

OUR ALLISON ANCESTORS IN AMERICA

From: "Kirk Family and Related Families" by L. L. McNees (The book is in the Mississippi State University Library.)

The Allison's are offshoots of the famous clan MacAlister that lived in Argyleshire. Allison comes from Alister, or Alexander. Mac Alister means son or descendant of Alister, or Alexander, chief of the MacAlister. The names Alison, Allinson, and Elison, Ellyson, etc., are interchangeably mixed. The name in early records was often spelled Ellison and Allison when referring to the SAME individual; also this was true in the Carolinas.

SOMERLED, Thane of Argyle, his son-

RONALD, his son-

DONALD, his son-

ANGUS MORE, Lord of the Isle and Kintyre in 1284, had two sons:

ALEXANDER or ALISTER and ANGUS (the latter remained loyal to Robert the Bruce and received confiscated lands of his brother).

The son, ALEXANDER or ALISTER of Loupe, married a daughter of John of Lorn and they opposed Robert the Bruce. He was taken prisoner and died there in 1309.

His son, John MacAlister with his followers fled for their lives to Sir Winter de Hamilton when they were driven from Loupe in Argyleshire by the followers of Bruce. They then settled in Cairnduff, parish of Avondale, County Lanark, Scotland and changed their name to the lowland name of ALLISON. As shown above, the original estate at Loupe went to the younger brother.

During the period of persecutions against the Presbyterians, ministers were ejected from their pulpits and declared rebels, the moors and mountains of Scotland were scoured and all who refused to abjure the Covenant were slain by sword or gun. The Allison's lost their homes and were exiles, even Cairnduff was lost to them and they were later identified with Windyedge in Avondale, Lanarkshire. During the following years, members of the family escaped to England and America. Some of the Allison's were put to death because they would not give up their religious faith.

John Allison (Ellison), the son of **James Allison** and Jean Wilson Allison, of Windyedge in Avondale, County Lanark, Scotland, (Also referred to as "Lanark, Windyedge County, Scotland") follower and companion of Sir Robert Hamilton, married Ellin (Ellen) Hamilton, daughter of Sir Robert Hamilton. They came to America and settled at Archer's Hope in Virginia in James City County about the year 1625. James is the earliest Allison that I have a record of. John's arrival in America is shown in an

various places as 1610, 1621, 1622, 1623 and 1625. John was born in Lanark, Windyedge County, Scotland about in 1570 and died in Virginia about in 1660. It is believed he and Ellin had two children, George and Robert. His father, James is the first Allison that I have knowledge of.

The following excerpts give a general background of the Allison clan.

From the book "History of Smith County, Tennessee":

The Allison's of South Carolina can be traced back to John Allison of Windyedge in Avondale County Lanark, Scotland. John came to the new world on the ship Prosperous and was living at Archer's Hope, James City County, Virginia by 1625.

From "The Clans and Tartans of Scotland" by Robert Bain

MACALISTER, House of Loup
Crest Badge: A dexter holding a dagger in pale, all proper.
Motto: Fortiter (Boldly)
Gaelic Name: MacAlisdair.
Plant Badge: Heath

This branch of the clan Donald traces its history back to the 13th century, and its origin to Alexander, or Alisdair, son of Donald of Isla and great grandson of the famous Somerled. The clan territory was principally in Kintyre, and in 1481 Charles Macallear is designated Stewart of Kintyre. Later the clan was numerically strong in Bute and Arran.

The principal family was the MacAlisters of Loup whose chieftain in 1493 was Iain Bubh. This family continued to figure prominently in the history of Kintyre, and their name appears in the General Band of King James VII and fought under Viscount Dundee at Killiecrankie, and in the following year he was present at the battle of the Boyne. His son Hector died without issue, and was succeeded by his brother Charles, who married a daughter of Lamont of Lamont. Charles the 12th of Loup, married Janet Somervill, heiress of Kennox, and assumed the name and arms of Somervill in addition to his own.

An important branch of the clan was the MacAlisters of Tarbert, who were Constables of Tarbert Castle, a stronghold on Loch Fyne built by King Robert the Bruce.

1624 inhabitants - Jamestown, VA

Date	County/Parish	Sta	SNDX	Last Name	First Name
1624	ARCHURS	HOOP	VA	E425	ELISON, John

The MacAllisters went into Flanders and married into French nobility and a Matilda of Flanders married Will. the CO. The lineage goes like this: Sweden into Denmark and Norway - Norish into Northern Scotland - and Normandy - Scotland into Flanders - Flanders into Normandy and into French Crown - Normandy into England. The families that were MacAllister ruled N. Scotland and incorporated the Picts - They then moved from Scotland (not all of them) to become the Dukes of Flanders - Matilda of Flanders married Will. the C. - and MacAllisters came with them having Anglocized their name to Allison. So the Allisons of England are descendants of the MacAllisters. If you would like to check this at a very reputable source, go to England's Royal Families of Europe site. It didn't just end in Normandy. I belong to the McAllister's, Allison, Ellison of Argyleshire, SCOTLAND. Plus has anyone heard that the name MacAllister originated from the name of the Norwegian Princess and it is a form of Alanor or Eleanor, which is a prominent female name in my family for centuries? Now how far back do the English Allison's go back? If you check the website mentioned above, the Scottish line, because of whom they married, go to Charles the Great's great-grandfather, and includes Charles the Hammer. If you go backwards from the MacAllisters to Sweden, you end up before the Roman Empire. (Submitted by Deb Lovelace 6/21/2000)

From "Descendants of John Ellyson Allison:

John Allison (Ellyson), came to the New World on the ship "Prosperous" in 1623 and was living in Archer's Hope, James City County, Virginia. His wife, Ellen Hamilton, came on the "Charities," (From Smith County Tennessee History by Curtis Media Corp., the History of the Allison Family by Leonard Allison Morrison M.D. and Elizabeth Allison Ervin's Bible)

Follower of Sir Robert Hamilton.

Location: Archer's Hope-4 miles from Jamestown and 7 miles from Williamsburg, was a rich plantation and a first settlement in Virginia, some few miles from the boundary of York County.

Occupation: Follower/companion to Sir Robt. Hamilton.

Sources: Judy Irene Mainord, Great granddaughter of Alcie Jane Allison

Copy of documentation provided by Sue W. Maggart, decendant

History of Smith County, TN, articles

Source: The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607 - 1660, Peter Wilson Coldham 1987

At Archer's Hope, living on 16 February 1624: John Elison; Elison's wife; ... Dead at Archer's Hope 1624. George Ellison, a child.

Archer's Hope, James City (20 January - 7 February. Muster of the inhabitants of Virginia. [Ages are shown after the name followed by ship and date of arrival - where these are given].) John Ellison by Prosperous; Ellin his wife b Charity; servant John Badeley 24 by Hopewell 1623. Coincidental is that Robert Crew 23, a servant to Thomas Bransby, came to Archer's Hope, James City, on the Marmaduke in 1623.

Elizabeth City - 7 February 1625. William Ellison 44 by Swan 1624 is a servant of Mary Salford 24 by Bono Nova 1620.

18 July 1649. Deposition by Thomas Thrasher, citizen and draper of London, aged 51, made at the request of Captain John Ellison and his wife Susanne, widow and executrix of Captain John Hayes who died in Barbados, that in February 1642 the deponent saw sugar delivered in London by the Green Dragon, Mr. Michael Wright, for the account of Hayes.

Source: Barbara Petty (Prodigy GRTF63A), 1992.

One good book (for Ellyson research) is Tidewater Virginia Families by Virginia Huchenson Davis, and another is Maryland Virginia Colonials by Dolomite. However, another genealogy from SC "Mills-Smith A South Carolina Family" by Laurens Tenney Mills lists the Bible pages of Elizabeth Ellyson Erwin of SC where she listed her lineage in the latter part of the 1700s and it takes the Ellysons back to a John Ellyson and his wife Ellin Hamilton of Lanark Scotland. John came to Va. in 1610, and his wife followed about 1615/16 and they lived at Archer's Hope at Jamestown. Bible Records. Elizabeth Allison Erwin's Bible (In 1958 copy of this record obtained from Miss Julia Erwin, Rt. 3, Darlington, S.C. - note: this Bible disappeared after her death. Lillian Etter thinks that the family of Sen. Sam Erwin might possibly have it).

This Bible (printed in London by Robt. Barker, 1613) has no section for births, marriages, deaths, but she used blank page to record the following:

My father, Robert Allison, passed 1772. (the name during long years has been/spelt, Allyson, Ellison, Elison, Allison, etc.) My mother was Mary Lide or LLoyd,(drt. to Robt. Lloyd from Wales to Penn. abt 1683.) My gparents were John Allison/and Elizabeth Matthews of Va. He being son of Robt. and Ann Myhill. He being son of/ Capt. Robt. Allison & Hannah Gerard of Maryland & Va. He being son of Robt. Allison/ & Sarah Spence of V. He Being son of John Allison, Ellyson b. Windyedge/Lanark, Scotland, who marr'd with Ellin Hamilton came to Va. in early days bef." 1625. The first ones of our family lived in Va. & Maryland.

These Bible pages are the only thing I've found so far to take the Ellyson family back that far. In "Tidewater Virginia Families: A Social History" by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis, printed in 1989 and since reprinted by Gen. Pub. Co. She could only go back as far as Robert 3. Sharon Doliente wrote "Maryland and Virginia Colonials:" and it was pub. by Gen. Pub. Co.abt 1990- same thing.

Our line is through Robert Ellyson and wife either Hannah or Elizabeth [as an Eliz. was in the vicinity and is thought to have been his wife], then to Gerrard Robert and wife Anne Myhill.

Robert Allison was born in Newton Reigny, Cumberland, England on Sept. 7,1589 and died in Virginia about 1656. He was married to Sarah Spence (b.1621), daughter of William Spence. They had two children, Thomas (b.1638) and Robert.

Robert Allison or Ellyson as it came to be spelled in Virginia.

He owned land in Virginia and Maryland. Was one time Sherriff of St. Mary County, Maryland. Was a physician for a while. He married Sarah Spence, who was born 1621 and was the daughter of Ensign William Spence, a member of the Burgesses in 1619, 1st representative assembly in America. Robert Ellyson died in 1656.

Some histories of his son, Robert, list Robert's mother as Elizabeth Gray.

From "Descendants of John Ellyson Allison":

Lived first in MD then James City, VA. Also known as Robert Ellyson.

Associated: With John de Hamilton and others who went to meet and discuss plans for war.

Doing Business: 1648, Was transacting business in James City County.

It was Hamilton's grandfather who was one of the most important leaders of the migration of Scots to Ireland.

Friendship: John Hamilton petitioned the S.C. government for 200,000 acres

Namesake: Sir Robert Hamilton

Occupation: Physician

Dr. Robert Ellyson first appears in America in 1642 in Maryland where he was appointed Sheriff. In 1646 Dr. Robert is listed as a lawyer in York Co. VA. In 1656 he patented 577 acres in New Kent Co VA. He was a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses 1656-1663.

Capt. Robert Ellyson was granted a tract of 577 acres of land in the County of New Kent in 1656, which was described in the patent as lying in the narrowes of York River, next to the lands of George Chapman, William Cox, and John Hope, of which 200 acres lay in James City County on the east side of Burchen Swamp and 377 acres formerly granted to Robert Priddy, who sold the same to Edward, by whom it was deserted and was now granted by the General Court, the whole amount being due to Ellyson for transportation of twelve persons (Patent book 4, page 102). Robert Ellyson resided in James City County and was Sheriff and Burgess for James City County.

Documented facts:

"List of Emigrants to America 1600-1700", John Camden Hotten, pg 180; John Allison arrived in America in 1621/22 on the "Prosperous"; Ellin Hamilton Allison arrived in America in 1624 on the "Charitie".

"List of Person of Quality", John Camden Hotten, pg 231; John and Ellin Allison/Ellison resided in Archer's Hope VA in 1624.

From the Journal of the House of Burgesses, Colony of Virginia; January 3, 1624, page 40. John Southerne is sworne and exam sayeth, th' Mr. Nicholas Hide borrowed of John

Elyson thirty shillings for one year; page 55 April 25, 1625, Yt is ordered ... that John Elyson be heare the same dye.

Robert Ellison was listed in the levy of St. Mary's Hundred of August 2, 1642, when he was assessed thirty pounds of tobacco. He is also listed as an absent freeman of Kent the same year.

By January 1646 Robert Ellyson was in York Co VA where he was allowed to satisfy his claim for 1030 pounds of tobacco out of the estate of Robert Jackson and where he was listed as a lawyer. Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol I, pg 265.

December 15, 1652 Robert Ellyson is a witness in York Co VA.
William and Mary College Quarterly, Vol. 24, pg 68.

February 7, 1655 Mr. Robert Ellyson was present at James City Co VA court. Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol 8, pg 108.

Robert Allison was born about 1635 in either Scotland or England. He died before Sept. 28, 1671 in New Kent County, Virginia. He married Hannah Gerard (b. 1627-1632 in Lancashire, England, d. Dec. 19, 1716 in either VA or St. Mary's, MD), daughter of Thomas Gerard and Susannah Snowe, in Maryland between 1640 and 1650. They had two children, Susannah "Hannah", and Gerard Robert Ellyson I.

More about Captain Robert Allison or Ellison, born about 1636. He had a land grant of 577 acres in New Kent County, VA. He became Burgess from James County, VA. in 1656, and High Sherriff. Died before 1750 at an advanced age. Family papers say he married Hannah Gerard. (Note: Various papers also show his spouse as: Elizabeth Soanes, Elizabeth Gerard, Susannah Gerard, and Susannah Hannah Gerard.)

Family history of Elisa Margaret Hillery says Robert married ELIZABETH Gerard.

From: Ancestors of Alfred Lester Gunter. Notes for Captain/Dr. Robert Ellyson Allison:

"Barber Chirsurgeon", and High Sheriff in St. Mary County, Maryland. He came back to James City County, Virginia in 1643. He was High Sheriff there and Burgess Captain 1656-1663. (N. Cooper)

Re: Member, House of Burgesses, Tylers Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Volume 10, 1928-29, pp. 32, 33.

Robert Ellyson, Dr., Emigrant to Maryland:

DR. ROBERT ELLYSON of Maryland and Virginia. A probable Roman Catholic background may explain Doctor Ellyson's choice of Maryland as a place of settlement. The extent of his activities in Maryland indicates that he was probably in his late twenties when he settled there; no record of his birth has yet been found, however.

Robert Ellyson emigrated to St. Mary's County, Maryland, early in 1642; he is first mentioned in the levy on St. Mary's Hundred of August 2, 1642, when he was assessed thirty pounds of tobacco. In the records of the call for a General Assembly on September 5, he is listed as an absent freeman of Kent, indicating that he resided in St. Mary's County and also owned land in Kent.

Doctor Ellyson's treatments were probably confined to physic, which generally entailed bloodletting combined with purgatives and one or more medicinal remedies. The records of a suit against Nicolas Hervy show that these cures were quite long, often lasting several months. It is safe to assume that when he presented a bill for "pains & charge of chicanery," the chicanery did not involve a serious internal operation, if one at all. One other aspect of his practice deserves mention, which is his service at an inquest on February 1, 1644, when he again demanded payment for treating Ellen Stevenson.

Robert Ellyson migrated to York County, Virginia, sometime between 1644 and 1646. What caused him to change his residence and his profession is not known, but the change was certainly well rewarded, for he soon attained positions of considerable prominence. He was elected Burgess from James City County for the Assembly of 1655-56 and again for the Assemblies of 1659-1660. In addition, he served as one of the earliest justices of the peace for Gloucester County, which was separated from York in 1651, sitting on the first recorded court of the county of February 16, 1656/7, as Lt. Col. Ellyson.

The years 1655 to 1663 were the most active years of Robert Ellyson's life in Virginia. On March 19, 1655, he was appointed a member of the Committee for the Leavie, headed by Major Robert Holt of James City.

Capt. Robert Ellyson patented 577 acres in New Kent County in 1656. He came from Maryland and became High Sheriff of James City County and Burgess for James City County in Assembly of 1659-60 assembled March 13, 1659; was Seargeant-at-Arms in 1659, 1659-60, 1660-61, and 1663 with rank of Captain.

He is listed in the Register of Qualifying Seventeenth Century Ancestors Of "The Jamestown Society" 1994, page 24.

Captain Robert Ellyson, born 1615 in Scotland; died Bef. Sep 28, 1671 in New Kent County, Virginia. He was the son of Robert of Newcastle Ellyson and Elizabeth Gray. (Most records I have show his mother as Sarah Spence.) He married Susannah Hannah Gerrard Abt. 1640.

Source: Maryland and Virginia Colonials: Genealogies of Some Colonial Families, Sharon J. Doliante, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.

Dr. Robert Ellyson, born C1615-20, no doubt in England, died C1671, in James city Co. (?), Virginia; probably married in early 1650's, in Virginia, Elizabeth (_____).

Dr. Ellyson first lived in Maryland for about four years, where he was a participating member of the community, but it was only after he moved to Virginia, that he really became politically active and prominent. We suspect this was due, at least in part, to an advantageous marriage. He really was rather an amazing man, for he was all of the following, sometimes simultaneously, physician (barber-surgeon), attorney, burgess, justice, twice high sheriff (in Md. and in Va.), sergeant at arms, militia officer, and member of a number of important legislative committees.

There is considerable confusion as to whom Robert Ellyson married.

The LDS Ancestral File indicates he married Susanna Gerrard. However, as explained in her notes, it is quite apparent that she married Robert Slye.

Tidewater Virginia Families, by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis further contributes to this confusion. That text says: There does not appear to be any conclusive evidence as to whom Robert Ellyson married. Most of the printed accounts state that it is generally assumed that he married Elizabeth, the daughter of Dr. Thomas Gerrard. However, Dr. Thomas Gerrard did not mention a daughter, Elizabeth, in his will, nor did he name an Ellyson grandchild. Elizabeth Gerrard was named as a headright when Thomas took up land in Maryland, she was not named as a headright when he patented land in Virginia.

A printed account of the Gerrard families lists the names of Dr. Gerrard's children: Justinian (the oldest), Thomas, Susanna, Anne, Frances, Temperance, Elizabeth, Jane, John, and Mary (see Governor Garrard of Kentucky, 1962, pp. 184-185).

However, the William and Mary College Quarterly - Washington and his Neighbors does not include an Elizabeth.

Maryland and Virginia Colonials by Sharon J. Doliente, indicates the wife was Elizabeth _____ who until recently was thought to be Elizabeth Soanes, daughter of Henry (speaker of the House of Burgesses, in 1660). However, this Elizabeth now appears to have married John Peterson, of Charles City Co.

For now, I will assume that either Susanna, Hannah or Elizabeth Gerrard is the wife of Robert Ellyson. This is simply based on the fact that Robert's first male child is named Gerrard Ellyson and the naming convention of the time would indicate he was named after the maternal grandfather.

Excerpts of possible genealogical interest from Hening's Statutes Vol II (of XIII) pp. 196-197,
At an Assembly Held at James City by Prorogation from the ___ od December (1662) to this 10th of September 1663, ...
The Honourable Sir William Berkeley Knt. Governor and Capt. General of Virginia.
Captain Robert Wynne Speaker
Burgesses present.
Henrico County Capt. Wm. Ferrar.

Capt. Wynne, Speaker, Charles City.
Mr. Stephen Hamelyn,
Capt. Francis Gray
Capt. Robt. Ellyson, James County.
Mr. Walter Chiles,
Capt. Edward Rainsey.

From "Descendants of John Ellyson Allison":
In 1656 Liutenant Colonel Ellyson was listed among the justices of Gloucester Co VA.

In 1656 Robert Ellyson patented 577 acres in New Kent Co VA.
Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 10, pg 32.

In his will dated January 2, 1656 Dr. Henry Waldron of York Co VA bequeaths to Captain Robert Ellyson of James City Co, "all my library and books whatsoever in this county and my horse, together with my cheste of physicall means". William and Mary College Quarterly, Vol. III, pg 181.

1657-1659, vestryman in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co VA.
St. Peter's Parish Register, New Kent County Records.

1657-1658 High Sheriff of James City Co VA and Sergeant of Arms of House of Burgesses. Hening's Statutes, Vol. I, pp 196 and 503.

March 1660/1661, on committee to act during recess of Assembly. Hening's Statutes, Vol. II, pg 31.

September 10, 1663, Capt. Robert Ellyson, Burgess for James County at session of the Assembly. Hening's Statutes, Vol. II, pg 197.

September 1664 it was ordered by the Assembly that "Robert Ellyson, Mr. Walter Chiles, and the clerk of the assembly, be appointed by the house to examine and state the records as they are now. Hening's Statutes, Vol II, pg 211.

In 1666 the debts of Capt. Richard Longman filed in York Co VA court include: To Mr. Robert Ellyson as attorney agt Jones at James City; to Dr. Robert Ellyson for physick in my sickness. York Co VA Records Vol. IV, pp 114 and 117.

From the Journal of the House of Burgesses, Colony of Virginia, pg 311; October 2, 1672, Ordered that Mr. Thomas Viccar bee Guardian to Gerrard Robert Ellison Sonne and Orphan of Majr Ellison.

June 14, 1698 vestry minutes of St. Peter's Parish ordered Jarret Robert Ellyson to help clear the road in his precincts.

May 1721, a negro belonging to Gerrard Robert Ellyson is baptized in St. Peter's Parish.

January 1727 Joshua Myhill of Elizabeth City VA writes his will naming his sister Ann Ellyson to be his executor. Proved June 12, 1727. Elizabeth City County Deeds, Orders, Wills 1704-1730, p 68.

June 1727 Ann Ellyson writes her will naming her sons John, Gerrard, and Thomas, and appointing her brother Lockey Myhill executor. Proved July 19, 1727. Elizabeth City County Deeds, Orders, Wills 1704-1730, p 68.

There are many theories as to the ancestors and descendants of Dr. Robert Ellyson, our progenitor. I cannot prove nor disprove any of them. I leave you to draw your own conclusions. However, referring to the Bible Record of Mrs. Elizabeth Allison Irvin:

BIBLE RECORD OF ELIZABETH ELLISON ERWIN: This Bible was supposed to be in the possession of Miss Julia Erwin, Rt. 3, Darlington, S.C. in the late 1950's. This Bible was printed in London by Robert Baker in 1613. It has no section for birth, marriages, and death, but Elizabeth Ellison Erwin used the blank pages to record the following information after the Revolutionary War. The names in this Bible record seem to be correct, but the order is not.

'My father, Robert Allison, passed 1772. (The names during long years has been spelt, Allyson, Ellison, Elison, Allison, etc). My mother was Mary Lide or Lloyd, daughter to Robert Lloyd from Wales to Penn about 1683. My grandparents were John Allison and Elizabeth Matthews of Va. He being the son of Robert and Ann Mayhill. He being the son of Capt. Robert Allison and Hannah Gerard of Maryland and Va. He being the son of Robert Allison and Sarah Spence of Va. He being the son of John Allison (Ellyson) b. Windyedge County Lanark, Scotland who married with Ellin Hamilton and came be Va. in early days before 1625. The first one of our family lived in Va. and Maryland.

I Hereby name my brothers and sisters...."

I propose that all of the references to Mr./Captain/Dr./ColonelEllyson may NOT be one person; but rather may be father and son. Just which one is which I do not know. I offer my theory based on the Erwin Bible record:

John Allison, born 1580-1590 Lanark County Scotland marries ca 1600 Ellin Hamilton, born 1580-1590

Robert Ellyson, born 1600-1610 Lanark County Scotland marries Sarah Spence, born 1600-1610 England, d/o William Spence of James City Co VA

Dr. Robert Ellyson, born 1620-1630 Virginia marries Hannah Gerrard, born ca 1620-1630 Maryland, possibly d/o Dr. Thomas Gerrard of St. Mary's Co MD.

Gerrard Robert Ellyson, born ca 1652-55 Virginia (he is not of age when his father dies ca 1672) , d 1721-1727 marries ca 1675 Ann Myhill, born 1650-1660 Virginia, d 1727, d/o John and Mary Lockey Myhill

Gerrard Robert Ellyson II, born ca 1675 Virginia (his eldest son marries in 1715) d before 16 Dec 1749 New Kent Co VA marries ca 1695 Sarah and associates himself with the Quaker church.

John Ellyson, born 1675-1685 Virginia d ca 1740 South Carolina, marries ca 1699 Elizabeth Matthews – grandparents of Elizabeth Allison Erwin.

Thomas Ellyson, born 1675-1685 Virginia.

Birth: ABT 1625 in Virginia

Death: BETWEEN SEP 1664 AND 1670 in New Kent Co VA

Father: Robert Ellison b: BETWEEN 1600 AND 1610 in Windyedge, Lanark, Scotland

Mother: Sarah Spence b: BETWEEN 1600 AND 1610

Marriage 1 Hannah or Elizabeth Gerrard b: BETWEEN 1625 AND 1630 in St Mary's Hundred, MD

Married: ABT 1644

Children

Gerrard Robert Ellison b: ca 1652-55 in New Kent Co VA

Hannah Ellison b: ABT 1657 in New Kent Co VA

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I have William Ellyson d. May 22, 1779 s/o Gerrard "Robert" Ellyson & Sarah Spence. William's wife is Agnes Johnson d/o John Johnson. m. 8 5 1722.

Were there 4 or 5 children?? This is what I have.

1. Sarah Ellyson

+Robert Johnson m. July 7, 1751

2. Elizabeth Ellyson

+James Stanley

m. Oct. 23, 1754

3. William Ellyson, Jr.

+Mary Johnson d/o Nathan Johnson

m. June 10, 1762

4. Benjamin Ellyson

+Sarah Woody

m. 1762

5. Gideon Ellyson b. aft 1722, d. Jan 19, 1807

+Margery Stanley

Gerard Robert Ellyson I was born about 1659 in New Kent County, VA and died Oct. 2, 1749 in Nansemond, New Kent County, VA. He married Anna Myhill (b. about 1650 in Elizabeth City, VA; d. June 21, 1727 in New Kent County, VA) sometime after 1676 in New Kent County, VA. She was the daughter of John Myhill and Mary Lockey. They had three children, John, Gerard Robert II (b. 1680 in Va or MD; d. Dec. 16, 1749 in New Kent County, VA), and Thomas (b. 1685 in New Kent County, VA, d. 1750).

More about Gerard Robert Ellyson I From Alfred Lester Gunter's Ancestors Genealogy:

Early Virginia Families Along the James River indicates that the Rent Roll of the Lands held by her Majestie in the Parish of St. Peters and St. Paulls, anno 1704, Garratt Robt Elicon had 520 acres.

Source of all monthly meeting notes in Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Volume II, Henrico Monthly Meeting. The date of birth of all children is based on age at marriage - 20 for female and 22 for male.

1704, 9, 18G. R. (Elyson) reported paid by MM for acting as a guide for richard Gore, a travelling Friend.

1705, 9, 14. G. R. (Eylson) appointed overseer of poor in this MM and also to car for travelling Friends.

1706, 8, 19. G. R. (Eylson) mentioned as member of New Kent PM; again in 1717, 2, 11.

1720/21, 1, 1. Garerd Robert (elyson) chosen treasurer of this MM.

1723, 7, 7. Gerard Robert (Elyson) reported in 1718 he suffered the seizure of a gun and a pare of stialiards for refusing to pay priest's wages.

1734, -, -. Gerard Robert was the pillar of the church at Black Creek during this period.

1735, -, -. G. R., Black Creek Meeting, suffered the seizure of a horse for refusing to pay tithes.

1736, 7, 4. G. Robert appointed to sit in the select meeting.

1738, 3, 6. Gerard robert resigned as Treasurer of this MM, in a declining state of health; Robert Ellyson chosen in his place.

1749, 10, 2. Gerard robert mentioned as deceased when Wm. Ladd, Jr. and robert Ellyson quarrel concerning some negroes which ye aid Ladd had commenced a slae against ye said Ellyson; the negroes were part of Gerard Ellyson's estate.

1749/50, 12, 16. Gerard Robert, the papers concerning the quarrel over the negroes belonging to his estate found here; including the bond of William Lead Jr., Charles City Co. and robert Ellyson, New Kent Co. Others involved in this misunderstanding were John Crew Jr., James Lead and Andrew Crew, of Charles City Co; William Ellyson, New Kent Co., And John Johnson, Jr., Amelia Co. All parties bound themselves to accept the judgement of this MM.

1749/50, 1, 31. Gerard robert, Deceased, the negroes Tamar and daughter, Lucy, left as part of his personal estate judged by the commision appointed by this MM as belonging legally to Sarah Ellyson, in whom the whole right now is.

Sharon Doliente's account of the family in - Maryland and Virginia colonials...- is, I think, thorough and careful, and it includes quotes of source material.

Many genealogists, including Doliente, have concluded that there must have been some family connection to the Gerards, since Dr. Robert named a son Gerard Robert Ellyson. But there is another explanation which seems to me to fit the facts better. "Early Quaker writings" by Hugh Barbour and Arthur Roberts says, page 607, Gives a short biography of one Gerard Roberts, a prominent early Quaker. I believe that Gerard Roberts was involved in early Quaker evangelical work in Maryland, either by traveling there personally, or by providing fledgling congregations with Quaker books. It may be that this Gerard Roberts or books he gave were instrumental in convincing Robert Ellyson to Quakerism.

Gerard Robert Ellyson on 20 April 1688 patented 570 acres of land in New Kent County in Narrows of York River and 200 acres in James City County on north east side of a branch of Burchen Swamp, said land being formerly granted Captain Robert Ellyson by patent dated 5 March 16 - -, and "now due to him (said Gerard Ellyson) as son and heir to his said father. (References William and Mary College Quarterly; Historical magazine VI p 227; Stanard Colonial Register pp. 72, 75, and 77; Register of the Land Office, Richmond, VA. Patent Book No. 7 p 22.)

On 2nd of October, 1672, Thos. Viccars was appointed guardian of Ger. Robt. Ellyson, son and orphan of Maj. Ellyson. Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial VA. p. 311.

Child of Gerrard Ellyson and Ursile is:
397 i, Cecilia Ellyson, married Thomas Elmore II July 09, 1729 in New Kent County VA.

John Ellyson was born about 1679 in St. Peters, New Kent County, VA and died about 1740 in VA. He married Elizabeth Matthews (b. about 1672 in VA; d. about 1740 in VA) in VA about 1691. They had eight children; Robert, Ellin, Hector, Andrew, William, Sarah, Charite and Hugh.

Robert (Ellyson) Ellison was born about 1695 in Kent County, VA and died May 1, 1772 in Williamstown Township, Craven County, NC (SC at that time). He married Mary Lloyd (Lide) (b. about 1699 in Wales and died in SC), daughter of Robert Lloyd and Lowry Jones in 1698. They had five children; Matthew (b. 1718; d. 1786 in SC), Robert, Elizabeth (b. about 1722; d. Nov. 16, 1795), Mary (b. about 1725), and John (b. 1736).

From "Descendants of John Ellyson Allison":

Re: Will of Robert Allison

Kirk Family and Related Families, by L. L. McNees, p. 84

The following was taken from the book, " Winston County, (Mississippi) and its People

call number GC 976.2692 and information was submitted by Lucien McNees
Gerard Robert Ellison (Allison) and Anne Myhill were the parents of John born 1668;
Gerard, born 1670; Robert, Elizabeth and Thomas.

John Ellyson (Allison), born 1668 in New Kent Co., VA married Elizabeth Matthews in
VA about 1691. Their children were Robert Ellyson b. about 1695, Elin, Hector, Andrew,
William, Sarah, Charite, and Hugh Ellyson.

Robert Ellison (Allison) born in VA about 1695, moved to SC. He married about 1715
Mary Lide (Lloyd). He died in 1772 leaving a will in Charleston, SC naming children
Matthew, Elizabeth, Robert born 1720, Mary and John Ellison.

Will of Robert Ellison

So Carolina Craven County Williamsburgh

In the name of God Amen the fifth day of November one thousand seven hundred &
Seventy, I Robert Ellison of Williamsburgh being sick & weak of body, but of perfect
mind & Memory, blefsed be God calling to mind the Mortality of my body do make &
constitute & appoint this my last will & Testament, that is to say first & principaly, I
Leave my soul to God who gave it, my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a
Christian & decent like manner at the Discretion of my after named Executors, my
wordly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blefs me, I do give & bequeath in the
following Manner & form,

Imprimis I will & order that my personal Estate be sold Excepting One Negro Girl named
Venice Eldest Child of Phebe & one Cow & Calf the said two articiles shall be clear of
Debts,

Item I will & appoint that all my Lawfull Debts shall be paid,

Item I will & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife One third part of my personal Estate
now remaiing except that Negroe Girl & Cow & Calf already Mentioned, I will &
appoint that my widow shall plant & Cultivate on the plantation whereon I now live for
the use of her family or market ast soon as married to another Man she shall have no
other right or property in my real Estate, shall move out at the request of my Executors
with her share already appointed to her of my person Estate,

Item I will & bequeath to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Erwin, Eldest Daughter of John
Erwin she shall have for her childs part the Negroe Girl already mentioned,

Item I will & bequeath to Mary McWhennay to have bed & board for as long as my
Executors shall think it Convenient with One Cow & Calf,

Item the remaining two parts shall be divided in the following Manner to wit into four parts the One fourth part shall be divided among my Son Matthews Children, the second fourth part shall be divided among John Erwins children save Elizabeth,

Item I will & bequeath to Hugh Erwins Children my Grand Children, I appoint to be equally divided among my grand children of Mary Ellison wife of Hugh Erwin third part,

Item I will & appoint to my son Roberts two Children one fourth part of my personal Estate to be Equally divided amongst his two Children, the time of sharing shall not be till they come of Age any one that is come of Age shall have their share paid them when demanded & not before they come of Age, this shall be the rule for my Executors to pay them their share as they come of Age,

Item I will & appoint & authorise & empower John Erwin & Hugh Erwin my lawfull Executors to sell & dispose of two tracts of Land to wit one tract upon Jefferys Creek containing three hundred Acres & the other upon Kings tree swamp Containing three hundred Acres, I empower my Executors to sell & give deeds which deeds shall remain in full force & power of the Law agaisnt all gainsayers.

Item I will & bequeath to Robert Ellison my Grand son son of Matthew Ellison to have & to hold the said Lands with One hundred Acres joining to it, if this my grandson should die before he comes of Age the said lands shall revert to the nighest Male heir of my grand Children & I do hereby appoint John Erwin & Hugh Erwin my two Sons in Law, Executors of this my last will & testament & I do hereby Revoke Disallow & Disannull all other wills testametsns or Executors by me in any wise willled or appointed before this day Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament,

In witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand set my hand (sic) & Seal the day & year above Written

Robert Ellison (seal)

Signed sealed published & Pronounced in presence of
John McConnell
John Erwin Junr. X
Mary McWhoney

Proved by virtue of a Dedimus from his Excellency the Governor directed to John Cantzon Esq dated 1 May 1772 at same time qualified John Erwin Senr Executor to the above Will....

Recorded in Original Will Book 1771-1774
Recorded on page 156

Robert Ellison was born in 1720 in South Carolina and died after Jan. 5, 1791 in Laurens County, SC. He married Frances Avant (b. 1722; d. 1812) in 1766. They had

twelve children; Ann, Bettey, Janie, Margaret, Mary Ann, Samuel, Watson Daus, William (b. 1750), Joseph, Francis (b.1754), Moses (b. 1765 in Laurens County, SC; d. SC), and Lewis (b. 1769 in Laurens County, SC; d. in 1842 in Fearn Springs, Winston County, Miss).

Robert also married Elizabeth Scott (b. about 1720 in Laurens County, SC; d. before 1766 in Laurens County, SC). They had two children, James (b. 1740) and Robert (b. 1741; d. after 1790).

Robert Allison (Ellison), born in South Carolina, 1720. He was a soldier in the American Army, with rank of Lieutenant, during the Revolution. (See South Carolina Historical Commission, Indent Book Y, Stub No. 544. Affidavit made 25 July 1782 for 9 mos. 20 das. in Marion's Brigade in 1781 - 1781 & 3 mos. as 1st Lieut. in 1781. Several descendants have joined the DAR and SAR on the services of Lieut. Robert Ellison - DAR #125585, SAR #31611. The Author's SAR #58274.)

Robert Ellison died in Laurens Co., S. C. - Bk. A, P. 53. He married first time to Elizabeth Scott in 1740. Elizabeth died about 1765. He married second time to Frances Avant about 1766. Frances Avant, born 1722, died 1812. He had children by both marriages.

From "South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution":

Ellison, Robert

He served as a Private under Gen. Marion from 1 November 1780 to 20 August 1781. On 20 August 1781, he became a Lieutenant and served ninety-two days. He served as a Captain in the militia during 1782. C. S. : A.A.2217; N179; Y544.

From the book "History of Smith County, Tennessee":

Robert Allison, a descendant of John (Allison, from Windyedge in Avondale County Lanark, Scotland), lived in South Carolina and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, fighting with General Frances Marion, the "Swamp Fox". Succeeding generations of Allison's have named a child Francis(es). Robert died in 1790 in Laurens County, S. C. and, sometime prior to 1809, his son, Joseph, moved to Smith County.

WILL OF ROBERT ALLISON as transcribed by Dorothy York, Fort Worth, Texas (received July 30, 1998)

STATE OF S. CAROLINA, IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I Robert Allison of the County of Laurens being weak of body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for his mercies and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament (that is to say) principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, as for my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner with the full assurance of a joyful resurrection where I shall receive the same again (that is my body) with the power of Almighty God, and touching this worldly estate, wherewith it has been pleasing to Almighty God, to bless me

within this life, I give, bequeath, devise of the same manner and form following (that is to say) in first place I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Frances Allison, all and singular my horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and with all my household furniture. To my beloved son James Allison or his heirs one Shilling Stelg. To my Daughter one Shilling Stelg. To my daughter Margaret one Shilling Stelg. To my daughter Mary one Shilling Stelg. To my son Robert Allison one Shilling Stelg. To my daughter Janie one Shilling Stelg. To my som Wm Allison one Shilling Stelg. To my son Joseph Allison I leave and bequeath one hundred fifty acres of land be the same more or less being the land whereon he now lives, lying on the south side of Beaverdam Creek. To my son Sam'l Allison one Shilling Stelg. To my son Francis Allison the fifty acres of land wherein Wm Stone now lives. To my daughter Ann (Hellams) one black walnut chest during her lifetime and after her decease to revert to her son Wm. Hellams. To my son Watson Allison one Shilling Stelg. To my son Moses Allison one Shilling Stelg. To my daughter Bettey one black walnut chest, after her mother's decease. To my son Lewis Allison that tract of land whereon I now live, lying on the north side of Beaverdam Creek. Also one mare and saddle, provided, nevertheless that if the said Lewis should neglect to maintain his mother at the discretion of my Executors the said land to be sold to maintain his mother thereby to be judged by my son Joseph Allison and my grandson James Allison, whether or not she be used well and I do hereby constitute and ordain my wife, Frances Allison, Executrix and my son Joseph Allison, Executor of this my last will and testament and I hereby disallow, revoke and disannul, all other wills and testaments ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I do hereby set my hand and seal this fifth day of Jany. Anno Dominie One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One. Signed, sealed and delivered in the prsence of Wm. Turner, Emanuel York, Wm. Higgins.

(signed) Robert Allison (Seal)

Recorded in Book A, Page 53

Laurens Co., SC

(Broderbund Family Archive #311, Ed. 1, Census Index: U.S. Selected Counties, 1790, Date of Import: Sep 8, 1998, Internal Ref. #1.311.1.46.31)

Individual: Allison, Robert

County/State: Cheraws Dist. SC

Page #: 045

Year: 1790

Age ranges in household: 01-03-06-00-00

(Broderbund Family Archive #311, Ed. 1, Census Index: U.S. Selected Counties, 1790, Date of Import: 9 Sep 1998, Internal Ref. #1.311.1.46.32)

Individual: Allison, Robert

County/State: Laurens Dist., SC

Page: 075

Year: 1790

Age ranges in household: 01-03-05-00-00

Note: Which Robert is in Laurens and which in Cheraws district, or is the same Robert enumerated in both on different dates? Difference in Column 3 suggests a different family?

Joseph Allison was born Jan. 8, 1753 in South Carolina. He died May 27, 1828 in Smith County, Tennessee. He married an unknown woman about in 1778 and they had nine children; Thomas (b. 1779 in Laurens County, SC; d. 1837 in Lowndes County, Missouri); Frances (b. 1780); Patsey (b. 1782); Jane P. (b. 1784; d. in Jefferson County, Indiana); Anny (b. 1786); Joseph (b. 1788; d. in Ray County, Missouri); Elizabeth (b. Apr. 14, 1790 in Laurens County, SC; d. Mar. 26, 1850 in Richmond, Ray County, Missouri); James (b. Oct. 18, 1794 in Laurens County, SC; d. Oct. 29, 1877 in Dade County, Missouri); and William (b. Dec. 4, 1798 in Laurens County, SC; d. Dec. 21, 1876 in Jackson, Madison County, Tenn.).

He then married Elizabeth (Unknown) on Aug. 19, 1809 in Orange County, NC. They had five children; Lewis (b. 1810 in Tenn.; d. about a880 in New Middleton, Tenn.); Moses J. (b. 1814 in Laurens County, SC; d. about 1871 in Crittenden County, Kentucky); **Littleberry** (see below); Samuel (b. June 30, 1818 near New Middleton, Tenn.; d. June 1, 1884 in Carthage, Smith County, Tenn.); and Rebecca (b. Sept. 23, 1820 in Smith County, Tenn.; d. Mar. 1, 1907 in Crittenden County, KY.).

From the book "History of Smith County, Tennessee":

South Carolina

Joseph's "plantation", as it was referred to in his will, was located on the Elk Fork of Mulherrin Creek near New Middleton, Tenn. Joseph's wife was Elizabeth. As he had fourteen children with birth dates ranging from 1779 to 1820, it is most certain that she was his second wife. His first wife is unknown. Joseph died in 1828 and left all of his property, including at least five slaves, to Elizabeth for "her use and benefit toward raising her children and schooling them". Under the terms of his will, Joseph's property was to be sold and divided among his children either at the death or remarriage of Elizabeth. The farm was sold in 1831, being purchased by his son, Lewis, and no further record is found of Elizabeth. The Honorable Samuel Allison was child of 2nd wife. Joseph and family were members of the Garrison Fork Baptist Church in Bedford Co., TN.

When Joseph Allison came to Smith County sometime before 1809, most of his older children came with him but did not settle long, moving on westward to other states.

Joseph Allison's will was found by Ora Allison. It was this document that provided the name of his wife and the names of his children.

Will Book 1828-1896, Books 6-8, pages 9 & 10, county Clerk's Office, Smith County, Tennessee.

Last Will and Testament of Joseph Allison:

In the name of God, Amen. I, Joseph Allison, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, but knowing the immortality of man that we are born to die, I first recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it and also recommend my body to be buried in a christianlike manner at the direction of my after named executor: Item the first, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Allison, the plantation whereon I now live to have it during her widowhood, and also all my household and kitchen furniture of any description, also all my farming utensils sufficient to carry on the farm, also my negro woman named Fan and my negro boy Anderson, also my negro child named Nancy, and at the death of my wife, Elizabeth, I give the last named negro child Nancy to my youngest daughter Rebecca Allison. I also give my wife Elizabeth stock of cattle, horses and hogs and sheep for her use and also toward raising her children and schooling them. I wish my executor to understand that my wife Elizabeth is to have all the before mentioned property while she remains my widow and inter marry I wish my executor to take all the property given by me to my wife Elizabeth and sell it at a reasonable audit and give my wife Elizabeth one third part of the proceeds and the balance to be equally divided between my children herenamed Lewis Allison, Little Berry Allison, Moses Allison, Samuel Allison. I also wish my executor to sell my negro boy Bill and equally divide the proceeds between my sons, William Allison, James Allison, Joseph Allison. I also wish my executor to sell my negro boy Evans and divide the proceeds equally as follows: Thomas Allison, Franky Ashly, Patsy Stone, Jane Stringer, Betsy Brown, and Amy Hersil all equal. I also give my still and tubs and everything belonging to it to my wife Elizabeth and at her death or inter marry to be disposed of as the other property which I have given her and the proceeds divided in the same way and last of all I constitute and nominate and appoint my trusty friend, William Moores, my sole executor of this my last will and testament disannuling all former wills, legacies, bequeaths and executors by me made satisfying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

Signed and sealed and delivered his
in the presence of us Joseph X Allison
William B. Moores Mark
John H. Paschal

State of Tennessee - Smith County - Court of pleas and quarter sessions, May term 1828. Then the last will and testament of Joseph Allison dec'd was provided and ably proven in open court by the oaths of Wm. B. Moores and John H. Paschal witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest:

Jonathan Pickett, Clerk
of Smith County Court
Recorded 14 July 1828
Typed from a copy of the original handwritten court records.

From "Ancestors of Alfred Lester Gunter":
The Goodspeed Histories of Madison County, TN. Originally published 1887,
reprinted from Goodspeed's History of Tennessee, 1972, proving South Carolina as place
of birth.

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George Welch, John Wallace, Moses Halcomb, William Bowen, John McDowel, John
Brockman, Daniel Wright, James McDavid, Joseph Allison, Hudson Berry, Rolley
Bowens, James Higgins, Elisha Halcomb, William Hallums, Salley Stone, Robert
Hannah, John Wallace, Lewis Duvall, John Dukes, John Wallace, Thomas Holden,
Benjn. Wafford, Joseph Lyons, Patsey Wafford, Josiah Shuroon, Asa Wright, Holloway
Power, Samuel Thompson, Burrel Thompson, William Rodgers, Frank Teff, James
Allison, John Young, Robert Hand, Lewis Allison, William Mitchuson, David Ross,
Edward Hooker. Daniel Wright, admr. Want of Assets £ 37 1

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March 1791. Purchasers James Saxon, Daniel Wright, John Russel, Benjamin Warford,
John Brockman, William Warford, James Allison, Joseph Lyons, Joel Liege, Joseph
Lyon, George Spillers, William Parker, William Arnold, James Saxon, Benjamin Waford,
James Saxon, William Warford, James Saxon, John Brockman, Daniel Wright, John
Bowins, Bealy Lynsey, Daniel Wright, John Wright, Saml Thompson, James Saxon,
Zadock Floyd, Robert Hand, Joseph Allison, John Creasy, Denis Linsey, Rolley Bowans,
John Coker, Edward Pugh, Asa Wright, John Bowin, Joel Harvey, Jacob Pennington,
Isaac Morgin, Fredrick Harman, Daniel Wright, Holleway Power, Wm Crow, Joseph
Ellison, Joseph Howel. Total £ 105 4. 9.

1790 CENSUS SOUTH CAROLINA

Joseph Allison
State: SC Year: 1790
County: Laurens Image: 0262
Township: Unknown Township Roll: M637_11

ALLISON, Joseph Fam prop Gordansville, Smith Co TN 78 Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots, Vol.1, p. —Serial: ; Volume:

Joseph Allison, Sr. (son of Robert Allison, Sr. and Frances Avant)⁴⁶ was born January 08, 1753 in South Carolina, and died Bet. 1827 - 1828 in Smith County, Tennessee⁴⁷. He married Elizabeth _____ on ca 1790.

Notes for Joseph Allison, Sr.:
Subj: Re: Allison Family
Date: 7/14/99 3:56:45 PM Central Daylight Time
From: mallis@globalnet.co.uk (mark allison)
To: ALLISON-L@rootsweb.com

Mark,

The wars I am talking about are in the US., the American Revolution war, Civil War, Indian wars, etc.

I would like to know more about the area Avondale; is it highland, lowland? Here in the states we have four kinds of gov., Fed, state, county and city. What about Scotland? I have read about religious persecution about the time John came to America early 1600's, this kind of things I am looking for. I take the Allison name and claim Scotland. Can you give me more on Windywine the farm? Thanks.

Tim Allison (Tim),

Windyedge is a small farm slightly West of the town of Strathaven, South Lanarkshire. Its about 10 miles from East Kilbride and about 15 or so from Glasgow. The town itself is small having only a few streets, and all the shops/banks overlook the market place which is the centre of town. The main

industry is sheep or cattle farming, there being a couple of hundred small holdings/farms in the area. The main Allison farms are situated a couple of miles west of the town and are:

Windyedge (of course!!)
East Browncastle
West Browncastle
Caldergreen
Muirhead
Dykehead
North Fieldhead
Bent

CalderMill + others

All farms were originally part of the Carnduff estate. I haven't found out exactly when Carnduff was split up but from records I've examined could be from about the late 1400s to the early 1500s. East and West Browncastle is mentioned in documents from the early 1500s and was originally one farm, being split up into east and west in the mid 1850s.

Muirhead is just across the road from Browncastle (about 1/2 mile away]; located halfway up a hillside and overlooks the Calder Water. This farm was originally owned by my family, then living at Browncastle, and was built in 1730 when William Allison of Browncastle acquired the land.

Caldergreen was occupied by the family of John Allison from the mid 1700s, this too is only about 1/2 mile distant from the farm of Browncastle. John was a relative too, his daughter Catherine Allison married my ggggg-gfather Alexander Allison in 1760.

Bent is another Allison holding. The Allison's who farmed here had Windyedge/Browncastle connections. You can see evidence of this on the (only) Allison gravestone in Strathaven burial ground. There is no surviving stones for any other Allison families although there are plenty of references to the "North Stone"

Just of interest the gravestone of the Bent family reads:

"This is the burial place of
James Allison and William Allison
Tennants in Bent 1727

Here are the remains of
James Allison who last lived in
Bent who departed this life 1746

And
Alexander Allison son of
William Allison in Bent who died
February 6 1794 aged 84 years
of Over Letham and Hillhead

And also
James Allison son of Alexander
Allison who died 10 July 1822 aged 72 years

There is a more recent memorial to Allisons who farmed at Overletham which reads:

" This stone was erected by Thomas Allison of Overletham in memory of his Mother Merin Hamilton who died 22 June 1843 aged 57 years and his grandmother Elizabeth Ralston who died 1st April 1844

and his father Alexander Allison who died 26 April 1858 aged 70 also his brother James Allison M.D who died at sea on his passage from Scotland to New Zealand 28 April 1867 aged 50 and the above Thos. Allison 28th July 1889 aged 71"

There is also another stone close by which mentions Jane Allison, a relative of Mungo Cochrane of Carnduff.

Although virtually all the Allison's in Avondale were interred at Strathaven burial ground these are the only gravestone surviving which record the Allison family. Looking through burial registers and other legal stuff we see that there were more but unfortunately these don't survive, for instance there are entries covering a couple of hundred years on detailing that members on my side of the family were interred beneath the " North Stone" wherever that may be.

You can get some details about the town in general if you want by searching the web, but the only stuff I saw was the pages put on by the local schools. I myself have begun documenting parish registers/farms/tennants etc. and intend at some point to put them on the web. I've made a start but lack of time means its had to go on the back burner for a while.

Its getting late here and I've got to be up for work in the morning so I'll leave the bits about the civil war etc. till some other time. However, if you (or anyone else) have any specific questions on these farms or families I've just mentioned I've got some additional information which may be of use.

Thanks
Mark Allison

Re: JOSEPH ALLISON;SMITH CO.,TENN.....

Posted by: Betty Allison Date: March 28, 2000 at 18:21:00

In Reply to: JOSEPH ALLISON;SMITH CO.,TENN..... by Teresa of 1652

Teresa,

I have a copy before me that I copied from some county genealogical book, and I am ashamed to say that I did not record from what book it came. At any rate, it states that Joseph Ellison (as he spelled his name) moved to Smith Co, where he purchased 159 acres of land on the Caney Fork River at the mouth of the Hickman Creek. The oldest grave in the cemetery at the Gordonville Nazarene Church is that of Martha Allison 1810-1854, daughter-in-law of Joseph, so his land possibly extended that far from the river. (Whatever that means!!!) He may be buried there- his last will and testament was in 1826, so there probably aren't markers. I just looked in another source and it said that he died in Aug., 1826 and is buried near Gordonville.

Littleberry Allison was born Apr. 30, 1817 in Smith County, Tenn. And died Aug. 8, 1867 in Crittenden County, KY. In about 1835, he married Sarah J. Paris in Smith County, Tenn. She was born Jan. 10, 1816 in Prince Edward County, Virginia, and died Dec. 25, 1851 in Crittenden County, KY. They had five children; Polly (b. 1836 in Smith County, Tenn.; d. before 1867 in Crittenden County, KY); William (b. 1838 in Smith County, Tenn.); Sarah Elizabeth (b. July 1843 in Smith County, Tenn.; d. Jan. 21, 1919 in Sheridan, KY); Nancy (b. Feb. 6, 1846 in Crittenden County, KY; d. Aug. 20, 1856 in Crittenden County, KY); and **James Monro(e)** (see below).

After his first wife died, he married Sarah J. Smart on Apr. 11, 1852. She was born on Feb. 19, 1821 and died on Oct. 1, 1888. They had six children; Harriet G. (b. Oct. 10, 1853; d. Apr. 10, 1890); Susan J. (b. Apr. 4, 1855; d. Aug. 22, 1856); Martha F. (b. Mar. 20, 1857; d. Feb. 2, 1923); Thomas Gilliam (b. Jan. 17, 1859; d. Apr. 15, 1909); Rebecca Henry (b. Jan. 16, 1860; d. Feb. 16, 1926); and Alice B. (b. Feb. 13, 1861; d. Apr. 8, 1935).

James Monro(e) Allison was born June 15, 1850 in Crittenden County, KY and died Mar. 18, 1922 in Golden Valley, North Dakota. He married Mary Ellen Hoover on Oct. 3, 1877 in Crittenden County, KY. She was born Aug. 25, 1856 and died Aug. 26, 1883. They had two children; Alpha (b. July 14, 1878; d. Mar. 31, 1952 in Golden Valley, ND); and **Little Berry** (see below).

He married his second wife, Tenna Clark (b. Mar. 15, 1869; d. Oct. 10, 1951) in 1887. They had five children; Elmo (b. Sept. 6, 1888; d. Apr. 5, 1927 in Golden Valley, ND); Gillem (b. June 10, 1892; d. 1965 in Oakland, CA); Curtis (b. Mar. 31, 1896; d. Oct. 5, 1918); Taylor (b. Nov. 7, 1899; d. Nov. 29, 1918); and Mildred (b. Feb. 4, 1903 in Marion, KY; d. July 15, 1999 in Bismarck, ND).

Little Berry Allison was born Feb. 16, 1876 in Crittenden County, KY and died Nov. 1, 1918 in Golden Valley, ND. He married Evalyn Wallis Franklin about 1907. They had three children; **James Brockman** (b. Jan. 11, 1909 in Marion, KY; d. Nov. 1963 in Joliet, Illinois); Robert Glen (b. May 1, 1910 in Marion, KY; d. Mar. 19, 1996 in Bismarck, ND); and Byron Franklin (b. June 3, 1913 in Crittenden County, KY; d. Mar. 25, 1915 in Greely, Colorado). He worked in the mines in Kentucky. Moved to North Dakota because of his health. He and Tenna were janitors in the school in Golden Valley after living on a farm near there.

James Brockman Allison was my Father. I am **Dennis La Mar Allison** and I was born Aug. 7, 1934 in Fargo ND. My wife and I currently live in Ajjic, Jalisco, Mexico.