

JOHN ALEXANDER AND LUCINDA WIGFIELD COMPTON

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This is the Line that is going to be fun to research. A friend helped me get started by finding John Compton in the 1850 and 1860 census. Once I knew which counties in Virginia to search I was able to proceed. However, I haven't had much time to work on genealogy lately, so as soon as I can, I hope to continue with this study. Therefore, let's consider this the beginning of the Compton file.

Their marriage Bond was found in the Fauquier County Court house at Warrenton, VA in Book 5, page 27. The Bond was taken out by John Alexander Compton and Thomas L. Wigfield and indicated that Lucinda was the daughter of John Wigfield. Attached was a note from John Wigfield giving his consent, but it is very faint and hard to read. He may have signed it with a mark. The note was witnessed by Thos. L. Wigfield and Charlott Yates. Could they be a brother and sister to Lucinda?

The record of their marriage ceremony is found on page 41 of Book 5 and indicates they were married on August 25, 1833 by James Withers. It is interesting that right above that entry is the marriage of Stepan Compton to Mary Duke on Mar. 15, 1833. When I looked up the marriage bond for Stephen, I learned that the bond was signed by his father, Stephen Compton, with an X and was witnessed by Edward Duke and Alexander Compton both with X's. I am wondering if Stephen Compton Senior is the father or an uncle of our John Compton. The first name of John's father is the problem stumping me most.

The 1840 census shows a 70-year-old John Compton living near our John A. Compton in Warren County, Virginia. But it doesn't show a Stephen Compton anywhere. Further research needs to be done to find a will in Fauquier or Warren County. At the end of this section of the notebook I've included the 1850 Census for Warren County, VA showing a 66-year-old Charlotte Compton living with a 38 year old Stephen Compton. Could she be the widowed mother of John?

Another interesting facet of the Compton's starts with the deed from Ervin Bartlett dated 25 May 1859. The deed is to Evan Lowther and Lucinda, wife of John A. Compton and indicates she paid the money for the property. Lowther is to hold the land in trust for Lucinda (I guess women were not allowed to own property without a man) "free from the marital rights and control of her

husband (the said John A. Compton); and from his the said John A. Compton's debts, defaults, contracts and liabilities, forever- . " The deed is signed by John A. Compton so he was alive. Incidentally the note was then assigned to James Monroe by Ervin Bartlett.

A year later John A. Compton deeded 4 slaves, some farm animals, household furniture and crops to his son Elias for \$4000 consideration. Was he trying to liquidate because of some financial problem? We do have him on the 1860 census, but I have no record of John after that. There are several deeds in which Evan Lowther again acted as Trustee for Lucinda, but no mention of her husband. I would like to search the 1870 census and also will records of that period as soon as possible.

At the end of this section I've included the 1790 Virginia census and the 1810 census to show the number of John Compton's in the state at the time. We're going to have a problem identifying John's father without more background information about him. But it should be fun searching for him.

Chronology of JOHN ALEXANDER COMPTON and LUCINDA WIGFIELD COMPTON

ca 1810	John was born	Virginia
ca 1812	Lucinda was born	Virginia
25 Aug 1833	John (23) married Lucinda (21)	Fauquier Co, Va
1834-1835	daughter Margaret born (25-22)	Fauquier Co, Va
12 Jan 1835	Witnessed marriage of Thos Wigfield	Fauquier, Va
1836	daughter Charlotte born (26-24)	Fauquier Co, Va
14 Jan 1837	Trustee for Murphey (27)	Fauquier Co, Va
1838	son Elias born (28-26)	Va
1840	Census (29-28)	Warren Co, Va
1840	daughter Mary born (30-28)	Va
1 Apr 1844	daughter Lucy ACnn born (34-32)	Va
1846	daughter Sophrenia born (36-34)	Va
1848	daughter Penelope born (38-36)	Va
16 Jul 1850	Census (40-38)	Warren Co, Va
1851	son John born (41-39)	Va
1854	daughter Rachel born (44-42)	Va

28 Dec 1856	daughter Charlotte married (46-44)	Harrison Co, Va
25 May 1859	Deeds @ Ervin Bartlett (48-47)	Harrison Co, Va
21 Dec 1859	daughter Margaret married (48-47)	Harrison Co, Va
1860	Census (49-48)	Clarksburg, Harrison, Va
10 Apr 1860	Bill of sale to son Elias (49)	Harrison Co, Va

HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING WITH JOHN'S NAME AFTER THIS DATE

16 Aug 1866	Agreement with Sylvester Bartlett	Harrison Co, Va
16 Feb 1869	daughter Lucy Ann married Robinson	Lafayette Co, Mo
15 Jun 1869	Deed with Bartlett (57)	Harrison Co, W. Va
13 Mar 1882	Deed for Depot St lot (70)	Clarksburg, W. Va
8 Jun 1882	Sold Lowther Depot St lot (70)	Clarksburg, W. Va

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