

# Todd Families Settlement in NW South Carolina

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## Background

At least eight different Todd families settled in northwest South Carolina in the colonial and early national period. This essay seeks to sort out the various families and indicate their relationships or potential relationships. The TF number indicated with each family is the Todd Family Number assigned to that family to keep track of all the different families.

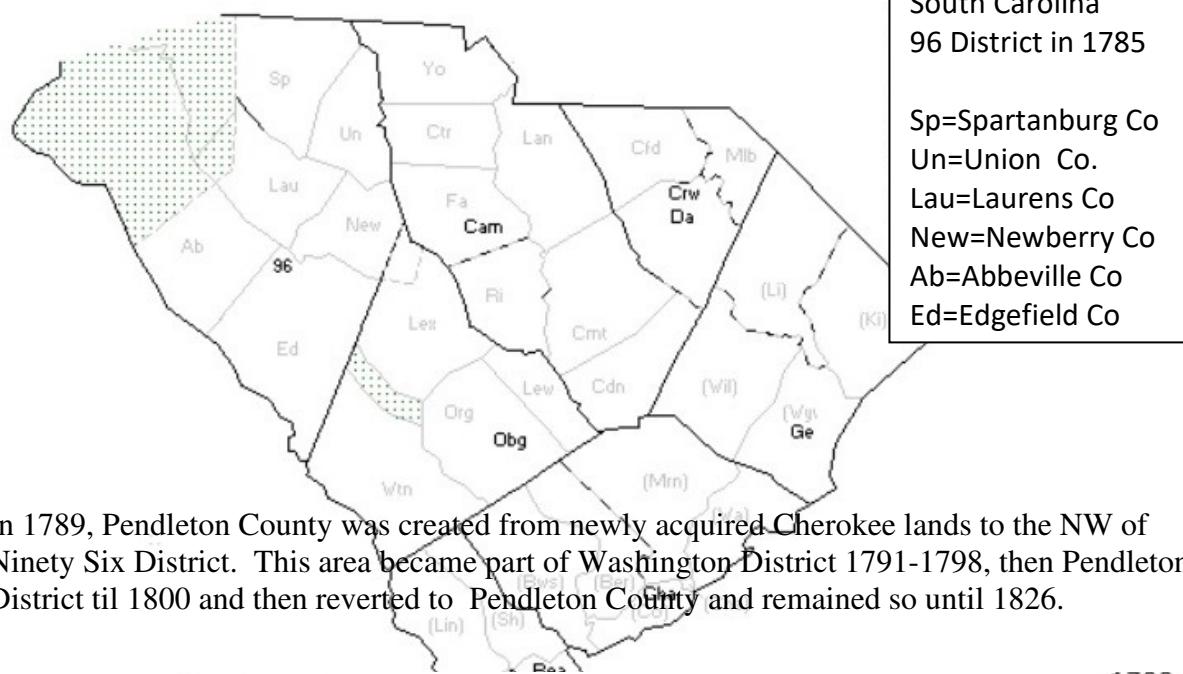
Based on existing DNA evidence, four of those families (Nathan and Patrick: TF 47 and 48 who settled along the Saluda River in Laurens Co and James Todd and Jane Erskine TF 53 and Robert Todd TF46 who both settled in Pendleton Co by 1802) share DNA with each other and with the Todds who lived in the Ballyalbanagh/Ballyclare area of central County Antrim, the same general pattern as the Mary Todd Lincoln group of Todds, referred to as the Group 1 Todds. This pattern is different than the DNA of the other families in the area that have been tested. Three of the families (Archibald TF52 who settled on Ninety-Six Creek in what became Greenwood County, Robert TF 50 who settled on a branch of the Saluda, but further upstream than Nathan and Patrick in Laurens, and the brothers Andrew, John, and Samuel TF 49 who settled in or north of the village of Laurens) all share a DNA pattern identical or similar to each other and to the Todds of County Down and Northern County Antrim/Coleraine.

With respect to the subset of the NW SC Todds who are Group 2 Todds, the Big Y male DNA testing revealed for the Archibald Todd family (TF52) had the same DNA pattern as the Todds of Fenwick, Ayrshire Scotland, the parent pattern of the Group 2 Todds. And Andrew, John, Samuel Todd (TF49) had a mutation pattern most closely related to the Todds of Aghaderg in southern County Down. The Robert Todd (TF50) had a pattern mostly closely related to a County Antrim family that came to Nashville TN by 1780 and then to Xenia Ohio. This pattern was not a descendant of the Northern County Antrim Todds but a parallel branch from the ancestral pattern of the Todds. .

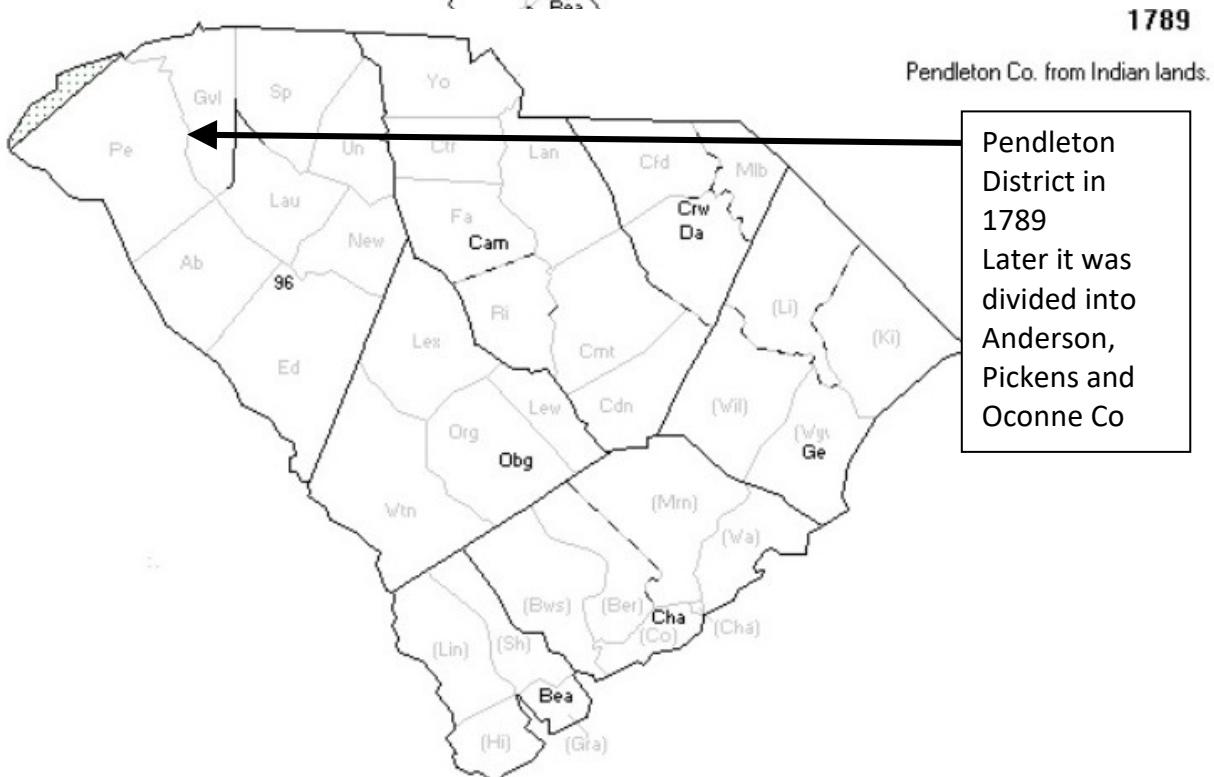
With respect to the subset of the NW SC Todds who are Group 1 Todds, the Big Y male DNA testing revealed that the two Todd families that came to Pendleton District between 1799 and 1802 were most closely related to the Todds who came to Hunterdon Co New Jersey about 1749 and to a Todd family that lived in the townland of Rashee in County Antrim in the early 1800s. The Nathan/Nathaniel Todd d 1828 Laurens Co SC family is its own branch from the trunk of the Todd genetic tree. The Patrick Todd d 1852 Laurens Co SC family has the same pattern as the Todds of the townland of Ballyalbanagh, Co Antrim and the Todds who can be traced back to the 1500s in Haghill of Glasgow, Scotland.

Much of the original research for on these families was done by David Lee Todd, Ann Lackey, Jane Presseau, Dee Bardes, Pat Baron, Myran Morgan-Trask, Benjamin Harris Todd, Leslie Cleveland Todd, Larry Todd, Katheen Williard, Lee A Todd and others.

In 1768, South Carolina created Ninety Six District which included the swath extending between what became in 1785 Spartanburg and Union county in the north, to Laurens and Newberry in the middle and Abbeville and Edgefield in the south.



In 1789, Pendleton County was created from newly acquired Cherokee lands to the NW of Ninety Six District. This area became part of Washington District 1791-1798, then Pendleton District til 1800 and then reverted to Pendleton County and remained so until 1826.



## First Wave of Settlement

The first Todds to settle on this frontier were

- (1) Jean Todd and Archibald Todd who sailed from Belfast to Charleston on the ship Pennsylvania Farmer arriving on December 19, 1772,
- (2) a Robert Todd and Margaret Todd who sailed on the ship Lord Dunluce from Larne on January 6, 1773 and
- (3) a Thomas Todd who settled in what became Spartanburg County<sup>i</sup>.

The first two came over on one of five shiploads of immigrants organized by Reverend William Martin, a covenanter minister of Co Antrim. According to Jean Stephenson who studied the immigration of the families brought to SC b Rev Martin:

"The majority of them were probably from the vicinity of Ballymoney, Ballymena, Kellswater, and Vow, County Antrim." (page 15).

Ballymoney was in the NW of Co Antrim where there was a large concentration of Todds with the DNA pattern of Archibald Todd; Ballymena and Kellswater were in south-central Co Antrim. A Todd family lived in Maxwells Walls, about 3 miles east of Kellswater.

#### Archibald and Jean Todd

Jean and Archibald both settled in the part of Ninety Six District that became Edgefield County in 1785, later Greenwood and Saluda Co. Their lands may have been only a few miles from each other.

Jean Todd's 1773 grant for 100 acres was on Sleepy Creek of Ninety Six District in what became Edgefield County. Sleepy Creek runs into Turkey Creek which flows into Stevens Creek which flows south to the Savannah River near Augusta GA. The land probably lay near the present Sleepy Creek Road about 10 miles SE of Greenwood and probably lay near Ephraim's Branch.<sup>ii</sup>

Mr. Drew Welch ("Drew Welch" <[dwelch@windstream.net](mailto:dwelch@windstream.net)>) cited the following in his study of Sleepy Creek:

1772- Jane/Jean Todd, 100 plat. Moses Kirkland, William Anderson, Thomas Youngblood. SCDA

1774- Jean Todd (later wife of John Walker), grant 100 acres. The Walkers sold the land to Samuel Ramsey and he sold it to William Robertson and Robertson sold it to Azariah Lewis. 1793 Azariah Lewis sells the 100 acres to Thomas Youngblood. Deed Bk 21: 251-253.

1793 ? Azariah Lewis sold land to Thomas Youngblood. Deed Bk 21: 254- 256. Thomas Youngblood and wife Amy sold 60 of these acres to James Adams in 1801. Deed Bk 22: 305-307. 1822- David Youngblood to William Williams, 200 acres between Sleepy Creek and Ephraim's Branch being part of grant to Azariah Lewis. William Youngblood and James Youngblood. John Dorn, M. Adams, Thomas Youngblood. Deed Bk 40: 132.

A map of the location of the creeks mentioned in the Todd land records shows that Jeanne Todd's land was not adjacent to Archibald's but may not have been more than 5 miles away. The reference to Jean Todd later marrying John Walker by Drew Welch supports the contention of Todd historians that Jean Todd was not the wife of Archibald. She may have been a sister or possibly a widow Todd.

Archibald Todd also received land in the portion of Ninety Six District that became Edgefield County, but on Ninety Six Creek which flows north towards the Saluda River. The southern branch of this creek lay only about 5 miles NE of Sleepy Creek. The plat for the land grant states:

date 5 Jan 1773.. unto Archibald Todd a tract of land containing 250 acres on the waters of Ninety Six Creek and Ninety Six District bounded NW by Robert Dickie and Mc Good Land, Ne by Jane Brownlee's land all other vacant. (Plat shows Robert Dubrie rather than Robert Dickie)

Archibald seems to have had the following children:

1. John Todd b 1760s died 1822 Jackson Co GA married Lucinda (possibly Bennett)
2. William Todd b 1760s d 1822 Abbeville Co SC married Elizabeth LNU
3. Sarah Todd<sup>iii. iv</sup> 1774- 1828 Anderson Co. married abt Elisha Bennett d 1833 Anderson Co.
4. Adam Todd b 1780d 1832 Anderson Co SC married Mary Warnock

Archibald's son William Todd secured grants between 1786 and 1793 for over a thousand acres of land on Sleepy Creek, Mountain Creek, Halfway Swamp.

About 1790, the family began moving northwest to the new Pendleton District. In 1789, John Todd bought 200 acre on Hencoop Creek in the portion of Pendleton that became Anderson County.<sup>v</sup> By 1790, we find a Jeanne Todd and a John Todd in Pendleton County, reflecting their recent move. Jeanne had 2 males under 16, therefore born after 1774, presumably Adam Todd b1780 and one other. John had a male under 16, presumably his son James. So this fits with this Jeanne and John being the pair mentioned in the 1793 deed since they did not appear in the census elsewhere in 1790. John Todd also got a grant on McAdoo's Creek for 796 acres – over a square mile which he sold in 1815 (wife Lucinda) when he lived in Jackson Co GA.

In 1793, William sold some of his lands in Edgefield County. That same year, in September 1793, John Todd, his wife Lucy and John's mother Ginnet Todd sold, for the sum of fifty pounds sterling, "one certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred & fifty acres more or less lying on the head of Ninety Sisc Creek Bounded by lands of Nacerness Good Jane Brownlee Robert Dicke" in the presence of William Todd, Thomas Clement Wade, and Joseph McKown-signed John Todd Lucindy B. Todd ( her mark) Jeanny Todd ( her mark). Ed. note: accompanying documents list the mother as Jennet and as Jinit Todd. Recorded 29th Janry 1794. Source: Deed Book 7, pp. 176-178, Probate Judge's Vault, Edgefield County, SC.

Note that the size of the plot (250 acres) and the neighbors are the same as the plat that Archibald received in 1773. Hence, we know that this John Todd who married Lucindy/Lucy/Lucinda B

was the son of Archibald Todd and that the William Todd mentioned therein must be close kin and was probably also a son of Archibald.<sup>vi</sup>

Family tradition states that their daughter Sarah Todd married Rev. Elisha Bennett. Elisha and Sarah Bennett (they had a son Adam Todd Bennett and Archibald Todd Bennett) and Jean Todd are found on deeds together in Pendleton District SC in the 1790s.<sup>vii viii</sup>

John Todd died in Jackson Co AL in 1822; William died in 1822 in Abbeville Co SC; Adam died in 1832 in Anderson Co SC; and Sarah Todd Bennett died in 1828 in Anderson County.

#### Robert Todd and Margaret Todd

Both Robert Todd and Margaret Todd got their own 100 acre grants in 1773, soon after their arrival, both on Rabon Creek, a branch of the Saluda River, though perhaps on different branches of the Rabon.<sup>ix</sup> This may be the Robert Todd who appears in the 1800 and 1810 census in Laurens Co<sup>x</sup> and is the Robert Todd referred to in a 1785 sale of land to William Martin on Todds Branch and Rabon Creek and on William Martin's 1796-1800 sale of that land to John Todd.<sup>xi</sup> Robert Todd is mentioned in a will of Thomas Hood in 1796 in Laurens Co. Another plat to a James Todd in 1816 on Reabon Creek mentions Robert Todd.<sup>xii</sup> This James is probably the male living with Robert in the 1800 census aged 16-25.

James is probably the James Todd b 1774 who migrated to Henderson Co. TN and is probably the son of Robert Todd.

Robert bought an additional 220 acres on Todd's Branch from Charles Madden in 1799<sup>xiii</sup> and then sold 187 acres of it to John Todd in 1808.<sup>xiv</sup> Since this deed of Robert Todd's has a Robert Todd as witness, it could be that Robert Sr had a son Robert Jr.

Robert's son John was the John Todd who appears in the 1800 census with four sons under 10 years old.<sup>xv</sup> John died in 1821. John's will mentions his son-in-law Robert Bryson, his sons Robert, John, James and Charles, his daughter Mary and his wife Nancy.<sup>xvi xvii</sup> Some of these sons (Robert b 1799 to Meriwether Co GA, Charles b about 1790 and John b 1798 to Cass Co GA, and possibly James b 1788 in Spaulding Co. GA.

#### Thomas Todd

Thomas Todd received a 500 acre land grant between the Tygart and Enoree Rivers in Ninety Six District in 1775. This would have been in what became Spartanburg County. Thomas is on the 1790 and 1800 census in Spartanburg. He is a witness to a will in Spartanburg in 1801.<sup>xviii</sup> Stephen Layton was executor of the will of Ambrose Yarborough for which Thomas Todd was a witness in 1788.<sup>xix</sup> Peter Pinell, the son-in-law and second executor of that will witnessed a sale of land to Thomas Todd in 1799 between the Tygart and Enoree Rivers.<sup>xx</sup>

Thomas Todd and wife Ann sold to Edward Musgrove: Plantation on north side of Enoree River; 100 acres, part of property of William Cox, dec'd which he sold to John Briggs, now dec'd whose heirs sold to Thomas Todd. Spartanburg Deed A-69 1785

Thomas Tod and wife Ann to Tilman Bobo - 500 acre grant of Thomas Tod 15 June 1775, Spartanburg Deed A-59, 1786

Thomas Todd to John Thomas Sr of Spartanburg Co 440 acres on south side of Tyger River above ancient boundary. Being part of 640 ac grant to Major Parsons 21 Jan 1785, the other part being land where said Maj. Parsons now Lives Spartanburg Deed A-79 1786

An Andrew Todd b 1795 Co Antrim came into Charleston SC in 1810 and by 1818 was in Garrard Co KY where he married Millie Layton who had lived in the vicinity of Thomas Todd. This could be coincidence or could reflect a kinship between Thomas and Andrew.

### Second Wave

In the 1790s, there was a second wave of immigration – this time to Laurens County - though we are not quite sure about the fate and identity of all of these immigrants.<sup>xxi</sup> The ones we do know are two brothers born in Co Monaghan, northern Ireland, who came to South Carolina about 1790, namely, John Todd 1762-1835 and Samuel Todd 1762-1825. They were both medical doctors.

John Todd married Elizabeth Julia Spencer in 1800 in Laurens. Samuel originally settled in Newberry County but then moved to Laurens.

These two brothers were brother to Andrew Todd b 1756 in Co Down who came to Laurens County in 1816, bought land also immediately<sup>xxii</sup> and was naturalized in 1822. A county history reports that Dr. John and Samuel Todd were brothers of Andrew who came over earlier and the Samuel Todd went back to Ireland to marry.<sup>xxiii</sup>

Slightly later were the migrations of Patrick Todd and Nathan Todd. Patrick and Janet Carmichael Todd arrived in 1798 and settled in Laurens County on Banks Creek a branch of the Saluda River. Nathan Todd bought property in Edgefield, Newberry and Laurens County 1794-1797, eventually settling near Patrick.<sup>xxiv</sup> Nathan appears on the census in 1800 in Newberry and in 1810 in Laurens.<sup>xxv</sup> They share the same DNA pattern – that of the Todds of Ballyalbanagh-Ballyclare area in south-central Co Antrim, the pattern of the Mary Todd Lincoln group of Todds.

### Third Wave

In 1802, a Robert Todd (1784-1844) came to Pendleton District/County and was naturalized in 1813. He married Olive McAllister, daughter of Andrew McAllister almost immediately after arriving.<sup>xxvi</sup> He bought 100 acres on Governance Creek in 1805.<sup>xxvii</sup> In 1830, he obtained a grant for 202 acres on Governor's Creek (a tributary to Rocky River in Anderson District).<sup>xxviii</sup> According to Myran Morgan-Trask, Nathan McAllister was a witness to the 1813 naturalization papers that documented that Robert was from Co Antrim. Since it seems like Archibald's

family was already living next to Nathan McAllister, it seems possible that Robert was kin to Archibald. DNA shows a match with the Group 1 Todds/MTL group of Todds..

James Todd 1766-1850 and Jane Erskine Todd came to South Carolina between 1799 (birth of their son James in Ireland) and 1802 (birth of their son John in 1802).<sup>xxix</sup> He appears in the 1800 census for Pendleton<sup>xxx</sup>

He first, in 1801, bought 200 acres on Broadmouth Creek from Charles Clements which he sold in 1813 to William Owens.

Then, in 1803<sup>xxxi</sup>, he bought land on Broadway Creek from Daniel McAlister (325 acre) and from John Parker (100 acres). In 1809, he sold 200 acres of this to his sons James and John. Then in 1805, he got a grant for 535 acres on Twenty-Six Mile Creek a mile or three west of his Broadway Creek land which he transferred to Joseph Green prior to 1813. In 1820s, he bought and sold land on Broadaway Creek. In 1826, he sold 100 acres on Broadaway Creek to his son James.

and a grant for 802 acres on Cain Creek of Keowee River in what became Oconee County.

About 1833, he had remarried to Sinai Dunscith (spelling?) and by 1834 had a son Robert F Todd with her. He died by 1835 and his widow sold another 100 acres of the Broadaway Creek land. At this time, the land was bordered by the lands of his sons James Todd and John Todd. By this time, William Todd may have moved to Pickens Co (the portion that became Oconee County).

William Todd, son of James Todd Sr., got a grant for 500 acres on Beaverdam Creek in 1805 and purchased 380 acres on Beaverdam Creek in 1808. In 1823, he sold 200 acres of this land on Big Beaverdam Creek.

### Loose Ends

Family Interrelationships: DNA analysis is underway to determine which of the NW South Carolina Todds are related to each other and which are unrelated families that simply crossed paths during the settlement of South Carolina.

Archibald Todd family: There were two Archibald Todd's in Anderson Co – one was the son of Adam Todd who witnessed the guardianship records for Archibald Todd son of Adam's brother William. The 1822 will for William Todd d 1822 states that Archibald Todd was the oldest child of William Todd and the 1830 estate settlement record indicates that he was over 14 and under 21 years old in 1830, hence born 1809-1816.

James Todd/Jane Erskine family: There is a Thomas Todd b 1815-1824 who married Caroline Watson about 1845 and moved to Gwinnett Co GA by 1850. Caroline died in the 1850s and her daughter Jacoline came to live with James Todd back in Anderson County. So we know this Thomas was some kin to the James Todd b 1799, son of James Todd/Jane Erskine. Jacoline's obituary in 1873 stated she had come to live with her uncle James Todd. For James Todd b 1799 to be her uncle, then Thomas Todd b 1815-1824 would have had to have been a much

younger brother of James Todd b 1799. DNA from a descendant of Thomas b 1815-1824 matches the James Todd/Jane Erskine family.

The census evidence is hard to interpret and a bit contradictory but there does seem to be a male who could be this Thomas associated with the family of James Todd/Jane Erskine. The 1820 census shows a male born 1810-1820 who could be this Thomas, but it is not clear whether this young male was a later child of James Todd and Jane Erskine or a first born to James Todd b 1799. The census does not show an older woman and hence Jane Erskine Todd must have died by 1820; but there is a younger woman born 1794-1804 who could either be the second female daughter listed in the 1810 census or could be the new wife of James Todd b 1799 and that young male could be the newborn son of James Todd b 1799, assuming that the young male was closer to being born around 1820.

The 1830 census for James Todd b 1799 includes an older male b 1810-1815 which doesn't quite match with the older male b 1815-1820 in the 1820 census unless he was born 1815. If Thomas was born 1815, then there would have been a 13 year gap between the birth of John Todd in 1802.

**John Todd 1800-1860 and Lucinda Wilson Family:** This John Todd was in Anderson Co in 1850 and went to Paulding Co GA where he died in 1860. DNA suggests he was kin to the Laurens Co Todds of Raborn Creek.

Below are miscellaneous records that we do not have the patience to put in order.

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**Note: In one source I see:**

For instance, each Scottish Covenanter was entitled to 100 acres for himself and 50 acres for his spouse, and an additional 50 acres for each child brought to South Carolina (From Scotch-Irish Migration to SC).

In another source, I see that it was 50 acres for each person in the family.

So for Archibald to get 250 acres under the first scenario would mean Archibald, his wife and 2 children. Under the second scenario, getting 250 acres would be for Archibald, his wife and 3 children. In 1773, Archibald had only 2 children: John and William. His dau Sarah was born 1774 and son Adam was born 1780/81.

In the 1850 census for Cass County (now Bartow County) GA,  
Charles Todd 60 b SC abt 1790  
Elizabeth Todd 50 b SC  
Sarah Todd 18  
Margaret J Todd 15  
Charles M Todd 12 b abt 1838 SC  
Eliza F Todd 7

In addition to Charles in GA, we have in Cass Co a John Todd b 1798 SC and in Meriwether we have a Robert Todd d 1797 SC. And a James b 1788 in Spaulding.

Luckily, we have a DNA sample from Leslie Cleveland Todd a descendant of Robert Todd b 1794/9.

Also, I found this:

As early as December 1, 1786 William Hubbs witnessed a land deed between Haisten Doyall ( Haysttin Dial) and wife Rebecca to John Todd.[1]The identification of William's wife comes from a deed dated 11 Dec 1789 in which William Hubbs sells to George Fuller for L20 100 acres on Sm Branch on the North Side of Reaburns Creek originally granted to Margaret Todd. Conveyed to Frederick Little and in 1787 to Wm. Hubbs.. His wife Elizabeth signs her release of Dower rights.[2]

These are in Jackson Co GA. What is strange is the reference to lands of Archibald Todd. This would be worth getting a copy of.

1818 Dec 27 Deed Book G pg 154. Robert Dowdy to John Wallace both of Jackson 38 ac on Mountain Creek in land of Archebald Todd. signed Robert Dowdy. Wit: Thomas Langley, Joseph Davis. Recorded Jan 14 1820.

1819 Jan 23. Deed Book G pg 149. Robert Dowdy of Hall GA to Robt Venable of Jackson 124 ac on waters of Walnut Fork of Oconee it being part granted unto Charles Sewal and others. signed Robert Dowdy. Wit: Jacob Braselton Jr, John Todd,. Recorded Jan 13 1820.

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The following plats appear to be for Todds that were already in Pendleton County. It is not clear if this James is a son of Archibald or the James Todd md Jane Erskine family.

Series: S213192 Volume: 0040 Page: 00404 Item: 003 Record 253 of 646 records  
TODD, JAMES, PLAT FOR 802 ACRES ON CAIN CREEK, PENDLETON DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY BENJAMIN STARRETT FOR ROBERT AKEN ON MARCH 26, 1803. 7/1/1805 Names Indexed: AKEN, ROBERT; STARRETT, BENJAMIN; TODD, JAMES (This could be the James Todd who appeared on the 1800 census for Pendleton)

Series: S213192 Volume: 0040 Page: 00406 Item: 003 Record 254 of 646 records. This land seems to have passed into the hands of Alexander White by 1829. Page 143-144.

ALEXANDERW HITE- - JOHNS HARP

South Carolina Pickens District, I Alexander White of the District  
aforesaid for the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars paid by John Sharp  
of district aforesaid all that tract of land it being a part of Two surveys  
whereon the said Sharp now lives one survey granted to Samuel H. Dickson  
and the other to James Todd situate on the waters of Cane Creek waters of  
Keowee River containing ninety four acres agreeable to the plat dated 17  
March 1829 Sg: Alex White Wit: Alexander R. White, Felix Moss. Prov. 17

March 1829 Rec. 5 May 1829.

Plantation where James Todd lives, property of Larkin Wright, sheriff's sale of 1829

TODD, JAMES, PLAT FOR 535 ACRES ON TWENTY-SIX MILE CREEK, PENDLETON DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY EDWARD T. MCCLURE FOR JOSEPH GREEN ON JUNE 11, 1803. 7/1/1805 Names Indexed: BRUSTER, JAMES; DYAL, SIMON; GREEN, JOSEPH; HARRIS, BENJAMIN; MCCLURE, EDWARD T.; MILLS, JOHN; SWIFT; TODD, JAMES

Series: S213192 Volume: 0040 Page: 00437 Item: 002 Record 255 of 646 records

TODD, WILLIAM, PLAT FOR 500 ACRES ON ROCKY RIVER, PENDLETON DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY EDWARD T. MCCLURE. 1805 Names Indexed: GEORGE, JOHN; MCCLURE, EDWARD T.; PICKENS, ISRAEL; TODD, WILLIAM; WHITLEY, MOSES

Adam Todd plat for 64 ac on Neils Creek Pendleton 1819

Adam Todd plat for 85.5 ac on Rocky River 1819

\* Series: S213190 Volume: 0029 Page: 00381 Item: 002 Date: 10/4/1793

Description: TODD, JOHN, PLAT FOR 786 ACRES ON MCADOOS CREEK, PENDLETON COUNTY, NINETY SIX DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY SAMUEL H. DICKSON.

Names indexed: DICKSON, SAMUEL H.; TODD, JOHN

Locations: MCADOO CREEK; NINETY SIX DISTRICT; PENDLETON COUNTY; TWELVE MILE CREEK

\* Series: S213192 Volume: 0039 Page: 00126 Item: 001 Date: 11/24/1802

Description: TODD, ADAM, PLAT FOR 206 ACRES ON HENCOOP CREEK, PENDLETON COUNTY, WASHINGTON DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JAMES MILLWEE FOR JOHN TODD ON MARCH 27, 1791.

Names indexed: GRAHAM, EDWARD; GRISIN, BRITON; MILLWEE, JAMES; TODD, ADAM; TODD, JOHN; WILKINSON, JOHN

Locations: HENCOOP CREEK; PENDLETON COUNTY; ROCKY RIVER; WASHINGTON DISTRICT

\*Series: S213192 Volume: 0048 Page: 00078 Item: 001 Date: 11/28/1826

Description: TODD, ANDREW AND MORRIS H. MORRIS, PLAT FOR 337 ACRES ON BRANCHES OF WILSONS CREEK, PENDLETON DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY ARCHIBALD TODD.

Names indexed: MCCOLLISTER, NATHAN; MCFALL, ARTHUR; MCKEE, MRS.; MORRIS, MORRIS H.; TODD, ANDREW; TODD, ARCHIBALD

Locations: PENDLETON DISTRICT; ROCKY RIVER; WILSON CREEK

This is only an overview of the Todds. There is still much history to be compiled to sort out the various Todds. A DNA study is underway to show how these various Todds were related or not.

James Todd to William Owen: James Todd of (Pendleton District, State of South Carolina) for \$200 ...grant..unto said William Owens..200 acres..being part of a track of land containing 821

acres patented to Charles C lemmons ..5 Nov 1792 and conveyed to James Todd by a deed 31 Jan 1801...28 December 1813

Samuel Houston one of the justices of the Quorum: I do certify unto all whom it may concern that Jennet Todd, the wife of the within named James Todd..relinquish.. her claim of dower..December 29, 1813. Jennet Todd her mark. recorded 20 Jan 1814

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I James Todd ..for \$200...to me paid by James and John Todd..granted..to said James and John Todd 200 acres of land part of the plantation where I now live described as follows: bounding William Smith, Dusby Hammond, John George for further particulary to two grants one to Daniel McAlister ....for 100 acres 5 June 1786, the other to John Parker for 1.10 the 6 Nov 1786..signed 9 Oct 1809

wit: James Erskine, William Todd seal of James Todd

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John Todd to James Wilkins; Georgia, Jackson County:

This indenture made 7 Jan 1815 between John Todd of the one part and James Wilkins of the other part ..\$100..sold..tract of land in Pendleton District..205 acres on the east side of Mackadoos Creek, a western branch of 12 mile River being the same whereon John Todd formerly lived and it being part of a tract containing 786 acres granted to the said John Todd on 7 Oct 1793 and recorded in Book I no 5

recorded 16 Dec 1815

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South Carolina, Anderson District

Robert Todd to David A Presley

I Robert Todd of Anderson District South Carolina..\$300..sold..all that tract..300 acres south side of Lutherdaily (sp?) Road on barnches of Governors' Creek and waters of Rockey River originally granted By Mark Bird and purchaes from Arthur McFall bounded by Mourning Belcher, Wm McKee on the south and the sd Todd on the East and North ..rest is hard to read. Andrew Todd was witness.

to Robert Todd's execution of deed. Recorded 4 October 1853

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Anderson District

South Carolina

I Sinai Todd ...have ...sold..unto James Todd..\$100 that of land on waters of Broadway Creek branch of Rocky River adjoining land of James Todd on the West, William M Nevitt on the north, John Todd on the east and Peggy McAllister on the south..100 acres being a tract of land of which James Todd Senr late of the state and District aforesaid died lawfully seized and possessed..6Feb 1835..in presence of Herbert Hammon and William Todd. Recorded 3 August 1835

The petition of the undersigned sheweth that he is a minor under the age of twenty one years and that he is the son and only child of James Todd Senr by his last marriage with his mother Sinai Dunscith (sp?) (her name before marriage to my father) that by reason of his minority he is incapable legally to attend to his legitimate claims for Bounty land to which his said father's services in the last war entitle him; he having served a six month tour in the Creek nation of Indians and in order that he may realize his interest he same presents this his petition desiring you to nominate and appoint my true and lawful guardian to act for me in the prosecution of the aforesaid claim in your so doing you will confer a special favor on your petitioner who as you may know is over the age of fourteen and under twenty one years. Sixth day of December 1853

Robert F. Todd

I accept the nomination and appointment of Guardian for the above named minor R.F. Todd this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1854. James Todd

Recorded in Bond Book Vol 2 page 45, 10/10/54

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Court of Ordinary

Know all men by these presents, that we James Todd and James M Erskine of Anderson District.. are bound unto Herbert Hammond Esquire, Ordinary for the District..in the full and just sum of three hundred dollars ..for which payment. We bind ourselves.. 10 October 1854..that if the said James Todd shall and do well and faithfully execute the duties of Guardian and also yearly and every year account unto the said Ordinary..then the above Obligation to be null and void , otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

James Todd  
J.M. Erskine

Sealed and delivered in the presence of:  
Alexr Moorhead

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It is ordered and decreed that the Tuition, Guardianship and Education of the said Robert F. Todd be and are hereby committee to the said James Todd charging him to maintain and educate the said Robert F. Todd...10 Oct 1854

..  
I acknowledge to have received of James Todd, a United States Bounty land warrant granted to Robert F. Todd, dated 20 Nov 1855 for 80 acres signed by J. Minot Commissioner No 12341 which warrant I have taken with a view of purchasing from the said Robert F. Todd who resides in Florida and who is not of the full age of twenty one years and should I fail to see \_\_\_ or to purchase the said warrant than I am to account therefore with the understanding that I pay one dollar per acre I bought this 23rd day of May 1856.

I have also received of the same a certificate of location for Robert F. Todd for eighty acres to hand to the said Robert F. or otherwise account for.

A.N.McFall

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Recd of James todd, Guardian a Certificate of Location of eighty acres dated at Newnanville, Fla 19<sup>th</sup> January 1855. Located by the said James Todd my guardian for me upon the east half the south east quarter of Section Ten in Township thirteen South of Range Nineteen East signed by Paul McCormick Register and also a bounty land warrant issued at the Department of the Interior 20 Nov 1855 No 12341 signed by J. Minot Commissioner also for eighty acres in full of all my claim of interest or demands.

Coming to me from the said James Todd Guardian and I hereby discharge him from all further liability in and about his said Guardianship 29 day May 1856 R.F. Todd  
Witness: A.N. McFall

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<sup>i</sup> Thomas Todd ..500 acres..96 District, in the fork of the Tygert & Enore River on a branch called Cader Hose Creek ..NE on James McDowell's, Nw on land to Jane unknown, n fellows NE Chrstr Casey 3 June 1775 (This would have been in Spartanburg County)

<sup>ii</sup> We infer a location near Ephraim's Branch because of later deeds: 1785- Azariah Lewis, plat 112 acres. on Ephraim Branch. Thomas Harkin, John Harkin, Kirkland, Thomas Youngblood. SCDA.

1793 ? Azariah Lewis sold land to Thomas Youngblood. Deed Bk 21: 254- 256. Thomas Youngblood and wife Amy sold 60 of these acres to James Adams in 1801. Deed Bk 22: 305-307. 1822- David Youngblood to William Williams, 200 acres between Sleepy Creek and Ephraim's Branch being part of grant to Azariah Lewis. William Youngblood and James Youngblood. John Dorn, M. Adams, Thomas Youngblood. Deed Bk 40: 132.

<sup>iii</sup> The evidence for William being a brother of Adam is a record of a William Todd Another son of Archibald, William Todd, could possibly be added here, based on William's probate records in which the children of the deceased William reference Adam Todd as "Uncle". William Todd died in the Pendleton District sometime after 11 Sep 1822, the date of the will. The LW&T of William Todd named his children and described their property inheritance, which included negroes and land:

Archibald received negro Nathan, valued at \$350.

William received negro Aimon, valued at \$300; & 283 Acres in Edgefield Dist, being 2nd & 3rd quality.

Terza received negro Mariah, valued at \$375. She was the oldest daughter.

Mary Ann received negro Elihu, valued at \$325.

Serena received negro Washington, valued at \$275.

Children Mary Ann, Archibald and William, minors over the age of 14 (less than 21) and incapable of managing father William's estate, "pray that Uncle Adam may be appointed" guardian. Adam Todd signed a "willingness to accept". Adam Todd was described as a steady and honest man, excellent and undoubted character, in good circumstances and in every way qualified to discharge the duties of a guardian (document dated 6 Jun 1830).

Serena was the youngest child, being under 12 years. Documents bear the signature of Elizabeth Todd, wife of William. When Uncle Adam Todd died (19 Oct 1832), a John Todd (unspecified relation) was appointed guardian of Serena.

Myran Morgan, the Descendants Project

<sup>iv</sup> **1800** Thomas Todd 1001-0001 Pendleton District p 92 of 126  
James Todd 1101-2001 James=1755-1774: sons 1790-1800, 1784-1790 p 88 of 126; Pendleton Robert Todd 1001-2001 p 25 of 50; James Todd 1201-0101 p 43 of 50; Adam/Adam Todd 1001-301 p 47 of 50

<sup>v</sup> 1789 James Moore to John Todd, 200 a on Hen Coop Creek of Rocky River. Witn: William Todd (p131-134) p 8

<sup>vi</sup> 1 Archibald Todd

..... 2 Adam Todd b: February 16, 1781 d: October 19, 1832

..... +Mary Warnock b: January 27, 1787 d: June 11, 1865

..... 3 Archibald Todd, Capt. b: December 31, 1803 SC d: 1860

..... +Jane E. McAlister b: Abt. 1820 SC

..... 3 Elizabeth Todd b: October 20, 1805 SC d: July 08, 1879

..... +John McFall b: January 10, 1799 SC d: February 14, 1864 Anderson Co., SC

..... 3 Jane Todd b: March 07, 1808 d: April 26, 1847

..... +Hezekiah Rice b: August 15, 1804 d: December 18, 1830 Belton, Anderson Co. SC

..... 3 Mary Amanda Todd d: Bef. February 07, 1861

..... +unk. George

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..... 3 Ellen Todd d: Bef. February 07, 1861  
..... +Jones  
..... 3 R. Willis Todd  
..... 3 John L. Todd d: Bef. September 07, 1862  
..... 3 William P. Todd  
..... 3 James Austin Todd  
..... 3 Joseph Addison Todd d: Bef. September 07, 1862  
..... 3 Sarah Ann Todd  
..... +George Roof  
..... 2 Mary Sarah Todd b: Abt. 1774 d: November 27, 1828  
..... +Elisha Bennett, Sr. b: Abt. 1766 VA d: September 30, 1833 Anderson Co. SC  
..... 3 Archibald Todd Bennett  
..... 3 John Bennett  
..... 3 Tabitha Bennett  
..... +Archibald Mayfield  
..... 3 Stephen Bennett b: 1789 d: TX  
..... +Mary Breazeale b: 1789 SC d: TX  
..... 3 Jenny Bennett b: 1795  
..... +Robert Dowdle  
..... 3 Adam Todd Bennett b: 1802  
..... +Elizabeth Barmore  
..... 3 Elisha Bennett, Jr. b: January 1802  
..... +Cynthia Watson b: Abt. 1800  
..... 3 Echloe Bennett b: Abt. 1810 d: March 1828  
..... 3 Mitchell Bennett b: Abt. 1817 d: January 20, 1827  
2 William Todd b 1760s md about 1800 d 1822 Abbeville md Elizabeth LNU  
3 Mary Ann Todd b 1801-1807  
3 Archibald Todd b 1801-1807 possibly the Archibald who married Jane Erskine McAllister abt 1845  
3 William Todd b 1801-1807  
3 Terze  
3 Serena born after 1807

First three chose "uncle Adam Todd" as guardian in 1822; Serena became Guardian of a John Todd in 1832.

2 John Todd b 1760s d 1822 Jackson Co GA md abt to Lucinda LNU (possibly Bennett) b 1760-1770  
3 James Todd d 1837 Pickens Co AL md 1810 Jackson Co Ga to Charlotte Bennett  
3 William Todd b abt 1794, married by 1815 possibly Mary Bennett=>Pickens Co AL by 1830  
3 Adam Todd b 1810-20

<sup>vii</sup> Rootsweb message board, 1999 by Timothy Dean Hudson:

<sup>viii</sup> Submitted by: Larry TODD

Email address: LLTCJT@cox-internet.com

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Husband: James TODD  
Birthdate: before 1786  
Birthplace: Anderson Co., SC  
Death date: December 15, 1837  
Place of death: Pickens Co., AL  
Father: John TODD  
Mother: Lucinda \_\_\_\_?

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Marriage date: May 05, 1810

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Marriage place: Jackson Co., GA

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Wife: Charlotte BENNETT

Birthdate: about 1790

Birthplace: Sullivan Co., TN

Death date: November 11, 1841

Place of death: Pickens Co., AL

Father: Stephen BENNETT

Mother: Grissel WADE

Note that an Elisha Bennett and a Stephen Bennett are listed on the 1800 census for Pendleton District. Some believe that the John Todd who died in Jackson County GA in 1823 with William Todd and Lucinda Todd as administrators was the John Todd of Pendleton District in 1790 and of the 1793 Edgefield Co deed. Some assert that the James above who married Charlotte Bennett in Jackson Co GA was the son of John and Lucinda. "That same source asserts that John and Lucinda had sons James born about 1786 and William born about 1794 who both married Bennetts, James marrying Charlotte Bennett in 1810 in Jackson Co; William marrying Polly Bennett." James and William went to Pickens County Alabama where James died in 1837.

<sup>ix</sup>6 Jan 1773..laid out unto Margaret Toad..tract of land..100 acres ..in Craven County to the NE side of Reburns Creek on a small branch..called Reynolds Branch bounded to the Wward by..John Riche Senr all other sides on Vacant land surveyed 18 March 1773

Series: S213184 Volume: 0020 Page: 00362 Item: 02 Record 1 of 3 records

6 day of Jany 1773.. laid out unto Robert Toad a tract 100 ares ..NinetySix District between Board & Saludy Rivers on a small branch of Williamson Creek, the waters of Reburns Creek and from thence to Saluda. NW by Jno Helms sr, E by Patrick Cunningham esq, SW by vacant land surveyed 29 March 1773 Robert Todd is mentioned in a grant to William Martin on Todds Branch in 96 District. Series: S213190 Volume: 0006 Page: 00210 Item: 000 Date: 6/11/1785 Note the Charles Madden got a grant on Todds branch 199 220

Description: MARTIN, WILLIAM, PLAT FOR 640 ACRES ON TODDS BRANCH, NINETY SIX DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOHN RODGERS. Names indexed: MARTIN, JOHN; MARTIN, WILLIAM; RODGERS, JOHN; SWARING, JOHN; TODD, ROBERT Locations: NINETY SIX DISTRICT; RABON CREEK; TODD CREEK Document type: PLAT

<sup>x</sup>1800 Robert Todd 00101-4211 p 50 Burnsides Company; <sup>1810</sup> Robert Todd 10001-12201 25 of 77; 1810 James todd 2001-01 Laurens SC p 26 of 77

<sup>xi</sup> 1796-1800 John and William Martin to John Todd, Dirty Creek of Raeburns (Gp119)

<sup>xii</sup> Series: S108093 Reel: 0016 Frame: 00134 Item: 000 Date: 1796 C

Description: HOOD, ROBERT OF LAURENS COUNTY, WILL TYPSCRIPT (MSS WILL: ESTATE RECORD BOOK A-1, PAGE 201) (2 FRAMES). Named indexed: COCHRAN, JOHN; CUNINGHAM, PATRICK; CUNNINGHAM, JENNY; CUNNINGHAM, KELLY; HARRIS, THOMAS; HOOD, JANE; HOOD, ROBERT; HOOD, THOMAS; OSBOURN, DAN; RICHARDSON, THOMAS; SHACKLEFORD, RICHARD; TODD, ROBERT

<sup>xiii</sup> 1799 Charles Madden to Robert Todd 225 acres on Todd Branch of Raborns b on John Todd (F492)

<sup>xiv</sup> 1808 Robert Todd to James Todd 187 ac bounding on Robert Todd. Wit: Robert Todd (J17)

<sup>xv</sup>We have a census record for 1800 that lists a John Todd with 4 sons under 10.

Laurens: John Todd 4001-1101 Laurens Co, SC p 49

<sup>xvi</sup> We have a will for John Todd in Laurens County:

I John Todd of Laurens District..

son in law Robert Bryson \$5 and 100 acres of land

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to my son James Todd it being a tract of land of which he has bin in possession  
\$5 to my son Charles Todd  
the rest to my wife Nancy Todd during her life and at her decease and equal divided if theland to take palce  
between my sons Robert and John Todd and likewise  
and equal divadant of my other property remaing between my sons and daughter viz Robert John and Mary Todd  
January 22, 1821

Witn:  
William McClonehan  
James Todd  
John Hobbs  
Will Book E, p 162 Proven May 4, 1821

<sup>xvii</sup> We have a will for William Bryson in Laurens Co in 1807 that bequeaths to his son Robert the 175 acres he sold to John Todd.

Also, a later plat to a James Todd mentions Robert Todd and Reabon's Creek, possibly in the same area: **Series: S213192 Volume: 0044 Page: 00178 Item: 003 Date: 4/23/1816 Description: TODD, JAMES, PLAT FOR 30 ACRES ON REABOURNS CREEK, LAURENS DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOHN COCHRAN ON AUGUST 29, 1808. Names indexed: COCHRAN, JOHN; COLE, SOLOMON; FINLEY, PAUL; HOOD; TODD, JAMES; TODD, ROBERT Locations: LAURENS DISTRICT; RABON CREEK Document type: PLAT**  
3/9/1822 Description: TODD, CHARLES, PLAT FOR 143 ACRES ON RAYBORN CREEK, LAURENS DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOHN MCCLELLAN FOR ROBERT TODD ON MARCH 7, 1822.

<sup>xviii</sup> WILLIAMSON, HENRY OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT, WILL TYPSCRIPT (2 FRAMES) 1801, Series: S108093

Reel: 0024 Frame: 00171 Item: 000 Record 223 of 646 records

<sup>xix</sup> 1788 Will of Ambrose Yarborough names wife Mary, children Ann Pinnell, Jeremiah, Humphrey, John and Mary Yarborough. Peter Pinnell & Stephen Layton excetors. Jonathan Pinnell mentioned in conveyance of land.

Witnesses: Thomas Todd

<sup>xx</sup> 1799 Peter Pennell witnessed sale by Samuel Casey to Thomas Todd between Enoree River & Tygar River

<sup>xxi</sup> John Todd, a native of Ireland resident in the US since Dec 1790 was naturalized in 1808 with Samuel Todd as witness.

Andrew Todd, a native of Ireland resident in the US since Jan 1794 was naturalized in 1808 with Samuel Todd as witness.

Samuel Todd and Robert Alexander Todd resident in the US since 1800 were naturalized in 1808.

John Todd is undoubtedly John 1762-1835 who married Elizabeth Julia Spencer; Andrew is a puzzle since Samuel Todd's brother Andrew came to SC in 1816 and this Andrew is already here in 1794; Samuel could be the Samuel Todd 1761-1825, brother to John and Andrew, but it is unclear who the Robert Alexander Todd was.

<sup>xxii</sup> 1818 Hardyman Duke to Andrew Todd wit: Blewers, Sam'l Todd (acres got cut off (K241)p396

<sup>xxiii</sup> THE ANNALS of NEWBERRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA states that Andrew Todd and Dr Samuel Todd were brothers. Samuel returned to Ireland to marry Isabella Kerr. Another Andrew came in 1816. His wife came the next year. with Mrs. Mary McCalla whose husband had emigrated in 1798. Dr. John Todd was also their brother. Both John and Samuel came from County Monaghan in 1785. They stopped in Charleston and then moved to Newberry before finally settling in the Laurens District. Their youngest brother, Andrew stayed in Ireland until 1816. He was married to Jane West and later Mary Simpson. These families left noteworthy descendants in America. Source: Posting of AnnLackey, Sept 18, 2004.

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In February 1794, Andrew Brown for five shillings sold to Nathan Tod, both of Edgefield County, SC, 200 acres in

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Berkley County but now called Edgefield County, originally granted to Elizabeth Verditty, who in her lifetime conveyed said land to George Haig, now deceased, George Haig, son of George Haig, deceased, and Andrew Brown. This land bordered on the Santee otherwise called the Saludy River (Edgefield Deed Book #9, pages 264 - 269).

On January 20, 1797 Nathan Todd bought 150 acres on Smith's Creek near the Saluda River in Laurens County, SC from Thomas Fakes for 75 pounds sterling. The land was bordered by that of the Widow Proctor, John Meeks, and William Watson, and was in the Spring Grove Section near Cross Hill (Laurens Co. Deed Book F, page 225). Elijah Stone got a plat on Smiths Creek page 236 26.5 acres location Book E 1791-1803. Thomas Fax got a plat on a Branch of Smith's Creek, p 239 151 acres. In 1835, Samuel and Thomas TODD received \$23.60 from Nathan T. PROCTOR as "our mother's share of the tract of land lately owned by Nathan TODD..." (Laurens Co., Deed Book "N," page 106).

On February 22, 1797, Nathan Todd purchased 72 1/2 acres in Newberry Co., SC on Mudlick and Mill Creeks for 30 pounds sterling from William Day. The land he bought had originally been part of 300 acres granted to John Red (Newberry County Deeds, Volume C, page 1044). This property is close to the Newberry Co. and Laurens Co. line, very near Nathan's Laurens Co. property.

A deed recorded April 7, 1800, states that Richard Tear of Newberry County sold to Nathan Todd of Laurens County 100 acres on Kings Creek for 35 pounds sterling. It goes on to say that this land was part of 300 acres granted to Francis Davis and conveyed by him to John Adkins and by Adkins to Charles Wilson and by him, dated November 7, 1798, Richard Tear (Newberry County Deed Book "D", pages 529-530).

A deed dated October 12, 1802 states that Nathan Todd of Newberry District for a sum of \$1,000 sold to William Stewart of Edgefield District 200 acres on the south side of the Saluda River originally situated in Berkely County, SC but now called Edgefield District. Furthermore, this land was originally granted to Elizabeth Verdety in 1754, sold to Andrew Brown, and then sold to Nathan Todd. The deed also states that Isbell Todd, wife of Nathan Todd, did sign her right of dower to the within named 200 hundred acres (Edgefield Co., SC Deed Book 23, page 311).

Source of the above: David Todd in a rootsweb posting about Nathan of March 1, 2003.

<sup>xxv</sup> 1800 Nathan Todd 02011-01001 Newberry District, SC; 1810 Laurens Co, nathan Tod 00221-00101 p 34 of 77

<sup>xxvi</sup> Robert and Olive's children were:

1. Andrew Todd b: 1804 in Anderson District, SC 1872 Anderson County SC.
2. Jane M. Todd b: 1809 in Anderson District, SC
3. Mary Ann Todd b: ABT 1814 in Anderson District, SC
4. Elizabeth Todd b: ABT 1816 in Anderson District, SC
5. Margaret C. Todd b: ABT 1817 in Anderson District, SC
6. James Todd b: 1819 in Anderson District, SC
7. John Todd b: 9 SEP 1822 in Anderson District, SC
8. Robert Todd b: ABT 1827 in South Carolina=>Milam TX

<sup>xxvii</sup> Orange Davis to Robert Todd, 100 ac on Governance Creek of Rocky River. Witn: Nathan McAllister (p148) p 559, in Betty Willie, Pendleton District SC deeds 1790-1806.

<sup>xxviii</sup> Series: S213192 Volume: 0049 Page: 00218 Item: 002

Date: 7/20/1830 Description: TODD, ROBERT, PLAT FOR 202 ACRES ON GOVERNORS CREEK, ANDERSON DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY ADAM TODD. Names indexed: DAVIS, M.; ELROD, J.; HAMILTON, S.; MCCALLESTER, NATHAN; MCFARR, ARTHUR; TODD, ADAM; ROBERT Locations: ANDERSON DISTRICT; GOVERNORS CREEK; ROCKY RIVER Document type: PLAT

<sup>xxix</sup> James Todd and Jane Erskine's children were:

1. William Todd b 1789 d 1875 Oconee Co SC md pr 1816 Mary Bolton Richards
2. Margaret Pogue Todd b 1793 Ireland d 1883 Anderson Co SC md 1819 William McAllister

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3. James Todd b 1799 SC d 1877 Kosse, Limestone Co TX md pr to 1824 Margaret Richards
4. John Todd b 1802-1808 d 1860 Anderson Co SC md about 1830 Elizabeth Moss

<sup>xxx</sup> James Todd 1101-2001 James=1755-1774: sons 1790-1800, 1784-1790 p 88 of 126  
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