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THE YEARS 1810-1830



THOMAS DAVENPORT DIES IN BURKE COUNTY

◇ **8 March 1810** - OBITUARY: *The Star* [a newspaper], Raleigh, **North Carolina**:

“Died on the 10th of November, 1809, at the house of **Martin Davenport** in **Burke County**, **Mr. Thomas Davenport**, in his 98th year of his age. He enjoyed his health until a short time before his death. **Mr. Davenport** was remarkable for a cheerful disposition and for benevolence of heart; it is said that he was never involved in a lawsuit but once, and then by being security for a debt, he was sued and compelled to pay the money. In the latter part of his life, he appeared to enjoy the comforts of religion in a high degree.

He has raised six daughters and one son. His eldest daughter **Sophia**, the wife of **William White, Esq.**, of Mulberry, in the County of Burke, hath at this time upwards of one hundred of her posterity living; and it has been ascertained from **Thomas Davenport**, counting him as the first, there are more than forty of his posterity now living in the fifth generation. **Thomas Davenport's** five youngest children each raised large families, and it is computed that the posterity of those five now living amount to more than 300.”

This was Thomas, likely the eldest son of Martin Davenport, Sr., of Hanover. Thomas was surely born on the Davenport home place in King William County c1711. As a youth, he moved up the Pamunkey into the North Anna watershed with his father before 1725, married Dorothy [Strother?] c1732. If he had a part of his father's 400-acre patent of 1727, it was completely within Hanover, for there are no Thomas Davenport land records in Louisa, and no references to him as an adjoining landowner in the few Hanover land records that survive. Thomas moved with Baker and Gambill in-laws to Culpeper County in the late 1740s-early 1750s, then was the Davenport patriarch in the relocation of the families to Burke County in the mountainous North Carolina frontier in the last half of the 1770s.

At the end of the obituary in *The Star*:

“Died at the house of **Martin Davenport**, on the 10th of January last, his wife's mother, Mrs. Sarah Browning, in the 97th year of her age, leaving a large family of children, grand children and great grandchildren.

“The funeral was preached the 17th of February, by the Rev. Mr. Askaw, to a numerous audience.”

Martin Davenport, son of Thomas Davenport, married Jane Browning c 1779 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. Sarah Browning was his mother-in-law.

An image of *The Star* obituary follows:

COMMUNICATION

DIED on the 10th of December, 1809, at the house of Martin Davenport in Burke county, Mr. Thomas Davenport, in the 98th year of his age. He enjoyed his health until a short time before his death. Mr. Davenport was remarkable for a cheerful disposition and for benevolence of heart. It is said he never was involved in a law suit but once, and then by being security for a debt, he was sued and compelled to pay the money. In the latter part of his life he appeared to enjoy the comforts of religion in a high degree.

He raised six daughters and one son. His eldest daughter Sophia, the wife of William White, Esq. of the Mulberry, in the county of Burke, hath at this time upwards of one hundred of her posterity living; and it has been ascertained that from Thomas Davenport, counting him as the first, there are more than sixty of his posterity now living of the 5th generation. Thomas Davenport's five youngest children each raised large families, and it is computed that the posterity of those five now living amount to more than three hundred.

Died, at the house of Martin Davenport, on the 10th of January last; his wife's mother, Mrs. Sarah Browning, in the 97th year of her age; leaving a large family of children, grand children and great grand children.

¹ The funeral was preached the 17 of February, by the Rev. Mr. Askaw, to a numerous audience.

April 1810 – COURT MINUTES: Children of **Thomas Wiseman**, dec'd., identified as **Glover Davenport Wiseman, Martin Wiseman, Dorothy Wiseman, Ann Wiseman's** guardian. [Court Minutes abstracted in Edith Warren Huggins, **Burke County, North Carolina, Records, Vol. IV** (Easley SC: Southern Historical Press, reprint 1985), 47]

This entry particularly need to be checked against the original since it is not clear what the abstract means (who was whose guardian?).

6 August 1810 - THIRD CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: North Carolina

Census Day: first Monday in August, 1810, Columns for:
 Free white Males, number under 10
 Free white Males, number 10-16
 Free white Males, number 16-26
 Free white Males, number 26-45
 Free white Males, number 45 and older
 Free white Females, number under 10
 Free white Females, number 10-16
 Free white Females, number 16-26
 Free white Females, number 26-45
 Free white Females, number 45 and older
 Number of all other free persons except Indians not taxed
 Number of slaves

BURKE COUNTY

Harry or Henry Baker 2 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0
 (Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 10/58*)

The relationship, if any, of this Baker to our Bakers is unknown. Certainly by 1810 the surname was common, and it can certainly not be presumed that any Baker located in the same geographic region was a relative. It is definitely not the Henry Baker who was a son of Thomas Baker; that Henry died in 1806.

Martin Davenport	0 1 2 0 1	0 1 2 0 1	0 7
John Browning	0 0 1 0 1	0 0 0 2 1	0 1
Martin Browning	1 0 0 1 0	2 0 0 1 0	
Thomas Browning	0 0 0 1 0	2 0 0 2 0	

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 21/58*)

Martin Davenport was the son of Thomas Davenport, brother of Dorothy Davenport Baker. The Brownings were likely relatives of his wife, Jane Browning Daveport.

David Browning	1 0 1 0 0	1 0 1 0 0
Robert Davenport	1 0 0 1 0	2 0 0 1 0
Joseph Buchanan	1 2 1 0 1	5 1 0 1 0
Reuben McKinney	0 0 0 1 0	1 0 0 1 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 22/58*)

Reuben McKinney was David Baker's son-in-law, husband of David's daughter Mary by his first wife Mary Webb.

The relationship, if any, of Robert Davenport to the Davenports who moved with the Bakers from Virginia, is unknown.

William Wiseman [?r.]	2 1 0 0 1	2 0 0 0 1
Arthur Buchanan	3 0 0 1 0	0 0 1 0 0
Arthur Buchanan Sr.	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 1

William Buchanan	4	2	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	0
John Gouge	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	1
David Baker	3	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1
Thomas Baker	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0

(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 23/58)

William Wiseman	2	1			1	2			1
Arthur Buchanan	3			1				1	
William Young	1	2		1					1
Sarah Duncanson	1					2			1
Charles McEach			1			1		1	
William Buchanan	4	2		1		3	2		1
John Gouge	2	1	2		1	2	1	1	1
David Baker	3	1		1		2	1		1
Thomas Baker	3			1		2			1
Joseph Tate	2		1	1		1			1

The Buchanans became in-laws to the Bakers when Martin Alexander Baker, David's oldest son by his second wife Dorothy Wiseman, married Elizabeth Buchanan, daughter of William Buchanan, c1817. David Baker's sister Crotia married a member of the Gouge family, often identified as Joseph. The William Wiseman shown here is likely David's father-in-law; Thomas Baker was David's oldest son by first wife Mary Webb.

William Baker	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
William Bailey	1	2	0	1	0	3	1	1	1	0

(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 24/58)

William Baker				1			2		1	
Jude Woodson	1						2			1
Louisa Hill	1	1	1	1			2	2		1
David Keener	4		1				1	1		1
Henry Atkins	2		1					1		1
Henry Howells	2		3			1		1		1
William Logan	1						3	1		1
Henry Martin			1			1			1	1
Simon Martin	1	1		1			2	1		1
Abigail Barclay		1		1						1
John Rose	2	1	2			1		2	2	1
John Berryberry			1				1		1	
John Witherspoon	2	2		1			2	1		1
William Barclay	1	2		1			3	1	1	1
John Barclay	1									1

William Baker was David's second oldest son by first wife Mary Webb. William Bailey was David's son-in-law, husband of daughter Elizabeth by his first wife Mary Webb.

Benjamin White	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Thomas Davenport	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	0
William White	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 26/58*)

Jonas Davenport	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
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(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 27/58*)

Jonas Davenport was David Baker's first cousin once removed as well as his son-in-law, husband of his daughter Nancy by his first wife Mary Webb. Jonas was also a first cousin to David's second wife Dorothy Wiseman.

Harry or Henry Baker	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
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(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 47/58*)

Richard Baker	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Nancy Baker	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	15
John Baker	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	2

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Microfilm M252_39, image 50/58*)

John Webb	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Reuben Webb	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
James Webb	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Crittenden Baker	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Thomas White	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	3
William White	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	15

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm, image 52/58*)

John Webb	1		1					1		
Reuben Webb			1							
James Webb	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1
Eliza Gideon		2			2		1		1	0
Lucy Hight			1		1				1	6
Charles Baker			1				1			
Sarah Hight	1	1			1		1		1	
Lydia Estlin					1				1	14
John Harris	2		1			1	1			
Sarah Harris			1		1				1	
Labon Estlin		2			1		1		1	11
Lewis Harris	3	1	1		1	2		1		
Thomas White	1				1	2	2		1	3
William White	1	1			1		1		1	15

Crittenden Baker was David Baker's son by his first wife Mary Webb. The Webbs on the same census page are likely to have been Crittenden's cousins on his mother's side; the Whites cousins on his father's side.

William Wiseman 3 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 56/58*)

Jonas White 5 0 3 0 1 0 1 3 0 1
George Baker 4 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0
John White 1 0 1 0 0 2 0 1 0 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M252_39, image 57/58*)

The 1810 census was enumerated as of 6 August 1810. The count was originally to be completed within nine months but was extended by law to 10 months. The Burke County census was certified as of 5 December 1810.

6 July 1812 – LAND GRANT: **David Baker**, 898 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on Cane Creek. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 3802, Grant# 3567, Entry # 5491, 26 April 1808*).

6 July 1812 – LAND GRANT: **David Baker**, 100 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on White Oak Creek. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 3803, Grant# 3568, Entry # 5492, 26 April 1808*).

24 November 1813 – LAND GRANT: **David Baker**, 50 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on the waters of the Toe River. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 3834, Grant# 3597, Entry # 3251, 26 April 1808*).

July 1818 – PROBATE: Will of William White presented for probate, proved by Robert M. Murrell and James McDowell, witnesses. **William Davenport** qualified as executor. [Miles S. Philbeck, Jr. and Grace Turner, **Burke County, North Carolina, surviving will and probate abstracts, 1777-1910** (Wilson, N.C.: G. Turner, 1983)]

30 November 1819 – LAND GRANT: **David Baker**, 100 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on the Pumpkin Patch Mountain. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 4231, Grant# 3991, Entry # 6759, 29 January 1817*).

April 1820 – PROBATE: Will of John Gouge, presented for probate, proved by **David Baker**, witness. John Gouge qualified as executor. [Miles S. Philbeck, Jr. and Grace Turner, **Burke County, North Carolina, surviving will and probate abstracts, 1777-1910** (Wilson, N.C.: G. Turner, 1983)]

David Baker's sister Crotia was reportedly married to a Joseph or John Gouge.

7 August 1820 - FOURTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: **North Carolina**

Census Day: first Monday in August, 1820, Columns for:
Free white Males, number under 10
Free white Males, number 10-16
Free white Males, number 16-18
Free white Males, number 16-26

Free white Males, number 26-45
 Free white Males, number 45 and older
 Free white Females, number under 10
 Free white Females, number 10-16
 Free white Females, number 16-26
 Free white Females, number 26-45
 Free white Females, number 45 and older
 Foreigners not naturalized – None relevant, not included below
 Numbers of persons engaged in Agriculture
 Numbers of persons engaged in Commerce
 Numbers of persons engaged in Manufacture
 Number of Male slaves, under 14
 Number of Male slaves, 14-26
 Number of Male slaves, 26-45
 Number of Male slaves, 45 and older
 Number of Female slaves, under 14
 Number of Female slaves, 14-26
 Number of Female slaves, 26-45
 Number of Female slaves, 45 and older
 Number of Free colored Males, under 14– None relevant, not included below
 Number of Free colored Males, 14-26– None relevant, not included below
 Number of Free colored Males, 26-45– None relevant, not included below
 Number of Free colored Males, 45 and older– None relevant, not included below
 Number of Free colored Females, under 14– None relevant, not included below
 Number of Free colored Females, 14-26– None relevant, not included below
 Number of Free colored Females, 26-45– None relevant, not included below
 Number of Free colored Females, 45 and older– None relevant, not included below
 Number of all other free persons except Indians not taxed – None relevant, not included below

BURKE COUNTY

Bedford Wiseman 2 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 2 0 1 1 0 1
 Waightstill Avery 3 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 2 0 1 25 0 2 15 4 9 4 15 8 4 4

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 3/68*)

Richard Baker 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0
 Henry Baker 1 1 0 0 0 1 4 2 4 1 0 4 0 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 5/68*)

Gilbert H. White 2 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0

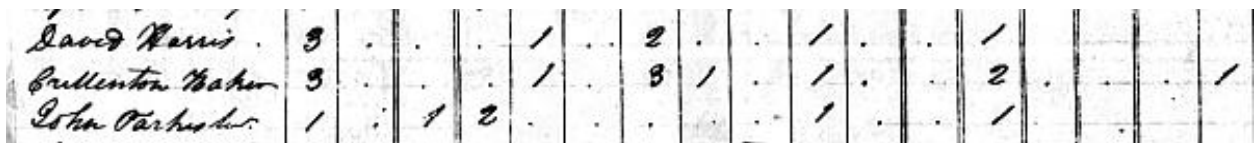
(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 11/68*)

John Baker 1 0 0 0 1 0 3 3 0 1 0 3 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 14/68*)

Reuben White 1 1 1 2 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
Crittenton Baker 3 0 0 0 1 0 3 1 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 19/68*)



John Browning 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0

(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 23/68)

William White	0 0 0 1 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	1 0 0
Reuben Webb	0 0 0 1 0 1	0 0 1 0 1	? 0 0 [?=inkblot]
James Webb	0 1 0 0 0 1	0 1 0 0 1	3 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
John Webb	0 0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 1	1 0 0

(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 24/68)

Thos Davenport	2 3 0 0 0 1	1 0 2 1 0	4 0 0
Jonas Davenport	5 1 0 0 0 1	1 1 0 1 0	2 0 0
Thomas Webb	1 0 0 0 1 0	2 0 2 0 0	1 0 0

(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 26/68)

Arthur Buchanan	0 0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 1	1 0 0
John Gouge	1 1 1 3 0 0	0 2 1 0 1	4 0 0

(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 27/68)

William Buchanan	3*2 1 3 0 1	2 2 1 0 1	6 0 0 [*3 or 2]
Reuben McKinney	2 0 0 0 1 0	2 0 1 0 1	1 0 0
David Baker Esq.	0 1 0 2 0 1	0 1 1 0 1	4 0 0
Martin Baker	1 0 0 1 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	1 0 0

(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 28/68)



William Baker	2 0 0 0 1 0	4 1 0 1 0	1 0 0
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(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 29/68)



David Davenport	1 0 0 1 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0
William Baley	1 0 0 1 0 1	3 2 0 0 1	2 0 0		

(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 30/68)

William Wiseman	1 1 1 1 0 1	1 1 1 ? 1	3 0 0 [?=inkblot]
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(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 31/68)

Peter Baker	5 0 0 0 1 1	5 0 0 2 1	2 0 0
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(Source: Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 37/68)

Reuben White 1 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 1 0 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 40/68*)

Jonas White 0 2 1 3 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 4 0 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 41/68*)

Joseph Baker 2 0 0 0 1 0 3 1 0 1 0 1 0 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 42/68*)

John Browning 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 44/68*)

William Browning 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 1 0 0

(Source: *Ancestry.com, Burke County NC, microfilm M33_83, image 52/68*)

March 1823 – PROBATE: Will of **William Wiseman** presented for probate by **Lidia Wiseman**, proved by **Thomas Baker**, witness. **Lidia Wiseman**, widow, qualified as executor. [Miles S. Philbeck, Jr. and Grace Turner, *Burke County, North Carolina, surviving will and probate abstracts, 1777-1910* (Wilson, N.C.: G. Turner, 1983)]

16 December 1824 – LAND GRANT: **David Baker**, 100 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on the north side of the Toe River. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 4482, Grant# 5140, Entry # 8026, 25 April 1821*).

7 July 1825 – LAND GRANT: **William Davenport**, 150 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on the Blue Ridge. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 4490, Grant# 5148, Entry # 7971, 23 January 1821*).

21 December 1825 – LAND GRANT: **David Baker**, 100 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on the waters of Cane Creek. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 4516, Grant# 5179, Entry # 8286, 28 January 1823*).

4 December 1828 – LAND GRANT: William Bailey, 100 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on Honeycuts Creek on North side of Toe River. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 4659, Grant # 5315, Entry # 5315, 23 October 1826*).

William Bailey was married to Elizabeth Baker, oldest child of David Baker by his first wife Mary Webb.

4 December 1828 – LAND GRANT: **David D. Baker**, 100 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on the Sink hole Creek waters of Toe River. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 4660, Grant # 5316, Entry # 9021, 26 September 1826*).

David D. [for Davenport] Baker was David Baker's 10th child overall, and his third child and second son by his second wife Dorothy Wiseman.

25 November 1829 – LAND GRANT: **Henry Baker**, 40 acres in **Burke County**, North Carolina, on the west side of Silvers Creek. (*North Carolina Land Grants, North Carolina Archives, File No. 4707, Grant # 5363, Entry # 9651, 15 August 1828*).

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