

The Ancestors & Descendants of Bryan Fannin III
Of Sussex County, Virginia
Husband of Permelia Hobbs
Son of Bryan, Jr. & Rachael Rottenberry Fannin
Grandson of Bryan & Elizabeth Fannin of Amelia County, Virginia

Bryan Fannin, Sr. was born around 1700 and settled in Amelia County, Virginia. Amelia County, Virginia was formed in 1734 and established in 1735 from Brunswick and Prince George Counties. ¹

Recent DNA test results have shown a connection between descendants of Bryan Fannin, Sr. and other Fanning lines ² such as John Fanning of Chestnut Creek in the Grayson County, Va.. ³ There is a similar connection to descendants of James Fanning who settled in South Carolina around 1750 ⁴ and had a son named James, who married Elizabeth Saffold. ⁵ All three lines have a relatively close connection to descendants of Thomas Fanning, who was born December 21, 1812 in Fenagh, County Leitrim, Ireland and came to Cincinnati, Ohio, around 1838 eventually settling in Corning, Reeve Township, Daviess County, Indiana. ^{6 7} A test of a descendant of Patrick Fanning who died on July 6, 1855 in Sruhaun, Fenagh, Co. Leitrim, Ireland has also shown a similar connection. ⁸ The DNA tests have indicated there is no relationship for any of these three lines to descendants of the Edmund Fanning line that came from Ireland in 1653 and settled in New London (Pequot), Connecticut. ⁹ The haplogroups, which indicate deep ancestral origins, for first three lines mentioned suggest a high probability of Irish origins. ¹⁰

Bryan Fannin, Sr. is first found with his young family in what became known as Nottoway Parish around 1752, but was initially called Raleigh Parish in 1735. ¹¹ He was commissioned to survey for a road to the fork of the Little Nottoway River on the 13th of February of 1735. ¹² Brian Fannon was named in "A List of all the Titheables below Deep Creek in 1736". ¹³ On January 2, 1737, he received 294 acres of land by patent from King George II ¹⁴ and by the summer of that year he was involved in clearing a new road from the county line between the Tomahitton Creek and the Birchen Swamp. ¹⁵ Here he would clear a plantation site and raise his family with his wife, Elizabeth. ¹⁶ The location is now occupied by Fort Pickett, Blackstone, Nottoway County, Va. Bryan would later receive another patent for an additional 280 acres on July 20, 1748 in the same area. ¹⁷

Bryan & Elizabeth Fannin, sometimes spelled Fannen, Fennell or Fanning, raised their family in Nottoway Parish. Bryan would die on their plantation. It is presumed that he is buried there. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers removed any known graves on the property, except two which are early 1900's graves ¹⁸ when they built Camp Pickett. ¹⁹ Bryan & Elizabeth's graves were not found. ²⁰

Bryan died between January 3rd & February 18th of 1765. ²¹ Elizabeth Fannin sold her 92 acre share of the plantation on September 25th, 1765 to Nathaniel Hobbs ²² and most likely went to live with one of her children. Achals, Briant, Jehu & Laughlin Fannin were all listed along with Elizabeth Fannin in the 1765 Amelia Co., Va. Personal Property Tax List. ²³ Laughling Fannen, Achales Fennen (with other free male William Fennen on 140 acres) & William Fennen were all listed in the 1766 Personal Property Tax List for lower Nottoway Parish of Amelia Co. ²⁴ It appears Jehu & Briant had moved on by 1766 and Elizabeth may have died or moved with Jehu or Briant.

Amelia Co., Va. Will Book 2X Pages 89 & 90

In the name of God, Amen, I Bryan Fannen of Amelia County, being weak in body yet in proper sence, considering that certainty of death, I recommend my soul to God's mercy and my Estate as followeth:

Item: I lend to my dearly beloved wife, Elizabeth Fannan the plantation where I now live & all my hogs & cattle & Household furniture during her widowhood or life & I give her my horse and saddle & bridle; and the land I have lent to my wife, after her time to Equally divided between my son Laughlin and my son Phillip; Beginning to divide at the Burchin where my line and nagoons (?) crosses & if either of them dies without heir, the other is to possess the whole & if both dies without heir, to my son Achilles Fannan, Laughlan's part to be joining the Burchin & Spring branch in the fork.

Item: I give to my son John Fannen all the land that lyes on the Eastside of my spring branch only about half an acre joining the spring, to keep it good not to sell until his brother's death nor swap.

Item: I leave all my land that lyes in the south side of the burchen to be sold by Executors to discharge my debts & if any left of the money the said land sells for, besides paying my debts, to be equally divided between my son Laughlin & my son Phillip and my daughter Judith; also after my wifes time, the hogs & cattle & household furniture to be equally divided amongst the same three children, Laughlin, Phillip & Judith. I leave to my children David, Mary, Bryan, Anny, Bety, Peggy and Frankey one shilling apiece.

Item: I do hereby make constitute & appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Fannan & my son Achillis Fannan Executors of my last will & Testament intesta of all I have hereunto set Hand seal this 3 day of January, 1765.

Signed sealed in the presence of us :

Joshua Hightower
John Kirkland (his mark)
Thomas Hightower

his
Bryan B. F. Fannan
mark

Pg. 90 - At the court held for Amelia County this 18th day of Feby 1765 this will was proved by the oaths of Joshua Hightower Jr. and John Kirkland two of the witnesses thereto sworn to by Elizabeth Fannon the Executrix therein named and entered to be Recorded and on the motion of the said Executrix who entered into and acknowledged Bond with Joshua Hightower her Security as the law directs Certificate was granted her for obtaining a probate in due form.

Testa P. G. Peachy

Bryan Fannin, Jr., the son of Bryan & Elizabeth Fannin of Amelia County, Virginia was born around 1730 to 1735 and grew up in Amelia Co., Va. on his parents' plantation. On March 22, 1755 Bryan Fannin, Sr. gave to Bryan Fannin, Jr. 140 acres of land which was part of the 280 acre patent Bryan, Sr. had received on July 20, 1748.²⁵ It is uncertain when Bryan Fannin, Jr. moved to Sussex Co., Va., but he was on the Personal Property Tax List of Amelia County in 1765 and not on the list in 1766, as noted above. His will was proven in Sussex County in 1767.²⁶

It should be noted that Albemarle Parish was created by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia in 1738 from the parishes of Southwark and Lawne's Creek, having its northern boundary along Blackwater River. Surry County was formed in 1652 out of territory belonging to James City County south of the James River, and Albemarle Parish was a part of Surry until 1754, when Sussex was partitioned off.²⁷

Bryan Fanning was listed as a Godparent to John Sturdivant, son of John & Elizabeth Sturdivant of Albemarle Parish, Surry Co, Va. on 22 August, 1757²⁸. On July 9, 1759, Bryan Fanning, Mary Eckles & Martha Freeman are listed as a Godparents of Mary, daughter of Robert & Betty Morgan born on May 17, 1759²⁹. On August 31, 1760, Bryan Fanning is listed as a Godparent for William, son of William & Eliz. Wellborn.³⁰ On October 10, 1762, he is again listed as a Godfather to Charles Rose, son of Richard & Martha Rose.³¹ On 22 April, 1764, Robert Whitehead, Benjamin & Rachael Fanning are listed as Godparents at christening of James W. Whitehead, born to Elisa Whitehead on December 16, 1764.³² John, son of Bryan Fannin and wife Rachel was born on May 24, 1761 and was christened on July 5, 1761 with Godparents: William Rolland, Littleberry Spain and Mary Rottenberry.³³ (The above mentioned Benjamin Fanning is currently unidentified. It is possible that Bryan's name was Bryan Benjamin Fannin, Jr.)

Bryan Fanning, Jr. married Rachel Rottenberry³⁴, the daughter of John^{35 36} & Susanna Rottenberry^{37 38}. He died between January 28th and July 22nd of 1767 in Sussex Co., Va. The inventory of his estate was presented on 17 December, 1767 with Rachel Fanning as executrix.³⁹

Sometime after April 21, 1770 Rachel Fannin married Matthew Sturdivant.⁴⁰ Matthew made his will on December 30, 1781. It was probated on April 18, 1782. The inventory was returned on September 19, 1782⁴¹. In this will he mentions his wife, Rachel, children Matthew Sturdivant, Jr. & Edith Sturdivant. He, also, mentions his sons in law (viz: stepchildren) as Brian Fennen (viz: Bryant Fanning III) and John Fennen.⁴² Rachel Sturdivant was listed as a slave owner in Sussex Co., Va. in 1790 owning 16 slaves. This list was taken from a List of Titheables eight years earlier.⁴³

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Bryan Fannin Jr.'s Will was written on 28 Jan. 1767. It was presented in court on 22 July, 1767 and probated on 19 Nov. 1767. The final report on the estate was presented on December 17, 1767.

In the Name of God Amen I Bryan Fanning of the County of Sussex being sick and weak of Body but of sound mind and understanding do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

I give and devise to my loving Son John my Tract of Land in the County of Amelia lying on Spring Run containing One Hundred and forty Acres to him and his Heirs forever.

I also give and devise to my said son John one Negro Boy named Jack and one feather Bed and furniture to him and his Heirs.

It is my Will and desire that my Brother Laughlin Fanning may have the care and tuition of my Son John until he shall arrive to the age of Twenty one Years and it is my intent and meaning that the Bed given to my Son may be delivered him at the Age of Twenty one Years.

I give to my beloved Wife Rachael one Negro Woman named Phebe and all and every other part of my Estate that I now have in possession or Reversion to her and her Heirs forever.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Rachael and Richard Rose my true and lawful Executrix & Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and I desire that my Estate may not be appraised. In Witness whereof I have here unto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this 28th of January 1767.

Bryan Fanin (SEAL)

Signed sealed and delivered
by the Testator to be his last Will
in presence of us who have
subscribed our names hereto
Nichl. Massenburg
Laughlin Fanin
William Horne

Bryan Fanning Will 22 July
July of 67

presented & passed by the
records & (unreadable)

Nov. 1767 O.B

cert (unreadable)

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Exam

At a Court held for Sussex County the 19th day of November 1767.
The last Will and testament of Bryan Fanning decd was
presented into Court in the month of July last & then proved
by Nick^s Massenburg Laughlin Fannin & William Horn the
witnesses thereto and now on the motion of Rachel Fanin
Executrix in the said Will named the other executor refusing to
join her / who made oath as the law directs the said will is
Ordered to be Recorded and Certificate is granted her
for obtaining a probate thereof in due form

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A Claiborne CC.

“An inventory of the estate of Briant Fening Decd taking the 17th of December 1767” was presented
and signed by Rachel finnen ex trix”

“At a Court for Sussex County the 17th day of December 1767
This Inventory of the Estate of Bryan Faning decd was returned and by the Court Ordered to be
Recorded

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Children of Bryan, Jr. and Rachel Fanning:

1. Susannah Fanin died October 15, 1758. Bryan Fanin was the informant on the death record of his child. ⁴⁴
2. John Fanning was born May 24, 1761 in Sussex Co., Va. ⁴⁵ and christened on July 5, 1761. ⁴⁶ He moved to Wilkes County, Georgia around 1787. ⁴⁷ He died in 1803 in Wilkes Co., Ga. ⁴⁸ John married Mary "Polly" Parks. ^{49 50} They had the following children: Welcome Fanning, Parks Fanning, Bryan Fanning, Martha "Patsy" Fanning & Nancy Fanning. ⁵¹ Welcome Fanning married 1st Louisa Colley & 2nd Mary Elizabeth Heard. Bryan Fanning married 1st Elizabeth Green & 2nd Eliza Green, both daughters of Thomas Green, Sr. Parks Fanning died in childhood. Martha Fanning married John Wise of Oglethorpe Co., Ga. Nancy Fanning married Reuben Faver of Wilkes Co., Ga. ⁵²

John Fannon of Sussex Co., Va. sold 140 acres in Amelia Co., Va. at the head of the Burchin Swamp to Lamme Hobbs on November 3, 1785. ⁵³ This was the 140 acres given to his father, Bryan Fannon, Jr. by Bryan Fanning, Sr. in 1755. He went to Wilkes Co., Ga. around 1787. ⁵⁴

In early records of Wilkes Co., Ga. there is a land transaction between Edward Eckles and wife Jane to John Clements on Long Creek. This was dated June 29, 1789 and listed John Fanning, teste. This helps establish John Fanning of Wilkes Co., Ga. with Fannins of Sussex Co., Va. in light of the purchase of Rachel Fanning of Sussex Co., Va. from Edward Eccles of Georgia listed below. ⁵⁵ John Fanning's line is not the subject of this document.

3. Bryant Fanning III, son of Bryan & Rachel Fanning.

Bryan Fanning, "beloved son" of Rachel Fanning, was given 244 acres of land in Sussex Co., Va. on April 21, 1767 by his mother. The transaction was recorded on 20 Sept., 1770. The property had been purchased on January 19, 1769 from Edward Eccles of Georgia and James Eccles of Amelia Co., Va. Rachael Fanning & Matthew Sturdivant of Sussex County retained use of the property until Bryan Fanning reached the age of twenty-one years. ⁵⁶

It appears Rachael Fanning must have been pregnant with her son, Bryan Fanning III, at the time Bryan Fanning, Jr. wrote his will. However, she nor her husband, Bryan Fanning, Jr. seemed to be aware of it up to the time of Bryan Fanning, Jr.'s death in 1767. Consequently, Rachael made provision for her baby boy by providing him property that he would acquire when he arrived of age. Her elder son John had already been provided for in his father's will of 1767.

Bryan Fanning III was most likely born between late 1767 and mid 1768.

There is a record of a marriage in Sussex Co., Va. on January 5, 1788 between a Bryant Fanning and Permely Hobbs, daughter of Joseph Hobbs. Surety was Stephen Hobbs. The marriage was performed on 11 January, 1788 by Reverend Jesse Lee. ⁵⁷ The actual bond was signed by Bryan Fanning on January 5, 1788 and recorded. ⁵⁸

1788-3 Sussex Co., Va. Marriage Record

January 6 1788 I dou hearby sertifi that I dou agree that Briant fennel May have my Dahter permely Hobbs. Joseph Hoobs

To Mr Mikeal Baly Clarke

1788-3A Sussex Co., Va. Marriage Record

Know all men by these presents that We Bryant Fennel and Stephen Hobbs are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Edmund Randolph esq Governor of this commonwealth and his Successors in the Just and full Sum of Fifty pounds to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his Successors we bind ourselves Jointly and Severally our Joint and Several heirs Executors and Admrs firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 5th day of January 1788

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a Marriage shortly intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound Bryant Fennel and Permely Hobbs now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage then the above Obligation to be Void or else to remain in full force and Virtue

Sealed & Delivered
Inpresence of
(?) Bailey

Bryan Fanin (SEAL)

his
Stephen X Hobbs (SEAL)
mark

Bryant Faning III is found listed as Bryant Fannill in the 1830 Federal Census of Sussex County, Va. He is listed as being between the age of 60 to 70 years, with one other male between 30 and 40 years which matches his son Braxton's age. There are also three females in the household.⁵⁹

Bryant Faning III died prior to December of 1831 in Sussex Co., Va.⁶⁰

Some researchers claim Bryan Faning III married to Nancy Unknown. Others suggest he married Abigail Munsey, daughter of Holton Muncy & Alice Van Pelt. These claims are unfounded.⁶¹

Sussex Co., Va. Loose Court Papers # 1833-117 File #117
Wilburn, Et Ux, Et Als v. Fannin's Administrator

Fennell &c

Vs Bil And decree

Fennell

Dec 1831 doc. by consent
& Interlo decree

Febry 1832 report ret'd &
Cost for exception

January 1833 final decree

To the Worshipful the County Court of Sussex in Chancery sitting

Humbly complaining shew unto your worshipful your orators James A. Wilburn in right of his wife Margaret who was Margaret Fennel Braxton Fennel & your oratories Elisabeth Wilburn who sues by Jonathan Bailey her next friend Scylla Fennel that their Father Bryant Fannin, departed this life in the present year intestate seized and possessed of a valuable real & personal estate that your complainants are his children & that there is besides your complainant compels Nancy Winfield formerly Fannin and who jointly with her said husband Wm Winfield as Administrator & Administratrix of Thomas Atkinson with whom the said Nancy intermarried and to whom in the lifetime of the said inteste an advancement of a negro girl was made your complainant further stated that Administration on the personal Estate of the said Bryant Fanin has been granted to Wm Winfield who has possession of the personal Estate of said Fanin That the real estate of the said Fanin is not worth three hundred dollars to each share your Complots are without remedy save in a Court of Equity in Tender consideration whereof your Complainants pray the Court to name the said Wm. Winfield and his wife Nancy formerly Nancy Atkinson (unreadable) Fanin parties defendant To this Bill and compel the said Winfield as Adm~ of Fanin party defendant to this Bill and compel them to answer the allegation in this Bill and to order a distribution of the Estate of the said Bryant Fanin among your Compts & the sd Winfield & Wife agreeably to law & to grant such other & general relief the

premises considered as equity may dictate & the nature of their case require & as in duty bound they will even pray &

The Answer of Wm Winfield to the foregoing Bill This Respondent saving & resending & For answers saith he admits the allegations in the Bill to be true & has no objection to such a decree as is Herein prayed for and having answered prays to be hence dismissed with his costs &

Decree
Wilburn & (?)
Winfield

This day this cause was heard by consent and upon the hearing the Court doth order adjudge & decree that the following persons be appointed to wit John L. Moye Jno G Adgar Wm Lewis & (?) Wyn Commissioners any three of whom may convey this decree into effect that they may proceed to sell the Tract of Land of which Bryant Fanin (unreadable) seized to the highest bidder on a credit of one and two years reserved one acre the burials ground and take Lands with good security to in the following manner a bond to James Wilburn for one fifth part one to Druscilla Fanin for one fifth part one to Braxton Fanin for one fifth part and one to Wm Winfield for one fifth part and deliver them to the parties of full age & to the Guardian of the infant complainant and that they divide the slaves belonging to the Estate of said Fanin equally among the heirs of the said Fanin heretofore named each one accounting in paid division for the advancement in slaves that have been made to them by said Fanin in his life time & make report of their proceeding to this Court in order to a final decree

On 6th day of January 1832 (It should have read 1833 as the cover page read.) the above decree was executed and the property & slaves of Bryant Fanin were divided as ordered between the following legatees: James A. Wilborn, Elizabeth Wilborn, Druscilla Fanin , William Winfield & Braxton Fanin.

Children of Bryan III and Permelia Fanning were:

A. Braxton Fannin was born around 1795 - 1798 in Sussex County, Virginia. ⁶² He married Margaret Rebecca Spiers on 22 August, 1844 in Sussex Co., Va. ⁶³ Margaret was born around 1816 to 1820. ⁶⁴ She was the daughter of William & Polly Spiers and had two brothers named William & Benjamin. ⁶⁵ Braxton Fannin died shortly before September 3, 1868 ⁶⁶

1844-18 Sussex Co., Va. Marriage Record

This will certify to the Clerk of Sussex County Court that I permit Braxton Fannin to obtain licence to join to gather him self and my self in the holy estate of mattrymony given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of August 1844

Margaret R. Spiers

Witness

Fleming C Magee

1844-18A Contains the marriage bond binding Braxton Fannin and Fleming C Magee, dated 22 day of August 1844 for the obligation of marriage between Braxton Fannin and Margaret R Spiers.

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In the name of God. Amen. I Braxton Fanin of Sussex Virginia being of sound mind & disposing memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in form following: Viz

Item 1st I desire that my just debts & funeral expenses be paid.

Item 2nd I give to my wife Margaret R Fanin so long as she remains my widow all of my estate real & personal to use as she may deem best for her own support & for the support & education of my children. When any of my children become twenty one years old or marry she may give off to them just such portion as she may think best. Should my wife never marry again I desire that my estate at her death shall be equally divided among my children - making those to whom she may have given property responsible for the value of said property at the time it was given.

Item 3rd Should my wife marry again it is my desire that she be allowed one third of my estate during her natural life & at her death it is to be equally divided among my children. The remaining two thirds of my estate I desire to be kept together for the benefit of all my children until the oldest child becomes twenty one years old. She may then draw one sixth of the said two thirds of my estate. The rest to be kept together until my second daughter (Pamelia Ann) arrives at the age of twenty one at which time she may take her share which will be one fifth of the remainder & as my other children arrive at the age of twenty one they may take their proportionate share. Should my wife die before all of my children arrive at the age of twenty one her third shall be divided so as to give those who are twenty one their share & the rest to be kept together & divided as I have directed the other two thirds.

Item 4th I leave my wife the executrix of my will & desire that the court will permit her to qualify without giving security.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & sixty three.

Braxton Fannin

Witnesses

John A. Winfield
M E Winfield
Sarah A T Atkinson

At a Court held for Sussex County on the 3rd day of September 1868
The last Will and Testament of Braxton Fannin decd was presented into Court and proved by the oath of Jno A Winfield and Sarah A T Atkinson Two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Margaret R Fannin who made oath and entered into bond in the penalty of Three Thousand Dollars (security being dispensed with in the will) a probate thereof is granted her in due form in the said Estate.

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The children of Braxton & Margaret Fannin were:

- i. Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Fannin born around 1846.⁶⁷ She married Richard Lewis and had two daughters: i. Rena born about 1868 and ii. Maggie born about 1869.⁶⁸ Rena Lewis married William Doarch. They had no children. Margaret Lewis married Unknown Rollins. They had two sons named Ernest & Cole Rollins.⁶⁹
- ii. Pamela Ann (viz: Permelia Ann) Fannin⁷⁰ born about 1848.⁷¹ She married John "Jack" Thomas Jones⁷² and had five children: i. Sarah Jones born February of 1870 ii. Walter Jones who married Elva Jennings and had a son named John Walter Jones; iii. George William Jones who married Evelyn Conrad and had Viola Jones, Ruth Jones, Pauline Jones, Gayle Jones & George William Jones, Jr.; iv. Margaret Jones who married Samuel Sharpe and had Ruby Sharp, Elsie Sharp and Samuel Sharp, Jr.; v. Andrew Jones who married Hattie Jennings and had two sons & vi. Robert Jones who married 1st Emma Harville and 2nd Unknown Moore and had one daughter.⁷³
- iii. Martha A. (Patty) Fannin was born about 1849-52.⁷⁴ She married James M. Campbell. They had no children.⁷⁵

- iv. Sarah Jane Fannin, daughter of Braxton & Margaret Spiers Fannin, was born about 1852.⁷⁶ She married William Bailey. They had no children.⁷⁷
- v. John Braxton Fannin, son of Braxton & Margaret Spiers Fannin, was born on June 21, 1854^{78 79 80} in Sussex County, Va. He lived at Stony Creek, Va. & married Sally P. Rose on January 28, 1880.⁸¹ Sallie was listed as the daughter of George H. & Mariah L. Rose.⁸² She was born on March 1, 1860.⁸³ John B. Fannin died on November 9, 1949.^{84 85} Sallie Peterson Rose Fannin died December 1, 1930⁸⁶ They are buried in Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg, Va.⁸⁷ They were members of the Fort Grove Methodist Church.⁸⁸

Sussex Co., Va. Will Book 10 Page 67

I, J. B. Fannin, of the County of Sussex, Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

First: I desire all my just debts to be paid, if I shall owe any at my death.

Second: I hereby give and devise unto my son, William B. Fannin, my house and four lots at Stony Creek, Virginia, where I now reside, with its appurtenances, including the household and kitchen furniture therein contained, to him and to his heirs forever, in fee simple.

Third: I bequeath unto my son, Andrew B. Fannin, the sum of One(\$1.00) Dollar, to be paid him out of my personal estate by my executors hereinafter named.

Fourth: All the rest and residue of my estate of every nature whatsoever and wheresoever situate, I give, devise, and bequeath unto my children, Thomas B. Fannin, George R. Fannin; Maria Louisa Curtis; Pearl Weeks; Ruth Parham and John Ashley Fannin, share and share alike, to them and their heirs forever, in fee simple.

Fifth: I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons, William B. Fannin and Thomas B. Fannin, executors of this, my last will and testament, with full power and authority to execute the same according to its true and intended meaning, and having perfect confidence in their judgement and integrity, I direct that the said executors shall not give security.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal to this my last will and testament, this 24th day of February, 1931.

J B Fannin (signature) (SEAL)

The hereto-annexed signature of the testator, J. B. Fannin, was made, and the foregoing will was acknowledged by the said J.B. Fannin, in the presence of us, two competent witnesses, present at the same time; and we, the said witnesses, do hereunto subscribe the said will in the presence of the said testator and of each other at the request of the said testator, this 24th day of February, 1931.

E. H. Croshaw (signature)
Witness

J. K. Jarratt (signature)
Witness

The above will was presented and offered for probate in the Clerk's Office of Sussex Circuit Court on November 21, 1949. It stated that J. B. Fannin departed this life on the 9th day of November, 1949.

Children of John B. & Sallie Rose Fannin were: ⁸⁹

- a. John Ashley Fannin born 28 May, 1881 ⁹⁰. He married Mary Ellen Owen on September 8, 1911 ⁹¹ & resided in Portsmouth, Va. ⁹² John died on 25 December, 1943. ⁹³ They had no children. ⁹⁴
- b. George Rose Fannin, was born 21 January, 1891 at Stony Creek. ⁹⁵ (WWI Draft Registration states birth in 1890) ⁹⁶ He married Helen Wilson Horton. George Fannin, Sr. died on Sept. 1, 1971 at Greenville Memorial Hospital in Emporia, Va. & was buried at Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va. ⁹⁷ Helen Horton Fannin was born on 15 May, 1895 and died on 1 September, 1991. She is buried in Blandford Cemetery. ⁹⁸

Children of George & Helen Horton Fannin were:

- i. George Rose Fannin, Jr. (Little George) was born January 5, 1928. ⁹⁹ He drowned in a creek behind the Fannin Store on 25 July, 1945. He was buried in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va. ¹⁰⁰
- ii. John Richard (Dickie) Fannin, Sr. was born on 20 April, 1932 at Stony Creek, Va.. He married Jean Carolyn Rogers on 10 May, 1953. She was born 7 September, 1933. The daughter of James Morris & Louise Crawford Rogers. ¹⁰¹ He died on 12 Oct., 2000 at his home in Stony Creek, Va. He was buried at Southlawn Memorial Park. ¹⁰²

John R. & Jean Rogers Fannin had the following children:

- John Richard (Ricky) Fannin, Jr. of Yale, Va., born 19 April, 1954. He was married to Josephine Creath on 29 Dec., 1978 at Greenville Co., Va. She was born 24 July, 1953.¹⁰³
- James (Jimmy) Crawford Fannin of Hopewell, Va., born 4 Jan., 1957. He married Phyllis Kaye Reese on 14 Nov., 1981 at Petersburg, Va. She was born 6 April, 1958. They have two children: i. Joshua Braxton Fannin born 22 Feb., 1985 & ii. Peyton Rose Fannin born 13 November, 1987.¹⁰⁴
- Carolyn Louise Fannin, born 29 July, 1962. She married John Anthony Garter on 7 April, 1984 at Stony Creek, Va. He was born 26 October, 1957. They have three children: i. John Anthony Garter, Jr. b. 10 may, 1988; ii. Matthew James Garter born 22 April, 1991(4:35 pm) & iii. Brittany Jean Garter born 22 April, 1991 (4:44 pm).¹⁰⁵

c. Thomas Braxton Fannin, son of John B. & Sallie Rose Fannin was born at Stony Creek, Va. on 20 June, 1893.¹⁰⁶ (WWI Draft Registration states birth in 1894)¹⁰⁷ He died on November 17, 1971 at Greenville Memorial Hospital in Emporia, Va. He was buried in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va. and was a member of Fort Grove United Methodist Church.¹⁰⁸ He served as the 66th Sheriff of Sussex Co., Va. from January, 1924 until December of 1967.¹⁰⁹

Tom Fannin was married twice. His first wife was Nell Price. Tom's second wife was Marion Cecilia Whitaker whom he married on 16 Nov, 1942. She was born 18 March, 1913 & died on 4 July, 1991.¹¹⁰ They had a son, Thomas Braxton Fannin, Jr., born 2 Dec., 1946, who was killed in a car accident near Waverly, Va. on February 12, 1967.¹¹¹

d. Andrew Bryant Fannin, son of John B. & Sallie Fannin, was born 11 August, 1898 in Virginia¹¹² (WWI Draft Card states birth in 1900 at Stony Creek, Va.)¹¹³ He married Ruby Augusta Magee on 18 September, 1941. She was born on 3 June, 1904 & died on 13 November, 1986.¹¹⁴ He died Sept. 3, 1960 at McGuire Hospital in Richmond, Va. He was a member of the Methodist faith. He was buried in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va. They had no children.¹¹⁵

- e. William (Willie) Blunt Fannin, son of John B. and Sallie Rose Fannin was born 27 August, 1900 ¹¹⁶ at Stony Creek, Va. He was married 1st to Carrie Elizabeth Evans born 10 January, 1912 and died on 4 Oct, 1962 & 2nd to Suela Dickerson, born 1 April, 1911 and died on 26 February, 1986. ¹¹⁷

He was a retired Deputy Sheriff of Sussex County, Va. and was a member of the Fort Grove United Methodist Church. He died on 24 August, 1987 at his home in Stony Creek, Va. and is buried in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va. He had no offspring. ¹¹⁸

- f. Pearl Peterson Fannin born 14 April, 1885 in Stony Creek, Va. ¹¹⁹ She married 1st William Brittingham 27 May, 1909 ¹²⁰ & 2nd Thomas Alvin Weeks on 21 April, 1927. She died on April 15(29), 1971. ¹²¹ She had no offspring. ¹²²

- g. Ruth Fannin was born on 13 December, 1888 in Stony Creek, Va. ¹²³ and died on March 2, 1976. ¹²⁴ However, her obituary states that she died on 2 march, 1976, at the Sunnyside Assisted Living facility in Emporia, Va. ¹²⁵ She married George William Stith Parham around 1923. He was born 13 February, 1888 at Petersburg, Va. and died 7 May, 1953 in Washington, D.C. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. ¹²⁶ Ruth was buried at Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va. Ruth & George had two sons:

i. William Stith Parham, Jr. born 16 June, 1923 & died 4 May, 1927

ii. John Bascom Parham born 28 July, 1924 and died 10 April, 1969. He married Catherine Frances Coleman on 12 October, 1946 ¹²⁷. They had one son: Francis Wayne Parham born 29 Dec., 1950. ¹²⁸

- h. Marie Louise Fannin was born 27 Sept., 1895 ¹²⁹ in Stony Creek, Va. She married Edwin Witherspoon Curtis on 27 June, 1925. They had no children. ¹³⁰ She died 11 April, 1984. ¹³¹

- vi. Alice Louise Fannin, daughter of Braxton & Margaret Spiers Fannin was born about 1859. ¹³² She married James Montague. They had no children. ¹³³

- B. Druscilla Fannin, daughter of Bryan Fannin III was born around 1795¹³⁴ & married Miles Horne on 13 June, 1832.¹³⁵ Their daughter, Mary Owen Horne, was born c. 1832.¹³⁶
- C. Elizabeth J. Fannin born c 1793¹³⁷ & married Jones Wilborne (Wilburne) on 5 August, 1819.¹³⁸ He was a Sergeant in the War of 1812. They had a daughter, Elizabeth Anne Wilbourne born c 1821¹³⁹ who married William Nicholas Jarrett¹⁴⁰ He was born c 1815. He was a Justice of the Peace for 1843, 1852, 1856, 1860 & 1864. They had five children. 1st William N. Jarratt, Jr. born around 1852, 2nd Benjamin F. Jarratt born around 1839, who was a Captain in the Civil War & a Member of the House of Delegates from 1887 to 1888 & 3rd John Braxton Jarratt born around 1843. He was a VMI Cadet in the Battle of New Market during the Civil War.¹⁴¹ He was wounded at that battle, but lived to fight again. His name is inscribed on the New market Monument at VMI.¹⁴²¹⁴³ J.B. Jarratt was Sussex County Treasurer from 1874 – 1875 & 1888 – 1907. 4th Sarah J. Jarrat born around 1841 & 5th Lucy A. Jarratt born around 1848.¹⁴⁴
- D. Margaret H. Fannin born c 1799¹⁴⁵ & married James A. Wilborne on 17 Dec., 1827¹⁴⁶
- E. Nancy Fannin born around 1791¹⁴⁷ & married 1st Thomas Atkinson on Oct. 29, 1812. John Fannin was listed as a bondsman.¹⁴⁸ She married 2nd William Winfield, Jr.¹⁴⁹ on Dec. 21, 1825.¹⁵⁰ Nancy was still living at the age of 89 during the 1880 census.¹⁵¹ Thomas & Nancy had a daughter, Sarah A. T. Atkinson, who was born around 1815.¹⁵² William Winfield was born in 1796 in Virginia.¹⁵³ William & Nancy had two children:
- i. John Anderson Winfield (Windfield), a Physician, was born April 4, 1828.¹⁵⁴ He married Elizabeth M. Feild who was born in 1834.¹⁵⁵ John A. Winfield died on October 5, 1896 at Shady Oaks, Sussex Co., Va.¹⁵⁶

John & Elizabeth had the following children:¹⁵⁷

 - a. George W. Winfield born October 4, 1858 and died on July 7, 1931. He married Fannie Mason born October of 1855 and had five children:¹⁵⁸
 - 1a. Susan Mason Winfield born June of 1882
 - 2a. Elizabeth Winfield born 1885
 - 3a. Patricia Louise Winfield born December of 1886 and married Eppes Bass & had one child, Edward Eppes Bass.
 - 4a. Fannie Lee Winfield born February of 1889
 - 5a. Janet Atkinson Winfield born March of 1894
 - b. May Louise Winfield born 1860
 - c. Bessie Cora Winfield born 1862
 - d. John R. Winfield born 1864
 - e. Hattie F. Winfield born 1868, who married Ernest Rogers and had one child, Arthur Rogers.
 - f. Andrew Bryant Winfield born August 3, 1870¹⁵⁹ He married Anna Armistead

Chambliss. They had one child: Bryant DeWees Winfield born September 30, 1892 in Sussex Co., Va. & died May of 1978 in Sussex Co., Va. ¹⁶⁰ He had a son named Bryant D. Winfield, Jr. born November 10, 1918 and died March 1, 1994 at Stony Creek, Sussex Co., Va. ¹⁶¹

- ii. Robert H. Winfield, son of William Winfield, Jr. and Nancy Fannin Atkinson was born around 1830 and married Lucy Seaborn.
Robert & Lucy had one child: Robert Winfield

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ADDENDUM

In researching the family of Bryan Fannin III, I came across several issues that have remained unresolved. Perhaps others interested in this family will be able to pursue them. I submit them here for consideration.

Issue 1: Mrs. Thomas Braxton Fannin, deceased, left a family tree chart that went back several generations before Bryan Fannin, Sr. of Amelia County, Va. (c 1715 – 1765). I did not include this material in my work due to the lack of any documentation proving this lineage and due to the fact that recent DNA tests indicate an Irish ancestry for Bryan Fannin, Sr., whereas Mrs. T. B. Fannin had suggested an English origin. Her theories had been brought forth before by Fannin researchers in the 1960's & 1970's, without conclusive evidence of a connection to Bryan Fannin, Sr. Mrs. Fannin's work, however, was the first that I had seen that included dates and names in an unbroken line from Virginia to Maryland to England.

It is my belief that this information for Mrs. Fannin's family tree chart originated with a Mrs. Luther Isbell (Sarah Lillie Wells Isbell), who was a descendant of Nathan Arendall, the husband of Susannah Fannin, daughter of Laughlin Fannin. This Laughlin Fannin was a son of Bryan Fannin, Sr. My reasoning is based on the fact that Mrs. T. B. Fannin's chart extends in only two lines: 1st Bryan III' family and 2nd Laughlin's family all the way down to Mrs. Isbell of Atlanta, Georgia.

There is a mention of a Will in Mecklenburg County, Va. for Laughlin Fannin on this chart. There is no such Will as far as I know and Laughlin Fannin died in Georgia. If such a Will were discovered, it would indeed be revealing.

Also, the Will of John Fanning (1632 – 1684) from Charles County, Maryland, is mentioned in the chart and should be examined.

Mrs. Fannin's family tree chart is as follows:

- I. John Fanning b. c 1585 d. c 1645 married Elizabeth Bryan
Will – Barkings, Tower Street, London, England

The following is a copy of the Robert Fanning Will of London, mentioned but not included in Mrs. T. B. Fannin's material.

"Robert Fanning of Barking neere Tower Street, London, Tayler. Will 29 May 1672; proved 7 July 1672. To be buried in PARish Curch of Barking aaforsaid. My three houses at the Horse ferry in Westminister, County Middlesex, under the yearly rent of 20s., granted from one Mr. Dauis, the farther most house westward in possession of ____, th the MAster and Governors of Christ Hospital for the use of the poor of said Hospital; to my loving morther Elizabeth Fanning the other two houses, and after her decrease to my Kinsman John Fanning now in Virginia, and son of James Fanning deceased; if he die before my mother, I give one house to John Burger, the other to the children of my sister Mary or the survivor of them. To my neice Sarah Swetnam, daughter of my brother in law ___ Swetnam, my house on the mill-bank at Westminister whereof Mr. Gentle is now tenant. To my godson Abraham Parrat my silver chafing dish, my silver Sugar dish and my silver Poringer. To John Browne that went to Virginia with Mr. Allen and John Fanning aforementioned L50. To my friend Robert Moulton, son of Robert Moulton of Dover L10 for a ring: if he be dead, to my sister Katherine Ebourne, to whom I give L10. To my sister Elizabeth BRyan L5. To my sister Mary Etherton 1s, to her four youngest children L20 to be paid to my brother in law John Etherington. To the parish of Uxbridge, County Middlesex, L5. To the Parish of Barking L5. To my friend Anthony Standford my great Looking glass now standing in my chamber. All the rest of my household stuff to my mother. To my servant George Saunderson all the Things of my trade. To my man Phillip Pritchard all m coarse shirts and L10. To Robert Tirrell L10. To Mrs. Fortuna Fanning, Widow L10. To Mrs. Haddocke, wife of Mr. Richard Haddocke, beltmaker, 40s. To my loving friends Mr. Thomas Allen, Mr. Thomas Carter, Mr. Edward Weldon, Mr. John PArratt, Mr. Richard Spire, Mr. George Hudson 20s each. Executor and residuary legatee; John Burges in St. Mary Ave."

From: Virginia Gleanings in England p.61.

Children of John & Elizabeth Bryan Fanning were:

- II. A. James Fanning b. c 1611 d. c 1660 married Fortunia (Fortuna)Unknown
- B. Mary Fanning married John Etherington (Etheton) and had more than four children
- C. Unknown Daughter married Unknown Swetnam and had a daughter, Sara.
- D. Robert Fanning b c 1612 d. 1672 unmarried
- E. Katherine Fanning m. Unknown Ebowne (Ebourne)
- F. John Fanning died in infancy

Child of James & Fortunia (Fortuna) Fanning was:

- III. A. John Fanning b. c 1632 d. 1684 married Elizabeth Unknown
Will – Colony of Virginia (Charles County., Maryland)

Children of John & Elizabeth Fanning were:

- IV. A. Benoni Fanning b. c 1653 d. c 1713 married Hannah Unknown
- B. Elizabeth Fanning
- C. Marie Fanning
- D. John Fanning b. c 1665 d. 1735 married Jane Unknown & had a daughter, Mary.

Children of Benoni & Hannah Fanning were:

- V. A. John Fanning b. c 1674 d. 1746 married Mary Unknown
- B. Elizabeth Fanning married Unknown Wakefield

Children of John & Mary Fanning were:

- VI. A. Josias Fanning
- B. John Fanning b. c 1695 d. c 1755
- C. Elizabeth Fanning

Child of John Fanning (VI B.)

- VII. A. Bryan Fannin b. c 1715 d. 1765 married Elizabeth Unknown
Will – Amelia County, Virginia

Issue 2: In a book entitled: “Register of Albemarle Parish Surry & Sussex Counties 1739-1778” by Gertrude R.B. Richards, Ph. D 1958, Pg 97, there is a mention of a christening on 22 April, 1764, where Robert Whitehead, Benjamin & Rachael Fanning are listed as Godparents of James W. Whitehead, born to Elisa Whitehead on December 16, 1764.

Not having access to the original register, I am unable to ascertain whether there is a typo or mis-interpretation of the name of Benjamin Fanning. During this time period I have found no other record of a Benjamin Fanning in Sussex or Surry Cos., Va., only the frequent mention of Bryant Fanning.

Issue 3: On Ancestry.com Civil War Records under the heading “Confederate Citizen Braxton Fannin” there appears seven images.

One image states: Fannin, Braxton See Slave roll No. 538, 540, 997, 1055.

In the other images that appear under the name of Braxton Fannin, however, his name is not found. They mention an Isham Fannin, Bryant Fannin, Benjamin Fannin & references to Princeton, Va. and the 8th Va. Cavalry. The connection of these other images to Braxton Fannin is spurious. I believe Ancestry.com’s indexing system has thrown all these records together from various places. This needs followed up. It is my opinion that the only record directly attributed to Braxton Fannin was to reference his name as found on various listed Slave Rolls mentioned above. He was a Virginia slave holder.

Issue 4: I have made very little attempt to research the allied lines to this Fannin family. My primary purpose was to follow the Fannin line as much as possible from Bryan Fannin III to the present.

Further research could be added from the following allied families: Rottenberry, Hobbs, Spiers, Rose, Wilburn (Wilbourne), Winfield, Montague, Horne, Atkinson, Lewis, Doarch, Rollins, Jones, Campbell, Bailey, Owen, Horton, Rogers, Price, Whitaker, Magee, Evans, Dickerson, Brittingham, Weeks, Parham, Curtis, Jarratt and others.

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