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**In Memoriam**  
**LEM CABANISS**  
1888 - 1934

## INTRODUCTION

The following sketches, based on a mass of notes, much of it furnished since my publications noted in the bibliography, are a fresh effort to present solid, factual data about families of the second and third sons of the immigrant to the point where living members can easily establish their connection. Another student, Mrs. Leigh C. Anderson, nee Alloa Caviness, has prepared a fine version of descendants of the first son (noted below). I cannot praise her work highly enough. It was her senior relative, Prof. Leon Leslie Caviness, now deceased, who assembled much material on the family and inspired us to continue the process.

Apart from quotation of a source, I have taken the liberty of normalizing spelling of the surname as CABANISS except in relation to the first son. His descendants have commonly used variant forms, almost always characterized by employment of “v” instead of “b” in the first syllable.

With very few exceptions I have refrained from estimating dates, especially of births. That procedure has in the past been a major source of confusion. In general, therefore, only those dates are given that can be verified from records. But where I cite researches of others, I mention whatever dates are offered by them even when they are simply educated guesses. I am profoundly indebted to other descendants whose names are noted in connection with material they have generously shared with me, in particular for corrections and additions many of them have offered for this 1971 revision of the 1970 revision of the document I originally prepared in 1969. Such research as this is necessarily fragmentary. I will therefore be grateful to receive correspondence concerning further corrections and additions for future use, for this is still a “trial balloon.”

Those familiar with the excellent work of Annie Lash Jester and Martha Woodruff Hiden, compilers, *Adventures of Purse and Person*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (The Order of First Families of Virginia, 1964), will recognize that I have adopted the same scheme for presentation of this family history.

### Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used: customary ones for states and months; co. *for* county; b. *for* born; d. *for* died; m. *for* married (mi. *for* married first, etc.); ca. *for* about; DB *for* deed book; OB *for* order book; MB *for* minute book; WB *for* will book. References are supplied internally. Brief titles will be employed, so for fuller bibliographical details, consult the ensuing list of publications.

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## C A B A N I S S

Little is known of the CABANISS family in France before revocation of the Edict of Nantes, but since then it has attained some recognition. Pierre-Jean-Georges Cabanis (1757–1808), whose body lies in the Pantheon, was a prominent man of science and philosophy. Laurent Cabanis (1782–1862), associated with Lamartine, achieved a degree of fame as a poet of the Provençal language. In the present day one of the leading novelists is José Cabanis (b. 24 Mar. 1922), 5 rue Darquié, 31 Toulouse (Haute Garonne). An 1832 German story, *Cabanis*, by Willibald Alexis (pseudonym of Georg Wilhelm Heinrich Häring), deals with a segment of the Huguenot family that fled to Prussia.

There are numberless variations in American spelling of the name (I have encountered about fifty), which may be reduced to two: CABANISS/CAVINESS. (It has occasionally been accommodated to more familiar English surnames which I will omit to avoid further confusion.) In English the accent falls on the first syllable, so the name can usually be identified when spoken, regardless of the spelling. But to most members of the family a variant spelling is only somewhat less distasteful than mispronunciation.

Since the final “s” of a polysyllabic word is generally pronounced in the south of France (as it is not in standard Parisian French), the “s” has more often than not been doubled in American spelling. There are a few instances, however (some indicated below), in which the “s” has been omitted from the name through misunderstanding of southern French practice.

## The First Generation

HENRI CABANIS, French Protestant immigrant to Va. and a progenitor of the family in America, appears first on the ship list of the *Mary and Ann* of London as “Henri Cabanis, sa femme et un enfant,” among 205 refugees led by Olivier, Marquis de la Muze, and Charles de Saily, sailing from Gravesend harbor. Capt. George Hawes acknowledged receipt of payment for transportation of those 207 persons on 19 Apr. 1700 (Brock, *Huguenot Emigrations*, pp.254f.). Also on that list were “Isaac Chabanas, son fils, et Catherine Bomard” (*ibid.*, p.253), and it is presumed that Isaac and Henri were related (Anderson, *Henry Cavinis*, pp.403–430).

After thirteen weeks at sea the ship arrived at the mouth of James River on 23 July 1700. The royal governor, Col. Francis Nicholson, reported on 12 Aug. (in a letter received in London on 21 Oct.) that the refugees had been located at a place “about twenty miles above the Falls of James River, commonly called Manikin Town,” a deserted village of the Monacan Indians (*ibid.*, p.252; it is his report that includes the ship’s roster and Hawes’s receipt mentioned above).

The next appearance of Henri Cabanis is on “a list of ye French refuges that are settled att ye Mannachin Town...In ye first Shipp,” prepared on 10 Nov. 1701 by Col. William Byrd. There is simply the laconic notation, “Cabarnis and his wife 2” (*ibid.*, p.46) In a 1701/2 census of Manakintown he appears as “Cabany” and in the 1705 Act for Naturalization as “Henry Cabany.” Then, on 1 May 1708, Henri claimed land on a headright basis, as follows (Henrico Co. Orders, 1707–1709, p.35):

Upon the petition of Henry Cabiness, these are to be certified that there is due unto him two hundred acres of land, for the importation of himself and Mary his first wife, with Magdalane his second wife and Magdalane her daughter into this Colony, the same being legally proved in open court.

From that record may be derived these data (1) “Sa femme” of the ship list, Marie (Mary), had died sometime after 1701 (Byrd’s list). (2) Then, between 1701 and 1708, Henri had married a French immigrant widow with one daughter, both mother and daughter bearing the name Magdalene. (3) The girl Magdalene was not Henri’s child, although she may have adopted his surname. (4) The headright claimed in the name of “Mary his first wife” was surely for their son, the “enfant” (Henry) of the *Mary and Ann* roster.

Nothing further is known of Henri Cabanis until 9 Aug. 1720, when at Merchants Hope, Prince George Co., his undated will was presented in court and recorded, and a certificate was granted Francis Epes Jr., executor, for obtaining probate (Prince George DB, 1713–1728, part 2, pp.414f.). An inventory of Henri’s estate was made and duly recorded on 9 Jan. 1720 (O.S.; it was 1721, N.S.; *ibid.*, pp.430f.). A copy of his will reads thus:

In the Name of God Amen, I Henry Cabanis of Westover Parrish in Prince George County being sick and weak in Body, but by the blessing of God in perfect Sence mind & Memory, but calling to mind the uncertainty of this Mortall Life, am desirous to Settle the small Estate it hath pleased the Almighty

God to bless me with in this World, do make constitute & Ordain this my last Will and Testament, revoking and making void all other Will or Wills heretofore by me made, first and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it, begging pardon for my Sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and my Body to be buried according to the discretion of my Executor or Executors hereafter named, and as for my Worldly Goods I give and bequeath in manner & form following as viz—

Imp<sup>s</sup> I give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Cabanis; my Silver Shoe buckles and old sword—

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Mathew Cabanis my largest Gold ring, and my Silver hilted Sword —

Item: I give unto my Son George Cabanis a Gold ring—

Item: I give and bequeath the remaining part of my Estate after my Just Debts is paid, to be Equally divided between my Loveing Wife and Children—

Item: I do constitute and appoint my Loveing Wife Mary Cabanis and Francis Epes my whole & Sole Executrix and Executor of this my Last Will and Testament—

Henry Cabaniss, seald w<sup>th</sup> red wax

Signed seald and acknowledged to be the Last Will and Testament, as it is contained on the other side, of Henry Cabanis—

in presence of us —

Drury Bolling

John Fitzgerrald

Fra Epes Jun<sup>r</sup>

An inventory and appraisal of the estate were made by William Epes, John Fitzgerald, and John Peterson Jr. It included two old horses, two featherbeds with and one without furnishings, a rug, pair of sheets, bedstead, blanket, pewter tankard and porringer, ten pewter spoons, a brass skillet and chafing dish, gridiron, pair of bellows, a brass kettle and pot, a gun, two iron pots, a pair of weights and scales, tin funnel, old pottle pot, a jug, seven old barrels, an old saddle and bridle, an old violin, periwig, and sword, three butter pots, a dozen bottles, two old sifters, and a brass spice mortar, parcel of crucibles, a great coat, old frock coat, old broadcloth suit with waistcoat and two other old coats, a fine hat, 21 old books, two gold rings, one pair of silver shoe buckles, a pair of money scales, a mirror and dram glass, iron and heaters in a box, two chests, a trunk, table cloth and napkins, half a dozen knives and forks, a side saddle with furnishings, two barrels of corn, five old chairs and a table, spinning wheel, old frying pan, a parcel of goldsmith's tools and handsaw, a pail, piggin, and grindstone, and three head of cattle. The total was appraised at 45 pounds, 7 shillings, and 7 pence. No mention was made of the 200 acres of Henrico Co. land indicated above.

Some delightful and legitimate inferences have been made from consideration of the will and inventory: that Henri had learned the goldsmith's trade, that he had been smart in dress, and that he was convivial. One can hope that the 21 "old books" had been read and re-read by him many times. But these are only suppositions. The will and inventory certainly reveal that he was not a landowner and farmer (planter), that he was not wealthy, that he may have been a banker or moneychanger on a small scale, and that he left a wife and three sons.

But far more serious deductions must now be made, since the wife named in the will was Mary. Henri's first wife, Marie (Mary), who came over with him, had died, as noted earlier. The will intimates that his second wife, the French widow Magdalene, had also died; and that he had after 1708 married a third wife, Mary of the will, mother of the second and third sons. For whatever it is worth, family tradition makes her surname Harrison or Harris.

Henri's issue were: by (1) Marie (Mary),  
2 HENRY;  
by (2) Magdalene, none; and  
by (3) Mary,  
3 MATTHEW  
4 GEORGE.



## The Second Generation

<sup>2</sup> HENRY <sup>2</sup> CABANIS (Henri <sup>1</sup>) has been a subject of much guesswork and conjecture. Mrs. Leigh C. Anderson, nee Alloa Caviness, 1120 Lincoln Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich., has spent vast effort on this difficult line, now recorded in her excellent study, *Henry Cavinis: The Immigrant Infant* (note the important change of spelling from his father's will). The following is derived from her book.

Henry Cavinis, d. ca. 1770, spent most of his adult years in the area of Edgecombe and Halifax counties, N.C. He m1. Jane Allen, dau. of William Allen, a pilot, and after her death m2. Mary — . In his later years he removed just across the state line into Mecklenburg Co., Va., where he died. His sons were:

5 Henry <sup>3</sup>, b. 1738, d. N.C. 1811, m. Elinor — , and had John, George, William, and a dau.;

6 Matthew <sup>3</sup>, b. 1740, d. N.C. after 1806, m. Ann — , and had William (from whom Mrs. Anderson and the late Dr. Leon Leslie Caviness descend), Matthew, Thomas, Henry, George, Richard, Robert, and John;

7 William <sup>3</sup>, b. 1741, d. Va. 1775, m. Lucy Camp, and had William (who m. Elizabeth Culbreath, 8 Feb. 1791) and John Camp;

8 Thomas <sup>3</sup>, m. Rachel Wallace, no known issue;

9 Richard <sup>3</sup>, b. N.C. before 1775, d. Chatham Co., N.C. before 1830, m. — , and had John, Joab, Cretia, Patchey, Betsy, and another dau.;

10 Amos <sup>3</sup>, b. before 1765, d. N.C. 1810, m. — , and had Henry, John, Martha, and two other sons;

11 Frederick <sup>3</sup>, b. ca. 1756, d. N.C. 1825, m. Elizabeth Carr, and had Walker, Nancy, and Elizabeth.

For further details on this line, one must consult Mrs. Anderson's book.



<sup>3</sup> MATTHEW <sup>2</sup> CABANIS(S) (Henri <sup>1</sup>) was b., presumably in Prince George Co., between 1709 and 1720. He m. Hannah Clay, dau. of Thomas Clay (great-grandfather of the Kentucky statesman Henry Clay), for on 9 May 1738 occurs the following statement in Prince George MB, 1727-1741, p.118: "In the Suit in Chancery brot by Mathew Cabinis & Hannah, his wife, one of the Daughters of Thomas Clay decd...." On 19 Sept. 1740 and again in Apr. 1745, he was appointed by court as surveyor of a road (Amelia OB 1, pp.125, 311).

On 12 May 1780 he petitioned for dissolution of vestries and for their election by free vote of the people, for marriage licenses to be issued to any regularly ordained ministers, for marriages without the ring by dissenting ministers to be declared lawful and every doubt of their validity removed, and for the good people of the state to be apprised of their just rights. That petition, deemed reasonable by the court on 7 June 1780, was ordered to be presented (Amelia Legislative Petitions, fol. 464).

Matthew's will disposing of his extensive estate of lands and slaves, dated 6 June 1789, was admitted to probate on 5 Aug. 1790 (Nottoway WB 1, p.20). His children are therein named in the following order (dates of their birth can only be conjectured):

12 Ann, m.— Lumpkin;

13 CHARLES;

14 MATTHEW Jr.;

15 Mary, m. — Belcher, d. before her father;

16 JOHN;

17 Phebe, m. Francis Belcher who d. 1781. This couple had a dau. Phebe who m. Mitchell Clay (1735–1810, Giles Co., Va.), son of William Mitchell Clay, first cousin of Hannah (Clay) Cabaniss.

18 GEORGE.

To these Matthew had already given their shares of his estate.

The remaining children were:

19 Henry, m. 24 Dec. 1781 Jane Williams, Amelia Co., and had three children;

20 ELIJAH;

21 Hannah, m. John Clarke, 10 Mar. 1787, Amelia Co.;

22 Elizabeth;

23 Amey Clay, named for her aunt, Amey (Clay) Williamson.



4 GEORGE<sup>2</sup> CABANIS(S) (Henri<sup>1</sup>), b., presumably in Prince George Co., between 1709 and 1720, m. Grace — . He and his brother, 3 MATTHEW, patented 347 acres in Amelia, 2 Jan. 1737, which they divided on 20 and 21 Aug. 1741, George paying Matthew 30 pounds for approximately 175 acres (Amelia DB 1, pp.33of.). In 1737 George, mate of the sloop *Betty* owned by Col. Benjamin Harrison, was attacked along with the captain while the boat was enroute from Jamaica to Williamsburg, but he escaped serious danger (*Virginia Gazette*, 15 Apr. 1737). Later he was listed as master when the boat cleared the upper district of James River (*ibid.*, 17 June 1737).

George's undated will was offered for probate by his brother Matthew, 18 May 1744 (Amelia WB 1, p.28). On the same date in Amelia OB 1 appears a curious notation that a writing of 1 July [1743] at Kingston, Jamaica, purporting to be his last will and testament was also presented, but no witnesses being available to substantiate it, it was ordered lodged in the clerk's office. It is of interest that George was witness to the will of Rebecca Shute of Port Royal, Jamaica, dated 12 Aug. 1732, probated in Bath Co., N.C., 28 May 1743.

The will of George (very faded and obviously overwritten) names his wife Grace and the following children:

24 Mary Ann, m. Edward Robertson (d. Amelia 1769) and had among others a son named George Cabaniss; another son, John (1750–1826), m. Sarah Jennings and became a material

ancestor of the poet Sidney Lanier; see J.M. Harrison and Aubrey Starke, "Material Ancestors of Sidney Lanier," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XLIV (1936), pp.73–80, 131, 160–174;

25 Sarah;

26 GEORGE;

27 Jemima, m. Richard Thompson, 13 May 1756.

All of the children were at the time under age. So on 21 Oct. 1748 Mary Ann chose her uncle Matthew as her guardian (Amelia OB 2, p.115); in Aug. 1751 Sarah chose Alexander Erskine, who had as his surety James Cabaniss (otherwise unidentified, unless he is the same as James *Cavena*, who with Thomas Wilkinson witnessed the will of Isaac Wilson, dated 13 June 1714, probated Perquimans Co., N.C., 13 July 1714). Erskine failed to return account, so on 26 Feb. 1756 Sarah chose William Westbrook (Amelia OB 2, p.353, and OB 4, p.33). In Mar. 1752 Matthew (her uncle) was appointed for Jemima (*ibid.* 3, p.29); and on 22 Sept. 1757 George chose James Hall, his future father-in-law (*ibid.* 5, p.18).



### The Third Generation

<sup>13</sup> CHARLES <sup>3</sup> CABANISS (Matthew <sup>2</sup>, Henri <sup>1</sup>), b. probably in Amelia, d. Lunenburg 1815. The name of his first wife, mother of his children, is not known, but his second wife was Ann Hayes, who outlived him. Her will, dated 26 Apr. 1824, probated in Lunenburg Co., 8 Jan. 1827 (WB 9, pp.84f.), names no children, but leaves property to her brother, Robert Hayes, and to her sister, Mary Rudder, living in Tennessee, and allows her “son-in-law,” Asa Cabaniss, to purchase some land.

On 24 Nov. 1768 Charles received 102 acres from his father (Amelia DB 10, p.107) and on 22 July 1773 bought a like amount from his brother, <sup>16</sup> JOHN (*ibid.* 12, p.95). On 26 Dec. 1786, listed as living in Lunenburg, he sold to his brother, <sup>18</sup> GEORGE, in Amelia, 102 acres of Amelia land (*ibid.* 18, p.120). Amelia tax lists indicate that he held 204 acres in 1787 and 102 in 1788. Lunenburg land tax lists show him owning 637 acres in that county in 1790, 1791, and 1794.

Sometime thereafter he and his brother, <sup>16</sup> JOHN, of Lunenburg, together with their Amelia brothers, <sup>18</sup> GEORGE and <sup>19</sup> Henry (the latter mentioned in the *Census of 1790*, p.12, as living in Amelia, 1782, with a household of three whites), began a series of migrations, first to N.C., thence to Ga., ultimately to Jones Co. (created 1807), where in 1809 they were selected as commissioners to lay out a road (Smith, “E.G. Cabaniss,” p.9; Green, *Henry Cabaniss*, abb, abc, abg, abh). Charles, however, returned to Lunenburg, where he d. in 1815, the same year in which his brother George d. in Ga. Jones Co. MB, 1808–1818, p.103, dated first Mon. of Dec. 1815, states: “It is ordered that letters of administration on the estate of Charles Cabaniss, be granted John Cabaniss.”

Charles’s estate, both in Va. and in Ga., was in litigation from his death late in 1815 until 1828. From the various cases it is apparent that he had no less than nine children, six of whom are named in *The Huguenot*, XI, p.85. In court actions on 10 Jan. 1817 (Lunenburg OB 23, p.5) and 13 Oct. 1828 (*ibid.* 26, p.332), three other persons can be identified as his children. The Ga. settlement of estate records them in the following order:

<sup>28</sup> JOHN;

<sup>29</sup> CHARLES;

<sup>30</sup> CHARLOTTE;

<sup>31</sup> Mary (Polly), m1. Taylor Oldham, Lunenburg, 26 Nov. 1788 (Bell, *Old Free State*, II, p.393), and after he d., m2. Parks Bailey and had at least five children, and from whom descends Mrs. Jesse W. Martin, nee Elizabeth Bailey, 2417 Albans Rd., Houston, Tex.

<sup>32</sup> William, m. Lacy — , living in Jones Co. 12 Dec. 1822 (Lunenburg DB 27, p.114, of that date); the 1820 census, Jones Co., Ga., lists him with 19 slaves and with one free white male aged 26–45 (himself), one free white female 26–45 (his wife), and one free white male 10 or under;

33 MATTHEW;

34 Jane, d. before 13 Oct. 1828, m. Thrower Freeman;

35 Martha (Patsy), m2. 29 Apr. 1801 Edward Freeman (both living 13 Oct. 1828);

36 ASA.

Each of the children was entitled to \$662.05 and the widow Ann to \$2,979.29, being restricted to one third of the estate. 28 JOHN was administrator in Ga. and 36 ASA in Va.



14 MATTHEW 3 CABANISS Jr. (Matthew 2, Henri 1) was listed in Amelia, 1785, with eight white persons in his household, two dwellings and three other buildings (*Census of 1790*, p.82). Amelia tax lists, 1787, show him paying on 204 acres in that county. *The Huguenot*, III (1927), p.36, states that he received land from his father in 1768 and 1779, and that he and his brother, 13 CHARLES, sold land to their brother, 18 GEORGE, in 1787. His will, dated 7 Jan. 1781, probated 22 Sept. 1788 (Amelia WB 4, p.117), names his wife Mary and his children:

37 CASSIMER;

38 COURTLAND;

39 Louvinia (Louvanna);

40 Hannah;

41 Polly (cf. above 31 Mary or Polly; there may be confusion about which Polly m. Taylor Oldham);

42 Rachel, m1. — Noble, m2. — Bagley.



16 JOHN 3 CABANISS (Matthew 2, Henri 1) received 102 acres from his father, 24 Nov. 1768 (Amelia DB 10, p.109), and sold them, 22 July 1773, to his brother, 13 CHARLES (*ibid.* 12, p.95). He is reported as paying tithes in Lunenburg in 1769, 1772, 1776, and 1783 (Bell, *Sunlight on the Southside*, pp.271f., 323, 373, 403), and the “specific tax” in Mar. 1781 (MS, Box 11, Va. State Library). His brother Charles had also removed to Lunenburg (Bell, *Cumberland Parish*, p.552); both are named as taxpayers there in 1782 (Fothergill and Naugle, *Virginia Tax Payers*, alphabetically arranged).

On 9 Oct. 1779 John sold, for a 1,000 pounds, land in Lunenburg to Craddock Vaughan, a transaction acknowledged in court five days later (Lunenburg DB 13, p.153), with notation that “Elizabeth the wife of the said John relinquished her right of Dower.” Elizabeth’s maiden name is not known, but there is strong reason to suppose that she belonged to the Epes family, also that she d. after the sale referred to, and still further that John never m. again. In the 1820 census, Jones Co., Ga., he is listed with nine slaves but no whites in his household.

The 1811 tax digest, Jones Co., indicates that he owned 505 acres partly adjoining land of his brother George (Williams, *Jones County*, p.752), and thus confirms his migration with his brothers (see above under 13 CHARLES). It appears that he d. there in 1820, for on 14 Aug. of that year the Inferior Court of the county adopted an order (Jones MB, 1818–1825, p.32);

that letters of administration on the estate of John Cabaniss, decd be granted to John Martin on his giving bond and security in the sum of \$20,000. Appraisors James George, Larkin Wilson, Wilkins Jackson, and Robert Baldwin, and Williams Jackson.

In the complicated and prolonged settlement, much of the estate went to children of his brother Charles, implying that he made his home with them. Ultimately, however, a slightly larger portion went to his only son, who was apparently his only (or only surviving) child (*The Huguenot*, XI, p.85)

43 WILLIAM.



18 GEORGE 3 CABANISS (Matthew 2, Henri 1) is listed by McCall, *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Ga.*, p.44. Before end of the century he migrated with his brothers (See above under 13 CHARLES), through N.C., to Ga., ultimately settling in Jones Co., where in Oct. 1808 he served as a juror (Williams, *Jones County*, p.1073) and where the 1811 tax list shows him owning 810 acres (*ibid.*, p.751). There he d. in 1815 (Jones Co. MB, 1808–1818, p.103, dated first Mon. of Dec. 1815: “It is ordered that letters of administration on the estate of George Cabaniss be granted to Palatea Cabaniss, Henry B. Cabaniss, Harrison Cabaniss, and Robert McGough.”)

By his 1<sup>st</sup> marriage (wife’s name unknown, possibly — Carter), he had a son:

44 MATTHEW.

George later m2. Palatea Harrison, dau. of Henry and Elizabeth (Avery) Harrison, hence first cousin of President William Henry Harrison and great-granddau. of Robert “King” Carter of Va. (*Blood Royal*, II, pp.276, 523). Of this union were b. the following children:

45 HARRISON;

46 Elijah, b. Ga. 1794, m1. — Joicy (1797 – 5 Mar. 1845, El Dorado, Ark.); m2. Union Co., Ark., Harriet A. Bussey (b. 1825) and had Hezekiah (July 1847 – 23 Dec. 1848), Charles F. (b. 1849), Nathan (b. 1851), Henry E. (b. 1853), Ida R. (b. 1855), Elbridge H. (b. 1857), and an infant (b. 1859), all b. in Ark. Except for Hezekiah, all are mentioned in 1860 Census, Union Co., Ark., 10 July 1860, No. 170.

47 HENRY BENJAMIN;

48 George (1820 Census, Jones Co., Ga., lists him as between ages 26 and 45);

49 ELBRIDGE GERRY;

50 Mary (Polly), m. Larkin Wilson (1770–1845). From their dau. Pamela descends Mrs. Grover Clyde Dekle, nee Charlotte Ober Tyus, 205 E. Cleveland Ave., Millen, Ga.; and from

dau. Sandal descends Mrs. Charles M. Lord Jr., nee Leita Anne Cook, 38 Woodbury Forest Dr., Hampton, Va. (see *Blood Royal* above). There was also a dau. named Palacia Harrison Wilson who m. Thomas W. Stewart; she became, after her husband's death, a physician (Williams, *Jones County*, p.425-429).

51 Sandall, m. Robert McGough;

52 Rebecca (Patty), m. 22 Dec. 1816 Samuel W. Langston (Williams, *op. cit.*, p.838);

53 Palatea, m. Dempsey Odum;

54 Mrs. Elisha Greer.

Six of the foregoing (Nos. 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54) are named in a return on the estate, dated 7 July 1817, Jones Co., Court of Ordinary.



20 ELIJAH<sup>3</sup> CABANISS (Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>), as indicated by his father's will (see above under 3 MATTHEW), was bequeathed

the land and plantation which I have lent my wife [Elijah's mother, Hannah] to be possessed by him and his heirs & at the expiration of my wife's widowhood, reserving notwithstanding a privilege on the said land & plantation for my two daughters Elizabeth and Amey to live while single.

Elijah's will, dated 15 Jan. 1795, probated in Nottoway Co. Court, Feb. term, 1795 (WB 1, p.149), intimates that his mother and sisters, as well as his wife and children, outlived him, for he willed "that after my mother's death, that my loving wife shall have the privilege to sell my land bequeathed to me by my father, reserving my sisters privilege thereon...." He named his wife Patsy and the following children:

55 Alice;

56 Asa; had a son Asa who may have been the father of Boise, James, Mollie, and Ann.

57 ANTHONY ROLAND;

58 Abner.



26 GEORGE<sup>3</sup> CABANISS Jr. (George<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>). Thanks to the extensive research of the Rev. John S. Moore, pastor, Manly Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Va., a large amount of solid material has been assembled about this man and his father.

After George Sr. d. in 1744, George Jr. chose on 22 Sept. 1757 as his guardian James Hall (see above under 4 GEORGE), whose wife was Ruth Evans. Two years later, 27 Sept. 1759, he was named with his wife Ruth, dau. of James and Ruth Hall, in the deed of a slave to them by his father-in-law (Amelia DB 7, p.86). Through the latter, as well as by his own efforts, George was a wealthy man. In Amelia, 1782, he is listed with a household of 7 whites and 19 blacks (*Census of 1790*, p.12) and in Amelia, 1785, as owning two dwellings and three other buildings (*ibid.*, p.82).

When his 1<sup>st</sup> wife d., he m2. Sarah Jennings (Amelia Marriage Bond, 13 Apr. 1779), b. ca. 1758. George's will, dated 8 Apr. 1799, probated Nottoway Co., 3 Oct. 1799 (WB 1, part 2, p.364; an inventory of his estate appears in *ibid.*, p.377), mentions his wife Sarah and nine children. The following were by (1) Ruth:

59 WILLIAM (in the will he was bequeathed "a negro woman named Sall and a girl named Pegg [?] he has now in his possession to him and his heirs forever");

60 Matthew;

61 Sarah, m. Daniel Beasley.

The remaining were by (2) Sarah, whose will probated 6 Mar. 1807 (Nottoway OB 5, p.174), named Richard Epes as executor and the following children (her estate and her husband's were the subject of litigation as late as 1814; see Nottoway OB 7, p.90, July 1814):

62 GEORGE;

63 JOHN;

64 Mary, b. 1792, m. between 1807 and 1810 Allen Crenshaw (b. Amelia or Nottoway 1789) and had Felix Augustus, John Bascomb, Julia Franklin, Damaris Anna, William Claudius, Ira Irving, and others. From Ira Irving descends Ross Crenshaw Moore, 105 York St., Newbern, Tenn.

65 JAMES;

66 Elizabeth, m1. James Clarke;

67 MARTHA.



## The Fourth Generation

28 JOHN <sup>4</sup>CABANISS (Charles <sup>3</sup>, Matthew <sup>2</sup>, Henri <sup>1</sup>), of whom little is known, was administrator of his father's estate in Jones Co. (see above under 13 CHARLES). As such he was appointed, 10 Oct. 1816, by his stepmother (Lunenburg OB 22, 1814–1816, p.349) as

my true and lawful Attorney for my and in my name but to my use, to ask, demand, sue for, recover, and receive all of my part of a Share in that part of the estate of my late deceased husband Charles Cabaniss which lies in the State of Georgia, consisting of land, Slaves, and other personal estate and which falls to me by the laws of the said State....

Similarly, on 19 Dec. 1816, he appointed William Cabaniss as attorney for his share in the Va. part of the estate (*ibid.* 23, p.222, dated 9 Jan. 1817). He d. before 13 Oct. 1828 (*ibid.* 26, p.332, of that date), but a dau.,

68 Lucy,

said to have been b. ca. 1785, was m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of (month illegible) 1799, to David Calhoun Caldwell, Green Co., Ky. (Green County Kentucky Marriages; Bell, *Old Free State*, II, p.188).

Caldwell, b. 16 Mar. 1776, disappeared during the latter years of the War of 1812. Lucy thereupon removed with her son John Madison Caldwell (b. 1803, Ky.), dau. Lucy Ann (b. ca. 1813), and other children (if any) to Madison Co., M.T. (now Ala.), where she took up residence near her uncle, 29 CHARLES CABANISS (see below). Lucy Ann d. ca. Aug. 1869 in Huntsville, Ala., where she was buried. She m. William Dixon Lanier, 24 Feb. 1829, and had Willie (d. in infancy), Isaac Dixon Lanier (1830–1871), and Mary (b. 1836). See Louise Ingersoll, *Lanier* (Washington, D.C.: Goetz Printing Co., 1965), p.214.

The late Mrs. Ward F. Sparkman, nee Margaret Louise Fraser, Drawer 947, Huntsville, Ala., and Mrs. Philip W. Shrigley, nee Shelby W. Thompson, 99 Allison, Denver, Colo., descend from Lucy (Cabaniss) and David C. Caldwell.



29 CHARLES <sup>4</sup>CABANISS (Charles <sup>3</sup>, Matthew <sup>2</sup>, Henri <sup>1</sup>), b. Amelia 22 Dec. 1773, m. 9 Jan. 1795 Lucy Worsham Ingram, b. 6 May 1775, dau. of Pines Ingram and his wife Lucy Hamlette (Acklen, *Bible Records*, p.47; the marriage and date are also given in Nottingham, *Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg Co.*, p.8).

Charles did not accompany his father to Ga., but migrated through Tenn. to Madison Co., M.T., where he settled ca. 1808 (Carter, *Territorial Papers*, p.518, mentions Charles and his children Caroline Clay and James Bryan in Madison Co., 1818). He participated actively, however, in disposition of his father's estate. For example, his brother-in-law, Edward Freeman of Jones Co., Ga., appointed him as attorney on 13 Dec. 1816 (Lunenburg DB 24, p.223, dated 9 Jan. 1817; therein

he is identified as of Madison Co, M.T.); and in like manner his brother, 36 ASA of Lunenburg, appointed him on 7 Feb. 1817 (*ibid.*).

After constructing a spinning factory near Huntsville in 1817, the first attempt at textile industry in Ala., he d. in 1819. He and his wife Lucy had the following children:

69 Elizabeth Hamlette, b. 14 Dec. 1795, m1. Abner Tate, and after his death and that of her sister (see 70 immediately following), she m2. as his 2nd wife Drury M. Allen.

70 Martha (Patsy) Worsham, b. 1 Dec 1797, m. Drury M. Allen, 28 Jan. 1818; she d. before 1828, but had six or seven children.

71 Caroline Clay, b. 8 June 1800, m. John A. Allen, 4 Apr. 1819, and had a son, James Bryan, b. 4 Apr. 1820.

72 James Bryan, b. 4 Apr. 1802.

On the preceding 4 children, all b. in Va., see Acklen, *Bible Records*, p.47. Later children were:

73 Sarah Ann H., m. Chilvin White;

74 Arrabella, d. young;

75 John McNary;

76 Alfred Burgess, a physician, b. 10 Dec. 1808, Madison Co., M.T., d. 21 Nov. 1871, Jackson, Miss., m. Susan Maria Lindsey, dau. of Landy Lindsey, Clinton, Miss., and his wife Susan Maria Hall (Clarke, *Old King William Homes*, pp.165f.). He was initiated, passed, and raised in 1837, Raymond, Miss., Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M; see Jeanne Hand Henry, *1819-1849 Abstradex of Annual Returns Mississippi Free and Accepted Masons* (New Market, Ala.: Southern Genealogical Services, 1969), p.76.

Alfred Burgess and Susan Maria had the following children (Clarke, *op. cit.*, p.166): Elizabeth Ann (29 Sept. 1844 – 22 Feb. 1921), William (10 Sept. 1846 – 3 Aug. 1897), Lucy Estelle (29 July 1849 – 2 Sept. 1929), Alfred (27 Dec. 1852 – 4 Dec. 1919), Charles (1855-1912), and Susan (20 Aug. 1859 – 24 Jan. 1924). From William, who m. Ora Ashby, descends William Lindsey Cabaniss, Capitol Floral Co., Inc., Jackson, Miss.

77 William M.;

78 Felix, who was mentally retarded by fever;

79 Charles, m. Betty Welborn;

80 Septimus D.; had 12 children, one of whom, Lucy. m. Baker Roberts, Gainesville, Ala., whose granddau. is Prof. Frances Cabaniss Roberts, Dep't of History and Political Science, University of Alabama at Huntsville.

81 Lelia T.

On these children of 29 CHARLES, see Lunenburg OB 26, p.332, dated 13 Oct. 1828.

30 CHARLOTTE 4 CABANISS (Charles 3, Matthew 2, Henri 1), d. before her father, m1. in Lunenburg, John Connor, 10 Nov. 1788 (Matheny and Yates, "Marriages of Lunenburg Co.," p.25). After he d., she m2. Daniel C. Brown, who outlived her (named in settlement of her father's estate in Jones Co., Ga., as "Daniel Brown who married Charlotte now dead leaving issue"). But by 10 Jan. 1817 he, too, was dead, leaving from the union a son (Lunenburg OB 23, p.5):

82 Daniel C. Brown Jr.,

who later removed to Maury Co., Tenn. A descendant of that son is Dr. Rosalie Carter, Franklin, Tenn.



33 MATTHEW 4 CABANISS (Charles 3, Matthew 2, Henri 1), d. between 1815 and 1825, m. Susannah Carter, dau. of Theodorick and Judith Carter, Halifax Co., Va. Their children were:

83 Nancy C., b. 15 Nov. 1802, m. John Robertson;

84 John C., b. 15 July 1804;

85 Elizabeth C., 29 Oct. 1806 – July 1850, m. Philip Howerton;

86 Charles Henry, 16 Jan. 1808 – 22 Mar. 1885, m. Martha J. Perkins, 27 Sept. 1848 (she d. 27 Sept. 1862);

87 William M., 9 Apr. 1810 – 29 Nov. 1851;

88 Judith C., 8 Dec. 1811 – 187- .

On the preceding, see Lunenburg OB 26, p.332, dated 13 Oct. 1828, and a Bible record belonging to the late Charles H. Cabaniss, "Edge Hill," Halifax Co., furnished by John Kent Cabaniss, reprinted in *Newport News Daily Press*, 30 Aug., 6, 13, 27 Sept. 1959.

Ingersoll, *Lanier* (full citation under 28 JOHN CABANISS above), p.491, in the section entitled "Unplaced Laniers," records the marriage of 88 Judith to William H. Lanier (b. Va. 1805), 7 Sept. 1826. They removed to Dyer Co., Tenn., where Judith d.; they had a son, John Cabaniss Lanier, b. Halifax Co., 1829, interred in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn., 1 Aug. 1875, m. Mary L. Howcott, 15 Dec. 1852 (she was b. N.C. 1832). Mrs. Ingersoll, however, errs in making 88 Judith a dau. of 87 William M. Cabaniss; she was, of course, his sister.



36 ASA 4 CABANISS (Charles 3, Matthew 2, Henri 1), m. Sarah (Sally) Bacon, Lunenburg Co., 7 July 1788 (Matheny and Yates, "Marriages of Lunenburg Co.," p.18; also Bell, *Old Free State*, II, p.389, but Bell errs in giving her maiden name as Brown). Asa and his sisters, Mary (Polly) and Charlotte, were m. in the same year within five months, he in July and they in Nov.; Asa was surety for Charlotte. As indicated earlier under 13 CHARLES, Asa was administrator of his father's estate in Va.

Asa's will, dated 26 July 1826, with two codicils, one dated that same day, the other, 9 Aug. 1826, was admitted to probate, 12 Apr. 1830 (Lunenburg WB 10, pp.47-49). He named his wife Sarah and the following children:

90 William, m. Rebecca Russell, 22 Dec. 1817 (Bell, *Old Free State*, II, p.403);

91 John C., b. ca. 1798 (1850 Census gives age as 52), d. Dinwiddie, 15 Jan. 1864, m. Edith P. Harmon and had James Monroe (11 May 1831 – 27 Nov. 1908, m. Martha Drucilla Meredith), John S. (b. 1828, m. Sarah E. "Betty" Rash), Cornelius A. (b. 1834, m1. Sarah E. Rash, m2. Lucy J. Ogburn), Asa C. (b. 1830, m. Martha A.F. West), Lucy (m. a Belcher or a Wells). Mrs. Lewis Flint, nee Marydel Cabaniss, Rt. 2, Cleveland, Ga., great-granddau. of James Monroe Cabaniss, has done excellent work on this particular line.

92 Asa B., m. Rebecca Bowers (d. 7 Apr. 1856) on 26 Nov. 1823 and had (Lunenburg Chancery OB, "B", pp.79f., dated 11 Oct. 1856): Althea Ann, James S., Mary Rebecca, and Paschal Young. The last named, b. 1837, m. 15 Sept. 1858 Eliza Jane Cumby, Petersburg, Va., and had Asa Baker, S.A., Walter T., W.Y., Rebecca, and (twins) James and John. Asa Baker was the father of Floyd M. Cabaniss, 302 Central Parkway, Newport News, Va., whose wife has done such fine research for this line.

93 Sarah, m. — Rash;

94 George Washington, d. 1850;

95 Rebecca, m. — Traylor; she d. before date of her father's will but had son William;

96 Nancy, m. Thomas Crow (so the will) or William (so the 2<sup>nd</sup> codicil).

Although not named in the will, there was an earlier son:

89 Sterling, m. Polly W. Ingram, 14 Dec. 1817 (Bell, *Old Free State*, II, p.403). Sterling's will, probated 1821 (Lunenburg WB 8, p.176), names his sister Nancy Crow and brother William.

The will of Asa's wife Sarah, dated 16 Apr. 1852, recorded in Lunenburg Circuit, 7 Sept. 1855 (D. and WB, 1811-1888, p.55), curiously mentions sons John and Asa B. and dau. Sarah Rash, but expressly states: "I leave the rest of my children nothing at all."



37 CASSIMER<sup>4</sup> CABANISS (Matthew<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>), above the age of 16 in 1794 and not in Nottoway after 1804 (Nottoway Co. personal property lists), was a member of a jury, Franklin Co., Va., 15 Aug. 1807, to try the notorious highwayman, Joseph Hare, for horse stealing (Wingfield, *An Old Virginia Court*, p.186). He m. Prudence — (b. ca. 1777) and had the following children:

97 William Henry, m. Mary Ellen Lyon and had Mary L. (m. James Crutchfield), Emily (m. — Judson), and Ann (m. Mike Medley);

98 Lucy;

99 Edward;

100 Delia, m. Thomas Craig Jr., 16 Aug. 1827 (Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin Co.*, p.65; her brother William H. was surety);

101 Nancy, m. Stephen Woods Jr., 1 May 1837 (*ibid.*, p.246; her father Cassimer was surety) and had Silas, George, Samuel, and Thomas.



38 COURTLAND 4 CABANISS (Matthew<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>), mentioned in his father's will of 7 Jan. 1781, is not listed in Nottoway Co. personal property lists after 1806. It appears that he followed his brother, 37 CASSIMER, to Franklin Co.

Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin Co.*, p.52, notes the marriage of Courtland Cabaniss to Catherine M. Powell, 15 July 1839. On 22 Aug. 1842 he was surety for the marriage of Bainbridge Ferguson and Sophia E. Powell (*ibid.*, p.84); on 6 Jan. 1843, for that of David Kesler and Martha F. Cabaniss, dau. of widow Clarissa Cabaniss (*ibid.*, p.134); and on 4 Dec. 1843, for that of Ransom Plyborn and Eveline Powell (*ibid.*, p.183). Those data suggest a much younger man than 38 COURTLAND.

Other evidence shows that Lewis P. Stearns m. Sarah Cabaniss, dau. of widow Nancy Cabaniss, 4 June 1828 (*ibid.*, p.217); that John Hill m. Nancy Cabaniss, 8 Apr. 1830, with Lewis P. Stearns as surety (*ibid.*, p.116); that in both instances the clergyman was Edwin G. Cabaniss. Still other evidence indicates that John Cabaniss m. Martha E. Sink, 13 Aug. 1858; that Matthew Cabaniss m. Martha Sink, dau. of widow Anna Sink, 15 Aug. 1844 (*ibid.*, p.52); and that Archibald Weeks m. Lane D. Cabaniss, 5 Nov. 1831 (*ibid.*, p.239).

Thus, during the interval 1828–1858, there were these Cabanisses in Franklin Co.: Sarah, dau. of widow Nancy Cabaniss; Nancy (presumably the widowed mother of Sarah); the Rev. Edwin G.; Lane D.; Courtland; Martha, dau. of widow Clarissa Cabaniss; widow Clarissa; Matthew; and John. Apparently none belonged to the immediate family of 37 CASSIMER.

According to Mrs. James E. Garrett, nee Virginia B., 203 Rosser Ave., Waynesboro, Va., in a letter to me, dated 15 July 1968:

My great-great-grandfather, Lewis Patrick Stearns, born in Conway, Mass., 12 Nov. 1801, came to Franklin County, Virginia...and married Sarah Cabaniss, 4 June 1828. She was a daughter of widow, Mrs. Nancy (Craddock) Cabaniss. Sarah's father, I understand, was Courtland Cabaniss, who died and was buried at Gogginsville in Franklin County....Sarah's brother, John Coleman Cabaniss, went to California in 1849....Widow Nancy (Craddock) Cabaniss married a Hill and took Sarah with [the latter's] children, Orren Darius and John Lewis Stearns to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where Sarah (Cabaniss) Stearns died, 15 May 1835, and was buried....I do have a large sampler marked by Sarah Cabaniss in 1820....

In Jones and Gandrud, "Alabama Records," Vol. 33, pp.54f., there is a tombstone inscription from Greenwood Cemetery, Tuscaloosa: "Mrs. Sarah Stearns consort of Mr. Lewis P.

Stearns a native of Virginia who died March 19, 1837 [or 1857] in 57<sup>th</sup> [or 50<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup>] year” (the alternatives indicate elements of the inscription that are almost illegible).

There was a John C. Cabaniss in Tuscaloosa Co. in 1835–1839. On 13 Nov. of the former year he applied for a letter of administration on John S. Parker, deceased, who left no widow within the state of Ala. (DB 1, p.161). Of the three men named John Parker who m. in Franklin Co., Va., before 1858, one answers the foregoing qualification, namely, John Parker who m. Susannah Webb, 5 Apr. 1802 (Wingfield, *op. cit.*, p.175). Three other references to John C. Cabaniss occur in Tuscaloosa Co. DB “P”: p.370, dated 14 May 1839 (“debtor, to Lincoln Clark, trustee and Otis Dyer, creditor”); p.427, dated 17 June 1839 (“to Jefferson C. VanDyke to deliver unto Thomas B. Childress a pair of small brown horses for benefit of Eliza R. VanDyke, wife of Jefferson VanDyke”); p.459, dated 13 May 1839 (“and William A. Leland to Erasmus Cooper”); on these three references, consult Jones and Gandrud, *op. cit.*, Vol. 67, pp.45, 49, 53. He may be the “J. Cabaniss” who appears in Coosa Co., Ala., in the 1840 census. That was approximately a 100 miles eastward.

What follows is a tentative arrangement of the foregoing persons into a family group, but it must *not* be accepted as proven. It is offered only as a reasonable point of departure for further research. Of 38 COURTLAND<sup>4</sup> CABANISS there is no sure evidence after his disappearance from the Nottoway personal property lists, but assuming that he m. Nancy Craddock (who as a widow before 1828 m2. John Hill), these could be the children of that union:

- (a) Edwin G., clergyman;
- (b) — Cabaniss (son), m. Clarissa — and had dau. Martha F. who m. David Kesler;
- (c) Sarah, m. Lewis P. Stearns;
- (d) John Coleman;
- (e) Lane D., m. Archibald Weeks;
- (f) Courtland Jr., m. Catherine Powell;
- (g) Matthew, m. Martha Sink.

It is reported that (g) Matthew and Martha had a son named John who m. Martha Ann (or E.?) Sink (see above, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph under 38 COURTLAND). They in turn had Matthew, Louis (Lewis), and John W. The last named m. Luzzie Ella Crook and had Oscar (over 90 in 1971) and Rachel (who m. — Williams). Both Oscar and Rachel are still living in Roanoke, Va. Rachel communicated the preceding information to Mrs. A.S. Cerillo, nee Dorothy Cabaniss, Rt. 2, Box 357, Rustburg, Va., who very kindly transmitted it to me. Much work, however, remains to be done on this pedigree.



<sup>43</sup> WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> CABANISS (John<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>). The ensuing discussion, a new study of available data, modifies in some degree my earlier essays, “A Cabaniss Family of the

Old Southwest” and “Cabaniss of Virginia, Alabama, and Mississippi,” mentioned in the bibliography above.

According to Nottoway Co. personal property tax lists, William Cabaniss was above the age of 16 in 1789 and not in Nottoway after 1804. In July 1789 he is noted as lieutenant of Nottoway (Palmer and McRæ, *Calendar of Virginia State Papers*, V, p.1). In 1792 he signed a petition respecting parish boundary lines (Nottoway Legislative Petitions, fol. B4995–2788) and on 5 Apr. 1793 (Nottoway OB 1, 1793–1797, pp.2f.) he was appointed 4<sup>th</sup> Captain, 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion, Nottoway Militia (Watson, *Notes on Southside Virginia*, p.75). On 7 Nov. 1793 he was appointed deputy sheriff under Sheriff William Greenhill (Nottoway OB 1, 1793–1797, p.39) and early next spring, 4 Apr 1794, he was recommended as escheator for the commonwealth in Nottoway (*ibid.*, p.66). Again in 1795 he was deputy sheriff under Sheriff Freeman Epes (Watson, *op. cit.*, p.84).

In Nottoway OB 2, July 1797 – July 1801, p.170 (1798), there is an important statement:

William Cabaniss Gent<sup>n</sup> is recommended to his excellency James Wood esquire Governor, and the Council as a proper person to execute the office of a Major in the Second Battalion in the Militia of this County in the room of Samuel Pincham deceased....

The latter had, on 18 Dec. 1787 in Amelia, m. Sophia Sherwin, dau. of Samuel Sherwin and his wife Elizabeth, dau. of Henry Randolph IV and his wife Tabitha (dau. of Robert Poythress and his wife Elizabeth Cocke). To that union one child, Elizabeth Kennon, was b. ca. 1788–1790. Pincham d. in Nov. 1797 (will, dated 3 Nov. 1797, probated 7 Dec 1797, Nottoway WB 1, part 2, p.295).

Nottoway OB 2, p.84, shows that on 1 Feb. 1798 the court received

a writing from under the hand and seal of Sophia Pincham declaring that she will not take or accept the legacy or any part thereof devised her by the last will and testament of her late deceased husband, Samuel Pincham, deceased, and renounced all benefit which might be claimed by such will....

That statement may be interpreted to mean that she was already contemplating another marriage. As a matter of fact she did m2. Major William Cabaniss (Randolph, *Henry Randolph 1<sup>st</sup>*, pp.77f., and *Pedigree*, p.112, but Randolph erred in both places by ascribing *two* children to this union, namely, Peter Randolph and John S.; the latter was *not* a son of Sophia and William, as will be evident from data supplied below).

The marriage of William and Sophia was solemnized after 1 Feb. 1798, before 7 Nov. 1801, probably on or after 7 Feb. 1800, for on that date the following is recorded in Nottoway DB 2, p.126:

Know all men by these presents that I William Cabaniss of Nottoway County for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to my four children to wit: Rebeckah, William, Ruth and Frances Epes Cabaniss of sd. county..., have given and granted... unto the said Rebeckah, William, Ruth and Frances Epes Cabaniss, their Executors, Admrs. or assigns the five following Negroes to wit: Nancy and Lucy, her child Milley, Stephen and Peggy together with their increase to have and to hold to the said Rebeckah, William,

Ruth and Frances Epes Cabaniss (to be equally divided amongst them so soon as either of them shall arrive at the age of 21 years or marry) to them & their heirs forever...In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this fifth day of Feby. 1800

The document, signed by William Cabaniss and witnessed by Jordan Jackson, Freeman Epes, Matthew Cabaniss, and Cassimer Cabaniss, indicates that William had already been married at least once before and that he had four unmarried children under 21 years of age, but the name of the earlier wife (or wives) is not at present known.

Substantial tradition affirms that the mother of Frances Epes Cabaniss d. when Frances Epes was b., that the child was taken and reared by her half-uncle, Isham Epes Dabney of Dinwiddie Co. (a fact which intimates that her mother was not the mother of Rebeckah, William, and Ruth), and that her father William migrated west or south with a cousin, William Wells (Query A613, "Climbing the Family Tree," Newport News *Daily Press*, 14 June 1959, Sec. D, p.30; and the family Bible of Peter Vaughan in possession of Hugh S. Watson Jr., Newport News, Va.). It is established that Frances Epes did remain in Va., but Rebeckah and Ruth accompanied William on his migration (William Jr. presumably d. young; see below).

On three occasions, 7 Nov 1801, 4 Feb., and 6 Aug. 1802, there were chancery court cases in which "William Cabaniss and his wife Sophia" were complainants (Nottoway OB 4, pp.58, 85, 167). Between 7 Feb. 1800 and 28 Aug. 1803, a son, Peter Randolph, was b. and Sophia d. On the latter date William executed the following indenture, recorded 1 Sept. 1803 (Nottoway DB 2, p.443):

This indenture...between William Cabaniss of the County of Nottoway of the one part and Peter Randolph Cabaniss his son of the same county of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Cabaniss for and in consideration of the natural affection which he hath and doth bear unto his said son Peter Randolph Cabaniss...doth give, grant and forever quit claim unto a certain Negro girl by name Tamer unto the said Peter Randolph Cabaniss heirs and assigns forever together with all her future increase....

The deed was signed by William Cabaniss and witnessed by Thomas V. Brooking, Elizabeth M.A.M. Brooking, and Matthew Cabaniss.

Among the witnesses of the deeds of 7 Feb. 1800 and 28 Aug. 1803, the following may be tentatively identified. It is reasonable to suppose that Matthew (both deeds) was either 8 Matthew, William's first cousin, or 44 MATTHEW, also a first cousin, but not 60 Matthew, a 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, although all three men lived relatively near at hand, the first two in Lunenburg, the third in Amelia. Cassimer was 37 CASSIMER, another first cousin. Freeman Epes was William's superior as sheriff in 1795 and may have been a relative. Jordan Jackson, Thomas V. Brooking, and Elizabeth M.A.M. Jackson have not been investigated by the present writer.

Not long after the death of his wife Sophia and deed of gift to his son Peter Randolph, William began his journey to greener pastures. On 2 Mar. 1805 he sold the land on which he lived in Nottoway (about 300 acres) to Thomas Booth, also of Nottoway (Nottoway DB 2, p.588), land not to be confused with 200 acres owned by his 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, 59 WILLIAM. The boundary lines were different (Amelia DB 20, p.443, dated 26 July 1798, secured on 26 Apr. 1782).

The tradition of William's westward or southward migration with a cousin William Wells seems to be authenticated by several facts. (1) There is record of marriage of William Cabaniss and Polly Harper, Green Co., Ky., on 2 Apr. 1807, where eight years earlier William's 1<sup>st</sup> cousin once removed, 68 Lucy, had m. David C. Caldwell. If this is the William with whom we are dealing, Polly Harper was probably his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife. William may also have gone to Jones Co., Ga., and back to Lunenburg in 1816 to assist in settlement of his uncle Charles's estate and again to Jones Co. in 1820 in connection with settlement of his father's estate.

(2) Then there is listed in Sumner Co., Tenn., 1820 census, p.145, a William Cabaniss with a household of eight whites and one black. He could well have been the William of this sketch, although there is no certainty. It is curiously suggestive, however, that a man named William Wells is listed in the same Tenn. census. (3) In any case William Cabaniss was a resident of Tuscaloosa Co., Ala., when on 21 Nov. 1821 he purchased land from the public domain, patents for which were subsequently issued on 12 Apr. 1824 (certified by Dep't of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Land Office, Washington, D.C., in a letter dated 22 July 1960).

(4) The final clear evidence respecting William is his revealing will, dated 8 May 1825, recorded in Tuscaloosa Co. WB 1, pp.19f., printed in *The Alabama Genealogical Registrar* (now *Register*), I, No. 1 (Mar. 1959), p.41:

William Cabanes of the county of Tuscaloosa and State of Ala...unto Dianna Cabanes my dearly beloved wife one negro boy by the name Bob to do with as she pleases, also give during her natural life and at her decease to be divided...between my three last children by names of Napoland B. Cabanes, Dianna D. Cabanes and William Cabanes the tract of land whereon I now live...the N.W. ¼ of Sec. 10 R 11 W T 21 with the following negroes...Reuben, Molly and Silva, with all my household and Kitchen furniture, horse, cows and Hogs...to my dau. Rebecca Corks a negro woman by name Nancy and her children...to my dau. Frances Epis Vaughn one negro woman by name Milly I left with her in the State of Virginia with all her increase...to my son Peter R. Cabanes a negro woman named Tamar and her children...ordain my wife Dianna Cabanes the sole Executor of my last will...to my dau. Rutha More a piece of Land...the W. ½ of the S.W. quarter of Sec. 10 T 21 R 11 W...this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1825.

It is signed by "William Cabines (seal)," witnessed by Joseph Barrett, Constant P. Arthur, "Joseph x Doughty, sen. His Mark," and Sugar (Ezekiel) Mayfield.

Several facts are obvious from the foregoing will. (1) The "three last children" (Napoleon B., Diana D., and William) were still under age and probably children of the wife Diana. (2) The other children were not Diana's offspring. Of them, three (Rebecca Corks, Frances Epes Vaughan, and Peter Randolph) were of age, already married, and relatively independent. (3) The dau. Ruth Moore, also of age, was a widow, requiring more assistance than Rebecca, Frances Epes, and Peter Randolph. (There was a deed by William Cabaniss to Ruth Moore, 21 July 1825, witnessed by Ezekiel Mayfield and Joseph Barrett, recorded 25 Sept. 1826, Tuscaloosa Co. DB "E", p.120; see Jones and Gandrud, "Alabama Records," Vol. 7, p.8). (4) The elder son William, mentioned in the Nottoway indenture of 7 Feb. 1800, was dead and there was now a younger son bearing the

name William. (5) It is clear also that the testator, William Cabaniss, was a Virginian who had removed to Alabama.

William's issue, listed in the Nottoway indentures and in the Tuscaloosa will, were (by wife or wives unknown):

102 Rebecca (Rebeckah), m. — Corks;

103 William, d. young;

104 Ruth (Rutha), b. Va. 1796 (1850 census of Miss.), m1. — Moore and had two sons b. in Tenn., Charles C., 1819, and William M., 1822 (from the latter descends the Rev. John S. Moore, Lexington, Va., mentioned earlier). Widowed by the time of her father's will, she m2. as his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Joseph Barrett (witness of the will and the later deed), Tuscaloosa Co., 6 Nov. 1826 (Gandrud, *Marriage Bonds of Tuscaloosa Co.*, p.2) and had four other children; removed to Neshoba Co., Miss., where Barrett d. in 1840 and the widow Ruth in 1855.

105 Frances Epes, m. Peter Vaughan, Dinwiddie Co., Va., and had: Lucy Ann (b. 14 Apr. 1816); Martha C. (b. 23 Oct. 1817); Frances E. (b. 15 Nov. 1819); William Hamlin (b. 20 Aug. 1822); Sally Jane (b. 23 June 1823, m. James Elisha Newcomb, from which union descends Hugh S. Watson Jr., 315 Chesapeake Ave., Newport News, Va.); Peter R. (b. 12 June 1825); Mary E. (b. 23 Apr. 1827); Rosiner G.; James (b. 1830); Cincinnatus Stith (b. 1832); on all of which, see Query A613, Newport News *Daily Press*, cited above.

By marriage to Sophia (Sherwin) Pincham, William Cabaniss had

106 PETER RANDOLPH.

By marriage to Diana, William had

107 Napoleon Bonaparte;

108 Diana D[urret], m. Green H. Strong, Tuscaloosa Co., 10 May 1832 (Gandrud, *op. cit.*, p.32);

109 William (not to be confused with his deceased older brother of the same name), m. Lysanias Standifer, removed to Miss., thence to Tex. where he d. They had these children: Napoleon, Jesse Miltiades (1837–1876), Diana Durret (m. — Crawford), Tranquilla (m. — Greenwood), Josephine (m. — Haynes), Amarillo (m. — Cowan). Joe Edward Cabaniss, Box 1257, Alice, Tex., is a grandson of Jesse Miltiades and his wife Mary Elizabeth Cowan.

William's widow Diana m2. ca. 1831 Nicholas Hawkins (Jones and Gandrud, "Alabama Records," Vol. 3, p.24; Vol. 9, p.56).

It is only fair to note that the Rev. Mr. Moore makes the William of this sketch a son of 26 GEORGE CABANISS; but see below under 59 WILLIAM CABANISS for differentiation.



44 MATTHEW 4 CABANISS (George 3, Matthew 2, Henri 1), b. 17 Sept. 1771, d. 7 Dec. 1838, only son of 18 GEORGE by his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, did not accompany his father to Ga. He lived in Nottoway

and Pittsylvania, in the latter of which he was buried at Cascade. By marriage on 26 July 1804 to Martha Robertson (7 Feb. 1784 – 11 June 1854), he had the following children, all of whom except the first are named in his will, dated 20 Sept. 1836, probated Pittsylvania Co., 21 Jan. 1839:

110 Sarah (Sally) H., 19 July 1808 – 18 Oct. 1831;

111 Lucy R., b. 20 Nov. 1809, m. 16 Oct. 1827 Micajah Davis;

112 Mary W., b. 14 Jan. 1811;

113 William R., 10 Nov. 1812 – Apr. 1880;

114 James C., b. 5 Feb. 1814, m. Cynthia Robertson and had William Allen (possibly others?).

The latter m. Betty E. Draper; they are the great-grandparents of Mrs. William L. Fielding Jr., nee Eleanor Lavon Tanner, RR 2, Cushing, Okla.

115 Martha C., b. 24 July 1815 (d. 1 Dec. 1816?);

116 Maria C., 8 Oct. 1816 – 16 Jan. 1851, m. 28 July 1835 George W. Peay and had Martha C. (b. 14 Sept. 1837) and Sarah Ana (b. 15 Dec. 1838);

117 Matthew, b. 20 Nov. 1818;

118 John (Jack) George (3 Jan. 1820 – 2 Mar. 1907), m. Martha (or Mary) Asten and had James M. (8 Nov. 1840 – 16 Aug. 1907), John G. (b. 30 June 1841), William George (or Garland) (24 June 1843 – 18 Mar. 1926), Lafayette Bonaparte (30 July 1847 – Apr. 1915), John Wilson (8 Feb. 1850 – 13 July 1918), Martha I. (4 Apr. 1854 – 22 Sept. 1885).

119 George C., a physician (2 Apr. 1824 – 24 Dec. 1853).

William George (or Garland) under 118 John (Jack) George above had the following children: Jack Benjamin, George C., Frank Garland, William Eugene (father of J. Lawson), Hugh, James Claude (or Claudius) who m. Mynne Candler, Edwin A., Charles Marvin. From this William George (or Garland) descend J. Candler Cabaniss Jr., 1722 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, Mich., and Mrs. A.S. Cerillo, nee Dorothy Cabaniss, mentioned above under 38 COURTLAND.

References for the preceding are: family Bible in possession of J. Candler Cabaniss Jr.; letter from J. Lawson Cabaniss, M.D., 1632 Center Hill Dr., Roanoke, Va., to Prof. Leon Leslie Caviness, Ph. D., Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., undated; both data furnished by Mrs. Leigh C. (Alloa Caviness) Anderson, mentioned earlier. See also John B. Boddie, *Historical Southern Families*, IV (Redwood City, Calif.: Pacific Coast Publishers, 1966), p.108. The Bible gives William George as son of 118, but the letter gives William *Garland*; the Bible gives *Maria C.* as dau. of 118, but the will looks as though the name is *Marcia*; the Bible gives *Martha* Asten as wife of 118, but Green, *loc. cit.*, gives *Mary* Asten.



45 HARRISON 4 CABANISS (George 3, Matthew 2, Henri 1), son by 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Palatea Harrison. Listed in 1811 as owning 202½ acres in Jones Co., Ga. (Williams, *Jones County*, p.751),

he does not appear in the 1820 census of Ga., although his wife does (*ibid.*, p.763); she was between 26 and 45. His orphans participated in the lotteries of 1821 and 1832 (*ibid.*, pp.780, 813).

Harrison's estate was settled on 18 Dec. 1821, according to Jones Co., records. The document names his wife Sarah (Kirk) and three daus.:

120 Louisa, who must have d. young since she is apparently lost to family tradition (Williams, *op. cit.*, p.600);

121 Martha Ann Washington (1806 – 18 Oct. 1842, near Round Oak, Ga.), m. 14 July 1831 Benjamin Barron, from which union descends a great-grandson, C.C. Williams, "White Chimneys," Round Oak, Ga., whose wife prepared the book so often cited herein (*ibid.*, pp.584–588).

122 Sarah (Sally Jr.) H., m. 17 Aug. 1843 Robert O. Moreland.



47 HENRY BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> CABANISS (George<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>), justice of the peace in Jones Co., Ga., 1819, 1820 (Williams, *Jones County*, pp.842–844), listed as over 45 in the 1820 census (*ibid.*, p.763), participant in the lottery of 1832 (*ibid.*, p.813), may have been the Henry who on 30 Apr. 1810 m. (probably m2.) Nancy Crittenden, Elbert Co., Ga., and who on 31 Oct. 1825 was entitled, as a Revolutionary soldier, to two draws in Elbert Co. Land Lottery (DAR, "Historical Collections of Ga. Chapters," III, Elbert Co., pp.252, 258, 274).

According to Elbert Co. "Minutes of Inferior Court, 1791–1830" (Mar. term 1827), p.32, his son LaFayette, about eight years old, was bound to William Runnels, and *ibid.* (Nov. term 1827), p.55, his son Napoleon Bonaparte was bound to Joseph Parker until he should be twenty-one "which will be fourteen years the 1<sup>st</sup> of next Jan." (DAR, *op. cit.*, III, pp.138f.). He also had a dau. named Elizabeth, a minor in 1827, m. John Morgan, 21 Aug. 1828 (General Index to Marriages, Putnam Co., Ga., p.25, referring to Book C, p.198). So his issue (presumably by Nancy) were:

123 Elizabeth, m. John Morgan;

124 LaFayette, b. ca. 1819;

125 Napoleon Bonaparte, b. 1 Jan. 1821.



49 ELBRIDGE GERRY<sup>4</sup> CABANISS (George<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>), an illustrious judge, b. Greene Co., Ga., 1802, d. Atlanta, 1873, m. Sarah Ann Chipman, 27 Jan. 1827. He has been the subject of an extensive paper by George C. Smith, "Genealogical Sketch of Judge E.G. Cabaniss," prepared in 1904. It is indeed Smith's sketch that has provided much information and many valuable leads in Cabaniss research.

Elbridge Gerry's children, all b. in Forsyth, Ga., were:

126 Mary Ann, b. 23 Feb. 1828, m. Nicholas W. Battle, Waco, Tex., later Seattle, Wash.;

127 Eliza Jane, b. 30 July 1830, m. Cincinnatus Peebles, Atlanta (who d. Jan. 1899);

128 George Augustus Berrien, b. 12 Dec. 1832, m. Juliette McKay. They had Edward Harmon (b. 1 Oct. 1857) and Dan. Edward Harmon in turn m. 13 Dec. 1882 Martha Jelks, Union Springs, Ala., and had Robert Wright, Edward Harmon Jr., Jelks H., Elbridge Gerry, and William J., the last of whom, listed in *Who's Who in America*, Vol 33 (1964–1965), lives at 3224 Briarcliff Rd. E, Birmingham, Ala. Edward Harmon himself d. Birmingham, 28 Feb. 1936.

129 Thomas Banks, b. 31 Aug. 1853, m. Mary Howard;

130 Joseph Warren (11 Oct. 1842 – 10 Mar. 1916), m. Emily Winship, 12 Nov. 1868;

131 Elbridge Gerry Jr., b. 1845, m. Florence LaRoche;

132 Henry Harrison (June 1848 – 12 Oct. 1943), m. Sarrah E. Royston, 1879, of which union Royston Cabaniss, Cabaniss Agency, Inc., 28 E. Garden St., Pensacola, Fla., is a son;

133 Alice Louise, b. Dec. 1851, m. James M. Turner, McDonough, Ga.;

134 Sarah Lucinda;

135 Sallie Peeples, b. 1856, m. William Burke, Atlanta.



57 ANTHONY ROLAND<sup>4</sup> CABANISS (Elijah<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>), b. Nottoway Co., Va., 1789, m. Ruth Hall (b. 1810). In 1841 they migrated to Panola Co., Miss., near Sardis. Anthony's will, dated 1860, was probated there in 1861. It names his wife and two daus.:

136 Martha, b. 1833;

137 Mary Elizabeth (26 Sept. 1836 – 26 Apr. 1915), was the grandmother of the late Mrs. Rufus Creekmore, nee Ruth Cavendish Herron, 1305 St. Mary St., Jackson, Miss. (d. 21 Feb. 1967), whose dau. Martha Elizabeth m. Samuel A. Walker Jr.



59 WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> CABANISS (George<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>), m. 13 Nov. 1779, Amelia Co., Va. (wife's name not known), may have been the William who on 26 Nov. 1780 made claim for public service rendered the Revolutionary cause by herding cattle to a convenient point for distribution to supply soldiers in the field (MS, Va. State Library, Req C8225, Public Service Claims, Amelia Co. Court Booklet 1, p.8; Lists 1, pp.2, 6). Similar service was also recorded for 1783 (*ibid.*, Commissioners Book 1, p.91). Two years later he was enumerated in Amelia tax lists as a person with one dwelling in the same general district as 14 MATTHEW Jr. and 26 GEORGE (*Census of 1790*, p.82). In Amelia tax lists William appears as owning 200 acres. (Note, however, that these data may apply to 43 WILLIAM above.)

There are extensive notices in Amelia order books mentioning William Cabaniss in minor matters, chiefly as being paid for witnessing in court cases. For example,

Ordered James Leonard pay William Cabaniss Two dollars and Sixty Six Cents for two days attendance and once coming and returning twenty miles as witness for him against Issac Holmes admr.

(Amelia OB 22, p.55, 27 Oct. 1797; cf. also OB 18, p.19, 26 Oct. 1786; OB 19, p.80, 3 Sept. 1788; OB 21, p.398, 24 Feb. 1797; *ibid.*, p.497, 22 June 1797; *ibid.*, p.506, 27 July 1797; OB 22, p.205, 24 Aug. 1798).

Another series of Nottoway order books links him with transactions involving Sarah, widow of 26 GEORGE. For instance,

Know all men by these presents that I James Clark of Nottoway County and in consideration of the sum of \$200.00 Current Money of Virginia to me in hand paid have sold unto Sarah Cabaniss one Negro man by the name of Dick.

Signed by James Clarke and witnessed by William Cabaniss, it was recorded on 3 June 1802 (Nottoway OB 2, p.297, 2 June 1802; cf. also *ibid.*, p.477, 10 Nov. 1803; *ibid.*, p.527, 25 Feb. 1804, *ibid.*, p.528, same date as preceding).

Sarah's will was offered for probate, 6 Nov. 1807 (Nottoway OB 5, p.174). In litigation following, there are notices which connect William with known children of George and Sarah, such as,

John and James Cabaniss, Compls. Vs. William and Matthew Cabaniss, Daniel Beasley & Sarah his wife, James Clarke & Elizabeth his wife, Mary Cabaniss, Martha Cabaniss and George Cabaniss, In Chancery.

(Nottoway OB 5, p.290, 7 Jan. 1808; cf. also *ibid.*, p.180, 7 Mar. 1807; OB 6, p.28, 4 Jan. 1810; *ibid.*, pp.208f., 7 June 1811; OB 7, p.90, July 1814; see also Nottoway DB 2, p.588, 2 Mar. 1805). This William, therefore, was in all likelihood still in Nottoway as late as 1814.

Thus there is clear and separate identification for 43 WILLIAM and 59 WILLIAM. Of the latter nothing further is known. A brother of the latter William, namely, 60 Matthew, is mentioned in many of the references in the preceding paragraph.



62 GEORGE 4 CABANISS (George 3, George 2, Henri 1), b. Amelia, 15 Sept. 1782, m1. 30 Nov. 1799 Jenny Elliott, Mecklenburg Co. (in Nottoway DB 2, p.443, she is referred to as *Jincey*). About 1806 he removed to Shelby, N.C., where Jenny d. 30 June 1811. On 23 Mar. 1820 he m2. Martha (Patsy) Martin. By his 1<sup>st</sup> wife he had:

138 Nancy;

139 John E.;

140 James William;

141 William Henry (who had eight children, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of whom was Napoleon Bonaparte, b. 27 Oct. 1841, d. 8 July 1862).

By his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife George had:

142 Sanford W. (10 Dec. 1820 – 31 Aug. 1864), m. 3 Feb. 1842 Lucinda Thompson (15 Oct. 1826 – 17 Oct. 1885) and had nine children and from which union descends Mrs. Leonard Hugh Mosley, nee Modie Lorene Young, 802 Mulberry St., Abilene, Tex.

143 Athel Montcalm (3 May 1822 – 5 Mar. 1900), m. Parthenie Elizabeth Elliott, from which union descends John Plath Green, Dallas, Tex., who has done such excellent work on the offspring of 62 GEORGE.

144 Sarah J., m. Sidney Elliott;

145 Harvey DeKald (d. 1895), m. Aurelia Ann Otterson;

146 Joseph Bonaparte, m. Martha Carroll;

147 George V.H., m. — Beam;

148 Salina H., b. 27 Oct. 1831, m. Abel Poston;

149 Mary E., m. George W. Logan;

150 Martha Virginia;

151 Joseph P., m. Eli Williamson;

152 Hester A., m1. John Burge, m2. Marshall Martin;

153 Charlotte C., m. Glenn Borders;

154 Frank W.



63 JOHN 4 CABANISS (George 3, George 2, Henri 1), a physician, b. 1787, d. Petersburg 7 Oct. (tombstone), 8 Oct. 1822 (death notice, *Richmond Enquirer*, 25 Oct. 1822), received his M.D. degree in 1816 (Watson, *Notes on Southside Va.*, p.12). In 1818 he m. Minerva Hicks of Brunswick Co., who d. 27 Sept 1822 (death notice as above), less than two weeks before her husband. They were buried in Bothwell graveyard, Dinwiddie Co.

Mentioned in John's will, dated 25 Sept. 1822, there were two infant children, Sarah Anne and Charles James (b. 1822, according to the 1860 census). The former m. Edmund Harrison Osborne; the latter, Virginia E. Heath. Charles James and Virginia (Heath) Cabaniss were parents of Bettina, Fred W., John N., Ann, Charles, Robert (at one time mayor of Petersburg), and Sadie Heath. The last named was a pioneer nurse "the Florence Nightingale of Virginia" (d. July 1921); see *Bulletin Medical College of Virginia*, XXV, No. 12 (Feb. 1929), p.4; XV, No. 6 (Aug. 1928), p.17; and L, No. 3 (Spring 1953), p.[20].

John's death notice and tombstone inscription (written by "his attached friend, Robert C. Booth") are quite florid and flattering. But on 25 Jan. 1820 P. W. Parker had published a broadside in bitter terms against the physician: he accused John of having engaged for a year in oral and written "illiberal, ungenerous, and ungentlemanly remarks about me" (Watson. *op. cit.*, p.12). Such verbal duels were typical of the time.

65 JAMES 4 CABANISS (George 3, George 2, Henri 1), attorney (1793–1837), m. 6 Dec. 1816 Anna Matilda Banks Hening, dau. of William Walter Hening, compiler of *Virginia Statutes at Large*. James was buried in Bruton parish churchyard where he was a vestryman. This couple had eight children: Eliza Virginia (b. 11 Feb. 1817), George Henry (b. 4 Oct. 1819), William Waller (b. 24 Mar. 1821), John Robert (b. 4 Mar. 1823), James and Thomas Thompson (twins, b. 30 Dec. 1827), Julia Anna (b. 2 July 1829), and Alexander Galt (b. 14 June 1836).



67 MARTHA 4 CABANISS (George 3, George 2, Henri 1), m. between 7 June and 4 Oct. 1811 Robert F. Bridgforth (Nottoway OB 6, p.209, 7 June 1811, his wife). p.204, receipt dated 4 Oct., recorded 9 Nov. 1811, in which Bridgforth refers to her as his wife).

Robert and Martha removed to Mecklenburg Co. in 1812, where they lived until 1845. In that year on 16 Oct. they sold their land (Mecklenburg DB 12, p.11, 17 Nov. 1845) and migrated to Yazoo Co., Miss., where she is buried on land in possession of a great-grandson, Allen Cabaniss Bridgforth, lately deceased. A.C. Bridgforth left a son named Walter R. and a grandson, Allen Cabaniss Bridgforth II, who live in Yazoo City, where Walter is a member of the Bridgforth and Love Law Firm, Hegman Bldg.



**ADDENDUM:**

**Peter Randolph Cabaniss**

**and**

**Some of His Descendants**

106 PETER RANDOLPH 5 CABANISS (William 4, John 3, Matthew 2, Henri 1). As under  
43 WILLIAM CABANISS above, the ensuing sketch is a new study of available data, modifying  
some of the remarks in my earlier essays, “A Cabaniss Family of the Old Southwest” and  
“Cabaniss of Virginia, Alabama, and Mississippi.” Reference is still made, however, to those  
papers for other information and for much documentation. The following evidence is to be added  
to those articles.

Peter Randolph was b. in Nottoway Co., Va., 1798–1801, probably ca. 1801, the only son of  
43 WILLIAM CABANISS and his 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> wife, the widow Sophia (Sherwin) Pincham. He was  
dead by 12 Apr. 1834, for in the Jackson *Mississippian*, 19 Apr. 1834 (and continuing through 30  
May 1834), appeared a notice of the earlier date by his administrator in Mississippi (David  
Johnston was administrator in Ala.). Elisha Mayfield, almost certainly his brother-in-law (b. S.C.  
1795), concerning “Land [about 500 acres purchased by Peter and Elisha from the public domain,  
patent dated 4 June 1833], tenements and hereditaments” owned by Peter R. Cabaniss, deceased, in  
Holmes Co., Miss. Both Peter and Elisha are listed among heads of families in Yazoo Co. (Holmes  
was divided from Yazoo in 1833) in Irene S. and Norman E. Gillis, *Mississippi 1830 Census* (Baton  
Rouge, La., 1965), pp.34, 136. Two of Peter’s children, the twins Obadiah and Elizabeth (Betsy)  
Ann, were indeed b. in Miss.

Peter Randolph Cabaniss m. Catharine Mayfield (b. S.C. 1805; living 23 Nov. 1854), Tuscaloosa  
Co., Ala. 16 Sept. 1824 (Gandrud, *Marriage Bonds of Tuscaloosa Co.*, p.4). Children of this union  
are clearly established by orphans court records. For example, p.33, dated 12 Oct. 1846, contains a  
petition of William Cabaniss, one of the heirs of the estate of Peter R. Cabaniss, deceased. It was  
noted therein that he was of age and that there were four other heirs, “his brothers and sister, to-  
wit”: Madison, James, Obadiah and Betsy Cabaniss; “also their mother,” Catharine Cabaniss,  
“widow of the said Peter R.” Cabaniss (Jones and Gandrud, “Alabama Records,” Vol. 33, p.39).  
Another example occurs on p.567, dated 14 Feb. 1853, final disposition of the estate of Peter R.  
Cabaniss, deceased. Catharine Cabaniss, the widow was entitled to one fifth of the estate and the  
share of the children, (named as William, Madison, James, and Obadiah Cabaniss and Betsy Ann  
Powell, wife of V.H. Powell Jr., lately Betsy Ann Cabaniss) was \$662.57 each (Jones and Gandrud,  
*op. cit.*, Vol 57, p.40).

The children of Peter and Catharine were therefore (birthdates from 1850 census):

155 William R., b. 1825, m. 3 June 1842 Martha J. Friday (Gandrud, *Marriage Bonds of  
Tuscaloosa Co.*, p.42); children: Carolina, b. 1845; Peter T., b. 1848; George M., b. 1849. William R.,  
private, Co. D, 43<sup>rd</sup> Reg., Ala. Inf., CSA, enlisted 1 Apr. 1862, Northport, Ala. The company muster  
rolls, Jan. and Feb. 1865, last on, file, show him “absent sick at Tuscaloosa, Ala.” (certification from  
Adjutant General, War Dep’t, Washington, D.C., 7 Apr. 1937).

156 MADISON;

157 James, b. 1829;

158 Elizabeth (Betsy) Ann, b. Miss. 1832, m. ca. 1852 V.H. Powell Jr. (b. 1831), son of Vollie H. and Clarissa Powell.

159 Obadiah (twin of preceding), b. Miss. 1832, m. 1855 Clarissa Powell, dau. of Vollie H. and Clarissa Powell. Obadiah and Clarissa had a son Isaac.

NOTE:

The census of 1850 also lists in the household of Catharine (Mayfield) Cabaniss the following: Rasmus (Erasmus?), b. 1838, m. 23 Nov. 1854 Polly Ann Brown; Marion, b. 1840, m. 5 Nov. 1857 Elizabeth Crawford (on both, see Gandrud, *op. cit.*, pp.100, 120); and Alexander, b. 1843. The foregoing were not children of Peter and Catharine, as is clearly indicated above, but who they were is not known.

If one will reread the material presented on John C. Cabaniss under 38 COURTLAND above, there will appear a strong presumption that these three were children of John C., who might have been a 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin of Peter R., and who was in Tuscaloosa Co. and Coosa Co. at the time. This, however, is only supposition.



156 MADISON <sup>6</sup> CABANISS (Peter Randolph <sup>5</sup>, William <sup>4</sup>, John <sup>3</sup>, Matthew <sup>2</sup>, Henri <sup>1</sup>), called "Mack," b. Tuscaloosa Co., 1827, d. there 15 Mar. 1886, m. ca. 1844 Emiline E. Powell (1829 – 24 Feb. 1896), dau. of Vollie H. and Clarissa Powell. Both Madison and Emiline are buried in Dunn's Creek cemetery near Echola, Ala. For a while they lived in Marion Co. (1860 census, "Free Inhabitants in Eastern Dist. in the County of Marion State of Ala." No. 348). To them were b. eleven children:

160 Miranda, b. 1845, m. — Linn;

161 JAMES LaFAYETTE;

162 Julia Ann, b. 1851, m. James Alexander Sullivan;

163 Joseph, b. 1853;

164 Missouri, b. 1855, m. — Long;

165 Madison, b. 1856;

166 Matilda, b. 1858;

167 Martha, m. — Hawkins;

168 Rachel, m. — Brown;

169 Lizzie, m. — Thomas;

170 John (15 Nov. 1869 – 8 Sept. 1960).



161 JAMES LaFAYETTE 7 CABANISS (Madison 6, Peter Randolph 5, William 4, John 3, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Henri<sup>1</sup>), Tuscaloosa Co., 8 Mar. 1849, d. Tuscumbia, Ala., 2 Apr. 1934. On 23 Dec. 1867 he m1. his 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, Liza Jane Powell (9 Apr. 1850 – 15 Feb. 1919, Tuscumbia), dau. of James L. Powell (b. Tenn. 1825; living 1914, Tuscaloosa Co.), son of Vollie H. and Clarissa Powell, a veteran of Co. C, 7<sup>th</sup> Reg., Ala. Cav., CSA, and his wife Peachie Elizabeth Shirley (b. S.C. 1832). After Liza Jane's death, James LaFayette m2. the widow Lizzie (Hovater) Hester, but there were no children of that union.

James LaFayette and Liza Jane had the following issue:

171 Joseph Alexander (1 May 1869 – summer 1935, Tuscumbia), m. Missouri (Zura) Hovater (9 Aug. 1870 – 5 Apr. 1947) and had Nora (m. — Boyd), Effie (m. — Johnson), Rufus (m. Lula — , and had James, Joseph, William), Katie (m. — Haber), Lonnie (had son named Edward), Charles (b. 11 Nov. 1902; had sons named Howard Lee, J.C., Elroy, Gene), Robert Lee (16 Nov. 1904 – 1 Mar. 1929; had one son named J.T.), Annie, and Clyde.

172 James Madison, called "Mack" (8 July 1872 – mid 1920's, Madison Co., Ala.), m. Letha Mitchell and had Adle (Adele), Fayette, James, Austin, and two others (daus.).

173 Leoney (1 July 1875 – 15 Nov. 1898);

174 Charles (25 Mar. 1878 – 17 July 1917);

175 John Warner (15 Nov. 1881 – 12 Aug. 1922, Little Rock, Ark.), m. Mæ Porter and had Janie Lucile and John Leslie.

176 William Milton (26 Jan. 1885 – nine days later);

177 Lem (24 Aug. 1888 – 10 Apr. 1934, Florence, Ala.), m. Frances Allen (6 Sept. 1885 – 29 June 1966, Oxford, Miss.), dau. of Ely Thomas and Harriet Logan (Wine) Allen, and had James Allen (compiler of this sketch), Frances Lucille, and Lem Jr. On Lem, see *Blood Royal*, II, III, IV; on Frances Allen, see *ibid.*, V.



**Added in proof:**

The following data have just come to light in reference to the NOTE on p.36. Marion Cabaniss, who m. Elizabeth Crawford, had two children, a son named James Madison and a dau., Hannah. James Madison Cabaniss (b. Pickens Co., Ala., 12 Dec. 1860, d. there Feb. 1919) m. Ida Elizabeth Freeman (b. 12 July 1864). They had: Olive Estelle (b. 21 Jan 1863), Mamie Velma (b. 31 Jan. 1885), Monroe Sims (b. 22 Jan. 1887), Isham Belton (b. 16 May 1889), Oscar Marion (23 Sept. 1891), Florence A. (b. 5 Nov. 1895), Floyd Arbelle (girl, b. 5 Feb. 1899), Hugh Madison (b. 28 Sept. 1901), and Tolly Clinton (b. 17 Nov. 1905). Tolly Clinton Cabaniss, now liv. in Purvis, Miss., m. Beulah Mæ West, of which union was b. James Roscoe Cabaniss, 1311 Twin Circle Dr., Houston, Tex.

Research to discover the parentage of Marion Cabaniss is continuing. The *Tuscaloosa News*, 12 Sept. 1971, lists him as a confederate veteran buried at Dunn's Creek; and an old (1876) Eatonton, Ga., *Messenger* clipping states that a Marion Cabaniss, Confederate veteran, was b. 30 Oct. 1838, Rockford, Coosa Co., Ala., perhaps confirming the guess that his father was John Coleman Cabaniss as intimated on p.36 above.