

Volume 11

Meredith
O'Neal
Skaggs

Names of direct line ancestors found in most articles and extracts are underlined.

Pedigree Chart - MEREDITH - O'NEAL - SKAGGS

Chart no. 1

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Consult the appropriate family section or the ahnentafel chart for the continuation of lines ending with a plus sign.

4 Samuel (nmn) MEREDITH

B: 15 Oct 1849
P: Jackson Twp, Camden, MO
M: abt 1898
P:
D: 11 Sep 1940
P: Coffeyville, Montgomery, KS

2 Norman Vernon MEREDITH

B: 5 Aug 1904
P: Poplar Bluff, Butler, MO
M: 10 Sep 1922
P: Galena, Cherokee, KS, (divorced)
D: 10 Apr 1976
P: Portola, Plumas, CA

5 (3) Emma C. McCOLLUM

B: 17 Oct 1873
P: Bee Branch Twp, Chariton, MO
D: 2 Aug 1924
P: Crestline, Cherokee, KS

1 Samuel Lee MEREDITH

B: 9 Sep 1923
P: Crestline, Cherokee, KS
M: 31 May 1950 to Elizabeth VanBRADT
P: Rogers, Benton, AR
D: 1 Apr 2015
P: Houston, Harris, TX

6 John Howard McCLEARY

B: 3 Sep 1869
P: Grandview Twp, Louisa, IA
M: 8 Dec 1902
P: Galena, Cherokee, KS
D: 2 Nov 1945
P: Joplin, Jasper, MO

3 (1) Violet May McCLEARY

B: 12 Aug 1904
P: Galena, Cherokee, KS
D: 7 Sep 2008
P: Joplin, Jasper, MO

7 (2) Jennie Jeanetta ALLEN

B: 22 Sep 1883
P: Pickaway Twp, Pickaway, OH
D: 4 Mar 1974
P: Joplin, Jasper, MO

8 Mathias/Matthias MEREDITH

B: 25 Apr 1820
P: Weakley Co, TN
M: 2/25 Sep 1842
P: Miller Co, MO
D: 10 Aug 1906
P: Richland, Pulaski, MO

9 (1) Sarilda/Surrilda WISEMAN

B: 16 Aug 1824
P: Allen Co, KY
D: 20 Mar 1863
P: Jackson Twp, Camden, MO

10 Stephen McCOLLUM

B: 2 Dec 1830
P: Chariton Co, MO
M: abt 1850
P: Randolph/Chariton Co, MO
D: aft Jun 1900
P: Chariton Co, MO

11 Nancy Emaline/Emerine RICE

B: 4 May 1833
P: Randolph Co, MO
D: 28 Jul 1896
P: Chariton Co, MO

12 George W. McCLEARY

B: 19 Mar 1842
P: Grandview Twp, Louisa, IA
M: 30 Apr 1861
P: Grandview Twp, Louisa, IA
D: 15 Mar 1917
P: Fredonia, Louisa, IA

13 Nancy A. SIMPKINS

B: 20 Feb 1843
P: Grandview Twp, Louisa, IA
D: 5 Dec 1913
P: Miami, Ottawa, OK

14 John C.(nmn) ALLEN

B: 28 Dec 1842
P: Perry or Hocking Co, OH
M: 6 Mar 1879
P: Washington Twp, Pickaway, OH
D: 27 May 1911
P: Spring Valley Twp, Cherokee, KS

15 Emma Alice YOUNG

B: 28 Apr 1861
P: Washington Twp, Pickaway, OH
D: 30 Jan 1922
P: Prosperity, Jasper, MO

16 Daniel MEREDITH

B: Dec 1792
D: 10 Dec 1865
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17 (1) Margaret O'NEAL

B: 28 Feb 1797
D: 29 Jul 1852
cont. _____

18 Benjamin White WISEMAN

B: 14 Jan 1800
D: 7 Aug 1870
cont. +

19 (1) Sarah WINFREY

B: 22 Dec 1801
D: bef 1840
cont. +

20 David McCOLLUM

B: abt 1804
D: Nov 1869
cont. +

21 Elizabeth SANDLIN

B: bet 1801 and 1803
D: aft Jun 1870
cont. +

22 Thomas J. RICE

B: bet 1770 and 1775
D: 1846
cont. _____

23 (2) Susan (Ellen?) BAKER

B: abt 1805
D: aft Jun 1880
cont. _____

24 Abraham\Abram McCLEARY

B: 15 Oct 1805
D: 6 Mar 1888
cont. +

25 Sarah TRIMBLE

B: 10 Jan 1807
D: 15 Aug 1887
cont. +

26 Ananias SIMPKINS

B: 16 Feb 1814
D: 26 Feb 1863
cont. +

27 (1) Mahala Jane STUDDARD

B: 10 Aug 1820
D: 28 Feb 1857
cont. +

28 John ALLEN

B: bet 1806 and 1810
D: aft Jun 1880
cont. +

29 (1) Nancy WILLARD

B: bet 1800 and 1810
D: bet 1849 and 1852
cont. _____

30 Samuel YOUNG

B: 29 Sep 1812
D: 12 Mar 1896
cont. +

31 (2) Catharine GRAUL

B: 25 Apr 1822
D: 5 Feb 1898
cont. +

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Pedigree Chart - MEREDITH - O'NEAL - SKAGGS

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 16 on chart no. 1

2 William MEREDITH

B:
P: VA?
M:
P: Russell Co.? VA
D: bef 1836
P: KY?

1 Daniel MEREDITH

B: Dec 1792
P: Russell Co, VA
M: 5 Jan 1817 to Margaret O'NEAL
P: Logan Co? KY
D: 10 Dec 1865
P: Jackson Twp, Camden, MO

(1) Margaret O'NEAL

Spouse

3 Nancy SKAGGS

B:
P: VA?
D: bef 1836
P: KY?

4

B:
P:
M:
P:
D:
P:

5

B:
P:
D:
P:

6 James SKAGGS*

B:
P:
M:
P:
D: bet 1776 and 1781
P: Montgomery Co, VA

7 Rachel*

B:
P:
D: aft 1781
P: Montgomery Co? VA

8

B: cont. ____
P:
M:

9

B: cont. ____
P:
D:
P:

10

B: cont. ____
P:
D:
P:

11

B: cont. ____
P:
M:
P:
D:
P:

12

B: cont. ____
P:
D:
P:

13

B: cont. ____
P:
D:
P:

14

B: cont. ____
P:
M:
P:
D:
P:

15

B: cont. ____
P:
D:
P:

16

B: cont. ____
P:
D:
P:

17

B: cont. ____
P:
M:
P:
D:
P:

18

B: cont. ____
P:
D:
P:

19

B: cont. ____
P:
D:
P:

*Not proven

MEREDITH

Meredith can be spelled or misspelled in many ways. Following are some, but certainly not all of the alternative spellings approximately in the order of the frequency of their occurrence: Merideth, Meridith, Meredeth, Meredah, Meridah, Mereday, Meriday, Merriday, Meridy, Merrideth, Merridith, Marridith, Merrydyth and Merrydeath.

The relationships between the various Merediths in 18th and early 19th century America is far from clear. Many of these early families lived in Virginia and sorting them out is a work in progress. The one thing that appears certain is that the Daniel Meredith from whom this Meredith family descends was born in Virginia in 1792.¹

Daniel Meredith was the son of William and Nancy (Skaggs) Meredith of Russell County, Virginia.² William had signed a petition in 1795 for separating a new county (Tazwell) from Russell, but by the time the new county was formally established the Merediths no longer lived there.³

William and Nancy (Skaggs) Meredith went to Green County, Kentucky in 1796 to join Joseph and Nancy (Skaggs) Meredith who had preceded them there a few years earlier.⁴ William's wife was the aunt of Joseph's wife.⁵ It is thought, though not proved, that Joseph and William Meredith were brothers. William Meredith had disappeared from Green County, Kentucky, records by 1801.⁶

In 1836 Daniel Meredith was referred to in the Green County, Kentucky, estate papers of one Moses Skaggs, brother of Daniel's mother Nancy (Skaggs) Meredith. Daniel with his brothers John, James, Matthew/Matthias and William were heirs of the deceased Moses Skaggs. This came about because at the time of the settlement of the estate of the childless Moses Skaggs in 1836, both William and Nancy (Skaggs) Meredith were deceased. The estate papers note no place of residence for the five Meredith brothers only that they had removed from that jurisdiction.⁷

There was no mention of the Meredith's daughter Zelpha in the Green County Skaggs estate case and she may have been deceased.⁸ David Meredith and Moses Meredith are two other probable children of William and Nancy Skaggs Meredith. These two are found in close proximity to the known Meredith brothers and followed much the same migratory patterns.⁹ No record beyond his mention in the estate case was found for Matthias Meredith so he may have died before or shortly after reaching maturity.

A William Meredith appears in the White County, Tennessee, Court Minutes of May 15, 1810. "William Meredith to review and mark and lay off a road."¹⁰ Meredith daughter Zelpha and her husband James Laxton, Jr. had relocated there from Green County, Kentucky,¹¹ It is not known if this reference is to William Meredith, Sr. or to his son William. Meredith, Jr.

Whether Daniel Meredith went directly from Green County, Kentucky, to Hickman County, Tennessee, is uncertain. He is presumed to be the Daniel Meredith who served various enlistments from Hickman County from June 1814 through January 1815 in the War of 1812-1814 in Pipkin's 1st Regiment of West Tennessee Militia.¹²

According to family records Daniel married Margaret O'Neal in Logan County, Kentucky, on 5 January 1817.¹³ The O'Neals and Olivers living there at that time were thought to be her families.¹⁴ The location of their marriage is in question in the face of Daniel's 1812 Hickman County, Tennessee, enlistment.

In the 1820's all the Meredith brothers and their sister Zelpha Laxton were living in Hickman or Perry Counties, Tennessee.¹⁵ By 1828 Daniel and his presumed brother Moses had moved west in Tennessee to Weakley County.¹⁶ It is likely the John O'Neal living in Weakley County at that time was related to Daniel's wife, Margaret, possibly her brother.¹⁷

A number of factors conspire to make researching the Meredith family difficult. The area of western Tennessee which became Weakley County in 1823 had been Chickasaw Indian territory. Margaret O'Neal, Daniel Meredith's wife, was purported to have had Indian ancestry, whether Chickasaw or not, is unknown.¹⁸ Records for the territorial period are virtually non-existent and for early Weakley County sparse. After Daniel Meredith's move to Pulaski County, Missouri, in 1832¹⁹ the possibility for research in civil records does not improve. The area of Pulaski County in which Daniel resided became Kinderhook (Camden) County in 1841. The courthouse in Camden County burned in 1902 destroying the records and there are no Pulaski County records before 1903.

“Probably the first school house (in what was to become Camden County) was built on the farm of Daniel Meredith in 1833.²⁰ Shortly after July, 1841, Daniel Meredith served on the first grand jury impaneled in Camden County.²¹

As noted previously, and according to a Meredith family Bible, Daniel was married to Margaret O'Neal 5 January 1817.²² No church or civil record of this marriage has been found. After Margaret's death 29 July 1852,²³ Daniel took a second wife by whom he had a daughter.²⁴ Daniel Meredith died 10 December 1865 in Camden County, Missouri,²⁵ and was probably buried on his home place.

Mathias Meredith, born 25 April 1820 in Weakley County, Tennessee, was the second oldest of Daniel and Margaret's ten children.²⁶ On 25 September 1842 in Miller County, Missouri, Mathias married Surrilda/Sarilda Wiseman, daughter of Benjamin Wiseman and Sarah Winfrey.²⁷ Surrilda was born 16 August 1824 and after her death 20 March 1863,²⁸ Mathias married twice more, but had no children from these unions.²⁹ Mathias Meredith served in the 47th Regiment of the Missouri Militia (Union) during the Civil War and died 10 August 1906.³⁰ Both he and Surrilda are buried in Glover Chapel Cemetery in Camden County, Missouri.

Like his parents, Mathias and Surrilda Meredith had a family of ten children.³¹ Samuel Meredith, their fourth child, was born 15 October 1849 in Camden County, Missouri.³² Samuel was married three times. His first wife was Rebecca Barnett with whom he had six children.³³ The name of his second wife is not known.³⁴ His third marriage about 1898 was to the widowed Emma (McCollum) Clubb, daughter of Stephen McCollum and Nancy E. Rice.³⁵ Emma was born 17 October 1873 in Chariton County, Missouri, and died 2 August 1924 at Crestline, Cherokee County, Kansas.³⁶ Samuel, who was a long time section foreman for the Frisco Railroad, died in Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, 11 September 1940.³⁷ Both are buried in Wirtonia Cemetery at Crestline.

The younger of the two sons of Samuel Meredith's third marriage was Norman Vernon Meredith, born 5 August 1904 in Poplar Bluff, Butler County, Missouri.³⁸ On 10 August 1922 Norman was married in Galena, Cherokee County, Kansas, to Violet May McCleary.³⁹ Violet, the daughter of John Howard McCleary and Jennie Jeanetta Allen, was born 12 August 1904 in Galena.⁴⁰ Norman and Violet Meredith's marriage produced one child, Samuel Lee Meredith, born 9 September 1923 in Crestline, Cherokee County, Kansas.⁴¹ Their marriage was dissolved by divorce 3 May 1946.⁴² Subsequently Norman married Catherine (Ice) Carruthers with whom he had a second family.⁴³ He died in Plumas County, California, 10 April 1976.⁴⁴

¹U.S. Censuses 1850, Camden County, MO, Daniel Meredith, p. 337, Series M432, Roll 294; and 1860, p. 72, Series M653, Roll 611. National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. [hereafter NARA]; and family Bible of William Meredith, son of Daniel, present owner unknown. Photocopies of tracings made from the original record are found on pages 11-38 through 11-41 of this compilation.

²Green County, KY, Records of the Circuit Court of Chancery, Estate Case No. 3871, 1836, p. 7, Green County Courthouse, Greensburg, KY. [All Green County, KY, civil documents cited herein are at this location.] See pages 11-24 to 11-29 of this compilation. Available at <http://files.usgwarchives.net/ky/green/estates/skaggs1.txt>. Also see Russell County, VA, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1787-1819, Virginia Commissioner of Revenue (Russell County). Film No. 1905718. Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT. [hereafter FHL]. Transcription at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~varussel/census/index.html>.

³Nettie Schreiner-Yantis, *Archives of the Pioneers of Tazwell County, Virginia*, (Springfield, VA: By the Author), p. 291.

⁴Green County, KY, Tax Lists, 1795-1834: 1796, p. 8. Green County Tax Assessor. Film No. 8004. FHL. Also. <https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007834444>, Image 24.

⁵Green County, KY, Estate Case No. 3871, p. 7 and Green County, KY, Will Book 1:137 (Charles Skaggs) 9 February 1815/22 January 1816. Film No. 1877105. FHL. Also <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GP65-DJS?i=159&cc=1875188&cat=786506>

⁶Green County, KY, Tax Lists, 1795-1834: 1801, pp.12-13.

⁷Green County, KY, Estate Case No. 3871. p. 28.

⁸*Ibid.* and *Green County, KY, Marriage Records, 1793-1836*, (Greensburg, KY: Green County, Kentucky Historical Society, 1987?), p. 30. James Laxton to Zelpha Mereda, 3 Jan 1799. For bond see Green County, KY, Marriage Returns, 1793-1858. Film No. 595103. FHL. Also <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9BF-29CY-Y?i=515&cat=122112>. Image 516.

⁹U.S. Censuses, 1820, Hickman County, TN, William Meredith, p.172; John Meredith, James Meredith, David Meredith and Moses Meredith, p. 193, Series M33, Roll 122; and Perry County, TN, James Laxton, p. 272, Series M33, Roll 122. NARA.

¹⁰White County, TN, County Court Minutes 1806-1812, Minutes, v. 7-14, 1806-1820, May 15 1810, p. 157. Historical Records Project (Tennessee). Film No. 24864. FHL.

¹¹White County, TN, Tax Lists, 1811-1815, James Laxton, 1813, p. 117. Historical Records Survey (Tennessee), Film No. 24870. FHL.

¹²James L. Douthat, *1814 Court Martial of Tennessee Militiamen*, (Signal Mountain, TN: Institute of Historic Research, 1993), p. 159. Also Military Service File, War of 1812, Daniel Meredith, Pipkin's West Tennessee Militia, NARA.

¹³Family Bible of William Meredith. The Logan County, KY, location of marriage is from Kenneth Reed of Stigler, OK (1990), and Betty Nussle, 15445 Cobalt St. #217, Sylmar, CA 91342 (1992), Meredith descendants and researchers who apparently were unknown to each other and had this information independently from hand-me-down family sources.

¹⁶Pansy Nanny Baker and Charlotte Stout Reynolds, *Weakley Remembered*, 3 Vols. (Bradford, TN: Skullbone Printing, 1981), 1:49. 976.824 D2 FHL.

¹⁷*History of Tennessee*, (Nashville: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1887), p. 832.

¹⁸Kenneth Reed of Stigler, OK (1990), and Betty Nussle, 15445, Cobalt St. #217, Sylmar, CA 91342 (1992).

¹⁹Clyde Lee Jenkins, *Judge Jenkins' History of Miller County, Missouri*, 2 vols. (Tuscumbia, MO: By the Author, 1971), Vol. 1: *Through the Civil War*, p. 58. 977.856 H2. FHL.

²⁰*Ibid.*, p. 59.

²¹*The History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps and Dent Counties, Missouri*, (Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889), p. 320.

²²Family Bible of William Meredith, son of Daniel, present owner unknown. Photocopies of tracings made from the original record are found later in this compilation. See pp. 11-38 to 11-41.

²³*Ibid.*

²⁴U.S. Census, 1860, Camden County, MO, Daniel Meredith, p.72, Series M653, Roll 611. NARA.

²⁵Family Bible of William Meredith.

²⁶*Ibid.*

²⁷Miller County, MO, Marriage Records, Vol. A:33, Miller County Courthouse, Tuscumbia, MO (2 September 1842 date of bond or license?)

Also <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-8989-MHTT?i=79&cc=2060668&cat=92538>
Ona A. Willoughby, comp., *Marriage Records of Allen County, KY, 1815-1865* (Scottsville, KY, Compiler, 1938), p. 3; and Miller County, MO, Deeds S:274, S:275, S:276, et. al. These deeds involve the children of the deceased Surrilda (Wiseman) Meredith in the distribution of the estate of Sarah (Winfrey) Wiseman's father (Surrilds's grandfather) James Winfrey.

²⁸Tombstone inscription of Surrilda/Sarilda Meredith, Glover Chapel Cemetery, Camden County, MO. See photograph after p. 67 later in this compilation.

²⁹Miller County, MO, Marriage Records, Vol. A:335 and the Civil War Pension File of Mathias Meredith, SC610,916 and WC854,898. NARA.

³⁰Civil War Pension Papers of Mathias Meredith.

³¹Will of Mathias Meredith, Pulaski County, MO, Will Book C:78, probated 28 August 1906. Pulaski County Courthouse, Waynesville, MO; and U.S. Census 1860, Jackson Twp., Camden County, MO, p. 81, Series M653, Roll 611. NARA.

³²Civil War Pension File of Mathias Meredith.

³³California Death Records, Whittley O. Meredith, 4 May 1953, California Department of Health Services, Office of Vital Records, Sacramento, CA 95899. Whittley was the son of Samuel and Rebecca (Barnett) Meredith. U.S. Censuses 1870, Camden County, MO, p. 501A, Series M593, Roll 189A; and 1880 Miller County, MO, E.D. 102, Sh. 25 (p. 172A), Series T9, Roll 703 NARA. Family records of D. A. Angleton, R. R. 2, Box 191C, Coffeyville, KS 67337, adopted son of Myrtle (Meredith) Angleton, grandson of Samuel and Rebecca (Barnett) Meredith..

³⁴The information that Samuel Meredith had three wives was furnished by his daughter-in-law, the late Violet (McCleary) Meredith of Joplin, Missouri. The name of his second wife is not known.

³⁵Kansas Certificate of Death, (Cherokee County) Emma C. Meredith, 2 August 1924, filed 4 August 1924. Department of Health and Environment, Office of Vital Statistics, Topeka, KS 66612. Emma's mother's given name "Nancy" is mistakenly recorded as "Catherine." Also U.S. Census 1900, Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County, AR, E.D. 67, Sh. 5 (p. 75A), Series T623, Roll 64. NARA.

³⁶*Ibid.*

³⁷"Obituary of Samuel Meredith," *The Coffeyville (Kansas) Daily* 12 September 1940, p. 2, col. 1.

³⁸Ibid. and California Death Records (Plumas County), Norman V. Meredith, 10 April 1976. California Department of Health Services, Office of Vital Records, Sacramento, CA 95899.

³⁹Cherokee County, KS, Marriage Records, Vol. T:217. Cherokee County Courthouse, Columbus, KS.

⁴⁰Kansas Delayed Certificate of Birth, Violet May McCleary, No. 211-623, issued 15 October 1942. Office of Vital Statistics, Department of Health and Environment, Topeka, KS 66612.

⁴¹Kansas Certificate of Birth, Samuel Lee Meredith, 9 September 1923, filed 12 September 12 1923.

⁴²Tulsa County, OK, Divorce Records, No. D-36050, 3 May 1946, Violet Meredith vs Norman Meredith. Tulsa County Courthouse, Tulsa, OK. All Tulsa County civil records cited herein are at this location.

⁴³State of California Death Records (Los Angeles County), Catherine Jane Meredith, died 23 Dec 1996, and personal knowledge of the compiler.

⁴⁴California Death Records, Norman V. Meredith.

Note:

For more information on the extended families in the foregoing account, refer to the Family Group Sheets following in this compilation.

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