

genealogy is unfinished. We know there are gaps and -- woe is us -- errors. But perhaps it cannot be otherwise -- not so long as records conflict, burn up and get lost, memories fade, and families keep increasing and/or decreasing year after year, month by month.

The seven sons of John and Mary Scott Douthit provide a way to go about telling the Douthit story. Each son represents a Douthit "line," genealogically speaking. Highlights in the lives of each son and his descendants will be described, after which will come the "Nitty Gritty," the vital charted and tabled genealogical data, and last an index pertaining to the whole book. For documentation sources not detailed in the narrative section, use the Nitty Gritty.

Some "lines," unfortunately, will get more space than others simply because more information was available. Some lines were more prolific; some died out; some remained more visible; some preserved more family lore and were able to share it. It's too bad the narrative space could not have been distributed more evenly.

We shall note the marriages of Douthit daughters along the way and tell of the experiences of Douthit women in the new country, but as of now, anyway, we can go no further into the collateral descendency. The present task is huge and impossible enough for one smallish lady.

Summarizing, John, Sr., and Mary had seven sons and four daughters, besides the two daughters said to have died in infancy. The daughters who survived and their birth, marriage and death dates, as far as we, with the help of the Moravians, know them, were:

Elizabeth, born April 29, 1739, at Monocacy, Maryland, married Stephen Riddle, who operated a Yadkin ferry as did his father-in-law. Elizabeth died October 22, 1790, and is buried

in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, near Clemmons, North Carolina.

Mary, born between 1741 and 1744 in Maryland, married Phillip Howard. The Rev. James Douthit, grandson of John, Sr., married Susannah Howard, daughter of a Phillip Howard, but it isn't certain the Phillip Howards were identical. Mary died between 1784 and 1794.

Sarah, born March 10, 1759, Rowan county, North Carolina, married Christopher Elrod, Jr., a Muddy Creek neighbor. Elrods and Douthits were close neighbors and friends, first in Maryland, next in North Carolina, and then in other parts of the country, south and west. Quite a few Douthit-Elrod marriages occurred along the way.

Rebecca, born March 9, 1762, a twin of Abraham, married Thomas Hill, a neighbor of the Moravians, but little else is known about her.

The seven sons, about each of whom more will follow, were:

John, Jr., born April 10, 1740, at Monocacy;

William, born December 27, 1746, at Monocacy;

James, born December 25, 1749, at Monocacy;

Thomas, born February 4, 1753, in Rowan county;

Isaac, born August 10, 1756, in Rowan county;

Abraham, Rebecca's twin, born March 9, 1762, in Rowan county;

Jacob, born July 23, 1765, in Rowan county.

**John Douthit, Jr.**  
1740-1813  
(First son of John, Sr.)

In Rowan county deedbook 4, page 834, is recorded a transaction by which Earl Granville sold to John