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County that became Elbert County. He and his wife Elizabeth (in Wilkes County) sold May 4, 1791 to Adam Simmons, land on Beaverdam Creek of Broad River granted to John in 1787 and on the same day they executed a deed of gift to their children Larkin, Samuel, John, Lett, Nancy, Hannah and Lucy. In 1797, Larkin in Franklin County, Ga., gave a power of attorney to his father John to handle property in Pittsylvania County, Va., (where one John Prestage left a 1791 will). The family was in Stafford County, Va., as early as 1732.

313. PRINCE: Widow Rebecca was in the 1805 Jackson lottery.

314. PRINE: Francis and William Prine were in the 1805 Jackson lottery. In 1790, Daniel Prine was enumerated in Charleston, S.C., and in 1800, in Pendleton District, S.C., Daniel 10201-00101 and Francis Prine 20100-00100 were enumerated.

315. PURCELL: Nancy married Benjamin Echols in Franklin County, Ga., 1797, and while her antecedents are not known, it might be noted that both families are found in and near Halifax County, Va. Subsequently, John Purcell married Sally Casson in Jackson County (the Cason family also is found in the Henry County area of Virginia.) John Purcel was enumerated 1820 in Habersham County. Pursel and Pursley, found in South Carolina, appear either to be the same families, or the names are confused.

316. RAGAN: Littleton and Thomas were in the 1805 Jackson lottery. A Ragan family was in Wilkes County, Ga., by 1782 and subsequently in Oglethorpe County, where Jonathan left a will in 1814.

317. RAGSLEY: Allen was in the 1805 Jackson lottery.

318. RAINWATER: Newsum and William were taxed in Aaron Wood's district in Jackson County in 1799. Solomon, a name found in Pendleton District in 1800, was in Warren County in 1827.

319. RAY: George Wray bought of William Head, both of Jackson County, Sept. 3, 1798, land in Jackson with Solomon Ray and James Head as witnesses. One Solomon Ray, in Wilkes County, Ga., married Jane Echols April 5, 1796. Thomas Ray was listed in the 1805 Jackson lottery and in 1806 as Thomas Wray he obtained headright land. In 1820, Thomas, David and Howel Ray were enumerated in Walton County; John in Madison County; and many others in Oglethorpe, Greene, Washington, Elbert and other counties. John A. was in the Jackson 1827 lottery, and William left a will in Jackson County. Among the several Revolutionary soldiers in Georgia at this period was William Ray, who applied from Franklin County, Ga., March 5, 1821, aged 64, for a pension. He state he had enlisted in Amherst County, Va., in 1777, and William Aaron of Franklin County testified he had served with Ray, who died April 6, 1833. John Ray of Union County, Ga., applied July 23, 1853, aged 46, saying he and his sister, Suca were the only children of William. William Ray married Polly Wilson in Oglethorpe County, March 14, 1804. There are a number of other marriages of record in Oglethorpe, including that of Moses Ray and Polly Wilson, Jan. 6, 1804, as well as wills, deeds, etc.

320. REECE: George Rees Sr. was taxed in Jackson County in 1803 and Edwin Reece appears in the 1805 Jackson lottery. George was perhaps the man of that name (Reese) enumerated in Pendleton District, S.C., in 1800. In 1820, there was a Rees family in Clarke County, and others over the state.

321. RICH: Washington Rich was in the 1805 Jackson County lottery and Joseph was in the 1807 lottery (living on Mulberry Fork). In 1820, Washington, along with Daniel E., Edward, Martin and Stephen were enumerated in Emanuel County; Archibald was in Walton County; Charles and William were in Habersham County; Mary and William were in Elbert County, and various others were listed over the state. John Rich, a