

ISHAM WALLACE 1801-1882

Isham Wallace, the son of Everet and Caty/Catherine Wallace, married [Nancy Furr \(1806-1881\)](#) and is considered one of the mostly widely held common ancestors in upper Moore County. Nancy was the daughter of Charles Furr and Nancy Sowell. Isham, a lifelong farmer, lived on over 1100 acres of land in the Buffalo Creek/Meadow Branch area southeast of Robbins (just east of the intersection of Hwy 24/27 and the Mt. Carmel Road). Isham and Nancy as well as a large number of their descendants are buried, not far from their home, at Flint Hill Baptist Church.

Throughout the years, I was fascinated and amazed by the stories that my grandfather, [Mallie Wallace](#), told about his ancestors. The Wallaces were known to be a rough and tumble crew, spending more time at the County Courthouse for drinking, fighting and so on as they did in church. Isham was always one of his favorite subjects. My grandfather was the grandson of Emsley Wallace and great grandson of Isham. An 1880 article in the Chatham Record depicted Isham and his family, much as my grandfather remembered: “in upper Moore County...an old man named Wallace is over eighty years old, straight as an Indian, six feet high, is capable of doing a good deal of work, has fifteen children living almost in sight of his house, and all of his descendants together amount to about 215 persons. Of the children, six are daughters and nine are sons, and their average height is six feet and their weight two hundred pounds and not one male among the entire family belong to any church.”

CHILDREN

Isham and Nancy had the following children: [Clarkey Ann \(1820-1891\)](#), [Elizabeth \(1825-1871\)](#), [Mary Ann \(1826-1892\)](#), [William Wesley \(1828-1906\)](#), [Sarah Ann \(1830-1899\)](#), [Quimby \(1832-1895\)](#), [Dempsey \(1833-1839\)](#), [Lockey \(1836-1884\)](#), [Emsley Thomas \(1837-1918\)](#), [Samuel Bascom \(1841-1913\)](#), [Loveday Jane \(1844-1916\)](#), [Sampson Delaney \(1845- bet 1890-1900\)](#), [Virgil Spinks “Byrd” \(1846-1917\)](#) and [John M. \(1850-1923\)](#). Among these children, most resided in close proximity of their parents and raised large families that are still located in upper Moore County. Their children intermarried with the neighboring Cockman, Melton, Hunsucker, Horner and Garner families.

The three oldest daughters all married sons of John Cockman and Mary Richardson: Clarkey Ann married George Cockman, Elizabeth married J. Sampson Cockman, and Mary Ann married Noah Emsley Cockman, each Wallace and Cockman union produced at least ten children. William Wesley married twice and produced fourteen children. He first married Elizabeth Melton and later in life married Margaret Louise Seawell. After Wes' death, Lou moved the family to Greensboro. Sarah Ann married John Garner and raised a family of eleven. Quimby married Arabella Stewart and produced nine children, while his brother Dempsey died at the young age of six. Lockey married Susan Muse and raised a family of seven. Emsley married Priscilla Melton, daughter of James Melton and Temperance Horner and sister to Elizabeth, Temperance, and Candace who married Emsley's brothers. Emsley and Priscilla went on to raise eight children. Samuel Bascom married Temperance Melton and produced ten children. Sam also married Nancy Smith later in life after Tempy passed away. Loveday Jane married James Washington Horner, son of George W. Horner and Mary Ann Ritter and raised a family of six. Sampson Delaney married Missouri Hunsucker and produced eight children. Laney was the only son of Isham to actively fight in the Civil War and became a local deputy sheriff after the war. Upon Laney's death, Missouri moved their family to Rockingham, NC where several of

their descendants still reside. Virgil Spinks "Byrd" was married twice, and produced a total of eighteen children. Byrd's first marriage was to Regina Hunsucker, daughter of George Hunsucker and Elizabeth Williams and sister to Missouri. Byrd's second marriage was to Flora Ann Garner, daughter of Stedman Garner and Ann Elizabeth Davis. John M. was married Candace Melton and had one son in NC. John later moved to Perry County, AR where he was elected as a Judge, was married four more times and produced at least 13 more children.