

WILLIAM (BILLIE) BURLESON

(Grandpa Billie)



Grandpa Billie as he was known on Canton Road was quite a character. Almost all the older Burlesons remember him and they all have stories passed down about him. He raised two families. His first wife was Sarah Harwood. They raised seven known children, two girls and five boys. Sarah died sometime October 1855.

Billie had three sons already in the service: Absolom in the 10th Artillery, Ebin in the 28th NC, and Isaac in the 42nd NC. Howell would follow in June 1864. He married Rhoda Springer and raised seven more children. Men of the William "Billie" Burleson Family that Served North Carolina.

William "Billie" Burleson was born in 1812 on the Little Bear Creek in the Western part of Montgomery County that is now known as Stanly County.

The leaders of Stanly County anticipated the War Between the States. They raised a company of infantry for State Service two weeks before North Carolina seceded. Billie's two younger brothers, Lee and Nathan, would join the first day and both would die in the war.

Before the war concluded at Appomattox, every Burleson listed as "Head of Household" in the 1860 census from Stanly County and their sons of age served our Confederate States of America.

In February 1862, Billie's third oldest son Isaac, age 20, volunteered in Company C 42nd Infantry. He would serve North Carolina and the Army of Northern Virginia.

In March of 1862 Billie's second oldest son Ebin, age 22 volunteered in Company K of the 28th Infantry.

In August 1862 the oldest son Absalom, volunteered for the Artillery.

The fourth oldest son, Howell, age 16, was conscripted in June 1864 into the 70th Regiment of Junior Reserves.

Billie's two daughters were both married to husbands who served our South. William Hatley enlisted at age 22 years in March 1862 into Company C 42nd Infantry. Daniel Bowers was conscripted into Company F, 5th North Carolina. This left only the youngest son William Jr., age 13, at home to protect and provide for the seven families whose heads of household were gone to war.

WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁷ BURLESON (*ISAAC BURLESON⁶ JR, ISAAC SR⁵ BURLESON, JOHN⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹*) was born 29 Jan 1812 in MONTGOMERY CO, NC (NOW STANLY CO, NC), and died 27 Nov 1896 in STANLY CO, NC FAG#10714315. He married (1) SARAH (SARY) HARWOOD 09 Dec 1832 in STANLY CO, NC, daughter of HOWELL HARWOOD and CELIA ALMOND. She was born 1810 in MONTGOMERY CO, NC (NOW STANLY CO, NC), and died Oct 1855 in STANLY CO, NC FAG#115899516. He met (2) CHRISTINA ALMOND 1863, daughter of NATHAN ALMOND and MARY "POLLY". She was born 1840 in NC, and died 09 Aug 1885 in STANLY CO, NC 109867793. He married (3) RHODA SPRINGER 1865, daughter of REUBEN SPRINGER and FRANCES WIGGENS. She was born 1836, and died in STANLY CO NC FAG#115907522.

Children of WILLIAM BURLESON and SARAH HARWOOD are:

- i. SUSANNAH (SUSAN)⁸ BURLESON, b. 24 Jul 1833, MONTGOMERY CO NC; d. 05 Jun 1901, MILLINGPORT, STANLY CO, NC FAG#30205242; m. DANIEL BOWERS, 09 Dec 1852, STANLY CO NC; b. 24 Mar 1830, MONTGOMERY CO NC; d. 12 Dec 1904, MILLINGPORT, STANLY CO, NC FAG#30204484.
- ii. ABSALOM BURLESON, b. 07 Feb 1835, MONTGOMERY CO, NC; d. 19 Aug 1898, Stanly Co, NC FAG#13422835; m. SARAH ANN SIDES; b. 29 Dec 1841, MONTGOMERY CO, NC; d. 11 Jul 1925, Stanly Co, NC FAG#166775239.

- iii. ELIZABETH (BETTY) BURLESON, b. 13 May 1837, MONTGOMERY CO NC (NOW STANLY CO, NC); d. 24 Aug 1904, STANLY CO NC FAG#114064009; m. WILLIAM M HATLEY; b. 28 Jan 1840, MONTGOMERY CO NC (NOW STANLY CO, NC); d. 09 Dec 1917, 114063990.
- iv. EBEN (EBIN) BURLESON, b. 11 Jan 1839, STANLY CO, NC; d. 27 Jan 1926, STANLY CO, NC FAG#102829519; m. (1) MARY CATHERINE SIDES, 10 Jan 1867; b. 25 Jul 1846, STANLY CO, NC; d. 11 Feb 1891, STANLY CO, NC FAG#204875160; m. (2) DORA HOPKINS, 16 Apr 1893, ALBEMARLE, NC; b. 17 Jan 1874, STANLY CO, NC; d. 05 Apr 1951, STANLY CO NC FAG#102829559.
- v. ISAAC BURLESON, b. 20 May 1842, STANLY CO NC; d. 08 Apr 1910, ALBEMARLE NC FAG#13399074; m. MARY ANN HEARNE; b. Feb 1841; d. 11 Nov 1897, ALBEMARLE, NC.

More About ISAAC BURLESON:

Burial: BURLESON FAMILY CEM #1 BURLESON RD ALBERMALE, NC

Fact 1: 01 Feb 1862, ENLISTED CO C 42nd Hoke's Bde CSA

- vi. HOWELL BURLESON, b. 09 Jan 1845, STANLY CO, NC; d. 12 Nov 1904, STANLY CO, NC FAG#13398698; m. JUDITH "JUDIE" BURRIS, 24 May 1870; b. 23 Nov 1840, STANLY CO, NC; d. 19 Jan 1918, STANLY CO, NC FAG#58007555.
 - vii. WILLIAM HOLMES BURLESON, b. 22 Apr 1849, STANLY CO, NC; d. 08 Sep 1873, ALBEMARLE, NC FAG#102829333; m. MARGARET ANN HATLEY, 02 Aug 1870; b. 18 Jul 1855, STANLY CO, NC; d. 10 Aug 1905, STANLY CO, NC FAG#107445160.
- Burial: BURLESON CEM#2 ON PARKER RD, ALBEMARLE, NC

Child of WILLIAM BURLESON and CHRISTINA ALMOND is:

- viii. CATHERINE CLIFFORD^s ALMOND, b. 15 May 1864, NC; d. 22 Oct 1939, MORGAN FORD, ROWAN CO, NC; m. JOHN ELI VANHOY, 31 Aug 1884; b. 23 Apr 1868, STANLY CO, NC; d. 27 Nov 1932, STANLY CO, NC.

Children of WILLIAM BURLESON and RHODA SPRINGER are:

- ix. REUBIN^s BURLESON, b. 25 Dec 1865; d. 21 Nov 1887.
- x. NAOMI (DARL) BURLESON, b. 02 Mar 1867, STANLY CO, NC; d. 26 Jun 1939, STANLY CO, NC FAG#107730128; m. THOMAS WEBSTER ROGERS, 01 Oct 1891; b. 09 Jan 1867, UNION CO, NC; d. 29 Aug 1911, 53196096. Burial: CANTON BAPTIST CH CEM, STANLY CO, NC
- xi. HANNAH BURLESON, b. 02 Mar 1870; d. 19 Apr 1906, 77859774; m. JOHN HARRIS LOWDER, 18 May 1905; b. 13 Nov 1852, STANLY CO NC; d. 06 Jun 1926, STANLY CO NC 77859769. Burial: SALEM UMC CEM, MILLINGPORT, STANLY CO NC
- xii. JAPATHY BURLESON, b. 04 Jun 1871, STANLY CO, NC; d. 22 Oct 1953, STANLY CO, NC FAG#110644137. Burial: CANTON BAPT CH CEM, ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC
- xiii. DIXIE BURLESON, b. 23 Jun 1873, STANLY CO NC; d. 26 Sep 1940, STANLY CO NC FAG#81237422; m. MARYLAND CEPHAS (BUD) FURR, 28 Jan 1894, STANLEY CO NC; b. 08 Oct 1871; d. 22 Jul 1951, STANLY CO, NC FAG#81256503. Burial: BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPT CH, ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC
- xiv. HAM BURLESON, b. 27 Feb 1876, STANLY CO NC; d. 22 Dec 1915, SALISBURY, ROWAN CO, NC FAG#110643605; m. ELLEN LENTZ, 20 Feb 1896, ROWAN CO, NC; b. 25 Nov 1875, ROWAN CO NC; d. 06 Jul 1974, HIGH POINT, GUILFORD CO, NC FAG#48660795. Burial: CHESTNUT HILL CEM, SALISBURY, ROWAN CO, NC
- xv. SHEM BURLESON, b. 27 Feb 1876, STANLY CO NC; d. 09 Apr 1954, FAG#81214274; m. JANIE ALICE BURLESON, 14 Sep 1902; b. 03 Nov 1883, STANLY CO, NC; d. 20 Jan 1963, WINSTON SALEM, FORSYTH CO, NC FAG#68468089. Burial: BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, STANLY CO, NC

Family Members

Parents



Isaac Burleyson Jr
1784-1863



Catherine Cassel/Burleyson
1789-1867

Siblings



Dovie Burleson Harwood
1818-1883



Christena "Tena" Burleyson Almond
1820-1901



Joseph Burleyson
1822-1902



Lee Burleyson
1826-1864



Nathan Burleyson
1832-1863

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



J.D. Burleson was born December 1, 1948, in Durham, Durham County, North Carolina. Graduated from East Davidson High School in 1968, and joined the US Army, spent the year of 1969 in Vietnam as a military policeman. After graduating from Central Texas, JD was a Professor of Law Enforcement. JD served 10 years on active duty and joined the US Army Reserve, in the 108th Division Infantry Training, retiring after a total of 27 year duty.

JD started looking for his great grandfather in 1993, and has spent over 30 years researching and documenting the greater Burleson Heritage. He started the Burleson Family Research Group, and along with many other Burleson Researchers they have published 12 books on the Descendants of Isaac Burleson Sr.

In 2016, JD retired from Wright of Thomasville, after 37 years of services as Plant Manager. After retiring he started traveling and looking for extended cousins. Thru the efforts of many Burlesons & kin we have expanded the BFRG research across the US and around the world, so we are looking forward to many more books about our Burleson History and Heritage.

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