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SECTION "A".

ADVENTURES OF OUR ANCESTORS

JOEL & DANIEL CROOM/CROOME

NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

We have very little information concerning JOEL CROOM-E of early New Kent County, Va., living in King William Parish, and among those who paid a quit-rent in 1704. At that time land owners had to pay a tithe, or tax, levied by the Church of England. Joel had to pay this tax on 600 acres of land. In the 1600's, Settlers; Emigrants from England, Ireland, Scotland, etc., did not always purchase land directly, but could obtain a "Headright" of 50 acres for each person he transported to America. However, By 1705 in Virginia, the Warrants for these Grants were sold legally at a rate of 5 Shillings per

Notice on the map of Virginia; New Kent County adjoins King William County on the northeast, Charles City & James City Counties on the south, and Henrico County on the west. Remember the first load of emigrants to land in America, or this is what History says; Landed at what was later named "Jamestown", Virginia in 1607, which is in James City County on the banks of the large river which they also named James River. The King of England was "James" at that time.

Now, How did Joel Croom come by 600 acres of land by 1704? He evidently had owned it for a year or more, and had probably grown a crop of tobacco on it that year to be taxed for. He also had to have a lot of help to grow 600 acres of anything, with the crude farming equipment he most likely had at that time. Was his sons the only help he had, or did he also use "indentured servants", whom he had transported from over sea on his own ship? These early settlers planted mostly tobacco, then it was sent back to England, or to wherever they could get the best price. Isn't it reasonable to think that Joel probably either got his land by transporting emigrants to the area of Jamestown, or else bought his 600 acres of land and paid 5 shillings per acre? In this case, where did he get his money? Indentured Servants has been mentioned.... Many of these people, not having the money to pay their passage over from the old world; the fare being between 12 and 15 pounds per person, necessary for meals, clothing and transportation, bound themselves to a sponsor for several years labor in return for their passage. After their term of service was over, these young people were to receive land and equipment, or money with which to start their own lives as "Freed men", or "Freeholders". These released servants became a large part of the 18th century middle Class & moving west to the fringes of settlements.-- Joel Croom could have been among this class of people?

No more information is available concerning Joel Croom. We do have more on Daniel Croom of New Kent, Henrico & Goochland Counties Virginia. We do not have proof, but he was probably a son, or brother of Joel.

The Records of Henrico County, Virginia show that on Feb. 1, 1717, "Michael Cantipe, (a French Huguenot), in consideration of 5 shillings, current money; for the term of one year, leased to DANIEL CROOM, 52 acres of land in Henrico County, on the banks of the James River". This lease recited that it was for the purpose and to the intent and by virtue here-

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These People were exempt from taxation and "constituted their Settlement King William Parish, to be under their exclusive control, with the right to select and have two pastors, whom they were to support".

I have made very little study of the Huguenot people, and am not prepared to write anything about them except what little I have recently read. I do understand that they were a very thrifty folk. Perhaps that is why they were so prized for Settlers. We can understand that the rulers of England and the Colonies would prefer people who would work. At that time this was a very wild and untamed land. So it did take brave people to leave every thing they ever knew or heard of, and come over to start a new life in a strange, new land.

Lets get back with the story of Daniel and Elizabeth Croom. The Vestry Book also gives Daniel Croom as paying Tithing in King William Parish in 1719, 1720 & 1723. In 1724, only Elizabeth is named, along with other tith payers of course, but Daniel's name is not among them. Yet the records say women were not taxed? --Only male heads of families, servants, slaves, and Indians, for the support of the Church.

On March 1725, "Daniel Croom & Elizabeth his wife, (Henrico County Wills & Deeds 1725-1737, part I, p. 8.)- in consideration of forty pounds current, sold these 52 acres of land". After that, the name of Croom does not appear in the published list of Tithables for King William Parish. No doubt the reason for this is that he moved out of King William Parish into St. James Parish in Henrico County, as on June, 1722, George II, Granted to Daniel Croom 400 acres of land in Henrico County, on the South side of the James River.

On Oct. 13, 1727, Daniel acquired another tract of land by patent on what was called Muddy Creek, also on the south side of Jame River. In later years, long after Daniel had died, this tract of land was sold from one man to another, in this transaction this piece of land was called "Croom's Quarter's Creek."

Sometime about 1733, Daniel "bought ~~bought~~ of John Netherland, 350 acres of land on the north side of the James River, on the branches of Licking Hole Creek in St. James Parish, and probably moved to his new purchase, as by his Will he devised his plantation to his sons, Major and Jesse, and they by their deed identify it as being in St. James Parish on the north side of the river. He was married twice, the christian name of his first wife was Elizabeth; she had died sometime shortly after the 21 May 1728, as as a Court held on that date for Goochland County, Va., she acknowledged the release of her dower right in a tract of land by Deed, 21 April 1728, sold to Jacob Michauz.

Daniel had remarried to SUSANNAH before he made his Will the third day of November, One Thousand, seven hundred and thirty four- (1734).

With the meager information available at this late date, now over two hundred years after his death, it is impossible to write accurately and interestingly of Daniel Croom, of New Kent, Henrico & Goochland Counties, Virginia. In his Will the 3 Nov. 1734, Daniel names six children and wife, Susannah. Daniel's son JESSE is the Ancestor of this writer. Later on, the



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WILL OF DANIEL CROOM

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN! I Daniel Croom of the Parish of St. James in the County of Goochland, being very sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory and sense, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

FIRST: I committ my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it trusting that through his mercy and merits of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, I shall be saved, that my body may be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Exr., and as touching what Estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I give and dispose of it in the following manner and form:

ITEM: I give unto my two lawful sons Major and Jesse Croom, all the rest of my land and to be equally divided betwixt them both not to hurt the Plantation as little as possible, and I desire that my son Jesse may have the Plantation after his mother's decease.

ITEM: I give unto my lawful son Abel Croom two hundred acres of land where he now lives on Deep Creek to him and his heirs forever and everything else that belongs to me on that Plantation except my gray bay mare.

ITEM: I constitute and ordain Susannah Croom, my loving, lawful wife to be my whole and sole Executor until she dies or marries, and all the rest of my movable estate I desire that she may be possessed with and if she should be anyways troubled for any debt, I give her free leave to sell any movables to redeem herself, and I desire that my son Major Croom, and my daughter Dorothy may live with my wife Susannah until they are both of full age. *underage*

ITEM: I give unto my lawful daughter Dorothy, one feather bed and one rug and blanket and bolster and my chest of drawers. *Major and wife witness a land transaction in 1738*

ITEM: And if my wife should die or marry, all my movable estate that she is possessed with excepting her part, may be appraised and equally divided between my two youngest daughters, Sarah and Judith Croom. *975.5455 P2u*

And I do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all other Wills heretofore by me made allowing this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of November, one thousand seven hundred and thirty four.

Daniel Croom seal

Signed & Sealed in presence of us  
Witnesses-

John McBride  
John Netherland  
Sanburn Woodson

At Court held for Goochland County, May 20th, 1735. This Will was proved by oaths of John McBride and John Netherland and the solemn affirmation of Sanburn Woodson, a Quaker, witnesses hereto and admitted to Record.

Tests.

Henry Wood Cl. Ct.

A copy of the record,

Teste. P.G. Miller Cl. of Circuit Ct. of Goochland Co., Va.



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### DANIEL CROOM

At the time Daniel Croom made his Will, he did not mention the acreage of the part left to Major & Jesse. He says "all the rest"--, this sounds as if he had land that he had either sold previously to this date, or or had given some as a gift to someone, who was probably to his son Abell. Evidently Susannah was to be co-owner with Major and Jesse provided she did not remarry.

The third item mentioned in Daniel's Will, was 200 acres left to his son Abell, etc. Was Abell married? Other Croom Historians take it for granted that he was on account of the fact that he was living apart from his parents and farming 200 acres of his father's land. He was also age 21 or older, which would put his birth year around 1713. If Daniel's birth year was 1683 as other Croom researchers contend it was, he would be age 30 in 1713. This seems a reasonable age for him to be when his first child was born, considering that he did not seem to have any property prior to 1717. Of course he may have been working with JOEL on his 600 acres, and then had to lease land for a start on his own.

I have been trying to decide why other Croom researchers think Daniel's son Major was born about 1722. Why should there be a lapse of 9 years between Abell's birth and Major? Perhaps there were children born to Elizabeth that did not live? From study of the early days of the settlement of the eastern coastal area, I understand that especially in the summer time, with the heat and humidity, and no facilities to guard against mosquitoes, etc., in other words, the area was unhealthy, and it would be bad for the babies, using only home remedies, etc. So Elizabeth may have had children between Abell & Major. Then again, there may have been another reason for the 9 years between Abell & Major...Supposing Elizabeth was Daniel's 2nd wife instead of his first, and that Abell was a son of the first one? It is not impossible.

Suppose too, that Elizabeth was a daughter of one of the Huguenot families with whom Daniel lived for some years? It is understandable why he should have made his home among them, perhaps until he became financially able to buy enough land to make a living on. But back to Abel & Major's ages. I am of the opinion that Major and Dorothy was only a few years apart, and that Major was probably about 19 when Daniel made his Will, and Dorothy was around 16 or 17, or old enough for a girl to get married in that period of time. It seems that Major, and Dorothy, and just maybe Abel was Elizabeth's children. Notice how Daniel mentions Major and Dorothy in Item four; "-that my son Major and my daughter Dorothy may live with my wife Susannah until they are of full age", which age would be 21. Daniel singles Dorothy out to give the chest of drawers, the feather bed and the blanket, as if she may have been of about marriagable age.

In Item six; "If my wife should die or marry, her part to go to my two youngest daughters, Judit and Sarah". We can only suppose they were also Susannah's daughters ... We know that JESSE was her son, as Daniel says so. If Daniel married Susannah around 1728, or early 1729, it was possible to have three children before he died in the winter of 1734. His Will was proved the 20th of May 1735. If he was born in 1683, and died prior to May 1735, he was only 51 years of age. He was a Smith- so he styles himself.



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As to his religion--he was in all probability a member of the Society of Friends; A Quaker, in other words. It seems that most of his neighbors and those with whom he did business were of that faith. Were the French Huguenots of the Quaker Faith...and could it be possible that Daniel Croom arrived on the shores of America along with these people? However, I still think he was a close relative to Joel Croom. It is all a big puzzle.

We have no hint of what Susannah's maiden name might have been, but keep in mind that she was our Ancestress, and not Elizabeth.

Sometime prior to July 1837, Susannah had married Charles Holmes, as the records of Goochland County, Va., show that "at the Court of Goochland Co., held in July 1737, Charles Holmes and Susannah, his wife, the Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Daniel Croom, were defendants in an action for debt". p. 198.

Susannah was probably much younger than Daniel, and in order to marry Charles Holmes, she had to give up part of her inheritance from Daniel's Estate to her daughters, Judith and Sarah. If Jesse, Judith and Sarah were Susannah's children, they were all three under six years of age when Daniel died. Major and Dorothy were both under age and unmarried. Susannah probably married Charles Holmes after Major and Dorothy married and lived away in homes of their own. Major still owned part of his father's plantation, left him in his father's Will and was more than likely doing the work on it himself.

Lets return to Daniel for a little more information; He was evidently a man of some means, and no doubt took an active part in the affairs of the day, as the inventory of his Estate was appraised...attests; "In obedience to an order of Goochland county court Feb. 24th 1735/36, we, the subscribers, being first sworn before Mr. John Netherland, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said county, hath appraised the Estate of Daniel Croom, Dec'd, as was brought before us by the Executors as followeth: "To one negro man, to one negro woman also to one negro boy, my smith's tools", and many other items for household use, as well as animals on the Plantation. No farming implements were named but..."the appraisers were allowed 90 lbs of tobacco in payment".

Appraisers: Thomas Edwards, John Lane, & Thomas Christian. Returned by Susannah Croom, Ex'trix, March 6, 1735.

"At a court held for Goochland county March 16th 1735, This Inventory was ordered to be recorded".

Test:

H. Wood, C Clerk Office

Recorded in Deed Bk M2, page 189, Goochland County Clerk's Office.

If Daniel's family were Quakers, this could account for the fact that neither his marriage or the dates of the birth or deaths of his children are recorded in the Records of the Established "Church of England"... though the law so required. The members of the "Society of Friends" refused to have their marriages, deaths or births recorded outside of their own church records.

ISLE OF WIGHT CO. VA  
SOME CROOM RECORDS

Edward Croom md 1733, Sarah Richards, dau of Robert Richards.  
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Edward Croom md 1748, Patience Garner, dau of James Garner;  
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ISLE OF WIGHT CO., WILLS & ADMIN. 1647-1800

p. 72, Will of John Pitt, " land on which Edward Driver and Robert Smith live" and "land on which Wm. Goodwin and Samuel Croom live". Will dated 19 Dec 1729, probated Feb 24, 1734.

p. 64, Robert Richards Will "to daughters Prudence Driver...and Sarah Croom". Edward Driver and Edward Croom Witnesses. Dated Aug 6, 1733. Probated Nov. 26, 1733.

p. 136, James Garner Will "Dau Patience Croom", Dated Jan 12, 1748, Probated July 22, 1748.

p. 150, Edward Croom, Estate appraised. Signed.. Patience Croom. Ordered Jan 7, 1750.

p. 164, Edward Croom Estate...among items was a coffin for his son Joseph. Signed, Patience Croom. Recorded Feb 1, 1853.

Tyler's Magazine, Vol. 11, p. 112. CROOM FAMILY REGISTER- from the fly leaf of an old Bible, dated 1724, By John Baskett, Printer to the King.;

Mathew Croom, son of Edward and Sarah Croom,	b. June 10 1734.
Mary Croom, dau " " " " "	b. ? 13 1736
Robert Croom, son " " " " "	b. April 22, 1739
Edward Croom, " " " " "	b. Dec 22 1741
Joseph Croom, " " " " "	b. Nov 23, 1744

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Samuel Croom and Edward Croom may also be sons of Joel Croom of New Kent County, Virginia. Isle of Wight County, Virginia is not far from New Kent County.

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Other information concerning the name of CROOM-CROOMS- CROME, of long long ago. I copy this from Doris C. Outlaw's CROOM FAMILY book. It is interesting to know, not that it is helpful to us, except it is good to



know that people by that name scattered to other nations when the family broke up in Scotland, or Ireland, or where-ever they originated.

At one time a Mrs. Eva Larkins hired a Heraldic artist to do some research on the CROOM name. She possibly had to pay a goodly sum to this man for his services. The following is a little of what he sent to her. Which may or may not be the real back ground;

"Dear Mrs. Larkins: I am enclosing a list of the Irish Monarchs on the ancient pedigree of the CROOM-(Cromthan, Crumthan, Crimthan (as it is variously spelled) -- Family.

The first Croom -or Crooms- were descendants of King Harmon, Monarch of Ireland, who began to reign about 1700 B. C. He was succeeded by;--- There is a long list of unprounceable names; the last name being spelled Cromthan, He is number 85! I do not think any of this can be proven. In time perhaps some energetic person may prove it one way or the other.

But to continue with records of other Croom, who came to America in the very early days of the Colonization.

There is no date for the following; " William CROME came to America in the Alexander, with Capt. Burchie & Gilbert Grimes. Certificate from Mirestor, Mew. Took oath of allegiance, came from port of London- Transported to Barbadoes- 17 years old."

This is taken from the Book- John Camden Hotten's Royal Families, Edward Croome, page 124 " All the Royal Families of Europe" and Mayflower Descendants, by Mrs. Herbert, & Eliz Rix Ford.

Another Croom researcher, Herman L. Croom has this to say in part; "The name Croom or Crooms was known in Maryland prior to 1704. This is proven by the following quotation; "Christopher Rousley, County of Calvert, Gentleman, has due 1100 acres for transporting John Beck...and Wm. priest as upon record and is hereby granted a parcel of land called "Croome- in Calvert County on west side of the Patuxent River and St. Charles Branch, bounding the land of Charles Brooke. To be held Manor of Calverton. Wit; Sept. 1, 1671" From Maryland Early Settlers, by Annie Walker Burns, Annapolis, MD. 1939, Liber 14, p. 323. The very small town of Croom still exists about 20 miles east of Washington, D.C. in what was Calvert County, MD. but is now Prince Georges County, MD.

(My note) I once had a map which did show this little town. I wore that map out long ago, and my new map does not show it. I will have to back up; my map does show it, and it shows it still in Calvert County. Just one more bit of information concerning a Croome in the early days.

1669--County of Baltimore, Maryland:

Know all men by these present, that I, Edward Croome, do assign over my right of land due to me for my services in this Province unto Henry Elarsely as witness my hand and seal this 26th day of April 1669.

Signed, Sealed and Sworn ...

Edward Croom(Sealed)



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Returning to Susannah's predicament after Daniel's death. Major wasn't over 19 or 20, and Dorothy may have been younger, possibly 17. According to the inventory of Daniel's Estate he had only three slaves, one woman, one man, and one boy. Susannah and Major probably needed more help on the farm as the acreage left was around 500,... and two men wasn't enough to work 500 acres. They had the very crudest of farming implements, unlike we have in the 21st century. Remember that Jesse wasn't over six when Daniel died, so he was no help. Or the other Croom Historians place Jesse's birth as about 1732. It appears that Susannah felt she had no choice but to marry again. It is possible that Charles Holmes came along and maybe leased the farm, or made some kind of a deal with Major and Susannah before 1737 which was after he and Susannah married. When Daniel left "all the rest" of his land to his two lawful sons, Major and Jesse, he did not specify she should not retain co-ownership in the land if she remarried--"Jesse was to have it after her decease".

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### ABEL CROOM

Oldest son of DANIEL

Probably born about 1713 in Virginia, and he was of age in November 1734, when his father, Daniel made his Will. He was living on one of his Father's plantations in Goochland County, later Cumberland County, Virginia. Abel Croom married Elizabeth Hardee before 1734 while living on Deep Creek in Virginia. Abel sold 200 acres of the land he inherited from Daniel, 20 Jan. 1737 (Bk 3, pg 88, Goochland Co. Va.) and another 100 G on Oct. 17, 1741. He bought lands in Craven County, NC. (probably Lenoir County now) on the south side of Neuse River in 1743 (Deed Bk 1, pg 360, 1743.) He bought from J.M. Buxley 100 acres on the north side of Neuse River and west of Whitley Creek. (Deed Bk 3, pg 6, Craven County Registry, New Bern, N.C.): Records show that Abel bought other lands in the next few years. This will not be recorded here. He and Elizabeth seems to have had only four children; Hannah, Elizabeth, Jesse, and Major.

Records show that Hannah married Lutson Stroud, and had six children; Elizabeth married Loverick Young, and had five children; Jesse, married (1st) Anne Grady; 2nd mg, Sarah Ramsey; There is no mg records for Major, perhaps he died young.

If anyone is interested in more information of Abel Croom's family, a very interesting record of his descendants can be found in "The Croom Family", compiled and printed by Doris Croom Outlaw, P.O. Box 2252, Kingston, N.C. 28501. This book was completed and printed in 1958.

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## MAJOR CROOM

Second son of DANIEL

Major Croom was born on the James River, probably Henrico County, Virginia, Richmond City is in Henrico County. When Goochland County was formed from Henrico County, The Croom's family had settled in that part, so was now in Goochland County, and Major was born around 1716, X which would put his age at 18/19 when Daniel died. Other Croom Historians place his birth at 1722. I think he was born earlier. I will not go into the details as to why I am of this opinion. After studying the Daniel Croom records for so many years I feel that I am justified in my belief.

Major Croom sold the land inherited from his father Daniel, and was in Bladen County, N.C. by Aug. 1743 (Deed Bk 4, p. 205, Goochland County, Virginia). He purchased land north of the Neuse River near Falling Creek Mar. 30, 1744, by conveyance, Craven County Registry, Deed Bk. 2, p. 159. 1744, and in this deed one of the witnesses is Loverick Young who md about 1744 Elizabeth, daughter of Abel Croom and wife, Elizabeth. ( I wonder if they knew no other names for women in those days?) - Major was in Dobbs County, N.C. in 1747. This part became what is now Lenoir County after 1791. The records say Major Croom md. about 1742, to Olive Avery. \*

The children named as Major Croom's were 10; Joshua, md. Nancy Bryan; Sarah Croom md. Joseph Hardee; Major Jr. md. Mary Hardee; Isaac died at age 36, no marriage is mentioned; Lott, md Elizabeth Raspberry; Richard, md Anne Hare; William, md Mary Bryan 1st, 2nd, to Betsy Whitfield; Asa, No information about Asa; James Fredrick, md. Rebecca Malpass; Hardee, No information about Hardee, except that he died in 1810.

There is much information about most of these children as the author naturally did more research on Major's family, as he was her Ancestor, but I do not recollect just which of his children is her line with out having to search him out. It was one of the sons, as her name was Doris Croom before she md an Outlaw, of course that is her husband's surname. \*

Evidently Major Croom did not live many miles from his brothers. Abel lived in what was once Craven County, near New Bern, which is on the coast. But Major probably lived just across the Wayne County, N.C. line from where his half brother, Jesse settled in 1754/7. Later records show that grand-children of these two families evidently visited back and forth, and one or more made their homes in Wayne County.

Major's line has a long continous record, which I will not continue in these writings, but if anyone should be interested in more information of this family, it starts on page 45 of Doris C. Outlaw's "Croom Family" book. I have neglected to mention that Major Croom Sr. married a 2nd time, to Susannah Hardee (Enlow), a widow, the last five children belong to her. That information is also in the book, beginning on page 47(a), contributed by Mr. Birkham Christian, of Shreveport, LA. I had some correspondence with Mr. Christian at one time, I appreciate the information which he gave me on our CROOM after our line went into Madison County, Tenn. Mr. Christian died a few years ago, but he did a lot of good, and was a very thorough researcher, and enjoyed helping others. I feel indebted to him.



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DOROTHY, JUDITH & SARAH

Dau's of Daniel Croom

I feel I must say something more concerning Daniel's three daughters, Dorothy, Judith & Sarah Croom. Nothing more has been mentioned of these daughters since they were named in Daniel's Will. It would be interesting to get in touch with one of their descendants. Of course we have no record of who they married. I am sure that somewhere they must have some Descendants. It seems queer to me that none of their descendants have not contacted some of their brother's Descendants before now. It is possible they didn't all three live to marry, but we would think at least one did. It is possible the two youngest ones went to Wayne County when Jesse moved there, that is if their mother died as some seem to think. Jesse moved to Wayne County, NC about 1754/7, and Susannah & her daughters may have gone with him. It is more than likely that Dorothy married soon after her father's death, as his Will leaves the impression that she was probably of age to marry, even though she was not yet 21.

I should have put more time in trying to locate some information concerning Susannah, and Jesse's sisters, either in Goochland County, Virginia, or Wayne County, NC., or both. However, I was too involved in proving the records of Jesse and his family in the Wayne County Records after he had settled there, and especially in sorting out which of his son's was my Ancestor, that I did neglect his mother and sisters and all of his children except my own line when I finally found which was mine, and proved him. As stated, I am afraid my time is getting short, and I cannot spend any more in any kind of research, until I finish compiling what information I have accumulated to this time. If, after that part is completed, and if I have time and health left, I just may do some more searching on those whose data is missing on our pedigree Chart, and some whose names I do not yet know? etc. If anyone else should take up the trail where I have left off in Goochland Co., Va., and Wayne Co., NC., That is, if anyone is interested in pursuing Jesse's Sister's and Mother's records further. In any case, I most emphatically wish you success.

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## JESSE CROOM

## Youngest Son of Daniel

Jesse Croom, youngest son of Daniel and his 2nd wife Susannah, was born between 1729-1735, on his Father's Plantation near the James River in Goochland County, Virginia. Daniel's Will -p. 5, does not give the ages of any of his six children, only that they were all under age (21), except Abel who was living on 200 acres of his father's land, and so was evidently over 21 and probably married. Daniel's Will does say that Susannah is Jesse's mother, and the mention of Sarah and Judith being signified as "My youngest daughters" is rather taken for granted that they were also Susannah's children.

Doris Croom Outlaw in the "Croom Family" book, gives very little information of Jesse and his family, but then she was concentrating her interests mostly on her own Croom line which happened to be Jesse's half brother, Major. However, she did a magnificent work in researching and writing the many letters she had to do in order to contact all of the Descendants of her own Croom line, besides many of Abel's Descendants, and in doing some on our Jesse's. She did not have contact with many of Jesse's descendants. Records show that most of his moved away from Wayne County. When she ask me to send my Croom line to her to include in her book, I didn't know who they were, as at that time I had not done much research in North Carolina. I did have some information of those in Tennessee and Texas of course, and I sent her what I had, and much of that has since been proven wrong. This was back in 1957, and she had her book printed in 1958.

In the meantime I continued to search for my N.C. Ancestor, whom I felt sure would turn out to be one of Daniel's sons. I cannot go into all of the details of my search. How many people I contacted, How many letters I wrote, How much money I spent on Genealogists? Finally I proved who my Grt. Grand Father Croom was in Madison County, Tennessee, or I was practically sure he was the one. You see, I had been told years ago that my Great-Grand Father Croom's name was William Croom, and his wife's name was Nancy. No one knew her maiden name. Of course that was another puzzle to work out.

I did not prove where William came from until I begin to work in the Records of Wayne County, N.C., where I discovered Jesse lived for so many years. If you will notice, I begin my search with my own Grandfather, jesse A.Croom, and worked backwards, as I had also been told that he was born in Tennessee. That is all my Aunts knew. I worked in and around the Madison County, Tenn., area until I was sure I had the right Great-Grand Father. In my search I found his middle initial was "H"., but there was another William H. Croom living in Madison County at the same time. Now I had to prove which one was mine. In my long search I found that the other William H. Croom was the son of Charles Croom Jr, and was not born until 1822, and was 20 years younger than my William H.

The name of "Major" or "Abel" had no effect on what I call "my researcher's Senses", but the name of Jesse did. So I started my research in Wayne Co., N.C. The following records are some of the result s of my long search in that County. But first ] wish to fill you in on something of what happened concerning Jesse after his father Daniel's death. Remember Jesse was not over four or five in 1734 when Daniel Made his Will.



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### JESSE CROOM (cont)

The first information we have about Jess Croom after he was named in Daniel's Will was, "on Oct. 12, 1754, Jesse Croom of Johnson County, NC. sold a parcel of land and premises given to him according to the Will of his deceased father, Daniel Croom-(Deed Bk 4, page 205, Goochland Co., Virginia". North Carolina County boundary lines have not only changed, but some have changed names, for instance, when Jesse was in Johnson Co., North Carolina in 1754, That part of Johnson County became Dobbs County in 1759, then Dobbs County was discontinued in 1791, but in the meantime, Wayne County was formed from Dobbs and Craven in 1779. So when the counties finally settled down, Jesse was in Wayne County. Wayne County adjoins Lenoir County where his half brother, Major had settled when he moved to NC.

One Croom Historian, Miss Emily Anne Croom of Houston, Tex., who compiled a record of her family, she is also a descendant of our Jesse Croom. Just now I am not sure which of Jesse's sons is her Ancestor, unless I go and look it up, but she has this to say in the history part of her book. She seems to be quite well read on the history of the southern states and especially on North Carolina. "Colonial North Carolina had progressed slowly until the Proprietors relinquished their Charter to the King in 1728, and North Carolina became a Royal Colony. Population was sparse, and there was a scarcity of schools, organized religion, and towns. In the 1740's, Virginians flocked south to this new promised land, hoping for the ideal climate, cheap living, easy fortunes, and high land values". (From History of North Carolina, by Samuel A. Court Ashe).

The area which became Wayne County was settled after 1735, but not in large numbers until the 1750's. Among those Virginians coming in the 1750's to take advantage of the mild climate, fertile soil, and abundance of game, was Jesse Croom."

Jesse settled on the north side of the Neuse River-(Johnson county NC., Deeds, Bk 2, p. 470) where he made his home and reared a large family. No marriage record for Jesse has ever been found, his wife's name was Mary. Whether he married her before he left Goochland County VA., or, if he met and married her after he came to NC. However, if he was born between 1729-1734, he would be between 20 & 25 years of age in 1754. It is my opinion that he married around 1756/57 after he came to NC. I feel that Mary was a native of NC. Don't ask me why I believe this, it just another of my researchers senses asserting itself. This "sense" has been my guide for over 35 years, and it is unexplainable, even to myself. Anyway... See the Family Chart for Jesse. I also believe his son Charles is his oldest child, but I have some definite reason for that. Remember that his mother married Charles Holmes in a year or so after Daniel died? If Susannah died, as some Historians think, possibly Jesse was reared under the care of Charles Holmes, or at least part of the time. In any case, Charles Holmes name was connected with Jesse in land deals in Wayne County in 1796, Viz: "Wayne County, NC Deeds- 1787-1790- Bk 4, pt.2, page 106: Grants="Jesse Croom Jr. John Croom Jr., 25 acres on north side of Neuse River to Charles Holmes, 16 acres , 1796." Now, is this Charles Holmes the man who married Susannah, or, could this Charles be a son of Charles Sr & Susannah? It could be either, but I think he was probably a son. By 1796, Charles Holmes and Susannah would be getting pretty old. Unless they came to NC at the time Jesse did about 1754. Speculation cannot solve the problem, so we will drop it.



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### JESSE CROOM-(cont.)

(p.25).

Jesse Croom & wife Mary had nine children. Notice in the 1790 Census of Wayne County, North Carolina. It shows that Charles Croom has 2 male children and 3 females in his family. In other words, two boys and two girls and his wife, and two slaves. To have had four children by 1790, he had to marry by 1783/4, and maybe before that, as in those days many babies died before they were over three of four months old. If Charles was born about 1760, he would be 23/4 when he married. Of Jesse's children, I have picked out Elizabeth to have been born just after Charles. Not knowing the first name of her husband, but she married a Langston, as she and her children are named in her father's Will. Her husband may have been dead when Jesse's Will was made, which is why he named the three children.

Jesse's Will in 1812, names all of their children except Daniel, who had died between Feb. 1805 and Aug 1806. Daniel left three small orphan children when he died. His wife had evidently preceded him in death, some time between 1802 and the time of his death. I have much more information concerning Daniel's Estate settlement etc., when we reach him.

I am getting ahead of my story; Lets go back a ways in Time, and pick up Jesse's story between the time he settled in Wayne County, and 1776. He was trying to get settled, and was living on the north side of Neuse River during the time the French & Indian wars were raging, especially up in the western part of Pennsylvania & eastern Ohio area. That war was no more than over, or, did it lead into the Revolutionary War? Anyway, much unrest was developing among the Colonies over the enforced rule, etc of England on the Colonists. It stands to reason that Jesse was just becoming fairly well established in his new chosen land, and did not need all this unrest, with a growing family to provide for. As a result, he along with his neighbors; be they far or near, must have been having a rough ~~ix~~ time.

Revolutionary Army Accounts of Feb. 1776 names a JESSE CROOM; "in Services of his Reg't of Malitia on an Expedition against the Insurgents etc". This is probably our Jesse. Jesse's brother Abel had a son Jesse who was born in 1740. This could be that Jesse.

During the period between 1776 & 1783 North Carolina was in a deplorable state of affairs. I will not go into any details concerning this as you can read about that in any good History of Early North Carolina.

We have no information as to how Jesse and his sons felt about the physical and political affairs of NC., but after the Revolution, Jesse Croom began to acquire a larger Estate and apparently prospered as the new, reformed government had taken over under leadership that was for the betterment of the people. By 1786 Jesse owned a farm of 778 acres and two slaves. Three of his son, Charles, Jesse and Daniel had reached taxable age. Major was only 10 years old, being born in 1776. The older boys were probably working with their father on the farm, as they paid no tax, not owning any land yet.

THE HISTORY OF THE  
CITY OF NEW YORK  
FROM 1609 TO 1898

The history of the city of New York, from 1609 to 1898, is a story of growth and development. It begins with the first Dutch settlement in 1609, and continues through the years of British rule, the American Revolution, and the early years of the United States. The city grew from a small village to a major center of commerce and industry, and its influence spread throughout the world.

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JESSE CROOM-(cont.)

By 1787, Jesse must have had some illness occur to cause him to realize that he should begin to think about the future of his children and Mary, in case he may become incapable by a worse illness or even death. His father Daniel had died at the age of about 52 (that is if he was born in 1683 as some say he was), and Jesse had already live 52 years after his fathers death. Late in 1786, he sold 278 acres on the Neuse River, but in 1788 acquired 32 more acres there from the State. Now in his 60's or 70's, and an old man for the 18th century, he began giving his sons their inheritance; The first of course was to his son Charles, being the oldest of his sons. The record that I have is very different from the copy in Miss Emily A. Croom's book, "Tennessee Croom", and is as follows:

Wayne County, N.C. Land Deeds, -Book 3, page 424, January 1787;  
To Charles Croom, 150 acres of land, Gift of Deed  
from Jesse Croom(Sr) "For and in consideration of  
the natural love and affection he hath, and bears  
unto the said Charles Croom, his son".

It is possible that my researcher misread it, but she copied this Deed more than one time in her Wayne County searches for me. Among all the information that she dug out of Wayne County, N.C. for me, she either failed to find a gift of land to Jesse Jr., from his father, or I have overlooked it. Of course my researcher was mostly concentrating on Jesse Sr. and my Daniel Jr. as Daniel is our Ancestor. Miss Emily A. Croom is the descendant of Charles.

Following is the Record of Jesse's land gift to Daniel, as my researcher copied it for me. I also sent for a photostatic copy from the North Carolina Archives, to be sure that it was copied from the Film in Salt Lake City Genealogical Library the same. It is as follows:

Wayne County, N.C. Deeds., 1787-1792;  
p. 207, Bk 4 pt 2. - 15 Nov 1792

525- "Jesse Croom Sr. to Daniel Croom, Gift of Deed, for  
love and affection he bears unto his said son, Daniel  
Croom, on the North side of Neuse River, Richland Swamp.  
Joins Charles West, to John West, following Jesse Croom  
line to Charles Croom line, 170 Acres. Granted to Jesse  
Croom from Gov. Tryon, 27 Apr. 1767".

/s/ Jesse Croom

Wit: Charles Croom, Jesse Croom Jr.

Then the following:

"Daniel Croom, 120 acres on n. side of Richland Swamp, joining my  
own line and Charles Crooms line between Holmes Pearson, and the little  
Pososum, joining his own and Charles Croom's lines, etc. 26 Nov 1803."

The following leaves the impression on me that Jesse's wife Mary may  
have been Mary WEST;

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## JESSE &amp; DANIEL CROOM

p. 271-pt.2. Wayne County, N.C. Inventories.

Estate of Charles WEST

"Major Croom, Richard Croom,<sup>\*</sup> Jesse Croom,  
Charles Croom, and Daniel Croom, notes due  
the Estate. Jan 1797.

Susannah West, Admin.

In the above inventory,<sup>\*</sup> Richard Croom is named among the sons of Jesse Croom Sr., is the son of Jesse's half brother Major, who settled in Lenoir County, N.C. which adjoins Wayne county on the north east. Richard evidently settled in the part of Dobbs county that formed Wayne county in 1779, as he was in the 1800 census of Wayne Co.

Back to the Inventory of Charles West' Estate; If--we should find that Charles was the father or brother of Mary, then she had two reasons for nameing her first son Charles, which in the early days was a practice of families,- naming their children after parents, grandparents, or uncles or Aunts, etc.

The following is a copy of Jesse's gift of land to his son Major;

Wayne County, N.C. Land Deeds-p. 507 #380

May 4, 1806

Between Jesse Croom of Wayne County, N.C., one  
part and Major Croom. The said Jesse Croom, for  
love and affection I bear my Son Major Croom,  
200 acres and one Negro. Also to my wife Mary  
Croom 1 acre of land for the grave yard.

/S/ Jesse Croom

Wit: his

Dempsey X Griffin

mark

her

Daniel X Vinson- Silvia X Vinson

his mark

mark

May Term of Ct.

Many, many people in the earlier days could not read or write, so they made some kind of a mark between their first and last name after the Clerk, Justice of the Peace, etc, had written in their names.

I am in possession of much information conserning Jesse Croom and his sons and their associates connected with Land Grants, Land sales, gifts of land, Inventories, Wills, etc., and I regret to be forced to leave any of it out, However, it has taken so many years to prove Jesse and Mary's children, especially Daniel Jr. that I feel I do not have the room for them all on these pages, besides, I do not have all information needed to prove each of the nine. (See Jesse & Mary's family group sheet on page 16) Should your Ancestor/Ancestress be among them...that is, other than Daniel Jr., I am happy to be able to point where they were living in 1800.



pg 22 - is a history of Wayne Co  
23 - story of a negro poisoning a man  
24 - 1790 & 1800 census of Wayne Co  
25

JESSE CROOM'S WILL

WAYNE CO., NC WILLS, ESTATES, SETTLEMENTS ETC. 1810-1812, Pt. 3.

p.179:

I, Jesse Croom; my wife negros etc, and a plantation. My five daughters; Elizabeth Langston, negros, which goes to my grandchildren, Needham Langston, Richard Langston and Mary Langston, after my daughter Elizabeth is dec'd; My daughter, Mary Griffin, negros, and to her children after her death; To my daughter Susannah Howell, negros, and to her heirs after her death, including her daughter, Susannah Tetherton; To my daughter Sarah Coor, negros, and to her heirs after her decease; To my daughter Zilphia Davis, negros, and to her heirs after her decease; To my grand-daughter, Nancy White Coor, negros, etc.; To my son Charles Croom, negros; to my son Jesse Croom, negros. To my sons Charles Croom and Major Croom to be Executors of my Estate.

his  
/S/ Jesse X Croom Aug 1812.  
mark

p. 212- Jesse Croom Dec'd Inv.)  
5 Nov. 1812, 200 @ land)

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(4983) Pt.11, WAYNE CO.,NC. INDEX TO CROSS WILLS, 1780-1923

MARY CROOM'S WILL

7 May 1824

- p. 118: --To my daughter, Mary Griffin, that she shall have the benefit of her share of what I give her clear from the control of her husband.  
-- I give my daughter, Sarah Coor, one negro girl Jennie, etc-- clear from the control of her husband.  
--To my dau. Zilphia Davis, one negro girl etc, and shall not be subject to the control of her husband.  
--Property to my Gr. Dau., Nancy White Britt, and not to be subject to the control of her husband.  
--To my granddau., Mary Croom, dau of my son Major Croom, is not to be subject to the control of her husband.  
-- All other property not given away, to be to be sold and the money to be divided between my two sons, Charles and Jesse Croom and my daughter Susannah Howell, and not to be subject to the control of her husband.  
-- I appoint my son Charles Croom and Henry Best, Admin.

her  
Mary X Croom  
mark

Mary Croom's Will was proved  
& probated Aug 1824.



## DANIEL CROOM JR

1767-1805

The subject of my 2nd Great-Grand Father, Daniel Croom Jr. is very close to my heart. I had to search for years to prove who my 2nd Grt. Gr. Father Croom was. Having finally proven that his son William H. Croom of Madison County, Tenn. was my 1st Grt.Gr. Father...also after years of research to prove Him... I just had to know who His Father was. When I proved his Father was Daniel, son of Jesse Sr. I had it made, as Mrs. Doris Croom Outlaw has compiled a large book on Jesse's Ancestry, entitled "The Croom Family", However, she concentrated most of her records on Jesse's two older brothers, Abel, who settled near New Bern, NC. and Major, who settled in Lenoir County, NC. Major is Mrs. Outlaw's Ancestor. I really didn't have much information to work on, as Mrs. Outlaw had very little about Jesse's family. After reading Mrs. Outlaw's book, and searching every page (A thick book)- I decided to have Wayne Co., records searched, as I knew, from Madison Co., Tenn. research that other Croom men had migrated there from Wayne Co., NC. & my Grt. Gr. father William H. Croom being in Madison County at the same time. So I located a wonderful lady to do my searches for me. She was a woman whom I had met when I was doing reserch on my own when I was visiting with Ralph and his family from time to time. She turned out to be a good friend also. Her price was reasonable, so we were off. I am so grateful for the day I met her.

The first search turned up a gold mine on our Wayne Co., Croom. I will not go into detail, as there is too many. I already had the names of Jesse's children, five dau's and four sons..(see Jesse's family chart)- Now, I had to prove which of the four sons was William's father!

I think I have told you that I knew the names of my Croom grt gr parents before this page, but I can't locate it now. My Grand mother, Dicy (McCarver)Croom, had told me their names, and my Aunts had repeated this to me, especially after I begin family research away back there in 1950, and was asking them questions about the family.

One of the first searches made turned out to be almost a proven fact that Daniel Jr. was William's father, but not yet---.I had to know for sure! As I say, I wont bother with all the details of the search. At times I became very discouraged, wondering if I was on the wrong trail after all, then again I was delighted beyond words with what she dug out for me.

After such a long time, years in fact, I have the following records to prove for themselves how our search turned out. Of course I am not copying all of the land sales, Deeds, etc that Daniel made, or any of what I have ~~am~~ his brothers bought and sold;

Wayne County, Deeds, Pt. 2. 6 Nov 1804...

p. 126: Daniel Croom to Theopelius Best, 300 acres for \$2,000 at mouth of a small branch from Richard Croom's corner, to Charles Croom & Daniel Croom's and Jesse Croom's line and Britts line on Richland Swamp.

/S/ Daniel Croom

Wit: Wm Smith & Major Croom.

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DANIEL CROOM, Jr

The next Deed, and the last found of Daniel before we have record of his death:

North Carolina Land Grants, Wayne Co., NC Deeds.

p. 351- 16 Feb 1805; William Pearson to Daniel Croom, 100 acres, on the north side of Neuse River.

William Pearson

Wit:

Robert Fellows  
Charles Croom.

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WAYNE COUNTY, NC. WILLS, ESTATES, SETTLEMENTS, ETC.  
Research done in the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, UT. By G. Meadows.  
Call No. 4983 Pt. 2. ( No of Bk is not given) page 390 in middle of Page;

19 Aug 1806, ---was part of the property of Daniel Croom Dec'd, sold in six months credit by Executors--- Major Croom and Caleb Griffin- 169 pds.(pounds).

2 May 1807,--The second sale commanded of the property of said Daniel Croom, on 9 months credit. Among the names listed who bought at the sale was; Major Croom, Jesse Croom, CULLEN LANE,---Sanders-Edmondson,---and Jos. Hollowell.

p. 393---11 July 1807, Commanded to sell the property of Daniel Croom, Dec'd, on credit until 27 Feb 1808; Executors, Major Croom & SAMUEL HOOKER, 196 Pds.

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WAYNE COUNTY, NC. WILLS (call No. 4983 Pt 3)  
Bk I 1807-1811

Page 103--- Estate of Daniel Croom, Dec'd., in Account current with Major Croom and Samuel Hooker, the Executors; 930 Pds, .7 shillings, and put into the hands of Jesse Dean Esqr. Guardian to said Heirs, Given under our hands this 8 July 1808.

Page 115--- Elizabeth Croom, Heir of Daniel Croom  
Joshua Croom, Heir of Daniel Croom  
William Hooker Croom, Heir of Daniel Croom.

Page 171--- 16 May 1809, Heirs of Daniel Croom, distributed to Cullen Lane for Board and clothing;  
Sally Croom, Joshua Croom and William Croom;---23 Pds.



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DANIEL CROOM Jr

Page 275--- William H. Croom to Cullen LANE, 20 May 1810, for one years  
Board and clothing, 12 Pds.  
Joshua Croom to Cullen Lane, 20 May 1810, for one years  
board and clothing, 8 Pds.  
Elizabeth Croom, to Cullen Lane, 20 May 1810, for one years  
board and clothing, 7 Pds.

WILLS & INVENTORIES, WAYNE CO., NC.  
Vol 3, Pt. 3, 1812-1816

Page 119:--Joshua Croom, Betsy Croom, & William Croom, Orphans of  
Daniel Croom, Dec'd. John Davis, present Guardian, 10  
Mar 1812.

page 172:-- John Davis, former Guardian of Heirs of Daniel Croom,  
Dec'd, and Joseph Edwards present Guardian; Amount to  
Heirs:

Besty Croom, 393 Pds 7 Sh. & 6 Pence

Joshua Croom, 407 Pds. 1 Sh.

William Croom, 407 Pds. 1 Sh. & 6 Pence.

Nov. 1814

MAY TERM 1815

Page 265:-- Elizabeth Croom, Daughter of Daniel Croom, Dec'd.  
Under the Guardianship of CULLEN LANE.

Joshua Croom, son of Daniel Croom, Dec'd. Under  
the Guardianship of Cullen Lane.

William H. Croom, son of Daniel Croom, Dec'd. Under  
the Guardianship of Cullen Lane.

Schooling is included in above for the years of; 1811,  
1812, 1813, 1814, & 1815.

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The following records was over-looked to be included in the  
proper time and place, but proof that William HOOKER, son of Samuel  
Hooker was also in Wayne County during the time Daniel Croom's  
Orphans were in Cullen Lane's care. Remember Cullen Lane's wife  
was the former Zilphia HOOKER, daughter of Samuel Hooker and sister  
of William Hooker. Cullen Lane's brother Ivan, md Mary Hooker, sister  
to Zilphia Hooker Lane.

Film N.C. W-4 C (4985) Wayne Co., NC.

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WILLIAM HOOKER CROOM  
1802-1837

## WAYNE COUNTY, N.C. DEEDS, Pt. 5

P. 133:

21 Dec 1825, William H. Croom, Wayne County, N.C. to James Bryan of Greene County, N.C. "For \$200.00 do relinquish forever Quit Claim, all my interest in a tract of land, deeded to Cullen Lane & Zilphia Lane, his wife, to James Bryan, 100 acres, bearing the date, 23 Nov 1825--"

Wit: Aven Lane  
his  
Micajah X Lestty  
mark  
William Sharrod

/S/ William H. Croom

Recorded May 1826  
Wm. H. Croom & James Bryan,  
duly proven in Court.

This is the last record of William H. Croom found in Wayne County, N.C.. Records. He would be about 24 years of age by 1826. His brother Joshua had been married since 1820, He married his first cousin Silvia Croom, Daughter of Daniel's brother, Major. We have no information on Elizabeth,---or that is, we have no identification records of her after May 1815. If she was born in 1797, as records indicate, she would have been 18 in that year. It is probable that she married. However, there has been no marriage records found for any marriages in Wayne County for the period of time in which we are interested... or this writer has found none. It is also possible that she remained single, or perhaps she and her husband, not knowing who she may have married, remained in Wayne county area, We could make guesses, or ruminate, and none would be correct, so we must let Elizabeth go her way and concentrate on her brothers, William and Joshua.

As stated, Joshua married his first cousin, Silvia Croom about 1820. Not having any exact date, we can only go on other circumstances which will show up in our story further on. Joshua would be about 27 in 1826, and Silvia would be about 24. They had at least two children. I will include Joshua's family sheet along with his father and William's. All Family group sheets concerning the CROOM records will be enclosed after I have finished with William's story.

Keep in mind that Jesse Croom Sr., had 4 sons & 5 daughters. I do not intend to include the children of each of these 9 children.. See Jesse's Chart page 16. After all the work I have done on these boys and girls, I hate to leave anything out, but I am sure their records have been compiled by their own descendants. However, I do intend to name the Grandsons of Jesse who migrated to West Tennessee.

JESSE & MARY had four sons as mentioned; Charles; Jesse Jr; Daniel; & Major. Daniel died in 1805; Major died around 1817; and Charles died in 1838 in Wayne County, NC. I have no record of Jesse Jr's death.

On page 44 I will name the Croom men who went to West Tenn.



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JOSHUA

Bro. of William Hooker Croom

We do not have much information on JOSHUA CROOM. He was among the group that migrated from Wayne County, North Carolina in the year of 1826. The known names of the group is given on page 44. It is a strong possibility that others, unknown to us, were also in the party.

From available records, or information of other Croom researchers who has been under the impression that Joshua was the son of Charles Croom Sr, who lived and died in Wayne County, N.C. Charles did not name a Joshua in his will which was made between 1838 & 1839, as it was probated in Feb. 1840. He names five children: Charles Croom Jr.; Isaac Croom; Nancy Croom; Sarah Croom & Jimima(Croom) Hollowell. In the Settlement of his Estate between the time of his death about 1839 & 1846, his children are named thus: Charles Croom(Jr.); Isaac Croom; Nancy COOR; Sarah COOK; & Jimima Hollowell.

We know that Joshua Croom married his first cousin, SYLVIA CROOM, Daughter of MAJOR CROOM, brother of Daniel. They probably married about 1820 in Wayne County, NC.

The first record of Joshua in Madison County, Tenn., is the 1830 Census, which reading is given on his family Group Sheet, following this page. Then " A Deed in Trust from Joshua Croom to Aven L. Lane, 6 Feb 1832".

Tax records of 1828 & 1830 show Joshua's name, but does not tell how much land he owned. The last bit of information concerning him is in 1835.

In Minute Bk. 4, 1833-1835 ---;

November 2, 1835, "JOHN CROOM, an Orphan, age about 13 years is under the care and direction of the Court, was this day bound as an apprentice to Wyatt Mooring until he arrives to age of 21 years. The said Mooring agrees to teach him the art of farming, give him a good English education and at the expiration of his time, give him a good suit of clothes, and a horse and saddle & bridle with \$25.00, Etc.

Two more orphan children is named in the same manner, but bound to others. One orphan was SUSAN I. & CULLEN CROOM ages 11 & 5, respectively. In marriage records between 1840-1845:

Page 89, Lis. # 361--

Samuel M. Bobbit to Sarah Jane Croom, Dec 9, 1841  
issued 8 Dec 1841. William Croom, J.P. performed the ceremony.

Page 120, Lis. # 489--

Major Langston married Susan I. Croom, 10 Jan 1843.

Something puzzling about the mg record of Major Langston to Susan I, because the 1850 Census show that he was married to SARAH J., copied here:

District 15, 21 Aug 1850, Madison Co., Tenn.

Major Langston, age 25, b. N.C.

Sarah J. " " 23 b. Tenn.

Harriet " " 5 b. "

Martha " " 1 b. "

SYLVIA CROOM " 48 b. N.C. --wife of JOSHUA CROOM.

(P.39)