**. Lived at Falkville, Ala.
Wiley **Looney** m. Margaret **Shoemaker**. He d. 1933.
Stephen Dore **Looney** See 6th generation

John (5) William **Looney**, father of this large family, dies at Danville, Ala., in 1886. Sarah, his widow, d. in 1916 and is buried in Memphis, Tenn.

Moses (5) **Looney**, Jr. (Moses4 , John3) was b. 1819 in Tennessee. He married 28 April 1841 Susan **DeVault** b. 1816 in Alabama. At the 1850 census of Lawrence Co., Ala., he was a carpenter and they had:

Frank **Looney** b. 1842
George **Looney** b. 1844
Simeon **Looney** b. 1845
Robert **Looney** b. 1848

In 1851 Moses **Looney**, Jr. purchased land in Lawrence County, Ala.

Claiborne (5) **Looney** (Stephen4 , John3) was born ca1805, probably in Smith County, Tenn., where his grandfather, Capt. John (3) **Looney** owned land at that time. He m. 29 Nov. 1827 Margaret **Heron** b. 1808 in North Carolina. (Lauderdale Marr. 2, p. 58) He is listed in Lauderdale County, Ala., at the 1830 census but was in Mississippi by 1837 and in Panola County, Miss., in 1840. Margaret seemed a widow there in 1850. Their probable children from census records were:

John **Looney** b. 1829 Ala. Wife Sarah **__?__** b. 1829 Ga.
Jordan **Looney**

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Jesse (5) **Looney** (Stephen4 , John3) was b. 1807 in Tenn., perhaps in Warren County, on or near Collins River where his grandfather Capt. John (3) **Looney** and his uncle John (4) **Looney** were active in land transactions at that time. He m. 26 Aug. 1830 Polly **Welsh** b. 1813 in South Carolina. (Lauderdale Marr. 2, p. 153.) At the census of 1840 they had removed to the 4th district, Northern Division of Tishomingo County, Miss. From census records and from family records of Mrs. Ralph C. **Ashmore**, Aiken, South Carolina, they had:

Elizabeth **Looney** b. ca 1833 Ala.
William **Looney** b. ca 1835 Ala.; d. at 24 years.
Martha **Looney** b. ca 1838 Miss.; m. Moore
Mary **Looney** b. ca 1839 or 1840
Julia **Looney** b. ca 1842

Cinderella Lou **Looney** b ca 1845, m. **Meeks**, who died leaving 4 children.
George (6) **Looney** b ca 1850 See 6th generation
George Washington **Looney** b. 16 May 1851 or 1852; m. (1) 22 Mar. 1874 in Ark., Martha ('Mattie') Amuthal **Short** b. 22 July 1856; and m. (2) Nannie Eugene **Ralls** in Ark.

David (5) R(iley) **Looney** (Benj4 , Benj.3) was born 2 Sept. 1793 in Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, East Tennessee. This maybe the David **Looney** who on 9 Sept. 1809 with John F. G. **Johnson** and Anthony **Stewart** witnessed a deed from Isam (4) **Looney** to Absalom (4) **Looney** for $150 for 188 acres in Stanley Valley where Mary **Looney** and said Absalom (4) **Looney** then lived.

David (5) Riley **Looney** was a Sergeant in Capt. Jonas **Laughmiller**'s Company (Hawkins County), Col. Ewin **Allison**'s Regiment, in the service of the United

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States from 10 Jan. 1814 to 25 May 1814. "David R. **Looney**, Sergeant, transferred to Capt. **Griffin**'s Company 27 Apr. 1814. Arthur **Looney**, Private, transferred to Capt. **Griffin**'s Co. 27 Apr. 1814." (Communication from Prentiss **Price**, dated Rogersville, Tenn., 10 Apr. 1948) Arthur was a brother to David (5) R. **Looney** the Sergeant, viz. Arthur (5) G. **Looney** b. 9 Feb. 1795. Upon comparing with the statements made by Arthur (5) G. **Looney** (see his account below) in his Bounty Land Papers, one finds substantial agreement.

Also, David Riley **Looney** had another brother, Benjamin (5) **Looney**, b. 31 Jan 1796, who named one of his sons Wm. Riley **Looney**. It is probably that David R. **Looney** of Madison Co., Ala., who on 10 Apr. 1823, sold 44 acres on waters of Cany Creek, near Pine Mountain and John E. **Johnson** in Little Poor Valley of Hawkins Co., to Jacob **Faust** for $150 was identical with David (5) Riley **Looney**. (Hawkins Deeds 11, p. 113) The witnesses were A. G. **Young**, B. A. **Bean**, and Wm. **Johnson**. Less than a year earlier David (5) Riley **Looney**'s uncle, Absalom (4) **Looney** had executed a deed of trust to John F. **Johnson** and John (4) **Looney** to secure money due to widow Polly (mother of David Rilly **Looney**) and her younger son Benjamin (5) **Looney**.

David (5) Riley **Looney** may have gone from Madison Co., Ala., to Louisiana, Parish of Terrebonne, where n 23 Oct. 1835, D. R. **Looney** and Jean **Bourdelache** bought 327.54 acres and on 1 Dec. 1835, transferred same to Jesse **Batey** and Henry C. **Thibadeux**.

At present there seems no further available evidence concerning this man.

Note on David **Looneys**:

1. David (3) **Looney** (Adam2) was in Huntsville, Ala. Territory and bought a lot in 1818. He also bought 10 bbls corn in January 1819 when the sales of Absalom (3) **Looney** (Absalom2) were held. Then with wife Isabelle, in March 1819 he sold the lot.

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2. David (5) R. **Looney** of above account sold his acreage in East Tenn. in April 1823 when he was styled as "of Madison Co., Ala."

3. David (4) Reasons **Looney** (Robert3 , David2) bought at Huntsville, Ala., in 1836, two tracts totaling 84 acres in Lauderdale County, Ala.

Arthur (5) G. **Looney** (Benj.4 , Benj.3) was b. 9 Feb. 1795, probably in or near Stanley Valley of Hawkins County, Tenn. He volunteered at Rogersville 10 Jan 1814 in Capt. **Longmiller**'s Co., Chile's Batt. Mounted Gunmen, East Tenn. Volunteers, as substitute for his uncle Isam (4) **Looney**, and was discharged 27 April 1814. On 8 Oct. 1814 he enlisted in Capt. **Cummings**' Co. of Tenn. Militia and was discharged 3 May 1815.

On 5 Jan. 1816 he witnessed a deed from John **Stough** to John **Galbraith**, and Aneas **Galbraith** was a witness also. (Hawkins Deeds 4, p. 516) Both **Galbraith**s were Arthur's uncles.

Arthur (5) G. **Looney** was married in 10 Oct. 1816 in Hawkins County to Mary A. **Morgan** b. 1802 in Tenn. They were living in 1840 in Marion County, Tenn. with 12 children. Near them lived Edward **Looney** 20/30 with female of same age group. In 1850 they lived in Bedford County, Tenn., but had no children less than 10 years old. Soon thereafter they removed to southern Illinois, perhaps via the Cumberland and Ohio Rivers, but according to tradition ox-drawn wagons were also used.

Arthur's application for Bounty Land (affidavit of 8 Mar. 1851) was signed at Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois. It appears from census records that their son Edward Morgan **Looney** preceded them to Illinois.

In 1860 both families were in Bollinger County, MO., post office Patton. The parents are there listed as A. G. **Looney** and Mary A., with daughters

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Margaret and Anna **Looney** (ages rather erroneously listed). In 1870 A. G. **Looney** was enumerated near Patton in Bollinger County, Mo., with wife Mary and daughter Margaret.

As late as 25 Mar. 1871, Arthur G. **Looney** of Patton, Mo., made affidavit concerning his service in the war of 1812. On 19 Dec. 1871 Mary A. **Looney** reported the death of her husband on 3 Oct. 1871, and she asked for a widow's pension.

The children of Arthur G. **Looney** and Mary A. (**Morgan**) Looney, as evidenced chiefly by census records (all born in Tenn.) were:

Edward Morgan **Looney**	b. ca 1819	See 6th generation
Benjamin F. **Looney**	b. ca 1820 or 21	See 6th generation
Catherine **Looney**	b. ca 1824	
Peggy **Looney**	b. ca 1830	
David **Looney**	b. ca 1836	
Elizabeth **Looney**	b. ca 1838	
Nancy **Looney**	b. ca 1840	
Anna **Looney**	b. ca 1848	

References: U.S. Pension and Bounty Land records: SO-5312, SO-7235, WO-7830; BLwt 13335 - 160-50; Federal Census records. Dictation by Geo. W. **Looney** (B. Marion (6), Benj. (5), Benj. (4), Benj. (3)) to his daughter Mary **Stevens**.

Benjamin (5) **Looney** (Benjamin4 , Benjamin3) was born 31 Jan 1796 or 7, probably in or near Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, Tenn. He was certainly still living in Hawkins County, Tenn., in 1822, and probably was married, when his uncle Absalom (4) **Looney** deeded to John F. **Johnson** of Hawkins and to

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Benjamin's uncle John (4) **Looney** of Jackson County, Ala., in trust, live stock and furniture to secure Absalom's debt of $214.50 to Benjamin (5) **Looney**, Jr. of Hawkins County and $130 to Polly **Looney**, widow, of Franklin County, Tenn.

Benjamin (5) **Looney** lived in Franklin County, Tenn., in 1830 with wife and four children under 10. He may have removed soon to the vicinity of Spencer, Van Buren County, Tenn. (The 1840 census there should be checked.) He removed to Missouri "in the forties". One boy died young in Tenn. They came through Kentucky, Illinois, and St. Louis about 1847. He was in Cass Township of Green County, MO. in 1850 (a widower) with five children born in Tenn. 1831 to 1839. He may have lived with others in 1860 and 1870 either in Green County or with his brother Arthur G. **Looney** in Bollinger County, Mo.

He was in Green County on 30 June 1870 when he made affidavit that his brother Arthur G. **Looney** served two tours in the War of 1812 to 1815. On 19 Dec. 1871 Benjamin (6) F. **Looney** and John M. **Johnson** of Bollinger County made affidavit that they had known Mary A. **Looney**, widow of Arthur (5) G. **Looney**, at least three years. Benjamin F. **Looney** was that son of Arthur (5) G. **Looney** who was born about 1820 or 1821 in Tenn.

Considerable data on this family has been furnished by Mary **Stevens** and her father George Washington **Looney**, grandson of Benjamin (5) **Looney**. They reported that Benjamin (5) married a sister to Sol **Holder**. She died in Tenn. about 1839. The children of this couple (all born in Tenn.) according to family records (and closely checked by 1850 census records for the last five) were:

Pleasant (6) **Looney** b. 12 Oct. 1823 See 6th generation
Anthony (6) S(tewart?) **Looney** b. 8 or 9 Oct. 1825 See 6th generation
J. B. **Looney** b 13 Dec. 1826 reported died young.

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Eliza Jane **Looney** b 2 July 1828; m. Ruben **Alexander** at Lebanon, Miss. and died at Springfield, MO. Their children were:

Helen **Alexander**,
Anthony **Alexander**,
Benjamin **Alexander**,
Ellen **Alexander**,
Viny **Alexander**, and
Mandy **Alexander**.

John (6) **Looney** b. 18 May 1831 See 6th generation
Francis (6) Marion **Looney** b. 2 Apr. 1833 See 6th generation
Lucy Ann **Looney** b. 25 Jan 1835, died Grayson County, Texas, 5 Feb. 1917; m. Bill **Thompson**. Children:

Benjamin **Thompson**,
Frank **Thompson**,
Isabel **Thompson**,
Becky **Thompson**, and
__?__ **Thompson** (daughter),

As a widow, Mrs. **Thompson** went to Grayson Co., Texas, with her father, probably after 1870.

William (6) Riley **Looney**	b. 27 Aug. 1836	See 6th generation
James (6) Madison **Looney**	b. 29 Aug. 1838	See 6th generation

Benjamin (5) **Looney** went to Texas, near Gainesville, probably after 1870, and died there in Grayson County. A descendent is Mrs. W. A. **Looney**, of Salina, Kansas, in 1963.

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Moses (5) **Looney** (Benjamin 4, Benjamin 3) was born 24 January 1801, probably in Certer's Valley, Hawkins County, Tennessee, where his father Benjamin (4) **Looney** purchased 200 acres from Arthur **Galbraith** in November 1801. At the 1830 census of Franklin County, Tennessee, Moses **Looney** and wife are listed in the 20 to 30 age group with one girl 5/10 and one girl 10/15. With them lived a female aged 50/60 who was probably Polly (b. 1 July 1774) widow of Benjamin (4) **Looney**. (Polly was in Franklin County in 1822 as evidenced by trust deed of her brother-in-law Absalom (4) **Looney**, mentioned above under Benjamin (4) (Benjamin 3) **Looney's** record. In 1840 Moses (5) is found listed in Polk County, Missouri, age 30 to 40 with one girl 15/20 and one female 50/60 who it seems probable was his mother Polly (actually 66 at that time). (It is unlikely that his wife, if living, was much over 40 at that time.)

He is probably the Moses who on 18 October 1839 witnessed a deed from Benjamin (5) **Looney** (John (4) and Mary **Garrison Looney**) and wife Mary to John (5) **Looney**, next younger brother to the grantor. It is not unlikely that Moses (5) and his mother Polly (**Galbraith**) Looney had followed Moses' uncle John (4) and his wife Mary (**Garrison**) **Looney** and their family to Missouri, and was nearby to serve as a witness when his cousins, sons of uncle John (4), had this land transaction.

No further information on Moses (5) **Looney** is available although several searches in census records of Polk and other counties of Missouri have been made for 1850 and 1860. Did he return to Arkansas, 1841, and then south to Louisiana, 1842?

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John (5) **Looney** (assigned to Benjamin 4, Benjamin 3) was born say 1798 or 1799, probably in or near Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, Tennessee. At the 1830 census of Franklin County, Tennessee, John was listed as 30 to 40, with wife in same age group and with two boys and three girls, all under 15 years old. This is the county where at this time his supposed brothers Benjamin (5), Moses (5), Anthony (5) **Looney**, and their widowed mother Polly were living.

Nothing further seems known of this John (5) **Looney**.

Anthony (5) **Looney** (Benjamin 4, Benjamin 3) was born say 1804, probably in Certer's Valley, Tennessee. At the 1830 census of Franklin County, Tennessee, Anthony **Looney** and wife are listed in the 20/30 age group with two boys and six girls. This is the county where his (supposed) brothers Benjamin 5, Moses 5, John 5, and their widowed mother Polly were living at that time. At the 1840 census of Franklin they were all gone unless Sally **Looney** (of "Crow Mountain"), 30 to 40, with three girls, was the widow of Anthony (5) **Looney**.

(Benjamin (5) **Looney** (Benjamin 4) had a son named Anthony S. **Looney**, born 8 October 1825.)

Benjamin (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3) was born 20 October 1797, probably on land that his father purchased of Alexander **Martin** on the north side of Clinch River about two or three miles below Blackwater and probably only five or ten miles west of **Looney's** Gap at the head of Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, Tennessee.

When he was a young man he probably accompanied his father John (4) **Looney** and others from Hawkins County in migrations to the Indian lands in southern

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Tennessee and northern Alabama, prior to 1818. Benjamin 5 was one of those who, like his father John (4) and his brothers John (5), Jesse (5), Isaac (5), and ABSlum (5) (sic) **Looney**, signed the petition of 1819 for permission to remain on their lands for a few months after the date set for their removal. All of these names except those of John Sr. and John Jr. were contiguous and on the 4th page of the third petition immediately following those of Joseph and James **Garrison**, perhaps their maternal kinsman. Benjamin (5) was only 21 at this time and Absalom (5) was only 15. It is not unlikely that the third petition was circulated farthest down the Tennessee River in Alabama, largely in pre-Jackson County.

According to the obituary of Benjamin (5) **Looney** he married in Alabama, in June 1818, Polly **Willis**. From Alabama he moved to north Missouri and thence to Polk County. His name is found in Ralls County at the 1830 census, and in Polk County 1840, 1850, and 1860. He arrived in Polk County during the early thirties. On 26 June 1836, a Presbytery met at his house and organized a Baptist Church.

On 1 May 1838 John (5) **Looney** and Elizabeth, his wife, sold 10 acres to his elder brother Benjamin (5). (Polk Deeds A, p. 290.) On 18 October 1839 Benjamin (5) **Looney** and wife Mary sold to John (5) **Looney**, both being of Polk County, 10 acres that had been entered by said Benjamin **Looney**. (Perhaps this was a division of land on a quit claim?) One of the witnesses was Moses **Looney**. That they, Benjamin and John, were brothers is known because John (5) and wife Samantha **__?__** sold 10 acres of the same description in 1851. (The Moses were listed in the 1840 census of Polk County as 30/40 with an older female 50/60, perhaps his mother. He could be the man, Moses (5), born ca 1801, a younger son of Benjamin (4) **Looney** and Mary **Galbraith**, who had lived in Franklin County, Tennessee, in 1830.)

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On 1 June 1840 Benjamin 5 receipted to Isaac **Looney**, administrator of estate of John (4) **Looney** for $391.33. On 14 June 1843 he receipted to Sally (4) **Looney**, administratrix of the estate of Isaac **Looney** (who had been administrator of John **Looney**) for $128.67 as a legatee of John **Looney**, deceased. The sum of these two receipts is $520 which is 1/12 share of the personal estate of said John (4) **Looney**, the father of Benjamin (5) **Looney**. Previous to 15 April 1850, Benjamin **Looney** and Polly **Looney**, his wife, conveyed to Jesse **Grigsby** the 1/12 portion that Benjamin had in the lands of John (4) **Looney**, deceased.

After the death of his wife Mary about 1863, Benjamin 5 married (2) on 2 Feb. 1865 Mrs. Mary Malisa **Reed**. The will of Benjamin **Looney** was proved 30 Jan. 1875. (Polk Wills A, pp 236-240). The inventory was dated 1 Feb. 1875. Final settlement was made 13 Jan. 1876. It is reported that he died 2 Jan. 1875 near Morrisville, Mo.

The children of Benjamin (5) **Looney**, in as far as the compiler has ascertained, probably included:

By wife Polly **Willits**:

Alzira **Looney** m. _____ **Ruyle** and had Wm. A. **Ruyle**.

Matilda **Looney** m. 3 Feb. 1836 Benjamin **Mitchell** and had
Sarah **Mitchell**.
Mary E. **Looney** b. ca 1845
(There was also a granddaughter Mary **Cunningham**.)
By wife Mary Malica **Reed**:
Benjamin Leonidas **Looney**
Jesse Edward **Looney** of Springfield, Mo. m. 17 Dec. 1885 Sallie
L. **McGuire** and had a daughter, Mrs. W. H. **Bailey**.

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William Stanford **Looney** m. 9 September 1893 Nettie **Utley**.
Lina **Looney**
Elizabeth **Looney**
Matilda (Mattie) **Looney**

John (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3) was born 18 January 1799, probably on Clinch River in northwestern Hawkins County, Tennessee. (A headstone placed by his son William Gion **Looney** reads "born 18 November 1799".) He probably accompanied his father and older brother Benjamin (5) **Looney** in migrations to the Indian lands in southern Tennessee and northern Alabama. Like his father and some of his brothers he signed the petition of 1819 for permission to remain longer on Indian lands.

The place John was married to Elizabeth **Littleton** is not known to the writer. According to a Bible record she was born 28 February 1800 and their second child was born in 1819. They were probably married in Alabama about 1817 and not enumerated in 1830. There is no room for them in the family of John (4) **Looney** in Ralls County, Missouri, in 1830.

A grandson, Dr. O. E. **Looney**, said in a letter, 1934, that his "grandfather John **Looney** took his family from west Tennessee to Missouri in 1835 settling near Bolivar", which is in Polk County. In another letter he says this was in 1834. John and family certainly reached Polk County, Missouri, before 1 May 1838, when with wife Elizabeth he sold 10 acres to his older brother Benjamin 5, also of Polk County. On 18 October 1839 John 5 purchased 10 acres from his brother Benjamin (adjacent to the above 10 acre tract). The family, of course, is listed in the 1840 census of Polk County. On 23 December 1840 John 5 and wife Elizabeth sold 80 acres in Greene County to Joseph **Weaver**.

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On 9 June 1842 John 5 purchased from his brother-in-law Roadham K. **Payne** (of Greene County) and Lavinia **Payne**, his wife, 80 acres in Polk County.

When John (4) **Looney** died in Greene County in 1839 and his son Isam (5) **Looney** applied for administration, one of the securities was John (5) **Looney** with William (5) **Looney** and John **Lair**). In the settlement of his estate, John (5) **Looney** on 1 June 1840 signed a receipt of $417.91 to Isam **Looney**, admin., one of $59.93 on 4 July 1843 to Sally **Looney**, administrator of Isam **Looney**, and another of $42.00 likewise to Sally **Looney**, all three for his interest in the estate of John **Looney**, deceased. The total is $519.90 (intended as $520, which 1/12 interest in the estate).

Elizabeth (**Littleton**) Looney, wife of John (5) **Looney**, died 21 July 1844 and John 5 m. (2) Samantha (**Holder**) Looney born ca 1818, daughter of Bledsoe **Holder** and widow of Benjamin (5) **Looney** (Isam 4, Benjamin 3, Robert 2).

John **Looney** and Samantha, his wife, sold to Jesse **Grigsby** (as did his older brother Benjamin (5) **Looney**) John's inherited 1/12 interest in the 200 acres of land in Greene County left by John (4) **Looney**. This is shown by **Grigsby**'s deed _____ April 1850 to Joseph A. **Renshaw**. (Green County deeds H, p. 576.)

In the 1850 census of Polk County John 5 is listed age 51 (b. Tenn.) with wife Samantha age 31 (b. Alabama and the children at home at that time were:

__cy (Lucy?) 29, b. Ala.; Anthony 17, b. Mo.; William C., b. __. (Ar?.)
_____.; Isaac, 14, b. Mo.; (G?)oyn 9, b. Mo.; Mary A. 5, b. Mo.;
_____ _, b. Mo.; Thomas 2, b. Mo.; Benjamin 1, b. Mo.

In Jan. 1841 John (5) **Looney** and his wife Samantha, Polk County, sold to ____ **Cunningham** 10 acres in Polk County that John 5 had purchased of his ____ Benjamin (5) and Polly **Looney** on 18 Oct. 1839.

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John 5 and wife Samantha may have left Green County soon after the sale of 10 acres to **Cunningham**, and further reports concerning him and his second family are meager. Dr. O. E. **Looney**, grandson of John 5 and Elizabeth **Littleton**, states that he never saw any of his father's half-brothers. John 5 went to Alabama and Texas. He died 10 January 1864 at Basin Springs, Grayson County, Texas.

The children of John (5) **Looney** and his wife Elizabeth (**Littleton**) Looney were:

Clinton (6) **Looney** See 6th Generation.

Nancy **Looney** b. 26 October 1823, Alabama.

Jesse (6) **Looney** b. 25 or 26 November 1825. See 6th Generation.

Rachel **Looney** b. 30 April 1828; m. 23 April 1844 (Polk Marr.). Leander Brown **Ruyle**. Their granddaughter is Bess Looney **Browning** (wife of Curtis).

Sally **Looney** b. 9 October 1830; d. 24 or 29 April 1833.

Anthony **Looney** b. 30 March 1833, b. Mo. (sic). Went to Oregon and settled on Columbia River.

William G. **Looney** b. ca 1834 Ala. (sic).

Isaac **Looney** b. 24 October 1835, Mo.; d. Sherman, Texas 1887.

Elizabeth Ann **Looney** b. 11 February 1838. Not in 1850 census. m. 8 August 1858 (Polk Marr.) Aaron Redman **Williams**.

William ("Goyn") G(u)ion **Looney** b. 24 May 1840, Mo.; d. 22 February 1932 Chickasha, Oklahoma, m.

(1) 11 September 1866 Martha Ann **Williams** (1842-1932).

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Children of John (5) **Looney** and wife Samantha were at least the following (several of whom were b. in Oklahoma):

Polly Ann **Looney** b. 1845, Missouri.

Luc (Louis) **Looney** b. 1846, Missouri.

John A. **Looney** Not listed in 1850 census.

Benjamin **Looney** b. 1846, Missouri.

Luther **Looney**

Margaret ("Sis") **Looney**

Tanie **Loonie**

Jesse (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3) was born 15 December 1801. His daughter Miss Pauline **Looney** says her father was born "near Knoxville", Tennessee, but our knowledge of John (4) **Looney** and his activities indicates that the family lived some miles up the Clinch River, perhaps on the 195 acres on the south side of Clinch that a John **Looney** purchased from Jas. **Roberts** on 1 March 1801 in Hawkins County.

With his father and brothers Jesse must have migrated southwestward, perhaps following the Tennessee River. By 1819 they were living on Indian lands, probably in what soon became Jackson County, Alabama, and Jesse signed the petition of 1819 immediately after Joseph **Garrison** and James **Garrison** and preceding his brothers Isaac (5), ABSlum (5), and Benjamin (5) **Looney**.

Jesse (5) married Ruby **Bond** on 16 March 1827 in Jackson County, Alabama. Ruby's middle name is given as Crawford in some accounts but as Crain by her daughter in 1920. Ruby was daughter of Jesse Walton **Bond** and Susannah (Crain) **Cowan**. Susannah was daughter of John **Crain** and Mildred **Walton**. Mildred was daughter of Robert **Walton** and Sarah **Farley**.

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According to the Oregon Historical Quarterly, Vol. 32, p. 197, Jesse 5 went to Illinois soon after his marriage, and was in Wisconsin in 1830 before he went to Missouri. Meanwhile, Jesse's father, John (4) **Looney**, reached northeast Missouri by 1830 or earlier. Jesse's younger brother Isaac (5) **Looney** purchased land in Monroe County, Missouri, on 6 November 1828.

The earliest presently available public record of Jesse **Looney** in Missouri is his entry on 160 acres in Greene County 15 October 1838. He is listed in the 1840 census of Polk County: John 30/40, wife 20/30 with one boy and two girls 5/10, and two girls under five. Although enumerated in Polk County, he owned 160 acres and lived in Greene County later, and on 10 September 1841 with his wife Ruby, he sold same to Joseph **McClure**.

In the settlement of the estate of John **Looney**, Jesse 5 signed three receipts, as legatee, amounting to $437.32. (This is $82.68 less than his 1/12 interest; presumably he still owed the administrator that amount as a balance due on his purchases at the sale.)

Further search in Greene County land records should show what disposition Jesse (5) **Looney** made of the 16-2/3 acres which he inherited from his father's estate.

Jesse (5) **Looney** and wife with six children joined the first great wagon train which left Independence, Missouri, 22 May 1843. There were over 1,000 people, over 100 covered wagons, and they made their own trail for five months, reaching Waiilatpu, near Walla Walla, in Oregon Territory in October, still 250 miles east of the Willamette Valley. Five or six died on the road and there were some 8 or 10 births. (Twins were born to the **Looney**s on the journey but died within a few days.) He wrote an informative letter to his brother-in-law Col. John C. **Bond** of Monmouth, Illinois.

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Jesse settled near Jefferson, Marion County, Oregon, where he died on 25 March 1869. His biography was published in The Oregonian 27 March 1869 (p. 2). Some account of the Oregon branch of the **Looney** family appeared in the same paper 1 August 1926 (Section 1, p. 11). See also the Oregon Historical Quarterly 27, 325; 32, 197.

Jesse brought three wagons, 14 oxen, 24 cows, also mares and a stallion. He settled in Chehulpun Valley soon called **Looney** Valley. He filed on a 320 acre donation claim and Ruby filed on an adjacent 320 acres. He further acquired land to a total of 4,000 acres. Mrs. Ruby **Looney** lived until 1900. The Oregonian states that Jesse was a cousin to President Andrew **Jackson**.

Jesse (5) **Looney** and his wife Ruby had the following children (as listed by their daughter Miss Pauline **Looney** in 1920):

Susan (6) **Looney** See 6th Generation.
Fauntleroy **Looney** d. soon after arrival in Oregon.
Mary Ellen **Looney** m. Abner **Gains**, son of Governor **Gains** of Oregon.
Benjamin Franklin **Looney** m. (1) Martha **Terhune**; m. (2) Josephine **Deardorff**.
William **Looney**
Norris Humphrey **Looney** m. Hattie **Clark**, daughter of Samuel **Clark**. Served in Oregon Legislature.
Addie Belle **Looney** m. A. J. **Fairbanks**.
Francis Marion **Looney** d. soon after arrival in Oregon.
John Bond **Looney** m. (1) Jane **Cox**; m. (2) Frances **Mallory**.
Jesse Walton **Looney** m. Mary **Gunssfus**.
Ruby Pauline **Looney** b. 11 April 1845 at Looney **Butts** (in Marion County, Oregon); d. 11 March 1927 (unmarried) at Jefferson, Oregon. D.A.R. No. 18917; Grand

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Matron, O.E.S.; Officer in Grand
Chapter of Oregon.

David Henry **Looney** See 6th Generation.

Frances Margaret **Looney** m. Wilbur F. **Cornell**.

Six of these children made the crossing from Independence, Missouri, to Oregon in 1843. It is reported that twins were born on the journey but died within a few days.

Isaac (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3), son of John 4 and Mary **Garrison Looney**, was born on 3 November 1802, probably in western Hawkins County, or some county created from Hawkins. The family migrated southwest and onto Indian lands and were probably living in northern Alabama by 1819 when Isaac and others of the family signed the petition protesting eviction.

He was married about 1820 or 1821 to Sally **Matthews** (b. ca 1806), perhaps related to John **Matthews** who also was among the 37 petitioners living on Indian lands in 1819.

Isaac 5 migrated to Missouri, probably with his parents and siblings in the mid or late twenties and entered or bought land in (the present) Monroe County 6 November 1828, in Section 24, Township 54, Range 10 West. At the 1830 census he was enumerated in (the then) Ralls County immediately east of Monroe. Isaac 5 migrated southwestward in the early thirties according to the History of Greene County and entered 160 acres, the NE, of Section 13, Township 31, Range 24, in Greene County on 5 November 1838. He is listed there at the 1840 census.

Meanwhile Isaac's father, John (4) **Looney**, died in Green County on 16 November 1839, and Isaac was appointed administrator of the estate. Unfortunately he

died 15 December 1842 and the unfinished task fell to his wife Sally who was appointed administrator of Isaac's estate. Then Sally was relieved of her duties, perhaps because she contemplated marriage with John **Saunders**. William (6) **Looney** (son of Isaac 5) was the final administrator of the estate of John (4) **Looney**.

Under these circumstances the final accounting was not as clear and explicit as desirable. It is possible to show, however, that Isaac (5) **Looney** and his estate received his full 1/12 share of $520 as a legatee and the administrator's fee of $329.29 even though no receipts for these two amounts were signed and filed. (The actual receipt is shown by an excess of the administrator's collections over his disbursements.) The deed records of Greene County also show that William M. **Looney** (who was son of Isaac (5) **Looney**) and his wife Dorcus on 22 October 1855 conveyed to Stephen M. **Dillard** 16-2/3 acres in Greene County, as legal heirs of John **Looney**, deceased. (Greene Co. Deeds G, p. 572.) Although Dorcas was b. **Looney** she was daughter of Alan (5) **Looney** (Isam 4), and not a heir of John (4) **Looney**. Presumably William M. **Looney** could convey Isaac's interest in this land (for which title lay solely in all the heirs of Isaac (5) **Looney**) because some, or perhaps all, of them had or did convey to William their undivided interest in the lands of Isaac **Looney**.

Isaac (5) **Looney** was buried in the front yard on his own 160-acre home place (purchased in 1838), perhaps 20 miles northwest of Springfield, near Walnut Grove, Missouri. His name on the stone was still legible in 1963. The 160-acre tract is located on Section 15, Township 30, Range 23.

The will of Isaac **Looney**, dated 30 November 1842 and proved 6 February 1843, left all property to his wife, Sally **Looney**, unless and until she should remarry. At such marriage the personal property was to be sold and the proceeds equally divided amoung his wife and children; the lands were to be similarly divided without a sale. To his son James Calvin **Looney** he bequeathed $100 for an education. The witnesses to the will were B. A. **Jones** and J. S. **Owen**.

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No executor was named in Isaac's will. Consequently Sally was appointed "administrator with the will annexed" and she signed and acknowledged the oath administration on 23 February 1843. After Sally's remarriage to John **Saunders** on 25 October 1849, the court appointed B. A. **Jones** as "administrator de bonis non with the will annexed" and he filed bond on 4 December 1849. (No report has reached the compiler showing any action by the widow.)

B. A. **Jones** filed (preliminary) accounts of 3 September 1850 and on 3 December 1851 from which it can be deduced that the personal estate totaled $3,191, that the widow and each of the 10 children received (or were entitled to receive) $264.90, and that $100 extra was reserved for James Calvin **Looney**, according to the will. No final accounting has been found.

Orphans Court records show that A. **Looney** was guardian for David R. and Isaac **Looney**, and Benjamin **Looney** for Arthur **Looney**.

The court records, some Bible records, and the census of 1850 for Greene County, Missouri, permit listing the children of Isaac and Sally **Looney** as:

*Absalom (6) **Looney** b. 17 October 1822. See 6th Generation.

*Jenny **Looney** b. ca 1824; m. William H. **Cook**.
They were living in Missouri as
late as 5 March 1868.

*Benjamin (6) D. **Looney** b. 18 June 1827. See 6th Generation.

William (6) Marion **Looney** b. 31 October 1829. See 6th Generation.

James Calvin **Looney** b. ca 1831. Had only one hand;
received $100 extra by father's
will for his education. Went to
Oregon as a young man.

*These five heirs for $100 to each of them jointly conveyed their undivided interest in Isaac's lands to William Marion **Looney** on 5 March 1868. (Cont.)

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*Louisa (6) **Looney** b. 12 June 1834. See 6th Generation.

Elizabeth **Looney** b. ca 1836; m. 10 May 1854 John D. **Burney**. On 21 May 1856 they conveyed to William M. **Looney** their interest in lands in Polk and Greene Counties. John D. and Elizabeth (**Looney**) **Burney** had at least the following children:

-- Arthur **Burney**
-- Sarah **Burney** m. A. L. **Holman**
-- James **Burney** m. Mary **__?__**
-- Bella **Burney**

*Arthur (6) **Looney** b. 16 July 1838. See 6th Generation.

David (6) R. **Looney** b. ca 1840. See 6th Generation.

Isaac **Looney** b. ca 1842 and perhaps d. at Battle of Corinth, Mississippi, 1862.

*(Cont.)
In 1860 Sally was head of a household with sons Arthur and Isaac; also a boy John **Davis**. Later Sally lived with her son Arthur **Looney**. On 27 December 1875 Sarah **Sanders** conveyed to her son William M. **Looney** her interest in NE1/4, S. 13, T. 31, R. 24, and other land.

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Absalom (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3) was born ca 1804 in east Tennessee and as a youth lived with his parents on Indian lands in the Tennessee Valley. In 1819 he signed the petition protesting the sudden removal of the white settlers from the Indian lands. He signed the petition as A B Slum **Lewney**, and was the youngest member of the family of John 4 to sign.

Absalom 5 participated in the family trek to Missouri and reached Ralls County in time to be enumerated at the 1830 census in Jackson Township, probably in the present Monroe County. His wife was the same age group, 20/30. They had one daughter 5/10, two daughters and one son 0/5. Thus they were married, probably in Alabama, about 1823.

Absalom entered land in (present) Monroe County, Missouri, 14 September 1831, but probably went southwest to Polk County in the early thirties. When John 4 died in Greene County in 1839, Absalom 5 was indebted to him on "account" $189. At the sale Absalom bought a bay horse for $56.

At the 1840 census of Polk County, Absalom 5 was in Mooney Township and had four children born before 1830 and five more. Absalom on 21 January 1841 signed, as legatee of John **Looney**'s estate, a receipt to Isaac **Looney** administrator for $418.62. Presumably he still owed on the horse and other articles a balance of $101.38, and that amount was deducted from his share of $520.

A clue concerning the wife of Absalom (5) **Looney** is a deed of 28 October 1840 from Absalom **Looney** and wife Mary **Looney** to Robert H. **Acock** for 40 acres in Polk County.

The signing of the receipt to Isaac on 21 January 1841 is the last act by Absalom (5) **Looney** of record. He probably died soon thereafter. Something concerning his death should be on record in Polk County where he lived in October 1840.

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Mrs. Rose **Hall**, granddaughter of Isaac (5) **Looney**, stated in March 1963 that she had always understood that an Absalom **Looney** was buried in the graveyard on the Isaac **Looney** farm. In the writer's opinion this tradition refers to Absalom 5, the next younger brother of Isaac 5 and it is not unlikely that the stone

erected in memory of Isaac was also intended to bear, and may have borne, the name of Isaac's brother, Absalom Looney. (Recent readings at the stone are not conclusive on this.)

Note: Mrs. **Hall** thought that the Absalom buried on the Isaac **Looney** place was father of Isaac. This accords with a widespread belief or tradition among Isaac's descendants that Isaac's father was known as Abb **Looney**. If John (4) **Looney** was named John Absalom **Looney** and familiarly known as Abb, the tradition would be more nearly in accord with the facts as they are so far known.

From the census record of 1840 for Polk County and other sources it is known that Absalom and Mary **Looney** had at least nine children:

Sarah **Looney** b. ca 1824. Lived in Polk County, Missouri

son b. ca 1825

daughter b. ca 1827

Betty **Looney** b. ca 1829

son b. ca 1831

Didama **Looney** b. ca 1833; m. (1) 17 June 1866,
Constatine **Henderson**;
m. (2) __?__ **Stockton** and had two sons:
Charles **Stockton** (father of Daniel) and
Looney **Stockton**.

Kenner Pain (or Preston) **Looney** b. 1835 See 6th Generation.

Archibald (6) Jesse **Looney** b. ca 1837 See 6th Generation.

son b. ca 1839

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In connection with settlement of the estate of Absalom (5) **Looney**, Kenner P. **Looney**, Didama **Looney**, and Archibald J. **Looney** conveyed interests in Township 32, Range 22, in Polk County to James H. H. **Smith**.

William (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3) was born about 1815, probably while his parents were living on Indian lands in southeast Tennessee or northern Alabama, where whites were not supposed to encroach. This birth date means that he was about 11 years younger than his brother Absalom 5. The 1840 census of Greene County, Missouri, lists both William and his wife as in the 20/30 age group. The interval between Absalom 5 and William 5 can be accounted for by assuming that three or four of the five daughters were younger than Absalom 5. The youthfulness of William is confirmed by the 1830 census of Ralls County, Missouri, where William is not listed as head of a household but where John **Looney** has only one boy 10/15 (viz, William) and three girls less than 20 years old. After the migration to Greene County in the early or mid thirties, William (5) **Looney** m. Elmyria **McClure** on 23 July 1838 (and John died 16 November 1839). Then at the 1840 census of Greene County, William is head of a household with one female 50/60 who is of course his widowed mother, Mary (**Garrison**) **Looney**.

On 1 June 1840 William **Looney** as legatee of the estate of John **Looney** deceased receipted to Isaac **Looney**, administrator of that estate, for $391.33. Then on 14 June 1843 William similarly receipted to Sally **Looney**, administrator of Isaac, for $65.81. If William owed $62.81 to his father's estate at that time it all agrees with his being entitled to $520 as a 1/12 share.

William (5) **Looney** and Almiry, his wife, like John **Smith**, John (5) **Looney**, Benjamin (5) **Looney**, and Mary, widow of John (4) **Looney**, conveyed their interests in the John **Looney** lands to Jesse **Grigsby** sometime before 15 April 1850.

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"The House of **Looney**", compiled by Coyd A. **Looney** of Estacada, Oregon, states that William was the only brother of Jesse who came to Oregon. (It would seem that he did not go all the way in 1843 but went to California first.) His descendants are said to live in the vicinity of Albany, Linn County, Oregon. His death is reported as caused by the kick of a horse while ferrying the Santiam River which forms the north line of Linn County.

Mary (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3), who married James H. H. **Smith**, was an older child in the John (4) **Looney** family, perhaps the first or second child. On 27 January 1842 he (**Smith**) signed a receipt to Isaac **Looney**, administratrix of the estate of John **Looney** deceased, for $400 as a guardian for his daughter Elender, a legatee of the said estate. (Since a 1/12 interest was $520 it may be inferred that $120 was due the estate from Smith and his wife Mary.) Their daughter, Elender **Smith**, married 4 January 1848 Edward J. **Adamson**. On 13 June 1853 Edmond J. **Adamson** and Elender Adamson of Lawrence County, Missouri, conveyed to Stephen M. **Dillard** 16-2/3 acres in Green County, Missouri. (This was 1/12 of 200, the acreage that John (4) **Looney**, deceased, held at his decease.)

Martha (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3) b. Alabama 13 January 1817, married 2 November 1832 or 1834 John **Smith** (b. 1 May 1815 in Mercer County, Kentucky) who married (2) Mrs. Nancy (**Looney**) **Robertson**. In 1841 John **Smith** signed receipts to Isaac for $391 and on 31 June 1843 to Sally for $8. It is shown that their indebtedness to the estate was $100 "on account" and $16.95 for articles purchased at the sale. The balance, inferred indebtedness is $4.25. Martha (**Looney**) **Smith** died at Bolivar 4 August 1844 and John **Smith** had married Nancy

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(**Looney**) **Robertson** before 15 April 1850 when John **Smith** and wife deeded to Jesse **Grigsby** their interest in the lands of John (4) **Looney**, specifying transfer of 3/12 interest. This interest was composed of 1/12 each for Martha and Nancy and 1/12 for John and Margaret **Lair** (who conveyed their interest to John **Smith** on 8 February 1842).

Nancy (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3) m. 29 January 1834 in Greene County, Missouri, John **Robertson**, who died between 5 July 1841 and 21 June 1843 when Nancy **Robinson**, administrator, signed the third receipt for their 1/12 share of the personal estate of John (4) **Looney**, deceased. (Three receipts, two by John **Robertson** and one by Nancy, totaled $430.77; known indebtedness was $65.60, leaving inferred indebtedness $23.73.) Mrs. Nancy (**Looney**) **Robertson** m. (2) John **Smith**, widower of her older sister Martha (**Looney**) **Smith**. It is reported that John **Smith** and wife Nancy went to Oregon in 1849.

Margaret (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3) married John **Lair**. His receipt of 1 June 1840 for $392.38 plus accounts due of $60.11 show that they must have owed an additional amount of $67.56 to the estate of John (4) **Looney**, deceased. As above stated they sold their interest in the lands of John **Looney**, Sr. on 8 February

1842. That they did not go to Oregon on the first great wagon train in 1843 is evidenced by John **Lair**'s action in 1844 in collecting from Sally **Looney**, administrator of Isaac **Looney**, the balance of $51.77 due to Lavinia (**Looney**) **Payne** from her father's estate. Their receipt was witnessed by B. A. **Jones**.

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Lavinia (5) **Looney** (John 4, Benjamin 3) married Rodham K. **Payne**. They sold 80 acres on 21 August 1838 to Absalom (5) **Looney** and on 9 June 1842 80 acres to John (5) **Looney**. R. K. **Payne** signed a receipt on 1 June 1840 to Isaac **Looney**, administrator, for $468.23. Another receipt for $51.77 to Sally **Looney**, administratrix of Isaac, was undated, but after 21 February 1844, and signed by John **Lair** for R. K. **Payne**. The total is $520 (and thus no indebtedness to the estate of John **Looney**, deceased, is inferable). It is reported that they moved to Oregon on the great wagon train in 1843.

Possibly the **Payne**s had a daughter Rachel who with husband John H. **Hastings** on 13 November 1852 deeded lands to Stephen M. **Dillard**. These lands were certainly adjacent to, and may well have included an interest in the lands left by John (4) **Looney**, deceased.

Allen (5) **Looney** (Isam 4, Benjamin 3) was born 17 July 1798 in the western part of Hawkins County, perhaps in Stanley Valley on the waters of Big Creek. He lived with his parents in Hawkins County at least until 1815, but by 1819 Allen 5 and his brothers William J. and Benjamin **Looney** were on Indian lands and signed a petition protesting their ejection. This was probably in Alabama Territory, Jackson County, where his father settled a few years later.

On 15 August 1822 Allen married Elizabeth **Bledsoe** (b. 6 August 1804 in South Carolina, d. 6 September 1872). They were living near his father Isam (4) **Looney** in Jackson County, Alabama, at the 1830 census with two daughters, one 5/10 and the other 0/5. With this family lived a female 60/70 who is unknown to the writer. (Could this be Elizabeth **Bledsoe**'s mother?) Allen's daughters at that time were Mary Ann **Bledsoe** b. 1824 and Dorcas **Bledsoe** b. 1827.

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On 19 August 1830 Allen (5) **Looney** gave Power of Attorney to John **Copenheifer** to sell land for which patent had not yet been issued. Allen **Looney** bought 80 acres from John **Stewart** in Jackson County, Alabama, on 11 October 1831.

Like his father, Allen removed to Missouri in the thirties. Allen went after the birth of his daughter Frances A. **Looney** in 1837, and in 1840 is found in Greene County with Mary Ann (b. 1824) listed 15/20, and Dorcas (b. 1827), listed 10/15, Sally (b. 1831) listed 5/10, John F. (b. 1834) listed 5/10, and Frances A. (b. 1837) listed 0/5. Also there appears in Allen's household at this census a boy listed 15/20. Was this the Jesse **Looney** b. 25 November 1825, son of John (5) and Elizabeth **Littleton Looney**? This man married 15 February 1844 Mary Ann **Looney**, eldest daughter of Allen (5) **Looney**.

Allen and Elizabeth **Looney** remained in Greene County and are listed there in the census of 1850 and 1860, although his father removed to St. Clair County, Missouri, before 1850.

On 18 November 1852 Allen **Looney** bought 80 acres from B. A. **James** and Polly Ann **James**, his wife, for $275.

On 9 April 1858 Allen and Elizabeth **Looney**, his wife, sold to John F. **Looney** for $200 75 acres of land in Section. 11, Township 31 of Range 24.

Allen (5) **Looney** died 8 August 1872 and his wife Elizabeth died 6 September 1872. W. H. **Cook** applied for administration of the estate on 15 October 1872. A sale was held on 26 October 1872. The land seems to have been sold to John F. **Looney** by a series of quit claim deeds from various heirs to the said John F. **Looney**.

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Note on Greenway:

The Allen **Looney** family papers indicate that William **Greenway** married Elizabeth and had:

Betsy **Greenway** b. 24 January 1790. (Did she die young?)

Elizabeth **Greenway** b. 6 or 7 April 1792.

George **Greenway** b. 27 October 1799.

Polly Ann **Greenway** b. 23 November 1801.

James **Greenway** b. 26 December 1803.

Jesse and John **Greenway** b. 11 April 1807.

There is also a statement that: "Grandmother **Looney** was Elizabeth **Greenway**, b. April 6, 1792. Her mother and father were William and Betsy **Greenway**."

Again, "from an old Bible": "Allen **Looney** and Elizabeth **Bledsoe** married August 15, 1822."

"From old papers", Elizabeth **Bledsoe** born 6 August 1804, died 6 September 1872.

Some have thought that Allen may have married twice. He might have m. (1) Elizabeth **Greenway** who died without issue but she was six years older and all of his children were born after the marriage to Elizabeth **Bledsoe** 15 August 1822. So, why in such a case should descendants speak of their Grandmother **Looney** as a **Greenway**? Possibly a clue is found in another old written fragment, "Grandmother __?__ Elizabeth **Greenway** was her mother." That is, a grandchild of John F. **Looney** might be thinking of the wife of John F. **Looney** as "Grandmother", and in that case saying that Elizabeth **Greenway** was the mother of John F. **Looney**'s wife. Elizabeth **Greenway** (b. 1792) was scarcely old enouth to have been mother of Elizabeth **Bledsoe** (b. 1804).

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The children of Allen **Looney** and his wife Elizabeth **Bledsoe Looney** were:

Mary Ann **Looney** b. 26 Jan. 1824; m. Jesse(6) **Looney** (John(5) John (4))
her 2nd cousin. See Jesse 6th Generation.

Dorcas **Looney** b. 5 April 1827; m. Wm. (6) Marion (Isaac(5)
John (4)) her 2nd cousin. See Wm.(6) Marion, 6th Generation.

Salley **Looney** b. 22 Nov. 1831; m. __?__ **Holder**.

John(6) F. **Looney** b. 25 Sept,. 1834 See 6th Generation

Frances A. ("Frankie") **Looney** b. 24 Nov. 1837, Ala.

Lewis A. **Looney** b. 24 Feb. 1841, Mo.; m. 13 June 1861, Alice M. **Lawrence**. Living in Dennison, Texas in 1877.
Children in 1870: Ada **Looney** b. 1859, Charles **Looney** b. 1864

Rachel E. **Looney** b. 18 Jan. 1844; m. 12 Nov. 1863 to John A. **Christian**

Nancy Jane **Looney** b. 10 April 1848; m. (1) James T. **McKinley**. Living near Dallas, Texas in 1877; m. (2) ? **Parks**.

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William (5) J. **Looney** (Isam(4) Benjamin(3)) was born 15 Sept. 1800 in western Hawkins County, Tennessee, perhaps in Stanley Valley. By 1819 he was living on Indian lands along the Tennessee River and in the summer of 1819 be probably signed the petition from 237 settlers to the Secretary of War protesting their removal. He was probably the man who signed as William G. **Looney** with his brothers Allen and Benjamin and several cousins. This was on the last page of the third petition. The group my have been located in Jackson County of Alabama Territory. At the 1830 census he was not living with his parents in Jackson County, Alabama.

Benjamin (5) **Looney** (Isam(4), Benjamin(3)) was born 5 Nov. 1804 in western Hawkins County, Tennessee. He was living on the Indian lands in northern Alabama in 1819 and with brothers and cousins signed the settlers petition that summer to be allowed to harvest their crops. He lived with his parents in Jackson County, Alabama, at the 1830 census.

This must be the Benjamin who about 1834 married Samantha **Holder**, b. 1818, daughter of Bledsoe **Holder** and Elizabeth **Stewart** (and sister to William Lawson **Holder** b. ca 1819, who married Mary (or Maryon) **Looney**, daughter of John and Elizabeth **Littleton Looney**). Benjamin died soon after his marriage. Benjamin and Samantha **Looney** had:

daughter b. ca 1835; died young.
William (6) January **Looney** b. ca January 1836 (See 6th Generation)

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Jessie (5) **Looney** (Isam(4), Benjamin (3)) was born 27 January 1808 in western Hawkins County, Tennessee. He was probably living on the Indian land along the Tennessee River in Northern Alabama in 1819 but was too young to sign the petition with his brothers and cousins.

No record of Jessie(5) has come to light in Alabama. He lived with his parents in Jackson County, Alabama at the 1830 Censes. He was married almost immediately thereafter to Polly and they lived in Alabama at least until the birth of their daughter Sarah **Looney** ca 1835.

Jessie **Looney** purchased 40 acres in St. Clair County, Missouri, from his brother John C. **Looney** and wife Sally for $50.00 (See St. Clair Deeds D, pg. 375).

Information concerning this family can be obtained from the Probate Records of St. Clair County, Missouri, Box 71.

From census records, the children of Jessie and Poly **Looney** were:

Son b. 1831, left home before 1840
Matthew T. **Looney** b. 1833; m. April 1856, Senah **Davis**
(See box 100, Probate Records of St. Clair, Missouri).
Sarah **Looney** b. 1835, Alabama
Son b. 1837; d. bef. 1850
Son b. 1839; d. bef. 1850
Jane **Looney** b. 1840; gone before 1860
William Isam **Looney** b. 1844
Mary C. **Looney** b. 1847

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Jesse J. **Looney** b. 1849 (male)
Kliza D. **Looney** b. 1853
John A. **Looney** b. 1856, (see box 70, Probate Records of St. Clair, Missouri).

John (5) C. **Looney** (Isam(4), Benjamin (3)) was born 1 Dec. 1815, probably in western Hawkins County,, Tennessee, at about the time that his parents were migrating southwestward to the Indian along the Tennessee River on which the white settlers were encroaching. A careful analysis of available census records shows that he lived with his parents in Jackson County, Alabama, at the 1830 census and that his eldest brother Allen (5) **Looney** also lived near. (This is not the John C. **Looney**, b. Ca 1822, who was in Jackson County, Alabama, in 1850.)

John (5) C. **Looney** (Isam(4)) married Ca 1834 Sally **__?__**, b. Alabama, and they lived in Alabama until their second child was born in 1836. They moved to Polk County, Missouri, before their third child was born in 1839. The family is listed in Polk County in 1840. They moved next to St. Clair County, Missouri, and are listed there in the 1850 census.

John C. **Looney** entered 40 acres in St. Clair County, Missouri, on 28 Dec. 1846 and later with wife Sally., sold this land to Jesse **Looney** of St. Clair County, $ 50.00 (St. Clair Deeds D, page 375). He purchased 240 acres upon the waters of Osage River from Cidney C. **Dean** and Susanne his wife on 16 March 1849 for $200.00 (Book C. P. 455). On 2 December 1850 he sold to his younger brother Janioh **Looney** for $400.00 all his interest in lands of which his father Isam **Looney** died seized in St. Clair County, also the interest he had in and to the personal estate of said deceased father. (Book D. p. 114.)

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Mrs. Julius **Vanderheide**, who has done almost all of the searching of public records concerning the **Looneys** in Missouri, looked at the Probate Records of St. Clair County, and she reports no references to the John C. **Looney** estate. It is entirely possible that this family left St. Clair County soon after 1850. Mrs. **Vanderheide** does report a Box 42, John C. **Looney**, probate Records of Polk County, Missouri.

From the census the family of John (5) C. and Salley **Looney** isreconstructed as follows:

Benoni **Looney** b. ca 1835, Alabama
Masteen T. **Looney** b. ca 1836, Alabama
Hugh L. White **Looney** b. ca 1839, Missouri
Sally Ann **Looney** b. ca 1843, Missouri
Mary Jane **Looney** b. ca 1847, Missouri

(Note: on Jan. 23, 1852, John C. **Looney** sold to John R. **Barnest**, three tracts of land and Rebecca S. **Looney** signed with him. (Book E, pg. 5). Was this the above John C. **Looney** and wife (Rebecca) Salley **Looney**)?

John (5) **Looney** (Isam(4), Benjamin(3)) was born 19 Sept. 1828, in Alabama, where his parents settled on lands recently ceded by the Indians and made available for white settlers. Janiah lived with his parents In Jackson County, Ala., in 1830, in Greene County, Missouri in 1840, and in St. Clair County, Missouri, in 1850.

On 2 December 1850, after the death of Isam (4) **Looney**, Janiah (5) **Looney** purchased from his older brother John C. **Looney** for $400.00, all the right and interest that John C. **Looney** was entitled to from the estate of their father, both real and personal.

Janiah **Looney** was a witness in April 1856 when his nephew Matthew

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T. **Looney** (Jesse(5), Isam(4)) married Senah **Davis**. No further information at present available.

John (5) **Looney** (Robert(4), Benjamin(3)) was born Ca 1800, perhaps in Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, Tenn. He married Margarett **Hilliard**, born Ca 1800 and they lived in Marion County, Tenn. They had two girls born before 1825 as shown by the 1830 census. The county records show that his lands were mentioned in a deed, **Brumley** to **Johnson**, 11 Oct. 1825, and he was a witness on a deed, **McIver** to **Hilliard**, 11 April 1827, but no deed or grant to John **Looney** was found. The register said that land had continued in the Looney family for generations. He was styled **Looney** in 1840 census but **Luna** in 1850. The census records show that John **Looney** had a wife Margarett in 1850, and that his children were:

Girl b. ca 1821
Girl b. ca 1823
Evaline **Looney** b. ca 1825
Robert **Looney** b. ca 1826
Joel **Looney** b. ca 1830
John **Looney** b. ca 1833
Elizabeth **Looney** b. ca 1837
Sarah **Looney** b. ca 1840

John (5) **Looney** (Absalom(4), Benjamin(3)) was born 9 April 1804 in Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, Tenn. John (5) married (1) 11 Nov. 1830 in Knox County, Tennessee (Knoxville register 17 Nov. 1830) Isabella **Coleman** b. 18 Nov. 1804, d. 18 Sept.1854 in Knox County, Tennessee. In Knox County at the 1850 census they had:

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Sarah J. **Looney** b. 1 April 1837, d. 9 Jan. 1873
m. 21 Aug. 1859, in Knox County James **Mullens** (perhaps first cousin)

Nancy **Looney** b. 21 January 1840, d. 16 March 1928 in Knox County. m. 15 August 1862 in Knox County, her first cousin James L. **Johnson**, (1840-1925), son of Allan and Matilda G. (**Looney**) **Johnson**.

Amanda **Looney** b.1843

Ellen A. **Looney** b. 1845

John (5) **Looney** married (2) 29 Aug. 1859, in Knox County, Matilda **Wells**. He died in Knox County 11 March 1870.

Joseph (5) McMinn **Looney** (Absalom (4), Benjamin(3)) was born ca. 1813 in Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, Tennessee. He was named for the Tennessee Governor Joseph **McMinn** who left him a small legacy (1824). Was this the Joseph M. **Looney** who married 10 May 1838, Amanda **Hickey** (Knox County Marriage Records)?

Joseph M. **Looney** purchased 40 acres of land in Bienville County, LA on 7 March 1850, NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 20, Twp 15, R7; and patented same 10 June 1850. The 1850 Census was taken there in September and Joseph M. **Looney** is not listed, although Absalom(4), his father, and family are listed.

Joseph M. **Looney**, probably went immediately to the neighboring county of West Feliciana, LA., where as Joseph **Looney**, b. 1803 in Tennessee, with wife Louisa b. 1807 in Tennessee. He is listed in 1850 with children:

Robert (6) W. **Looney** b. 1826

John S. **Looney** b. 1831

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David A. **Looney** b. 1833

Hugh C. **Looney** b. 1835

Emaline **Looney** b. 1837

Amanda **Looney** b. 1842

James K. **Looney** b. 1846

(All children born in Tennessee)

Robert (6) W. **Looney**, b. 1826, is listed as an Inn Keeper in 1850 Census of Bossier County, La and living with him is Robert (5) J. **Looney**, b. 1824, who was the son of Absalom (4) **Looney**; and another uncle, Benjamin (5) Franklin **Looney**, b. 1833, was there also and described as a student.

Absalom (5) **Looney** (Absalom (4), Benjamin (3) as born 3 May 1818 in Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, Tennessee. He lived with his older brother John in 1850, in Knox County and perhaps he was with him in 1840 also. Absalom served in the Mexican War. He married (1) 6 Sept. 1853, in Knox County, Eleanor (Ellen) **Parker**, b. 1819, d. 6 Oct. 1861, daughter of John **Parker** of Hawkins County. They had five children of whom two died in infancy.

The others were:

Alexander **Looney** b. 10 Dec. 1854, d. 4 Aug. 1888

Susan **Looney**

Mary **Looney** m. ante 1877, J. G. **Jones**

Absalom (5) **Looney** married (2) 4 July 1865, in Knox County, Martha (Daniel) **Lonas**, d.s.p. He died 19 Sept. 1893 in Knox County.

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Samuel (5) Wilson **Looney** (Absalom(4), Benjamin(3)) was born 3 Aug- 1819- He married (1) 22 Aug. 1804 in Knox County, Tenn., Sarah A. **Pryor** (d. 23 Oct.1866). He apparently went with his father to Bienville Parish, La., but moved to Salem, Texas. Samuel (5) Married (2) 30 April 1867, Odelia **Green**. He must have been in Texas in 1850. He died 17 July 1878 in Sparkman, Ark., but did not live there. (His mother's parents had lived in Arkansas.)

Samuel (5) Wilson **Looney** had six children by his first wife and five by the second wife, as follows:

By first wife, Sarah:
Margaret Elizabeth **Looney**
James Pryor **Looney**
Robert (6) Hunter **Looney** (See 6th Generation)
Mary EIeanor **Looney** b. 28 Feb. 1855, m. 25 Dec. 1879
Lorenzo Franklin **Graham**. (8 children)
John Peter **Looney** d. 1 Apr. 1930; m. Dora Virginia
Graham. Edward Graham **Looney** b. 8 Aug. 1892
Samuel Wesley **Looney** Living 1941 at Bishop, Calif.

By second wife, Odelia:
Milton Absalom **Looney** b. 6 may 1868, d. 1939; m. Effie **__?__**.
Sparkman., Ark.
Sarah Ann **Looney** b. 1 Feb. 1870
Martha Elizabeth **Looney** b. 1872, d. 30 June 1920
Willis Benjamin **Looney** b. 21 Sept. 1875, d. 31 July 1923
Elijah Hillman **Looney** b. 24 Dec. 1875(sic), d. 14 Aug. 1908

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Robert Johnson **Looney** (Absalom(4), Benjamin(3)) was born ca 1824 in or near Knoxville, Tenn. He married ca 1852 Lettie B. **Frith**, daughter of __?__ **Frith** and Nancy **McDade** (who were married in Georgia in 1825, moved to Macon, Mississippi, then ca 1850 to Washington County, Texas, and to East Texas within a year or two.)

Robert Johnson **Looney** probably went to Louisiana when his parents did about 1848 or 1850, but he was not in Bienville Parish in 1850. He was an attorney in Twp. 19, 4th Ward, Bossier Parish, La., in 1850 and lived with his nephew Robert W. **Looney**, Inn Keeper. Robert's younger brother Benjamin Franklin **Looney**, student.. was there also at the 1850 census. Their location was not far from Shreveport, where Robert Johnson **Looney** practiced law for many years.

In 1860 he and wife Lettie B. (b. 1835., Miss.) lived in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, with their children:

Richard **Looney** b. 1853
R. M. **Looney** b. 1855
Thomas W. **Looney** b. 1860

Benjamin (5) Franklin **Looney** (Absalom(4) , Benjamin(3)) was born ca 1833 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He went to Bienville Parish, La., with his parents and was listed there in 1850; also listed with his older brother Robert (5) Johnson **Looney** as living with their nephew Robert (6) W. **Looney** (Joseph(5) McM.) in Bossier Parish and not far from Shreveport. He married Josephine **Frith**, b. 1839 in Macon, Mississippi, sister of Lettie Eleanor **Frith** who had attended school at Minden, La. Benjamin (5) Franklin **Looney** was accidentally killed in 1859 in Bossier

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Parish, La. Mrs. Josephine **Looney** moved to Marion County, La., and was listed at the census of 1860 living near Jefferson in the household of Nancy **Frith** (b. 1810 Ga.). With Mrs. **Looney** was her baby:

Benjamin (6) Franklin **Looney**, b. ca 1859 (See 6th Generation.)

Moses (5) **Looney** (Samuel(4) , Samuel(3)) was born ca 1796 (census of 1830, Rhea County). He received a rifle according to the will of his great uncle, Moses **Looney**, 1823.

Moses (5) **Looney** enlisted in Rhea County in September 1813 as a private in the company under Capt. James **Preston** in the Regt. of East Tennessee Volunteers commanded by Col. John **Brown**, according to his application for bounty land when he was a resident of Dade County, Georgia in 1850., and of Pontotoc County, Miss., in 1855. He gave his birth one time as 1792 and another time as 1795.

At the Rhea County census of 1830 Moses and wife had six boys and three girls, all under 20 years and all boys under 15. A Moses **Looney** witnessed his bounty land application in 1850.

William (5) Evan **Looney** (Samuel(4), Samuel(3)) was born say about 1805 in northeast Tennessee, probably in Rhea or Roane County, where he lived several years before his removal to Henry County., Tenn., where he was listed at the 1830 census with at least one daughter under 5 years. He had married Phetna M. **Frazier**, daughter of Julian and Elizabeth (**McBee**) **Frazier** of Knoxville, Tenn.

James E. **Looney** removed to Hinds County, Mississippi, in 1834 and died in 1836 while temporarily absent from home in Yalobusha County. His widow returned to

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Tennessee, married David I. **Whitnell**, and removed to Kentucky and died in 1852.
Among their children were:

Mary Jones **Looney** b. 29 May, 1832 m. Josiah **Whitnell**
William Augustus **Looney** b. 9 Apr. 1831 (See 6th Generation)

John (5) **Looney** (Samuel(4) , Samuel(3)) was born ca 1810 (1850 census), probably in Rhea or Roane County, Tenn. He married Lucinda **Eddington** (b. 1810) 17 March 1830 in Rhea County (Rhea Go. Marr. 1808-1845, P. 77., DAR. Library). He may possibly have been John (6), a son of Moses (5) **Looney** (Samuel(4)) of Rhea County, since the census of 1830 shows no sons in the family of Samuel (4) **Looney** at that date. Moses(5) **Looney** had two boys aged 10 and 15. Whether son of Samuel(4) of Moses(5) , it must be assumed that John had left home before the 1830 enumeration and possibly was enumerated in 1830 in an **Eddington** home.

In Rhea County Deeds F. 68 (date not copied) there is proof that Lucinda **Looney**, formerly **Edington**, was an heir of Anne **Edington**, deceased, of Rhea County. Mrs. Samuel R. **Edington** of Tucson, Arizona, says that Ann **Edington** (Great-grandmother of Samuel) was the widow of Luke **Edington** who died in Smith County, Tenn., leaving children in early teens, including son Isaac, and said Ann was executrix of his estate. (Ann was b. 14 Feb. 1786; died 3 March 1838.) Mrs. 0. S. **Duran** reports that "Reminiscent History of the Ozark Region," ca 1890., mentions an Isaac Preston **Looney**, b. 1831 Roane County, Tenn., son of John and Lucinda Edrington **Looney**., natives of East Tennessee.

John **Looney** had removed to Franklin Country in northwest Alabama by the

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1850 census, and perhaps 10 years earlier. There was a John **Looney** enumerated there in 1840 with very similar family. Using Mrs. **Duran**'s report and the 1850 census, John & Lucinda **Looney**, both b. 1810, had children as follows:

Isaac Preston **Looney** b. ca 1831 in Tennessee
Absalom **Looney** b. ca 1832
Sarah **Looney** b. ca 1834
Albert **Looney** b. ca 1836
Mary **Looney** b. ca 1838
William **Looney** b. ca 1843
Martha **Looney** b. ca 1846
John **Looney** b. ca 1848

(There is, however, a slight discrepancy; in 1850 William, Martha, and John were marked "b. Tenn.")
The name Isaac Preston **Looney** suggests that these people may belong to the Joseph branch rather than here. However, Isaac was an **Edington** name and there were **Prestons** in Roane County at least as early as 1840.

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Sixth Generation

Noah (6) C. **Looney** (John(5), John(4), John(3)) was born 1835 or 1836, probably in St. Clair County, Ala. He was reared and lived in Coosa County, Ala., to which his parents removed in 1836. In 1859 he married Mary E. **Blakeley** and had 8 children. (Memorial Record of Alabama, Vol. 2. p. 971-2.) He served in Company B. 34th Alabama Regiment, C.S.A.

George C. **Looney** (possibly George(5), Martin (4), John(3) was born in Alabama ca 1836, probably Lauderdale County, and he married Frances L. **Looney** (b. Tenn. 1836). They were listed in Pontotoc County, Miss., in 1860. In 1870 they were listed in Lauderdale County, Ala., with children:

Sarah A. **Looney** b.1859 Miss.
James M. **Looney** b.1865 Ala.
William T. **Looney** b.1868 Ala.
John F. **Looney** b. 1869 Ala.

Francis (6) Marion **Looney** (John(5), William, Moses(4), John(3)) was born in Lawrence County, Ala., ca 1845, d. 20 May, 1886; married Rebecca R. **Looney**, b.7 Feb. 1846, d. 13 Jan. 1904. They had children:

James Weaver **Looney** b. 1883, d. 10 Sept. 1975, who married Dona **Sims**.
Walter F. **Looney**

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Stephen (6) Dore **Looney** (John (5) William, Moses(4), John(3)) was born in Lawrence County, Ala. He married Mattie **Franklin** b. ca 1880. He lived in Cullman, Ala., in 1961. They had:

Agnes **Looney** m. M. E. **Waters**, Cullman, Ala.
C. M. **Looney** of Cullman, Ala.
Lorene **Looney** m. Doc **Waters**, Birmingham, Ala.

George (6) **Looney** (Jesse(5) , Stephen(4), John(3)) was born ca 1850 in north western Tishomingo County., Miss. This is perhaps the George Washington **Looney** b. 16 may 1851 who married (1) 22 Mar. 1874 in Arkansas. Martha Amutta **Short**, born Ala. 22 July 1856. He married (2) Mannie Eugene **Nalls** in Arkansas.

Edward (6) Morgan **Looney** (Arthur(5), Benjamin(4), Benjamin(3)) was born in Tennessee ca 1819; married Charlotte, perhaps **Rainbolt**, b. 1822, Tenn. At the 1840 census Edward **Looney**, 20 to 30, with wife in same age group, lived in Marion County, Tenn., apparently near to Arthur G. **Looney**. They were listed at the 1850 census of Union County, Ill., as Edward **Luna** 28, b. Tenn., and Charlotte **Luna**, b. Ky. 1828. With them lived Salra **Rainbolt**, b. 1828 Ala., and a child Jane b. Ill. 1849 (Presumably **Rainbolt**). In 1860 this family is listed in Bollinger County, Mo., Morgan **Looney** 41, b. Tenn., Charlotte **Looney** 41, b. Ky., with Sibba **Rainlot** 30, b., Ala., and Percilla J. 11, b. Mo. (sic).

In 1860 in Bollinger County,, Mo., as well as in 1840 in Marion County, Tenn., they were living near to Arthur 0. **Looney**. The father was in Union County, Ill., by March of 1851 when he made affidavit. There is no definite evidence at hand that Edward Morgan and Charlotte **Looney** had children.

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Benjamin (6) F. **Looney** (Arthur(5) G, Benjamin(4), Benjamin(3)) was born ca.1820 or 1821 in Tenn. He married Peggy **__?__** b. Tenn. 1824. They had the following children:

William **Looney** b.1843
Mary **Looney** b.1844
Sarah **Looney** b.1846
Martha **Looney** b.1848

See 1850 census of Bedford County, Tenn., where the above family lived adjacent to the family of Arthur G. and Mary **Looney**.

Pleasant (6) **Looney** (Benjamin(5) , Benjamin(4) , Benjamin(3)) was born 12 Oct. 1823, either in Hawkins or Franklin County, Tenn. He went to Ft. Smith, Ark., served in the C. S. Army and had at least one son, Dave **Looney**. It seems not unlikely that this was the same family that is listed at the 1860 census of Cap Township, Green County, Mo.; Post Office, Willard.

Pleasant **Looney** b. 1822, Tenn, farmer
Nancy b. 1836, Mo.
(Not old enough to be mother of all the others.)
Sarah J. **Looney** b. 1847

David B. **Looney** b. 1849
William **Looney** b. 1853
George W. **Looney** b. 1855
John S. **Looney** b. 1857
Elizabeth **Looney** b. 1859

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Anthony (6) S(tewart) **Looney** (Benjamin(5) , Benjamin(4), Benjamin(3)) was born 29 Oct. 1825, probably in Franklin County, Tenn., and married Janie **Collins**. He served as a home guard during the Confederacy. Their son:

Jessie **Looney** d. Aug. 1860

John (6) **Looney** (Benjamin(5), Benjamin(4), Benjamin(3)) was born 18 May 1831, in Franklin County, Tenn. He served in the C. S. Army. Their children (ages not available) were:

James **Looney**
John **Looney**
Frank **Looney**
Benjamin **Looney**
Mary **Looney**
Sallie **Looney**

Francis (6) Marion **Looney** (Benjamin(5), Benjamin(4), Benjamin(3)) was born 2 April 1833, in Franklin County, Tenn., and died 27 May 1894 in Missouri. He married 24 July 1853 Sarah Elizabeth **Hogan** b. 5 Jan. 1832, d. 3 July 1915. He was in the home guard service during the Confederacy. Their children were:

Berthey (Ruthy) Mandy **Looney** b. 23 Oct. 1854; m. Bob **Vaughan** and in 1953, they lived in Illinois Bend, Texas.

Mary Jane **Looney**, b- 31 Oct. 1856

Eliza An **Looney** b. 19 Nov. 1858

Granvill Andrew **Looney** b. 22 Apr. 1860

Elinder (Ellen) E. **Looney** b. 14 or 24 Apr.1862

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Henry Clifton **Looney** b. 3 May 1864 or 3 May 1865; of Odessa, MO. in 1953.

George Washington **Looney** b. 2 Nov. 1867; lived in Cowgill, Mo. in 1953.

Wesley J. (or John Wesley) **Looney** b. 3 Sept- 1870; d. 6 Dec. 1947.

Samanthy **Looney** b. 26 Sept. 1873; m. __?__ **Taylor**. Had
Ralph **Taylor**, and another son.
(Information by Mrs. Sadie **Murray** 1017 South St., Lexington, Mo.)

William Riley **Looney** (Benjamin(5), Benjamin(4),Benjamin(3)) was born 27 Aug. 1836, in Franklin County, Tenn. He was a home guard during the Confederacy and died at Pleasant Hope, Mo. He married Betsy **Holstein**. Their children included:

Joseph **Looney** of Leon, Okla.
Mary **Looney** who married Arthur **Casteel** and had a son, Arthur **Casteel**.

James Madison **Looney**, b. 29 Aug. 1838 in Franklin County, Tenn., married (1) __?__ **McGuire**; (2) __?__ **Holder** (but separated), and (3) Manerva Catherine **Gregory**. He was a home guard during the Confederacy. Issue by the first marriage:

Francis Marion **Looney**
David **Looney**
Calvin **Looney**

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Clinton (6) **Looney** (John(5), John(4),. Benjamin(3)). This is probably the man listed in the 1850 census of Cass Township, Greene County, Mo., as Clinton **Looney**, born ca.1824 in Tenn., with wife Rebecca b. Tenn. ca.1826.
The children at that time were:

Margarette **Looney** b. 1847 MO.
John W. **Looney** b. 1849 MO.
Ben C. **Looney** b. 1849 MO.

With the family lived Elizabeth **Harp**, age 66, b. Tenn.

It is said that this Clinton **Looney** started to California during the gold rush and that his family was killed by Indians. He spent 40 years in an asylum in Idaho.

Jesse (6) **Looney** (John(5), John(4), Benjamin(3)) was born 25 or 26 Nov. 1823 or 1825, in middle Tennessee, died 18 or 19 Mar. 1917 at Swearingen, Texas. He married (1) 15 or 20 Feb. 1844, by Thomas J. **Kelley**, Minister, his second cousin Mary Ann **Looney**, b. 26 Jan. 1824, daughter of Allen **Looney** (Isam(4), Benjamin(3)). He went to Dennison, Texas, in 1850. Jesse married (2) after Mary Ann's death in 1879., E. C. **Henry** of Dennison, Texas. Children of Jesse and Mary Ann (**Looney**) **Looney** were:

Barton A. **Looney** b. ca 1845
William C. **Looney** b. ca 1847

Benjamin **Looney**
Isaac E. **Looney** b. in 1849
John **Looney**
Jess **Looney**
0. E. **Looney**, M.D. of Paducah, Texas
_____ daughter
_____ daughter

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Susan (6) **Looney** (Jesse 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was the oldest child of Jess and his wife Ruby **Boad** to whom he was married 61 Mar. 1827 in Jackson County, Ala. Presumably she was born there before her parents went to Illinois and Wisconsin preceding their settlement in Missouri. It is reported that Susan rode a white mule and carried a baby sister much of the way on the crossing to Oregon. She married Frederick **Steiner** in Oregon and they were the parents of at least four children, who were living at the time of his death in 1903. Among these was John F. **Steiner**, father of U.S Senator Frederick **Steiner**, b. 13 Oct. 1883, d. 3 Feb. 1939.

David (6) Henry **Looney** (Jesse 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was born and lived in Oregon on the 320-acre donation claim on which his father filed when he settled in Chehulpun Valley, soon to become Looney Valley. He became a prominent stockman. David H. **Looney** married (1) Kate **Thompson** and (2) 12 Oct. 1898 Lona **George**. He served two years in the Oregon Legislature. Mr. Looney and his wife Lona (**George**) **Looney** were the parents of at least one child:
George **Looney**, who has a son: David **Looney**.

Absalom (6) **Looney** (Isaac 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was born 17 Oct. 1822, probably in Jackson County, northern Alabama, and as a small boy went with his parents to Monroe County and/or Ralls County, Mo. And thence to Greene County, when in his early teens. He was the eldest son and in his twenty-first year, when his father, Isaac, died. He married (1) 3 Apr. 1845 (Polk Co., Mo. Mar. Recs.) Isabella Maxeline **Pyle**, b. ca 1829 in Ky. On 14 Sept. 1850 Absalom and

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Isabella conveyed to (his brother) William **Loney**, both of Polk County, for $75 their undivided share and interest in the NE ¼ of Sec. 13 and the SE ¼ of Sec. 12 in Twp. 31, R 24, in the counties of Greene and Polk. (Polk Deeds D, p. 514.) Absalom **Looney** acted at one time as administrator of his father's will (for which no executor had been named). It was certainly after Sally's marriage in 1849 when William Marrion **Looney** became of age. Absalom and Isabella and six children were enumerated at the 1860 census of Polk County. His wife Isabella died 20 Jan. 1864 and Absalom 6 married (2) in Polk County 17 Aug. 1864 Martha Jane **Dunnegan** with whom (as Martha E. **Looney**) he joined four other heirs on 5 Mar. 1868 in conveying to William Marion **Looney** his interest in the Isaac **Looney** lands in Greene and Polk Counties. (He had already done so for some of that land in 1850 with his first wife, but at that time William M. **Looney** was slightly under 21.) On 30 Aug. 1869 in Johnson County, Mo., they made a "second acknowledgment" of their signatures to the 1868 deed. Absalom (6) **Looney** died in Texas 22 June 1906.

Absalom (6) **Looney** was the father of at least 12 children, according to a descendant, Mrs. Curtis **Browning** of Visalia, California. By first wife, Isabella, 8 children:

William M. **Looney** b. 16 Feb. 1846
Isaac **Looney** b. 13 Sept. 1847
James C. **Looney** b. 30 Nov. 1849

Nathaniel Gore **Looney** b. 8 Jan. 1852 Polk Co., m. Addie Belle **Ruyle** and had:
Bess **Looney**, m. Curtis **Browning**
Sarah Almira **Looney** b. 8 June 1854

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Mary C. **Looney** b. 5 Nov. 1856
(Caroline or) Columbia Bell **Looney** b. 11 Feb. 1859
Jefferson D. **Looney** b. 24 July 1861

By second wife, Martha, four children:
Laura Alice **Looney** b. 18 Aug. 1865
Francis Ann **Looney** b. 17 May 1869
Martha Jane **Looney** b. 23 Mar. 1870
Caroline **Looney** b. 7 July 1872

Benjamin (6) D. **Looney** (Isaac 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was born in Monroe County, Mo., 18 June 1827, d. 12 Jan. 1914; married (1) 17 June 1844 (Bible) Martha D. **Kelley** b. 11 June 1827, d. ca 1869. (Polk Co. Mar. Book A, p. 7: "Benjamin D. **Looney** to Martha D. **Kelley**.") Benjamin married (2) 28 Nov. 1869 Mrs. Sarah C. (**Reed**) **Talkington** (b. 17 July 1839, d. 21 Mar. 1902), widow of Stephen J. **Talkington**.

The following list of children was furnished by Mrs. Julius **Vanderheide** and has been checked and supplemented by the 1860 census of Polk County and the 1870 census of Greene. Children of Benjamin D. **Looney**:

By first wife, Martha, eleven children:

Thomas J. K(elley) **Looney** b. 19 Feb. 1847; with parents, Polk Co., 1860
Mary J. **Looney** b. 30 Jan. 1852. Not listed with parents in 1860.
Rebecca An **Looney** b. 6 Oct. 1853. Listed with parents 1860, 1870.
Louisa **Looney** b..20 Dec. 1855, d. 4 Dec. 1903; m. 1 May 1880
James **Mitchell**. (Not listed with parents in 1860.)

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Dorcas **Looney** b. 11 Dec. 1857. With parents 1860, 1870;
m. 13 Apr. 1879 Benjamin T. **Perryman**.
James C. **Looney** b. 9 Feb. 1860. Listed in 1860.
Leonidas **Looney** b. ca 1861. Listed in 1870.
John M. **Looney** b. 26 May 1861. Listed in 1870 as b. ca 1861.
Married 26 May 1904, Nora **Robinson**. They had:
Amy **Looney**, teacher, Springfield, Mo.
____ Looney, teacher, Springfield, Mo.
Benjamin F. **Looney** b. 17 July 1863. Not listed in 1870.
Gemina Alice **Looney** b. 14 June 1865, m. John **Weir**. Listed in 1870.
Ida Belle **Looney** b. 30 Aug. 1818, d. 25 Jan. 1931; m. (1) 9 Jan.
1890 John **Fite**; m.(2) __?__ **Kinnon**.
By second wife, Sarah C., seven children:
Mary Ella **Looney** b. 18 Sept. 1870, d. 29 Mar. 1930; m. (1) 14 (or
5) Jan. 1893 John W. **Harris**; m. (2) 23 Aug. 1896 John F. **Johnson**.

Ammey (Amma) Malissa **Looney** b. 31 Aug. 1872, d. 13 Nov. 1872.
Annie Chella **Looney** b. 31 Aug. 1872, d. 24 Apr. 1924; m. 6 Jan. 1895 James W. **Brower**, b. 4 Feb. 1866, d. 10 Apr. 1953. They had five children, including Mrs. Ralph (Grace **Brower**) **Cox**, Springfield, Mo. (who has Bible records).

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Annora E. **Looney** b. 20 June 1874, d. 2 Feb. 1949; m. 2 Feb. 1896 Nicholas **Lone**, d. 23 Apr. 1947. (One child).
W. I. (or J.) Reed **Looney** b. 24 May 1876, d. 20 July 1939; m. Mabel **Davis**. (Two children).
Walter Ottis **Looney** b. 29 Dec. 1879, d. 8 Oct. 1918; m. 8 Feb 1901 Myrtle **Wilson**. (No children).
Albert Dennis **Looney** b. 8 Mar. 1881, d. 24 Jun 1942; m. 4 Dec. 1901 Clara **Cruse**.

William (6) Marion **Looney** (Isaac 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was born 31 Oct. 1829 in the present Monroe County, Mo., died 4 Feb. 1913; married by T. J. **Kelley**, minister, 5 May 1848, to Dorcas **Looney** (his second cousin) who was b. 5 April 1827, d. 1891, daughter of Allen (5) **Looney** (Isam 4, Benjamin 3). He married (2) 1892 Sally Ann **Fuller**, who d. 1937.

Louisa (6) **Looney** (Isaac 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was born 12 June 1834, probably in the present Monroe County, Mo. She died 17 Apr. 1920. Her marriage to Alfred A. Stephen **Demondson** took place 16 Sept. 1852 in Greene County, Mo. He was born 5 Mar. 1833, died 22 Dec. 1904.

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Arthur (6) **Looney** (Isaac 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was born 16 July 1838 at about the time his parents removed from Monroe to Greene County, Mo. He died 27 Nov. 1912; married (1) 29 Feb. 1864 in Polk County, Mo., Sarah **Corbin**. They eloped to Illinois, and she died ca 1865 and was buried with their first child. Her father hired Wm. M. **Looney** to go to Illinois by wagon and bring back the bodies to Missouri for reburial.

Arthur (6) **Looney** married (2) 26 Aug. 1866, Nancy J. **Hineshaw** (?) d. 24 Jan. 1916. They had the following children according to Mrs. Robert Brim **Looney** of Dickinson, North Dakota:

William **Looney**
Virgil **Looney** b. ca 1873
Jennie **Looney** b. ca 1875; m. Jacob **Oxley**
Rose **Looney** b. ca 1877; m. __?__ **Hall**
Anna (Toad) **Looney** b. ca 1879; first grade teacher for 25 years at Walnut Grove, Mo.
Lula **Looney** b. ca 1881; m. __?__ **Gifford**.
James (Jack) **Looney** b. ca 1883, depot agent, d. 1935.
Robert Brim **Looney** b. 23 Sept. 1885, d. 11 Sept. 1938; m. 12 Feb. 1913 Bessie **Raines**, b. 5 Aug. 1890.
Samuel **Looney** b. ca 1887, d. 1932 or 1933; m. 8 Aug.1912 Nora **Canfield**.

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David (6) R. **Looney** (Isaac 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was born in 1840 in Greene County, Mo., married 17 July 1859 Mary E. **Simpson**. David and Mary **Looney** were enumerated in Jackson Township, Polk County, Mo., in 1860 with no children. On 1 Mar. 1864 David R. and wife Mary E. made a deed to Wm. **Looney** for the NE ¼ of Section 13 and the SE ¼ of Section 12, Twp. 31, Range 14, in Greene and Polk Counties. This deed was for the interest of David R. **Looney** in lands of his father Isaac (5) **Looney**. Thus David R. certainly was not "killed at the Battle of Pea Ridge, Ark." In March of 1862, "or at Chickamagua" in 1863. He may have died or been killed during the Civil War.

Their daughter Annie R. **Looney** was reared in part by Louisa (**Looney**) **Edmondson**. She married 16 May 1885 Samuel **Box** and had 12 children, including Pierce **Box**. David's widow, as Sarah E. **Looney**, married 26 June 1873, Samuel J. **Nash**.

Kennon (6) Pain (or Preston) **Looney** (Absalom 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was born in 1835. He married 23 Nov. 1854 Mary M. **Malroy** (or Maloy) in Polk County and had:

Samuel **Looney** b. ca 1859. See 1860 census Polk Co., Mo.
Mary Belle **Looney** (1880-85) in Iowa. Married James D. **Jones**
(buried in Levade Cemetery) and had children:
Charles **Jones**
Albert **Jones** of Penalosa, Kansas
Carl D. **Jones** of Penalosa, Kansas
Vernon P. **Jones**

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Iva **Jones**, m. Dick **Hoskins** of
Penalosa
Edith **Jones**, m. John **Duncan**
Ethel **Jones**, m. Clyde **Beymer** of
Lakin, Kansas.

Archibald (6) Jesse **Looney** (Absalom 5, John 4, Benjamin 3) was born ca 1839 in Polk County, died March 1905. He served in the U.S. Army, 1863-65; was a Methodist Minister, and storekeeper at Lockwood, Mo.
Married (1) 7 July 1859 Larinda **Maloy** in Polk County. Had a son,
Bud **Looney** by first (or second) marriage.
Married (2) 25 May 1865 Mary T. **Meek**, buried Lockwood, Mo.
Married (3) 11 Jan. 1899, Lockwood, Mo., Alena Maude **Smith** (b. 29 Sept. 1874, Heason, Tenn., d. 3 July 1844, Watertown, S.D.; daughter of John and Elizabeth (**Waters**) **Smith**) and had:

Charles Smith **Looney** b. 26 June 1900; m. 29 Aug. 1924 Muriel **Dodd**. Lived at Twin Falls, Idaho, and had:
Richard Dodd **Looney** b. 23 Apr. 1925
Mary Elizabeth **Looney**, b. 20 July 1926
Charles Robert **Looney**, b. 7 Feb. 1928
Patricia Ann **Looney**, b. 17 Mar. 1935

James Oliver **Looney**, b. & d. 1942
Daniel Stephen **Looney**, b. 16 Apr. 1946

Luther Chapman **Looney** b. 30 Dec. 1901

Otto Harold **Looney** 20 Mar. 1903, d. 20 Mar. 1949

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John (6) F. **Looney** (Allen 5, Isam 4, Benjamin 3) was born 25 Sept. 1834, d. 11 April 1917. He married 25 Nov. 1858 Spicey Cassander **Appleby**, b. 13 Jan. 1842 (daughter of William **Appleby**), d. 20 Jan. 1927. They lived near Walnut Grove and had seven children, including:

Elminie Jane **Looney** b. 3 Dec. 1859, d. 6 Jan. 1877.
Emules Walter **Looney** b. 17 Jan. 1866, d. 15 June 1915; m. 27 Oct. 1892 Ida **Lawrence**
Welden Glover **Looney** b. 13 Nov. 1868, d. 4 April 1917, unmarried.
Orville Allen **Looney** b. 24 Oct. 1871, Walnut Grove; m. 3 Feb. 1901 Lillie Belle **Wheeler**, b. 8 Aug. 1877, d. 2 Nov. 1959. Their children:
Allen **Looney**, b. April 1915
Marjorie Eunice **Looney**, b. 27 May 1907, m. Paul **Fite**, Tulsa, Ok.
Cora Annie **Looney** b. 21 July 1872, m. John A. J. **Kelly**.
Lillie Bell **Looney** b. 15 Jan. 1879, m. Cooper **Jones**.
Dela Overia **Looney** b. 6 May 1885, d. 13 Dec. 1886.

William (6) January **Looney** (Benjamin 5, Isam 4, Benjamin 3) was born ca January 1836, probably in northern Alabama. He married in Missouri 12 Jan. 1855 Malissa **Strong** and went to Oklahoma and/or Texas, then returned to Missouri. They had nine children, including:

Benjamin F. **Looney** of Republic, Mo.

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It is said that Samantha **Looney**, widow of Benjamin (5), carried her baby William (6) January **Looney** in a basket and covered him with wool when the Cherokees were moved from northern Alabama to the Indian Territory. She left
the group in northwest Arkansas and went to Missouri, where she married (2)
John (5) **Looney** after the death of his wife Elizabeth (**Littleton**) Looney in 1844.

Robert (6) Hunter **Looney** (Samuel (5) Wilson, Absalom 4, Benjamin 3) married
Elizabeth **Prude** and had:

Cora Almeda **Looney** m. Harvey Bell **Lindsey**
Alla Bess **Looney** m. Marcus **Snyder**
Robert Hunter **Looney** m. __?__ **Smith**
Juliette **Looney** m. Ed (**Rairley?**)
Margaret **Looney**

Benjamin (6) Franklin **Looney** (Benjamin (5) Franklin, Absalom 4, Benjamin 3) was born ca 1859, probably in Bossier Parish, La. After his father's accidental death in 1859 he was taken by his mother to Marion County, Texas, where at the 1860 census we find Mrs. Josephine **Looney** and her ten months old baby, Benjamin (6) Franklin **Looney** living near Jefferson, Texas, in the home of Nancy (McDade) **Frith**, b. 1810 in La. Benjamin (6) F. **Looney** became Associate Justice of the Fifth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and later Attorney General of Texas. He married -_____. Their children were:

Mai-Fare **Looney** d. ca 1932; m. __?__ **Ashburn**, who died.
They had:

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Lt. Frank S. **Ashburn**, U.S.N.
Robena **Ashburn**, m. Lt. Dick P. **Wood**, U.S.N.
Lawrence **Looney** m. ____. No children. He lived at
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Hon. William (6) Augustus **Looney**, M.D. (William 5 Evan, Samuel 4, Samuel 3) was born 9 April 1831 in Henry County, Tenn., a few years before his father's death. He remained with his mother until her death in 1852, then removed to Johnson County, Ill. in 1855, where he taught school. In 1857 he began practicing medicine in Williamson County and graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1868. In 1861 he organized a company and was elected Captain, 31st Ill. Infantry. He was wounded at Belmont, Mo., but rejoined his company for the siege of Corinth. In Jan. 1862 he removed from Williamson County to Vienna to practice medicine. In 1864 he was elected to the State Legislature.

In 1865, in Calloway County, he was married to Rachel F. **Caldwell**, b. 1838, d. 1872. He married (2) in 1874 Maria **Oliver**, b. Johnson County, d. 1884. His third marriage, in April 1886, was to Fanny E. **Whitehead** in Indiana, Ill.

By the first marriage:

James E. **Looney**
John T. **Looney**, M.D.
Fanny A. **Looney**

By the third marriage:

Esther **Looney**
Joseph **Looney**

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Early Looneys in America

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Adam Looney Branch

There is considerable circumstantial evidence that Adam(2) Looney was the son of Robert(1) Looney and Elizabeth Looney of Looney's Mill Creek of James River in what is now Botetourt Co., Va. Adam was the fourth and last of the Looneys to be listed on the muster roll of Augusta Co. in 1742, in Capt. George Robinson's list. On March 4th, 1748/9, the Rev. John Craig, on his way from North Mountain to the Roanoke, baptised at Luny's Mill Creek, Robert Looney, son of Adam Luny (Maxwell Genealogy p. 588; also, Baptisms by Rev. John Craig). Adam bought from Col. James Patton 271 A on Meadow Run or Bryan's Creek (a branch of Craig's Creek) on Nov. 18, 1752. A bill of sale to Adam Lunie is mentioned March 18, 1754, Augusta Co. He patented 140 A on a branch of Looney's Creek on March 10, 1756. As assignee of Patrick McKendrick, Adam Looney obtained judgment vs. Matthew Rice in Bedford Co., Va., on 27 Mar. 1756. Nathaniel Phipps was his servant in March 1757.

On Feb. 17, 1758, Adam's name is found on a list of debtors to Col. James Patton as of Oct. 4, 1753. Adam's line is mentioned on Aug. 19, 1765, when John and Mary Mills sell to Israel Christian 150 A. * In Bedford Co., Va., John(3) was b. in 1754. There, Anthony sued Looney & Co. (Augusta Co. - ? WRL) in 1759 and Luny sued Etson in 1761.

Adam(2) seems to have been the first Looney to get the fever for further southward migration and he did not halt long at the Holston River, if at all. On Oct. 2, 1765, Adam and Hanna Looney of Mecklenburg Co., N. C., deeded to Alex Evans the 140 A. on Looney's Creek. (This Evans was on Capt. George Robinson's muster roll of 1742. Was he husband of "Jane Evans, late Looney", presumably widow of Daniel(2) Looney, who on Aug. 18, 1761, asked for "administration of her husband's estate hitherto granted to David(2) Looney"?) John and Moses Looney who witnessed Adam's deed to Evans were, probably, the oldest two sons of Robert(2) and Margaret Looney; that is John(3) who m. Elizabeth Rentfro and Moses(3) who m. Sarah Holston. (Note: Penciled notation following which appeared to have been erased - possibly they were Adam's sons - WRL).

Adam(2) Luney had a survey 20 Feb. 1762, on Beaver Creek in St. Mark's Parish, Granville County, S. C. This grant was issued for 100 acres dated 30, May 1762. This was probably in or near the present Fairfield County. (S. C. Land Office, Columbia, S. C.).

* Note: "There, Anthony sued Looney, etc."; LWT's handwritten note was not clear whether a scrawled capital "A" or "&". Could he have meant "Augusta County" or "and company"? The latter seems unlikely. WRL.

The following remarks were made by Prof. Rupert Taylor regarding Adam's first settlement in Carolina:

"This (1762) seems the earliest record yet found of Adam Looney in the Carolinas. There was a Beaver Creek in 1780 in Camden Precinct, probably Craven County, S. C., about 10 miles south of the border at that time. The name, St. Mark's Parish, is shown on a 1780 map about 50 miles S. E. of this Beaver Creek which flows S. W. into Broad River, about opposite the mouth of Enoree River, in what is now Fairfield County, S. C. There was another Beaver Creek, in Orangeburg Precinct of Berkley Co., probably also in St. Mark's Parish, flowing

east into Congar River; but this is about 50 miles south of the old border. Still another Beaver Creek, in Orangeburg Precinct, Berkley Co., about 30 miles south of the old border, flows N. E. into Saluda River. Which of these could have been in Granville County in 1763? Did Adam Looney go from Va. direct to Orangeburg and settle just a few miles N.W. on Beaver Creek of Saluda River? (In 1764, or previously, Adam's brother, Absalom Looney, had been in "Carolina" and had returned to Augusta Co., Va."

Regardless of location of the earliest survey, the 2nd location of 1765 (See above address of Adam(2) and Hanna on previous page) seems to indicate that Adam(2) had moved north on the trail, possibly some 30 to 50 miles to Mecklenburg Co., N. C.; or possibly the southern part of Mecklenburg Co., N. C. actually was supposed to extend into what is now South Carolina.

Adam(2) Looney was styled as of Craven Co., S. C., on Sept. 27, 1767, when for L30 he deeded his 271 A. tract on Meadow Run to John(2) Looney (his younger brother) who much later (1807) having m. Esther Rentfro deeded same in part at least to his son, David Looney. Adam Looney may have retained some land in Augusta, however, because of July 6, 1768, mention is made of his corner.

(Principal reference: Chalkley's Annals of Augusta Co., Va.) "At Raleigh, N. C.. in a paper marked List of Letters Testamentary granted in the year previous to 26 Oct., 1770, etc., one finds:

"Adam Loony, Intestate, to Robert Loony on bond of Jno. Nichols and Patrick Moore, L250; and in Part I of Tryon County Minutes, Part I, Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of 1769-1782 at p. 47 one finds:

On motion of Bromfield Remley it is ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration issue to Robert Loony of all and singular the goods and chattels of Addam Loony, deceased, he to comply with the Act of Assembly in that case made and provided. He proposes for security John Nichols and Patrick Moor bound for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds. This motion was made at the Session of Court beginning 4th Tuesday in July 1770, and adjourned day by day for a few days.

"On p. 55 of the same minutes it is found that Robert Loony was on the "petity" jury.

"On p. 57 of same minutes, at session beginning 4 Tues, in Oct. 1770: Robert Loony, administrator of Adam Loony, decd., returned an inventory and prays an order of sale which was accordingly granted."

An "order for sale" usually refers to real estate sold to pay debts, or for care and education of orphans. Was Adam's real estate sold and did Robert(3) buy same?

Who was the wife of Adam(2) Looney? In 1765 her first name was Hanna. According to tradition among some descendants in Georgia and Kentucky, she was Hannah Wright. Certainly there was a family of Wrights in the Mecklenburg area of the Carolinas at an early date, and Adam(2) may have gone south with them. In Tryon County in 1770 on 28 May (at about the time of Adam(2)'s death there) William Wright sold to Moses Wright (both of Tryon County) for L55, 600 acres of land on the north side of Broad River, on Turkey Creek, land granted to said William Wright, then in Mecklenburg County. (Tryon Deeds 1770, 112).

Also, in the same area, on 6 Sept. 1771, for L200, James Wright and William Wright of Tryon County, sold to William Byars of same place, 535 acres in Tryon County of Bullock Creek (formerly Wright's Creek) on the north side of Broad River. (Tryon Deeds 1771-1772; 102-4).

Who was the first born son of Adam(2) and his wife, Hanna Looney? According to tradition among his Georgia and Kentucky descendants, Adam (2) had seven sons and they all were patriots and served during the Revolution, except one who had remained in the north and was a Tory. If there is any truth in this tradition, it is probable that Robert who administered on the estate was the second son. Adam(2) Looney was born, according to estimates made by cooperating investigators of early Looney data, about 1725 and thus was old enough to have had a child older than Robert whose birth has been estimated above as 1748.

In Sept. 1943, Dr. Walter O. Shriner, Looney descendant of Adam's Kentucky Branch (through David(2) and Isabella Kinkead) (WRL note: Actually, Mrs. Shriner is the descendant; also, that was David(3)), wrote the compiler (LWT):

"this recent report seems to present a pattern which throws considerable light on the Adam Looney Branch - - - - now, who was the brother who was mentioned as a Tory and who later moved north?

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Could it have been James Looney who was in command of Blackmore's Fort in the Clinch Valley in Sept. 1774? There is some reason to believe that this James Looney may have been the eldest son of Adam(2) Looney Sr., and that he was too far removed to serve as administrator of his father's estate in 1770. - - - - ."

"Capt. James Looney and Capt. John Kinkead were both at the Clinch River in 1774. Since David was only 12 years old at the time of his father's death, it is likely that he spent his time with various relatives from 1770 to 1776. To have visited with the James Looney family would have been his best opportunity to have met the John Kinkead family - - -. Does James Looney fit into any other branch? He certainly affords a splendid link in providing my David Looney an opportunity to meet up with the John Kinkead family."

It was 20 years later, in Sept. 1963, at Raleigh, N. C. , that the compiler (LWT) found the above item about James Wright and William Wright as co-owners of land on Wright's Creek of Broad River in Tryon County where Adam(2) Looney had died. Thus it is now understood that a son named James in the family of Adam(2) Looney is not illogical.

The children of Adam(2) Looney and his wife Hanna (perhaps Wright) Looney were:

Probably a son, perhaps named James(3) Looney, b. say 1746.
See 3rd Gen.
Robert(3) Looney, b. say 1748, bapt. 4 Mar. 1748/9. See 3rd Gen.
Possibly a daughter., Margaret(3) Looney, b. say 1749. See 3rd Gen.
Adam(3) Looney Jr., b. say 1750. See 3rd Gen.
Moses(3) Looney, b. say 1752. See 3rd Gen.
John(3) Looney, b. 1754, Bedford Co., Va. (pension application).
See 3rd Gen.
Peter (3) Looney, b. say 1756. See 3rd Gen.
David(3) Looney, b. 9 Aug. 1758, Augusta Co., Va. (Family Register).
See 3rd Gen.
Sarah(3) Looney, b. say 1760. See 3rd Gen.

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Third Generation

A possible son of Adam(2) Looney was James(3) Looney, b. say 1746, who did not go south with the family. He would have been 18 when the family headed south about 1764 or 1765 and already or soon thereafter married. A history of Scott County, Va., says Capt. James Looney was in absentee command of Blackmore's Fort on the lower Clinch River in 1774 when Indians attacked. In the Robert(2) Looney Branch it was assumed by this compiler (LWT) that the historian had confused Jno. and Jas. and erroneously assigned this command to a Capt. James Looney rather than to the known Capt. John(3) Looney of Robert(2) Looney, Jr. However, there are some reports of a James Looney in Botetourt Co., at about this time and there is a possibility that such a James(3) Looney may have been father of Wooten Luna of Wilson County, Tenn., census of 1820, age over 45 years, and grandfather of James Leuny of Wilson Co., at the census of 1830. Capt. James Looney, Wooten Luna, and James Lewney are otherwise unconnected with descendants of Robert(1) Looney of Augusta County, Virginia. A James Looney (unconnected) and wife (both 16/26) are listed in Pendleton Co., S. C. , in 1800 with 2 girls under 10.

Robert(3) Looney was born, say 1748, and baptised by Rev. John Craig on 4 Mar. 1749 at "Lewney's" Mill Creek of James River in Augusta County, Virginia. This minister of Colonial days was on his way from North Mountain to the Roanoke. (The name David has sometimes been given as the infant's name but there is no trace of a David of approximately suitable age). (Baptisms by Rev. John Craig; Maxwell Genealogy, p. 588)

Robert(3) Looney certainly went southward with this parents when Robert was about 16 or 17 years old and probably lived with this parents until the death of Adam(2) in 1770 when Robert was 22 years old. As reported above in the account of Adam(2), the administrator was Robert(3) Loony and an "order for sale" was requested of the court and granted. Did Robert(3) Loony buy his father's real estate or part of it? Certainly Robert(3) sold some of it about 4 years later because on 2 June, 1774, Robert Loony of Craven County in Ninety-Six District was probably married and owned land which had been "granted to Adam Looney, father of Robert Loony, by the Governor of North Carolina," and Robert for 5 shillings sold it to George Marchbanks. The witnesses were John Nuckols and William Marchbanks. (Union Co. Deeds A, p. 4, S. C.) Note that John Nuckols had previously, in 1770, been a security for Robert(3) Loony when he was granted administration on the estate on Adam(2) Loony. Court minutes show that Robert(3) Loony was a juror in Tryon Co., in Jan. and in July 1772. Robert(3) Loony was appointed a Constable in Tryon Co. in 1772. (He did not buy or get 200 acres of bounty land in (Abbeville) Pendleton Co. until 1784. It was on the waters of the Tugoloo River - some of which he sold later in 1795 and 1797).

Robert Loony and others petitioned the province of North Carolina on 15 May 1775, to relieve them of expenses regarding the titles to their lands supposed in N. C. but found in South Carolina after the boundary between the provinces was run.

On 18 Jan. 1785, Robert(3) was paid L15-7 1/2s. for repair of arms in Capt. Tutt's Independent Co. of Militia in 1780. (Stub Entry No. 587). On 24 Aug. 1785, he was paid L23-10-4 for duty on 439 days in said company in 1779-1780. (Stub Entry No. 22, Bk 0). (Bk O -? WRL). He was an Ensign at King's Mountain as listed in King's Mountain Men, by Summers, p. 1397.

On 19 Feb. 1786, Robert Looney on waters of Broad River in York Co., S. C., for L50 sold to John Jeffries of Union Co. on waters of Gilkie's Cr., a plantation in Union Co. on waters of Gilkie's Cr. containing 600 acres, originally granted to Samuel Gilkie, then conveyed to Adam Dickinson, then to David Looney, then to Robert Looney. Witnesses: John Ross, Nathl. Jeffries, Morning Mitchell. (Union Co. Deeds A; 171).

In 1790 Robert was listed as Loony in York County, Canden District, with 2 males over 16, 5 males under 16, 5 females, and no slaves. Descendants state that he m. Betsey Quinn and that he had a brother John and others, all

but one of whom were Patriots during the Revolution, and some fought under Col. Ben Cleveland at King's Mountain. "One of the brothers settled in the north and cast his lot with the Tories; after the war they settled in Virginia and South Carolina."

In 1793 Robert Loony of Pendleton, S. C., had a power of attorney from Elijah Oliver. In 1795 and 1797 he sold land on the waters of the Tugaloo River, some of which had been granted in 1784. Much land here was granted for military service.

Robert(3) Loony and his wife were enumerated in Pendleton Co., S. C., in 1800, 1810, and 1820, but not in 1830.

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The children of Robert(3) Looney and Mary Betsey (Quinn) Looney were all born in western Carolina, some in parts where Tryon, N. C. held jurisdiction:

Peggy(4) Looney, b. 30 Sept. 1775
Sally Looney, b. 16 Jan. 1778. Perhaps m. Abishia Camp and had John J. (or T.) Camp, b. 1795, et al.
Adam (4) Looney, b. 13 (or 15? PY, transcriber) Aug. 1780. See 4th Gen
Hugh(4) Looney, b. 14 Nov. 1782. See 4th Gen.
Peter(4) Looney, b. 14 Nov. 1782. See 4th Gen.
Daniel(4) Looney, b. 30 Sept. 1785. See 4th Gen.
Betsey Looney, b. 7 Sept. 1787. m. - - - - Walters.
Robert(4) Abraham Looney, b. 19 Aug. 1789. See 4th Gen.
Polly Looney, b. 22 Nov. 1791. Perhaps m. c. 1814 James Camp, b. Nov. 1791. 12 ch.
John(4) Quinn Looney. b. 13 Aug. 1793. See 4th Gen.
David(4) Looney, b. 11 Sept. 1795. See 4th Gen.
Thomas(4) Farrer Looney, b. 4 Aug. 1797. See 4th Gen. m. Rachel Miller.
Noah(4) Looney, b. 30 Sept. 1799. See 4th Gen.
Joseph(4) Looney. b. 12 Oct. 1801. See 4th Gen.
(It is possible that one of the above daughters m. Peter Quinn).

Margaret(3) Looney was probably the oldest daughter of Adam(2) Looney and Hanna (Wright). Margaret was born say 1749 and married Hugh Quinn. On 23 April 1770, Hugh Quinn of Tryon County and Margaret, his wife, sold to Wm Capshaw of Tryon Co. for L60 a tract to (of - ?) 300 acres of land on so. side of Green River and n. Fork of White Oak Creek, formerly granted to John Webb on 24 Oct. 1767, and by him conveyed to Hugh Quinn. A witness was James Capshaw. (Tryon Deeds 2; 79).

On 8 Aug. 1770, John Connor of Tryon Co. sold to Hugh Quinn of same for L23, 200 acres in Tryon Co., on N. side of Little Broad River beginning at Quinn's Corner on said River (patented 20 Oct. 1767). Witness: Peter Quinn (Tryon Deeds 2, 159).

On 31 July 1771, Hugh Quinn and Margaret, his wife, of Tryon Co., N. C., sold to Wm Capshaw of same for L50 land on So. S. of Green River, 200 acres on both sides of N. Fork of White Oak Creek, including plantation formerly of John (or Joel) Blackwell. Of the 300 acres Hugh and Margaret reserve 100 acres (northward part). (Tryon Deeds 3, 64-66).

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On 7 Apr. 1773, Alexander Dickenson of Duplin (?) Co., N. C. , sold to Peter Quinn of Craven Co., S. C. , tract of 200 acres for L65 on both sides of Cathay Cr. , a (at - ?) s. fork of Secors and Broad River. Wit.: Hugh Quinn (Tryon Deeds V, 242).

On 21 Dec. 1777, Hugh Quinn and Margaret, his wife, of Tryon Co., sold to George Dickenson of Charleston, S. C. , for L700 two tracts (1) in Tryon Co. on E. s. of Broad River granted 27 Apr. 1767, to Jno. Walker (2) 157 acres on E. s. Broad River granted to John Walker. (Tryon Deeds 3; 211).

Adam(3) Looney Jr. was born say 1750. After the death of Adam(2) Looney in Tryon County, N. C. (which at one time probably extended its jurisdiction for a considerable distance into South Carolina) it is not unlikely that some of his older children returned to Virginia. There is proof that this was probably true of Adam(3) (and possibly true of a possible older son James(3), and probably true of a younger son David(3).

In record book No. 24, at p. 18, at Raleigh, N. C. , it is shown that Adam(3) Luny had a survey for 300 acres in Tryon County on the north side of Paceolet beginning at a red oak, thence w. 220 poles to a white oak, thence north 220 poles to a pine, then east 220 poles to a stake, and thence to the beginning - dated 25 Nov. 1771. Jo. Martin. (p. 14; Hugh Quinn had 70 acres in Tryon Co., on east side Broad River).

On 12 June 1772, Adam(3) Looney had patent for 140 acres on Stone Run of Craig Creek in Botetourt Co., Va. (Va. Land Pat. 40; 682). On 12 Sept. 1772, Adam, Joseph, and John Looney were on a jury in Botetourt County (formed from part of Augusta in 1769). Joseph(2) Looney had not gone to Tennessee at that time and John may have been son of Robert(2), but Adam must have been Adam(2). On that same 12 Sept. Adam(3) bought from Israel Christian a certain 150 acre tract on Stone Run of Craig's Creek that John and Mary Mills had owned just prior to 19 August 1765. This property Adam(3) did not keep very long but sold to Richard Adams on 10 Feb. 1773. When on 12 May 1773, Adam(3) Looney was sued by Israel Christian for debt, the Botetourt Court decided the debt had been paid.

It seems probable that Adam(3) went south again soon after 1773 and on 9 Sept. 1776, he enlisted in the 5th S. C. Regiment (Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., Vol.9, p.194; Book Mark R. & P. 436786; info sent to Mrs. T.W. Oliver, Sylvania, Ga., 8 April 1921).

No information has been found concerning the marriage or death of Adam (3) Looney.

Moses(3) Looney was born say 1752 in Augusta County, Va., and taken to the Carolinas by his parents when a young lad of about 13 or 14 years. He was probably married before he enlisted as a 3-year soldier and died in military service at Boundary House.

In the Revolutionary Military Papers in the office of the Secretary of State of N. C., (now in custody of N. C. Historical Commission), in Case 628, reference No. 777, there is a certificate by Capt. Joshua Hadley dated Oct. 20, 1795, stating "that Moses Looney, a three years Soldier, died in service at the boundary House." Moses was probably wounded in service and carried to the Boundary House, which was near the N. and S. Carolina border, on the road from Wilmington, N. C., to Charleston, S. C. Moses is designated as a private in the Continental line of N. C. There is a petition by his "heirs" (not named) for land. Warrant No. 3874 dated 2 Nov. 1795, was issued to "Moses Looney's heirs. " On 17 Nov. 1795, the 640 acre warrant was transferred for value received by Jacob Looney, Heir, to Joshua Hadley; Peter Moon (or Moor) was a witness. Hadley transferred to Gen. James Robertson on 3 Nov. 1796. Land on the west side of Barton's Creek in Tenn. Co. was surveyed 12 Mar. 1797, entry No. 3874, and the grant, No. 3192, was dated 14 Sept. 1797. (There seems no basis for the "84 mo. service" mentioned in connection with this warrant on p. 99 of "Roster of Soldiers from N. C. in the American

Revolution.") New District, Montgomery County was mentioned when the land was surveyed, but the location seems of no interest to the Looney family. The certification is important, however; since this Moses Looney "died in service" he was separate and distinct from Moses Looney of Sullivan County, N. C. and Tenn. Thus it is not impossible that Moses of Sullivan and Moses of Knoxville are identical as was tentatively assumed previous to consideration of the fragmentary evidence regarding land warrant No. 3874.

Did Jacob(4) Looney go to Illinois, where in St. Clair Co., Ill. in 1820 census, is found Jacob Lunee, aged 26 to 45 years?

Moses Looney participated in the Battle at King's Mountain, S. C., on 7 Oct. 1780, and is so listed. (Annals of S. W. Virginia, by Summers, p. 1397; King's Mountain Men, by White, p. 201).

Boundary House is described as located 40 miles from Wilmington, N. C., 41 miles from Georgetown, and 61 miles from Charlestown (Charleston - ?). (State Records of N. C. XV; 382 and XVII; 578).

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"EARLY LOONEYS IN AMERICA"

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Part 4

Absalom Looney Branch

(Second Generation)

Absalom 2 Looney was, almost certainly, born after 1726, because his name is not on the Augusta County muster roll of 1742 with those of four of his older brothers. Since Absalom had a "family" in 1753 or 1754 (as we shall see later), he was certainly older that Peter 2 Looney who was born in Philadelphia in 1734. There may be a question as to whether Absalom or John 2 was the older because a John Looney was taxed in Augusta County in 1748. This tax, however, may have been merely for ownership of a horse, perhaps by a youth of 16 years, and John, as we shall see, married a girl born in 1739 or 1740. Thus we estimate that Absalom 2 Looney was born about 1729 +/- 3, before his parents came to America.

He probably lived with them on the upper Potomac River not so far from Hagerstown but on the south bank, and the school books that are referred to by some of the descendants of Michael Looney probably belonged first to Absalom who, rather than Michael, may have had brief schooling at Hagerstown at the age of 8 or 10 years.

Absolom Looney must have married in or very near 1750. He was living with his family on the Bluestone, a branch of New River, in 1753 or 1754 when his father Robert sent for him because of danger from the Indians at the outlying settlement and offered him part of the home place. Absalom and his family came and settled in the "Draft", on Draper's place, on land where his brother Daniel

had been living. Daniel 2 Looney made to Absalom (Abraham according to Chalkley's book) a deed dated 10 September 1754 (delivered in August 1763) for this place of 180 acres on Long Run, a branch of James River. Absalom bought 248 acres on the south side of James River in 1754. In 1759 he may have, for a short time, been in Carolina with his older brother Adam 2 Looney. This statement is based on the following evidence: On 11 October 1759 when Robert 1 Looney and Elizabeth agreed with their sons Peter and David, Robert 1 proposed to buy from Absalom his claim to some of the land. Accordingly, John Buchannon testified, in August 1764, that Robert 1 had stated that he, Robert, had paid Absalom L10 on Absalom's return from Carolina.

On 15 May 1765 Absalom and Margaret Looney deeded the 180 acres on Long Run to Peter 3 Looney, heir of Peter 2 Looney, and the deed recites a "corner of another tract belonging to Peter, formerly in possession of Robert Looney, Sr. " This deed is marked delivered on 26 September 1785. (Augusta Deed Book 12, p. 185; Chalkley II, p. 430.) In 1768 Peter Looney's executors mention cash paid to Absalom ("Abraham") Looney.

Absalom and his family probably moved from the tract on Long Run, perhaps a little further west, before or about 10 September 1767 when he patented 54 acres on Stone Run, a branch of Craig's Creek. (Augusta D.B. 37, p. 94) He must have lived here during much of the latter part of his life, "near Ripley's reference to his

ancestor. On the same date Absalom 2 had a grant of 166 acres on Craig's Creek (according to Kegley). (Did he also

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have a grant of 60 acres on 25 January 1769 on the south side of James River? See Kegley, page 348, at seq. This 60 acres was surveyed for Robert Looney in 1762.)

Absalom Looney and Amos Potts were appointed to review and report on a road on Sinking Creek, 13 March 1771. It is stated concerning early settlements in Tazewell County, Virginia, that Absalom Looney, "the hunter", discovered Abb's Valley on the Bluestone and settled there in the valley in 1771, but the evidence cited above indicates that the discovery and original temporary settlement may have occurred much earlier, in the 1750's.

The Absalom Looney, assignee of Benjamin Davis, who had a grant of 114 acres on Craig's Creek 1 June 1782 might be thought identical with Absalom 3 were it not that the survey of this land was made 1 November 1754 when the land lay within the limits of Botetourt County, Virginia. (Va. Grants Bk. F, 509.)

Concerning the wife of Absalom 2 Looney, the records yield only the name Margaret from the deed of 15 May 1765 when Absalom and Margaret conveyed the 180 acre tract on Long Run to Peter 3 Looney, heir of Peter 2. At this time 8 or 9 of Absalom's 11 children had been born.

William 6 Gaines Looney, in his manuscript on this branch of the Looney family, refers more than once to a second marriage for Absalom 2, but not with desirable clarity. First, he states that Michael 3 was son of Absalom 2 and "Peggy" of Craig County, Virginia (out from Botetourt Co.). Later, after the statement: "Michael was the eldest," he inserted a note "and 1/2 brother to all the other children." Again: "in the meantime Michael's half

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brother and sister, Benjamin (known as Big Ben) and Mrs. Priscilla (Peggy) Caldwell settled in East Tenn., Ben in Stanley Valley, Hawking Co., and Mrs. Priscilla (Peggy) Caldwell in Knox Co., "

Among papers left by William Gaines Looney there is a reference to Mike as Absalom's eldest child "by Murldeen," or something like that.

From William gains Looney's remarks it is possible to make different assumptions concerning the wives of Absalom 2 Looney:

1. His 1st wife, mother of Michael, possibly named Murldeen, d. ca 1752. H m. (2) Margaret called "Peggy" who became mother of all the other children.

2..He m. (1) Peggy who d. at or shortly after the birth of Ann ca 1767 (and the removal from Long Run to Stony Run), and m. (2) the mother of Priscilla and Benjamin.

3. He m. (1) Murldeen, mother of Michael; m. (2) Peggy, mother of 8 children, Elizabeth to Ann, incl., and m. (3) the mother of Prescilla and Benjamin.

Aside from the reports b William Gaines Looney, no evidence has been found that Absalom 2 Looney married more than once.

Absalom 2 Looney's wife (or wives) must have died before 28 September 1791 when Absalom Looney of Botetourt County marked his will with an A, leaving 5 sh. to each of 4 sons and 7 daughters, and all else to son Benjamin without mention of his own wife. John Smyth and Stephen Holstine were named executors and he witnesses were Dan'l Givens, John Summerfield, Rich's Summerfield, and Will Givens. The will was proved at June Botetourt court 1796. (Will Book A, 426)

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A deed was made in December 1791 by an Absalom Looney to Dan'l Givens for land on Craig's Creek and same was recorded in June 1792. An examination of Craig County records should yield something of value concerning this transaction.

Concerning Absalom's death, William Gaines Looney says: "Later he sent for his son Michael, then in Tennessee, to come to him, that they (meaning his son Ben's wife and her sister) were not good to him and when he got there he found him dead and buried him there."

An inventory shows Absalom's estate was appraised 20 July 1796 by Henry Holstein, Hugh Caldwell and John Taylor.

The children of Absalom 2 Looney were all born either on Long Run, a branch of the James River at the present Buchanan, a few miles southwest of Natural Bridge in that part of old Augusta County that became Botetourt County in 1770, or somewhat further west on Stone Run, a branch of Craig's Creek. The daughters, except Ruth and Catherine, were all married when Absalom made his will. No Bible record has been fount. Michael's birth date is known only as 1755 + or - from his listing in the 1850 census. The only complete birth date is that of Peter, as given by the family records of his descendants. Benjamin, as listed by census enumerators in 1830 and in 1840, was b. within the limits 1775 + or - 3. Birth dates for the other children as given below have been estimated to agree with what is known about those above mentioned and with the order in which their names are mentioned in their father's will.

Michael 3 Looney b. say 1751. See 3d Gen.

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Early Looneys in America

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JOHN (2) LOONEY Branch

John (2) Looney, son of Robert (1) and Elizabeth Looney of Looney's Mill Creek of James River in Augusta (now Botetourt) County, Virginia, was born about 1732 +-2, probably just before the family came to America.

In 1749 his name was on the tax list there (possibly taxed for a hourse only, and thus not necessarily over 16 years old). John (2) was married about 1756 or 1757 to Esther, daughter of Stephen Rnefro Sr. (Will (1802-1804), Estate Book 1, Knox Co., Tenn., 149.) She is said to have been in 1739 or 1740 the first white female born west of the James River in that part of Virginia that later was to become part of Botetourt County. (Nat'l Intelligencer, Wash., D.C., 12 July 1921.)

John (2) Looney was security with Robert Rowland on 17 March 1756 when his sister-in-law, Margaret (Rhea) Looney, administered on the estate of her deceased husband, Robert (2) Looney Jr. On 11 October 1759 by the terms of an agreement recorded in May 1765 between Robert (1) and some of his sons, John (2) was to receive the hourses (except 2) and 1/3 of the cows (except 3). On 6 May 1761 John Luney witnessed a power-of-attorney from Charles Milliken of Orange County, North Carolina, to John Buchanan. (Augusta Deeds A, 277.) On 17 February 1762 he assisted in the appraisement of the estate of Christian Hicks. (Augusta Wills 3, 113.) In 1765 J. Looney on Sinking Spring was mentioned as a processioner (but this could be Joseph (2) Looney).

On 27 September 1767 John (2) Looney purchased of his older brother Adam (2) Looney the 271 acres known as the Meadow Run or Bryan's Creek tract which Adam had bought from Colonel James Patton in 1752. On 4 March 1768

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John Looney had 250 acres surveyed on Looney's Mill Creek along his own patent line; also 196 acres adjoining John Mill's land. (Rockingham Co. Surveys 1, 137.) The 250 acres were pruchased from his nephew Peter (3) Looney, but the deed was not made or recorded until 12 January 1796. (Botetourt Deeds 5, 347.)

When Joseph (2) Looney proved the will of Robert (1) Looney in Botetourt County on 13 November 1770, John (2) Looney was security with Abraham McClellan. On that day both John (2) and Joseph (2) were on the Gand Jury in Botetourt County, and John was named as "one of the most capable freeholders of this County." On 14 May 1771 John (2) Looney succeeded John Mills as overseer of roads, and was again on the Grand Jury. On 13 November 1771 John (2) was on a jury. On 9 September 1772 John Looney and Henry Smith made bond for Jonathan Smith. On the following day John and Joseph Looney were on a jury.

On 12 September 1772 Adam, Joseph, and John Looney were on a jury. On 15 September 1773 Wm. Crow, John Looney, and John Mills Jr. were ordered to allot to Margaret McClain, late Margaret Looney, wife of Peter Looney deceased, her dower in the lands of which her husband was possessed. The next day John and Joseph Looney were again on a jury.

John (2) Looney (assignee of John Perston (who was assignee of George Slaughter) had a survey of 147 acres (64 by entry of 13 June 1781 and 83 by entry of 1791) all on a branch of Stone Creek, waters of Craig's Creek in Sinking Creek Valley, joining his own tract and his tract known as Peter Looney's place. (Botetourt Survey Book 3, 28; begining entry 1799.) The grant was dated 25 March 1801. (Grants I, 47, 572.) On 14 December 1796, with others, John Looney witnessed a deed to Walter McDonald from Joseph (2) Looney (of Knox Co., pre Tenn.) for 304 acres in 3 surveys on James River. On 12 February 1805 John Looney purchased 183 acres, the

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Flaggy Spring tract on waters of Craig Creek, from John Tanlor and wife Mary. (Botetourt Deeds 8, 537.)

Then on 8 and 9 June 1807, by a series of 6 deeds, John Looney (joined by his wife Esther in one instance) gave land for love and affection or nominal fees to his children Eleanor, Jane, John, Joseph, David, and Esther. (Botetourt Deeds 9, 306-313.)

At the 1810 census of Botetourt County John (2) Looney appears, over 45, with female over 45, living with Robert Looney, 16 to 26, female 16 to 26, and no children; the name of head of householed being listed "Jno. & Robt. Looney." On 25 January 1810 John (2) Looney deposed (record in Augusta Co.) concerning George Roepack who settled on Sinking Creek of New River (later Giles Co.) in 1754. On 23 March 1816 John Looney and Esther his wife deeded 315 acres to Robert Looney for 800 pounds. (Botetourt Co. Deeds 12, 98.) On 13 April 1817 a tract of John Looney's in Botetourt County was divided between his sons David Looney (85 acres) and Joseph Looney (82 acres). (Survey Book 3, 407.) John's son Robert sold his land and removed from Botetourt at about this time. Did John (2) Looney die about 1817? The name of John (2) Looney is not found in the 1820 census of Botetourt County.

Esther, widow of John Looney, died on 26 February 1821 in her 82d year, on Sinking Creek, Virginia. (Natl. Intellingencer, Washington, D.C., 12 July 1821.) (Search of the 1820 census record of Botetourt County should show a female aged 80 to 90 in the family of some descendant.)

The family records of Benjamin (6) F. Looney (Robert Looney Jr. Branch), onetime Attorney General of the State of Texas, state that John (2) and Hetty (Renfro) Looney had 4 sons, to wit: John, Stephen, Robert, and Peter. (Hetty was a nickname for Hester or Esther.) The Botetourt County deeds as cited above show daughters Jane, Esther, Eleanor, and

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sons Joseph, John, David. That Robert was a son is proved by his marriage bond in 1809, signed by John Looney Sr. as father. In correspondence with the writer, Coyd A. Looney named Mary and Martha as daughters in this family.

In order to assign estimated birth dates to the children of John (2) Looney, the mother's age is accepted as given in the printed death notice, it has been assumed that the older sons are listed by Judge Ben F. Looney in order of their ages, some marriage dates are available, several census records give approximate ages, the bounty-land papers give the ages for Joseph and Robert, and a precise birth date for Joseph is given by Coyd A. Looney. With dates as adjusted or the whole family, the children of John (2) and Esther (Renfro) Looney would seem to be:

John (3) Looney b. ca 1757. See 3rd Gen.
Stephen (3) Looney b. ca 1758. No trace except Judge Ben F. Looney's report of his existance.
Robert (3) Looney b. ca 1760. See 3rd Gen.
Peter (3) Looney b. ca 1761. See 3rd Gen.
Jane (3) Looney b. ca 1763. See 3rd Gen.
Mary (3) Looney b. ca 1766. Probably the Mary Looney who m. Henry Cartill 4 July 1786. Bond signed by John Looney as witness and surety. (Botetourt Mar. Reg., 30.)
Martha (3) Looney b. ca 1769. Coyd A. Looney said: "Married a Cuningham."
Possibly a child b. 1773. Was this the Rebecca or Elizabeth who m. Robert or James Bloomer and had dau. Mary Bloomer b. ca 1798, m. ca 1815 Wm. Garrison of Tazewell and removed from Russell Co., Va., to Ozark, Mo., in 1834? A descendant is Mrs. Pearl Blankenship Weddle.

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Esther (3) Looney b. ca 1777. Esther m. John Walker; bond 14 June 1802 signed by John Looney Sr., father, and by John Looney Jr., brother. George Walker was witness and surety. (Botetourt Mar. Reg., 127.) On 9 June 1807 Esther and John Walker, her husband, received 125 acres by deed from her father John (2) Looney, same being a part of the Peter Looney land. (Botetourt Deeds 9, 313.)

Eleanor (3) Looney b. ca 1780, m. (Botetourt bond) 18 Dec. 1805 George Walker Jr. (Botetourt Mar. Reg., 153.) She d. ante 8 June 1807 when her parents, John (2) and Esther Looney, deeded the Flaggy Spring tract of 183 acres on Sinking Creek to son-in-law George Walker and the late ----- Looney, his wife. (Botetourt Deeds 9, 306.)

Joseph (3) Looney b. 4 Jan. 1783. See 3rd Gen.

John (3) Looney b. ca 1784. See 3rd Gen.

David (3) Looney b. ca 1786. See 3rd Gen.

Robert (3) Looney b. ca 1787. See 3rd Gen.

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Third Generation (John (2) Branch)

John (3) Looney was born ca1757 in Augusta (now Botetourt) County, Virginia. It is here suggested that he may have been the man recommended for promotion to Ensign in the Washington County, Virginia, militia 25 February 1777 (Wash. Min. Book 1, 7); and/or he may have been with his first cousin, Peter (3) (Peter (2)) Looney, and James Cain and John Crow when the three signed the Cumberland Pact on 1 May 1780 at the new settlement, Nashborough on the Cumberland River. (A John Looney, Ensign, is credited with being present at the Battle of King's Mountain, which was fought on 7 October 1780.) It is assumed that John (3) (John (2)) died before ca 1784 when a younger brother was named John.

Robert (3) Looney was born ca 1760. This could possibly be the Robert Looney who signed a petition in lower Washington County 6 November 1777; and perhaps the Robert Loony, Ensign, under Lieutenant Moses (3) Looney (Robert (2) Jr.) and Captain George Maxwell in the militia of Washington County, Virginia, 20 November 1778. A Robert Looney, Ensign, is listed as present at the Battle of King's Mountain. Perhaps this Robert (3) died before ca 1787 when another Robert (3) of John (2) was born. (Note: Here there is uncertainty because Robert (3) of David (2) was born ca 1762.)

Peter (3) Looney was born ca 1761, probably the first son born in this family after Peter (2) Looney was killed by Indians in March or April of 1760. Peter (3) may have been one of the men named Peter Looney who, late in 1776, served under John (3) (Robert (2) Jr.) Looney, Bullockmaster, during or just after the Cherokee Expedition. (Ramsey's Annals of Tenn.; see also Journal of House of Delegates, Va., May 1778, p. 31, 32.) On 15 November 1782 Land Office Treasury Warrant 14839 was issued to Peter Looney according to the "Act of Assembly" of the Legislature of Virginia of May 1779. (See Henning's Statutes, Vol. 7, app., Vol. 10, p. 35, 40.)

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Under the warrant 120 acres were surveyed to him in Franklin County, Virginia, 28 September 1789, on the south side of Blackwater River on Thomas Robertson's line. A Certificate of Survey was recorded 30 October 1792 and the grant recorded as of 14 August 1793. (Va. Grant Book 29, 222.)

Peter (3) Looney married, (bond) 10 March 1786, Judith Robinson, daughter of Thomas Robinson. (Franklin Mar. Bonds by Marshall Wingfield 1947, p. 147.) (Thomas Robinson in his will dated 1796, proved 1798, mentions wife Jane Magdalin, sons George and William, daughters Phebe Barton, Sara Staton, Susan Vest, Judith Luney, and Rebecca Stephens. (Franklin Wills 1, 128.)

The 1810 census of Franklin County, Virginia, shows that Peter Luney had a wife of same age group (i.e., b previous to 1765) and 1 girl 10-16 and another 16-26. In 1820 Judith was head of the household with 1 boy and 1 girl, both under 10, and 2 girsl 18-26. No Looneys were found at the 1830 or 1850 census of Franklin County, but in 1840 Judy Luny 40-50 was listed with 1 boy 10-15.

The inventory of the personal estate of Peter (3) Louna, deceased, was appraised 5 December 1812 is of record in Franklin County, Virginia. (Wills 2, 21.)

On 12 April 1847 Jane and Judith Looney sold to Isaac Shoumaker their interest as heirs of Peter Luney, deceased, in 120 acres on Blackwater River. (Franklin Deeds 17, 341.) Perhaps the mother, Judith, had died before the

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Part 6

PETER LOONEY BRANCH

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Peter2 Looney, son of Robert and Elizabeth Looney, was born in Philadelphia about 1733 or 1734 and was probably the first Looney born in America. Presumably his parents had recently landed at Philadelphia and rather soon made their way westward to enter Virginia from Pennsylvania between 23 Apr and 12 Nov 1735 with Alexander Ross and Morgan Bryan (see account of Robert1 Looney). The family lived on the Virginia side of the Potomac somewhere not far from Hagerstown, Maryland. He was, then, about five to seven years old when in 1739 or 1740 his parents moved to the James River settlements near Natural Bridge, Virginia.

On 6 Mar 1754 Peter Looney became indebted to Colonel James Patton, probably for the 250 acres on Meadow Creek, a branch of Craig's Creek, Augusta County, which land he seems to have purchased from Patton on 8 March. In 1754 and 1755 Colonel Patton contracted with Peter2 Looney for 8,000 rails and the erection of a fence.

In 1756 Peter Luney, Sergeant, was in a detachment under Captain Smith appointed to garrison Fort Vause, one of the western defenses on the upper Roanoke, near the present Lafayette, Montgomery County, Virginia, during the French and Indian War. He was wounded and captured by the Indians when the Fort surrendered on 25 Jun 1756.

In July 1757, Peter gave an account of this adventure to a Philadelphia representative of the London Chronicle or Universal Evening Post. The edition of this London paper for 6-8 September 1757 gives a detailed account of the adventures of "Peter Lewney who, for about a year past has been among the French and Indians at Fort Detroit, and informs as follows, viz., that he was an Ensign of a Company of Rangers in the back parts of Virginia, consisting of 70 men, commanded by Captain John Smith. That last summer . . ., etc." In short Lewney was carried to Detroit where 300 French families lived. An Indian King adopted Lewney as a brother and he sat in their councils. He heard the French commander order Indians to go to Fort Dequesne and to Fort Cumberland and destroy all the English inhabitants. The Indians and some French left in April 1757. Lewney left Detroit with Indians going 280 miles to Niagara with furs to purchase Indian goods.

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The French had 30 men at the Fort at the Falls and 300 men with 24 guns at Fort Niagara. A French force of 280 men arrived on their way to Fort Duquesne. Lewney met Wm. Philips, who was captured at Oswego, New York, and agreeing to escape, they traveled 200 miles to Oswego without seeing an Indian. Thence they proceeded to the Mohawk River where they received food from friendly Indians. They arrived at Albany on 12 July. Lewney went to Virginia where his parents lived. "He was born in this town, and is about 23 years of age." (See Mississippi Valley History Review 13 pp 15, 76, 95).

It is important to note that Peter2 mentioned his parents in his interview with the reporter in Philadelphia in 1757 but mentioned no family of his own.

Peter2 Looney was still indebted to (the estate of) Patton on 17 Feb 1758; indebted as of 6 Mar 1754. Apparently Peter made claims for recompense for the losses (horse, saddle, bridle, rifle, etc.) Which he sustained at Fort Vause, and a committee recommended that he should receiver £46:16 as recompense and as a reward for his bravery. (See Journal of House of Burgesses. 1758- 1761), pp 221, 229).

Peter2 Looney married Margaret, the eldest child of James Maitland Lauderdale, about 1759, the year in which on 11 Oct he and his younger brother, David2 Looney, signed the important agreement with their father, Robert, about their inheritance of his lands in return for the building of a house and for their proposed care of their parents. (Margaret Looney was soon to be a widow and she married (2)James Cain or McCain, Sr. In Sumner County, Tennessee, there is

said to be a will on file in which James Lauderdale in Sep 1796 names eldest daughter as Margaret Cain, widow and rel: ct of James Cain, deceased.)

On 11 Dec 1759, Peter Luney, Thos. Ramsey, John Potts appraised the estate of Robert Clark. On 13 Mar 1760, Peter Luney was one of the witnesses of John Bowen's will. Peter2 Looney must have died between 13 Mar and 13 Apr 1760 when Peter Looney, heir at law of Peter Looney, deceased, proved to the Augusta County court that the said Peter Looney, deceased, served as a sergeant until taken prisoner by the Indians in the year 1756, etc., and that he never proved such service nor obtained any land.

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However, it is not yet certain that this proof of service was made before 1761 instead of 1760. For example, it was not until 8 Nov 1760 that Margaret Luney (with James Litherdale and James Mills) gave bond as admx of Peter Luney (Will Book 2, p 421). Errors concerning new and old style dates may be involved.)

The evidence recorded in certain suits, LOONEY vs. LOONEY in Augusta County Courts, shows merely that Peter Looney, Sr., died "soon after the agreement of 11 Oct 1759, leaving Peter, his eldest son, infant, etc." Also, it is shown that "widow Looney" made arrangements to winter cattle and sent a hand to cut wood in accord with the bargain to which Peter, Sr., had been a party.

The appraisement of Peter Luney's estate, made by Geo. Adams, Thos. Ramsey, and Robt. Montgomery, was not recorded until 18 Aug 1761. It lists cash, etc., due from Jno. Mills, Thos. Ramsey, Joseph McMortry, Wm. Boyn, Wm. Bird, James Ledderdale and David Looney.

On 18 May 1762, Robt. Breckinridge was appointed guardian to Peter Looney, an infant, in order to prosecute a suit in Chancery against his grandfather. In June 1763 there is record of a suit vs Haines by "Margaret Luney, relict of Peter Luney, 1761".

Margaret m. James McCain, probably shortly before 18 Nov 1767 when James Ledderdale asked counter security from Margaret Looney, admx of Peter Looney, since intermarried with James McKain. On 16 Mar 1768, James McKain and Jonathan Smith gave bond to James Ledderdale to secure Ledderdale who, with John Mills, now dead, was surety of Margaret Looney as admx of Peter Looney. On the same day a final account of the estate of Peter Looney by James McCain and Margaret, his wife, showed cash payments to Daniel Smith, Robert Looney, Abraham (probably Absalom) Looney and David Looney, etc. On 17 Mar 1768 Jonathan Smith gave bond, with Joseph Luney, as guardian to Peter Looney, orphan of Peter Looney. On 22 Mar 1768 an order summoning James McCain and Margaret (Looney, wife of Peter) was dismissed. In June 1769 there was recorded a judgment as of 22 Jan 1768, in favor of Margaret Cain, formerly Margaret Looney, wife of Peter Looney, deceased, vs Robt. Breckenridge.

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Botetourt County was formed from Augusta in 1769 and on 8 Dec 1772 Joseph2 Looney was appointed guardian to Peter Looney, son of Peter Looney, deceased, in room of James McCain and Jonathan Smith who were discharged from that office. (James McCain was second on a list of four, all heirs of Robert1 Looney, to be sued in Botetourt County, Virginia, on 12 Feb 1773.) On 15 Sep 1773, Wm. Crow, John Looney and John Mills, Jr. were ordered to allot to Margaret McClain, late Looney, wife of Peter Loony, deceased, her dower in the lands of which her husband was possessed. On 15 Nov 1775, with approval of the Botetourt Court, Peter Looney, orphan of Peter Looney, deceased, chose James Letherdale, Jr., for his guardian.

Just when James McCain and Margaret left Botetourt County and went south is not clear, but Peter3 Looney, Jr., served 33 days as a drover under his cousin, Bullock master John3 Looney (Robert2 Jr.) from August to December 1776, probably in southern Washington County, Virginia, or in western North Carolina (including pre-Tennessee) Just after the men under Colonel Wm. Christian returned from the Cherokee expedition.

James Cain signed, 6 Nov 1777, with Samuel Looney, other Looneys and Renfrows, a petition from the inhabitants of Lower Washington County, Virginia, protesting the erection of a Court House. It is known that James

McCain once lived on a tract just west of land entered for Samuel Looney's orphans (in 1779) on the Holston River, near or below the mouth of Beaver Creek. North Carolina Land Grant 91 to James Cain, 240 acres in Sullivan County, North Carolina, on both sides of Big Creek was issued 23 Oct 1782. This was probably Margaret's husband.

From the first tax list of Sumner County, Tennessee, 1787, it is evident that James McKeen owned 120 acres. In that year he received a grant for 640 acres on Station Camp Creek in Sumner County. This may have been Margaret's son.

James McKain (perhaps Jr.) deeded lands on the west fork of Station Camp Creek, Sumner County, Tennessee, to Peter3 Looney in 1789 (Grant Book, p 308). (This deed not read by present writer; grantee may be Peter3 Looney of Absalom2.) James KcKeen was taxed for 366 acres in Sumner County in 1794 and James McKeen, Jr., was taxed for

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378 acres in 1793. By her second marriage, Margaret (Lauderdale) McCain is said to have had a son, Captain James McCain, who went to middle Tennessee with Donelson. (This man was probably not a Captain in 1779 but his father was no doubt too old.) Descendants of Peter3 Looney, Jr., can "prove" their Scotch ancestry from the Earls of Lauderdale and the Cunninghams. (See "The Lauderdales of Scotland" by Chas. J. Lauderdale.)

It seems probable that Peter2 and Margaret Looney had no other children than Peter3 Jr. The final record of the administration made no mention of others. In instruments of reord, Peter3 Jr. is mentioned merely as the eldest son but in one deed, 8 Feb 1785 (Botetourt County, Virginia, Deeds 3, p 318) Peter Luney, only son and heir at law of Peter Looney, LATE DECEASED, late of Botetourt County, transfers 180 acres on Long Run to Wm. Anderson.

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Part 7,

David (2) Looney Branch

David(2) Looney, son of Robert(1) and Elizabeth Looney, was born ca. 1736, on the upper Potomac River in Orange (now Frederick) County, Virginia. His early recollections, however, were probably of the home place on the James River at Looney's Mill Creek, not far from Natural Bridge, Virginia.

David Looney was probably of age in 1757, when as assignee of Thomas Camp he obtained judgment on Edward Watts,Jr., in Bedford County, Virginia.

An early record evidence concerning David is an entry in Henning's "Statutes of Virginia" about the furnishing of provisions to the Colony about 1758.

On 11 October 1759, when his father Robert(1) made an agreement with his sons, Peter and David, by the terms of which much of his land and other property was to be given to these sons, they were to build a house for their parents and care for them. The agreement did not last long, but it led to litigation that has enabled us to learn about the family. For further details, see the introductory chapter, "Robert(1) and Elizabeth Looney Family."

On 27 February 1760, David(2) witnessed a deed by Hugh Caruthers, of Orange County, N.C., to Margaret Clark for 158 acres on Looney's Creek. On 19 November 1760, he gave bonds as Administrator of the estates of his brother, Thomas(2) Looney, and of his brother, Daniel(2) Looney. He witnessed a deed on 14 February 1761, from John McFall of Bedford County, Virginia, to David Miller; and he appraised the estates of his brother, Peter(2) Luney and of Peter Absheir on 18 August 1761. On the same day, Jane Evans, late Looney, asked for administration of her deceased husband's estate hitherto granted to David(2) Looney. From these legal activities during his early twenties, it may be inferred that David(2) Looney received an above-average education for his day and assumed responsibilities at an early age.

David(2) married Mary McClelland (sister to Abraham McClelland), possibly in Bedford County, Virginia. (Some DAR papers give the date as 1755, and sometimes her name is written Margaret Mary McClellan.) He probably lived on 140 acres of the home tract, but he patented 204 acres on Craig's Creek of James River, in August 1761 (Patent Book 34, 904). On 10 August 1761, David was listed as indebted to the estate of Peter(2) Looney for 5 Pounds. With John(2) Looney, he witnessed a Power

of Attorney in 1761 from Charles Milliken of Orange County, N.C., to John Buchanon. Also with John, he appraised the estate of Christopher Hicks in 1762. On 4 February 1763, David(2) Lunie witnessed a deed by John Sloan of Roan County, N.C., for 300 acres on Loonie's Mill Creek. On 21 March 1763, David(2) Looney was a bondsman, with John Smith, for John Griffith, Administrator of Morris Griffith.

David(2) and Mary Looney signed a deed on 7 April 1763, for 204 acres to Amos Potts and John Potts,Jr., and the witnesses were Stephen Rentfroe and Margaret Looney. (Margaret was doubtless the widow of Robert(2) Looney, Jr., and the property was that acquired by David on Craig's Creek in August 1761.) On 8 July 1763, David witnessed a deed by Robert Williams of Orange County, N.C., for land on Craig's Creek.

As one result of litigation over the "agreement" of 1759, part of the Robert(1) Looney land (140 acres) was deeded to David Looney on 20 August 1765. Also, on 18 October 1765, David Looney was appointed guardian of Margaret(3) Looney, only child and orphan daughter of Daniel(2) Looney.

On 13 June 1766, David(2) Looney et al witnessed a Power of Attorney from Robert(1) Looney to James Jacks authorizing said Jacks to make a second deed in order to confirm title to Jeremiah Jacks for the old plantation on the Potomac River that Robert(1) sold in or about 1740 or 1741. (Of record in Frederick County, Virginia.)

On 21 November 1766, David(2) Looney (and wife) Mary Looney deeded to William Crow, 140 acres of land, part of the 250 acres patented to Robert(1) Looney in 1742, "land where David Looney lately lived."

Possibly David(2) and family started their southwestward migration at this time. Certainly, on 26 December 1766, at Fort Chiswell, David(2) Looney and James Briggham signed a note to William Thompson, agreeing to accept 20 Pounds from Henry Harmon. (This refers to settlement of a suit brought by Lovice(3) Looney, daughter of Thomas(2) Looney, against her grandfather, Captain Adam Harmon, in 1764. Lovice deposed, by commission, on 22 August 1766. (See account of Thomas(2) Looney family in the introductory chapter, "Robert(1) and Elizabeth Looney Family.")

Just when David(2) Looney settled in the Holston River district has not been accurately determined. The region was not open until after the treaties with the Indians in 1768 and 1769. David may have already entered a claim there in August 1769, when he was obtaining judgments against various persons in Augusta County, Virginia, at that time. Then the new Botetourt County, Virginia, was formed and on 29 January 1770,(probably in that part of Botetourt that was to become Fincastle County, Virginia, in 1772, and then Washington County, Virginia, in 1777) administration was granted to David(2) Looney on the estate of Derby Shea. Moses Looney (probably son of Robert(2) Looney) was one of the appraisers. This indicates that David(2) and Moses(3) were certainly in the Holston neighborhood in 1770, because Derby Shea's property lay between Muddy Creek and Falls Creek, and both of these are mostly , or entirely, within what later became Sullivan County, N.C., then became Sullivan County, Tennessee. (In March 1770, David had been appointed to survey a road from Beaver Creek to Fall Creek, Botetourt County, Virginia. In Fincastle County on 6 January 1773, Moses(3) Looney was appointed surveyor of the road from Muddy Creek to the county line.) Even late in 1772, David's(2) ties with Botetourt County, Virginia, were not completely severed. For example, on 19 November 1772, William Walker

conveyed certain horses to David(2) Looney, who had been surety on Walker's bond of 8 December 1768. (Botetourt Deeds 1; 391.)

At about the same time, when the will of Edward Sharp, dated 8 May, 1770, was probated in Botetourt County (Will Book A;1), the Executors were father-in-law, John McClelland and brother-in-law, William McClelland. John Sharp was granted administration. The widow was Jane Sharp, and the securities were David(2) Looney and Abraham McClelland. (The widow, Jane McClelland Sharpe had married second, Samuel Gamble.)

It seems that considerable study would be required to understand the jurisdictional limits of those times and the locations of particular properties in that area. For example, although Montgomery County was not cut off from Fincastle until 1777, it's Order Book is said to have entries showing that on 6 December 1774, David(2) Looney was Administrator of the estate of William Prince; but in Deeds and Wills 2, Montgomery County, it appears that David Looney et al were bondsmen for John (2) Looney, Administrator of William Prince. Fincastle records show that David(2) Looney was granted administration on the estate of William Prince, 7 February 1775. (A surprising entry of 5 March 1774, is that of a suit in Montgomery County, by Hugh Montgomery, Assignee of William Farr, against David(2) Looney and Adam Looney. What ADAM? Adam(2) Looney died in Tryon County, N.C., in 1770. This could be Adam(3) of Adam(2), who could have returned temporarily to Virginia.)

It does seem that it should help somewhat to know that in June 1776, Peter Looney, Hugh Crawford, Moses Looney, et al, signed a petition, as inhabitants of the western part of Fincastle County, asking for a division of the county. Washington County on the west, and Montgomery County on the east were established in 1777. On 25 February 1777, in Washington County, David(2) Looney was surety for Anthony Bledsoe, Administrator of the estate of William White, and Moses(3) Looney

was one of the appraisers. On 27 August 1777, David(2) Looney, Moses(3) Looney, et al, appraised the estate of William Purviance, in Washington County.

The homes of some of the early settlers in the Holston area were actually forts as well as dwellings. The Revolutionary War pension papers of James Anderson, S1786, show service under Captain David(2) Looney's Fort on Muddy Creek, about 2 miles from its mouth at the Holston River. Captain David Looney also commanded a guard for the conveying of provisions to the American troops at the battle with the Indians at Long Island, in the Holston River.

An important list of the early settlers in the Holston area is the petition of 6 November 1777, by the inhabitants of the lower part of Washington County, protesting the erection of a Court House inconvenienly located for them. Among the signers were:

Walter Johnson
Benjamin(3) Luney .(Robert(2), married Mary Johnson, killed by Indians in 1783)
James Brigham (married Lovice(3) Looney, Thomas(2) and Jane Harmon Looney.)
Peter(4) Looney (of Peter(3), born 1755, Absalom(2).)
Hugh Crawford (md. Annis (3), David (2), Robert(1).)

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        Robert Looney  (what Robert? Did Adam's(2) Robert (3) return
temporarily to Virginia from Tryon, N.C., where Adam(2) died 1770? )
        John Looney  (of Robert(2); ie Captain John(3) Looney whose company
served against the Cherokees in 1781. )
        Steven Renfrow, Sr.  (md. about 1763, Margaret, widow of Robert(2).)
        Steven Renfrow, Jr. (son of Steven)
        John Renfrow.   (son of Steven)
        Samuel Looney   (of Robert(2). Md. Ann__;killed by indians 1778.)
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David 2 Looney Branch

The Colonel David Looney Chapter

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David Looney, an older son of Robert Looney and his wife, Elizabeth, was perhaps, one of the more famous sons of the family. David was born about 1734, in, some say, Orange County, Virginia, in that part of the county which is now Frederick County. His birthdate is given variously, as 1734, 1736, or 1738. It seems that the 1734 year is more nearly correct, even though his brother, Peter, is assumed to be the same year. Twins? or closely spaced?

From an article in THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION, Spring of 1974, entitled, 'Looney of Ballagilley', by Ed Sayle, I came upon an interesting document . Mr. Sayle says that Robert Looney was a Manx farmer from Ballagilley, Maughold, who arrived in the new world about 1731, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with at least seven sons. From there, the Looneys joined an expedition into the Colony of Virginia. The following year, which would be 1732, Sayle goes on to say, Robert settled on a patent of land of 291 acres on the south bank on the Cohongoroata (or Upper Potomac) River, probably near present day Hagerstown, Maryland. Then, he says, by 1739 or 1740, Robert Looney and his family moved southward through the Shenandoah Valley, finally settling on a grant of 250 acres on the James River, in what was to become Augusta County, Virginia, and later part of Botetourt County, Virginia. These dates are significant as they relate to the birthplace of David Looney, the son of Robert and Elizabeth. If his birthdate of 1734 is correct, then he must have been born in Maryland. If the later dates prove to be correct, he is likely to be the first or the second son who was born in America. It also places him seventh or eighth in the list of sons.

David met and married Mary Ann McClelland, the daughter of Abraham McClelland, likely of Bedford County, Virginia, in either 1755 or 1756. A man reached his maturity, legally, at the age of 21, so he rarely contracted a marriage before reaching his majority. A marriage in 1755 or 1756 makes his earlier date of birth , 1734, much more likely and more reasonably correct.

David is seen in the court records of Augusta County, Virginia, on August 18, 1761, in the matter of his appointment as Administrator of the Estate of his brother, Daniel Looney." The widow, Jane Looney, now Evans, prays for the administration of the estate to be granted to her. CHALKLEY, Vol. 1, page 54. For David Looney to handle legal matters such as the administration of an estate, he had to have reached his majority.

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IBID, page 339; is 'Looney vs. Looney, dated 1759, which is the court action in which brothers Peter Looney and David Looney bought land from their father, Robert. The sale of this land occassioned quite a few entries in the early records of Augusta County. David and Peter had to be of age to purchase land and to bring suit on their own against their father over the rights to this land.

In 1766, David and his wife, Mary, sold this homeplace near the older Looney parents on Looney's Mill Creek, near the James River, and by 1770, they had moved into the Holston on lands along the Indian frontier.

By 1774, the family had settled into a cabin on Muddy Creek, two miles north of the Holston River, in what was then Washington County, Virginia, but which became Sullivan County, North Carolina and eventually, Tennessee.

The earliest look at the activities of David Looney as a young man can be found in THE PRESTON AND VIRGINIA PAPERS, Draper Collection of Manuscripts, Calendar Series, Volume 1, page 37: 'On October 30, 1758, David Looney submitted a statement of account against the county of Augusta for 7 1/2 bushels of salt'. This one entry is in the handwriting of William Preston, Augusta County Militia, and should be proof of service in the Colonial era, the French and Indian War. We know he was also involved in Dunmore's War, from the same source, the letters of Col. William Preston in letter #3QQ80. Colonel Arthur Campbell at Royal Oak, writing to Colonel Preston, says he will 'write Colonel Looney' and ends the letter by requesting further orders. This letter was dated 19 August, 1774.

A few days later, letter #3QQ81, dated August 22nd, 1774, from Rev. John Brown to his brother-in-law, Colonel William Preston, Brown mentions the Indian depredations, Preston's dangerous situation and that the companies of Captains Matthews, McClanahan and McDowell are marching on the Shawnee towns.

But by September, 1774, the CHEROKEES were attacking settlers on the Clinch River . On October 1st, 1774, Colonel Arthur Campbell again writing to Preston, tells of the Indian attack on Moore's Fort on the Clinch, and "that Captain Looney is unable to go on pursuit." All of this war activity preceeds the Revolutionary War, and is service to the Colony of Virginia, hence proof of the patriotic service of David Looney in the very earliest times.

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An article published in the NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGY, Spring & Summer, 1974, Vol. XX, No. 1, entitled, 'Fincastle Virginia Militia, 1776 ', has "the roster for the company of 'Captain David Looney's Company, Militia, on the Frontiers of Fincastle, 1776." Shown in Captain David Looney's Company are these Looney names; John Looney, Benjamin Looney and Peter Looney. The amount of that payroll was 305 pounds, no shillings, and 6 pence. "June 11, 1777; Received of Thomas Maddison the amount of this pay roll. Signed; David Looney. Test. James McCorkle." (Notice, David signed his name , rather than by mark.)

In the payroll of Captain John Shelby's Company of Militia, 1776, are the names of Michael Lewney and Samuel Leuney. There is also a citation for pay due the "six spies at Moses Loonay's garrison under the command of Captain David Looney on the frontiers of Fincastle." "Washington County; This day, David Looney, swore to the above list. Signed James Martin. Jan'y 24th, 1777."

The first county court for Sullivan County was held in 1780, at this same garrison of David's brother, Moses Looney. David Looney was active in the protection of his neighborhood, his county, his colony and his country during the entire course of his life, and with his proven leadership and abilities, his military rank steadily advanced from Captain, Major, Lt.Colonel, and Colonel. He was a young captain in the Colonial wars, a young major in the militia in the earliest days of the Revolution, when he served in the North Carolina Mililtia. His service was under the command of Colonel Isaac Shelby, who later appointed David Looney to the rank of Colonel. David served the duration of the Revolution and the fight for American Independence from Great Britain.

When victory was achieved, he was awarded numerous land grants for his service to the cause of freedom. The book, NORTH CAROLINA LAND GRANTS IN TENNESSEE, 1778-1791," lists many of the grants he received , plus those for some of his brothers, nephews, and his eldest son, David Looney, Jr.

At war's end, David remained active in the militia, but he also began to take an active leadership role in the growth and developement of Sullivan County, North Carolina.

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The General Assembly of North Carolina had, in October, 1779, passed legislation setting up a neighboring county to Washington County. This new county was named Sullivan County, to honor Revolutionary War hero, General John Sullivan. The Justices of the Peace in the newly formed county, were, among several others, Isaac Shelby and David Looney. The men met on February 7th, 1780, at the log home/ fort of Moses Looney to organize the government of the new county. Quoting the, SULLIVAN COUNTY NEWS, Vol.36, #6, dated February 7th, 1980, which was the 200th birthday of Sullivan County;

"John Rhea was appointed Clerk and Nathan Clark, Sheriff. Isaac Shelby exhibited a commission from Governor Caswell, of North Carolina, dated November 19th, 1779, appointing him Colonel-Commandant , of the county. Other commissions appointed were Henry Clark, Lieutenant-Colonel, David Looney, First Major, and John Shelby, Second Major , according to the documents.

Looney's Fort is still standing. Behind the protective covering of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pope, Sr., the log fort is virtually intact and Sullivan Countians have the unique privilege of standing in the exact location where their county was officially organized 200 years ago." This article ends with a quote from Mr. and Mrs. Pope, "We are just the caretakers. We may own Looney's Fort, but, in a sense, it belongs to all the people of Sullivan County."

>From the book, THE BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Volume 1, is found an entry for David Looney: "Looney, David (1738-1810) (Note- I think these dates are both wrong.) North Carolina HOUSE OF COMMONS, 1780, 1784; representing Sullivan County, (then North Carolina, now Tennessee); House 1st General Assembly, 1796-1797, representing Sullivan County. A Franklinite. Was born in Augusta County, Virginia in 1738; son of Robert and Elizabeth (Llewwllyn) Looney. In Revolutionary War. Appointed a Colonel in 1779 under Isaac Shelby to protect the Frontier of Virginia. Received large grants for military service; one of the early settlers of Sullivan County from Virginia; built a blockhouse on Muddy Creek; farmer and landowner. Married to Mary McClelland, daughter of Abraham McClelland.

Children; David, Jr.; Abraham M.; John L.; Joseph;

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Robert, Sarah (Mrs. Samuel Gregg); Annis (Mrs. Hugh Crawford); Elizabeth (Mrs. John Vaughan); Mary (Mrs. Jeremiah Taylor); sometimes Justice of the Peace and entry taker for Sullivan County (note-this must refer to taking the first 1790 US Census, which was burned in Washington, in the War of 1812.); Represented Sullivan County in the North Carolina Constitutional Convention , 1788. Member of the Tennessee Constitutional Convention, 1796. Died in Sullivan County, Tennessee, in 1810. Grandfather of A.M.Looney, uncle of Peter Looney, sometimes (also) members of the Tennessee General Assembly."

All the above statements are footnoted in the book as to the sources, which are; Moore, 'Tennessee, A History,'III, page 321; NSDAR, 'Roster and Soldiers, 1938'; Williams,'The Lost State of Franklin', page 317; Speer, 'Prominent Tennesseans', page 121; Ramsey, 'Annuls of Tennessee', page 121; and the NSDAR Lineage Book, Volume 65, page 168.

A photocopy of an article written by LeRoy W. Tilton, which appeared in the NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, Vol. #34, 1, March 1946, is entitled, "Will of Colonel David Looney of Sullivan County, Tennessee." This says, "With the exception of the deed books , all records at the Court House of Sullivan County, Tennessee, were burned on 23 September, 1863, but a certified copy of the will of David Looney, Senr., has been found in Middle Tennessee, by Professor Rupert Taylor, of Clemson, South Carolina.

The copy was made 15 December, 1829, by G.W.Netherland, D.Clerk, and addressed to Prof. Taylor's great-uncle, Captain David L. Taylor (Note, I believe this man is the grandson of David Looney, the son of David's

daughter, Mary Looney, who married Jeremiah Taylor, and who had a son, David Taylor. Can anyone document this?), Hartsville, Sumner (now Trousdale) County, Tennessee. " This document satisfactorily confirms some DAR lineages now on record and provides a solid basis for applications from the descendants of all of his children. This Revolutionary ancestor, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Looney, of Augusta County, Virginia, was born c. 1735 or 1736, probably in Orange (now Frederick) County, Virginia, and married ca. 1756, Mary McClelland, probably of Bedford County, Virginia. Many entries concerning him are found in the Virginia County records of Augusta, Bedford, Botettourt, Fincastle, Montgomery and Wanshinton, but documentary evidence concerning his immediate family has seemed almost nonexistent. In 1766, David and Mary Looney sold their home place on Looney's Mill Creek, near the James River in Augusta (later Botetourt)

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Looney Family of Augusta County, Virginia

JOSEPH LOONEY BRANCH

(Compiled by Leroy W. Tilton, 1949)

Joseph (2) Looney, youngest son of Robert (1) and Elizabeth Looney, was born about 1740, perhaps just about the time that his parents removed from the home on the South bank of the Potomac, near Hagerstown, Md., to the Looney's Mill Creek section on James River in what had become Augusta County in 1738 and was to become Botetourt County in 1770.

Robert (1) Luna gave to Jeremiah Jack a deed to the Potomac River property and the recording was ordered by the Orange County Court on 22 March 1739. Apparently however, the deed was lost for in 1766 a new deed was recorded in Frederick County (which had been taken from Orange). The first record of land surveyed to the family in the new location was dated April, 1740, to Robert Looney, Jr. and land later granted to Robert (1) Looney was surveyed in June 1740 (Baylor's Book of Surveys at Frederick County Court House). These grants were dated 1742.

Joseph (2) Looney had license to marry in Botetourt County 25 June 1764. (Believe this Augusta County as Botetourt founded in 1770. E. Looney 1967) His wife was Jane Bowen, dau. of John and Lilly Bowen. On 20 Nov. 1764 Robert (1) Looney deeded to son Joseph (2) Looney for L20 160 acres at Sinking Spring on west side of James River. Joseph (2) Looney was a witness on 28 Feb. 1767 when John Smith sold slaves to Jonathan Smith; and again a witness on 27 July 1768 to John Bowen's will. On 14 July 1769 Joseph (2) Looney patented 60 A. in Augusta County on South side of James adjoining his former survey. In this same year, he

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obtained from the County Clerk a copy of the agreement of 11 Oct. 1759 between his father Robert (1) and Robert's sons. Joseph was named executor with his mother Elizabeth in his father's will dated 14 Sept. 1769. Joseph was also named the residual legatee after the death of his mother. He proved the will in Botetourt County on 13 Nov. 1770. Joseph (2) viewed a road on 10 April 1770 and was on a Grand Jury in Botetourt County 13 Nov. 1770, and was on a Grand Jury in Botetourt County 13 Nov. 1770 as one of the most capable freeholders of this County."

Joseph Looney and Jane Looney his wife deeded 160 acres at Sinking Spring to Conrad Wall on 13 Aug. 1771. Joseph was on the Grand Jury again 12 Nov. 1771. In April 1772, as assignee of Jno. Smith he sued Robert Looney and Jas. Lidderdale (Lauderdale correct) for debt. On 20 June 1772 Joseph patented 85 A. on Stone Run of Craig's Creek in Botetourt County. Joseph, Adam and John Looney served on a Jury 12 Sept. 1772. On 8 Dec. 1772 Joseph (2) Looney was appointed guardian to Peter (3) Looney son of Peter (2) Looney deceased in room of James McCain and Jonathan Smith.

On 11 Feb. 1773 Jos. Lonny and Jean his wife deeded to Jas. Gilmer the 60 A on South side of James River patented on 14 July 1769. Joseph (2) Looney was on Jury on 16 Sept. 1773 with John (2) Loney, his brother. The will of Lilly Bowen, 4 April 1780, Washington County, Va. names child Jean Looney.

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In 1781 Capt. Joseph Looney, Lt. Tosh (Toch?) and Ensign Wm. McClenachan marched a company to Yorktown and Fiatt Wyson, one of the men, states that he was present at the surrender. Capt. Joseph Looney is listed as present at Guilford C. H. On 9 Narch 1784 Joseph Looney and others were sureties for Pat Lockhart, Sheriff. On 14 Sept. 1784 Joseph Looney was appointed to take lists of all white persons in each family within the bounds of his company of militia, etc., on or before 1 March 1785.

On Nov. 1784 Andrew Lewis of Botetourt County agreed to give an acre lot in the town of Point Pleasant, then being settled, to each of 18 men including Joseph Looney if they continued to defend the place. On 12 Sept. 1786 he was again named to take lists of tithables in his company of militia. Joseph Looney was Commissioner of the Peace in 1779, 1782, and 1786 and 1788. On the Virginia tax rolls of 1782-1787 Joseph Luney appears in Botetourt County with 1 poll and 5 slaves.

Joseph (2) Looney seems to have left Botetourt County, VA. about 1790/2 and settled in Knox County, Tenn. In 1792 he was Justice of the Peace in Knox County. Jos. Looney of Knox Co. of Territory South of the Ohio River, on 14 Dec. 1798 sold to Walter McDonald of Botetourt Co., 304 A on Craig's Creek of James River (three surveys). Witnesses were John (2) Looney, Sr., Peter Looney, Benj. (3)(of Absalom (2) Looney), Wm. Caldwell, Hugh Caldwell, Henry Walker. Joseph (2) Looney, Sr. was in Knox County in Apr. 1802 when he sued Wm. Murphy in court of pleas and quarter sessions. Joseph Looney, Jr., was mentioned.

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The will of Joseph (2) Looney was dated 5 Nov. 1816 and proved in Jan. 1818 in Roane County, Tenn. The will mentions dau. Elizabeth Mansfield; dau. Jane Bogard and her eldest child, Betty Bogard; and son Joseph (3) Looney named executor. The will also mentions land purchased from George and Moses Preston, heirs of George Preston.

Joseph (2) Looney and his wife, Jean (Bowen) Looney were the parents of:

JEAN (3) LOONEY (Sometimes shown as JANE, E. Looney's note):
b. say 1766; m. in Botetourt Co., Va., 1786 or 1787 to George Preston; Joseph Luney's name mentioned. George Preston resided in Capt. Richard Oliver's Company in 1802. Jane and George Preston had sons George and Moses Preston.

When Kingston was established in 1799, George Preston was among those appointed commissioners. Roane County was established by Act of 1 Nov. 1801. Jane Preston administered on the estate of George Preston in Roane County in June 1808. She m. 2nd on Jan. 4, 1812, Wm. Bogart. (Believe this was meant for Abraham Bogart. E. Looney's note 3/2/67). Their daughter Betty Bogard was born ante 1816. Also at least one other child.

JOSEPH (3) LOONEY
Born say 1770, was mentioned in Knox County as on Jury in Oct. 1795; also again on 26 April, 1796. He was again mentioned there when his father sued Wrn. Murphy in 1802. At that time he was living in Roane Co. in Capt. Richard Oliver's Company. Joseph was mentioned (named, rather) as executor of his father's will, dated 5 Nov. 1816. At the 1830 Census of Roane County he is listed as b. 1765 / 5 with wife b. 1775 /5, 3 boys 15 to 20, 2 boys 10 to 15; 2 females 20 to 30, and 1 girl under 5. In 1838 there is a deed from Joseph Looney to Cravens. Then in 1848 in same Roane Co., LeRoy Looney, administrator of the estate of Joseph Looney, deeds

land to Cravens. Leroy Looney was in Bledsoe Co., West of Rhea at the 1830 Census; b. 1805 / 5, wife in same age group with 2 boys and 1 girl all under 10 years of age.

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ELIZABETH (3) LOONEY
b.say 1773, m. in Knox Co., Tenn. 30 Oct. 1795, Nicholas Mansfield, who resided in Capt. Richard Oliver's Company in Roane Co., Tenn. in 1802. Both were living on 5 Nov. 1816.

PETER (3) LOONEY
Possible son of Joseph (2) Looney. Perhaps b. about 1768. Could be the Peter Looney who witnessed the deed by Joseph (2) Looney in 1796; also he who m. Mary Thorp in Jefferson County, Tenn. 10 May 1794. There was a Peter Looney in Knox Co. in 1799, 1804, and 1806. He may have died before 5 Nov. 1816 when Joseph (2) Looney made his will.

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Prentiss Price says Peter was not son of Joseph (2) Looney; however, no proof has been offered either way. Elizabeth Looney has found a Peter Looney in Missouri who could possibly be the Peter Looney mentioned above; however, no mention of his parentage is known. She is still trying to ascertain more information. Informant say the Peter in Buffalo, Missouri was married four times!
(E. Looney's note of 3/2/67)

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