

## BENAJAH SCOTT

Benajah, son of Charles and Avanilla Scott, was born about 1800 in Wayne County and died in September of 1856 in Wilson County. He married Zilphia Ammons (born about 1804, died May 12, 1862). They had ten children:

1. Elinda/Eleanor Scott (born about 1824 in Wayne County and died before 1900 (not in Census)); She is buried in an unmarked grave in the Daniel Aycock Cemetery, Wilson County  
married 1) Isaac Lamm on September 7, 1854 in Wayne County, NC. This was a second marriage for him. He married first Piety Peele on Feb 15, 1843 or 1849. Piety was a granddaughter of Jesse Peele. She and Isaac were the grandparents of Alma Barnes Scott, wife of Exum Scott. Isaac was born about 1815 in Wayne County and died around 1865 in Wilson County.  
2) Daniel Aycock on 25 Nov 1875 in Wilson County
2. **DAVID AMMONS SCOTT** (born April 10, 1825, died November 5, 1892)  
married Sarah Ann Revell on July 22, 1851. She was the daughter of Asenath Peele and John Revell who were buried in the Scott Family Cemetery. She was also a granddaughter of Jesse Peele
3. Elizabeth Scott (born January 27, 1829, died October 20, 1889)  
married Matthew V. Peele who was a grandson of Jesse Peele
4. Charles A. Scott (born about 1834; died 11 Sep 1863, bur in mass grave at Willow Dale Cemetery, Goldsboro, NC); did not marry
5. John Daniel Scott (born about 1835, died Sunday, July 31, 1893 in Wilson County); he was a Primitive Baptist Elder in Wilson County  
married 1) Sarah Ann Pittman on February 5, 1857 in Wilson County  
2) Elizabeth Hays on February 12, 1888
6. Blaney Scott (born April 1839, died January 17, 1914), never married
7. Seth Henderson Scott (born about 1840, died 1863); He was reported missing on May 3, 1863 and "supposed to be dead" at Chancellorsville, VA; never married
8. Abriam ("Aba") Z. Scott (born about 1845)  
married Jesse M. Scott on September 27, 1860 in Wilson County. He was the son of Council & Annie Pate Scott; they were first cousins
9. Sythus Ann Scott (born February 1849)  
married Andrew Jackson Ellis on December 16, 1869 in Wilson County
10. Louisa A. Catherine Scott (born about 1851, died 15 Feb 1914 in Wilson County)  
married Thomas Lamm in 1874

On June 23, 1819 Benajah Scott and George Deens were chain bearers in a survey for his father, Charles Scott, for 54a in Wayne County on the Bull Pocosin.<sup>1</sup> Benajah served as a chain bearer again for his father in April 1821 for 68a in Sampson County on the south side of Hornet Swamp.<sup>2</sup> These were the first official records for Benajah.

Benajah Scott and Shad Pate witnessed the will of James Pate, Sr. on January 15, 1826.<sup>3</sup>

Benajah was listed in the 1830 Wayne County Census as a householder between the age of 20 and 30. The 1830 Census did not list family members by name, but it did provide information about gender and age of members of the household. Benajah had one son less than 5 years and two females less than five years. Another female [wife Zilpha] between the age of 20 and 30 was also listed.<sup>4</sup>

When his father, Charles, died in 1832, Benajah was bequeathed one earthen dish and one "smoothing plain" in the will. The will was probated during the May Term of the 1832 court.<sup>5</sup>

On January 29, 1833 Arthur Bardin deeded 100 acres to Benajah for \$150. The tract was located on the Hogpen Branch, which was on the south side of Black Creek. Isaac Lamb and Barna Rose were neighbors.<sup>6</sup> This land was not near Stoney Creek where his brothers resided. Although it was located in Wayne County, the area would be in Wilson County when it was created in 1855.

In 1838 Jinnett Holland sold Benajah 100 acres on the west side of Long Branch near Isaac Lamb, Micail Revell and \_\_\_\_\_ King (first name not provided). Simon Newsom and Daniel Lukus witnessed the deed.<sup>7</sup>

On March 7, 1840 John Revell (son of Micail Revell) of Johnston County deeded 125 acres in Wayne County to Benajah Scott for \$290. This tract adjoined Benajah's own tract on the Long Branch and the Hogpen Branch. Simon Newsom and Reddin Newsom witnessed this deed, which was proved by Simon at the February Term of the 1841 county court.<sup>8</sup> (John Revell's daughter Sallie Ann would marry Benajah's oldest son, David Ammons, in 1851).

Benajah added to his home tract in 1841 when Joshua Lamm sold him 100 acres on the west side of the Long Branch near Daniel Lucas and Benajah himself.<sup>9</sup> In 1843 Isaac Lamm died and his 100 acres were divided between his son Ephraim and Benajah. Benajah drew the first lot, which was 57 acres near himself and Daniel Lucas on the Long Branch.

The 1850 Census is the first U.S. Census that lists the names of the people living with a householder. The Wayne County census shows Benajah (age 50), Zilpha (age 46), Elinda (age 26), and David (age 24, school teacher). The children Charles (age 16), John D. (age 15), Blaney (age 12), and Seth H. (age 10) all attended school within the year. Abriam (age 5), and Sythus (age 1) were also listed. Christian Scott (age 18) was placed at the end of the list of children, indicating that although she was living in the household, she was not Benajah and Zilphia's child.<sup>10</sup>

In 1850 James Hinnant sold 447 acres in Johnston County (later Wilson County) to Benajah and his son David. They paid \$575 for the land, which was on the south side of Contentnea Creek and joined the lands of Andrew Scott (Benajah's uncle and son of Charles), Mathew Peel, James Odum, Josiah Evans, and a corner in

the division of lands between Wilson Simpson and Brassell Thomas. In 1852 Benajah deeded his interest in the land to son David for \$282.<sup>11</sup>

Benajah bought 471½ acres in Wilson County from Isaac Lambe for \$1500 on November 28, 1855. The land was located on both sides of the Long Branch adjoining Thomas Tomberlinson, \_\_\_\_\_ Cook (first name not listed), Stephen Barnes, Silas Lucas, Barna Rose, the Persimmon Pond, and the Spring Branch. W.A. Thompson and Benajah's son Charles witnessed the deed that was registered in the newly formed Wilson County.<sup>12</sup>

In September 1856 Benajah died. Son David qualified as administrator of the estate. Sales of his personal property in October, November, and December 1856 provide a glimpse of Benajah, the culture of the community, and prominent people in the community, including Pitts Kirby, James Kirby, Isaac Lamm, Simon Newsome, and John Revell. Benajah's livestock and animals included hogs, cows, sheep, oxen, geese, and horses. Agricultural products consisted of corn, peas, rice, cotton, turpentine, wheat, and fodder. Lumber, potatoes, sheep skins, spun yarn, wool, raw hides, flax, saddles, a brandy still and 27¾ gallons of brandy, a cider mill, a shot gun and a rifle, etc. were also sold. There were also three lots of **books**.<sup>13</sup>

The widow, Zilphia, purchased such items as a sow and 3 pigs, 2 cows and a steer, 4 sheep, 8 geese, 2 bay mares, rice, tools, barrels, a side saddle, 2 beds and furniture, 2 chests, chairs, a clock, **books**, wearing apparel, a cart and wheels, and a keg and jugs.<sup>14</sup>

Her widow's support for the year included 2,000 pounds of pork; 75 bushels of potatoes; 6 stacks of fodder; 15 bushels of wheat; 7 bushels of peas; all the turnips, collards, and chickens on hand at the home place; all the picked cotton on hand; one bed and its necessary furniture; one flax wheel and pair of cords; one loom and gear; and \$28 in cash. Her dower included one-third of Benajah's property at the time of his death, or 287\_ acres. Benajah's total property was approximately 862 acres.<sup>15</sup> When Benajah's land was divided in October 1857, son David did not receive a share. The record of the division indicated he had already received his share from his father.<sup>16</sup>

At the time of his death, Benajah had seven slaves: four females and three males. In December 1856 the slaves Chany, Lucinda, Tempy, and Will were hired out to family members and friends on a bid basis. Zilphia won the bid for Maria, Kedar and Gideon. The 1857 and 1858 estate records show that the slaves Lucinda, Tempy, Will, Chany, Maria and her two children were hired out to family members and neighbors for one year at a time. Kedar stayed with Zilphia to help her on the farm. Will, Tempy, and Kedar were sold in 1859 to John Dew for \$2,770.<sup>17</sup>

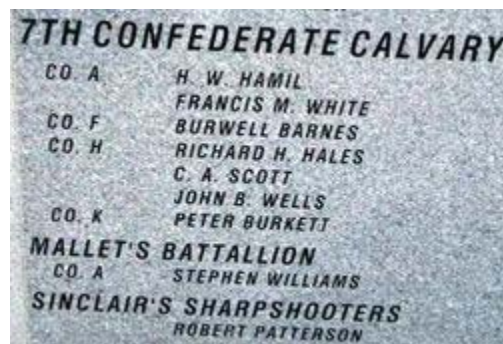
In the 1860 Census, Zilphia was listed as head of the household and her occupation was farming. The children living with her included Blaney (age 21), Seth (age 19), Abi (age 15), Sithie A. (age 12), and Catherine (age 9). All the children, including Blaney and Seth, attended school during the year. She did not have slaves.<sup>18</sup>

On February 4, 1861 Zilphia's sons, David, Charles, and John D., and her sons-in-law, Isaac Lamm and Matthew V. Peel, obtained a \$2,000 bond to secure the youngest children from debt "truly owed" by Benajah Scott, deceased.<sup>19</sup>

Zilphia Ammons Scott died on May 12, 1862. David was appointed administrator of his mother's estate. Her property, sold in June and August of 1862, included 2 pairs of spectacles, a hat, 6 cider barrels and vinegar, and 788 pounds of bacon. Her estate also included geese, hogs, cows, lambs, chickens, pewter plates, a spinning wheel, a hymn book, a clock, 9 bed quilts, 4 yards of calico, a flax wheel, several lots of wool, sewing thread, window curtains, basins, knives, buggy gear, 2 horses and saddles, cotton, oats, wheat, peas, corn, vegetables in the garden, and more.<sup>20</sup>

After Zilphia's death, the two youngest children were separated and lived with older siblings. Sythus Ann, who lived with sister Eleanor Lamm, married Jackson Ellis on December 16, 1869. They were Scott Ellis' grandparents. Catherine, who lived with sister Elizabeth Peel, married Thomas Lamm in 1874.

Sons Charles, John Daniel, Blaney and Seth Henderson served in the Civil War. Charles served in Co. H, 75<sup>th</sup> Regiment, NC Troops (7<sup>th</sup> Confederate Cavalry).<sup>21</sup> He was killed around Goldsboro, NC on September 11, 1863 and was buried in a mass Confederate grave at Willow Dale Cemetery in Goldsboro.<sup>22</sup>



(Photo available at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=scott&GScid=49126&GRid=14813022&>).

John Daniel enlisted June 18, 1863 at Wilson, NC at age 30. He was a member of the 2 Regiment NC Troops, Company D Infantry and was reported to be in the hospital in Richmond in 1864.<sup>23</sup>

Blaney enlisted in Wilson County at age 22 on April 29 1862 for the war. He was wounded in the left elbow near Suffolk, VA on or about April 13, 1863. His left arm was amputated in a hospital at Petersburg and he was discharged on September 11, 1863 by reason of disability.<sup>24</sup>

Seth Henderson enlisted in Craven County at age 20 on June 28, 1861. He served in Co. F, 4 Regiment Infantry. He was wounded in the right thigh on May 31,

1862 and admitted to hospital at Richmond, VA on June 2, 1862. He was reported to be missing and “supposed to be dead” at Chancellorsville, VA on May 3, 1863.<sup>25</sup>

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