

Francis Graham
Early Cumberland County Pennsylvania
1719 - 1777

Present Day Cumberland and Franklin Counties of Pennsylvania

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Francis Graham

(*Francis* is the male spelling and *Frances* is the female spelling of the name.)

Present Day Lurgan Township Franklin County Pennsylvania

Lurgan Township was part of Lancaster Township before 1750 when Cumberland County was formed, and until 1784 when Franklin County was formed.

There are 3 Francis Graham's at around the same time period.

- One very credible and valid source list a Francis (I) registering a will in Cumberland Parish of Lunenburg County VA in 1759. This source also cites Francis (I) as having made a 1734 Early Cumberland Co PA land purchases, along with other documented sources listing other families moving with Francis (I) between Trent-town (Trenton New Jersey), to Yellow Breeches Cumberland Co PA, and then to Lunenburg County VA; Caldwell Settlement" at Cub Creek. (Rutherford 2002)
 - The source documentation for Francis (I) is rational, but there is also my own research source document, I believe that Francis (I) is the father of Francis (II) of Lurgan Twp of Early Cumberland Co PA.
- Francis Graham (II) did have a brother John and their families are known and recorded. John's will is dated 1762 of Lurgan Twp Cumberland County PA identifies Francis (II) as a brother. Francis's (II) will is dated 1777 taking place in Lurgan Twp currently Franklin Co PA. Also a land record list Francis Graham as both a warrant (1734) and patentee (1755) for the newly formed Cumberland County. The 1755 survey shows Francis, John, and an Arthur Graham living adjacent to one another.
- There is also a Francis Graham with origins in early York Borough vicinity.

Francis (I) dies in 1759 in Cumberland Parish Lunenburg County VA, while Francis (II) died about 1777 in Lurgan Twp Franklin Co. No ages on either will indicates a birth time period.

If the Rutherford 2002 source is accurate, which is completely plausible with associated family names; then Francis's (I) may be the father of Francis (II). Francis (II) remained in Cumberland County and was the Patentee of the Land License warranted to his father Francis Graham in 1734. Francis's brother, John, also was a Patentee of the Land License warranted to Francis Graham in 1755. I have these records, but they don't make clear of the father-son relationship.

Continuing that this is all plausible, then how many other Francis's (I) children remained in the vicinity of early Cumberland County, or moved onto Lunenburg County VA; Caldwell Settlement" at Cub Creek?

The following work is the under the assumption outlined above.

1. Francis Grymes (I) Graeme – Cumberland and Lunenburg Parish (County) Virginia

Born: possibly early NJ or PA

Died: July 27th 1759

Burial: Caldwell Settlement" at Cub Creek Lunenburg Co VA

¹ Will: signed July 27th 1759; executed June 3rd 1760

Executors: John Lawson, William Lawson

Witnesses: James Rutherford, Bartlet Green.

Localities: Trenton New Jersey, Early Cumberland Co. PA, Lunenburg Co VA (Rutherford 2002)

Married: Ann

¹ Lunenburg County Virginia Wills 1746-1825, Francis Graham, Book 1, Page 310, Circuit Will Book Abstracts, compiled by Deputy Clerk Lunenburg County Virginia, and published by Landon C. Bell

Francis (I) and Ann Graham's Children:

2. David: may have married a Rebecca, who had a son
2. William: Is this William part of the present day Perry/Juniata Family of Graham's?
2. Francis: possibly Francis (II), of Lurgan Twp Early Cumberland County PA
2. Jean: married at time of death?
2. Martha: married at time of death?
2. Ann: married at time of death?
2. Mary: married at time of death?

This Francis's will makes no mention of John, John (I) who died about 1764. ² See John Graham, Letter of Administration, Francis is listed as a brother.

Note: It is still uncertain if this Mary is related to Francis (II). There also was a Mary Graham who married January 2nd 1769 to Andrew Walker by Reverend J.C. Bucher. (Cumberland County Marriages 1761-1800)

The Will: July 27, 1759. I, Francis Graham of the Parish of Cumberland and Lunenburg being sick & weak in body: To my wife Ann - her thirds [terce]. To my 3 sons, David Graham, William Graham, and Francis Graham - 120 £, to be equally divided between them, and to be put to interest for their use, and the interest I allow to pay for their schooling and clothing. To my daughter Jean - my bay mare... To my daughter Martha - my sorrel mare colt... To my 4 daughters, Mary Graham, Jean Graham, Ann Graham, and Martha Graham - after my funeral charges and my just debts are paid, the rest of my estate is to be equally divided between them. To Elisha White - when Elisha White pays my executors 210 £, my executors are to make him a deed for the tract of land I now live on. To Nathan Andrew - when Nathan Andrew pays my executors 40 £, my executors are to make him a deed for a tract of land which I sold him, which land is mentioned in the bond he has from me.

Signed - Francis Graham

Executors - John Lawson and William Lawson

Witnesses - James Rutherford, Bartlet Green

² Clerk of Orphans' Court, Cumberland County, PA 1761-1786, Under age 14 in 1764.

New Jersey to the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania

The following are snapshot sources indicating Francis Graham may have migrated from New Jersey to Cumberland Valley at Letort Spring, PA, and later ended up together in Lunenburg Co, VA at Cub Creek.

Blunston licenses were warrants for what was not yet legal land, it being in territory not yet ceded by treaty with the natives. A ferry across the Susquehanna existed by 1712, operated by John Harris at the future site of Harrisburg, where he had established a thriving trading post. This ferry served Indian traders from both sides of the Susquehanna, and occasionally French traders travelling the river's banks, and illegal settlers were already present west of the Susquehanna long before the Blunston licenses began to be issued in 1734. The Penn's, recognizing there was no profit in this illegal settlement, issued about 280 licenses for about 74,000 acres in the future York County, much of which would become the future counties of Cumberland and Franklin, and a small portion of which pertained to the future Adams County. The Penn's "authorized Samuel Blunston, a Lancaster County surveyor and public official, to issue what were call licenses to persons wishing to take up land west of the Susquehanna River.

Most of the Blunston licenses were granted to Scotch-Irish immigrants for tracts in the Cumberland Valley, in what are now called Cumberland and Franklin Counties, along the Conodoguinet, Yellow Breeches, and Conococheague Creeks. A much smaller number were for land in what is now York County along the Codorus and Conewago Creeks. About twenty licenses were issued, most of them in early 1735, for about 8000 acres of land along the upper reaches of the Conewago Creek, and its tributaries, in the northern part of what is now Adams County. Two were issued, both on April 8, 1735, for a total of 600 acres of land among the branches of Marsh Creek.

LeTort Spring Run today is one of the tributaries feeding the Yellow Breeches creek, one of the best known fly fishing trout streams in the country. The stream is in Cumberland County Pennsylvania, around the Carlisle region, a particular scenic piece is between Pennsylvania State Route 34 and Conodoguinet Creek. There is a William Graham (1735-1761) who lived on the LeTort Spring, and owned a homestead named Bonny Brook; present day Rt 34 and Bonnybrook Rd.

Francis Graham Surveys are located on the Conodoguinet Creek. This leads me to believe that this is the area of the original Francis Graham tracts.

³ August 24th 1734:

- "...August 24th, Robert Rutherford for himself and his grandson Robt. Wakely [Weakley]. No Survey. On Letorts Spring Joining to the West side of Saml Chambers..."
- "... August 24th, John Rutherford, 200 acres...No Survey... On the South Side of Letort Spring Bounded to the westwd with William Craig..."
- "...August 24th, William Craig, 150 acres...No Survey...On the side of Letorts Spring Bounded to the Eastwd by the land of John Rutherford..."
- "...August 24th, James Rutherford, 200 acres. No Survey. At head of Letorts Spring
- "...August 24th Francis Grime, 200 acres... No survey... At the Round Meadow on the north Side of Yellow Britches Creek..."
- "...August 24th, ffrancis Lawson, 200 acres... No Survey... On the Northside of Yelow Britches Creek here the potowmac Road goes by the turn of the Creek at the Indian Cabbin. (NB this Grant is not assigned to Robert Moon..."
- "...August 24th, William Thomson, 150 acres... No Survey... At the Carrying place on the South Branch of Conedogwt Creek to Joyn on the East with the William Lawson Tract..."

³ The Blunston License Book, 1734, Page 8

“... The Blunston Tract; Francis Graham, (also known as Francis Grimes and Francis Grymes in the PA and VA records) held Blunston License #81, James Rutherford held license #80, John Rutherford held license #78 and Robert Rutherford with his grandson Robert Weakley held license #77. Francis Graham’s executors, John Lawson and William Lawson, also held licenses at the Blunston Tract alongside James Rutherford. William Lawson held license #85 and John Lawson is found on Blunston License MS page 14 – number unknown. Their father, Francis Lawson held License #82...” (Blunston Licenses and Rutherford 2002)

“...James Rutherford Sr. of Trenton, NJ - the original Rutherford owner of the Black Horse, died prior to 1757/8. His son James Rutherford Jr. took possession of the Black Horse when he signed over the tavern to Robert Rutherford on July 27, 1759 in Lunenburg Co, VA. He also signed the final will and testament of Francis Graham [Grimes] on the same day on July 27, 1759 in Lunenburg Co, VA. Close study of the Blunston Licenses and the will of Francis Graham prove many other relationships between the participants and verify the Rutherford, Lawson, Weakley and Graham migrations from the Blunston Tract to the “Caldwell Settlement” at Cub Creek, VA. I assume that the Graham and Lawson families intermarried...” (Rutherford 2002)

⁴ August 3rd 1756, Page 171...”On the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the uper End of this County, Setting forth that they labour under a great Inconveniency for want of a Road from Francis Grahams ford on Cubb Creek to to Wards Fork Bridge Commonly Called David Caldwell’s Road, and that the Way hath been View.d and found to be Convenient, It is thereupon Ordered James Rutherford together with all the male Labouring Tithables Convenient to forthwith lay open & keep the same in Repairs According to Law...”

⁴ Lunenburg County Road Orders 1746-1764, by Nathaniel Mason Pawlett Faculty Research Historian and Tyler Jefferson Boyd Research Assistant

Francis (II) Graham
Son of ?

2. Francis (II) Graham – Lurgan Township Franklin County PA

Lurgan Township existed as part of Lancaster County as early as 1743. Other townships included in early Lancaster County the territory were Letterkenny, Greene and Southampton Townships. (Donahue 1930)

Francis was warranted land on September 8th 1755, and on the earliest survey, there was a John and Arthur Graham owing adjoining property. We know Francis and John were brothers (Franklin Co Wills 1777-1785), but what about Arthur Graham? On an early 1792 Land warrant registration and related survey for John Graham, off the original Land Grant patentee and warranted in 1755 by Thomas McClellan of Lurgan Township Cumberland County, an Arthur Graham owns land adjacent to Francis and John Graham on the upper Conodoguinet Creek. (Land Warrants 1755)

On Book H22, Page 74, for February 8th 1823-1826, there is; Graham, Francis; AS-259 and PS 140; Francis Graham: date of Warrant Sept 8 1755 Franklin County.

On the H22 Page 74 Book, A10-47 and C603-206&207, John also is recorded as Warrantee survey for 200 acres located in Lurgan Township, originally warranted on September 8th 1755. Grantee for part of his father's original Land surveyed September 8th 1755. John is selling land to Thomas McCellan on Book P-18, Page 525, Survey C-79 page 65

Arthur Graham: Is this Arthur somehow related to Francis (II)? I cannot locate this Arthur. There is an Arthur who was the third son of James Graham (1725-1897); Arthur Graham and Margaret Ferguson (May 4th 1779) issued guardianship of their minor children; John, Samuel, Francis, and Ester Graham to Elizabeth Ferguson.⁵ James is the son of Jarred Graham of Salisbury Township Lancaster County. This Arthur married in 1797 to Nancy McClure. (Graham 2005 James Graham 1725-1808 Early Cumberland County) I also have an Arthur Graham 1850 Kentucky, born about 1787 in PA. (Check out Arthurs Land warrants/patents.)

2. Francis Graham (II): Relationship to Francis (I), or the correct family, is being researched.
Born: about 1719, possibly 1723, Chester, Lancaster Co PA, now part of Cumberland Co
Died: August 4th 1777 (Possibly May 1780 at date of Letter of Administration)
⁶ Will: signed August 1st 1777; Letter of Administration May 23rd 1780, A.D. (Anna Domini)
Buried: Roxbury Lurgan Twp Cumberland Co PA, now Franklin Co PA
Occupation: Farmer
Appears on Lurgan Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania tax list for 1753
Locations: Roxbury, Lurgan, and Shippensburg Cumberland County Pa
Married: Mary Thompson in early Lancaster Co (Cumberland Co) Pa
Born: about 1723 in Chester Co, Pennsylvania
Died: April 29th 1789 in Lurgan Twp, Franklin, Pa
⁷ Will: signed June 29th 1787, listed her children, Executor Francis Graham
Father: Joshua Thompson, born about 1696 in Newton, Chester Co PA
Married Margaret Williamson about 1722 in Chester Co PA
Born December 12th 1698 Edgemont, Delaware, PA

⁵ Orphans' Court Docket, York County, Volume IX, Book D, Page 100, York County Archives, 150 Pleasant Acres Road, York PA 17402

⁶ Wills, Book A-D, Page 447, Cumberland County Courthouse, Clerk of Orphans' Court Carlisle PA 17013

⁷ Wills, Book A, Page 148, June 29th 1787, Franklin County Courthouse, Registers and Records Office, Chambersburg PA 17201

Francis and Mary Graham's Children: as described in Francis and Mary Graham's wills

3. Francis (III): born May 13th 1760, Lurgan Twp Cumberland Co PA
3. Jean (Janet): married David Jordon
3. Margaret: married James Patterson, **Check Graham and Patterson of Virginia**
3. Mary: born March 5th 1747,⁸ married Thomas Pummery (Pomeroy) (Donahue 1930)
3. Hanna (Ann): married John Pummery (Pomeroy)
3. Ester: married Charles Gibson or Gibons
3. Elizabeth: married John McCarrell
3. Sarah: married Joseph McGibbons-McKibbens

An 1850 census record for Lurgan Township, Franklin County PA, list a Thomas Pomeroy, born about 1781, married Mary A (Graham) born about 1811, with Francis Graham, born about 1780, living with them.

4. John died about 1764, before Francis's will was made and signed. John is also not mentioned in his Mother's will, dated June 29th 1787. Is this John mixed up with another John, who may have been killed by Indians in 1862?

⁹“...John Graham had a warrant for one hundred acres, “including a Deer Lick at the foot of the Tuscarora Mountain, September 20th 1762. He was a son of William Graham, and was killed by the Indians on July 11th 1763, over the mountain at Buffalo Creek. When last seen he was sitting on a log near the place of attack, with his hands on his face and the blood running through his fingers. His tract is now partly the property of Noah Esh, one hundred and seventy-two acres. John Graham had also warranted one hundred and seventy-two acres March 1st 1763. The deer-lick is on Noah Esh's farm. (A. L. Guss Pages 791-801)

⁸ Miscellaneous Marriage Records and Wills for Pennsylvania, Contributed by Jeana Gallagher; Pomeroy, John s/o Thomas & Mary (Graham) Nevin, Elizabeth d/o Daniel & Margaret (Williamson) 12 May 1794 Franklin Co

⁹ History of that part of the Susquehanna and Juniata valleys, Chapter IX, Milford Township, Part II, by A.L. Guss, Edited by F. Ellis and A. N. Hungerford, Published in Philadelphia by Everts, Peck & Richards, 1886, Pages 791-801

Francis Graham (III)
Son of Francis (II) Graham and Mary Thompson

3. Francis Graham (III):

Born: May 13th 1760 in Roxbury Cumberland County

Died: February 25th 1834 (1840) in Roxbury Cumberland County

Buried: Middle Springs Presbyterian Church, Southampton Township, Shippensburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania, History of Middle Spring Presbyterian Church, by Belle McK. H. Swope, published in 1900 [Check] "...To the Memory of the Soldiers here buried who participated in the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, The War of 1812, and the Mexican War, 1904, Monument was erected in 1909 [No names on this one] Second monument 1754, 1846 This tablet contains names of men from the bounds of Middle Spring Church who fought in wars of Colonial, Revolutionary, 1812 and 1846 Colonial 1754... Benj. Futhey, Francis Graham, Wm. Gibb, Jas. Hays,..."¹⁰

Will: ¹¹ signed February 14th 1840; probated March 26th 1840

Executor; Thomas Pomeroy; Witnesses: John Taylor and Thomas Pomeroy

Localities: Roxbury Lurgan Township Franklin County PA

Revolutionary War Record: Enlisted between 18-19 years old on January 1, 1777

He was a private in the following troops for six months and 11 days under, Captains Charles Maclay and Isaac Miller, Lieutenant Samuel Walker, and major MaCalmont 6th Battalion 4th Company, and 2nd Battalion 8th Company November 19th 1782. Pension application was made on January 30th 1834. He was 77 years old. No persons lived with him at home, except his mother and sister, and his father died.

¹² Married: Margaret Randles (Reynolds) May 22nd 1788, Big Springs Presbyterian Church (Cumberland County Marriages 1761-1800)

Born: April 7th 1767

Died: December 12th 1810

Parents: William Reynolds and Margaret Williamson

Localities: Roxbury Early Cumberland County Pa

Francis (III) and Margaret Graham Children:

John

Mary: married Maciben (McGibbon?)

Nancy: married Dickson

Margaret: married Williamson

Sarah: married Vanderbilt

Elizabeth: youngest, not married at time of the Francis's (III) will

4. Nancy Graham:

Born:

Died:

Married: In her father's will, dated 1840, Nancy was listed a Nancy Dickson

Anne Krush is in the possession of letters between John Nevin and his second child and son William, a student at Dickinson College Carlisle Cumberland County PA. With most of the letters are notes from Franklin T. Nevin.

¹⁰ John and Betty Carson, Middle Springs Presbyterian Church, 135 Middle Spring Road , Shippensburg PA

¹¹ Wills, Book D, Page 493, February 14th 1840, Franklin County Courthouse, Registers and Records Office, Chambersburg PA

¹² Miscellaneous Marriage Records and Wills for Pennsylvania, Contributed by Jeana Gallagher ; Graham, Francis s/o Francis & Mary (Thompson) Reynolds, Margaret 22 May 1788 Cumberland Co, PA

- Letter: Near Shippensburg 8th. Aug. 1825: Did your Uncle McCracken call on you? He past thro' Carlisle about ten days ago on his way to Philadelphia. Gov. Clinton is in the stage this morning (9th.) The stage stopped at our house to take in Mr. Robt. Macoy. Are you now a Sophomore or a Junior? Tell me where you stand in need of money and I will try and send it to you I do not wish you to be without what is really necessary, but I would not have any useless expenditures.
- From the Note (F.T.N.) dated 3/98): Grandfather to his son William, a student at Dickinson College. "Nancy Graham" - daughter of Francis Graham and Margaret Reynolds, second daughter of Margaret Wmson and William Reynolds - Nancy Graham was therefore a daughter of Grandfather Nevin's half sister. She married Herron.
- Letter: 29th. Aug. 1825 - My dear Son, on our return from our church yesterday parts of our Family were thrown from the carriage and somewhat injured. Your mother drove the grey mare in your Grandmothers Dearborn, and carried Nancy Graham. Nevin 1825

Jean Graham
Daughter of Francis (II) Graham and Mary Thompson

3. Janet Graham: married David Gordon, no other data other than what we have on Mary's will

Margaret Graham
Daughter of Francis (II) Graham and Mary Thompson

3. Margaret: married James Patterson, 1830 Census for Lurgan Twp has a Francis Graham Patterson, age between 50 and 60 years old. This Francis would have been born between 1770 and 1780.

Mary Graham
Daughter of Francis (II) Graham and Mary Thompson

3. Mary Graham: Thomas Pomeroy was born in 1733, and died September 1803. He was the son of George and Margaret Pomeroy. Thomas was a farmer, and lived on his large farm two miles east of Roxbury. In 1763 during an Indian raid along North Mountain his wife and two children were killed. Thomas was out deer hunting at the time and thus survived. He was a large heavy man. Tradition has it that he was so fat that he was a burden to himself. His shirt collar was said to be a half a yard wide. His land warrants were dated December 17th 1767 for 117 acres, 102 perches, and October 14th 1775 for 176 acres, 102 perches. He was married twice. Thomas's first wife died in a massacre. He then married in 1768 for the second time to Mary Graham who was born March 5th 1747. Thomas and Mary's children were: (Donahue 1930) and (Seilhammer 1905)

John Pomeroy: born February 25th 1769

Thomas Pomeroy: he was engaged in boating on the Mississippi

Died in New Orleans of yellow fever

Charles Pomeroy: died in 1825 a farmer near Roxbury.

Married: May 1807 to Mary Holliday

Charles and Mary Pomeroy's Children:

Thomas

John

Charles W.

Margaret

Elizabeth: she married May 12th 1835 to Michael Gamble

Francis Pomeroy: he moved to Kentucky, and left a daughter, but no sons

George Pomeroy: he moved to Kentucky, and left sons and daughters

Joseph Pomeroy: he went to Kentucky, and left descendants

James Pomeroy: born February 1779

Margaret Pomeroy: she married John Adams

Elizabeth Pomeroy: she married John White

Mary Pomeroy: she married John Caldwell and moved to Kentucky

John Pomeroy was born in Lurgan Township on February 25th 1769, and he died in 1818. John was the son of Thomas and Mary (Graham) Pomeroy, a farmer, lived on a farm belonging to his father-in-law in Southampton Twp., PA. A Captain in the PA militia, he was taken ill on a trip to Baltimore and died at the home of his brother-in-law, David Nevin in Shippensburg, PA. John Pomeroy married Elizabeth Nevin, the daughter of Daniel and Margaret Williamson (Reynolds) Nevin on May 12th 1794. She was born Dec 4th 1771 and died in 1826. (Nevin 1825)

John and Elizabeth Pomeroy's Children:

Daniel Nevin Pomeroy

Mary Pomeroy: she was born Oct 5th 1798, and died unmarried on July 23rd 1857

Thomas Pomeroy: may have been the executor on Francis (III) will

Joseph Pomeroy

John Pomeroy
William Reynolds Pomeroy

Ester Graham
Daughter of Francis (II) Graham and Mary Thompson

4. Ester Graham: married Charles Gibons, no other data

Hannah (Ann) Graham
Daughter of Francis (II) Graham and Mary Thompson

3. Hanna (Ann) Graham: married John Pomeroy, brother of Thomas who married Hannah's sister Mary. John and Thomas are the sons of George and Margaret Pomeroy. John went to Westmoreland County before the American Revolution. He was Lt. Col. of the 1st battalion, Westmoreland County Associators. He was popularly known as "the Indian Killer." He took command of Fort Ligonier, Oct 31st 1777.

In 1785 John Pomeroy was one of the commissioners to locate a county seat for Westmoreland County. The district where he lived is known as "Pomeroy Plains." He obtained a warrant and a survey May 20th 1768 for 24 acres on the Conedoguinnet, in Letterkenny Twp. He married Hannah Graham, daughter of Francis and Mary Graham.

John and Hanna Pomeroy's Children:

5. Francis Pomeroy moved to Wooster, Ohio
5. John Pomeroy
5. George Pomeroy went to Wooster, Ohio
5. Thomas Pomeroy went to Wooster, Ohio
5. Margaret (Mary) married James Gibson.

During the French and Indian War, in the middle of the 18th century, Britain and France fought for control of North America. In 1758, in what would become part of Eastern Westmoreland County, General John Forbes began a road across Pennsylvania. Forbes' Road was guarded by fortifications, and its ultimate aim was of aiding in the attack on Fort Duquesne. One of these fortifications along the Loyalhanna he named "Fort Ligonier" after Sir John Ligonier, his commander in Great Britain. In 1763, the Battle of Bushy Run decided the fate of the region in favor of the English, and by 1773, Westmoreland County was born.

Elizabeth Graham
Daughter of Francis (II) Graham and Mary Thompson

3. Elizabeth Graham: married James McCarrell (Graeme) 1723- 23 Mar 1780. Francis had a daughter, Elizabeth Graham (B:1770 in Lurgan Township Cumberland Co., Pa. D:1821 in Montgomery Co. Tenn.) who married John McCarroll in Cumberland, Pa in 1780 and they had 4 children: Francis 1780-1863--Alexander 1785--John 1780-1862--Mary 1789-1856. Most of this info has come automatically from Ancestry.com records but it seems to fit. Good records start with Francis Graham. It's hard to get records from 1700 and before or I haven't found it easy. Hope this helps. Wanda

Sarah Graham
Daughter of Francis (II) Graham and Mary Thompson

Not married at the time of her father's will. In her mother's will she is; Sarah the wife of Joseph McGibbons-McKibbens (I could not interpret the last name with certainty.)

4. Sarah Graham:

Born: about 1758 in Cumberland Co PA

Died: November 23rd 1833 in Porter Township Clinton County PA

Burial: Lick Run Cemetery Jacksonville Pa.

Married: Joseph McKibben June 14th 1783 Maryland

Born: about 1757 in Lurgan Township Cumberland County PA

Joseph and Sara McKibben's Children:

5. Letitia: born October 10th 1784 in Center Co PA

5. Elizabeth: born 1785 in PA

5. Mary Templeton: born December 8th 1786 Franklin Co PA

5. Joseph: born October 5th 1794 in Center Co. PA

5. James: born January 5th 1797 in Porter Township Clinton County Pa.

John Graham (I)
Son of Francis (I) Graham – Brother of Francis (II)

2. John Graham:

Born: about 1734

Died: 1761 Lurgan Township, Cumberland County

Married: Elizabeth

* See Thomas Pomeroy family killed in 1763 Indian Raid, who married Mary Graham

* See William Graham 1719-1805 Early Cumberland Co, reference to John Graham killed in 1763 Indian Raid

1751: John living in Lurgan Township, Cumberland County by 1751 as he appears on the tax rolls for that year. John received a warrant for 100 acres from the state of Pennsylvania on September 8th 1755. The land was in Lurgan Township in Cumberland, now Franklin County. The land was on the north side of Conodoguinet Creek joining lands of James McKibben, Francis Graham & others. (Mary Graham, daughter of Francis (III) married a McGibbons) **Is this Francis (I, or II), brother of John or the Father?**

1761: On July 4th 1761, letters of administration granted to Elizabeth Graham (Widow) and Frances Graham (Brother) of the goods & chattels of John Graham deceased. Distribution of estate monies as follows.

Widow: 15 pounds, 19 shillings, 6 pence - William eldest son: 12 pounds, 15 shillings, 7 pence

Hannah: 6 pounds, 7 shillings, 10 pence - Jennet: 6 pounds, 7 shillings, 10 pence

John: 6 pounds, 7 shillings, 10 pence. (Franklin Co Wills 1777-1785)

1764: On March 14, 1764, Elizabeth appeared in court for the appointment of John McClea as guardian over the persons and estates of William, Hannah, Jennet, and John, minor children of John Graham deceased. All the children were under 14 years of age. ¹³⁻¹⁴ (Cumberland Co Orphan's Court 1761-1786)

John and Elizabeth Graham Children: (Cumberland Co Orphan's Court 1761-1786)

3. William: eldest son

3. Hannah:

3. Jennet:

3. John:

3. William Graham: eldest son

Born: 1750 -1764 in Lurgan Twp, Cumberland Co. PA

Died: before his wife's second marriage

Married: Jean White of Rye Township on April 5th 1784, Centre Presbyterian Church

Born:

Died: March 1808, Frankford Township Cumberland Co PA

William and Jean Graham's children: (PA Wills 1782-1834)

4. James Graham:

4. Mary Graham: married James Walker

4. John Graham:

4. Jean: (Jane) married a Baird

4. Sarah: married a McIntire

Jean White's 2nd Marriage: William Hunter Sr.

Died: August 1797, Newton Township Cumberland Co

Will: December 28, 1796, August 29, 1797

¹³ Microfilm, Citation for Cumberland County Orphans' Court, Volume 1, 1751-1761, Page 97, Cumberland County Historical Society and Hamilton Library 21 N. Pitt St. Carlisle, PA 17013-2945

¹⁴ Ibid., Volume 2, 1761-1786, Pages 34 and 44,

Land in the State of Georgia
Executors: Wife and son Joseph Hunter
Witness: Leonard Shannon and James Walker
Children from 1st marriage:
Joseph and William Hunter

The name Jean from Rye Township and that she lived in and around Lurgan Township ties the information from both wills to William, the eldest son of John and Elizabeth Graham. Her name also ties her to the William who married a Jean in 1784 at a church in Centre Presbyterian Church, Sherman's Valley Perry County (then Cumberland) Pennsylvania.

The name Jean was listed on William Hunters will, and as Jane of her will. When William married Jean it was noted that he was from the Kishacoquilla Valley, which is Mifflin County area. He married Jean White of Rye Twp on April 5th 1784. (Marriages 1778-1793)

3. Hannah:

Born: 1750 -1764 in Lurgan Twp, Cumberland Co. PA

Died: 1800 in Westmoreland CO. PA

Burial: Plum Creek Cemetery, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

Married: John Allison

Born: January 10th 1753 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

John and Hannah Allison Children:

4. Andrew Allison

4. James Allison

4. Jane Allison

4. John Allison

4. William Allison

4. Robert Allison: born about 1774 in Pennsylvania

4. Elizabeth Allison: born about 1781-1790 in Pennsylvania

1791: On September 23, 1791, John Allison of Armstrong Twp, Westmoreland County, PA and Hannah his wife sold an undivided fourth part of a certain tract of land situated in Lurgan Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania for 100 pounds to Hannah's brother John Graham. This was Hannah's share of her father's estate. (Franklin Co Deeds 1791)

3. Jennet:

Born: 1750 -1764 in Lurgan Twp, Cumberland Co. PA

Died: after 1791

Married: James Caldwell of Robinson Twp, Allegany Co. PA

1791: On November 5, 1791, James Caldwell of Robinson Twp, Allegany County, PA and Jennet his wife sold an undivided fourth part of a certain tract of land situated in Lurgan Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania for 100 pounds to Jennet's brother John Graham. This was Janet's share of her father's estate (Franklin Co Deeds 1791)

3. John:

Born: 1750 -1764 in Lurgan Twp, Cumberland Co. PA

Died: after 1791

Buried:

Married:

Children:

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That's Latin for "The Year of Our Lord".

"BC" meaning "before Christ", "AD" refers the time "after Christ"

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