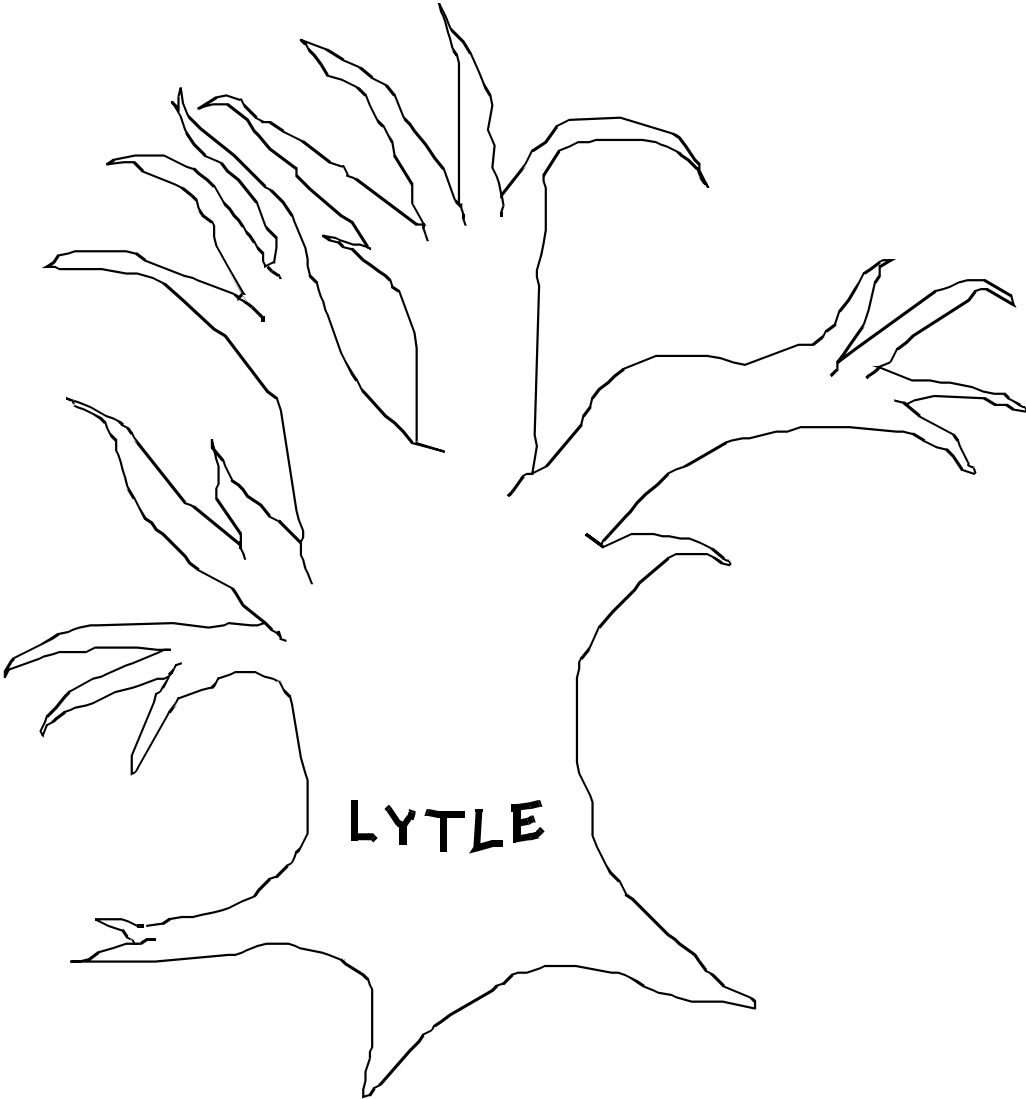


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What's it all about?

This is the Lytle Plantation News, which is dedicated to collecting information and history of the Lytle families, especially but not solely those descended from the old Lytle Plantation in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Where do we start?

Most American branches of the Lytle family stem from immigrants who came from Ireland to Pennsylvania in the early 1700's, most all of whom were related. Several decades ago, a few copies of Lytle Families in America were published which traced a few of these lines and contained much history of them, but this booklet was far from complete in tracing all of the main branches.

The families which this bulletin centers on are the slaves of Thomas Lytle Jr., who migrated from Pennsylvania to Orange County, North Carolina in the 1760's. The area in which he settled became part of Guilford County in 1770 and part of Randolph County in 1779.

Thomas Lytle and his wife Catherine had no children. In 1790 the census shows that they had seven slaves. One of these may have been named Casso (or Crasso?), a boy who was bought at age 12 in 1788. In 1794, Thomas Lytle made his will, which left 100 pounds to each of three nieces and the remainder of his estate was to go to his wife and three friends, and these friends were to receive the land after her death.

But the true intent of the will is not actually shown in it. A special document was signed by his wife and friends which bound them to set free the slave Frank upon his death, and the remainder of his slaves were to be freed upon his wife's death. The purpose of settling the more than 600 acres of land upon his friends was so that they could in turn bestow the land to the slaves.

Frank, at least, must be Thomas' son. Slave owner-fathers did quite often set aside valuables for their slave children to ensure that they were well provided for after the father's decease. Frank is singled out in this document to receive 200 acres, a mare, and his blacksmith tools. Often, at about 12 or 13 years of age slave boys were apprenticed into a trade. Frank is the only one whose trade we know.

Frank lived to be about 95 (from about 1773 or 74 until 1869). From his nine children, many descendants "passed" as white about 125 years ago. We only know for certain about his living descendants today. Because of many difficulties, legal and otherwise, and due to the difficulty that exists today in tracing Black genealogy, families of the other slaves have only been traced to the late 1800's so far. Frank had nine children and at least sixty grandchildren. Many descendants are white, some are black, a few were slaves themselves.

Next Bulletin:

What happened to the other slaves.

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Following are copies of original documents and/or typed copies:

1. Page from 1790 census showing Thomas Lytle household. The census columns are for: Males over 16, Males under 16, Females, Other Free Persons (probably "colored"), Slaves and Total.
2. Bill of sale for one Negro boy sold to Thomas Lytle in 1788. (No further record of this boy).
3. Will of Thomas Lytle.
4. Attachment to the Will.
5. Application for Freedom of Frank Lytle.

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1790 census of Randolph County, North Carolina

	1782	1783	1784	1785	1786	1787	1788	1789	1790
313 Thomas Lantry Sr.	2	3	1						6
John Lottin	1	2	7						10
William Leland	1	3	3						7
Joseph Leland	1		7						8
Young Leland	1	1	3						5
George Leland	2	1	2		2				7
Thomas Lantry Jr.	1	3	1						5
John Leland	2		2	1	2				7
James Dungan	1	5	3						9
Robert Dungan	2	1	2						5
Thomas Dungan	1	1	5		7				14
William Farrow	1	4	2		4				11
George Farrow	1	3	3						7
Joseph Green	3	1	5						9
Abraham Heaslet	2		1						3
Lemuel Henderson	1								1
Joseph Heaslet	1	3	5		1				10
Archibald Hopper	1	2	2						5
Benjamin Hancock	3	3	4						10
John Hendley	1		3		2				6
Dease Jeland	1	4	2						7
Frederick Lufford	1		3						4
Peter Lufford	2	2	3						7
Thomas Lytto	1		1		7				9
Samuel Low	3	2	7						12
Benjamin Millican	1	3	4						8
Samuel Moore	1	2	5						8
Phineas Nixon	1	2	3		3				9
Richard Paine	1	4	2						7
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Bill of Sale from Benjamin Wallace (or Wallar) to Thomas Lytle

Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Wallace of the County of Randolph State of North Carolina for and in consideration of the sum of ninety six pound Lawful money of the State affor Said to me in hand paid at the sealing and deliverance hereof by Thomas Lytle of the County and State afforsaid the Resept whereof I do hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold and by this presents do grant bargain and sell unto the said Thomas Lytle A Certain negro boy named Casso about twelve years of age to have and to hold said negro unto the said Thomas Lytle his Executor administrators and assigns for ever and I the said Benjamin Wallace my Executors administrators and assigns and Against all and every other person and persons Whatsoever shall and will warrant and for ever defend by these presents in witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of march in the year one Thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Signed Seald and Delivered in Presens of James Robins John Clark	Ben Wallace Randolph County Decembre Term 1792 The Execution of the above bill of sale was proved in Open Court by John Clark & let to be recorded. J Harper Clk.
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Will of Thomas Lytle

Book 2, page 2
Randolph County Wills

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Lytle of the County of Randolph State of North Carolina being of Sound & perfect memory blessed be God do this twentyfifth day of January in the year one Thousand Seven hundred & ninety four do make and publish this my Last Will and testament in Manner following that is to say First I give and bequeath to my brother Henry Lytles daughter Elizabeth Merrill one hundred pounds Currant money to be paid as Soon as Covenant after my deceas to her and her heirs forever, 2nd I give and bequeath to my Said brothers Daughter Rosanna Johnston the Sum of one hundred pounds to be paid as Soon as Covenant after my deceas to her and her heirs forever, 3rd I give and bequeath to my said Brothers daughter Agness Johnston on hundred pounds as Soon as Covenant after my deceas to her and her heirs forever, 4th I give & bequeath the remainder of my Estate both Real and personal to my loving wife Catherine my friend William Bell, John Beard & Samuel Millikan to them and their heirs forever Excepting my loving wifes part my will is that it devolve to the above name William Bell, John Beard & Samuel Millikan forever, 5th I do hereby Nominate & appoint my loving wife Catterine Executrix & William Bell, John Beard & Samuel Millikan Executors of this my Last Will & Testament, Ratifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my last Will & Testamente.

Signed Sealed & Delivered by the Said Thomas Little to be his last Will & Testamente in presence of us Joseph Smith Thomas Alexander Peter Dicks	Thomas Little Copy Test. J Harper Clk. Randolph County March Term 1794
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The execution of the above last Will & Testament was hereby proved in Open Court by Joseph Smith & Peter Dicks & Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste J Harper Clk

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Attachment to Will

We the Subscriber Heir & Executor of the Real & Personal Estate
of Thomas Lytle after his Decease do hereby bind our Selves &
Each of our Heirs faithfully to Distribute & divide the Estate in
Manner & form here in after Directed that is to Say to my
Negro Francis his Freedom as soon as possible & all his worth to
a Man & two hundred acres of Land forming Dishes the upper end of the Dishes
to be tract in the firm of John Beard the Remainder of s. tract
with all my other Lands & property to be equally divided among my
other Negroes at my Wife's Death at the Discretion of my Executors
& they Paid as soon as may be according to Law —

Witness our hands & Seals this twenty fifth day of January 1794

Joseph Smith
Thomas Alexander

Thomas Lytle
Mrs. Betty
John Beard
Samuel Hillman

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Witness our hands & Seals this twentyfifth day of January 1794

Joseph Smith

Thomas Alexander

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Wm Bell (seal)
John Beard (seal)
Sam Millikan (seal)

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Application for Freedom of Frank Lytle

To the Justices of the County of Randolph in
Superior Court

Thomas Thomas Lytle Deceased did by his Last Will
dispose of his Land & Negroes to us the under Signers

And where a certain Mulatto man named Frank being
part of sd Estate and in consideration of the fidelity Merito-
rious Service & Ingenuity in his sd mother's household & in consi-
-deration of the Natural rights of man we desire that you may
grant the sd Frank License of Liberty which is the Wish &
desire of your petitioners

Catharine Lytle

Wm Bell

John Beard
Sam Miller

Licenses Granted agreeable
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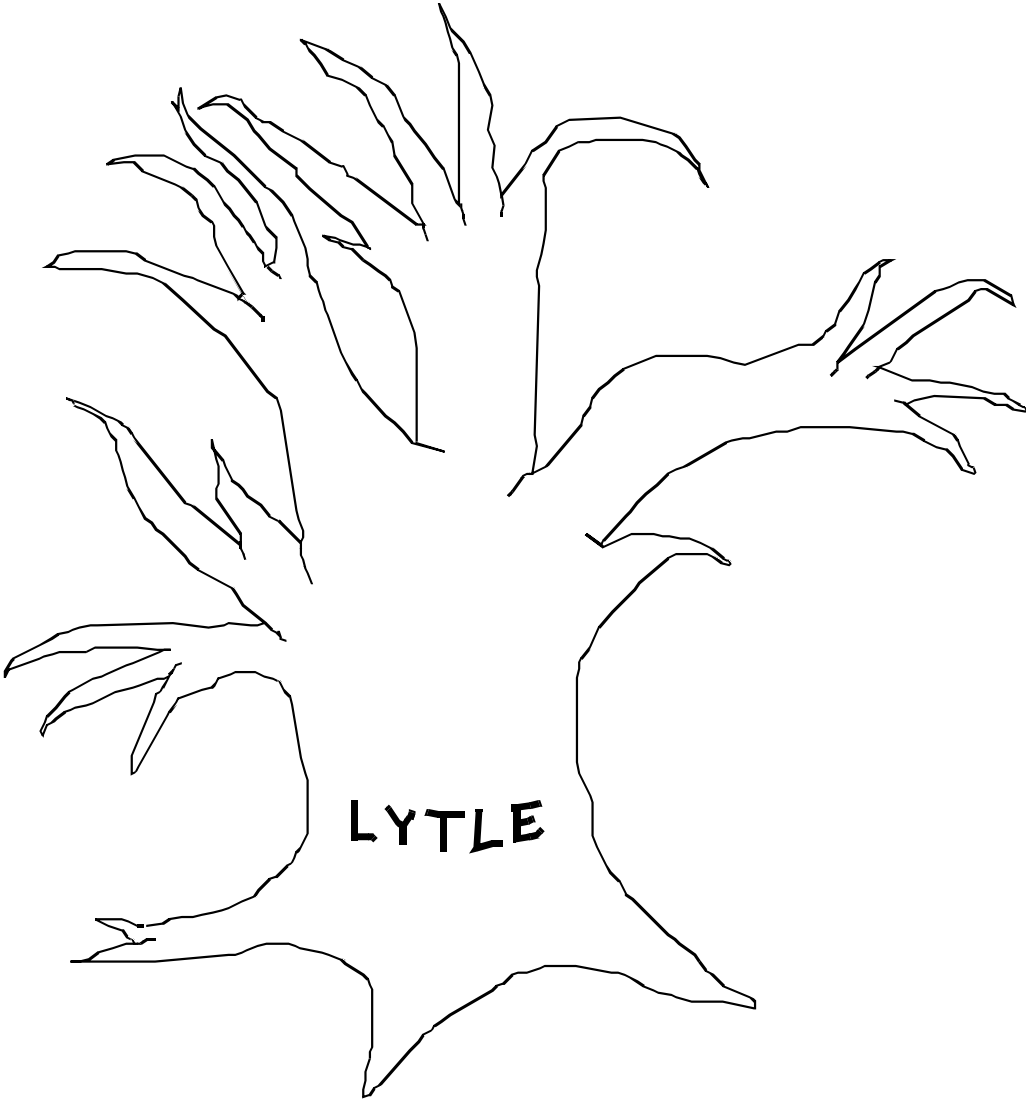
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Slaves and the Lytle Plantation

Continued from previous bulletin.

After the death of the master, Thomas Lytle, his slave Frank was freed almost immediately, and given the two hundred acres of land, blacksmith tools and mare as called out by an attachment to the will. His widow, Catharine Lytle, lived for many years afterward and died in 1812. Leaving no will, the remaining property devolved to the executors of Thomas' will. At this time, the executors then carried out the remaining decree and freed those slaves that had belonged to Thomas: Joe, Sam, Esther, Jack, and Pink. What they didn't do, however, was to free any slaves that had been born since that time! These slaves, since they were considered property like the rest of the estate, went to Thomas' executors. For several years following, they were hired out for their labor.

By the mid 1820's, the nieces and nephews of Thomas Lytle were grown to adulthood. It was at this time that they realized the value of the estate left by their uncle, and how little they had actually received from the will. They saw that there were still valuable slaves who had not been set free. Thus, a lawsuit was begun which would last yet another several years and leave the wishes of Thomas Lytle far from fulfilled.

The heirs sued for the slaves, the monies received from the hiring of the slaves and the remaining 403 acres of Thomas' land. The lawsuit was won, in part because by the time of the court decision it was much more difficult to free slaves. Because it is difficult to divide slaves or land among several people, they were sold and the money divided among the heirs.

Two of the lawyers for the plaintiffs purchased the slaves. They were William Hogan, of Randolph County, and Henry Humphries, of Guilford County. Both of them were already owners of a large number of slaves. Until any record is found which would give any detailed information about these men's slaves, it cannot be determined which of those from the Lytle Plantation had families and later generations.

William Hogan died in 1836 and his wife in 1857. Slaves are only mentioned briefly in their wills, and not by name. Henry Humphries appeared in the 1840 census, but has not been found afterward.

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Frank Lytle's Family and Estate

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1. Court and Estate papers
2. Plantation map
3. Inventory of the slave families
4. Sale of the slave families

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From the estate papers of Thomas Lytle, in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh:

From 1827:

Rosannah Johnston, Joseph Johnson & Agnes his wife, Hezekiah Johnson & Thomas Johnson Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Merrell, Dec'd against Robert Walker & William Welborn, Executors of the last will of William Bell Deceased & others

This case coming to be heard upon the Bill, answer of the executors of William Bell Dec'd, the Orders for taking the bill against the other defendants.

It appeared that Thomas Lytle late of Randolph County being possessed as of his own proper goods & Chattels of Sundry Negro slaves & seized of a tract of Land containing about six hundred acres, on the 25th of January A.D. 1794, duly made & published in writing his last will, and after giving some pecuniary Legacies of small amount, he disposed of the residue of his estate as follows, to wit, "I give and bequeath the remainder of my estate both real & personal to my loving wife Catharine, my friends William Bell, John Beard, & Samuel Millikan, to them & their heirs forever, except my loving wife's part my will is that it devolve to the above named William Bell, John Beard, & Samuel Millikan forever." which said will was duly proved & recorded after the death of the said Thomas Lytle & the said Catharine, William, John & Samuel quallified as Executrix & Executors thereof & undertook the execution of the same; And on the same 25th day of January 1794 the said Catharine Lytle, William Bell, John Beard & Samuel Millikan signed & sealed a certain writing in the words & figures following, that is to say, "We the subscribers, Heirs & Executors of the real & personal estate of Thomas Lytle after his decease, do hereby bind ourselves & each of our heirs faithfully to distribute & divide the estate in manner & form hereinafter directed, that is to say, to my Frank his freedom as soon as possible & all his smith tools, a mare & two hundred acres of Land joining Dickes, the upper end of the Robins tract & the trail in the pines joining John Beard. The remainder of said tract with all my other lands & property to be equally divided among all my other Negros at my wife's death at the discretion of my Executors, & be freed as soon as may be according to law."

And it further appeared that Catharine Lytle aforesaid died intestate & without issue in 1812. That shortly after the death of the said Thomas Lytle, his Executors procured the emancipation of the slave Frank named in the writing aforesaid, & assigned to him the two hundred acres of Land also mentioned is said writing. And that in May 1816, the then surviving Executors William Bell & Samuel Millikan procured the emancipation of the following slaves of their Testator, to wit, Joe, Sam, Jack, Esther & Pink & that Esther & Pink have each had issue born since they were so emancipated.

It further appears that William Bell survived Samuel Millikan & died in 1821, having previously published in writing his last will of which he appointed Robert Walker &

William Welborn Executors, who proved the Will & undertook the execution thereof; And took into their possession the remaining slaves of the said Thomas Lytle Dec'd some of which have since has issue & some have died; And the said William Bell by his Will disclaimed all title to the Negros & lands willed to him & others by Thomas Lytle & directed said slaves to be emancipated.

All which matters & things being considered by the Court, It is considered & so declared that the Devise of the residue of the estate of said Thomas Lytle by him set forth in his last will was upon the trust declared in the writing aforesaid, that is to say, that the slaves belonging to the said Thomas Lytle should be emancipated, & the Lands mentioned in said writing be settled upon them, which Trust being

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forbidden by the Law, It is considered & so declared by the Court that a Trust resulted to the next of kin of said Thomas Lytle as to the said slaves, & to the heirs at Law of said Thomas as to the said Lands.

It is therefore Ordered adjudged & Deemed that the Master take an account of the names of the slaves aforesaid remaining in the hands of said Walker & Wellborn, and of the hire of said slaves; also of the costs of their suit, and of the disbursements made by the said Walker & Wellborn for & on account of said slaves, and on account of this suit.

And it is further Ordered that the said slaves be distributed as follows: One third part thereof in Value, to the next of kin of Catharine Lytle, Deceased, and the remaining two thirds to the next of Kin of said Thomas Lytle, Deceased; And that the Lands of which said Thomas Lytle dec'd seized, except the two hundred Acres assigned & conveyed to the aforesaid Frank, be divided equally among the Heirs at Law of the said Thomas Lytle Deceased; And the Master is directed to have a survey made of the said Lands and a plat of said survey to be laid before this Court.

And it is further ordered, by the Consent of the parties that the slaves of the said Thomas Lytle Deceased, which have been emancipated since his death be & remain free, & that the aforesaid Frank have & hold the two Hundred Acres of Land assigned & conveyed to him as aforesaid; that all costs of this suit, including the costs of the exhibits filed from the Supreme Court, the allowance of which may be made to the Master, three Hundred

Dollars to the Complainants Council & the like sum to the defendants Council including what has already been paid, be paid out of the hire of said slaves, & that they be hired out until such costs be paid.

And it appearing to the Court that the Complainants have assigned their several interests in the said Lands & Negroes to Henry Humphreys. It is ordered that he receive their distributive share of the aforesaid Lands & Negro Slaves, & hold the same to his own use.

And this case is retained for further Decree.

From 1829:

Hezekiah Johnston & others Vs. Robert Walker & others

In this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that some of the Distributors & next of kin to Thomas Lytle & to Catharine Lytle Dec'd are not Inhabitants of this State, but reside without the limits thereof, & that their names & several places of abode are unknown; It is ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Raleigh Star for Six weeks for all persons interested in the estate of the said Thomas Lytle Dec'd & the said Catharine Lytle Dec'd as next of kin appear at the next Term of this Court to be holden at the Court-House in Asheboro on the 4th Monday of September next and then & there show cause if any they have why the negroes belonging to the said deceased persons should not be sold for the purpose of distribution.

Also:

Hez. Johnson & others vs Robert Walker & others

It appearing that publication has been by order of the Last Term as to the distribution and next of Kin of Thomas Lytle & Catharine Lytle Dec'd, and it further appearing to the Court that a sale of the

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Negros decreed to the Complainants in this case is necessary for the fair & equal distribution, It is therefore ordered that the Clerk & Master of this Court, after advertising for twenty days at Asheboro & three other public places in Randolph County & also for three weeks in the Western Carolinian to sell the negros on the plantation whereon Thomas Lytle resided at the time of his death and make report at the next Term of Court.

Also:

Hez. Johnson & others vs Robert Walker & others

In pursuance of a Decree of the Court of Equity for the County of Randolph in the above case, the Clerk & Master of the said Court, exposed to public sale the Negro slaves mentioned in the Bill this case, on the plantation where Thomas Lytle resided at the time of his Death, on Monday the 2nd day of Nov. 1829 upon a credit of twelve months; and that William Hogan Esqr. became the purchaser of the following slaves at the following prices, to wit,

Peggy, Esther, Sally, & Anna	\$ 436
Polly & Reuben	\$ 320
George	\$ 301
John	\$ 283
Anna & Ruffin	\$ 300
Rebecca	\$ 300
Lydia	\$ 325
Charles	\$ 360
Sandy	\$ 301
Sylvia	\$ 252

	\$ 3178

and that Henry Humphreys Esqr. became the purchaser of the balance of the slaves, to wit,

Nancy, Betsy, Samuel, Branson, Polly, Henry, Sarah, Litty, Esther, Alfred, & Nancy	\$ 710
Sally, Sam, Cynthia, Andrew, Frederick, Ben, Henderson, & Moses	\$ 920
Fanny, Henry & John	\$ 312
Catharine & Esther	\$ 341

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Amounting in the whole to \$5461 and that the said William Hogan & Henry Humphreys entered into Bond with each other a security for the payment of the purchase mony -- all of which is respectfully submitted B. Elliott CMC.

From circa 1830:

Hez. Johnson & others vs Robert Walker & others

In the case it is on motion, ordered that the Clerk & Master proceed to Collect the money due for the negros sold; It is further ordered that the Clerk & Master ascertain the number of Shares into which the mony, when so collected is to be divided, & the persons intitled to receive the same & that he report to the next Term of Court.

Also:

Hez. Johnson & others vs Robert Walker & others

The report of the Clerk has been made; It is therefore ordered that the report be confirmed; It is further ordered that Benjamin Elliott, the Clerk, be allowed the Sum of Seventy five Dollars for selling the negro Slaves under a former order of this Court and make the Report.

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Inventory of the Lytle Slaves, broken down by families:

- Esther -
Dead -
- 1 Nancy, George, Betty, if Samuel
 - 2 Branson,
 - 3 Polly,
 - 4 Henry,
 - 5 Sarah,
 - 6 Litty,
 - 7 Esther,
 - 8 Alford
-
- 3 Polly - Samuel
 - 2 Clythia,
 - 3 Andrew,
 - 4 Frederick,
 - 5 Ben,
 - 6 Henderson
-
- 3 Peggy - Esther
 - 2 Bob,
-
- 4 Fanny - Esther,
 - 5 Polly Newben,
 - 6 Bathanna Esther,
 - 7 George
 - 8 Ann,
 - 9 Temple
 - 10 Kizziah
 - 11 Calois } Ann's Free
-
- 12 Tom, a child of Esther, now dead

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Inventory of the Lytle Slaves, continued:

Pinto - 1 Anna - *Puffin*
2 Rebecca -
3 Lydia,
4 Charles,
3 Sandy,
6 Septimia
7 Jace,
8 Jane,
9 Mary,
10 Sally,
Free

*Names of the Lytle
Slaves*

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Sale of the Lytle Slaves:

1	Stacey		
2	Billey-		
3	Samuel		
4	Branson		
5	Polly		
6	Theny		
7	Sarah		
8	Letty		
9	Ethier		
10	Alfred	\$710	Henry Humphrey
11	Sally		
12	Sam		
13	Leffthick		
14	Andrew		
15	Frederick		
16	Ben		
17	Henderson		
18	Peggy	\$920	Henry Humphrey
19	Ethier		
20	Sally	\$436	William Hogan 1
21	Fanny		
22	Theny	\$312	Henry Humphrey
23	Polly		
24	Ruben	\$320	Wm Hogan 2
25	Catharine		
26	Ethier	\$341	Henry Humphrey
27	George	\$301	Wm Hogan 3
28	John	\$283	Wm Hogan 4
			<u>710</u>
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			\$2283

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Sale of the Lytle Slaves, continued:

29 Anna } \$300 William Hagan
 30 Ruffin }
 31 Rebecca — \$300 William Hagan
 32 Lydia — \$325 William Hagan
 33 Lehorba — \$350 William Hagan
 34 Sandy — \$301 William Hagan
 35 Sylvia \$252 Wm Hagan

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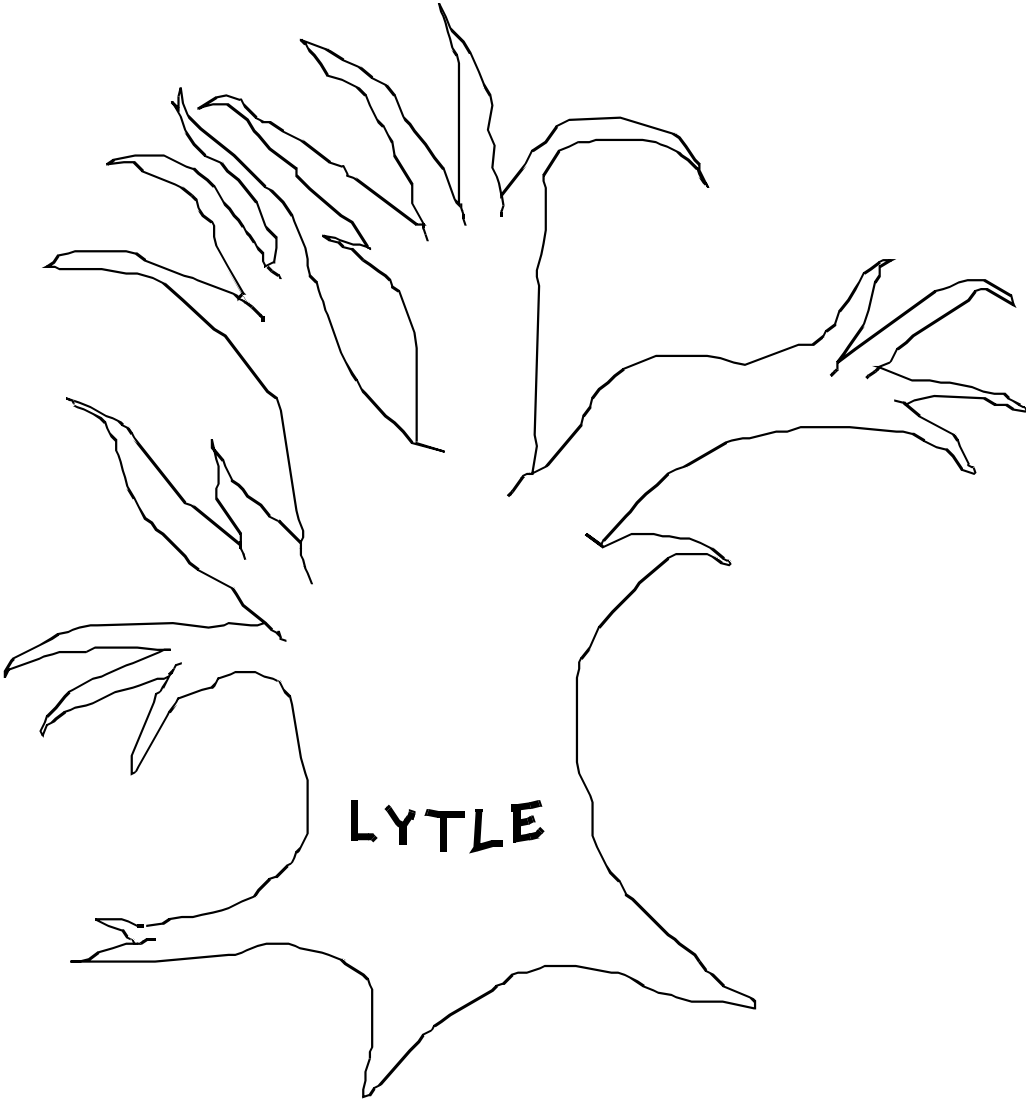
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The Estate of Frank Lytle

Of the six slaves freed by Thomas Lytle, Frank was by far the most prosperous. This was mainly due to his much larger inheritance and by being set free much earlier than the others. As a blacksmith and farmer, he did quite well, as is evidenced by his buying and selling of several tracts of land in Randolph County, involving several hundreds of acres.

The mortality schedule of the 1870 federal census tells us that Frank died in September of 1869, and his age was given as 95. (Longevity is still evidenced in his descendants today). At this time he was still in possession of the original 200 acres assigned to him by Thomas Lytle, with the exception of 65 acres which were sold to his daughter, Dorcas Swaney.

Because of the size of the estate and that there was no will, a case came into Randolph County Superior Court to divide the property and goods. This type of information is usually a gold mine for genealogists, and such is the case here. The estate papers of Frank Lytle name all of his children and several grandchildren.

Frank's children were:

Francis (Frank) Jr. Elizabeth Walden (deceased) Dorcas Swaney Albert (Bird) Alfred (deceased)

Deborah Robbins (deceased) Mary (Polly) Laughlin Rebecca Lytle (deceased) Catherine (Katy) Lytle

On October 21st, 1870 there was held a sale of Frank's household goods which brought in 33 dollars and 72+3/4 cents. The remaining land, 135 acres, it was determined, could not be fairly divided and so was put up for auction. The land was initially sold for \$303 to Hiram Swaney, Dorcas' son, on November 4, 1871, but the court demanded a higher price be received, so bidding was opened up again on January 6th, 1872. Riley Hill became high bidder at \$500.

In addition to these monies received, an account was taken of other monies or valuables which Frank had given to certain children. This was taken to be the total value of the estate, which was then used as the basis for dividing the money between the heirs. It was found that Francis Jr., Bird, Alfred and Rebecca Lytle had all received sufficient advancement already, so the money was divided between Katy, Betsy, Polly, Deborah and Dorcas or their heirs. After court costs, the money to be divided came to \$456.65. Allowing for money already received, the money was disbursed as follows:

Katy Lytle \$105.33 Betsy Walden heirs 105.33 Polly Laughlin 100.33 Deborah Robbins heirs 90.33
Dorcas Swaney 55.33

One interesting note: on many of the court papers appears the name B.B.Bulla, Clerk of Court. His sister Martha (Patsy) was the second wife of Francis Lytle Jr.

Next Bulletin: Frank's Children

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References:

Following are typed copies of original documents. All documents in the estate papers of Frank Lytle are legal size (oversize) and would not fit or photo-reduce well here. Anyone wanting copies of originals may write to the editor (they're free!).

1. Statement of the Plaintiffs
2. Statement of the Defendants
3. Statement of Dorcas Swaney
4. Sale of Frank Lytle's household goods
5. Finding of the Court

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Statement of the Plaintiffs:

Superior Court Randolph County
Richard Laughlin & wife Mary
William Sweney & wife Dorcas
Heirs of Betsy Waldon, to wit,
 William Calvin & wife Mary
 James Waldon
 William Blizzard & wife Dorcas

against

Francis Litle
Bird Litle
Bird Waldon
Lawrence Glover
Heirs of Deborah Robbins, to wit,
 Lydia Robbins
 Mary Robbins
 Elizabeth Robbins
Heirs of Rebecca Litle, to wit,
 Frank M. Litle
Heirs of Alfred Litle, to wit
 Francis Litle
Katy Litle

To the Honl. A.W.Lomgee, Judge of said Court

The petition of the above named petitioners respectfully sheweth unto your Honor

- I. That the Plaintiffs and Defendants above named are the children and heirs at law of Francis Litle deceased.
- II. That said Francis Litle died intestate in the County of Randolph in October 1869
- III. That said Francis Litle at the time of his death was seized and possessed of a certain tract of land in the County of Randolph and State of North Carolina on the waters of Caraway creek adjoining Enoch Farlow and others containing about 135 acres
- IV. Your Petitioners further show that the Defendants Francis Litle lives somewhere in the State of Iowa and that Bird Litle lives in the state of Indiana -- both of whom were advanced and received their equitable share of their fathers estate during his life time. The residence of Bird Waldon is not known. That the residence of Lawrence Glover is not known. That Lydia Robbins (deaf & dumb) lives in Randolph County with Reuben Sweney. That the residence of Mary Robbins and Elizabeth Robbins is not known. That the residence of Frank M. Litle and Francis Litle is not known. And that Katy Litle lives in Randolph County New Market Post office.
- V. Your Petitioners further show that they desire to have partition of the said land made amongst them and the said defendants according to their respective rights and interests therein, but owing to the size of said tract of land, the quality of the soil, the number of the parties interested & other causes

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it is impossible for actual partition thereof to be made without serious injury to the parties interested.

Your Petitioners pray therefore that your Honor order a sale of said land on such terms as your Honor may deem proper in order that the proceeds of sale may be divided among the said parties, and to that end they pray that process issue to the said defendants & that publication be made to the nonresidents to appear and answer your petitioners according to law.

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray ---- J Add Blair

Atty for Petitioners

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Statement of the Defendants:

Superior Court Randolph County
Richard Laughlin & wife Mary
William Sweney & wife Dorcas
Heirs of Betsy Waldon, to wit,
 William Calvin & wife Mary
 James Waldon
 William Blizzard & wife Dorcas -- Plffs

against

Francis Litle
Bird Litle
Bird Waldon
Lawrence Glover
Heirs of Deborah Robbins, to wit,
 Lydia Robbins
 Mary Robbins
 Elizabeth Robbins
Heirs of Rebecca Litle, to wit,
 Frank M. Litle
Heirs of Alfred Litle, to wit
 Francis Litle -- defts

Katy Litle

Katy Litle, one of the defendants, for answer to the Complaint, saith

- I. That the first, second & third articles of the plaintiffs complaint she concedes to be true
- II. That the statement in IV article relating to Francis & Bird Lytle receiving their full share she concedes to be true.
- III. That as to that part of Article V of the complaint "the number of the parties interested & other causes it is impossible for actual partition thereof to be made without serious injury to the parties interested" she denies and says is not true.
- IV. That Mary Laughlin, wife of Richard Laughlin had been advanced by Francis Lytle dec'd to Household property consisting in beds & furniture &c., one cow, which in the aggregate would amount almost to her interest in the land desirous in the complaint.
- V. That Dorcas wife of William Sweney had been advanced by the said Francis Lytle dec'd to sixty-five acres of land, Household property, beds &c., and one cow, which would amount to her interest or more.
- VI. That Betsy Waldon was advanced by the said Francis Lytle dec'd two cows, one horse, bed furniture &c., which would amount to more than her equitable share.
- VII. That Bird Walden & Lawrence Glover, two of the defendants, are heirs of Betsy Walden.
- VIII. That Deborah Robbins was also advanced in household property
- IX. That Alfred Lytle had as much or more than his share by Francis Lytle paying debts &c. for him

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X. That said defendant Katy Lytle has never been advanced anything.

Wherefore the defendant Katy Lytle having answered as fully as she is advised is necessary and material for her to answer asks that the petition be dismissed with her reasonable costs &c.

G.W. Reid atty counsel
for Katy Lytle

Statement of Dorcas Swaney:

Additional testimony of Dorcas Sweeney says Rebecca Lytle was sick at my fathers for 5 years & a considerable Dr. Bill accrued & it was paid out of the rents by daddy.

J.A. Blair & G.W. Reid

Dorcas X Swaney
her mark

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List of Sale of the personal property of Francis Lytle Deceased sold Oct. 21st, 1870

Nathan Swaney	1 pair of bed steds	.10
Hiram Swaney	1 bed cord	.10
William Blizzard	1 pair of bed steds	.10
James Swaney	1 pair of bed steds	.05
Isaac J. Gray	1 old Fether bed	.55
William Swaney	1 flax huckel	1.00
James Swaney	1 oven	.25
Hiram Swaney	1 large kettle	.70
Jacob Hill	1 small pot	.30
William Blizzard	1 fire poker	.09
William Swaney	1 pair of fire tong	.30
Hiram Sweeney	1 skillet and lid	.40
Benjamin F. Steed	1 pot rack	.35
Catharine Lytle	1 small Table	.15
James Swaney	1 arm chair	.22
Hiram Swaney	1 common chair	.19
Reubin Swaney	1 ' ' chair	.21
William Blizzard	1 Clock	3.70
Susanna White	1 Bureau, old	1.80
Dorcas Swaney	2 pair of foot curtins	.02
Jacob Hill	1 old Flour barrel	.10
Reubin Swaney	1 old Barrel	.05
Jacob Hill	1 brier hook	.06
William Blizzard	1 1/2 Bu wheat at 89c.	1.33 1/2
Eleazer W. Davis	2 Bu wheat at 87 1/2 c.	1.75
" "	2 Bu wheat at 90c.	1.80
" "	2 Bu wheat at 90c.	1.80
" "	2 Bu wheat at 90c.	1.80
" "	2 Bu wheat at 90c.	1.80
" "	2 1/4 Bu wheat at 90c.	2.02 1/2
William McGee	1 1/2 Bu rye at 63c.	.94 1/2
" "	1 small stack of hay	.60
James R. McGee	3 dozen oats at 6 1/4c.	.18 3/4
David S. Davis	5 Bu corn at 48c.	2.40
" "	5 Bu corn at 49 3/4c.	2.48 3/4
" "	Bu corn at 50c.	2.50
Isaac White Jr.	5 1/4 Bu corn at 46 1/4	2.42 3/4
Ramiolores S. Johnson	1 prod	.30
Benjamin F. Steed	1 shovel plough	.15 1/2
Hiram Swaney	1 old wheat fan	.10
James R. McGee	1 hogshhead	.01 1/2
R.S. Johnson	1 old Bucket	.04
James Swaney	1 smoothing iron	.12
Total		33.72 3/4

Branson Coltrane Admr.

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Finding of the Court

Superior Court Randolph County

William Sweeney & wife & others

against

Francis Litle & others

In obedience to an order of the Superior Court of Randolph County, we the referees appointed by said order having heard, examined and considered the evidence of both the said parties, do hereby find,

1st, That Francis Lytle dec'd left him surviving nine children or Heirs at law.

2nd, That Francis Lytle Jr. received from his father one horse for which he sold & received \$110.00, also one half interest in two hundred acres of land for which Francis Lytle dec'd paid \$500.00 as an advancement.

3rd, That Bird Lytle was advanced the half interest the two hundred acres of land.

4th, That Alfred Lytle received as an advancement one fine young horse. Further that Alfred became involved in debt, and that his father Francis Lytle paid for him something over two hundred dollars in money.

5th, That Rebecca Lytle, who was a long time an invalid in the family of Francis Lytle dec'd after she became of full age, was advanced to a large amount by the way of Medical attendance (exact amount not known). She having died, left her surviving son Frank M. Lytle who rec'd from his grandfather Francis Lytle a valuable horse.

These four heirs we find have been fully advanced.

We further find that Mary Laughlin wife of Richard Laughlin was advanced to the amount of \$5.00 and no further.

That Deborah Robbins was advanced \$15.00 and no further. That Betsy Waldon & Katy Lytle have received nothing by the way of advancements. That Dorcas Sweeney wife of William Sweeney has been advanced fifty dollars and no further.

All of which is respectfully Submitted

G.W. Reid J. Add. Blair Reffs

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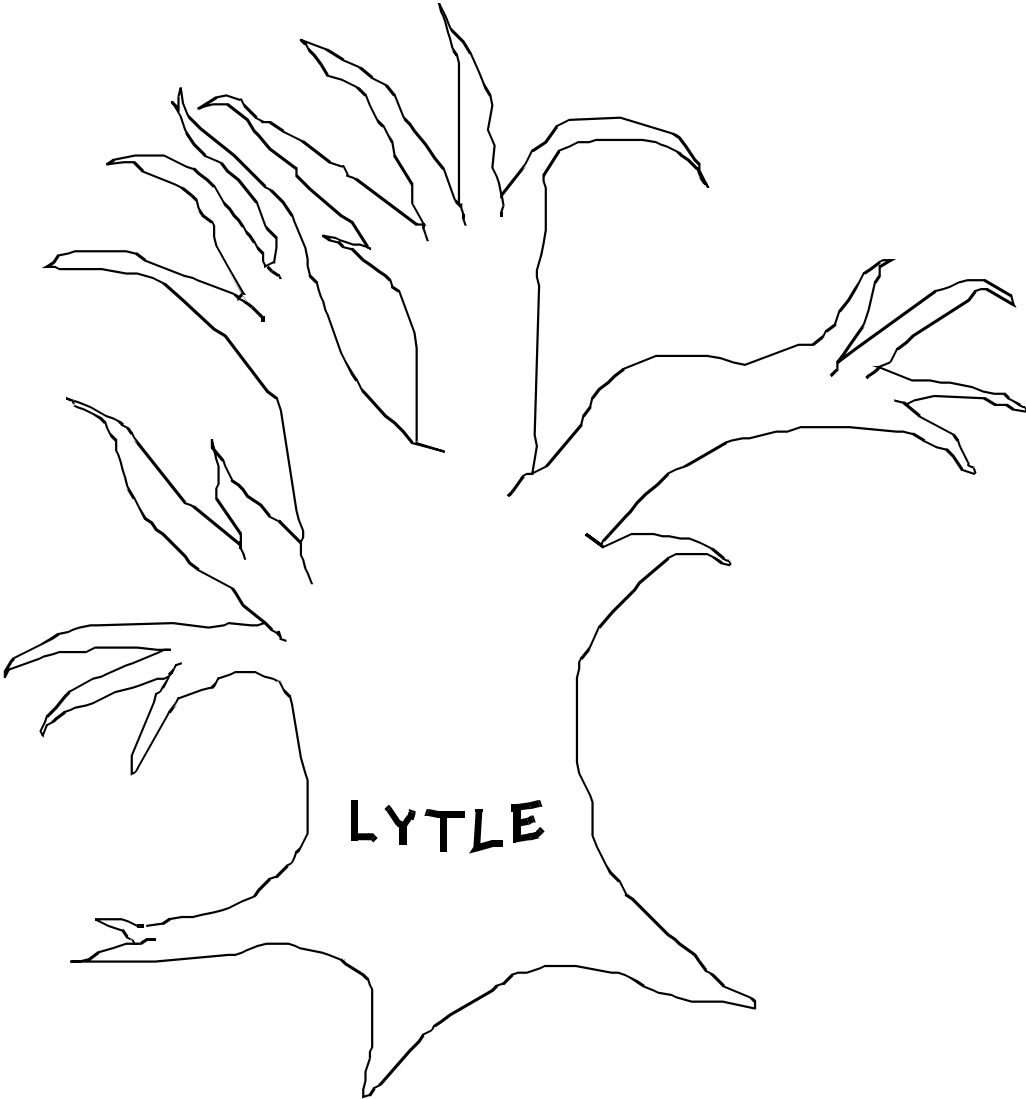
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The Children of Frank Lytle

The first of Thomas Lytle's slaves to be freed, Frank, was legally emancipated about one year after his master's death, or in early 1795. (Papers from the North Carolina State Legislature should be available for next issue). Apparently, Frank was married about this time, (although the exact circumstances are unknown) for his first child was born July 29, 1796. This was Francis (Frank) Lytle Junior.

I will speculate at this time that Frank's wife may have been named Mary Moore, for several reasons. The name Mary Lytle appears on certain Randolph County papers when no other Mary Lytle seems plausible. One document, from 1817, names Mary Lytle as a witness for the defense of Francis Lytle Jr., a young man of color, who was found guilty of shooting Esther Lytle's horse and dog. Francis' sister Mary was called Polly, and was only 5 or 6 years of age at this time. Another paper names a Mary Lytle as a purchaser at an estate sale, after the time that Francis' sister was married. The name Moore was used at least once as a middle name. Francis' son Francis Moore Lytle and possibly in Rebecca's son Frank M. Lytle. Several Moore's lived in Randolph County, one landowner within a mile of the Lytles. Further investigation is called for.

In the last Lytle Plantation News, we show that Frank had nine children. They were born over a 24 year period. The first four birthdates are known with accuracy, whereas the next four are not. The youngest is fairly accurate from the census, whereas some of the others are not consistent in the records. Here is a description of each of the children:

1. Francis Jr. was born July 29, 1796. At about age 21 he was married to Winnie Blizzard. She appears to be the daughter of Hezekiah Blizzard and Leah Carter. Several Carter families lived in Randolph County. They had 11 children. The name of Francis' second wife is unknown, though descendants of her one daughter claim relation to the Davis family, of which there are many in Randolph County. Francis moved after her death to Indiana, in about 1833. On November 30, 1834 he married Martha "Patsy" Bulla, who was related to the large Bulla family, also of Randolph County. She was the daughter of John Bulla and Peggy Rollins. Her brother, B. B. Bulla appears in many of the old county records. Francis and Patsy moved to Grant County, Indiana in 1837 and were some of the earliest settlers there. Their son Newton was the first white child born in Fairmount Township. Altogether they had 15 children over 24 years. Patsy died about 1856-57. Francis married Lucinda Rich in 1858. She probably died soon after. Francis married Mrs. Susannah Wright in 1860, still in Grant County. In 1865 most of the Lytles sold their land and moved to Iowa. Francis died December 29, 1880 at his son Thomas' hotel, the Lytle House, in Shenendoah, Iowa. The Lytle House later became the well-known Park Hotel, and was torn down but a few years ago. Francis is buried by several family members in Shenendoah's Rose Hill Cemetery.

2. Elizabeth Lytle was born December 2, 1799. She was married on February 6, 1819 to William Walden Sr., another mulatto, and thus became the progenitor of the one branch of Frank's family which still has Black descendants today. So far, there is evidence for at least eight children of Elizabeth and William Walden. Elizabeth died by about 1830, William in March of 1842, both in Randolph County.

3. Albert "Bird" Lytle was born in 1802. He married Winnie Tucker on December 5, 1818, and they had at least seven children. Albert followed his brother to live in Grant County, Indiana about

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1843. They both have many descendants in that area today. Albert also moved on to Iowa with others in the family and was known to be living there in 1870. The exact place and date of his death are unknown, although this will probably be found in south-central or western Iowa.

4. Catherine "Katie" Lytle was born about 1805. In several censuses she is listed living with George McGee but may have only been a servant. She was once listed as Catherine McGee, possibly by mistake. In her father's estate papers and the 1870 & 1880 censuses she is still Katie Lytle. Many McGees lived nearby, but none have been connected with George, as is noted in a McGee family history of that county, and neither can any of them be definitely shown as his (or her) children. Katie died sometime after the 1880 census, when she was living with her sister Dorcas.

5. Deborah Lytle was born about 1810. She married Emsley Robbins on June 30, 1827. Emsley was the son of Ezekial Robbins and Mary Arnold. Deborah and Emsley had three daughters -- Lydia, Mary, and Elizabeth. Lydia was born about 1839 and was a deaf mute. She lived with the Swaney's. Lydia did, however, have one child, Micajah (Mack) Robbins, who was raised by a relative, Jonathan Robbins on Caraway Mountain. Micajah's father, according to family tradition, was Mack Shepard, of England. Mary and Elizabeth Robbins were named in Frank's estate papers, apparently unmarried in 1870. Deborah died in the early 1840's and Emsley was remarried.

6. Dorcas Lytle was born about 1810. She was married to William Swaney December 22, 1828, in Randolph County. They had 14 children, some of whom were listed as mulatto, but all of whom eventually were considered white, as are their many descendants today. William died sometime between the 1870 and 1880 censuses. Dorcas was still living in 1880, with her sister Katie. The 1890 census for most of the U. S. was destroyed by fire.

7. Mary Lytle also appears to have been born around 1810. She married Richard Laughlin on February 11, 1828. They are named in Frank Lytle's estate papers as living in the area, so none of their heirs are listed. However, they have not yet been identified in any census.

8. Alfred Lytle was born perhaps about 1815. Very little is known about him. He is listed in the 1840 census living a long distance away in Duplin County, N.C., in the far eastern part of the state. He is listed next door to Harman Blizzard, a relative by way of the Walden and Swaney families. As the 1840 census does not show other names, we only see that he and his wife are from 20 to 30 years of age, and a son is under age 5. Also listed is a slave under 10 years of age. Alfred has not been located since that time. As of 1870, the estate papers list him as deceased and show that his son was named Francis, whereabouts unknown.

9. Rebecca Lytle was born about 1820. Although she was never married, she did have one son, Frank M. Lytle (M might stand for Moore?), born about 1841. They lived with her father until the 1850's, when she became ill for a long time and died.

Next Bulletin: More on Frank's Early Days

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