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This attempt at putting the Fussell family together is dedicated to all of you who have helped me so very much.

You have answered my letters and phone calls with more than I could ever have dreamed of. You have offered your help in various ways, given me valuable advice, and you have encouraged me and given me your support.

You have helped me see my family grow from a few names and dates on paper, to a real family, full of loving, giving, sharing people.

I wish I could capture your spirit on paper, since I cannot, I will carry it in my heart and give thanks for each and every one of you.

We are scattered to the four winds, but each of you has a light that shines for all to see. I feel very honored to be a part of this family. You have given me so very much. All I am able to give you is my appreciation, my gratitude and my love.

This is not **MY** history, it is **OUR** history.

If Nicholas could see all you have done and all you have become, I am sure he would be very proud. I know I am.

Thank you all so very, very much.

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RAINWATER FAMILY

Information Furnished

By:

MR. TERRELL RAINWATER, MR. CHARLES RAINWATER, & MR. LYLE RAINWATER

JOHN RAINWATER was born near Danbury, Virginia in 1695. His parents are believed to have been English or possibly German. John later moved to Surry County, North Carolina and married MARY FUSSELL, the daughter of THOMAS and FRANCIS FUSSELL, on 24 June 1735.

In 1739, King George II of England granted John Rainwater 400 acres of land bounding on the south side of Roanoke River and lying in what was then Edgecomb County, North Carolina, later subdivided into Edgecomb and Granville Counties. (See petition for AARON FUSSELL).

Mary was born ca 1708-10 and died ca 1782 in Surry County, North Carolina.

John died May 1777 in Surry County, North Carolina. His will was made 4 November 1771, Nine children are named in the will, as well as Mary, his wife.

John and Mary's children:

1. JOHN RAINWATER born ca 1735 in Surry County, North Carolina. No record was found that John ever married. John lived past the year 1790 and owned seven slaves.
2. JAMES RAINWATER, born 1736 in Surry County, North Carolina. James died about 1805 in Surry County. He married CATHERINE REGAN
 1. SOLOMON RAINWATER
 2. ELIZABETH RAINWATER
 3. WILLIAM RAINWATER
 4. ABRAHAM RAINWATER
 5. MILES RAINWATER
 6. JOHN RAINWATER
 7. MOSES RAINWATER
 8. SESAME RAINWATER
 9. ANN RAINWATER
 10. CATHERINE RAINWATER
 11. JAMES RAINWATER married DELILA KEIFER
 - A. JOHN KIEFER RAINWATER married MARY ELLEN SPARKS
 - I. DELILA RAINWATER
 - II. SUSAN JANE RAINWATER
 - III. SARAH ALICE RAINWATER
 - IV. LUCINDA ELLEN RAINWATER
 - V. ARTHUR LICURGUS RAINWATER married CLARISSA HANNAH ROBNETT
 - a. ROSETTA ODELL RAINWATER
 - b. CLAUD ARTHUR RAINWATER
 - c. ERNEST EDWARD RAINWATER
 - d. ROY WILBUR RAINWATER
 - e. ORA A. RAINWATER married DELLA ELLENOR HAZARD
 1. ARTHUR ADELBERT RAINWATER
 2. CLARENCE ORA RAINWATER
 3. CARL O. RAINWATER
 4. EVELYN ESTHER RAINWATER
 5. GLENN WILLIAM RAINWATER
 6. ELLENOR MAY RAINWATER

- 7. ELLEN IONE RAINWATER
- 8. LYLE JAMES RAINWATER married BARBARA JEAN WAMSLEY
 - A. SHARI LYNN RAINWATER married JOHN HOWARD DRENNEN
 - B. KEVIN MARK RAINWATER
 - C. BRIAN KENT RAINWATER married JENNIFER ELLEN JAEGER
- 9. RALPH ALVIN RAINWATER
- 10. EDITH LUCILLE
- 11. JACK ROBIN RAINWATER (?)

- f. CARL ALVIN RAINWATER
- g. CLYDE ORVIL RAINWATER
- h. ALMA MARIE RAINWATER
- i. LOMA LOVINE RAINWATER
- j. JOHN ADELBERT RAINWATER
- k. JAY RAINWATER
- l. CLARENCE LEO RAINWATER
- m. CLAIRE CLEO RAINWATER
- n. GLADYS MABLE RAINWATER

- VI. MARY ELIZABETH RAINWATER
- VII. NANCY EVALINE RAINWATER

- B. JACOB RAINWATER
- C. ASHLEY WYNN RAINWATER
- D. MARTHA/(MARLLIA) SUSANNAH RAINWATER
- E. PRESTON/(PRESLEY) R. RAINWATER

- 3. MARY RAINWATER born 1738
- 4. SARAH RAINWATER born 1740
- 5. BETTY RAINWATER born 1743
- 6. WINNEY RAINWATER born 1745
- 7. MILLEY RAINWATER born 1746
- 8. MOLLY RAINWATER born 1748
- 9. WILLIAM RAINWATER born 1756.
 - 1. JAMES RAINWATER married CATHERINE McCALL
 - A. MILAS W. RAINWATER married MARTHA PROFFITT
 - I. ANDERSON HARRISON RAINWATER married ELIZABETH LEWIS
 - a. CHARLES CONDA RAINWATER married EMMA JOSEPHINE WEBB
(Grandparents of present Charles Rainwater)
- 2. VINCENT RAINWATER
- 3. WILLIAM RAINWATER

WILL OF JOHN RAINWATER
FILED IN SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA - MAY 1777

I, John Rainwater of Surry County in No. Carolina, being now in perfect sense and memory, Thanks be to GOD, but yet considering that life and sense is uncertain, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament (Viz) My soul I recommend unto the Hands of God. My body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner, and as to my worldly estate I give, demise, bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First, I give to my daughters Mary, Betty, Winney, Milley and Molley, to each Five Shillings Prov., money to them and raised out of my estate the same is in full, and a bar from them obtaining any more.

Item I give to my son John Five Shillings Prov., money to be raised as aforesaid the same is in full and a bar from his obtaining any more unless he should succeed his brother James as trustee in the management of that part of my estate which I give for the support of my wife and son William.

Item I give my plantation and all my land my negro man Jack and all other my estate of what kind soever to the whole and sole use, support and maintenance of my wife and son William during their lives and do hereby will and subject the same into the hands, care and management of my son James whom I hereby constitute and make Trustee to appropriate the said estate to their sole use, support and maintenance as aforesaid, to them either jointly or single in such way and manner as the said James shall judge and think most to their profit and best for their support and comfort. And if any part of the said estate should remain after their decease my will and intent is that he the said James, his heirs and assigns enjoy the same forever.

Item If my son James decease before my wife and son William, I will that my son John succeed my said son James in every point as Trustee.

Lastly I appoint my wife, Mary, Executrix and my son John and James, Executors of this my last will to see that all things be performed according to the true intent and meaning thereof. And I do hereby disannul and revoke every former will and ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Fourth day of November, 1771.

Signed, sealed, published
pronounced and declared in the
presence of us.

John x Rainwater/ Seal

Jesse Brimp
John x Pain

North Carolina, Surry County, May Court, 1777:

Jesse Brimp, one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will & Testament of John Rainwater publish and declare the same to be his last will & Testament, that he was of sound and disposing mind & Memory and that at the same time he saw John Pain sign the same as a witness and on motion it was ordered to be recorded.

Recorded Accordingly - - -

Jo Williams, C. C.

A True Copy Test: Fred Llewellyn
Asst. Clerk Superior Court,
Surry County, North Carolina.

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Surry County
Superior Court
North Carolina

Facts about the above testator.