

Chapter Five

The Children of Thomas and Mary

Rebecca Jane Patrick
Eliza Patrick
Isabella Patrick
John Robert Patrick
Joseph Patrick
Alexander Patrick
Nancy Blair Patrick
Samuel T B Patrick

REBECCA JANE PATRICK

Born: November 25, 1815, in Ireland – Died October 31, 1842,
Buried in Sharon ARP Cemetery in Sharon, SC.

Rebecca, (we believe Eliza was born on the trip over) and her parents made the long hard voyage to America about 1817 at the age of two. They arrived at the port of Charleston, SC and proceeded to York County to be received by their benefactor, Captain John Blair.

The next time we have a record of Rebecca Jane is when her name appears in the Will of John Blair, dated August 5th, 1846. She had already married J C Mitchell, she had had children and she had died. It reads-

“Clause 8th. To the three children conjointly of my late second cousin Rebecca Mitchell, namely Mary Francis, Thos (Patrick is middle name)& (William) Henry: I give and bequeath thirty shares of my stock in the Broad River Co. and the tract of land conveyed to me by John Cooms, containing two hundred acres more or less; & for which I have made a Deed of trust to their father Joseph Mitchell, whom I hereby appoint to be their guardian, to receive the dividends of the said stock, to cultivate the said land, and apply the proceeds of both to the support and education of His said children,

during his natural life; and at his decease the said stock & land shall become the separate property of his aforesaid children.”

Rebecca Jane Patrick Mitchell died October 13, 1842 and is buried in the Sharon ARP Cemetery. Her marriage to Joseph Mitchell produced six children. Since only Mary Frances, Thomas (Patrick) and (William) Henry are mentioned in the Will of John Blair, I assume that Thomas and Alexander died young. Nancy Irwin was born before 1843, but is not mentioned in the Will of John Blair. In fact, we know that Thomas (no middle name) was born March 9, 1835 and Died October 10th, 1835. Having a child named Thomas was important enough that Rebecca named another son Thomas after the first Thomas had died.

The Thomas mentioned in the Will of John Blair was Rebecca’s fourth child, Thomas Patrick Mitchell. Thomas Patrick Mitchell also was mentioned by my Uncle Mike Patrick in his writing about Patricks in White Oak. Mike said:

“T. G. went to Atlanta Business school and when he returned he and his cousin, Tom Patrick Mitchell, worked for Mr. Geo Kennedy in Blackstock for at least a year.” This had to have been in the mid 1870s.

In addition to the Will of John Blair, Nancy Blair, wife of John Blair also left money to some of the children of Rebecca Jane in her Will in March of 1858.

“Fifth: Of the same estate, in like manner, I will and bequeath to Mary Frances, Thomas, Henry, and Nancy Irwin, two sons and two daughters of Joseph Mitchell, thirty shares of Bank of Hamburg stock and fifteen hundred dollars in money, and to said Mary Frances and Nancy Irwin, daughters, in addition to the above bequest to them, each five hundred dollars: the said Joseph Mitchell to be the guardian to receive said legacies, therein given, and receipt my Executors for the same.”

Joseph Clokey Mitchell

Husband of Rebecca Jane Patrick

From the Will of John Blair we know she was married to Joseph Mitchell. In my archives of Patrick information, there is a three page write up that is incomplete, but gives some general Mitchell family history and some specifics on Joseph Clokey Mitchell.

“Early History of the Mitchell Family”

Author Unknown

The first of the name came to America in 1755 and settled in the Chester district. They have long been prominent in religious affairs.

Driven from England in 1755 because of religious persecution and determined to worship their God in their own way and as their consciences dictated, Andrew and Robert Mitchell, along with the Gastons, McQuistons, Strongs and others whose names are connected with the history of South Carolina, came to America.

During all the years that have passed, each generation has stood for the things that its forefathers did. The Mitchell family is represented in the citizenship of many of the states along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, as well as in the Central and Western states. And to be sure they are to be found in many of the counties of South Carolina.

In 1755, many of England's sturdiest citizens found themselves being steadily oppressed because they were unwilling to bow to the dominating church of the time and worship according to prescribed forms of the prevailing church. These citizens with an independence of mind and thought that was amazing in that day, could not be, and were not driven to give up what they believed to be their God-given rights. As a result of these rebellious ideas, many were driven from England to America.

Across the waters they saw the Mecca of religious liberty and toward that shining beacon they sailed with high hopes for the future. These pioneers made safe landing in America, and in the course of time the Mitchells made settlement in the Rocky Creek Community, about fifteen miles southeast of Chester, South Carolina.

Andrew Mitchell had two sons, Robert and James, who pioneered and settled in Alabama. In the meantime the struggle for religious freedom in England never ceased.

After the American war for Independence had been fought and won, many set sail for America. Among these was William Alexander Mitchell, an honor graduate in Theology from the University of Edinburgh.

It was in 1800 that William Alexander Mitchell, his wife and young son left England for the United States. Here he hoped to find his cousins, Andrew and Robert. When nearing the coast of Norfolk, Virginia, the vessel on which they were passengers met with disaster and wrecked. All the women and children from the vessel were put in small boats to go ashore to safety, but the boat in which William Alexander's wife and son were in, capsized and they were drowned.

Fate was more kind to the preacher. With the aid of a raft, he swam ashore carrying his Bible, held in his mouth, and his earthly goods, his guineas and shillings in his pockets. After teaching in Norfolk for several years, he again married. Along with others he moved his family to Charleston, SC and here he made his home for a number of years.

On a visit to the vicinity now known as Great Falls, he found his cousin Andrew and his family. Andrew had become a large landowner. In order that the families might be closer together, William Alexander moved his family of four daughters and two sons to the northern part of Chester District.

Rocky Creek was the center of the settlement in Chester District, and it was here that the one Catholic Church was organized, including in it Parishioners, Covenanters, Presbyterians, Burgers and Anti-Burgers, but all adhering to the Presbyterian form of worship. This church was organized previous to the Revolutionary War and it was during that struggle that the first building was destroyed by the British because its preacher, Rev. William Martin was a bitter Whig. Following the war and coming of peace, the various branches again united to form their own churches.

William Alexander became a member of one of these. He died in 1833 and was buried by the side of his wife in the Old Catholic Presbyterian graveyard in the Chester District.

At this writing the information of William Alexander Mitchell's family is incomplete.

Mitchell Genealogy

William Alexander Mitchell was born Jan 10th, 1779 and Died Dec 10th, 1833. His first wife and son were drowned in a shipwreck off the coast of Norfolk Virginia in 1800.

His second wife, Frances Mae McCoullough was born Jan 31, 1779 and Died Oct. 31, 1832. To this union was born six children:

- 1 - Joseph Clokey Mitchell, born Feb 22, 1805 and died Aug. 31, 1891.
- 2 – Margaret Mitchell, who married a man named Adams
- 3 – Henrietta Mitchell
- 4 - Ann Mitchell, who married a man named Heath.
- 5 - Ellen Mitchell, who was born Nov. 15, 1815 and Died Oct. 31, 1842.
She was married to James McGarity.
- 6 - William Alexander Mitchell II, who was born June 9, 1820 and Died Sept. 28, 1904. By his first wife Henrietta, there were six children: Joseph, William Alexander III, Samuel, John McGarity, Emiline, and Jane. By his second wife, name unknown- there were five children: Mag, Lucy, Martha, Dan, and Edward.

JOSEPH CLOKEY MITCHELL

One of the sons of William Alexander Mitchell was Joseph Clokey. He studied medicine in Charleston, South Carolina. After completing his course of study, he settled in the Blairsville Community of York, for the practice of his profession. Here he married Rebecca Jane Patrick. To this union was born five children: Thomas, Alexander, Thomas Patrick, William Henry, and Mary Frances (Note- this is not a birth order). Hindered by ill health, particularly rheumatism, Joseph Clokey was unable to practice medicine.

Following the death of his first wife, he then married Mary Clarissa Hayes (Note of Patrick Family interest – by JHP, Jr. – Mary Clarissa Hayes was the sister of Sarah Narcissus Hayes, wife of John Robert Patrick). To this Union were born seven children: Robert Hayes, Martha, Elizabeth, twins- John Ross and Erwin Blair, Sallie A., Samuel Alexander, and Julia Catherine. In that day, there lived in Yorkville, Uncle Johnny Blair, who was perhaps the largest land owner in upper South Carolina. He was a very generous man. To

his close relatives and possibly friends, he gave land. Joseph Clokey having married his niece (Note- meaning Rebecca Jane Patrick), was most likely among those benefitting from Uncle Johnny Blair. The sons of Joseph Clokey did their part in War between the States. He had charge of crews in Charleston engaged in shipping salt to the Confederate Army. It is to Joseph Clokey Mitchell, that the York County branch of the family traces its immediate ancestry.

Genealogy

Joseph Clokey Mitchell was born Feb. 22, 1805 and Died Aug. 31, 1891. He married Feb 20, 1834 by Rev R Y Russell, his first wife whose name was Rebecca Jane Patrick. They had five children: Thomas, Mary Frances, Alexander, Thomas Patrick, and William Henry.

I - Thomas Mitchell was born March 9, 1835 and Died October 10, 1835

II – Mary Frances Mitchell was born March 1, 1837 and Died August 7, 1901. She was married twice. Her first husband was James H. Clark, who was born April 25, 1831 and Died April 1, 1860. They had one child, Eliza Jane.

A - Eliza Jane Clark was born Oct 1, 1860 and Died Feb 4, 1902. She was married by Rev. R A Ross on Feb 17, 1879 to John Hiram Latham, who was born May 26, 1853 and Died January 18, 1894. To them were born eight children: Jessie Lee, Rhoda Bell, Mason Clark, Thomas Hiram, Samuel Claude, John Hiram, Jr., Annie Estelle, and Flossie Saye.

1- Jessie Lee Latham was born May 17, 1880; Died June 18, 1919. She married on Dec 31, 1912 to James Darby McConnell.

2 – Rhoda Bell Latham Died at birth on June 18, 1882.

3 - Mason Clark Latham was born July 23, 1883 and Died Dec. 18, 1914

4 – Thomas Hiram Latham was born Nov 12, 1884 and Died Sept 15, 1952

This document ends at this point and the remainder could not be found at the Heritage Center of York, 212 East Jefferson Street, York, SC 29745. this Center is a wonderful store house of genealogical information. A very friendly staff soon gave me several important documents. Below is the first page of the Mitchell Family from The Hart Collection. I have not put all nine pages into the book, but they are there for the person wanting to trace the Mitchell Family. It was me that has penciled in the names of two missing children. - JHP, Jr.

from the "Hart Collection"

Historical Center of York
212 East Jefferson Street
York, SC 29745

Register Report for Joseph Cloak Mitchell

Generation 1

1. **Joseph Cloak Mitchell-1.** He was born on 22 Feb 1805 in Chas.. He died on 31 Aug 1891.

Notes for Joseph Cloak Mitchell:
General Notes:
Sp. 1850-80

Rebecca J. She was born on 25 Nov 1815. She died on 31 Oct 1842.

Notes for Rebecca J:
General Notes:
niece of John Blair

Joseph Cloak Mitchell and Rebecca J. They had ⁶ children.

- A THOMAS - B: 3/9/1835 - D: 10/10/1835*
2. i. **B Mary Frances Mitchell.** She was born on 01 Mar 1837. She died on 07 Aug 1901. Reference ID was Hart coll. Burial in A.R.P. Chyd, Sharon, York Co, SC.
- C ALEXANDER - DIED YOUNG*
3. ii. **D Thomas Patrick Mitchell.** He was born on 19 Dec 1839. He died on 14 Oct 1900. Burial in New Hope A.R.P. Fairfield.
4. iii. **E William Henry Mitchell.** He was born on 12 Aug 1841. He married Margaret Agnes Gallagher. They were married on 04 Nov 1869. He died on 01 Jun 1917. Reference ID was Hart Coll. Burial in A.R.P. Chyd, Sharon, York Co, SC.
- iv. **F Nancy Irwin Mitchell.** She was born Bef. 1843.

Mary Clarissa Hayes is the daughter of Robert G Hayes and Sarah Minter. She was born on 09 Jun 1820. She died on 28 Sep 1904 in Sharon A R P Chyd, Sharon, York Co. Reference ID was Hart Coll.

Joseph Cloak Mitchell and Mary Clarissa Hayes. They had 8 children.

5. i. **Robert Hayes Mitchell.** He was born on 12 Aug 1846. He married Isabella Elizabeth Morrow. They were married on 23 Dec 1869. He died on 01 May 1915. Burial in A.R.P. Chyd., Smyrna.
- ii. **Sarah R Mitchell.** She was born Abt. 1848. She died Bef. 1855.
- Notes for Sarah R Mitchell:
General Notes:
unmarried
- iii. **Martha E Mitchell.** She was born on 28 Nov 1850. Burial in A.R.P. Chyd., Sharon.
- Notes for Martha E Mitchell:
General Notes:
unmarried
6. iv. **Erwin Blair Mitchell.** He was born on 11 Mar 1853. He married Sarah Henrietta McGarity. They were married Oct 1879. He died on 12 Feb 1931. Burial in A.R.P. Chyd., Sharon.

ELIZA PATRICK

Born: May 28, 1817, Family lore said the Eliza was born on the ship during the voyage to America, - Died: November 19, 1883, Buried in the White Oak ARP Cemetery, White Oak, S C.

Eliza never married and lived a life of service to all of the other members of her family. We see her in the 1850 Census as the oldest child in the household left in the home of Thomas and Mary after their deaths. Her brother Joseph had died in 1846.

From 1850 Census:

Alexander Patrick – 23 male, Value of real estate = \$612

Eliza Patrick – 34, female

Samuel Patrick – 17, male

Her brother Samuel married in 1855 and her brother Alexander died in 1859. Her obituary tells us Eliza at some time later, she moved into the home of John Robert and Sarah. We know she lived out her remaining years at White Oak in the home of John Robert.

Died, at the home of her brother at White Oak, S. C., November 19th, 1883, Miss ELIZA PATRICK, aged 66 years, 5 months and 21 days.

She was sick but a few days previous to her death ; and though her sufferings were considerable at times, she never once murmured or complained. When asked about her hopes she replied that they were in Jesus Christ. She was born in York County, where she spent most of her life, in connection with Sharon church. A few years ago she moved to White Oak with her brother, in whose family she has spent nearly twenty years of her life. She was remarkable for her quiet, humble disposition, manifesting at all times the spirit of meekness. Her death, as her life, was calm and peaceful, and, we trust and believe, she has gone to be with that Jesus whom she loved and served and trusted in through a long life.

J. A. W.
"J. A. W." is the Rev. John A. White
Pastor of White Oak, S. C. A. R. P.
Church 1881-1892
White Oak Church History --
Source

ISABELLA PATRICK

Born: 1820, in Bullock Creek Section of York County, S C, --
Died: November 3, 1842, Buried in Sharon ARP Cemetery, Sharon, S C

I have no information concerning Isabella. Her death is of some interest because of the timing to the death of her father, Thomas and her sister, Rebecca Jane. Her father, Thomas died August 8, 1842. Rebecca Jane died October 31, 1842 and Isabella died three days later.

My speculation is that Thomas Patrick was stricken with some kind of contagious disease. He was being cared for by his daughters and they became infected and died a couple of months later.

JOHN ROBERT PATRICK

See Chapter Eight

JOSEPH PATRICK

Born: 1823 – Died December 7, 1846

We have some information on Joseph. Most of what we have comes from Killough H. Patrick of White Oak, S C. Apparently he was asked for information by Davidson College about Joseph.

Killough reports: “He was born in the Bullocks Creek section of York County. He entered Davidson College from York County in 1842 (according to Alumni Catalog – must have entered in Prep Department) – Class of 1848. He did not graduate. He entered Davidson College with the intention of studying for the Ministry. He never married. He was a member of the Sharon ARP Church. He died of Typhoid Fever on December 7, 1846 and was buried in the ARP Cemetery at Sharon, S C.”

ALEXANDER PATRICK

Born: October 8, 1825, Died: May 13, 1859 at the age of 34

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NANCY BLAIR PATRICK

Born -1829 in Bullocks Creek Section of York County,
Died – August 14, 1830, buried in Sharon ARP Cemetery, Sharon, S C

SAMUEL T B PATRICK

See Chapter Seven