

## THE EVIDENCE

"The earliest direct relative was found in the Bible of William Bean and Naomi Bates, of Scotch-Irish descent, whose birth dates and places are unknown. They married about 1753 in South Carolina. Their son William Bean married Celia Wyatt of North Carolina, and their son William married Anna Bucalew. They had four children, James, our father's father, Mary or Polly, Garrett and William."

Flora Diana Bean Horne, Autobiography of George Washington Bean and His Family Records, 1945, p.265.

".. my grandmother, Anna Bucalew (Bean) Edwards ..was born in Burke Co., N.C., 25th of Oct., 1784, and died in 1846 in Illinois. She married William Bean, my grandfather, in Kentucky, where Father, Aunt Polly Crow and Uncle Garrett were born. They moved to Missouri in 1808, where grandfather died in Oct. 1809, just two months before Uncle William was born."

George Washington Bean, *ibid.*, p.19.

".. I went up to Madisonville (Kentucky) to see John W. Bean.. .. we sat down and went over his experiences and became satisfied we are both offshoots from the old William Bean who emigrated from Ireland before 1760."

*Ibid.*, p.237.

"Irish Protestants arriving on board the ship ADMIRAL HAWKE, John McAdams, Master, from Londonderry. Council Journal, 34, p.9, 5 January 1768:

Bean, William,	40
" Nomiah	30
" William	13
" Thomas	3"

South Carolina Irish Protestant Immigrants 1768, compiled by Janie Revill, 1938. DAR Library.

"Early settlers in Edgefield County, South Carolina:

Richard Buckelow 1770."

Records and Data of Earliest Families in South Carolina, p. 12. DAR Library.

George Buckelow deeded to Alexander Bean in January 1784 500 acres. Originally granted to Richard Buckalow, 1772. Surveyed for Garrett Buckelow, June 1772.

Edgefield County, South Carolina, Wills & Deeds, p.32. DAR Library.

Alexander Bean witnessed will, December 1776.

South Carolina Abstract of Wills, Vol. 3.

Records of the Regiments of the South Carolina Line, Continental Establishment:

Payroll of Third Regiment, August-October 1779:

Private William Bean

Private James Bean

(Captain Felix Warley's company)

South Carolina Historical & Genealogical Magazine, published quarterly by South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston; Vol. 5, 1904, p.144. Original records in Yale University Library.

Frederick Buckelow witnessed deed to William Dean, 1788.

Ibid., p.34.

First Census of the United States, 1790, South Carolina:

Ninety-six District, Laurens County:

<u>Head of family</u>	<u>White males under 16</u>	<u>White females</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
William Bean	3	4	0

Government Printing Office, 1908; p.74.

Ninety-six District, Edgefield County:

Alexander Bean	2	5	0
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Ibid., p.66.

Ninety-six District, Abbeville County:

Ann Bean	1	0	0
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Ibid., p.60.

Ninety-six District, Edgefield County:

John Buckelew	1	1	0
James Buckelew	4	3	0
Garrett Buckerliw	1	6	0
George Buckelew	2	3	0

Ibid., p.66.

William Wyat	1	6	0
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Ibid., p.62.

Charleston District, St.Phillips & St.Michaels Parish:

	<u>White males 16 &amp; over</u>		
p.39 Peter Wyatt	1	3	4
p.39 John Wyatt	8	9	11
	2 (under 16)		

Orangeburgh County (south part):

p.100 Isham Wyat	0	1	0
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Alexander Bean deeded land in Edgefield County, 1792-3.

Records & Data of Earliest Families in South Carolina, p.64. Deed book 1792-3, p.43.

100 acres deeded to John Buckelow, 1799.

Ibid., p.31.

Second Census of the United States, 1800, Laurens County, South Carolina:

Enoree Regiment, Lower Battalion, Capt. Robert Scott's Company:

William Bean, 45 or over  
2 boys, up to 10 years  
1 boy, 16-26 years  
3 girls, up to 10 years  
1 girl, 10-16 years  
1 girl, 16-26 years  
1 female, 26-45 years (wife?)

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Saludy Regiment, Lower Battalion:

James Bean, 16-26  
1 boy, up to 10 years  
1 girl, " "  
1 female, 16-26 (wife?)

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41 acres deeded to James Bean, 1 September 1803.

Earliest Families, op. cit., p.62.

Alexander Bean witnessed 2 deeds, 1803.

Edgefield County Wills & Deeds, pp.75 & 80.

Alexander Bean received payments as executor of will, 1823.

Ibid., p.22.

Will of Christina Bean (or mentioned in will), 1815.

Ibid., p.25.

## COMMENT AND TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS

1. It begins to look as though George Washington Bean had the right information, and the William Bean who married Anna Bucalew (Buckalew) was born in South Carolina, not Tennessee. The only discrepancies are explainable:

According to GWB, the William Bean who immigrated from Northern Ireland married Naomi Bates about 1753 in South Carolina. The William Bean who arrived in Charleston in early January 1768 was accompanied by Nomiah Bean, which could be a misspelling of Naomi, or someone may have thought it was. The Bible record may have shown that William Bean's first child, William, was born in 1754, which led to the conclusion that the parents were married about 1753. That they were married in South Carolina may have been only a supposition.

It appears possible that Naomi Bates was William Bean's second wife. She was 10 years younger. The two sons who arrived with them were 10 years apart. They may have been half-brothers. Perhaps his first wife died. Other possibilities: Naomi may have married William when she was 16 and he 26 and had their first child a year later; he may then have been absent a long time. The Seven Years' War with France was 1755-63. The younger son, Thomas, must have been born in 1764. Or perhaps they had other children, but they died on the voyage or earlier, or came on another ship. But it seems more likely that Naomi (Nomiah), age 30, was not the mother of William, age 13.

GWB said that Anna Bucalew was born in Burke County, North Carolina. As he was explicit about place and date, he probably had good information. William and Anna Bucalew Bean named their second son Garrett, which suggests that Anna was the daughter of the Garrett "Buckerliw" who in 1790 was living in Edgefield County, South Carolina. He was also there in 1772 (spelled Buckalow that time). So Anna's father must have been some other Buckalew who was in Burke County, North Carolina, in 1784, but probably related to the Garrett Bucalew of Edgefield County, South Carolina. Burke County, N.C., is about 150 miles north of Edgefield County, S.C.

As for the spelling of Bucalew/ Buckalew/ Buckalow/ Buckerliw, marriage records of Christian County, Kentucky, where Anna Bucalew Bean's first child was born in 1804, show that Mary "Buckelieu" married Jesse Hughes on 27 December 1805. Probably Anna's sister.

GWB also said William II married Celia Wyatt of North Carolina, probably by 1777 (age 23) because he appears to have had four children by 1784. But the young William who arrived by sea in early January 1768 would have been 46 in 1800, and he

appears to have been the one then living in Laurens County, South Carolina (just north of Edgefield County), with wife and 8 children. So Celia Wyatt must have moved from North to South Carolina by 1777. That doesn't conflict with the evidence, which first shows Wyatts in South Carolina in 1790. (But the evidence is only what could be gathered hastily; there may have been Wyatts earlier in South Carolina.)

2. The evidence looks convincing and suggests the following:

WILLIAM BEAN I* 1727- ? b.Ireland? d.S.Carolina?	m. 1753, age 26?	1. _____ b.Ireland? d.Ireland?	m. 1763, age 36?	2. NAOMI BATES* 1737- ? b.Ireland? d.S.Carolina?
1. WILLIAM BEAN II* 1754-after 1800 b.Ireland? m.1777, age 23? CELIA WYATT, 21? 1756?-after 1800 b.N.Carolina	2? ALEXANDER BEAN? b.Ireland?	3? JAMES BEAN? b.Ireland?		1. THOMAS BEAN* 1764- ? b.Ireland?
1. Son - JAMES BEAN? 1778?-?	2. WILLIAM BEAN III 1780?-1809 b.S.Carolina d.Louisiana Territory, age 29? m.1803, age 23? ANNA BUCKALEW, 19? 1784-1846 b.N.Carolina d.Illinois, age 62	3. Son - 1782-?	4. Dau. - MARY (MOLLY) BEAN? 1784-? m. SAMUEL STORMONT	5. Dau. 1787-? 6. Dau. 1790-? 7. Son? 1792-? 8. Dau.? 1794-? 9. Son? 1796-? 10. Dau.? 1798-?
1. JAMES BEAN 1804-1882 b.Kentucky d.Utah, 78 m.1824, 20 ELIZABETH LEWIS, 20 b.Louisiana Territory d.Utah, 61	2. MARY (POLLY) BEAN 1805?-? b.Kentucky m. DAVID CROW	3. GARRETT BEAN 1807-71 b.Kentucky d.Illinois, age 64 m.1831, 24 NANCY CROW	4. WILLIAM BEAN IV 1809-88 b.Louisiana Territory d.Iowa, 79 m.1833, 23 NANCY HILLEARY, 21 1812-1892 b.Kentucky d.Iowa, 80	2. ANDREW EDWARDS
				ANNA EDWARDS Seven others

\*Arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, aboard the ADMIRAL HAWKE from Londonderry, 5 January 1768.

3. Why ten children of William II, when the census of 1800 listed only eight? It's a puzzle, and that is my solution. The census of 1790 showed three boys under age 16, i.e., born 1775-1790. The census of 1800 showed only one boy in the 16-26 age group, i.e., born 1774-1784, and none 1785-89. The two eldest boys must no longer have been in the household, and this probably means William III and an elder brother.

4. Together the two censuses show 3 sons and 1 daughter born 1774-84; 1 daughter born 1784-90 (perhaps others died); 3 daughters and 2 sons born 1790-1800. By 1800 Celia Wyatt Bean would have been about 44.

5. Who were Alexander Bean and James Bean, both active in Edgeville and Laurens Counties, S.C., during the late 18th century? Alexander witnessed a will in 1776 and was deeded 500 acres of land in 1784, and he was executor of a will in 1823, so I suppose he was born about 1750-55. He may have been a brother of William II who arrived on a different ship. He seems likely to have been related, because of his location and his transaction with George Buckelow. (But there were Beans in South Carolina before 1768: a Captain Thomas Bean was executor of a will in Christ Church Parish in 1730.)

There appear to have been two James Beans mentioned in the evidence. One was a private in the same company with William Bean II in 1779, therefore born not much later than 1759. The other was about 22-25 when the 1800 census was taken (not over 26, and two children), so born about 1775-78. James II may have been an elder brother of William III. Perhaps James I, as well as Alexander, was a brother of William II.

6. What connection may there be between the Beans who came to South Carolina from Ireland and the Beans who settled in Tennessee? That's another chapter, but at this stage it is enough to note that there is no firm evidence as to the origin of the William Bean (c.1720-82) who moved from Virginia into Tennessee. Some writers suggest he was born in Pennsylvania, but they have differing ideas about his ancestry. All agree the name is Scottish, but some suggest he descended from the Beans who arrived from England in the 17th century and settled in New Hampshire; one claims he was descended from the William Baines who arrived in Pennsylvania from England in 1684; others suggest he was Scots-Irish. The relationship to the South Carolina Beans may have been distant, but probably one existed.

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