

Casey – Kirkland Relationships

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James Casey (bef 1784-aft 1866), son of Jeremiah M Casey and wife Nancy, was raised in Wayne Co and Richmond Co NC. His first known child, Lemuel, was born in Richmond Co in 1813. Therefore his first marriage was about 1811-1812. His last known child by this marriage was Nancy, born 1828. His wife has not been identified. She was listed as 40-50 years of age in the 1830 Richmond Co census, same age range as James. Also listed was a female 80-90 who could have been Nancy, James' mother, or his mother-in-law.

According to the published biography of Lemuel's daughter Mary Casey, the Casey family left NC in Feb 1831 shortly after her grandmother's death and James married Sally Kirkland in Alabama. According to Mary, who was 4 at the time, the trip took 3 months. Lemuel later remembered that there were 5 families in the group and one was a Bryant family related to his mother's people.

James' first wife

There is no known documentation that identifies either her given name or her surname. However analysis of numerous DNA matches between descendants of James Casey and the descendants of Benjamin F Kirkland (1711-aft 1830) of Edgefield District SC strongly indicate that James' first wife was probably a Kirkland. Although ancestry.com identifies her as the daughter of Caleb V Kirkland, dna analysis suggests that she could have been the daughter of several of his sons including Caleb. Therefore I identified her as Unknown Kirkland in my records.

The strange thing about this relationship is that in 1820, James Casey lived in Richmond Co NC which borders the northern portion of South Carolina. The Kirkland family was living in the Edgefield District of South Carolina which is in the southern part of the state. How did they meet?

James' second wife Sally Kirkland

There is no known documentation as to the parents of Sally Kirkland or her marriage date to James. In the 1833 Barbour Co census, there is a female >21 who could have been Sally. In the 1840 Barbour Co census, James is listed as 50-60 and there is a female 50-60 living with him. If

this female is Sally Kirkland, it seems unlikely that she could have been the mother of Mary and James who are in the 1850 census.

In the 1850 census, there is no older female living with James. Living in the household are Mary Casey 7 and James Casey 3. Are these children or grandchildren?

One researcher who traces his lineage back to this James Casey also has numerous DNA matches with descendants of Benjamin Kirkland. This would suggest that James' first and second wife were related, possibly sisters or close cousins. How were they related to Sally Kirkland?

Nancy Ann Kirkland, wife of James' son Tillman Casey

There is no known documentation as to the parents of Nancy Ann Kirkland (1820 SC – 1881 LA). According to the 1880 census, both of her parents were born in SC. She married Tillman on April 11, 1839 in Barbour County. They have not been located in the 1840 Barbour Co census but other documentation shows they were living there.

In the late 1840's, the following Barbour Co families moved to Caldwell Parish Louisiana: Tillman Casey and wife Nancy Ann Kirkland, Stephen Brown and wife Eliza Casey (Tillman's sister), Asa Kirkland and wife Christian LNU and Asa's brother Nathaniel. Tillman and wife Nancy named one of their sons Asa. It is possible that Asa Kirkland was Nancy Kirkland's older brother.

The Kirkland family

Richard Snowden Kirkland was born about 1728 in Fairfax Co VA. In 1753 he received a land grant in Granville Co NC. By the 1800 census, he was living in the Edgefield District of SC.

Many of his descendants had moved to Henry Co Alabama by the 1830 census and their descendants are still living there today. Henry Co was an "old" country having been formed in 1819. Several Kirkland research books have been written. This portion of the Kirkland family is well documented including females. There is no indication of the possible parents of Sally Kirkland or Nancy Ann Kirkland.

A smaller portion of the Kirkland family moved to new neighboring Barbour Co which was formed in December 1832. They only lived in Barbour a short period of time and there are no known records of land purchases. Family details are few and this part of the Kirkland family is NOT included in the extensive records for the Henry Co Kirklands. There are 2 Kirklands in the 1840 Barbour Co census: Asa Kirkland (30-39) and Snowden Kirkland (50-59).

The probable lineage of the Asa Kirkland who moved to LA with the Casey siblings Tillman and Eliza.

Richard Snowden Kirkland (1728-1805)-Sybil Odom (1730-1770)
--John/Jonathan Kirkland (1778-1837 SC)-Eleanor Warren (1770-1854 SC)
----Asa Kirkland ((1808 SC-aft 1870 TX?) – Christian (1809-1858 LA)

The probable lineage of the Snowden Kirkland who lived in Barbour Co in 1840 and 1850.

Richard Snowden Kirkland – Sybil Odom
--Aaron Kirkland (1755-1842 Henry Co AL) – Elizabeth Franklin (1761-1831)
----Snowden Kirkland (1795 SC-bef1860 Barbour Co)-Unknown

Aaron's first wife is unknown and the marriage date are unknown. Everett Kirkland (1836 -) is the only known child. He married Mahala Allie Bass on Sep 20 1844 in Barbour Co and there are 5 known children.

Tillman's wife Nancy (b. 1820) could have been a child of Aaron's first marriage.