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**CULBERTSON AND
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Who came to America before the year 1800, and several families that have come over since then; containing biographical sketches of some of the more prominent members of the various families.

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CHAPTER VI

FIFTH GENERATION

(a. 1) James took out a warrant, No. 17 in Jan., 1761, for 360 acres on North Hico and Limber Creek, in Orange Co., N. Car. In Oct., 1782, he took out a Warrant No. 340, for 300 acres of land on both sides of Hico Creek in Caswell Co., N. C. (Caswell formed from Orange Co. in 1777). In description of meets and bounds in latter warrant James, it says "Beginning at a large pine corner of his deeded line and running along said line." This refers to his warrant of 1761. Part of the lands he owned were in Chatham Co. and close to Pearson Co. line. It is possible that James swore he was of age in 1761 when he may have been only 17 or 18 years old. (As I have known of one instance in Pa.) James Culbertson of Orange Co., N. C. and Caswell and Chatham Co., N. C., besides Hico Creek farm owned 350 acres on Fall Creek, Chatham Co., N. C. This was deeded Nov. 19, 1824 by Josiah Culbertson acting by Power of Atty. then residing (Josiah) in Warren Co., Tenn. He deeded two-thirds interest of this 350 acres on Fall Creek, Chatham Co. to James Culbertson of Montgomery Co., N. Car. Josiah was attorney for William, Joseph, Lawrence, Andrew, Aaron and Jonathan Culbertson, all of Warren Co., Tenn., and heirs to James Culbertson of Chatham Co.,

deceased. He deeded land in Caswell Co. to a Joseph and James Culbertson in 1787. This was his nephew Joseph and son, James Jr.

James, Sr., Census 1790, self, two sons under 16 years, wife and two daughters, Chatham Co. James apparently did not die in Chatham or Orange Co., N. Car. Probably died in Tenn.

Issue:

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| 7. James, Montgomery Co., N. C. Sold farm Caswell Co., 1795. Taxable 1790 Caswell Co. | } Deed Records of Warren Co., Tenn. Not searched. |
| 8. William, Warren Co., Tenn. | |
| 9. Joseph, Warren Co., Tenn. | |
| 10. Lawrence, Warren Co., Tenn. | |
| 11. Andrew, Warren Co., Tenn. | |
| 12. Aaron, Warren Co., Tenn. | |
| 13. Jonathan, Tenn. | |

Montgomery Co., N. C., Court Records destroyed by fire 1823.

(a. 1) James, Sr. The Clerk of Court of Warren Co., Tenn. finds no will or admin. of James or any other Culbertson. Where did his sons move to from Warren Co., Tenn.?

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CHAPTER VII

(a. 2) **Josiah Culbertson** born in Lancaster Co., Pa. The mss. of newspaper article printed in 1839 in Daviess Co., Ind., I have lost, unfortunately. The history of Josiah reads like a romance. Told of his wonderful feats of strength, his fights with Indians and the British, also of the great bravery of his wife in encounters with the Indians, and how she carried powder to her husband when he was besieged by Indians, and how the Indians once cut off one of her children's hands. He married a daughter of Col. John Thomas in whose regiment he served. Pension Records at Washington, D. C., give his service. "Served in John Thomas' Reg't., S. Car. for two years. Was in engagements Ramsours Mills, Cowpens and King Mt." Also "Private in N. Car. troops, pensioned \$80 a year. Pension commenced Mar. 4, 1831." Commissioner U. S. Land Office says no land military warrant to him. Residence Daviess Co., Ind." Census 1790 S. Car. gives him in 96th Dist., Spartansburg

Co., self and wife, four sons under 16 years, four daughters. (Numbers 14 to 22).

Col. John Thomas and his sons, John and Wm. D. Thomas, are given in 1790 Census of S. Car. in Greenville Co. This county adjoins Spartansburg Co.

In Josiah Culbertson's biography (as given in Kings Mt. and Its Heroes, by Lyman Draper) he says: "His father settled at New River on the frontier of Va., thirty miles from any white settlement when Josiah was about 10 years old. Was living there in 1755-6 His father shortly after moved back to the Greenbrier River Settlements." He also says, "That he did not know Col. Isaac Shelby until he left N. Car. in the latter part of 1779." I will digress here to quote from War. Dept. Reports, Vol. II, p. 11; Barrie's Army and Navy of the U. S.; Dunmore's War by Thwaites, etc.; "Isaac Shelby was a surveyor in the Western Virginia where he located in 1771 near Bristol, Tenn. In 1774 was a Lt. and in his father's company Va. troops in Dunmore's War. His bravery at Point Pleasant saved the day. Commissary-Gen. (Capt.) of Va. troops 1776; Col. in 1779. Was elected to Va. House of Delegates but after this date (1779) the line between Va. and N. Car. was extended and the survey threw Shelby into N. Car. He was then (1779) commissioned Col. of a Batt'n of Militia of Sullivan Co., N. Car. This was the time he first met Josiah Culbertson and they became fast friends. In 1776 east Tenn. belonged to N. Car. and was called Washington County. In 1784 this was called the Territory of Franklin and a governor was elected until Tenn. became a state. This data sustains Johnston's New River Settlements in statement that "Part of eastern Tenn. belonged to Va. before it belonged to N. Car."

After Samuel Culbertson left Greenbrier Settlement, Va., he moved to western N. Car. Josiah served with N. Car. troops. Have not been able to get the regiment in which Josiah served in N. Car.

Gen. John Sevier, of Tenn., lived only five to ten miles from Josiah Culbertson and his father Samuel. He lived at Wataugua Settlement and it is highly probable that they were personal friends of the Immortal John Sevier.

Barrie's Army and Navy of the U. S., Vol. VII, p. 26, says: "Forces from Sullivan Co., N. Car., at Battle of Kings Mountain under Col. Isaac Shelby of Tenn."

Josiah says in his biography: "Removed to N. Car. before 1770, with my father, Samuel. That I (Josiah) was in

Gov. Geo. Tryon's Army in 1770, when he defeated the 'insurgents'; afterwards (after 1779) removed to S. Car. Was married in 1774."

Josiah's eldest son was Andrew. He witnessed a deed for his father in Spartansburg Co., S. C., Jan. 7, 1797.

Josiah's wife does not participate with him in deed in S. Car. in Jan. 7, 1797 (other Culbertsons in same state at that date in making deeds the wife participates). She, no doubt was dead at that time; likewise family tradition says she was buried on Fair Forest Creek in S. Car.; also Josiah left the state in 1797.

In his pension application he says: "I was born in 'Culbertson Row', Pa., near Shippensburg, Pa., in 1742. My father moved to New River, Va. in 1753."

"Enlisted in N. Car. Flying Camp, 1776. At Siege of Savannah, Kings Mt., Ninety-Six, Musgrove's, Cedar Springs, Cowpens, etc." (See Dr. Lyman Draper's Kings Mt. and Its Heroes. Also Summer's S. West Va.)

Dr. Lyman Draper's "Kings Mt. and Its Heroes," gives some interesting reminiscences of Josiah Culbertson, a member of Col. Shelby's Regt. (from N. Car.). In 1892 a gentleman by the name of Scott said that his father served in the same company with Josiah Culbertson and that he often related to him the bravery and heroic deeds of Culbertson during the Revolution. Col. Shelby led the charge at Kings Mt. Court records of Daviess Co., Ind., show a son of Josiah died in that county in 1862. Court records Daviess Co., Ind., show no will or settlement Josiah, Sr. No other issue given. There was one other son who ran away and whereabouts unknown, until the author received a letter from a descendant in Tennessee. He was William Davies Thomas Culbertson, named after his uncle, who moved with his father from N. Car. to S. Carolina, then in 1797 to Warren County, Tennessee, and after 1824 moved to Daviess County, Indiana. 1815 took out warrants for 1130 acres in Greenville Co., S. Car. This son went from Indianapolis, Ind., to N. Car. where he married Narcissa Wood about 1829, and later to Jonesboro, Ala., later to Winston Co., Miss., where he died 1863. His descendants have an old powder gourd used by Josiah in the Revolution and which had belonged to Irish Andrew and said to be 250 years old having been brought from Ireland. They also have a Bible printed in the Welsh language which belonged to Josiah's wife's father, Col. John Thomas, printed 1561. Wm. D.

Thomas Culbertson was an educated man, a doctor and also a preacher in Miss. His daughter married a Mr. Suttles and their son is J. H. Suttles, a professor in a Memphis Business College.

Homes' "History of the Presbyterian Church" and Johnson's "Traditions of the Revolution" speak highly of Col. John Thomas and his son John, afterwards Col., and son-in-law Josiah Culbertson, Sr.

Sullivan and Washington Counties, N. Car. adjoin and went into Tenn. when that state was formed (Sullivan formed from Washington). Josiah Culbertson, Sr., was probably in Col. Isaac Shelby's Regt. before he went to S. Car. Went to S. Car. 1779. Left S. Car. 1797.

CHAPTER VIII

(a. 3) **Joseph Culbertson** remained with his father until 1802. He witnessed a deed for his father in 1779 and in 1787, residence Washington Co., N. Car. He took out a warrant in Tenn. for 120 acres on Indian Creek, Washington Co., land adjoining his father's in 1794. Also 100 acres (1797) on north side of Flat Creek on Bald Mt. Road, Buncombe Co., N. Car., near Tenn. land. I have not been able to ascertain whether he was married or single. The census 1790, 1800, 1810, for Tenn. was destroyed 1812 when the British sacked Washington. Joseph sold all of his land in Washington Co., N. Car. in 1802 and then moved into Buncombe Co., N. Car. This is no doubt one reason why Samuel Culbertson, Sr., did not name him exr. of his will.

Joseph made a deed Apr. 22, 1806, and another Dec. 19, 1806, for land in Buncombe Co., N. Car. His wife did not sign—if married—he signed "Joseph Culbertson of Buncombe Co., N. Car."

These deeds were made by him a year after administrator was appointed for Joseph Culbertson of Russell and Scott Co., Va., proving that Joseph of Washington Co., Tenn., and Buncombe Co., N. Car., was a son of Samuel. County Clerk of Buncombe Co., N. Car., says that he made a number of deeds in his county and there is no will or administration of him in his county showing he moved out of that county—I know not where—could not ascertain if he was married.

There was an Andrew Culbertson took out a warrant for 50 acres in Buncombe Co., N. Car., in 1817. He may have been a son of above Joseph.

Many of the Buncombe Co., N. Car., records were destroyed during the Civil War.

There was a grant to one Wm. H. Culbertson, Dec. 19, 1853, for 15 acres on French Broad River and on Pole Creek. Wm. H. Culbertson was grantee of 100 acres on west side of French Broad River, near Haywood Co., July, 1854. An attorney living in Asheville says he knew this Wm. H. Culbertson many years ago and he had a son named Hill Culbertson. Does not know what became of him.

I am inclined to think that Wm. H. was a son of Andrew. The Marriage Bond Records of Washington Co., Tenn. were examined thoroughly and the names of Joseph and Andrew Culbertson do not appear, nor do the names of any other Culbertsons appear. This proves that Joseph did not marry in Washington Co., N. Car. and must have married (if he did marry) in Buncombe Co., N. C.. It also proves that Samuel, Sr., did not marry in N. Carolina.

There is no will of Joseph in Buncombe Co., and no administration. Examination of Henrico records from 1750 to 1850 do not show Joseph nor Andrew.

Census of Henrico Co., Va. and Richmond does not show Joseph or any other Culbertson for 1830. This proves that Joseph Culbertson was not living in Henrico Co. when pension was allowed. Joseph of Buncombe Co., N. Car., was not on Census 1820 or 1830 in that county, showing he had either moved away or died before 1820.

Joseph's brother, Josiah, said in his autobiography (as given in Dr. Lyman Draper's "Kings Mt. and Its Heroes), "That his father, Samuel, moved to N. Car. before 1770." Joseph's brother, Samuel, who fought against the Regulators (Sons of Liberty) in 1771, resided in Orange Co., N. Car. Orange Co. was a very large county and in 1770 extended into eastern Tenn. Josiah's statement shows that his father had left the State of Va. before 1770 and therefore Samuel, Sr. and his sons were not in Virginia during the Revolution. The state line between Va. and N. Car did not extend far enough south to take in Samuel and Joseph of N. Car. When the Va. State Line was changed in 1779 a portion of Va. was thrown into N. Car. (Vide Chapter VII) This included all or a part of what is now Sullivan Co., Tenn. I have not been able to secure a map of Va. State Line prior to 1779 but the Holston river was the dividing line. Samuel, Sr. and Joseph lived probably fifteen miles south of the Holston.

Summers, in his "History of Southwestern Virginia," pages 695 and following discusses the Tennessee-Virginia boundary line in 1777. (I find no map giving this line at that date, and it seems to have been very vaguely determined before 1779.) In the spring of 1777 the election of Anthony Bledsoe and William Cocke, delegates-elect from Washington County, Virginia, was contested on the ground that they were elected by votes of citizens living in (then) North Carolina. But they won the contest and "citizens living as far down as the Long Island of Holston were accepted as legal voters in said election." (Bristol is in Washington County.)

Previous to 1776 commissioners had extended the dividing line as far west as Steep Rock Creek (now Beaver Dam Creek). The line was supposed to be 36 degrees and 30 minutes north latitude, in conformity with the old Charles II charter. This makes it positive that Joseph, son of Samuel Culbertson of Washington Co., N. Car., was not living in Va. during or after the Revolution.

CHAPTER IX

(a.4) **Andrew Culbertson** married Ann Elizabeth Quackenbush of Caswell Co., N. Car. Wife died 1816. Andrew lived in Chatham Co., N. Car. Chatham Co. was taken off of Caswell after 1777. First warrant we find to him was No. 568, Oct. 23, 1782, for 400 acres on south side of Rocky River, another No. 1108 for 180 acres on Rocky River, adjoining his other farm, also got a warrant 1782 for land on Deep River, Chatham Co. His will was executed in 1802, and probated in 1807. Devisees were, wife Anne Elizabeth and children (name spelled with "t"). (Wife died in 1816 in Chatham Co., N. Car.) Census 1790, self and wife; 2 sons over 16; 6 daughters. Chatham Co., One son under 16.

FIFTH GENERATION

Issue:

1. John Culbertson.
2. Samuel.
3. Elizabeth.
4. Mary.
5. Rebecca Susanna (Mrs. Russel Dorset).
6. Sarah.

7. Rhoda (Mrs. Alex. McCracken) mar. Oct. 15, 1813.
8. Anna.
9. Rachel.
10. Keziah (Mrs. David Forrester).
- 10½. Son, d. young.

NOTE:—In Andrews (a. 4) will he says, single daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Rachel, Rebecca, Sarah, Rhoda and Anna. Married daughters Susanna (Mrs. Russell Dorset), Keziah (Mrs. David Forrester). With all those unmarried daughters he could not have been a very old man. His widow Anna, in her will made 1816, devised to her daughters, Ann Elizabeth and Rhoda (Mrs. Alex. McCracken). She must have been a second wife of Andrew.

SIXTH GENERATION

(1) John Culbertson mar. ——. Resided on his father's place on Rocky River, Chatham Co., N. Car. His will was executed in 1849 and probated Aug. 7, 1849, in Chatham Co. Issue (from will; owned 1000 acres):

11. James W. Culbertson (Chatham Co., N. Car.).
12. Samuel T. Culbertson (Chatham Co., N. Car.).
13. John J. Culbertson.
14. Minerva Culbertson.
15. Matilda Culbertson (Mrs. Turner).
16. Maria Culbertson (Mrs. Marley).

(2) Samuel Culbertson made his will in 1817 in Chatham Co., N. C. Wife Sarah.

Issue:

17. William Culbertson, lived in Chatham Co., N. Car. in 1839 (deed).
18. John C., Issue: 25. Samuel, and 26. Nancy.
19. Andrew, lived Chatham Co., awhile but moved away.
20. Polly.
21. Elizabeth.
22. Sarah.
23. Amy
24. Bethiana.

(12) Above Samuel had issue: 27, Sarah; 28, Wm. T. (living in 1892 at Swans Sta., N. C.); 29, Geo. H.; 30, Daniel S.; 31, Melie R.; 32, Eddie Lee.

CHAPTER X

(a. 5) **Samuel Culbertson** mar. Sue ——. Samuel was in the "Regulators" (akin to the Sons of Liberty) in 1771 and was arrested and imprisoned and declared a traitor by the Colonial Legislature in 1771. Several of these Regulators were hung by Gov. Tryon of N. Car. in 1771 (See N. Car. Colonial Archives). We are not informed how Samuel Culbertson was released or escaped. He got in the game early against the British. He was declared a Traitor to King George, Mar. 11, 1771; residence Orange Co., N. Car. He was a ring-leader in the Regulators. Caswell Co., N. Car. was formed from Orange Co. in 1777. Washington Co. was formed off Orange Co. in 1777.

Census of 1790 for So. Car., Dist. 96, Spartansburg Co., gives him and wife and three sons under 16 years (Numbers 1-3). The famous Mecklenburg Declaration (the first Declaration of Independence), was made in Mecklenburg Co., N. Car. in 1775. This county adjoined Orange County and probably was taken off of Orange before 1766. Have not been able to ascertain whether Samuel or any of the Culbertsons signed this Declaration.

Court records of Spartansburg Co., S. Car., show no wills or administration of Culbertsons. The deed records reveal the fact that Samuel Culbertson, Sr. of Spartansburg Co., S. Car., had a son, Samuel Culbertson, Jr. who was just of age and deeded 26 acres in April 1795 to Henry O'Neil. Wife's name Celia. Made another deed to O'Neil May 14, 1796, wife Celia. It appears from a deed made by him Sept. 12, 1798, that his first wife had died, as on this deed of Samuel, Jr. to Samuel Culbertson, Sr. the name of Samuel, Jr.'s wife is Jane. This deed was for 290 acres. I do not know what became of him after this. Samuel, Sr., was deeded by his brother, Josiah Culbertson, Jan. 7, 1797, 179 acres. This deed shows Josiah Culbertson's wife (Thomas) did not sign (no doubt dead). Witnesses: E. Smith, W. D. Thomas (bro.-in-law) and Andrew Culbertson (Josiah's son?). In 1811 Samuel Culbertson (Sr.) conveyed 340 acres to O. Wingo. Wife Sudie. Do not know what became of him after this, nor do I know names of his other children.

As Samuel, Jr., was of age in 1795 he must have been born late in 1774 as Census 1790 shows he was under 16 years old at that date (1790). Therefore his father was married by or before 1773. Hence he was undoubtedly the

Samuel of Orange Co., N. Car. who in 1771 was declared a traitor to King George. As he is not on the deed records or Census of N. Car., I surmise that when he was declared a traitor to King George that he fled to S. Car. Name on deeds spelled with "t".

A warrant was issued to David Culbertson Feb. 5, 1798 for 445 acres in Spartansburg Co., S. Car; also a warrant for 500 acres, Feb. 5, 1798, to John Culbertson in Spartansburg Co. S. Car. I am strongly of the opinion these were sons of Samuel of Spartansburg, and that these were taken out when they had just attained their majority. This would tally with the Census report of 1790 as to their ages.

Marriage records of Orange Co., N. Car., searched at State Library at Raleigh, N. Car. and no Culbertson found.
