

Biography of Sheriff William Strong

First-Land Warrants He Received from the Land Office-1837 to 1847

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STRONG WILLIAM Cross 17 6N 4E 8.73 1843/02/01
STRONG WILLIAM Cross 17 6N 4E 158.53 1838/07/28
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STRONG WILLIAM Phillips 4 1S 5E 57.97 1837/08/21
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 6 4N 4E 89.37 1837/08/15
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 20 6N 4E 160 1847/08/26
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STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 24 6N 4E 61.27 1843/02/01
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STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 30 5N 4E 13.23 1844/10/01
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 30 5N 4E 18.98 1837/06/15
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 30 5N 4E 64.89 1838/07/28
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 30 5N 4E 79.89 1838/08/20
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 30 6N 4E 160 1847/08/26
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 31 5N 4E 282.2 1837/08/15
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 31 6N 4E 160 1847/08/26
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 32 6N 4E 105.54 1839/10/10 LANDS LOCATED W OF ST FRANCIS RIVER
STRONG WILLIAM St. Francis 34 6N 4E 128.85 1839/10/10 LANDS LOCATED E OF ST FRANCIS RIVER

Second-Bio per GGGGG Grandson Charles Lokey
William Strong & Crowley's Ridge

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William Strong was thought to be a native of Georgia according to Biographical Sketches of Pioneers Buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee. He moved to Arkansas County, Missouri, Territory about 1811. This area later became St. Francis County, Arkansas. William along with the rest of his father's family was on a long boat going down the Mississippi River , transporting goods on the night of December 16, 1811 , when the the New Madrid earthquake occurred. The violent quakes and surges of the Great Mississippi forced them back upstream toward the Ohio. This horrific night was told by Col. Wm. Strong many times.

William Strong was listed as a taxpayer for Arkansas county in 1815 and served as a captain in the Fourth Regiment of the Territorial Militia from Arkansas County in 1820.

William Strong had the first store on Crowleys Ridge . This store was situated on the old Crowley homestead, where Walcott is now . Being located at the crossing of the St. Francis river, by the old military road leading from Memphis to Little Rock . Told in the History of Greene County by B.H. Crowley published in the Paragould Soliphone in 1906.

Part of William Strong's "delta empire" is preserved at Village Creek State Park , located in Cross and St. Francis County covering 6,908. acres along the Crowley's Ridge . The park contains part of Strong's original Spanish land grants. He built his twenty-room mansion within view of Crowley's Ridge, near the Military Road on land just east of the park boundary. Strong built much of the historic Military Road also known as the Memphis to Little Rock Road , and helped to bring the route through this area ensuring the growth in population.

The Military Road also known as the Memphis to Little Rock Road , was authorized on January 31, 1824, when the U.S. Congress passed an act for construction of a road opposite from Memphis , Tennessee. The road was to run through the swamps of east Arkansas to the state's capital , Little Rock. Surveyors Joseph Paxton and Thomas Mathers and a contractor from Memphis , Anderson B. Carr were hired to propose the best route for the Military Road . Carr

resigned after a disagreement of which route was the best , his choice was to cross the White River. The other surveyors Paxton and Mathers took the layout of their proposed route to Secretary of War John X. Calhoun on February 12, 1825.

Paxton and Mathers , route would go through eastern Arkansas . Crossing Crowley's Ridge through the swamps of east Arkansas along the valley of Village Creek , by the hills of St. Francis , through the Military lands to the Languelle River.

Lt. Frederick L. Griffith , was given the job of superintendent on the Memphis to Little Rock Road project on January 27 , 1826 . The road was to be at least twenty four feet wide , with all timber and underbrush removed , swamps and marshes to be filled with poles or split timber for crossing and ditches dug on either side four feet wide and three feet deep for drainage . The hills were to be dug down and curved to make the road passible for carriages or heavy loaded wagons.

Advertisements were sent out by Griffith , looking for skilled contractors for the first section of the road project. Griffith contracted A. Carr , N. Anderson and W. Irwin of Memphis for the first 64 miles of road , starting from where the road left the Mississippi , four miles north of Memphis. The cost of \$160 per mile when the first section was complete would open a route nearly to Bayou de View. The work began in September and was completed by the following January . With the first section completed the second section began September 14, 1826 , Lt. Charles Thomas replaced Griffith as superintendent on the Military Road project , October 1826. There were sickness and fatigue , strickened the workers in the swamps of eastern Arkansas. Thomas reported on January 17, 1827 that Carr's road project was making progress but needed some changes in the route . Lt. Thomas complained that the route of Paxton and Mathers was inaccurate in the description of the land through which it would cross. They were informed by the pioneers living in the area of the flooding by the Mississippi and St. Francis Rivers would make the Military road impassible during the rainy seasons . Thomas , requested that a new route was needed to reach the crossing of the White River .

After the approval of the route changed , Thomas contracted William Strong to bridge the L'anguille River and and construct the road from the 64th mile to the ferry on White River which is now known as Clarendon.

Strong built his home on the eastern side of Crowley's Ridge in 1827 , a house four stories high with 20 rooms and a veranda completing the entire house . It was known as the largest and most expensive building in Arkansas at that time.

Strong bid the job at \$1,600 to construct the 93 1/2 mile road to the White River ferry , January 1828 . The road being completed June 1, 1828 . A piece of the newly constructed road is known today as the Henard Cemetery Road in Monroe County.

Henard Cemetery Road is listed with The National Register of Historic Places under the multiple- property listing “Historic and Archeological Resources Associated with the Cherokee Trail of Tears. William Strong is listed as the builder of this historic Military road that lead through the eastern areas in Arkansas.

This piece below is from the Journal of John M. Millard who assisted in the removal of the Chickasaws on March 9, 1837 . The party camped for two days about three miles west of Strong’s then headed on to the L’anguille River where they camped for one night. Millard’s journal entry for the 15th reads :

15 July , Camp Upshaw

This day drive has been a good one considering the very bad condition of the roads and the heavy rains which have just fallen . The distance is 11 1/2 miles from cypress , the country is flat and covered with post oak timbers.

The entry above description of the section of the Memphis to Little Rock Road that survives today as the Henard Cemetery Road.

Though the Military Road was finished by the end of August 1828 , the road was left to improvement from the Eastern Arkansas floods left the road impassible several months out of each year. The eastern section of the Military Road continued to be plagued by floods for years to follow . Pioneers continued to travel the road to eastern Arkansas , taking chances of crossing the wilderness and swamps. Arkansans petitioned Congress to repair the road , which would bring settlers and growth to the area and help protect them from attacks by the Indians. On July 3, 1832 , Congress approved \$20,000 for repairs to the Military Road. The money was used to improve and repair the road between Little Rock and Strong’s . The Arkansas Gazette advertised on May 23, 1837 that a contractor on the Memphis and Little Rock Road (Wm. Strong , Esq.) advertised for one thousand laborers to go work on the road for purposes of its completion . However the road would later become part of the Cherokee Trail of Tears between Memphis and Little Rock when completed.

Frederich Wilhelm Gerstaeker a journalist that traveled through Arkansas hunting and camping and writing about his exploits. Mentioned William Strong in his

journal . It became quite popular in Germany as a travel guide. It gave some insight on what traveling the old Military Trail was like . One thing that I found disturbing was his account of crossing the Military Trail shortly after the passage of large trains of Indians from the removal. He said that the land was littered with their bones. He found it disturbing. He mentioned that during the removal there were clouds of buzzards and packs of wolves following the processions of Indians. The contractors involved in moving the Indians didn't allow them to bury their dead. They were told to place them in the woods wrapped in blankets or whatever was handy and move on.

Strong became one of the largest landowners and leading politicians in the region between 1820 and 1840. He became the first postmaster along the Military Road and served as the first sheriff of St. Francis county . He was a delegate to the Arkansas Constitutional Convention in 1836, the year of the state's admission into the Union, and a delegate to the Arkansas General Assembly in 1840. He was also a member of the mercantile firm in Memphis , Dixon , Strong & Co. He retired to his home three miles northeast of Memphis , and became th "model farmer " of Shelby County , Tennessee.

His eldest son Erastus was the first graduate from the state of Arkansas at West Point and the only one for over 30 years. He was killed in Mexico at the Battle of Molina Del Ray during the Mexican American War. Erastus Strong's body was brought back from Mexico and reburied in Memphis in the 1870s .

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution organized a William Strong Chapter in Forrest City, Arkansas on April 19, 1930 in honor of William Strong, Revolutionary War Soldier .

He was about 70 years old at the time of his death with interment in Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee.

Third-Research by Loyd N. Sybert

On Find A Grave: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=33413653>

Birth: Dec. 10, 1791
Franklin County
Georgia, USA

Death: Jun. 29, 1863
Shelby County
Tennessee, USA

The following remarks about William Strong are found in a book on file at the Elmwood Cemetery. The book gives a biographical sketch of some of the pioneers buried in the cemetery. COL WM. STRONG was a native, we believe, of Georgia. He, with the rest of his father's family were descending in the Mississippi in a flatboat, when the violent earthquakes of 1811-1812 occurred at New Madrid. The flatboat occupied by the pioneers was wrested from its moorings, and swept backward during the night many miles toward Ohio. The amazement of those on board the "broadhorn" was boundless, and the strange incident was often mentioned by Col. Strong. He was a member of the great mercantile firm of his time in Memphis,, that of Dixon, Strong & Co., and built much of the roadway, under contract with the government, across the lowlands from Memphis to the St. Francis River. This firm, about the years 1836-1840, issued change notes, which for a time constituted the greater part of currency in Memphis. He retired, at length, to his home three miles northeast of the city, and became the "model farmer" of Shelby County. His perfect intergrity was never impeached. He was about seventy years of age at the time of his death. Research by Loyd N. Sybert

Family links:

Children:

[Erastus Burton Strong \(1823 - 1847\)*](#)

[Juliet Filingim Strong Winn \(1833 - 1880\)*](#)

Spouse:

[Mourning Cooper Strong \(1798 - 1866\)*](#)

Spouse:Mourning Cooper Strong:

Buried at Elmwood next to Husband:

Birth:	Feb. 25, 1798 Stewart County Tennessee, USA
Death:	Jul. 18, 1866 Shelby County Tennessee, USA

Family history research has revealed that this "M. Strong" buried next to William Strong, is Mourning Fillingin Strong, the wife of William Strong at the time of his death. Mourning Cooper Fillingin Strong was born February 25, 1798. She was the daughter of Vincent Cooper of Stewart County, Tennessee and mentioned in his will dated September 1, 1836 (2). It is thought that she was the widow of Jonathan Fillingin who died shortly before January 17, 1821. William Strong was the administrator of the estate of Jonathan Fillingin (3). Proof of the marriage of William Strong to Mourning Fillingin is furnished in an indenture made by Vincent C. Fillingin to Erastus B. Strong, September 6, 1843 (4). The document is somewhat in the form of a will.

Spouse 2 of William Strong=Mourning Cooper Born: 25 Feb 1798 Stewart Co.Tenn. d: 18 Jul 1866 Shelby Co.,Tenn.

Mourning Strong, the wife of William Strong, died July 18, 1866 and is buried in The Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee. William Strong died Jun 29, 1863. The location of his first burial site is unknown. The records of Elmwood Cemetery show that He was buried there on September 14, 1867. It is likely that he was buried there after the death of his wife. They are buried side by side with one tall white stone marking the date of birth and death of Wm. Strong on one side and M. Strong on the other side. Per Loyd N. Sybert Research

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Spouse:

[William Strong \(1791 - 1863\)](#)

Fourth:History from WWV by Date

18150000: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=206177&st=1>

Spouse 1 Matilda Hampton Marriage: abt 1815 Phillips, Arkansas, USA d.abt.1824 in Arkansas

18160000: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=206177&st=1>

CHILDREN by First Wife: A. Eveline Strong F 1816 Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA D.8-6-1850 Harrison, Ark.

Husband of Evelene Strong:Allen Dale Burress -sons of the Republic of Texas-Husband of Evelene

Strong:Husband of Evelene Strong:Allen Dale Burress -sons of the Republic of Texas Born: 1808 Fleming,

Kentucky, USA Died: 18 Jun 1860 in Sulphur Springs,, Texas, USA Marriage: 23 Jan 1834 Phillips, Arkansas, USA-

Husband of Evelene Strong:They moved to Marshall, Texas in 1841

18160926: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=206177&st=1>

William Strong:Husband of Juliet:Kirtley Johnson Winn Born: 26 Sep 1816 Kentucky, USA Died: 21 Oct 1893 in Memphis, Tennessee, USA

18200602: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=206177&st=1>

Marriage to Mourning Cooper

18180000: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=206177&st=1>

CHILDREN by First Wife: B.Jane Strong F abt 1818 in Cross, Arkansas d.Unk,

ROSTER OF MILITIA OFFICERS-JUNE 14,1825-ARK.GAZETTE:

From the books "Territorial Papers - Arkansas Territory 1825-29" pages 68-76:

18200810

William Strong Captain Fourth Arkansas 1820 Aug 10

18220604

Part Seven, "Executive Register for the Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836". : 1822 Jun 4 Strong, William Phillips Magistrate

18231202: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=206177&st=1>

Children of Mourning and William: A. Erastus Burton Strong M b.2 Dec 1823 Ark d.8 Sep 1847 Molina Del Rey, Mexico

18260301: Arkansas Historical Commission Pamphlet

Post office:Phillips CountySt.Francis-William Strong-dated Mar.1,1826

18250803

Arkansas Territorial Papers:The following was transcribed from the U.S. Government publication, "Territorial Papers - Arkansas 1819-1825" pages 789-874, Part Seven, "Executive Register for the Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836". : 1825 Aug 3 Strong, William Arkansas-Chicot Magistrate-Error in issuing Comm.

18260725

Part Seven, "Executive Register for the Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836". : 1826 Jul 25 Strong, William Phillips-Johnson Magistrate

18271110

Part Seven, "Executive Register for the Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836". : 1827 Nov 10 Strong, William St. Francis Sheriff

18271015

Part Seven, "Executive Register for the Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836". : 1827 Oct 15 Strong, William St. Francis-Johnson-Justice of the Peace

18291103

Part Seven, "Executive Register for the Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836". : 1829 Nov 3 Strong, William St. Francis Sheriff

18300123

Part Seven, "Executive Register for the Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836". : 1830 Jan 23 Strong, William St. Francis Sheriff

18310824: Arkansas Gazette:

8/24/1831 Sale of Lands for Taxes In St. Francis County, Arkansas Territory-William Strong, Sheriff and Collector of St. Francis county, Arkansas Territory August 11, 1831

18321928

Part Seven, "Executive Register for the Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836". : 1832 Oct 28 Strong, William St. Francis Clerk of the Circuit Court

18330309: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=206177&st=1>

Children of Mourning and William: B. Juliet Fillingim Strong F b.9 Mar 1833 Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA D. 18 Oct 1880 Shelby, Tennessee, USA

18360119: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=206177&st=1>

Husband of Jane Strong: William Dobson B.UNK D.UNK Marriage: 19 Jan 1836 in [city], Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA

1844 Class of West Point:: <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ar/county/greene/williamstrongclo8.htm>

Children of Mourning and William: His eldest son Erastus was the first graduate from the state of Arkansas at West Point and the only one for over 30 years. He was killed in Mexico at the Battle of Molina Del Ray during the Mexican American War. Erastus Strong's body was brought back from Mexico and reburied in Memphis in the 1870s .

18331221

Part Seven, "Executive Register for the Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836". : 1833 Dec 21 Strong, William St. Francis Judge of the County Court-Resigned

18380711: Arkansas Gazeete

18350701: <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=206177&st=1>

Children of Mourning and William: C. Mary E Strong F 1 Jul 1835 in Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA d.18 Apr 1844 Saint Francis-died as child

18380711

SALE OF LOTS IN THE TOWN OF MADISON-Seat of Justice of St. Francis CountyThe subscriber will offer for sale, at Public Auction, during the whole of the second week in September next, while the Court is in session, as many Lots in the above named town as may find purchasers, at fair prices.Madison is the Seat of Justice of St. Francis county; is situate on the west bank of the St. Francis river, about 75 miles above its junction with the Mississippi, being on the first bluff of high land above its mouth, to which point the navigation is good for steam boats nearly all the season. The site is surrounded by a beautiful upland country, well-watered, and bids fair to becoming a thriving town.St. Francis is one of the best counties of land is in the State, possessing the advantages of good navigation, numerous never failing springs of the best water, a beautiful elevated country, fertile lands, a climate well adapted to the culture of cotton, corn, &c.The county commissioners have advertised for proposals to make the brick for the erection of a splendid Court-house, which will be immediately put under contract, and completed without unnecessary delay.There are three sizes of lots, viz: 40 x 80, 40 x 100, and 80 x 120 feet. The Streets are 66 feet wide, and cross at right angles. Thirty five lots have already been sold, and the purchasers bound to build on them.The subscriber owns 2000 acres of Land, in the tract embracing the town, which he will sell in lots to suit purchasers, from 5 to 80 acres.He also offers five acres of ground to any person who will erect a STEAM MILL on an eligible site; and also, one acre, with a good spring on it, to any person who will erect and establish a good TAN-YARD thereon.He will also sell 2000 acres of well-selected land in the neighborhood of the town of Madison.Terms of sale- One third in one year, one third in two years, and one third in three years - the purchasers executing their notes, with approved security, bearing interest at ten per cent, after date until paid.I will execute bonds to the purchasers, to make valid titles so soon as the purchase money shall be paid. The titles to all the above described property are indisputable.Any capitalist, wishing to make an interest in the above mentioned town and tract of land, can get a bargain, by application to the subscriber, or by letter addressed to him at St. Francis, Arkansas.Wm. Strong,St. Francis, July 5, 1838

1844 Class of West Point:: <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ar/county/greene/williamstrongclo8.htm>

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18470907:Death of Son:Erastus Burton Strong:Buried Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn.

Birth: Nov. 2, 1823
St. Francis County
Arkansas, USA

Death: Sep. 7, 1847, Mexico

Erastus Burton Strong was born December 2, 1823 probably in St. Francis Co., Ark., the son of William and Mourning (Cooper) Strong. He attended the United States Academy at West Point, New York and graduated as a second lieutenant in the class of 1844. He was the first West Point graduate from the State of Arkansas. He served in the Mexican War and was killed in action on September 7, 1847 at Molina Del Rey. His body was removed from Mexico and buried November 22, 1876 in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee. Per Loyd N. Sybert Research

Family links:

Parents:

[William Strong \(1791 - 1863\)](#)

[Mourning Cooper Strong \(1798 - 1866\)](#)

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Thursday, July 12, 2001-FC Times Herald Article:

1838 deed added to SFC museum. The St. Francis County Museum will be the permanent exhibit place of one of the county's oldest historic documents, the William Strong Deed, According to a press release from the museum, the William Strong Deed was recently conserved and framed by the Memphis Pink Palace. The deed, dated 1838, is for 5,910 acres of land in St. Francis and Poinsett counties sold by William Russell, a St. Louis land speculator, to William Strong of St. Francis County. The acreage was an old Spanish land-grant and sold for \$11,119.98."The deed is of particular significance to our history because William Strong was the first sheriff and second judge of this county," said Laura Mazzanti, museum director, who added that Strong was an influential man in the early days of the county as well as something of a mystery figure. In 1827, Strong built a home near Big Eddy Hill, which became an area landmark, according to Mazzanti. The home was four stories high with a verandah extending completely around it. The house contained 20 rooms and served as an inn and tavern as well as Strong's home. The home was destroyed by fire in 1892 and the only known part of the house remaining is a brick, also on display at the museum. When the Territorial Legislature created St. Francis County in 1827, the county seat was located at the home of William Strong. It was a major stopping point for travelers along the Old Military Road according to Mazzanti. The museum is asking local artists to illustrate their concepts of what the home might have looked like in its heyday. The museum would like to exhibit these illustrations to enhance the Strong artifacts. Persons interested may contact the museum at 261-1744. The St. Francis County Museum is located in the historic Rush-Gates home at 630 Front Street. The museum is open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and also by special appointment. Article:

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ar/county/greene/prominentmenearlyyearsge.htm>

Family of John Strong by Loyd N. Sybert:

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Descendants of John STRONG

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN1 STRONG He married **MARY**.

Child of JOHN STRONG and MARY is:

2. i. WILLIAM2 STRONG, b. 1730, St. Paul, Russell County, Virginia; d. 6 May 1816, Clarke County, Georgia.

Generation No. 2

2. WILLIAM2 STRONG (JOHN1) was born 1730 in St. Paul, Russell County, Virginia, and died 6 May 1816 in

Clarke County, Georgia. He married **FRANCES JOHNSON** Abt. 1753 in Hanover, Hanover County, Virginia,

daughter of **WILLIAM JOHNSON** and **SARAH**. She was born 1730 in Hanover, Hanover County, Virginia, and

died 7 January 1828 in Clarke County, Georgia.

Notes for WILLIAM STRONG:

William Strong family

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The Strongs were early settlers of Virginia. John Strong (William's b 1730 father) appears in St Peters Parish, New Kent Co, 13 Nov 1698 when his son John was baptized. This is the church where years later, Martha Dandridge Curtis Washington worshipped. The Dandridge home was here and she and George Washington were married here. John Strong's sons William and George were also baptised here. William moved to Hanover Co, VA before 1759 and worshipped at St Pauls Parish where the minister was Rev.Patrick Henry, uncle of the patriot John Henry. William and Frances Johnson Strong were of Virginia. The family moved to Clarke Co, GA from Hancock Co, VA where the fater William became an extensive land and slave owner. Four of their sons served in the American Revolution.

Additional information about this story

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Attached to William Strong (1730 - 1816)

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

William Strong

Born: 1730

St Pauls, Hanover, Virginia, USA (St. Paul is located in Russell County, Virginia)

Died: 6 May 1816 Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Frances Johnson

Born: abt 1730 in Hanover, [county], Virginia, USA (Hanover is the county seat for Hanover County, VA)

Died: 7 Jan 1828 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA (No Clarke Town, it is Clarke County)

Marriage: 22 Apr 1764 in Hanover, [county], Virginia, USA (It is my opinion that this marriage took place as early as 1753. I base this on the birth of their first two sons Sherwood 1754 and William 1760)

Children Sex Birth

Sherwood Strong M abt 1754 in Hanover, [county], Virginia, USA

William Strong M 17 Apr 1760 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA (Goochland is the county seat for 2 Goochland County, VA)

Sarah Strong F abt 1762 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Sallie Strong F 1762 in [city], Goochland, Virginia, USA

Isham Strong M 22 Apr 1764 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Susannah Strong F 1766 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Elijah Strong M abt 1767 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

John Strong M 12 Apr 1768 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Elizabeth Strong F 1770 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Jane Strong F 26 Mar 1775 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

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Children of WILLIAM STRONG and FRANCES JOHNSON are:

3. i. SHERWOOD³ STRONG, b. 1754, Hanover County, Virginia.

4. ii. WILLIAM STRONG, b. 17 April 1760, Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia; d. 25 August 1810, Clarke County, Georgia.

5. iii. SALLIE STRONG, b. 1762, Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia; d. 11 January 1816, Clarke County, Georgia.

iv. SARAH STRONG, b. 1762, Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia.

6. v. ISHAM STRONG, b. 22 April 1764, Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia.

vi. SUSANNAH STRONG, b. 1766, Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia; d. 3 March 1817; m. JOHN MOSS.

Notes for SUSANNAH STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Susannah Strong

Born: 1766

Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: 3 Mar 1817

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

John Moss

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vii. ELIJAH STRONG, b. 1767, Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia.

Notes for ELIJAH STRONG:

Elijah Strong

Born: abt 1767

Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: abt 1816

7. viii. JOHN STRONG, b. 12 April 1768, Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia; d. May 1818, Arkansas District, Missouri Territory.

ix. ELIZABETH STRONG, b. 1770, Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia.

Notes for ELIZABETH STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Elizabeth Strong

Born: 1770

Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: 1881

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Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups View alternate family members

Spouse 1

Price

Born: abt 1760

Died:

Marriage: abt 1780

Children Sex Birth

Spouse 2

James Price

Born: 1781 in Prince Edward, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: 1881 in Prince Edward, [county], Virginia, USA

Marriage: 15 Feb 1794 in Buckingham, [county], Virginia, USA

Children Sex Birth

Lucy R Price F 2 Dec 1798 in [city], Prince Edward, Virginia, USA

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x. JANE STRONG, b. 20 March 1775, Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia.

Notes for JANE STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Jane Strong

Born: 26 Mar 1775

Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: 1795

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse 1

Bridgewater

Born: 1771 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Died:

Marriage: abt 1795 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Children Sex Birth

Spouse 2

William Montford Stokes

Born: 1771 in Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: 1835 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Marriage: 16 Nov 1815 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Children Sex Birth

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3. SHERWOOD3 STRONG (*WILLIAM2, JOHN1*) was born 1754 in Hanover County, Virginia. He married

ELIZABETH Abt. 1795 in Clarke County, Georgia. She was born 1760 in Clarke County, Georgia, and died Abt.1840 in Coweta County, Georgia.

Notes for SHERWOOD STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Sherwood Strong

Born: abt 1754

Hanover, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: 14 Sep 1825

Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

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Spouse

Elizabeth Strong

Born: 1760 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Died: abt 1840 in Cowetta, [county], Georgia, USA (There is no town named Cowetta. There is a Coweta County) Marriage: abt 1795 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Children Sex Birth

Mary Strong F abt 1796 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

William E Strong M abt 1804 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

John Strong M 24 Feb 1806 in [city], Clarke, Georgia, USA t

Isham Strong M abt 1808 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Martha Strong F abt 1809 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Elizabeth Strong F abt 1809 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Frances Strong F abt 1810 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

David E Strong M abt 1810 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

George Washington Strong M abt 1814 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

***Louisa Strong F abt 1817 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA**

***Nancy Strong F abt 1818 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA**

***Lewis P Strong M abt 1818 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA**

NOTE: *It is more likely that Louisa, Nancy and Lewis P. are the children of Sherwood and a second wife.

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Children of SHERWOOD STRONG and ELIZABETH are:

i. MARY4 STRONG, b. 1796, Clarke County, Georgia; m. CHARLES HARRIS, 25 April 1816, Newton, Baker County, Georgia; b. 1792, Clarke County, Georgia.

Notes for MARY STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Mary Strong

Born: abt 1796

Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Charles Harris

Born: 1792 in Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Marriage: 25 Apr 1816 in Newton, [county], Georgia, USA (Baker County)

Children Sex Birth

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ii. WILLIAM E. STRONG, b. 1804, Clarke County, Georgia; m. SARAH S. WEST, 9 September 1826, Newton, Baker County, Georgia; b. 1808, Newton, Baker County, Georgia.

Notes for WILLIAM E. STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

William E Strong

Born: abt 1804

Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Sarah S West

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Born: 1808 in Newton, [county], Georgia, USA

Marriage: 9 Sep 1826 in Newton, [county], Georgia, USA

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8. iii. JOHN STRONG, b. 24 February 1806, Clarke County, Georgia; d. 5 September 1854, Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas.

iv. ISHAM STRONG, b. 1808, Clarke County, Georgia.

v. MARTHA STRONG, b. Abt. 1809, Clarke County, Georgia.

vi. ELIZABETH STRONG, b. Abt. 1809, Clarke County, Georgia; d. Abt. 1850.

Notes for ELIZABETH STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Elizabeth Strong

Born: abt 1809

Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Died: abt 1850

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Shame Willingham

Born: 18 Dec 1815 in [city], [county], Georgia, USA

Died: 24 Sep 1838

Marriage: 3 Jan 1837 in [city], Coweta, Georgia, USA

Children Sex Birth

Sherman Willingham M 1846

This tree is not very believable

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vii. FRANCES STRONG, b. Abt. 1810, Clarke County, Georgia.

viii. DAVID E. STRONG, b. Abt. 1810, Clarke County, Georgia.

ix. GEORGE WASHINGTON STRONG, b. 1814, Clarke County, Georgia.

Notes for GEORGE WASHINGTON STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree, this may be our subject, George Washington Strong, son of Sherwood and Elizabeth Strong;

George W Strong

Born: abt 1815 Georgia, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Elizabeth Ann Whatley

Born: 1823 in Georgia, USA

Marriage:

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x. LOUISA STRONG, b. 1817, Clarke County, Georgia.

xi. NANCY STRONG, b. Abt. 1818, Clarke County, Georgia.

xii. LEWIS P. STRONG, b. Abt. 1818, Clarke County, Georgia.

4. WILLIAM³ STRONG (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 17 April 1760 in Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia, and died 25 August 1810 in Clarke County, Georgia. He married MARGARET "PEGGY" STOKES Abt. 1780 in Virginia. She was born 1765 in Virginia, and died Abt. 1814.

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Notes for WILLIAM STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

William Strong

Born: 17 Apr 1760

Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: 25 Aug 1810 Clarke, [county], Georgia, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Peggy Stokes

Born: abt 1765 Virginia, USA

Died: abt 1814

Marriage: abt 1780 in Virginia, USA

Children Sex Birth

Rachel Strong F

Elijah Strong M abt 1781 in Buckingham, [county], Virginia, USA

William J Strong M abt 1784 in Buckingham, [county], Virginia, USA

Sarah Strong F abt 1786 in Wilkes, [county], Georgia, USA

Montford Stokes Strong M abt 1790 in Wilkes, [county], Georgia, USA

John Strong M abt 1794 in Franklin, [county], Georgia, USA

James Madison Strong M abt 1796 in Franklin, [county], Georgia, USA

George Jackson Strong M 1810 t

John Strong M 1810

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Children of WILLIAM STRONG and MARGARET STOKES are:

i. RACHEL4 STRONG.

ii. ELIJAH STRONG, b. 1781, Buckingham, Buckingham County, Virginia.

iii. WILLIAM J. STRONG, b. 1784, Buckingham, Buckingham County, Virginia; d. Abt. 1828; m. SALLY BOWLING, 28 August 1822.

Notes for WILLIAM J. STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

William J Strong

Born: abt 1784

Buckingham, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: abt 1828 Clarke, Georgia, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse 1

Sally Bowling

Marriage: 26 Aug 1822

Children

9. iv. SARAH STRONG, b. 1786, Wilkes County, Georgia.

v. MONTFORD STOKES STRONG, b. 1790, Wilkes County, Georgia.

Notes for MONTFORD STOKES STRONG:

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vi. JOHN STRONG, b. 1794, Franklin, Heard County, Georgia.

vii. JAMES MADISON STRONG, b. 1796, Franklin County, Georgia.

Notes for JAMES MADISON STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

James Madison Strong

Born: abt 1796

Franklin, [county], Georgia, USA (The City of Franklin was located in the County of Heard which did not exist before 1830. Franklin County was created about 1790)

Died: 1810 (Notice that James Madison died 3 years before his wife Mary was born and 18 years before he married her.

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Mary W Lumpkin

Born: abt 1813

Died: abt 1866

Marriage: 13 Dec 1828 in [city], Clarke, Georgia, USA

Children Sex Birth

James Madison Strong M 30 Dec 1831 in [city], Clarke, Georgia, USA

Lucy Strong F abt 1837

William G Strong M abt 1839

Jack L Strong M abt 1843

Jabez Strong M abt 1845

Geroge I Strong M abt 1847

Woodson H Strong M abt 1849

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viii. GEORGE JACKSON STRONG, b. Abt. 1810.

ix. JOHN STRONG, b. Abt. 1810.

5. SALLIE³ STRONG (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 1762 in Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia, and died 11 January 1816 in Clarke County, Georgia. She married (1) JOSHUA FLIPPEN in Clarke County, Georgia. She married (2) JESSE FLIPPEN Bef. 1815.

Notes for SALLIE STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Sallie Strong

Born: 1762 Goochland, Virginia, USA

Died: 11 Jan 1816 Clarke, Georgia, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse 1

Jesse Flippen

Spouse 2

Joshua Flippen

William Flippen Flippen M 1816 in [city], Clarke, Georgia, USA

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NOTE: I believe that Jesse and Joshua Flippen are one and the same.

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Child of SALLIE STRONG and JOSHUA FLIPPEN is:

i. WILLIAM F.⁴ FLIPPEN, b. Abt. 1816, Clarke County, Georgia.

6. ISHAM³ STRONG (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 22 April 1764 in Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia. He married UNKNOWN.

Notes for ISHAM STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Isham Strong

Born: 22 Apr 1764

Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: abt 1799

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Other Children Sex Birth

Ruth Strong F 1795

Jean Strong F 1797

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Children of ISHAM STRONG and UNKNOWN are:

i. RUTH4 STRONG, b. 1795.

ii. JEAN STRONG, b. 1797.

7. JOHN3 STRONG (WILLIAM2, JOHN1) was born 12 April 1768 in Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia, and died May 1818 in Arkansas District, Missouri Territory. He married MARY 1790 in Indian Territory. She was born 1772 in Indian Territory.

Notes for JOHN STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

John Strong

Born: 12 Apr 1768

Goochland, [county], Virginia, USA

Died: May 1818 Phillips, [county], Arkansas, USA (Arkansas Territory was created in 1819, Phillips County was created in 1820)

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Mary Strong

Born: 1772 in Franklin, [county], Georgia, USA (Franklin, Heard County, Heard County was created after 1830. This area was Indian Territory prior to 1830)

Marriage: abt 1790 in Franklin, [county], Georgia, USA (Franklin, Heard County. Heard County did not exist until after 1830. This area was still Indian Territory)

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Children Sex Birth

William Strong M 10 Dec 1791 in Franklin, [county], Georgia, USA (Franklin, Heard County, Georgia did not exist until after 1830. This area was still Indian Territory in 1820)

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Child of JOHN STRONG and MARY is:

10. i. WILLIAM4 STRONG, b. 10 December 1791, Indian Territory; d. 29 June 1863, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

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8. JOHN4 STRONG (SHERWOOD3, WILLIAM2, JOHN1) was born 24 February 1806 in Clarke County, Georgia, and died 5 September 1854 in Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas. He married MARY ANN WAHATLEY 9 July 1829 in Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas. She was born 14 April 1809 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and died 17 July 1898 in Rusk County, Texas.

Notes for JOHN STRONG:

John Strong

Born: 24 Feb 1806 Clarke, Georgia, USA

Died: 5 Sep 1854 Rusk, [county], Texas, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Mary Ann Whatley

Born: 14 Apr 1809 in Spartanburg, [county], South Carolina, USA (Spartanburg County)

Died: 17 Jul 1898 in [city], Rusk, Texas, USA (What City?)

Marriage: 9 Jul 1829 in Rusk, [county], Texas, USA (Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas)

Children Sex Birth

Sarah Elizabeth Strong F 21 May 1827 in [city], Floyd, Georgia, USA (Parents married 1829?)

Charity Antoinette Strong F 16 Oct 1834 in Floyd, [county], Georgia, USA

Sherwood Strong M 6 Apr 1837 in Rusk, [county], Texas, USA

John Thornton Strong M 2 Jul 1840 in Floyd, [county], Georgia, USA

William Edward Strong M 9 Apr 1843 in Floyd, [county], Georgia, USA

George Seaborn Strong M 2 Feb 1846 in Floyd, [county], Georgia, USA

Samuel Whatley Strong M 1 Jun 1849 in Floyd, [county], Georgia, USA

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Notes for MARY ANN WHATLEY:

Mary Ann may have died in Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas.

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Children of JOHN STRONG and MARY WAHATLEY are:

i. CHARITY ANTOINETTE⁵ STRONG, b. 16 October 1834, Floyd County, Georgia.

ii. SHERWOOD STRONG, b. 6 April 1837, Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas.

iii. JOHN THORNTON STRONG, b. 2 July 1840, Floyd County, Georgia.

iv. WILLIAM EDWARD STRONG, b. 9 April 1843, Floyd County, Georgia.

v. GEORGE SEABORN STRONG, b. 2 February 1846, Floyd County, Georgia.

vi. SAMUEL WHATLEY STRONG, b. 1 June 1849, Floyd County, Georgia.

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9. SARAH⁴ STRONG (*WILLIAM³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 1786 in Wilkes County, Georgia.

She married

COCKE.

Notes for SARAH STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Sarah Strong

Born: abt 1786

Wilkes, [county], Georgia, USA

Died:

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Cocke

Children Sex Birth

William Cocke M

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Child of SARAH STRONG and COCKE is:

i. WILLIAM⁵ COCKE.

10. WILLIAM⁴ STRONG (*JOHN³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 10 December 1791 in Indian

Territory, and died 29 June 1863 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. He married (1)

MATILDA HAMPTON Abt. 1815 in Arkansas, part of Louisiana Territory. She was born 1794 in

Missouri Territory, and died 29 December 1824 in Arkansas County, Arkansas Territory. He

married (2) MOURNING COOPER Abt. 1825 in Arkansas Territory, daughter of VINCENT COOPER.

She was born 25 February 1795 in Steward County, Tennessee, and died 28 July 1866 in Shelby

County, Tennessee.

Notes for WILLIAM STRONG:

From the notes of Otto L. Frazer, 1821 Landmark, Belton TX 78513, 6 Oct 1987

William Strong was born December 10, 1791 in the State of Georgia. He moved to Arkansas County, Missouri Territory in 1811. He appeared on the Arkansas County Tax list in 1815. This area later become St. Francis County, Arkansas.

The home of William Strong was built on a site of an old Indian village. It was located on the east slope of Crowley's Ridge overlooking the fertile valley of the St. Francis River. The site is on part of the Village Creek State Park located two miles east of Wynne, Arkansas. Earlier historians describe the home as being known for its beauty of design. The house was multi-storied with twenty rooms. A veranda extended entirely around it, supported by red cedar posts. It was said to be the largest and most costly of any structure in the state at that time. Before it burned in 1892, it became a famous landmark on the old Military Road that extended from Memphis, Tennessee to Little Rock, Arkansas.

William Strong was very active in county and state politics. He was the first sheriff of St. Francis County from 1827-1832. He served as the county judge of St. Francis County from 1833 to 1835. He was appointed as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention from St. Francis County in 1835-1836. He was a member of the State Legislature of Arkansas during the 1840 term. In addition to these offices, he was appointed Postmaster at St. Francis during the years 1826-1829, 1832-1834, and 1837-1843.

William Strong married a daughter of John Hampton. This marriage is documented in the probate records of John Hampton, Phillips County, Arkansas (1). The record does not state the name of the daughter, but according to family tradition her name was Matilda Hampton. The children of William Strong and Matilda Hampton were Eveline Strong and Jane Strong.

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Eveline Strong was born in January 1816 in or near what is now Cross County, Arkansas. On January 23, 1834 she married Allen Dale Burrese of Phillips County, Arkansas, per the February 4, 1834 issue of the Arkansas Gazette. The marriage was performed by William G. Bozeman. About 1841 the moved to Texas and settled in Marshall, Harrison County, Texas.

Jane Strong was born about 1818 in or near what is now Cross County, Arkansas. She married William Dobson in 1836 per the following from the January 19, 1836 issue of the Arkansas Gazette: Married at St. Francis on Thursday evening last, Mr. William Dobson, merchant of Helena to Miss Jane Strong, daughter of Wm. Strong, Esq. of the former place.

The date of death of Matilda Strong is not documented but the probate record of John Hampton mentioned in paragraph one above, would indicate that she died prior to December 24, 1824.

This record would also indicate that Eveline and Jane Strong were the only children of William and Matilda Strong. It has been family tradition that Matilda Hampton was the only wife of William Strong. It was thought that the wife was buried along side of William Strong in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee with the grave stone marked "M. Strong" was Matilda Strong. Family history research has revealed that this "M. Strong" is Mourning Fillingin Strong, the wife of William Strong at the time of his death. Mourning Cooper Fillingin Strong was born February 25, 1798. She was the daughter of Vincent Cooper of Steward County, Tennessee and mentioned in his will dated September 1, 1836 (2). It is thought that she was the widow of Jonathan Fillingin who died shortly before January 17, 1821. William Strong was the administrator of the estate of Jonathan Fillingin (3).

Proof of the marriage of William Strong to Mourning Fillingin is furnished in an indenture made by Vincent C. Fillingin to Erastus B. Strong, September 6, 1843 (4). The document is somewhat in the form of a will. Erastus B. Strong was a step-brother to Vincent C. Fillingin. At the time, Erastus Strong was a cadet at the US Military Academy at West Point, New York. In the document Vincent C. Fillingin conveys a considerable amount of property, slaves, etc., to

Erastus Strong with the understanding that Erastus will settle a number of obligations and care of his mother, Mourning and stepfather, William Strong, and his sisters Mary and Juliet. The family members of William Strong and Mourning Fillingin Strong were Erastus Burton Strong, Juliet Strong, Mary Strong, Vincent C. Fillingin and Samuel H. Fillingin, the sons of Mourning Fillingin by a previous marriage.

Erastus Burton Strong was born December 2, 1823. He attended the United States Academy at West Point, New York and graduated as a second lieutenant in the class of 1844. He was the first West Point graduate from the State of Arkansas. He served in the Mexican War and was killed in action on September 7, 1847. His body was removed from Mexico and buried November 22, 1876 in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee. Juliet Strong was born in 1833. She married K. J. B. L. Winn of Memphis, Tennessee. Their children were Henry Winn, William Winn, and James Winn. Juliet Strong Winn died October 18, 1880. She is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee. Mary Strong died April 18, 1844 in St. Francis County, Arkansas at age nine.

Vincent C. Fillingin died April 18, 1844, the same date as Mary Strong. From the Arkansas Banner, May 8, 1844, the following account of the circumstances of their deaths is given.

From the Arkansas Banner, May 8 1844;

DIED, at the residence of Wm. Strong, Esq. in St. Francis County on the night of the 18th ult., Mary in the 9th year of her age and Mr. Vincent C. Fillingin, in the 27th year of his age--the first a daughter and the other a stepson of Wm. Strong, Esq. whose family has been severely afflicted with sickness. Five of his white family besides several colored persons were lying at the point of death at the same time. The disease with which they were afflicted commenced with a chill and was followed by sore throat, high fever, delirium and swelling of the throat and head. It has proved very fatal in Mr. Strong's family as well as that of his neighbor Mr. B. M. Dorris but its violence has somewhat abated on the 23 ??? The date of the birth and death of Samuel H. Fillingin has not yet been obtained. He was the administrator of the estate of Erastus B. Strong in Tunica County, Mississippi. He is mentioned as an heir of Erastus B. Strong in a document of the Chancery Court 1849, Shelby County, Tennessee (6).

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Mourning Strong, the wife of William Strong, died July 18, 1866 and is buried in The Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee. William Strong died Jun 29, 1863. The location of his first burial site is unknown. The records of Elmwood Cemetery show that He was buried there on September 14, 1867. It is likely that he was buried there after the death of his wife. They are buried side by side with one tall white stone marking the date of birth and death of Wm. Strong on one side and M. Strong on the other side. The following remarks about William Strong are found in a book on file at the Elmwood Cemetery. The book gives a biographical sketch of some of the pioneers buried in the cemetery.

COL WM. STRONG was a native, we believe, of Georgia. He, with the rest of his father's family were descending in the Mississippi in a flatboat, when the violent earthquakes of 1811-1812 occurred at New Madrid. The flatboat occupied by the pioneers was wrested from its moorings, and swept backward during the night many miles toward Ohio. The amazement of those on board the "broadhorn" was boundless, and the strange incident was often mentioned by Col. Strong. He was a member of the great mercantile firm of his time in Memphis,, that of Dixon, Strong & Co., and built much of the roadway, under contract with the government, across the lowlands from Memphis to the St. Francis River. This firm, about the years 1836-1840, issued change notes, which for a time constituted the greater part of currency in Memphis. He retired, at length, to his home three miles northeast of the city, and became the "model farmer" of

Shelby County. His perfect integrity was never impeached. He was about seventy years of age at the time of his death.

Another present day tribute to William Strong is given in "The State Parks of Arkansas," a brochure published by the Arkansas Dept. of Parks and Tourism. In describing Village Creek State Park, Wynne, Arkansas, the following is quoted:

"Village Creek slices a long, flat valley in the middle of Crowley's Ridge. On each side of the meandering stream, steep narrow ridges rise from the valley's floor at right angles. This unusual area, once the site of a Cherokee Village, was the home of William Strong, one of Arkansas' most influentials in 1827.

REFERENCES:

- 1. Probate Records, Phillips County, Arkansas, Book 2, 1824-39**
- 2. Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, TN, Stewart County**
- 3. Phillips County, Arkansas Court Record Book A, page 27**
- 4. Registrar of Deeds, Shelby County, Memphis TN, Book 2, pages 349-355**
- 5. Probate Records, Tunica County, Mississippi Will Book 1, page 58**
- 6. Chancery Court Records Shelby County, Memphis, TN, March Term, 1849**

Submitted by Mark and Kathy Clark

January 1822, Circuit Court, Phillips County---At a Circuit Court began and held at the town of Helena within and for the County of Phillips in the first judicial Circuit of the Territory of Arkansas on Monday the twenty third day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand and twenty two and in the year of the American Independence The forty seventh. Was present the Honorable Richard Searcy, Judge of said Court. United States VS John Maddox. Indictment for hog Stealing. Now at this day came, as well as the United State, by their Attorney, as also the prisoner who being brought to the Bar on his arraignment sayeth that he is not guilty of the charge laid in the indictment, and of this he puts himself upon his country. Where upon came the following Jury, to wit: Daniel Mooney, William B. Gay, Silas Pledger, WILLIAM STRONG, Alexander Reese, Charles Brigand, Griswold Latimer, Silas Bailey, Edward Swanson, Alen Tackett, Austin Kendrick, Joseph Standler. Twelve good and lawful men of the County duly electe, tryed, empaneled, sworn and charged on their oaths, do say that they find the Defendant not guilty.

United States VS Elijah F. Lloyd. Indictment for Forgery. Now at this day came the parties when the defendant by his attorney moved that the indictment be quashed, "first because the indictment does not set out the instructment of bond charged to be forgery by said Lloyd, secondly, the offense is not charged to be done feloniously nor is it said to have been done with force and arms", which moition was not sustained. The prisoner being arraigned at the bar of the court sayeth that he is not guilty of the offense charged against him in the indictment and of this he puts himself upon his country. When came the following Jury, to wit: John Burress, WILLIAM STRONG, Griswold Latimer, William H. Smith, Silas Pledger, Joseph Stanley, Alexander Reese, 13

William B. Gay, James Craft, James Hanks, Thomas Tinner, and John Rainey. Twelve good and lawful men of the county, duly elected, sworn and charged on their oaths do say that they find the Defendant not guilty. Therefore it is considered that the said Elijah F. Lloyd be discharged and that he go hence without delay. William Smith VS Alpheus Maddox. Appeal from a Justice of Peace for twenty five dollars. Now at this day came the parties by their respective attorneys and also came a Jury, to wit: Simeon Bateman, Townsen Webb, Austin Kendrick, Silas Pldger, William Lloyd, WILLIAM STRONG, Joseph Standley Charles Brigand, Alexander Reese, William Ritchey, and Alen Tackett. Twelve good and lawful men of

the county, duly elected, sworn and charged on their oaths, do say they find for the Plaintiff twenty five dollars in damages. It is therefore considered that the said William Smith do have and recover of said Alpheus Maddox his said damages and also his cost in that behalf expended and the Defendant in mercy? September 1822 Term, Circuit Court, Phillips County, Arkansas. Townsend Webb, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace appointed to layout the road divisions in Union Township report that the first division on the road leading from the house of Richard Martins to Sugar Creek shall be from said Martins house to a place known and caled by the name of the half way place from the village to Copperas Creek, of which division the Court appoint CAPT. WILLIAM STRONG overseer, and that the second division shall be from said half way place to Sugar Creek of which division the Court appoint Danial Mitchell, Jur overseer.

The Court proceed to settle with WILLIAM STRONG, Administrator of Jonathan Fillingin, deceased from his adminstration of said Estate. He stand charged with the sum as per list of sales appraisement \$1,054.94, and he has credit, by widows dower \$351.64, Expenses as per act filed \$3.88, Commission on \$1,054.94 at 6 per cent \$63.24 for a total of \$418.76. Leaving a balance due the Estate of \$636.18. 25 September 1822.

Wednesday Morning, May 28 1823--Phillips County Court of Common Pleas, 1823-----The Court proceeded to appoint the following persons Judges of Elections in several Townships in this County to wit: Peter Edwards, William H. Bailey and Townsen Webb for the Township of St. Francis. William Smith, Joseph Robbins, and Patrick Cassady for the Township of Cache and that the Election in that Township be holden at the house of Isaac East. William Dunn, Silas Pledger and Joseph C Dunn for the Township Walnut and that the Election be holden at the house of Wm. Dunn. Benjamin Fooy, William Cherry and John Spharr for the Township of Hopefield and that the Election be holden at the house of John H. Fooy. WILLIAM STRONG, Joseph Stanley and Samuel Fillingin for the Township of Union and that the Election be holden at the house of William Strong. Abt. September 1823, Phillips County Court of Common Pleas--WILLIAM STRONG vs John W. Hunt—Debt Appeal. Dismissed by Plaintiff and Defendant at mutual costs. Therefore it is considered that said Plaintiff and Defendant mutually have and recover their cost in their behalf expended and etc. Cost \$__.

Tuesday, 23 September 1823, Phillips County Court of Common Pleas - 1822 - Samuel Fillingin who was appointed constable of Union Township appered and entered into Bond with WILLIAM STRONG and Right Tyer as securities and took the oath prescribed by law.

Probate Book I, Phillips County, Arkansas

1-1 p2 Jonathan Fillingin--Dec'd, Intestate. WILLIAM STRONG, Admin. 17 Jan 1821--Sylvanse Phillips, Clerk. Recorded Jas G. Pitts.

1-2 p3 John S. Buford (Beauford)--Dec'd, Intestate. WILLIAM STRONG and Townsed Webb, Admin. 17 Jan 1821.

1-11 p43 1st June 1823--Buyers of Robert M. Desha Estate--WILLIAM STRONG and ET AL.

1-11 p103 Elike Hamblin, Dec'd. No widow. WILLIAM STRONG, Admin. Bond \$800.00. Sec: William D. Furgeson, Eli Casey. Filed 12 Dec 1824. Inventory to be made by Samuel Hingin, Right Tyern and Thomas Casbear.

Probate Court 14 May 1829 William Strong was appointed administrator de bonis non of the estate of John Hampton, deceased. He entered into bond, in the amount of \$3000, with Sylvanus Phillips and Alexander Reeseas sureities.

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Probate Book I, Phillips County, Arkansas, April 1830 Term, Judge Jas. H. McKenzie Andrew Roene, dec'd. Late of County of St. Francis. Will - Witness- W. W. Wherry and WILLIAM STRONG Page 28, Probate Book 2-Phillips County, Arkansas, 1832-Nov 1839. Elike Hamlin,

Dec'd. WM. STRONG, Admin. Appraisers: Samuel Fillingin, Right (Wright) Tyer, Thomas Casbeer. 22 April 1925. Purchasers of personal property-Samuel Mitchell, Wm. Strong, D. Mitchell, R. Tyer, T. Louis, Stephen Stacey, James Dodson, John Clayton, S. Fillingin, and John Mitchell.

Page 54, Probate Book 2--Phillips County, Arkansas, 1832-Nov-1839. William Smith, Dec'd. Daniel Mooney - Admin de bonis non. Bond \$2000.00. Sec: Sylvanus Phillips and WILLIAM STRONG.. William Smith left two daughters, both are at this time somewhere in Kentucky in school. 30 Oct 1926.

Page 56, Probate Book 2--Phillips County, Arkansas, 1832-Nov 1839. Joseph Stanlee died 8 Sept 1826. Admin: Right (Wright) Tyer. Bond \$1500.00. Sec: WILLIAM STRONG and John Barnes Submitted by Loyd N. Sybert

From the Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas.

On the old Military road, about twelve miles north of Forrest City, stands a building worthy of note, not alone for its antiquity (having been built, from the most reliable data obtainable, about the year 1827, but for its beauty of design and immense proportions. The building is four stories high and contains twenty rooms, with a veranda extending entirely around it, supported by red cedar posts, eight inches in diameter, which it is said, were brought here from East Tennessee, having been floated down the Tennessee River to the Ohio, down this river to the Mississippi River, and thence to the mouth of the St. Francis River, and finally to their destination. This structure is in a remarkable state of preservation, scarcely a square yard of the plastering being missed from the various rooms. It has only been roofed twice, the second roof having been replaced about 39 years ago. Unquestionably this strong house is the most costly and best preserved residence in the county. Its design and erection at the time and under the circumstances have occasioned considerable comment. The building's site was once the site of an Indian village, a trail leading from this point to Arkansas Post, one of the early trading points hereabouts.

William Strong, the builder, came to this county at a very early day. A shadow of mystery seemed to hang over most of his transactions from the first, frequently causing his neighbors to suspection that his saintly guise covered many dark and hidden crimes. That he practically controlled the affairs of his section was more than once verified; even the magistrates through fear or mercenary motives were wont to do his bidding. On one occasion a gentleman whose appearance indicated a person of wealth passing through the country stopped with Mr. Strong overnight. While eating breakfast the visitor's saddlebags which he had left in his room were opened and part of the contents removed and replaced by a coverlid taken from the bed. After settling his bill the Stranger mounted his horse and resumed his journey but had not gone far when he was overtaken by Strong and a posse of men who accused him of stealing the coverlid. This, he of course denied and readily consented to allow his saddlebags searched. The evidence of his accused guilt was found; he was arrested, carried back to Strong's and given a mock trial, which resulted in his being robbed of all he had, not excepting his horse. Large tracks of land came into the possession by purchase and otherwise, which he mortgaged to the Old Rea Estate Bank, and in later years considerable confusion and litigation resulted over titles to these lands, embracing some of the finest tracts in the county. Among these was The Spanish grant upon which the town of Wittsburg in Cross County stands.

This Biographical sketch can be found on page 453 of The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas, published in 1890 and this first edition is held in the O. C. Library, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.

NOTE: As a young lad I roamed the hills and valleys of this area and of course, I was familiar with the area. The building described above had long been gone. I was told many tales and stories

concerning the old Strong Homestead, later known as the Jones farm. Some of the stories indicated that the Strong Inn was run by highway men. None of the stories that I remember laid criminal acts at William Strong's feet. Some of the stories indicated that there was buried treasures consisting of the ill-gotten goods taken from travelers. These stories were believed by many. I remember many holes dug in this area by people searching for treasures, I even dug a few myself. Found on page 360, The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas; 15 In the year of 1848, the father of William A. Jones, purchased 1,200 acres of land that straddled the county line separating Cross County and St. Francis County. This is one of the historic places of this neighborhood, being situated on the Old Military Road running from Memphis to Little Rock, and was conducted as a hotel by Mr. Strong. At the time of Mr. Jones' purchase, Mr. Strong had about completed a large house, which Mr. Jones immediately proceeded to finish, and it stands today as one of the best houses in the county.

(This statement was published in 1890. The house it refers to no longer stood in 1948-50, the years that I roamed the valleys and hills of Crowley's Ridge).

Another Interesting Anecdote contained in "The History of St. Francis County" by Robert W. Chowning. In his book, "Wild Sports in the Far West", Frederick Gerstaecker, a native of Germany who came to the West to hunt, told about stopping at a *two-storied House of William Strong's on the Old Military Road. He wrote: "I was early on the march and arrived towards evening at a neat comfortable looking house surrounded by *large fields of cotton and Indian corn, betokening the abode of a rich planter: on receiving a friendly affirmative to my inquiry for night quarters, I placed my rifle and game bag in the corner, and sat myself on an easy chair by the fire. (He goes on to say he didn't like the idea of having to pay one dollar for the night's lodging since he usually only paid fifty cents.) "On my entrance, I perceived that there were ladies in the house. I had been for some time alone, and as it grew dark, having had enough of my own thoughts, I took out my zither, and began to play I soon had an invitation to join the ladies; but my costume was not the most suitable for a drawing-room. For months, neither razor nor scissors had approached my head; my hunting-shirt had been ten months in wear, sorely battered by wind and weather, and not being of leather, the thorns had left their marks in many places; my leggins and water proof boots were passable; my shirt of my own washing without soap, in cold water, boasted various shades of red, from turkey's and bear's blood, which is much more difficult to wash out than that of deer. "The ladies received me politely, almost too politely, and I began to play. The Americans in general have little feeling for German music; they are people who live in a hurry, and every thing must go fast, even music ... The younger lady was the owner's wife, very pretty, though pale; but indeed, I should like to know how any one could live in these *vile swamps without being pale. I passed a few very agreeable hours there ... It was long since I had enjoyed the pleasure of accomplished society, and I shall never forget my friendly reception by this family."

*The above description of this Strong homestead would indicate that this was an earlier home and perhaps built in the low lands nearer the St. Francis River. The account of Mr. Jones purchase of the Strong property and an incomplete new home also indicates that the large home described as overlooking the St. Francis River Valley was completed by Mr. Jones.

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

William Strong

Born: 10 Dec 1791

Franklin, [county], Georgia, USA

Died: 29 Jun 1863

Shelby, [county], Tennessee, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse 1

Matilda Hampton

Born: abt 1794 in [city], [county], Arkansas, USA

Died: abt 1824 in [city], [county], Arkansas, USA

Marriage: abt 1815 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Children Sex Birth

Eveline Strong F 1816 in [city], Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA

Jane Strong F abt 1818 in Cross, [county], Arkansas, USA

Spouse 2

Mourning Cooper

Born: 25 Feb 1795

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Died: 18 Jul 1866 in Memphis, [county], Tennessee, USA

Marriage:

Children Sex Birth

Erastus Burton Strong M 2 Dec 1823 in [city], [county], Arkansas, USA

Juliet Fillingim Strong F 9 Mar 1833 in [city], Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA

Mary E Strong F 1 Jul 1835 in Saint Francis, [county], Arkansas, USA

The 1830 Arkansas Territory Census listed William Strong's household in St. Francis County, Arkansas Territory.

The household consisted of the following; one free white male 5-10, One free white male 10-15, four free white males 20-30, one free white male 30-40, one free white female under 5, two free white females 10-15 and one free white female 30-40. Slaves; one male under 10, three males 24-35, one male 36-55, one female under 10, two females 10-24, one female 25-35 and one female 36-55. The 1840 Arkansas Census listed William Strong's household in Johnson Township, St. Francis County, Arkansas. The household consisted of the fo;llowing; six free white males 20-30, two free white males 30-40, one free white male 40-50, two free white females 5-10, one free white female 40-50. Slaves; twelve males under 10, five males 10-24, four males 24-36, six males 36-55, eight females under 10, five females 10-24, seven females 24-36, two females 36-55 and one female 55-100. 30 people were involved in agriculture, 2 were involved in commerce and 3 were involved in manufacturing.

The 1850 Tennessee Census listed William Strong 56 and his wife, mourning 53 as operating a farm in District 5, Shelby County, Tennessee. The census did not llist any value for real estate holding, however I am sure that William owned his farm and home. Also listed in the household was Mourning and Jonathan Filligin's daughter in- law, Sarah Fillingin 27 and her children Juliet 6, Erastus 4 and Allice 2 months; William and his first wife Matilda's grand daughter, Frances Dobson 12. Also listed in the household were Jas Holcob a 20 yr old white male listed as a farmer, Frances Pryor a 16 yr old white female and Jas Pryor a 13 yr old white male. The relationship to William Strong's family is unknown

Name Home in 1850

Wm Strong District 5, Shelby, Tennessee

Slave Information

Age Gender Race View Census

55 Male Black

48 Male Black

47 Female Black

46 Female Black

45 Female Black

40 Male Black

38 Male Black

37 Male Black

25 Male Black

24 Male Black

22 Male Black

22 Female Black

18 Male Black

16 Female Black

14 Female Black

9 Female Black

7 Female Black

6 Male Black

5 Male Black

5 Female Black

0 Male Black

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More About WILLIAM STRONG:

Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee

Notes for MOURNING COOPER:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Mourning Cooper

Born: 25 Feb 1795

Died: 18 Jul 1866

Memphis, [county], Tennessee, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse 1

Jonathan Fillingim

Born: 1782 in [city], [county], North Carolina, USA

Died: Jan 1821 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Marriage: 1817

Children Sex Birth

Jonathan Fillingim M 1815

Vincent C Fillingim M 30 Mar 1817

Samuel H Fillingim M 15 Aug 1819

Spouse 2

William Strong

Born: 10 Dec 1791 in Franklin, [county], Georgia, USA

Died: 29 Jun 1863 in Shelby, [county], Tennessee, USA

Marriage:

Children Sex Birth

Erastus Burton Strong M 2 Dec 1823 in [city], [county], Arkansas, USA

Juliet Fillingim Strong F 9 Mar 1833 in [city], Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA

Mary E Strong F 1 Jul 1835 in Saint Francis, [county], Arkansas, USA

The Ancestry.com OneWorldTree listed Erastus Burton Strong as the son of William and Mourning Cooper

Strong born 2 December 1823. William's first wife, Matilda Hampton Strong's death was listed as 29 December

1824. It would appear that Erastus Burton Strong is the son of William and his first wife, Matilda. Loyd Sybert

More About MOURNING COOPER:

Occupation: Home Maker

Children of WILLIAM STRONG and MATILDA HAMPTON are:

i. EVELINE5 STRONG, b. January 1816, Arkansas District, Missouri Territory; d. 6 August 1850, Marshall, Harrison County, Texas; m. ALLEN DALE BURRESS, 23 January 1834, St. Francis County, Arkansas Territory; b. 1808, Fleming County, Kentucky; d. 18 June 1860, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas.

Notes for EVELINE STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Eveline Strong

Born: 1816

[city], Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA (St. Francis County created 1829)

Died: 6 Aug 1850

Marshall, Harrison, Texas, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

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Allen Dale Burress

Born: 1808 in [city], Fleming, Kentucky, USA

Died: 18 Jun 1860 in Sulphur Springs, [county], Texas, USA

Marriage: 23 Jan 1834 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Children Sex Birth

Erastus Strong Burress M 29 Nov 1834 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Louisa Jane Burress F 24 Jun 1837 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Laura Virginia Burress F 13 Nov 1839 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Matilda Josephine Burress F 8 Mar 1842 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Helen Marr Burress F 15 May 1844

William Dobson Burress M 22 Sep 1846 in Marshall, Harrison, Texas, USA

John A Burress M 24 May 1850 in Marshall, Harrison, Texas, USA

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More About EVELINE STRONG:

Occupation: Home Maker

Notes for ALLEN DALE BURRESS:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Allen Dale Burress

Born: 1808

[city], Fleming, Kentucky, USA

Died: 18 Jun 1860

Sulphur Springs, [county], Texas, USA

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Eveline Strong

Born: 1816 in [city], Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA

Died: 6 Aug 1850 in Marshall, Harrison, Texas, USA

Marriage: 23 Jan 1834 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Children Sex Birth

Erastus Strong Burress M 29 Nov 1834 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Louisa Jane Burress F 24 Jun 1837 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Laura Virginia Burress F 13 Nov 1839 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Matilda Josephine Burress F 8 Mar 1842 in [city], Phillips, Arkansas, USA

Helen Marr Burress F 15 May 1844

William Dobson Burress M 22 Sep 1846 in Marshall, Harrison, Texas, USA

John A Burress M 24 May 1850 in Marshall, Harrison, Texas, USA

Spouse 2

Nancy Crain

Born:

Died: 3 Nov 1852 in [city], Harrison, Texas, USA

Marriage: 5 Feb 1852

Children Sex Birth

Spouse 3

Ruth Elizabeth Hopkins

Born:

Died: 28 Jun 1868

Marriage: 4 Mar 1854

Children Sex Birth

Carter A Burress M 7 Jan 1855 in Marshall, Harrison, Texas, USA

Elam Dale Burress M 31 Dec 1857 in [city], Harrison, Texas, USA

Ancestry.com OneWorldTree listed Allen Dale and Eveline Strong Burress' first five children as born in Phillips County, Arkansas

Allen D. Burress was listed on the tax list for Phillips County, Arkansas for the years 1835 through 1839. He was listed in both the townships of St. Francis and St. Thomas. Very good chance that this is the husband of

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Eveline Strong. In 1820 Phillips County covered most of Northeastern Arkansas. By 1830 Phillips County was one of six counties comprising Northeastern Arkansas. By 1840 Phillips County was one of ten counties comprising Northeastern Arkansas. The Strong family was located near the St. Francis River and the Cross County and St. Francis County line in the year 1829. It is possible that some of Allen Dale Burress' children were born in St. Francis County.

Arkansas Census, 1819-70

about Allen D. Burress

Name: Allen D. Burress

State: AR

County: Phillips County

Township: St. Francis Township

Record Type: Tax list

Page: 005

Database: AR 1830-1839 Tax Lists Index

Arkansas Census, 1840

about Burress, Allen D.

Name: Burress, Allen D.

County: St.Fran.

**Level Info: An Index to Fifth United States Census of Arkansas
page 14**

The census read; The 1840 Arkansas Census listed A. D. Burress as the head of a family in Johnson Township, St. Francis County, Arkansas. The family consisted of; one free white male 5-10, two free white males 20-30, two free white females under 5, one free white female 10-15, one free white female 20-30 and one free white female 30- 40. The family owned the following slaves; one male under 10, one male 10-24, one male 24-35, one male 55-10, three females under 10 and three females 10-24. Three members were involved in farming and 2 were involved in manufacturing and trades, There were a total of 20 members in this unit.

The 1850 Texas Census listed A. D. Burress 42 and his wife, E. Burress 35 as residing in Harrison County, Texas. I wasn't able to read his occupation but he did very well as he had real estate holding of \$26,300.

Children; E. S. 16, L. J. 14, L. V. 12, M. J. 9, H. M. 6, Wm. D. 4 and J. A. born abt Dec 1850. The enumerator may have erred when recording the birth data for John A. Burress, other sources list his birth as 24 May 1850. Also listed in the household ; B. Burress a 70 years old female, perhaps the mother of Allen D. Burress, a J. W. Burress 79, G. W. Burress 36 and M Burress operating a farm and 10 other people that appeared to be working for Allen Dale Burress.

Family Reunion Article in Dallas Morning News 1907

Added by Linda L Thoman on 1 May 2007

Lone Oak, Texas, June 15, 1907

"The surviving children of Col. A.D. Burress, deceased of Marshall, Texas met in this city June 1 in a family reunion. There was present Mrs. L. J. Frazer of Lone Oak, Texas, age 70 years; Mrs. L. V. Odom of Grandview, Texas age 68 years; Mrs. M. J. Dawson of Millsap, Texas, age 65 years and Prof. C. A. Burress of Dallas. The following families of descendants were represented Hon. S. S. Frazer, T. H. Frazer, Mrs. H. D. Neff, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Temple Harris, Mrs. Pauline Smith, Mrs. Temple Burress. On account of rain and high water about half of the descendants were unable to attend. Mrs. L. J. Frazer has lived in Hunt County forty five years and nearly all the time at the old home place at Donelton where she reared a large family. Several of them have filled positions of honor and trust to the state. Hon. S. S. Frazer served with distinction one term in the State Legislature and one term as County Attorney of Hunt County and W. A Frazer is the present City Clerk of Greenville. They met at the residence of Hon. S. S. Frazer for the reunion dinner, the old people being surrounded by a large number of their children and grandchildren and the day was happily spent in talking over old times and dining and making merry. The music was furnished by Mrs. Jesse Burress of Dallas, one number being an original song "Oh These Happy Days Gone By" composed by Prof. Burress. The entire week was spent as far as the weather permitted in visiting among members of the family and having a good time. On Wednesday, the old folks had their picture taken as souvenirs of the occasion. One of the leading features of the reunion was a bachelor luncheon given by Terry H. Frazer which was served to the guests in old fashion country style and was greatly enjoyed by all."

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ii. JANE STRONG, b. 1818, Arkansas District, Missouri Territory; m. WILLIAM DOBSON, 19 January 1836,

St. Francis County, Arkansas.

Notes for JANE STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Jane Strong

Born: abt 1818

Cross, [county], Arkansas, USA

Died:

Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

William Dobson

Marriage: 19 Jan 1836 in [city], Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA

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More About JANE STRONG:

Occupation: Home Maker

Children of WILLIAM STRONG and MOURNING COOPER are:

iii. ERASTUS BURTON⁵ STRONG, b. 2 December 1823, Phillips County, Arkansas Territory; d. 7 September 1847, Molina Del Rey, Mexico.

Notes for ERASTUS BURTON STRONG:

Erastus Burton Strong was born December 2, 1823. He attended the United States Academy at West Point, New York and graduated as a second lieutenant in the class of 1844. He was the first West Point graduate from the State of Arkansas. He served in the Mexican War and was killed in action on September 7, 1847. His body was removed from Mexico and buried November 22, 1876 in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee.

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Erastus Burton Strong

Born: 2 Dec 1823 Arkansas, USA

Died: 8 Sep 1847 Molina Del Rey, Mexico

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More About ERASTUS BURTON STRONG:

Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee

Occupation: Lientenant, US Army

iv. JULIET FILLINGIN STRONG, b. 9 March 1833, St. Francis County, Arkansas Territory; d. 18 October 1880, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee; m. KIRTLEY JOHNSON WINN, 5 October 1849; b. 26 September 1816, Kentucky; d. 21 October 1893, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Notes for JULIET FILLINGIN STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Juliet Fillingim Strong

Born: 9 Mar 1833 Saint Francis, Arkansas, USA

Died: 18 Oct 1880 Shelby, Tennessee, USA

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Family Historical Records Family Facts Family Groups

Spouse

Kirtley Johnson Winn

Born: 26 Sep 1816 in [city], [county], Kentucky, USA

Died: 21 Oct 1893 in Memphis, [county], Tennessee, USA

Marriage: 5 Oct 1849

Children Sex Birth

William Braxton Winn M 22 Jul 1856 in Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee, USA

Henry Barrett Winn M 11 May 1862 in Memphis, [county], Tennessee, USA

James Porter Winn M 20 Mar 1868

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More About JULIET FILLINGIN STRONG:

Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee

Occupation: Home Maker

Notes for KIRTLEY JOHNSON WINN:

The 1850 Tennessee Census listed a R. J. B. L Winn 14 and a J. S. Y. Winn 17 as residing in Ward 3, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. R. J. B. L. and J. S. Y Winn was listed as in Dwelling 440, Family 471 with several other names following. J. B. L. Winn was listed as a sadler (14 yrs ?) I believe that this is our subject, Kirtley Johnson Winn who would have been 34 years at this census. J. S. Y. Winn is of the right age to be our subject, Juliet Fillingim Strong Winn. Perhaps the enumerator had a bad hair day.

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v. MARY E. STRONG, b. 1 July 1835, St. Francis County, Arkansas Territory; d. 18 April 1844, St. Francis County, Arkansas.

Notes for MARY E. STRONG:

From Ancestry.com OneWorldTree;

Mary E Strong

Born: 1 Jul 1835 Saint Francis, [county], Arkansas, USA

Died: 18 Apr 1844 Saint Francis, [county], Arkansas, USA

With Permission:Thanks to Loyd Sybert

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