

Bartholomew (Batte) Short Stanton

The first Stanton to arrive on the North American continent, was John Stanton (b. 1608) who at the age of 27, came to America from England, landing in Va. in 1635.

Over the next approximately 200 years, his offspring settled throughout the Colony of Virginia and gradually drifted southward into N.C.

From N.C., John Stanton (b. 1756), sixth generation descendant of John Stanton, arrived in Ga. and settled in Washington Co. sometime during the early 1800s. Speculation is that the move from N.C. was motivated by "the lure of the Bounty land the State had set aside for its soldiers," since John had served in the Revolutionary War.

John Stanton and his wife Elizabeth (Short) Stanton (d. 1815) had nine children, and it would be their youngest son, Bartholomew (Batte) Short Stanton (b. Jan. 27, 1790 in Wayne Co., N.C., d. Nov. 30, 1845) who would settle in Newton Co.

It is not clear as to whether Batte Stanton accompanied his parents in their move from N.C. to Washington Co. and then returned to Rockingham Co., N.C. to marry Abigail Caroline Middlebrooks (b. May 9, 1795, d. Sept. 3, 1835) in 1812, or if he remained in Wayne Co. since his father had sold the property he owned there to his Uncle Samson.

Abigail (Middlebrooks) Stanton was the daughter of John and Milly Sutton Middlebrooks. Interestingly, Abigail's great-great-great-great-grandfather, Joseph Middlebrooks, arrived at Concord, Mass. Bay Colony in the same year that John Stanton landed in Va. Similarly, the Middlebrooks family migrated southward first into Conn., then to the Va. and N.C. border area and eventually Newton Co. after Batte and Abigail married. Apparently, her parents and brother, Zere, followed her here as records indicate they were residents of Newton Co. at the time of their deaths.

Batte and Abigail married when he was 22 years of age and she was 17. Shortly thereafter, he fought in the War of 1812 under General Andrew (Old Hickory) Jackson at the six days battle against the Indians at Topehaka or Horseshoe Bend in Ala. as well as the Battle of New Orleans.

After the War, Batte came back to Ga. "looking for good homestead to locate on as most good farming land was already owned by slave holders in North and South Carolina whereas in Georgia, there was Indian Reservation Land to be homesteaded or bought from the government." Batte briefly settled in Sandersville in 1815 then went to Putnam Co. and, in 1820 to Newton Co. taking advantage of the opportunity to own land recently vacated by the Indians.

"Mrs. Lena Stanton DeLeperrier, a great-grandaughter has the original deed signed by John Clarke, Governor of Georgia with the seal of the State of Georgia hanging by a cord. The deed shows a plat of the farm with Little River running through it.

"It states, 'The above plat is a representation of that tract or lot of land drawn by Batte Short Stanton of Robertsons District Putnam County situated in the First District in the County of Walton (Batte's plantation was in the lower corner where the three counties, Walton, Newton and Morgan join) containing 250 acres which is now and distinguished in the plan of said district by the number 128. Surveyed on the 9th day of June, 1819.'"

"The deed showed \$18.00 was received by George R. Clayton. The grant registered in 'Book Walton'. All this farm is now Newton County Brick Store District."

"According to his will, probated in Newton County Book 1, page 149, Batte Stanton owned 850 acres at his death in 1845", which he divided among 11 of his 14 children. Three had preceded him in death.

Children by Batte Short Stanton and Abigail (Middlebrooks) Stanton: John Simon b. Feb. 28, 1814, d. Feb. 27, 1864, m. 1st Elizabeth Dacus, m. 2nd Eliza Cooper; Elizabeth b. June 22, 1815, d. Jan. 27, 1834; Thomas Henry b. Feb. 4, 1817, d. Jan. 2, 1888, m. Sara Gibson; Lodisca Caroline b. Oct. 8, 1818, d. Jan. 26, 1855, m. James Lowe; William David b. July 14, 1820, d. July 24, 1904, unmarried; Robert Short b. Jan. 9, 1823, d. Apr. 29, 1887, m. 1st Sarah Jones, m. 2nd Susan Plunkett; Emilla Frances b. Feb. 28, 1826, d. July 7, 1902, m. Elbert Rabun Davis; Delith Susan b. Oct. 4, 1829, d. 1911, m. John Coleman Middlebrooks; Rebecca b. Dec. 28, 1831, d. May 2, 1933; Batte Anderson b. Sept. 4, 1832, d. Nov. 15, 1869, m. Mary Bradley; Liza Jane b. Sept. 26, 1833, d. Sept. 25, 1834.

Abigail (Middlebrooks) Stanton d. Sept. 3, 1835. Batte Stanton m. 2nd May 26, 1836, Mrs. Elizabeth (Davis) Cheney "of the Cheney's Expectorant medicine family."

Children from the second marriage were: James Newton b. Aug. 27, 1837, d. Jan. 20, 1912, m. Eugenia Thompson; George Madison b. Mar. 17, 1840, d. Mar. 28, 1892, m. Kate Walker; Wiley Harrison b. Mar. 29, 1842, d. Sept. 9, 1913, m. Katharine Douglas; Marion Davis b. June 21, 1844, d. Nov. 13, 1926, m. 1st Mary Reeves, m. 2nd Dicie Dickson.

"Batte Short Stanton died of measles at the age of 55 years . . . and was buried in the family cemetery on the plantation with his wife Abigail, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Liza Jane. The burial lot is enclosed by an iron fence handmade by his son, William David."

To follow down the line of Stantons who presently reside near the Brick Store Community, we will trace from the son of Batte and Abigail, Thomas Henry Stanton.

Thomas Henry b. Feb. 4, 1817, d. Jan. 2, 1888, m. Sarah E. Gibson in 1843. They had three children: George Batte b. Apr. 15, 1846, d. 1910, m. 1st Sarah Elizabeth Cooper, Oct. 26, 1876, m. 2nd Martha Caroline (Eckles) Armstead, Mar. 1, 1882, m. 3rd Fannie (Austin) Hancock, Aug. 16, 1899; Sarah Elizabeth Stanton m. O. M. Callaway; and Isaac Anderson Stanton b. May 12, 1852, d. June 4, 1931, m. Ollie Jane Hollis in 1877.

Isaac Anderson Stanton, son of Thomas Henry and Sarah Gibson Stanton m. Ollie Jane Hollis in 1877. Children by this marriage: Pearl b. Dec. 1878, d. Dec. 9, 1879; Edna b. Nov. 17, 1880, d. Mar. 9, 1963, m. Charles Walker, Aug. 1, 1900; Leila b. Nov. 5, 1882, d. Dec. 12, 1916, m. Paul Dyer, July 28, 1908; Vera Madeline b. Sept. 9, 1886, d. Feb. ———, unmarried; Cora Lee b. Aug. 26, 1888, d. ———, m. W. B. Kirkpatrick, Nov. 18, 1891; Isaac Anderson b. Nov. 18, 1891, d. Apr. 15, 1968, m. Lizzie Kate Mobley; Robert Hollis b. June 24, 1896, d. Jan. 4, 1975, m. Sue Ship Malcolm, July 5, 1922; Ollie May b. May 1, 1894, m. Jasper Lewis. She still resides in the Brick Store Community.

Robert Hollis Stanton, Sr. and his wife Sue Ship (Malcolm) Stanton had two children: Robert Hollis, II, b. Aug. 29, 1923, m. Geina Mae Andrews; Leila b. Nov. 6, 1930, m. Robert Allen Watson, had a daughter Joan, and presently lives in Augusta, Ga.

Robert Hollis Stanton, II and Geina Mae (Andrews) Stanton currently reside in the old home of his grandfather, Isaac Anderson Stanton at The Hub. They had four sons: Robert Hollis, III, b. Sept. 9, 1948, m. Carol Frances Corbin, Aug. 29, 1970, has a daughter Ashley Corbin b. Nov. 27, 1974, and lives in Marietta, Ga.; Malcolm Andrews b. Feb. 4, 1950, m. 1st Carol Ann Freeman, Apr. 11, 1971, m. 2nd Nancy Carol (Barnes) Shoaff, June 3, 1983, daughter by first marriage—Schandra Nichole (Niki)

b. Dec. 8, 1972, and son by second marriage, Malcolm Andrews (Drew) Stanton, Jr. b. Aug. 19, 1984, currently Mansfield residents; James Isaac b. Oct. 22, 1951, m. Joan Moore, Dec. 30, 1971, has three children: James Isaac, Jr. b. Apr. 1, 1975, Joan Annette (Anne) b. Sept. 25, 1978 and Jill Alise b. Oct. 24, 1983, presently living in Snellville, Ga.; William Hull b. Aug. 10, 1953, m. Brenda (Marks) Roughen, Aug. 6, 1979, has three daughters: Leigh Roughen Stanton b. Aug. 6, 1973; Callie Jane b. May 29, 1981; and Emily Sue b. July 5, 1984, now residing in Mansfield. □ *Geina Mae Andrews Stanton*

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