

... first family were born
 ... Hopson Jr. married I.
 2. Vicy Sprinkles.
 ... Hopson married Stephan
 ... Lavada Hopson married Ben-
 ... Arrowood.
 ... William Henry Hopson, died in the Span-
 ... American War.
 ... Alexander Hopson's second mar-
 ... was to Ollie Jane Stanley from Mitchell
 ... North Carolina. To this union were
 ... born eight children. They were Minervia Hop-
 ... son who married Hughes; Elizabeth Hop-
 ... son who married Jim Garland; Jane Hopson
 ... who married Mark Wright; Myra Hopson who
 ... never married; Jason Stanley Hopson who
 ... married (first) Emma Burleson, (second) Han-
 ... nah Capps and (third) Mildred Anders; Zeb B.
 ... Hopson who never married; George Greenlee
 ... Hopson who married Lula Ann Freeman and
 ... Sarah Hopson who died in infancy.

— Marion Marshbanks Jamerson

GEORGE HURST FAMILY

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The genealogical chart of my Hurst ances-
 tors was a gift to me from a great, great uncle
 who died in 1910.

In his "Reminiscences or Sketch of the Life
 of J. M. Hurst" (Franklin Printing Co., Atlanta,
 1906), he begins with his grandfather, George
 Hurst and his Christian wife who lived on this
 beautiful stream as early settlers. The name of
 George's wife is never mentioned.

The earliest record of George Hurst (ca
 1758 — 1846) appears in Surry County, NC in
 1787 and, curiously, another Hurst by the
 name of James appears in similar County Re-
 cords in 1786 (he was described as aged and
 infirm.) I am currently seeking to somehow
 relate these two as father and son since
 George christened his first born James, and
 the name continues through the generations to
 me.

George migrated to the frontier of Bun-
 combe County in 1807. He purchased 50 acres
 of prime property on Big Ivy Creek from Jacob
 Byler. The 1810 census lists his family as
 totaling 10, which would include the following:
 George, his wife, and 8 children: James (b.
 1783), John (b. 1788-1853), Pleasant (b.
 1804), John Martin (b. 1811-1898), Hannah
 (Whitmore), Mary "Polly" (Greenwood), Eli-
 zabeth (Anderson), and a Mrs. Cole. It seems
 that ties with Surry County were maintained
 after the migration since Mary "Polly" Hurst
 married John Greenwood there in the 1800's
 and George Hurst was witness at William
 Hurst's wedding to Mildred Whitlock April 22,
 1805. Obviously, family remained after the
 initial move.

Pertaining to the female children of George
 Hurst, little else is known. His sons, Pleasant,
 John Martin, and James, remained on Bun-
 combe County soil (now part of Madison Co.)
 for the rest of their lives as pioneers and raised
 large families.

1800), Humphrey (b. 1800), Elizabeth (b. 1800),
 wood), Rebecca (b. 1845), John E. (1842 —
 1912).

John Martin Hurst's children were Mary E.
 (Carson), (1839 — 1884), James Wesley
 (1842-1937), Margaret Buckner (1845-1883),
 Joshua Young (1847 — 1863), Ellen (Carson)
 (1845 — 1883), Joshua Young (1847 —
 1863), Ellen (Carson) (1845 — 1912), Wm.
 Bernard (1851-1932), Sarah (Buckner) (1853
 — 1901), Joseph Sire (1855 — 1937),
 Martha Louisa (Buckner) (1863 — 1932),
 Jane (Anders) (b. 1865), Ann (Buckner) (1858
 — 1935).

James Hurst's children were: Mary "Polly"
 (Bernard), Cozie (Greenwood), Wm. Hender-
 son (1825) — 1915, Minerva (b. 1830, Louis
 (b. 1833), Henry (b. 1827).

Lastly, my great, great grandfather John
 Hurst felt it necessary to move on and began
 scouting the frontiers to the south from 1810
 to 1814. He found what he was looking for in
 Jasper County, Ga., where she married Eliz-
 abeth Montgomery (whose family was also
 from NC) on June 30, 1814. He and his bride
 returned to Buncombe County and raised part
 of their family: George Jackson (1816 —
 1894), David Martin (1818 — 1842), William
 Rabun (named for Rabun Gap, Ga.) 1820 —
 1864), James Montgomery (named for his
 mother and author of "Reminiscences.")
 (1821 — 1910), Elizabeth Hawthorne
 (Sawyer) (1824 — 1853), John Newton
 (named for Newton Co., Ga. where his family
 later settled), Minerva Margaret (Sawyer) (b.
 1827)

In 1828 the permanent migration to Newton
 County, Ga. took place. It was there that he
 raised the rest of his family: Mary Matilda
 (Lane) (b. 1829), Susan Francis (Adams)
 (1833 — 1905), Matilda Jame (Thornton) (b.
 1835), Louisa Ann (1837 — 1874), Anderson
 L. Columbus (named for Andersonville, Co-
 lumbus Co., Ga. where his father also owned
 land) (b. 1839), and finally, my great grand-
 fathr Martin Franklin (1841 — 1901) (he be-
 came a circuit minister of the Primitive Baptist
 persuasion).

John Hurst remained in Newton Co. until his
 death at age 65. However, through his life he
 kept close contact with his relations in old
 Buncombe County. His wife Elizabeth lived
 until age 94 (1889) and was survived by 8 of
 their 13 children. They are interred in the
 family plot at Brick Store, Newton County, Ga.
 with a number of their children and tenants.

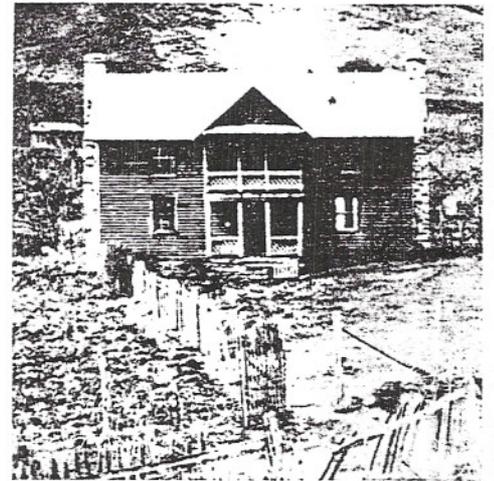
My ancestor's memories of old Buncombe
 County can be summed up in the first passage
 of James Hurst's "Reminiscences" ... born
 December 31, 1821, on Big Ivy Creek, Bun-
 combe Co., NC, about 20 miles west of Ashe-
 ville. This beautiful stream has many attrac-
 tions because of its crystal waters, high banks
 covered with laurel and Ivy bushes, so inter-
 twined with beautiful foliage and blossoms as
 to give exquisite pleasure to the eye of the
 lovers of nature."

— James M. Hurst

WRIGHT HUTCHINGS R1749

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Wright Hutchins lived in Yancey County
 N.C. near the confluence of South Toe and
 North Toe Rivers, near Kona, N.C. He owned
 the land between the rivers and some below
 the confluence in Yancey County and some in
 Mitchell County. He received this in grants
 from the Governor of North Carolina — one
 grant from Governor Dudley and dated 1835,
 the other the same year in December. He
 probably came here from Rutherford County,
 and the land cost him five dollars per hundred
 acres with some conditions probably
 attached.



Home of John C. Hutchins on Cattail Creek, Yancey County. The house is still standing.

The US Census of 1840 shows that Wright
 Hutchins had two boys and two girls under 20
 years of age. Later it was determined that one
 of the boys was named John C. Hutchins. He
 married Sarah Ann Biggs and lived in a log
 house on Cattail Creek. The house is still
 standing. Their children were:

William Wright Hutchins, b. Oct. 29, 1848,
 died Dec. 15, 1919; Mary Malissa, born May
 18, 1851 who married Tom Harris; Margaret
 Emaline who married Willard McMahan; John
 Madison, wife unknown, but whose son was
 the best natural gunsmith in the country; Fin-
 netta Catharine, born Sept. 25, 1857 who
 married Charlie McMahan; Landon Hayes,
 born August 20, 1859, who married Trissie
 Lovada Shepherd, and James Columbia who
 was born, Dec. 3, 1861, married Eura Ann
 Rathbone, and died on May 30, 1941.

Landon Hayes Hutchins was a school
 teacher, and the county superintendent for
 two terms, covering a period of over 50 years.
 His children were: James, who taught school;
 A.J., who became Superintendent of the
 Asheville High School, and later of Canton
 High School; William who was a farmer;
 Charles, a lawyer and representative to the
 State Legislature for at least two terms, and
 his wife Effie for one term. His wife was a
 record-breaking hiker. When she was 33 years
 old she hiked from Burnsville to Asheville on
 April 25, 1927 — forty mile hike in seven
 hours and thirty eight minutes.