

Winchester Wrangler

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Family newsletter of the descendents of Willoughby and Mary (Wallace) Winchester

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Greetings from a Winchester

If this is your first newsletter, here is a short recap of the story: My name is Jane (Frank) Freundt. I inherited the genealogy work of my late Great Aunt Winnie Winchester Crowe of Wyoming. She began writing several books about Willoughby and Mary Wallace Winchester's children and their descendents, that I am commissioned to finish. Willoughby is my great, great, great, great grandfather.

This newsletter is published yearly to keep you informed as to the progress of this project. Please contact me if you would like to help by providing your family's information. I plan to publish the book in a few years.

One year ago... my research showed about 3,300 direct descendents in the database.
Today... I have 3,887 direct descendents.

Willoughby's Lost Lineage

When I received all of Winnie's research, it did not include any information or a book about Willoughby and Mary Winchester's son, Willoughby. I assumed he had probably died, unmarried, no descendents.

Boy, was I wrong! I first discovered this lost line from Al and Janice Castleman. Later, I was put in contact with one of Willoughby's great grand-daughters, who verified that this Willoughby's parents were our Willoughby and Mary.

Good ol' Willoughby had moved to Alabama, got married, and had 16 children. Yes, SIXTEEN! I have some work ahead of me!

Bits and Pieces

- ✿ If you got this newsletter and a relative did not, please have them contact me to be added to the mailing list.
- ✿ Be expecting family group sheets from me after the first of the year to verify your family's information.
- ✿ I added my own Winchester descendent last November 4th with the birth of Emily Rose. She looks like a Winchester, too, with curly blonde hair and a fair complexion. She joins big sister, Georgia, at home.
- ✿ The *Winchester History Fund* covers the expenses of this project. Expenses include postage, paper, and computer supplies. I more than happily accept donations to this fund. You can send your donation directly to me. (Please make checks payable to *Winchester History Fund*.)

MISSION STATEMENT

To document and preserve an accurate and complete family history of the descendents of Willoughby and Mary (Wallace) Winchester for future generations.

Winchester Website

The Winchester Genealogy website has been on the Internet for about 18 months now. It is enjoying tremendous success. I am connecting worldwide with relatives that are helping to fill in the missing branches of our family tree.

The site has expanded in the last year. I have added the Winchester Coat-of-Arms and past years' issues of the *Winchester Wrangler*. Plans are to add a full description of the Winchester surname origin.

Additionally, I found a software program that allows me to "clean" the personal information of the living from the website (but not my database) to protect their privacy. You will find only your name listed — no birth dates, marriage dates, etc.

The Winchester Genealogy website is at: <http://www.cjnetworks.com/~freundt/winchester/main.htm>.



John Hensley Gravely, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Ann Gilstrap Gravely, and his second wife, Bell Crenshaw. (date unknown) John's first wife was Hester Ann Winchester, daughter of Joseph and Isabella Miller Winchester.

A PAGE FROM THE PAST

Excerpt from Winnie Crowe's work:

"Mary Ann Winchester, known as Polly, born September 15, 1833 in Haywood County, North Carolina, third child of Daniel and Phoebe Irwin Winchester, married Thomas A. Stiles, March 26, 1852 in Haywood Co., North Carolina. Their children, according to the 1870 census, were Isaac age 17, Phebe age 15, Mary age 13, Ally M. age 11, John L. age 9, Susan E. age 6, Nancy age 4, James D. age 1.

. . . There is a case history of tuberculosis in this family. Cousin Street [Winchester] told me Mary A., Alitha M., known as Alley, Susan Ellen, Nancy G., James D. and even his own wife, Etta, at age 40, had succumbed from this serious lung disease. How sad to think six of their eleven children were so stricken. Street advised that both Tom and Polly enjoyed good health and lived to old age. They are buried in Jackson County, North Carolina."

Needed: Descendents of Nancy

Of the five children of Willoughby and Mary with living descendents, I have the least amount of information about Nancy (1795-1843). She married John Hensley Gravely, Jr. and had seven children. Most of the family started out in the Pickens District of South Carolina. If you can put me in contact with anyone from the line, I would greatly appreciate it.

I've Moved

This past May, my family and I moved to a bigger house. I am still in Topeka, Kansas, but please note the new address and phone/fax listed at the bottom. My email address remains the same.

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You can contact me by a number of ways: