

Information on Martha (Smith?)
Barrow, my g-g-g grandmother

Mildred "Mildred" Powell ?
was Moses married
before (?) he married
Martha? Was the
children on the 1790
census "Mildreds" ?

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Dear Frank:

Received your letter and information on the Brantley family. I seriously doubted Mae Belle's statement the Moses Barrow could have married "Polly" Thomas but realize that she too had doubts as to just who "Mildred Powell" or "Martha" was and was just exploring and stating possibilities just as I have a tendency to do lots of the time. Sometimes it get things stirred up and we get some results. I could not see how "Polly" could be an nick name for either Martha or Mildred. I think your finding the Malichi Brantley married Polly about puts that assumption to rest.

Thanks for the page from the Smith book. I keep reviewing all of it and trying to pin anything I can find to other information I have in my files.

I know that you doubt my questioning that Mildred Powell was the wife of my g-g-g grandfather, Moses Barrow, and certainly understand why you and others would do so. After all, its been in the "Book" for many years and accepted as fact for those years, I suppose. Let me tell you how Mae Belle got onto this and why it appeared in one of the very early Barrow Association Quarterlies.

The first Barrow Association meeting was held at a hotel at the airport in Greensboro. At this meeting, which fortunately Mae Belle invited me to attend, Mrs. Frances Bush Wood of Macon, GA, a descendent of William Barrow, son of Moses and "?" attended. I believe that she attended the meeting the next year in Greensboro also but none after that. Frances is a very well educated and a dear and gracious Southern lady, a serious genealogist and historian and I am most proud to claim her as a cousin, eventhough only a distant one. I had first learned of her by researching DAR and Colonial Dames records and finding that she and her mother had been accepted for membership in both under Moses Barrow and Mildred Powell. Don't hold me to this, but I believe that they were the only two to have been accepted in the DAR up until this time on Moses who was a North Carolina Revolutionary War veteran. More have come later.

I was delighted to be with her and Mae Belle was anxious to give us her information and Frances was most willing to share with all of us. I pitched in what little I had and my cousin, Martin Chambers who I felt was, and probably still is, the best authouity of our Barrow line in Georgia and although he never would attend an Association meeting he was another charter member of it along with Frances and me, allowed me to share all that he had. Martin, my 2nd cousin, had been in contact with Frances and Mae Belle over

the years and we had worked together a lot. Frances descends from William Barrow, son of Moses, b. 15 Oct. 1795 in NC and who with Moses' other children is listed in the James Barrow Bible along with their birth dates. I have copied and photographed these names from this Bible which is in private hands in Athens, GA. William was the twin to Mary Drew Barrow.

At this first meeting, Frances told of our line and gave the name of Mildred Powell as the wife of Moses. Mae Belle wrote an article in, I believe, the first or second issue of the Quarterly giving Frances' line including the Moses and Mildred Powell information. Mae Belle gave my line in I believe the next issue or so and used the Mildred Powell information in it also which was what we all believed at the time.

I believe that I had mentioned to you previously that a dear friend of mine would never agree that the wife of Moses was Martha (Smith). This friend is of course Frances. Neither Frances, Mae Belle nor Martin had any definite proof of information that Mildred was the wife nor has anyone since. Frances says she knows it is fact because "her mother told her it was". She mentioned a letter from a granddaughter of Charles Thompson who married Ms Barrow a very short time after Moses' death. I have a copy of this letter dated 3-5-1911. It was not written to Frances' mother but it must have been a close relative. It states, "My grandmother and your great grandmother was a Ms Powell before she married Moses Barrow—he died and she married Charles Thompson and had four children by him." She gives no first name and this information is already two or three generations old and who knows if she has the right name or why she did not give a first name? Who ever she was is buried in an unmarked grave in the Thompson family cemetery in Ocoee County, GA. I have another letter from one of the Thompson daughters stating that the grave was covered in brick and unmarked in 1901. Martin and I believe we have found the bricks but there is no other markings.

sh. died
in 1812.

grand

Over the years, I have seen numerous family histories which follow the Moses and Powell line but never does anyone given any reference to proof of such a union. When I write and question them on why they have this listed it is always that "this is what is in the DAR records, we got it from other Barrow genealogist who have researched the Barrow family line for many years, or lately from the Barrow Association Quarterly or from the Salt Lake City Library." Never has anyone offered any proof or something to refer to that Mildred Powell was the wife of Moses Barrow. I have several good references that Martha was his wife. These include the land deal in Halifax with "Millea" Smith (who I believe was her mother) and land transactions in Halifax and Edgecomb County in NC where she signs (or "X") all as Martha Barrow, and the newspaper advertisement in the Louisville, GA newspaper where Martha Barrow asks for administration the estate of Moses Barrow her husband.

All of Mae Belle's references to Mildred Powell were in very early editions of the Barrow Quarterly. In all the later issues after she, and I, had begun to question the Mildred Powell name, she refers to her as Martha. This is after the land deals were

discovered and the newspaper ad was studied. Also the obvious names of the children of Moses and whoever were certainly honoring the Drew Smith family.

I have no doubt that the wife of Moses Barrow from 1792 until his death in Georgia in 1800 was a Martha, and probably Smith. Jacob, their oldest son, was born in NC in 1792 and the children are listed in order in the James Barrow Bible. There are no other children listed and if there had been children by an earlier marriage of Moses one would have thought some would have been brought to GA when they moved in 1798 and that their names would be in the Bible?

I would not hurt Frances for any thing in the world and had rather let the matter drop as far as I am concerned. I believe that Mae Belle and I were in agreement on this so maybe we can just let the matter be solved by future Barrow historians, certainly someone younger than me. How do I know that Mae Belle agreed with me, or more like it that I agreed with her, because it is as Frances said, "Because she told me so". I do want it in my records and books and in the DAR for my children to know their ancestor was Martha "?" (Smith).

I mentioned in previous discussions with you that Moses certainly could have been married previously. The 1790 census records, which I have never seen, are quoted in the Quarterly as listing Moses Barrow as 35 years old but evidently does not give a wife name and having 2 boys under 10 years of age and 2 females all ages. Maybe a first wife of Moses could have been dead at this time since no wife was mentioned? I want to find this record and maybe your being in North Carolina might have it? I never found it in my visits to libraries and court houses in Halifax and Edgecombe counties years ago and as far as I have found it is mentioned only once in the Quarterly. This is quite confusing to me as the first 4 children of Moses and Martha were 2 boys and 2 girls but Jacob, the oldest child, was not born until Jan., 1792. I just wonder if the 1790 Census is there? If the census is listing children by another marriage, I would think that some of these would have been young enough to have been taken to Georgia and listed in the Bible? Moses was certainly old enough to have been married before. I wish that we could find that he was previously married to a Mildred Powell.

As I mentioned, I most definitely do not want to cause a problem with any one of my Barrow cousins. I will keep working and am sure that you will too. Please keep me posted on anything you come up with and I'll do the same. For the time being, I'll let Mildred and Martha rest in peace and hopefully some very good Barrow genealogist one day will solve the puzzle. Please leave my thoughts out of the *Barrow Branches* for awhile.

I don't guess that I will get to Nashville but sure hope that there is a good turn out and I know that you and Dan have worked hard to make it a great session. Bonnie is much better. We need to stay close to home.

Thanks again,

Handwritten signature

*Jacob had
3 girls, when
he died*

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Franklin: I can not tell you how much I appreciate the papers you sent me on the Drew Smith family line. I have always wanted to learn more about Drew Smith. Mae Belle had told me about Dr. Claiborne Smith, JR's writing and research on the family and had one time promised to send me his book. I know that she invited him to come to some of our early reunions but she always said that he was not willing to share his information very freely.

Got them yesterday and I have gone over-and-over them and will do so again. Unfortunately, I did not find what I most wanted to discover. something that definitely said that Martha (wife of Moses) was the daughter of Millia ("Millie", Mildred or Mildridge) Smith Barrow even though I now feel more confident ~~more~~ that she was.

There it is written that "Millie" was believed to have been married to a Mr. Thomas before she married Jacob Barrow. Jacob Barrow mentions his step daughter, Polly Thomas, in his will and Polly must be the daughter of "Millie". Mae Belle mentions (on the last page of the Quarterly material I sent to you) that Moses Barrow **may have** married Polly Thomas, daughter of Millie Smith Barrow. At the same time, farther up the same page, she tells of the land sale of Moses, his wife Martha and Millie Smith Barrow who evidently was Martha's mother. This land sale is also covered in the papers you sent to me. Moses' wife was definitely known as Martha at this time. Millie was living with Moses and Martha at the fishery in Halifax County at this time which was about the time Moses

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THOMAS BARROW died between his appearance in Court on "9br 4y 1684" and March 3rd, 1684/5 (old style). He was listed as a Tithable in LAWNES CREEK PARISH for the years 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683 and 1684.

(SURREY Court Orders 1671-1691, p. 476) - "Att a Court held for SURREY... Administacon is granted GEO: BLOW [JR.] on the Estate of THO: BARROW dec'd... Mr. SAM'L PLOW, Mr. GEO: WILLIAMS & Mr. THO: WARREN are appoynted to Apprayse the Estate of THO: BARROW... Ordered to take Bond... 3 March 1684/5..."

GEORGE BLOW, JR. had married ELIZABETH, widow of THOMAS BARROW, prior to March 3rd, 1684/5. The Inventory was returned to the Court by the appraisers (D & W Bk 3:24) on 18 May 1685. The Inventory included "one sett CARPENTER'S TOOLS...one PITT SAW & HANDSAW SETT & WEDGES...TROWELL...CROSSCUT SAW...AXE...DRAWING KNIFE & FROE...3 thousand EIGHT PENNY NAYLES & 2 thousand six penny NAYLES..." Unquestionably, THOMAS BARROW was a Joiner/Carpenter with such a large quantity of nails which would have been handmade "rosehead" nails during this period of time. "ELIZABETH, wife to GEO: BLOW appearing in Court & makeing oathe to Ye Inventory of THOMAS BARROW. It is admitted to record." (Orders Bk 1671-1691, p. 471)...William Edwards, Clerk of Court.

Included in the above cited Inventory, we note that HENRY NORTON owed the estate of THOMAS BARROW 5,000 pounds Tobacco, a medium of exchange during this period. When GEORGE BLOW filed a Final Accounting, as the administrator of the estate, on 4 November 1690, he showed a balance due of 3,988 pounds Tobacco (Bk 4:169). Apparently, HENRY NORTON had not finished paying for the 150 acre tract of land.

*Thomas I
Thomas B.*
THOMAS and ELIZABETH BARROW had two known sons: EDMUND (often listed as ELWARD) and THOMAS. When EDMUND was about 14 years of age, he was bound to Capt. ROBERT RANDALL, usually to learn a trade. (Orders - 3 March 1690/1 p.801) "It is ordered that EDWD. [EDMD.] BARROW Orphan continue with Capt. ROBT. RANDALL til the next Court". On p. 809 (ibid)...2 June 1692..."Ordered that EDWD. BARROW to serve the said RANDALL till he comes of age..." EDMUND BARROW was at least 16 years of age by 1691 as he appears as a Tithable in Capt. RANDALL'S household in SOUTHWARKE PARISH (see copy of tithables enclosed herewith). By 1693, he is a tithable in the household of FRANCIS REGAN.

In 1694, THOMAS, son of THOMAS & ELIZABETH, appears as a tithable in GEORGE BLOW'S household, at which time THOMAS was at least 16 years of age. According to an 1817 letter written by THOMAS'S great grandson, Rev. DAVID BARROW, who was about 9 years of age when THOMAS died, "...my GREAT GRANDFATHER died between 90 and 100 years of age...". Rev. DAVID BARROW, a Baptist minister, widely known and highly respected, served as Justice of the Peace in SOUTHAMPTON Co., VA, where THOMAS died testate in 1762 (Inventory November 1762). In any event, THOMAS was a tithable in various households thereafter until 1702 when he had established his own household. It now appears to us that THOMAS married ELIZABETH HORTON (see the Will of THOMAS HORTON, dated 11-8-1727, probated 8-21-1728 (WB 7:839) in which he gives his daughter, ELIZABETH BARROW "five shillings").

These two sons, EDMUND and THOMAS, appear to be the only tithable BARROWS appearing in the SURREY records from the elder THOMAS'S death in 1684/5 and 1703, about a 20 year span of time. EDMUND BARROW had established his own household by 1702 in LAWNES CREEK PARISH. In 1702 he was charged a poll tax for WILLIAM WARREN, though we do not know of any relationship at this writing. EDMUND received a Land Grant in 1718. He was deceased prior to 1721 with the land sold by a son WILLIAM BARROW in 1734-1735.

You already have THOMAS'S 1761 Will and sufficient proof on his son, JOHN, whose daughter, ANN, married WILLIAM KENNEBREW. Hoping the above provides you with the documentation required, I am,

Cordially yours,

Mae Belle Barrow North
Mae Belle Barrow North (Mrs. Wm. L.)

*Letter from Mae Bell to Mrs Leonard Metz - 20 Oct 1994
For her DAR application -*

B A R R O W in VIRGINIA and NORTH CAROLINA

WARREN Co., N.C. - N. C. State Census of 1786: (Capt. Moses' District)

"DANIEL BARROW, 2 m 21-60 yrs, ? f all ages, with 9 slaves"

HALIFAX Co., N.C. - N. C. State Census of 1786 - February 9th, 1786 - 11th Dist.
as taken by Matt. C. Whitaker:

"WILLIAM BARROW, 1 m 21-60 yrs, 4 m under 21 or above 60 yrs, 3 f all ages
23 Blacks 12-50 yrs, 22 Blacks under 12 or above 50 yrs"

"ROBERT BARROW, 1 m 21-60 yrs, 1 f all ages
2 Blacks 12-50 yrs, 1 Black under 12 or above 50 yrs"

HALIFAX Co., N.C. - N. C. State Census - 14th District - February 1st, 1786,
as taken by John Drew:

"JACOB BARROW, 1 m 21-60 yrs, 1 m under 21 or above 60 yrs, 4 f all ages
4 Blacks 12-50 yrs, 4 Blacks under 12 or above 50 yrs "

"MOSES BARROW, 2 m 21-60 yrs, 1 f all ages
3 Blacks 12-50 yrs, 2 Blacks under 12 or above 50 yrs "

DANIEL BARROW, in WARREN Co., N.C., in 1786, is likely the same man who was there in 1781 State Census. He appears to have been the son of JOHN BARROW of SOUTHAMPTON Co., VA though he may be a younger man. We failed to record the number of females in this DANIEL'S household in 1786.

WILLIAM BARROW, in HALIFAX Co., N.C. on 2-9-1786, made his Will in November of 1786, naming his wife OLIVIA, sons ROBERT (shown above having established his own household), WILLIAM (III), RUFFIN, BENNETT and BARTHOLOMEW and two daughters MARY and SARAH BARROW. He died at Enfield in HALIFAX Co. on 1-27-1787. His widow and some of their children moved to TENNESSEE and from there into Spanish occupied Territory that later became the State of LOUISIANA.

WILLIAM BARROW I received a land grant from Lord Granville and continued to acquire other tracts of land until he died in 1758. In his Will he named his wife, PRISCILLA, his son WILLIAM II, his daughter ANNA FORT and his granddaughter ELIZABETH FORT. He mentions his Plantation "lying on KEHUKEY SWAMP containing 100 acres where JOEL VASSER lived for me" to be lent to PRISCILLA "during her life or widowhood" and then to go to his son WILLIAM II who inherited the rest of his father's lands. PRISCILLA married ELIAS FORT within a few months. Witnesses to WILLIAM'S Will, dated 10-20-1758, were JAS. BARNES, DREW SMITH & WILLIAM BARNES. When WILLIAM I first began purchasing land in North Carolina, the deed states, "WILLIAM BARROW of SOUTHAMPTON Co., VA", which was about the time that county was formed from ISLE of WIGHT Co. in 1749. He witnessed a deed for THOMAS BARROW, JR. and is presumed to have been related to him in some manner which we have not discovered, at this writing.

JACOB BARROW appears with his wife, MILLEA SMITH, and their son, THOMAS, and several daughters in HALIFAX in 1786.

MOSES BARROW, brother of JACOB, also appears in HALIFAX in 1786. We have speculated that the other male in his household may possibly be his brother, JAMES, who had married ANN SUMNER a few months prior to this State Census. JACOB, MOSES and JAMES were the sons of THOMAS BARROW, JR. by his second wife ELIZABETH ATKINSON. JAMES moved to GEORGIA in November 1789. JACOB died testate in 1790. MOSES moved to GEORGIA in the late 1700's where he died on 12-28-1801.

Jacob Barrow - married Millea Smith (daughter of Drew)
Children were:

Thomas - married Mary Duke Lawrence
Betsy - died young

Phoebe - m. John Justice 10/12/1807
children -
John Justice
Sally Gate Justice
Millea

Jacob lived at Scotland Neck on the Roanoke River. Moses & James left their uncle's home when grandmother died. William died & lived with father. Fishman -
n.b. this name is Millea Smith. This name carries on through several generations of my line (James' children).

Moses evidently married a daughter of Jacob's wife Milley by
1814 Deed from THOMAS BARROW to his mother, MILLEY [nee SMITH] BARROW, Widow
of JACOB BARROW of SCOTLAND NECK, HALIFAX Co., N.C. *Another husband (2)*

HALIFAX County, NORTH CAROLINA - Clerk of Court's Records:

1814 "This Indenture made this 1st day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fourteen between THOMAS BARROW of HALIFAX County and State of NORTH CAROLINA of the one part and MILLEY BARROW of the County and State aforesaid of the other part -

"Witneseth that the said THOMAS BARROW for & in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Dollars to him in hand paid by the said MILLY BARROW the receipt whereof the said THOMAS BARROW doth hereby acknowledge himself therewith fully & entirely satisfied contented & paid have bargained sold & delivered unto the said MILLY BARROW during her NATURAL LIFE & NO LONGER, a certain tract of land lying and being in the County & State aforesaid butted and bounded as follows

"beginning at the FOOT of the SCHOOLHOUSE PATH at the ROAD running along said PATH to a BRANCH near where the SCHOOL HOUSE formerly stood thence from where sd. PATH crosses said BRANCH by a line of marked trees to WILLIAMSONS (or YOUNG'S line) [sic] then along said line to DREW SMITH'S line then along his and WM. R. SMITH'S line to WILLIAM RAWLS Corner then along RAWLS line to the ROAD then along the ROAD to the first Station Containing one hundred acres be the same more or less -

"To have and to hold the said Tract of land with the appertenances thereunto belonging & the said THOMAS BARROW doth set over deliver and confirm unto the said MILLY BARROW all his right and title to all & every part of the said land together with all the houses woods waters & rents therefrom arising during the TIME ABOVE NAMED & further more the said THOMAS BARROW does for himself & heirs warrant and secure & forever defend the said Bargained premises against the lawful claim or demand of any person whatsoever. In witness whereof the said THOMAS BARROW hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day & year above written -

THOS. BARROW (Seal)

"In presence of
RICHARD SMITH
THOMAS WHITMEL

"HALIFAX County)
Feby Sessions 1814)

Then this Deed was exhibited in open Court & duly acknowledged by THOMAS BARROW...

Note: THOMAS BARROW, born circa 1780-1783, was the only known son of JACOB BARROW and his wife MILLEA (or MILLEY) SMITH BARROW. He was the grandson of THOMAS BARROW, JR. and his 2nd wife, ELIZABETH ATKINSON, both of whom died soon after moving to ONSLOW Co., N. C. in 1761 and 1762.

Moses also was father of
THOMAS was a young lad when his father died in 1790. The above tract of land may possibly be the land MILLEY inherited from her father, DREW SMITH I, we are not certain. In JACOB'S Will he names THOMAS to receive a tract known as "SMITH'S SEINE PLACE" and directed that THOMAS WHITMEL make a deed to his son THOMAS. JACOB BARROW was in the fishing business on the ROANOKE RIVER. His son continued in the same business for a number of years. THOMAS married MARY DUKE LAWRENCE by whom he had at least two known sons: WILLIAM and THOMAS. He was serving in the N. C. General Assembly when he died intestate in 1821 in the adjoining county of NORTHAMPTON. His mother died circa 1835 in HALIFAX Co. THOMAS left a large estate administered by WILLIAM R. SMITH as executor.

I believe that Martha (or Mildred or Milley) wife of Moses was the daughter of Milley Smith Barrow - She evidently had been married before MARRIAGE, to Jacob (?) - This would make me related to DREW Smith.

1795 Deed of MOSES BARROW, son of THOMAS, JR., in HALIFAX County, N. C.

MOSES BARROW, born circa 1755, in the area of HALIFAX/EDGECOMBE County, N. C., was the son of THOMAS BARROW, JR. and his second wife, ELIZABETH ATKINSON. His family moved to ONSLOW County, N. C. about 1759-1760 where his father died in 1761. His mother died a few months later. MOSES, and his two brothers, JACOB and JAMES, and his infant sister SALLY, were then taken back to HALIFAX/EDGECOMBE County area, where they were raised by their maternal Grandmother ATKINSON and their Uncle SOLOMON ATKINSON. *Mildridge is for Milley - (?)* *sf. 11. 1795*

For Milley & Drew Smith (1795)

MOSES married MARTHA whose last name we have not learned, by whom he had five known children: JACOB (b. 1-22-1792), WILLIAM (b. 10-15-1795 a twin), MARY DREW (b. 10-15-1795 a twin), MILDREDGE SMITH (b. 8-30-1799) and JAMES (b. 12-25-1801). MOSES and MARTHA moved to WASHINGTON County, GEORGIA when their twins were very young, about 1796-1797. MOSES died on 12-28-1801 when his youngest son, JAMES, was three days old.



Milley Smith Barrow

MOSES and his wife, MARTHA, were joined by MILLEY BARROW, the widow of his brother, JACOB, in executing the following deed, suggesting that somehow MARTHA was closely related to MILLEY [nee SMITH] BARROW, though we are not certain of it:

HALIFAX County, N. C. - (copy taken from Clerk of Court records by this writer): (excerpts) -

1795 "This indenture made this 26th December in the year of One thousand and seven hundred & ninety five between MOSES BARROW his wife MARTHA BARROW & Mrs. MILLEY BARROW of HALIFAX County of the one part & MARMADUKE NORFLEET of the County aforesaid of the other part...

"...in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred & Twenty pounds 4/ [shillings] to them in hand paid...by these presents...doth sell...unto the said MARMADUKE NORFLEET & his heirs & assigns forever -

"a certain tract or parcel of land lying in HALIFAX County, SCOTLAND NECK, on the So. side ROANOKE RIVER on which the said BARROW NOW LIVES & joins the lands of said NORFLEET Bounded as follows -

"Beginning on the RIVER BANK, at a sycamore a patent beginning, running, thence to ELISHA WILLIAMS Corner a RED OAK thence along the patent line of the said land as granted to JOHN HAMILTON to the corner, a RED OAK, thence the said patent line to PONS'S [sic] MARSH to a corner pine, thence down the said MARSH to NORFLEET'S line to the CAIN MARSH thence down the CANE MARSH to the RIVER at the first station containing by survey, two hundred & forty two acres be the same more or less...

Milley and James -

In presence of us)	MOSES BARROW (Seal)
Test: SOLO. SLATTER)	MARTHA (her x mark) BARROW (Seal)
ALEX. FRAZER) "	MILLEY (her x mark) BARROW (Seal)

"...proved by the oath of ALEXANDER FRAZER...
HALIFAX County - August Sessions 1796..."

Note: Additional research must be done in order to determine whether this 242 acre tract, originally patented by one JOHN HAMILTON, was purchased by MOSES BARROW. If not, then we might suspect that it was part of his brother JACOB'S estate which would explain why MILLEY (JACOB'S widow) had an interest in this tract. JACOB BARROW named a Step-daughter POLLY THOMAS in his 1790 Will whom we have not identified in our records. (?)

THOMAS BARROW was under 16 years of age in the 1790 Census, thus born after 1774. He was the son of JACOB BARROW, and his wife, MILLEY SMITH, of HALIFAX County, N. C. He was the grandson of THOMAS BARROW, JR. who married ELIZABETH ATKINSON circa 1753 in HALIFAX/EDGEcombe County area. He was the grandson of DREW SMITH I and his wife ELIZABETH, of HALIFAX County.

THOMAS' grandfather, DREW SMITH I, owned lands which adjoined SOLOMON WILLIAMS, whose daughter, LYNEA, married one BENJAMIN BARROW prior to 8-15-1770, whom we have not identified, at this writing. DREW SMITH I, and his brothers, JAMES & ARTHUR SMITH, owned large tracts of land on the ROANOKE RIVER in what is today SCOTLAND NECK. DREW SMITH I devised his estate to his four daughters: PRISCILLA, MILLEA (MILLEY), TEMPERANCE and ANN, in his Will dated 2-22-1762.

JACOB BARROW, in his Will dated 3-15-1790, devised "lands on ROANOKE RIVER known by the name SMITH'S SEIN PLACE...for which I have a bond for the conveyance from THOS. B. WHITMELL" (WB 3:179-180):

HALIFAX Co., N.C. - DB 17:860 - extract: "...2-12-1796 between THOMAS B. WHITMELL of HALIFAX Co., N. C. and THOMAS BARROW of the same...for 900 pounds (presumably paid by JACOB BARROW)...145 acres...South side of ROANOKE RIVER... known by the name of WHITMELLS ISLAND...on the RIVER BANK...to ASAHIEL BRUNSON... ROBERT R. SMITH'S corner...Mouth of DEEP BOTTOM...to ELISHA WILLIAMS (son of SOLOMON WILLIAMS)...Wit: MARCUS BISHOP, DREW SMITH (son of ARTHUR SMITH)..." (ARTHUR SMITH, brother of DREW SMITH I, had children named: MOLLY HOGAN, DREW, ARTHUR II, ROBERT RUFFIN SMITH, MARTHA SMITH, ANN BENNETT SMITH and WILLIAM RUFFIN SMITH. In his 1789 Will, he devised the "Light Neck" plantation adjoining WHITMELL and JACOB BARROW to his son WILLIAM RUFFIN SMITH.)

On 5-17-1813, THOMAS joined in an agreement with his mother, MILLEY SMITH BARROW, and his brother-in-law, ROBERT JUSTICE (m. PHEREBE BARROW), to sell 8 slaves and to pay monies realized to ROBERT JUSTICE and PHEREBE. Apparently, they could not be sold without THOMAS releasing his interest in them. Witnesses: WM. R. SMITH, DREW SMITH, THOS. BURGESS.

On 1-1-1814, THOMAS deeded 100 acres to his mother, MILLEY, "for natural lifetime", for \$1,000.00..."Beginning at the foot of the SCHOOLHOUSE PATH...to WILLIAMSON'S [probably ELISHA WILLIAMS]...DREW SMITH'S line...WM. R. SMITH'S line to WILLIAM RAWLS corner...Wit: RICHARD SMITH, THOMAS WHITMELL..."

On the following day, 1-2-1814, WILLIAM RUFFIN SMITH made a deed to THOMAS BARROW for \$500.00 conveying "one-half of the privilege of the FISHERY formerly called SMITHS & BARROWS it being the same half which he the said THOMAS BARROW conveyed to the said WM. R. SMITH in the deed dated 1-1-1814 [who further agrees] to keep either DRAW BARS or a GATE for the said BARROW and Negroes to pass through the field adjoining the SEIN PLACE not only to the SEIN PLACE but to his plantation in NORTHAMPTON County...Wit: TOM WHITMELL, RICHARD SMITH..."

THOMAS owned land on both sides of the HALIFAX/NORTHAMPTON County lines. He married MARY DUKE LAWRENCE. He was serving as a representative from NORTHAMPTON County when he died in 1821. See other records in these "BARROW Family QUARTERLIES". Above deeds from Register of Deeds Office, Halifax, N. C., researched by this writer in an effort to determine why MILLEY SMITH BARROW joined with MOSES BARROW (her brother-in-law) and MARTHA BARROW (wife of MOSES) in selling land lying nearby on 12-26-1795, though we still lack the answer!

On 13 September 1790 (DB 5:506-507), MOSES BARROW "of EDGECOMBE County", NORTH CAROLINA, purchased "Lot No. 25 in the Town of TARBOROUGH, for Fifty Silver Dollars" from BARTHOLOMEW BARNES of HALIFAX Co., N. C. Wit: WILLIAM BARTLET?, MARY THOMAS, JOSHUA BARKER, JR...Proven 2-7-1791.

When JACOB BARROW made his Will in HALIFAX County on 3-15-1790, he named his step-daughter "POLLY THOMAS" who may be the MARY THOMAS witnessing the above deed for MOSES, a younger brother of JACOB. "POLLY THOMAS" is said to have been the daughter of MILLEY (nee SMITH, daughter of DREW SMITH I) by her first husband, a Mr. THOMAS who disappeared during the Revolutionary War.

MOSES BARROW was "of HALIFAX Co." on 25 June 1793 (DB 7:221) when he sold the above cited "Lot No. 25", in TARBORO (County seat of EDGECOMBE Co.) for "350 hard Dollars", at a handsome profit, to THOMAS JEWELL "of the Town of TARBOROUGH". Wit: NATHANIEL BILBARY...Proven Aug. Court 1793.

On 29 December 1791 (DB 18-A), MOSES BARROW "of EDGECOMBE Co." for "forty five pounds currency" sold land to JAMES JONES of HALIFAX Co. "lying in the County of HALIFAX in the Little Swamp containing 91 acres...beginning at the Center of three pines on the North side of GUINGS? old road...thence the various courses of the road towards DEEP CREEK...JAMES BREWERS? [BARROW?] old field...to the READY BRANCH...MATHEW PARKER'S line...to NORFLETT HARRISES line...E90 degrees to the beginning.../s/ MOSES BARROW (Seal)...Witnesses: JOHN ALSOBROOK SENR., JOHN PHILLIPS...Proven May Court 1798..."

From other records, we know that JAMES BARROW, brother of MOSES, had moved to GEORGIA in 1789. Whether the above reference was to JAMES BARROW'S "old field", we are not certain.

On 26 December 1795 (DB 18-A pp. 11-12), when MOSES, and his wife, MARTHA, were preparing to move to GEORGIA, we note the following deed (abstract from Clerk of Court records, Halifax Co., N.C.):

"This indenture made 12-26-1795 between MOSES BARROW his wife MARTHA BARROW & Mrs. MILLEY BARROW of HALIFAX County of the one part and MARMADUKE NORFLEET (grandson of Capt. JAMES SMITH)...for 820 pounds 4 shillings...242 acres "in HALIFAX Co. SCOTLAND NECK on the SOUTH SIDE ROANOKE RIVER on which the said BARROW now lives & joins the lands of said NORFLEET (m. HANNAH RUFFIN)...beginning on the RIVER BANK...to ELISHA WILLIAMS (son of SOLOMON WILLIAMS whose dau. LYNEA m. BENJAMIN BARROW prior to 1770) line...to PONS MARSH...to CANE MARSH...to the RIVER.../s/ MOSES BARROW, MARTHA (X) BARROW, MILLEY (X) BARROW...Wit: SOLO. SLATTER, ALEX. FRAZER..."

Note: We have not determined why MILLEY (dau. of DREW SMITH I) BARROW (widow of JACOB BARROW) joined with MOSES & MARTHA in selling this property. Under English law of entailment, the eldest son inherits lands and tenements of his parents. MILLEY, and her three sisters, were given all of their father DREW SMITH'S lands. We have speculated that they joined to break the entail on MILLEY'S inherited land, suggesting MOSES may have married MILLEY'S daughter "POLLY", though it is pure speculation on this writer's part. Seemingly, JACOB & MILLEY lived on the land inherited from her father. JACOB died testate, leaving all his property to MILLEY and his children, except for the small legacy to "POLLY THOMAS".

Moses possibly (?) could have been married to a "Mildred" before Martha but we know of no records of such.

We know that Martha (Smith?) was the wife of Moses when he died -

MOSES BARROW, Rev. War Soldier from N. C. and his wife MILDRED POWELL

MOSES BARROW, b. 10-15-1755 in Edgecombe County area of North Carolina, was the son of THOMAS BARROW, JR. and his second wife ELIZABETH ATKINSON (a sister of SOLOMON ATKINSON of Halifax Co., N.C.) who were married circa 1752 in the Edgecombe/Halifax area, soon after THOMAS, JR.'S first wife MARY died circa 1751-52. His parents moved to Onslow County, N. C. circa 1759-1760 to a 300 acre plantation on the New River where his father died in 1761 leaving his wife with three young sons and a daughter who was born posthumously. His mother, ELIZABETH, died a few months after the daughter was born, leaving 4 orphans who were raised by their ATKINSON grandmother in Halifax Co., N.C. under the Guardianship of their Uncle SOLOMON on his plantation on KEHUKEE.

MOSES BARROW appears on the 1790 Census of Halifax Co., N.C. with 2 boys under 10 years and 2 females all ages. He was 35 years old in 1790. We have not discovered if these were his children or perhaps the children of MILDRED POWELL (b. c. 1760-65 in N.C. d. c. 1812 in Ga.).

MOSES BARROW served in the Am. Rev., reputedly as an Officer, in Capt. Bacot's Co., 10th Regt. He moved to Washington Co., Ga. between 1790 and 1800 Census. Their known children recorded in his brother JAMES' Bible:

1. JACOB BARROW, b. 1-22-1792, was a partner in "BARROW & CRENSHAW" store; in the Ga. Lottery drawing for the orphans of MOSES BARROW; married and had issue.
2. WILLIAM THOMAS BARROW, b. 10-15-1795 m. SARAH D. BILLINGSLEA and had issue (see other records by Mrs. FRANCES BUSH WOOD).
3. MARY DREW BARROW, b. 10-15-1795, a twin to WILLIAM THOMAS BARROW
4. MILLEDGE SMITH BARROW, b. 8-30-1799
5. JAMES BARROW, b. 12-25-1801, reputedly 3 days before his father died. He moved to Carroll Co., Ga. where he was a well known Baptist minister, organizing several Baptist Churches in Georgia. His descendants still live in Bowdon, Ga.

MOSES BARROW's death is recorded as 12-28-1801 in Washington Co., Ga. His widow, MILDRED, married a THOMPSON.

No - Martha

Mildred Powell possibly was the first wife of Moses Barrow?

Jacob Barrow, 1st child of Moses & Martha was not born until 1792.

35
30 years old
1790

Jacob, oldest son born in

It was not Mildred Powell Barrow Thompson who died in 1912 - It was Martha (Smith?) Barrow Thompson - My g-g-grandmother

*

Rev. James - My g-g-grandfather

* widow was Martha

MOSES BARROW (son of THOMAS, JR.) of NORTH CAROLINA and GEORGIA

- 10-15-1755 - MOSES BARROW was born "on FISHING CREEK" in Edgecombe Co., N.C. (an area later cut off into Halifax Co.). Date of birth in the records of a direct descendant, Mrs. FRANCES B. WOOD of Macon, GA.
- 1760 - Moved to his father's newly purchased plantation on NEW RIVER in Onslow Co., N. C.
- 1761 - His father, THOMAS BARROW, JR. (son of THOMAS, SR. who died testate in SOUTHAMPTON Co., VA in 1763) died naming MOSES in his Will.
- 1762 - His mother, ELIZABETH (nee ATKINSON) BARROW died in Onslow County, soon after giving birth to a daughter named SALLY.
- 1762 - MOSES was taken to the plantation of his Uncle SOLOMON ATKINSON in HALIFAX/EDGECOMBE Co. area where he was raised by his Grand-mother ATKINSON.
- 1776-1781 - MOSES served during the American Revolution in Capt. Bacot's 10th Reg't under Col. Abraham Sheppard (NSDAR Patriot Index, p. 40).
- 1790 - MOSES appears on the U. S. Census in EDGECOMBE Co., N.C., p. 54, with two males under 16 yrs and 2 females, all ages, giving rise to the question that he may have been married twice or that he had married a widow with three children. He had five known children by his wife MARTHA _____ (in other records she has been identified as MILDRED POWELL). See "BARROW - An Early Southern Family", Vol. II, No. 3, p. 23, for Bible records of his known children.
- 7-31-1784 - MOSES BARROW "of EDGECOMBE Co., N.C." purchased 187 acres "on FISHING CREEK and DEEP CREEK" from THOMAS WELLS (DB 4:118), wit: THOMAS HODGES, RICHARD PUTNEY. MOSES had 4 slaves in the 1790 Census.
- 10-7-1785 - MOSES sold his 187 acre tract to his brother, JAMES and wife ANN "of EDGECOMBE Co." (DB 4:305), wit: JOSEPH HART, BENJAMIN HART. After his brother, JAMES, moved to GEORGIA in 1789, we find that JAMES and wife ANN "of BURKE Co., GA" sold this 187 acre tract to MICAIAH EDWARDS "of EDGECOMBE Co." on August 13th, 1793 (DB 7:248).
- 6-25-1793 - MOSES BARROW, living in HALIFAX Co., N. C. (where his brother, JACOB, had died in 1790 leaving a widow, MILLEA (nee SMITH) and 4 small children), sold "Lot No. 25" in the Town of TARBOROUGH in EDGECOMBE County (DB 7:221), being joined by his wife MARTHA _____ in this sale. 1793
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- 12-26-1795 - MOSES BARROW, his wife MARTHA, and his sister-in-law cosigned a deed in HALIFAX Co., N. C. We have not researched this deed, at this writing, and do not know why MILLEA (nee SMITH) BARROW may have had an interest in this tract of land or vice-versa. After this date, MOSES and MARTHA, with three small children (JACOB b. 1-22-1792) and twins (WILLIAM THOMAS and MARY DREW b. 10-15-1795), moved to a large plantation on KEGG CREEK in WASHINGTON Co., GA, and had 2 additional children: MILDRED SMITH (b. 8-30-1799) and JAMES (b. 12-25-1801).
- 12-28-1801 - MOSES BARROW died intestate. His brother, JAMES of BALDWIN Co., GA, served as the executor of MOSES' estate. His widow, MARTHA, married CHARLES THOMPSON, by whom she had several children before she died about 1812.

No 5200. State of North Carolina Halifax District: This
Certifies that Moses Barrow. all & Eight pounds
Eight shillings specie as Report of the Board of
the Board of Auditors 6th Feb 1782
Jm. Hooten. Clerk. *Heard & Mennick*

Voucher No. 5200 to MOSES BARROW of HALIFAX DISTRICT in NORTH CAROLINA in 1782 as issued by the Board of Auditors in the amount of "Eight pounds, Eight shillings specie", which is on file in the North Carolina Archives, was furnished to us by Mr. Hugh Martin Chambers of Chamblee, GA, a direct descendant of MOSES BARROW.

MOSES BARROW, son of THOMAS BARROW, JR., was born in the Edgecombe/Halifax area of North Carolina. As a very young lad, he moved with his parents to Onslow Co. where his father died shortly afterwards in 1761. His mother, ELIZABETH ATKINSON, died a few months later after giving birth to daughter SALLY BARROW. The little orphans were returned to Halifax area and raised by their Uncle SOLOMON ATKINSON and their Grandmother ATKINSON.

MOSES BARROW served in Captain Bacot's Company, 10th Regiment of the Continental Line in North Carolina. He is listed as MOSES BARRER with 18 months service. However, the spelling on the above cited Voucher is the correct spelling of his name. His brothers, JACOB and JAMES, also served in the Continental Lines during the Revolutionary War.

MOSES BARROW married MARTHA _____ who cosigns deeds in the records of Halifax and Edgecombe Counties. After disposing of his lands in Halifax Co., N.C., they moved to Washington Co., GA where he died within a few years in December 1801. His brother, JAMES, living in the adjoining County of Baldwin, served as the Administrator of MOSES' estate. The widow, MARTHA, remarried CHARLES THOMPSON, a few months after MOSES was deceased. She died about 1812. Her name appears as MARTHA BARROW in the newspaper advertisement when the perishable estate of MOSES was sold. It has been stated that her name was MILDRED POWELL. She had a daughter named "MILDRIGE SMITH BARROW" which suggests she may have been related to the SMITH family in the Halifax Co. area. Whether her last name was
* POWELL, we have not learned.

This MOSES BARROW, son of THOMAS BARROW, JR. and his second wife, ELIZABETH ATKINSON, should not be confused with MOSES BARROW, son of WILLIAM BARROW and his wife, AMEY LEE, of Brunswick Co., VA and Stokes Co., N.C.

HUGH WILL BARROW of GEORGIA

HUGH WILL BARROW, of Dalton, Georgia, President of The BARROW Family Association of America for the year 1990-1991, of which he is a Charter member, is a Chemical Consultant to the carpet and textile industry.

HUGH is a direct descendant of THOMAS BARROW, SR. who died testate in SOUTHAMPTON County, Virginia, through his son THOMAS BARROW, JR. who had a son MOSES BARROW who fought during the American Revolution, afterwards moving his family to a plantation located on KEGG CREEK in WASHINGTON County, Georgia. He is a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution as per the following Generation Chart:

- Gen. I - HUGH WILL BARROW, born 5-25-1926 in Bowdon, CARROLL Co., Georgia, m. BONNIE JEANNE SPRUILL on 7-31-1946. Issue: HUGH WILL, JR. (b. 7-25-1949), LEW SPRUILL BARROW (b. 7-11-1952), BILLIE ANN BARROW (b. 12-30-1958), MARTHA REBECCA BARROW (b. 12-12-1961). He is the son of:
- Gen. II - HUGH WITT BARROW, born 1-13-1894 in Bowdon, CARROLL Co., GA where he died on 11-10-1950, and his 2nd wife, VIRGINIA MAE TRAMMELL, m. 10-28-1917. He was the son of:
- Gen. III - JOHN WILLIAM BARROW, born 9-5-1866 in Bowdon, CARROLL Co., GA where he died on 7-29-1951, m. MARTHA ELLEN LOYVORN on 12-16-1887. He was the son of:
- Gen. IV - JAMES REEVES BARROW, born 10-3-1844 in Bowdon, CARROLL Co., GA where he died on 6-11-1880, m. MARTHA S. HOLMES on 11-10-1865. He was the son of:
- Gen. V - JAMES BARROW, Baptist Clergyman, born 12-25-1801 in WASHINGTON Co., Georgia, d. 7-30-1884 in Bowdon, CARROLL Co., GA. He married LUCINDA BIVENS in BALDWIN Co., GA on 1-2-1825. He was the son of:
- Gen. VI - MOSES BARROW, born 10-15-1755 in EDGECOMBE Co., N.C., died 12-28-1801 at his plantation on KEGG CREEK in WASHINGTON Co., GA, a few years after moving his family there from HALIFAX Co., N.C. where he married MARTHA, whose maiden name we have not learned. Some records say she was "MILDRED POWELL". MOSES BARROW served in Capt. BACON'S 10th Reg't under Col. Abraham Sheppard (N.C. State Records Vol. XVI p. 1023 and NSDAR Patriot Index p. 40). He was the son of:
- Gen. VII - THOMAS BARROW, JR., b. SURRY/ISLE of WIGHT Co., VA, moved to EDGECOMBE Co., N.C. circa 1749. One historian gives his birth as 1698. He m. (2) ELIZABETH ATKINSON in EDGECOMBE/HALIFAX Co., N.C. about 1752-53. He d. testate in ONSLOW Co., N.C. in 1761. He was the son of:
- Gen. VIII - THOMAS BARROW, SR., born circa 1665-1670 in SURRY Co., VA, son of THOMAS BARROW who died intestate in 1684 (whose widow, ELIZABETH, m. GEORGE BLOW, JR. prior to March 1685). THOMAS BARROW, SR. made his Will on 11-26-1761 in SOUTHAMPTON Co., VA (formed from ISLE of WIGHT in 1749) with the Inventory of his estate proved in 1763. According to the records of Rev. DAVID BARROW, THOMAS BARROW, SR. "died between 90 and 100 years of age". His wife was named ELIZABETH, when he made his Will.



HUGH WILL BARROW c. 1965
(b. 5-25-1926)

See: (1) *Georgia Pensioners*, p. 188.
(2) *Georgia's Roster of the Revolution*, p. 436.

3. Joseph Avant b. 8/24/1720 d. 8/1798
He served as a private in Colonel George Mathew's Régiments of the Virginia Continental Line and fought in the Battles of Germantown and Brandywine. He received bounty land in Washington County for his services.

See: (1) *Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers, Sailors, Patriots & Descendants*, v. 2, p. 13.
(2) *Georgia's Roster of the Revolution*, p. 210, 375.
(3) *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia*, v. 3, p. 13.

4. Moses Barrow b. 1755 d. 1801
He served as a private in Captain Bacot's Company of the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Line.

See: (1) *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia*, v. 3, p. 22.
(2) *Roster of Soldiers from North Carolina in the American Revolution*.

5. Absalom Bedell b. c1740 d. 1802
He signed the Georgia Declaration of Independence on August 15, 1777 in Wilkes County. He was commissioned on August 20, 1777, as a Major in the 4th Battalion of the Wilkes County, Georgia Militia commanded by Colonel George Wells.

See: (1) *Georgia Citizens and Soldiers of the American Revolution*, p. 27, 99.
(2) *Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers, Sailors, Patriots & Descendants*, v. 1, p. 22.
(3) *Georgia's Roster of the Revolution*, p. 344, 407.

6. John Bennis
On March 1, 1777, he was commissioned as a Captain in the 4th Battalion of the Georgia Continental Line commanded by Major John Habersham. He died in service.

See: (1) *Georgia's Roster of the Revolution*, p. 15, 34, 407.
(2) *Military Certificates of Georgia*, p. 101.

7. Jacob Blount b. 1726 d. 8/17/1784
He served as a Surgeon's mate in the Georgia Navy commanded by Commodore Oliver Bowen. He died in service and his heirs received bounty land along the south fork of the Oconee River in Old Washington County for his services.

See: (1) *Georgia's Roster of the Revolution*, p. 38, 40, 253, 408.
(2) *Military Certificates of Georgia*, p. 101.

8. William Brown b. 1729 d. c1831

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Dear Frances:

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It was very good to see your letter in the latest issue of *Barrow Branches*. I hope that you are in good health and staying as busy as you always have been. Bonnie and I are doing fairly well all considered for old age, just the usual aches and pains, lots of pills and doctor bills, forgetting things and being thankful for all we have and for each and every day.

I have not been doing much work on my Barrow line recently but am proud for one accomplishment on my mother's Trammell family. After many years of trying, I finally found the burial site of my g-g-g grandfather, Thomas Trammell a Revolutionary War soldier from North Carolina, burial site. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the Antioch United Methodist Church cemetery near Thomaston, GA. This site was in Pike County when it was formed but now in Upson. I obtained a government marker and we had a most impressive dedication of the memorial conducted by the SAR and DAR Chapters of Georgia. Most of the chapters in the state took a part with all the uniforms, color guards, speakers etc, and a large crowd attended.

I continue to try to locate the burial site of Moses Barrow but so far no luck at all. We know just about where his Washington County, GA land holdings along Keg Creek were but all the county land records were destroyed during the Civil War and the area along east side of the creek where the property was located is now the site of a huge kaolin mine.

I have often wondered and tried to find if maybe Moses Barrow, our ancestor, was married before he married Martha Smith. If he were, there evidently were no children or surely they would have been listed in brother James' Bible along with Moses and Martha (Mildred's?) other children. Moses was only a little over 40 years old when he moved from North Carolina to his new lands in Georgia. He died in December, 1801 when my Rev. James R. was only 3 days old, born on Christmas Day, and was about 46 years old at that time. Your William and his twin sister were about 6 years old at his death. Jacob was the oldest child of Moses and Martha that we know of and he was born in 1792 so Moses was 37 by then and there certainly could have been another wife and maybe children in his younger years? If there were other children, evidently none of them moved to Georgia and one would think that if there were children James would have listed them in his Bible? I, like you, have never found a Powell connected to the Barrows listed in any of the material I have observed. An article in the Barrow Association Quarterly states the Moses Barrow is listed in the 1790 Halifax County Census with 2 boys under 10 years and 2 females all ages. He would have been 35 years old in 1790. We do not know if these were his children or the children of a first wife, maybe a Mildred Powell? This could explain why no children of a possible first marriage moved to Georgia. They probably stayed with the mother's family in North Carolina?

In addition, the advertisement in the April 21, 1802 *Louisville [GA] Gazette* of the sale of the property of Moses Barrow, which was signed by Martha Barrow, we have information found by May Belle Barrow North and which appeared in her *Barrow Association of America* Quarterly of a land sale by Moses and his wife, Martha in 1795 or just before the couple moved to Georgia. "This indenture made this 26th Dec. in the year of One thousand and seven hundred & ninety five between **Moses Barrow and his wife Martha Barrow & Mrs. Milley Barrow** of Halifax County of the one part and Marmaduke Norfleet of the County aforesaid of the other part----in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred & twenty pounds 4/[Shillings] to them in hand paid ...by these present...doth sell ...unto the said Marmaduke Norfleet & assigns forever...."

And Fisheries

This was the sale of a track of land⁷ on the south side of the Roanoke River in Halifax County, NC which bordered on the Norfleet land. This land had previously been owned by Moses' brother and his wife who was the Milley Barrow mentioned in the above land transfer.

We know that this "Milley", (maybe Mildred ?) was the daughter of Drew Smith of North Carolina and the wife of the deceased Jacob Barrow, oldest brother of Moses and James. Milley had inherited the land from her father, Drew Smith, and she had been married previously to a Mr. Thomas as Jacob mentioned his step-daughter Polly Thomas in his will.

One would think the Martha had to be the daughter, granddaughter or niece of Millie, or maybe the daughter of her daughter, Polly Thomas? There must be a very good reason that she would sign a land deed along with Moses and Martha who had evidently become owners or co-owners of the land with Milley.

This connection with the Drew Smith line would explain why Martha would name two of her children "Mary Drew" and "Millidge Smith" ("Milley"? or Martha?).

I am sure that your mother had very good reasons to believe that our ancestor was a Mildred Powell. I have a copy of the letter from a member of the Thompson family that states Mr. Thompson married Mrs. Barrow, who, before her marriage was a "Miss Powell" and that her name was Mildred. You sent this to Martin Chambers and me many years ago. Martha named one of her daughters Millidge (Mildred?) and her youngest son, my Rev. James, named his first daughter Mildred ("Millie") Barrow and did not name any of his daughters Martha. The name Mildred and "Millie" has certainly come down through my line.

I have not seen the land lottery document you mentioned where the name was signed "Mildred". Was this lottery for the land drawn for them to move to in Georgia? Maybe Moses was married to "Mildred" when he drew the Georgia land and before his marriage to Martha.

The "Martha/Mildred"---"Smith/Powell" puzzle is surely a mystery. I believe Moses Barrow's wife and my great-great-great grandmother was Martha Smith (or maybe Thomas) but there is certainly a lot of questions we need to find the answers to. Maybe Martha and Mildred were both a wife of Moses?

I am glad that you are finding more and more about William Thomas and your family in Madison and I want you to know how grateful I am for all the information you have helped me with tracing our Barrow family line. Thank you very much and I wish you a very happy 2009.

Sincerely,

cc: Mr. Frank Barrow