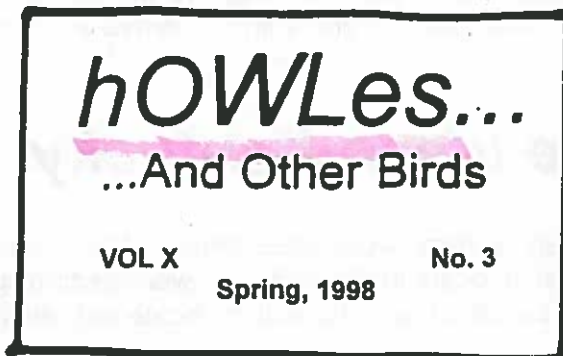


# Richard gets e-mail now

After a lot of weeping, wailing and gnashing of keys, Richard, our computer went on-line 10 FEB 1998 at the address: JPhOWLe@aol.com. He has corresponded with several cousins and while nothing earthshaking has been transmitted either way, the potential is obvious.



First message went to our son, **Roger Howle** (hoots@foto.infl.net) to let him know all the bugs- had been exterminated and thanking him for installing the modem that makes it all possible. Then came a note from our brother, **Richard Howle**, (owley@aol.com) reporting he and Libby had gotten home safely from a United Methodist superintendant's conference at one of the coastal islands.

Then we got into some real genealogical exchanges with **Thomas Clyde Howle** (thowle@atl.mindspring.com).

Browsing through the various offerings on the internet, we found some offerings of **Stacey Joy Chadwick**, great-great-great granddaughter of **Stephen Chadwick** (1811-1855) and **Esther Oden** (1807-1855). It was information we already had, but it was good to know Stacey is still at it. **Esther Oden** was the daughter of (Unknown) Oden and **Elizabeth Howle**, a daughter of **Thomas H. Howle** and granddaughter of **William Howle** and **Sarah Harvey**.

We've exchanged e-mail a couple of times with **Robert Paul Howle** (phowle@netdoor.com) in Union, MS, to get the date of his marriage to his across-the-street neighbor and to get some information on **Mark Howle** (mhowle@sunset.backbone.olemiss.edu) who had corresponded with Brother Richard. Mark had told Richard his father's first cousin, **Paul Howle** of Mississippi, "has done most of the historical research." When Paul responded that Mark was a son of **John Rolfe Howle** and grandson of **John Austin Howle**, we found that we had Mark pretty well covered in our files.

We've also had fun combining old- and new-fangled methods of communication. Some time ago Brother Richard gave us some info he had scrounged off the internet concerning **Laurens E. Howle** (leh@mel.egr.duke.edu), assistant professor at Duke University. We e-mailed Laurens for some info and he responded with a copy of a letter his brother **Andrew W. Howle** had sent 22 MAR 1997 to **Susan Howle Winstead** in answer to a query about family history.

Turns out **Laurens**, **Andrew** and their sister, **Lilla Mills Howle**, are the offspring of **Edward Samuel Howle** and his first wife, **Josephine Ann Mills**. **Edward Samuel** was a son of **Edward Stanley Howle**. From there on we had the family covered back through **Robert Napier Howle** (15 FEB 1841-28 AUG 1900), through **James Howle** (23 AUG

1799-22 AUG 1878), through James Howle (1766-1846) who came to South Carolina from New Kent County, VA.

It started with a phone call from Bill Howle in Hays County, TX, but since finding out he, too, had just gone on the net we learned that he is **William Howard Howle** (nell@haysco.net) and he was born in Cleburne County, AL. He is a son of Braxton Bragg Howle which my files showed was born in Plainview, TX, but according to Bill was also born in Cleburne County. We seem to have his line pretty well back to William Howle of the Revolution.

The internet has been both interesting and helpful and, once we get the hang of it and realize how crucial it is to get the address exactly right, it should prove even more fruitful.

## ***Yes, there is Howle life in Kentucky***

It was a phone call we'd about given up hope would ever come. After years of pleading and badgering every Howle we could locate in Kentucky we were beginning to think we'd have to form a posse and get a couple of coon hounds to locate our relatives in that state.

But here was the pleasant voice of a gentleman--probably a colonel or at least a major--who said he was **Gene Stewart** and that he was a son of Malcolm Stewart and Laura Howle. They, as we mentioned in our last issue, were living with her father Curran P. (Philpot, Gene says) Howle, and mother, Mary E. (Elizabeth Payton) in the 1920 census.

The E.B. Howle Jr. we found in the same census as a 17-year-old with his widowed mother, Gene tells us was a son of Edward Blackstone Howle. He said Edward's daughter, listed as Ruby J. in the census was better known as Jane and she had moved to Slater, KY.

Gene tells us George W. Howle was the first of the family to move into Ballard County and that he came from Todd County, KY, about 1822. He doesn't seem to have the whole picture complete, but seems sure the Howles came out of Virginia. We're swapping info and between us, maybe we can figure it out.

Meanwhile, we've been through the 1900 census of Ballard County and are halfway through the 1910 Soundex of names with the 'hl' sound combination.

If there were a hero of the year award, we would nominate Gene Stewart.

## **Rita's getting down to business**

Rita Denman of Richardson, TX, says she's finally getting around to doing write-ups on the Howle lineage of her husband, James Burton Denman Jr. She's weighing conflicting reports on Alexander Howle and would appreciate any input from family members.

She has his birth date as 1783 or 1784 and death as 2 FEB 1852. She has him married to Martha Morgan, born in 1788 or 1789. Her information is that they had 14 children, the first six of whom are not known. Survivors are listed as Mary Ann, Peter

Morgan, Mack Goode, William Alexander, Joseph, Henry, Ida Elizabeth and Thomas Harvey. She describes "the incident":

"Alexander and his father-in-law, Peter Morgan, attended a tax gathering on the evening of March 22, 1825. Returning to Mr. Morgan's home about eight o'clock they became engaged in a dispute. Mr. Morgan struck Alexander with a board, prompting Alexander to seize the older man by the throat and with a Spanish knife, inflict a mortal wound to the left groin. Having cut the main artery, Mr. Morgan died in fifteen minutes.

"The South Carolina Republican news reported this a horrid murder and was sorry to note Mr. Howle made his escape. Further court records have not been found for any subsequent legal action against Alexander Howle. Apparently he escaped severe punishment, as on December 12, 1831, Alexander purchased a 565-acre plantation on the waters of Ninety-Six Creek for \$1100."

Rita says Alexander and Martha moved to Alabama in 1840 or 41 and were shown in the 1850 census with their four youngest children still at home, real estate valued at \$2,000 and 17 slaves.

## ***Another family connection to Virginia:***

Thomas Clyde Howle sent us copies of e-mail he got from Diane Spencer Keeton (dskeeton@aol.com), who has traced her lineage back to Absalom Howl in Charles City County, VA.. She is the oldest daughter of Howard Spencer and Evelyn Morris and a granddaughter of Paul Wallace Good Spencer and Anna Groseclose. Paul was a son of William Henry Spencer and Harriet Gravett and a grandson of Paulus Powell Spencer and Mary C. Keaton. Mary was the daughter of James A. Keaton and Mary Howl.

Diane says Absalom married Elizabeth Clem on 2 AUG 1806 and figures census information makes him the right age to be a son of Absalom Howle and Ann Holland. That would have made his birth year 1770. She is confident she has identified 10 children of Absalom Howl and Elizabeth Clem:

- Nancy W., born ca. 1807 and married John H. Christian 7 AUG 1828.
- Elizabeth A., born ca. 1808 and married William Joiner 19 DEC 1837.
- George W., born ca. 1810 and married Mildred F. Turner.
- Mary H. (Polly), born ca. 1811, married James A. Keaton 6 DEC 1832, died 1846.
- Absalom J., born ca. 1813, married Jane Wadkins Wilsher 26 SEP 1835, died before 1870.
- Benjamin F., born ca. 1820, married Sarah Ann Mays 3 JUL 1849.
- Catherine B., born 1823, never married.
- Michael C., born 1825, never married, died 1859.
- Rebecca, born 1833.
- James, born 1835.

We have several records of an Absalom Howle in the St. Peter's Parish Register. They show that Gideon, son of Absalom and Hannah Howle, was born 10 APR 1756; Fanny, a daughter, was born 6 FEB 1758 and Charles, a son, was born 2 MAR 1760.

Another record shows an Absalom Howl was born 26 APR 1730 to John and Mary Howle.

Diane also cites a record of a "Will of James Howl presented by Elizabeth and Absalom Howl, the executors proved; Epaphroditus Gilliam and Thomas Russell security." On the following page she found "John Hardyman, Temple Eppes, William Hardyman and Richard Hailes to appraise the estate of James Howl, dec'd." She speculates that Elizabeth and Absalom were the widow and son of Absalom.

Diane noted that the name Epaphroditus had caught her eye and she wondered who came first, Epaphroditus Gilliam or Epaphroditus Howle, and what the connection is between the two families, if any. We've wondered about the connection for many a year but never came up with anything.

We find Epaphroditus Guillian in the St. Peter's Parish Register receiving pay "for making Cloths for Bedford" in 1726. We also find Epaphroditus, son of Richard Gillam being born sometime between 1705 and 1710. Thus, if these are the same Epaphroditus Gilliam and the first to bear that name, then Epaphroditus Howle, who was born in 1685/6 came first.

In our research of Epaphroditus Gilliam, we found that name connected with many land transactions over several counties and over a considerable period of time. We figure there were several men with that name or the one was a nomadic land dealer who lived beyond three score and ten.

We've contacted Diane through e-mail and expect to swap a lot of info in the not too distant future.

## **Cleonita's new book and sweatshirt:**

Two new products are being offered by those folks up in Bath, OH, who are hiding behind the name of Cleonita W. Howle of Darlington, SC. They're offering the sweatshirt again--the one with the Howle coat of arms on it--the one with the camel chopped off the top (except for one foot). And they're also offering a new book called *The Howles in America from 1790 to 1998*.

As you may remember, Cleonita Ward Howle is the widow of Glenn Howle over in Darlington. Several years ago she got the idea that those sweatshirts would make great Christmas gifts for her children and grandchildren. So she bought a couple of dozen. They came back and offered her a little commission on all Howle products they could sell if they would let her use her name.

Mostly they publish periodically a book that contains names and addresses of folks they find in the telephone directories around the country. In the last issue they declared that all Howles in America are descended from a female named "Hen Howle." If that is true, guess what that makes us all.

The sales pitch begins: "Though we are probably not related..." Of course we're related, Cleonita. Don't you remember all the reunions we attended at your son's home? Don't you remember the time I visited you in your home shortly after the drunk had driven his pickup truck into it?

"This never-before-published book provides census records for 167 Howles who

have been recorded since the very first census in 1790." I'll bet there are a lot of repeats in there. If so I've got more than that. Why, I've got James and John and Francis five or six times each and almost as many times on the 15 or so kids James and Francis sired. And almost as many of the Edgefield clan and a lot of the Thomas T.'s.

"You'll go back in history and meet Howles like Ann, who lived in Clarke County, AL in 1790. Wrong, Cleonita, dear, Ann was the widow of Thomas Howle and they didn't move to Alabama until after 1820. As a matter of fact, cousin-in-law, there was no Clarke County in 1790. As a further matter of fact, there wasn't even an Alabama until 1819.

"You'll have the names, ages of spouse and children, county and state of residence for these earlier Howles right at your fingertips. For later Howles, whenever possible you'll also find occupation, age, birthplace or country of origin, and in some cases even the cause of death is stated.

"And here's more good news...Preferred customers can own *The Howles in America: From 1790 to 1998* for just \$49.50." The address is Halberts, c/o 3687 Ira Road, Bath, OH 44210.

## *Russell does it up big*

Word is just in from Big Spring, TX, and Virginia Howle says Russell has had a 36x48-inch plaque made up to honor his parents. It is to be mounted where the chimney stands at their own homesite. It reads:

"Old Gove Howle Homestead, 1912-1972, In Memory of the Howle Family.

"Loving Parents Governor Joseph Howle and Martha Banks Ellis Howle were married December 24, 1899.

"Governor J.Howle, January 15, 1877-March 1, 1972.

"Martha Ellis Banks Howle, December 20, 1882-October 29, 1971.

"The remembrance of the Howles and their children endures at this site today.

"Olga Howle, December 19, 1900-September 11, 1905

"Charley Howle, June 9, 1902-September 9, 1905

"Icia Howle Pogue, February 19, 1904-April 2, 1964

"Odesa Hole Stinnett-Cade, September 27, 1905-

"Admiral Dewey Howle May 23, 1907-January 9, 1993

"George Franklin Howle, January 4, 1909-May 12, 1988

"Beatrice Howle Boyd, March 7, 1911-

"Jewel Banks Howle, February 19, 1913-August 13, 1996

"Governor Ardell Howle, August 27, 1915-August 13, 1988

"Barna Howle, May 29, 1918-July 6, 1918

"Joseph Lloyd Howle, July 7, 1919-January 24, 1976

"Russell Ellis Howle, March 31, 1922-

"Ellena Howle Glass-Moss, February 19, 1927-

### ***From the bottom of an aching heart:***

To the so many of you who came, called or wrote, it's painful and near impossible to relay the appreciation of your prayers and words of sympathy following the loss of our 10-year-old grandson, James Evander Taylor. Losing a child has got to be a blow, but when we lost Evan we had not only that pain to bear, but the additional hurt of seeing his mother, our daughter Beth, suffering the loss of a son.

We will always miss the little squirt, thinking of the things we wanted to show him, teach him and watch him experience. Those of you who knew of it have helped by taking some of the grief yourselves. But our greatest earthly source of relief has come from his 5-year-old sister, Jennie.

Jennie kept ordering everyone to "stop crying--right now!" She knows Evan is an angel that looks like a star and on a dark night you can see him up there with all the other angels.

Her greatest strike, though, came like this:

She came up behind her mother on the couch and put her hands over her mother's eyes.

"Guess who," she crooned in as deep a voice as she could muster.

"Is it Jennie?" her mother asked.

"Nooo," said the same deep voice.

"Is it Daddy?"

"Nooo."

"Is it Granddaddy?"

"Nooo."

"Is it Granny?"

"Nooo."

"Well," Beth said finally, "I give up. Who is it?"

"It's God. I've got Evvie with me. I'm taking care of him."

"Well, God, I appreciate your taking care of my little boy. Is he okay?"

"Yes, he's okay. C'mon Evvie, let's go."

Evan was building a club house out of a bunk bed and some boards. A nylon

dog leash was also involved. Apparently he fell from the top of the bed, getting the leash entangled around his neck. In his fall his head hit the bed and he was knocked unconscious. When Beth found him, his torso and limbs were all on the ground. His head was a few inches above the ground, held by the leash. He died of strangulation.

## Deaths:

**JOHN ANDERS HOWLE, 57**, died 26 JUN 1977 in Irving, TX. He was born 31 OCT 1939 in Searcy, AR. Surviving are two daughters, Christy Annette Howle and Cindy Renee Howle Hayes, an aunt, Corrine Howle and three grandchildren.

(This is from an obit sent by Rita Denman, but we have no other information. Can you help?)

**VIVIAN WEAVER WEINBERG HOWLE, 76**, died 1 JAN 1998 at Darlington. She was born 25 APR 1921 in Darlington County, a daughter of Manton M. Weaver (25 NOV 1886-10 JAN 1940) and Pauline Blackman (15 SEP 1897-16 JUL 1938). She was married second to Carey Monroe Howle (b. 6 SEP 1925).

Carey is a son of Robert William Howle (2 OCT 1894-2 DEC 1952) and Nina Barefoot (21 AUG 1899-10 JUL 1954) and a grandson of Joseph Franklin Howle (10 APR 1871-25 NOV 1949) and Adeline Edwards (JUN 1874-19 AUG 1905). Joseph was a son of Elias David Howle (25 AUG 1843-2 DEC 1916) and Nancy Elizabeth Rhodes (12 SEP 1843-26 JUL 1890) and a grandson of Francis Howle (25 DEC 1813-25 AUG 1899) and Esther Davis (15 APR 1814-15 MAY 1875). Francis was a son of James Howle (1776-1846) who came to South Carolina from New Kent County, VA, and Elizabeth Purvis.

**VIDALIA DIXON BALLARD, 78**, died 10 FEB 1998. She was born in Marlboro County 28 APR 1919, a daughter of James Edward Dixon and Lizzie Bacote. She was the widow of James Edward Ballard (14 OCT 1911-1982), who was a son of Samuel Robert Ballard (15 SEP 1884-19 DEC 1960) and Martha Lobelia Kirven (26 SEP 1886-23 SEP 1928). Martha was a daughter of Joshua Edward Hugh Kirven (4 JAN 1856-10 MAR 1937) and Emily Corine Chapman and a granddaughter of Mercer Lafayette Kirven (1 APR 1829-3 JUL 1863) and Margaret Elizabeth Howle (21 NOV 1830-2 JUL 1882). Margaret was a daughter of James Howle (23 AUG 1799-22 AUG 1878) and Margaret Keith (d. 23 JUL 1823) and a granddaughter of James Howle who came to South Carolina from New Kent County, VA.

Survivors include a son, James Edward Ballard Jr. of Columbia.

**SARAH FRANCES HOWLE CHAPMAN, 86**, died 25 DEC 1997 at Union City, GA. She was born 8 APR 1911 at Dadeville, AL, a daughter of James Thomas Howle (1878-NOV 1942) and Frances Barnes (3 FEB 1881-26 APR 1915) and a granddaughter of Blount Hampton Howle (b. 1853) and Caroline Burson. Blount was a son of Thomas E.L. Howle (1828-28 JUL 1864) and Mary Ann Elizabeth Moore (22 DEC 1827-2 JUN 1889) and a grandson of Thomas T. Howle (1787/8-MAY 1870) and Nancy

Rivers (1796-13 OCT 1870). Thomas T. was a son of James Howle (26 FEB 1759-OCT 1818) and Pamela Tyus (15 NOV 1765-ca. 1827) and a grandson of Epaphroditus Howle (1729/30-1804) and Mary Lewis. Epaphroditus was a son of Thomas Howle b. 1707) and a grandson of Epaphroditus Howle, b. 1685/6 in New Kent County, VA.

Surviving are two daughters, Sara Diane Chapman Pullen of Fayetteville, GA, and Jacquelyn Chapman Hood of Peachtree City, GA, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**MARGARET LOUISE HOWLE HOWLE**, 80, died 6 JAN 1998. She was born 23 APR 1917 in Darlington County, a daughter of Evans Lide Howle (23 JUN 1885-29 DEC 1969) and Ada Pauline Goodson (31 OCT 1891-15 MAY 1969) and a granddaughter of Francis Howle (25 DEC 1813-25 AUG 1899) and his second wife, Margaret Jane Sparrow (17 APR 1847-27 JUL 1925). Francis was a son of the aforementioned James Howle who came from New Kent County, VA, to found the Howle clan in Darlington County, SC.

She was the widow of Thomas Raymond Howle (23 AUG 1914-4 NOV 1923), a son of Robert Brunson Howle (22 SEP 1891-5 OCT 1938) and Mittie Hawkins (20 DEC 1891-8 JUL 1965) and a grandson of James Thomas Howle (23 APR 1841-5 DEC 1926) (20 and Frances Delilah Chapman (28 JUL 1853-31 AUG 1959). James was a son of the aforementioned Francis Howle and his first wife, Esther Davis.

Surviving are two daughters, Hazel Jacquelyn Howle Andrishok and Ruth Ann Howle Davis, and a son, Gene Raymond Howle.

**JAMES EVANDER TAYLOR**, 10, died in an accident 21 DEC 1997. He was born in Florence, SC, 13 JAN 1987, a son of William Fulton Taylor Jr. and Margaret Elizabeth Howle and a grandson of James Purvis Howle Jr. and Mary Louise Hilliard. James is a son of James Purvis Howle (10 OCT 1903-30 SEP 1984) and Carrie Sue Benson (28 MAR 1909-17 OCT 1993) and a grandson of Evander Griffin Howle (30 MAR 1884-8 JAN 1948) and Eula Annette Boswell (3 SEP 1886-16 JUN 1952). Evander was a son of the aforementioned Francis Howle and Margaret Jane Sparrow.

Surviving besides the parents and grandparents are a sister, Jennie Elizabeth Taylor, and his step-father, Robert Vance Butts, Jr.

## *Marriages:*

Robert Paul Howle and Louise Porter were married 3 JAN 1998.

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# Genesis of Kentucky Howles

We've still to pin down the origin of our Kentucky cousins--other than Virginia--but, thanks to Cousin Don May of Dexter, MO, we know when they started and with whom. According to the big fat packet of data received from Don, we know the first Howle in Kentucky was George W. Howle. The 1860 census shows George, born in Virginia, living in Ballard County, KY, with his wife, Margaret G \_\_\_\_\_ and 11 children.

Four more had been added by the 1870 census and four had left the nest. One of these was James Lewis Howle, born in 1842 and married to Amanda Polk. Their oldest child, Lizzie, was born in 1863 and married to Jasper H. May. Jasper had a son, Jasper C. May, born in 1893, who married Clara E. Carlton and sired Cousin Donald.

Don married Jane Woody and has two children, Kelly and Perry Hugh.

At first glance we thought we could tie George W. Howle into New Kent County. We have a George W. Howle who was born in New Kent or Henrico County about 1832, a son of William Copeland Howle and Mary somebody. William was a son of Thomas Parke Howle and Ann Lewis Poindexter and a grandson of Epaphroditus Howle and Mary Lewis. Epaphroditus was a son of Thomas Howle, b. 1707 and a grandson of Epaphroditus Howle, b. 1685/6 in New Kent.

However, on a closer check we realized that George W. who went to Kentucky had to have been born about 1813, almost 20 years before the George W. we had records on. From there on, the more we studied it, the wilder it became.

In the 1880 census there are two other Howles heading up households who were not the offspring of George W. They were Armstead Howle, who was 48 and Parks G. Howle, 38. The aforementioned Thomas Parke Howle, had a son named Parke Goodall Howle, who was born in Virginia, probably Enrico County, about 1789.

In the 1870 census, George W. is living next door to William L. Apperson. There were several Howle-Apperson marriages, including that of Martha Collier Apperson, who married Jacquelin Poindexter Howle, a brother to the George W. Howle I had in Virginia. Parks G. Howle in Kentucky was living next door to Richard Crouch, another Virginia family that intermarried with the Howles.

We've got a lot of checking to do to find out if there might be some error in dates somewhere or if this is the darndest set of coincidences we've run across in a long time. We're also interested in the relationship between George W., Armstead and Parks G. Maybe our cousin Gene Stewart in LaCenter, KY, can shed some light.

Meanwhile, we've found some materials on Kentucky we're ordering that may also help. One is a microfilm of Ballard County, KY, wills 1879-1924. Two other rolls of microfilm include Ballard County marriages and Ballard County Circuit Court Records.

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And there a couple of microfiche of Kentucky Genealogical Collection that may be fruitful.

The fact that George W. Howle's wife and oldest child were born in Kentucky indicates George must have left Virginia about 1842. The oldest child, James T. Howle, was 17 in the 1860 census and Margaret, his mother was 32.

Subsequent telephone conversation and a second letter may lend credibility to the theory that George was indeed the son of William Coleman Howle.

Don pointed out that the 1850 Ballard County census showed George 15 years older than his wife Margaret, while the federal census shows him as five years older. The 1860 county census shows him 15 years older and the 1870 census shows him 24 years older.

He also tells us that the 1850 federal census spells it Parks Howell, not Howle. Of course, that doesn't mean an awful lot either when it comes to the census.

Don also found a couple of new Howles in the 1880 census.

There is an A.F. Howle, 68, who is living with Alvin Morris, 20, his grandson, and a housekeeper. A.F. says he was born in Virginia as were both his parents. Alvin was born in Kentucky, his father in Tennessee and his mother in Kentucky.

There is also a William Howle who was 30 in 1880, living with his wife, Martha J., 28, his sons, Thomas A., 8, and John W., 1, and his daughter, Ida J., 4. William and his mother were born in Kentucky, his father in Virginia. Martha was born in Kentucky and both her parents in Tennessee.

Stay tuned.

## ***The playing Howles of Kentucky***

In addition to all the names and dates, Don sent along a couple of news items that give some insight to our Kentucky cousins. The first of them is about the daddy of all Kentucky Howles, George W. in an article headed: FAMOUS OLD FIDDLER OF CAIRO ISSUES DEFI TO FORD'S BOW WIELDERS with the sub-head: George W. Howle Sr., 72 Years Young, Offers to Play Against Auto Magnet's 'String Ticklers' of 'Old School.' It reads:

"For 52 years and more the countryside around Wickliffe, KY, listened to and danced to the toe-tickling music of the famous fiddler, George W. Howle, Sr., who for the past year has resided at 313 Eighth Street, Cairo, with his daughter.

"Mr. Howle's fiddling was the feature of hundreds of old-fashioned 'country breakdown' dances. And at church sociables, too, his bow and soft-toned violin were always present to help out the occasion. The father of 13 children, nine of whom live, Mr. Howle imparted to all of them his musical talent; all were musicians.

"It used to be a saying over in the Wickliffe district that the 'Playing Howles will furnish the music tonight.' Which was the same as saying that no one should worry about the quality. For this the older Howle had in his own family a regular orchestra, hence, the musical organization's sobriquet--the 'Playing Howles.'

"Although 72 winters have touched Mr. Howle, whitening his hair and beard, his merry blue eyes still twinkle youthfully, and he recently won in Cairo the first prize at an

old time fiddlers contest. Just to show how lightly his years rest upon him, the famous fiddler cut a few sprightly steps of the Charleston after winning the first prize.

"I should like to meet in a contest any of Henry Ford's old-time fiddlers,' Mr. Howle exclaimed a few days ago, drawing his bow across the strings. 'Bet I could show those fellows up in the north some fiddling that is fiddling.'

"For many years I have suffered with constipation,' Mr. Howle said when asked how his health was at the present time. 'And for the past year I have been much troubled with nervousness, especially in my left arm. Three months ago I started taking Cly-Tone, the iron and herb tonic. I have noticed a decided improvement in my constipated condition and my nervous trouble has been improved to a certain extent. I have used six bottles of Cly-Tone, and will continue to use it, as I believe it has unusual merit.'"

From there on the article tells you all the drug stores that are selling Cly-Tone and that the price is \$1 a bottle or three for \$2.50. Finally it says what you have begun to expect--"Adv."

## *A country doctor in the family*

The other article is from the St. Louis Star-Times of 14 FEB 1950 and it deals with Harold Shelton Harris, who in spite of being confined to a wheel chair since the loss of both legs, is still practicing medicine in the basement of his home. Some of the highlights:

--He is the son of Clarence D. Howle, himself a country doctor, and Mary Howle.

--He served in both World Wars. In WWI he left Rolls School of Mines where he was studying engineering and was training to be a naval pilot when he was discharged "owing to the lack of funds." In WWII he served as a Navy surgeon for 41 months.

--While serving in this capacity he slept near the engine room and a fan blowing directly on him might have started the illness that caused him to lose his legs.

--He was married to Ollie Broach who in 1950 was teaching high school math. They had three daughters, one married to a professor at the University of Missouri, another to a medical student and a third who had just completed college.

## *Her own grandpa, maybe?*

Thomas Clyde Howle of Fayetteville, GA, has supplied us with an interesting turn of events given him by Mrs. Wayne Richard Delaney:

"Robert Pollard of New Kent County, Virginia married his second wife, Mrs. Lucy Howel, widow of Thomas Howel of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia, sometime after 1794. According to family stories, there were no children from this marriage. Thomas and Lucy Howel had at least four children that I can find. Robert Howel, born February 20, 1785; Susanna Howel, born April 17, 1787; Rebecca Howel, born April 27, 1790; and Elizabeth Howel, born March 12, 1794.

"When Lucy Howel Pollard, Robert Pollard's second wife, died he married his

stepdaughter, Susanna Howel who was not quite 17 years old. She being the oldest daughter of Thomas and Lucy Howel (both deceased at the time of the marriage). It is said that Susanna Howel was the most beautiful woman in New Kent County at the time of her marriage and early adulthood."

The St. Peter's Parish Register shows a daughter, Mary Ann, born to a Lucy Howel on 17 MAY 1782 (no father listed), a son, Robert, born to Thomas and Lucy Howel on 20 FEB 1785, and a daughter, Elizabeth, born to Thomas and Lucy Howel 17 APR 1787.

## ***Tales from Old New Kent County***

Thomas also sent us some reproductions from his book, *Old New Kent County Some Accounts of the Planters, Plantations and Places in New Kent County* compiled by Malcolm Hart Harris, MD, with a much longer subtitle. One is the will of William Bassett, proved 14 MAY 1724.

Bassett left land to his grandson, Thomas Bassett, his son, John Bassett, and daughter, Anne More. To his daughter, Ursula, he left "the feather Bed & furniture which she now lieth on," two cows and a horse. To his daughters, Mary Boughan, Elizabeth Howle, Frances Horsley and Urecilia Bassett, he left one shilling each. He also provided that that part of his estate not already bequeathed would belong to his wife during her lifetime. Upon her death, half of this was to be divided between John and Urecilia and the other half to be divided equally among Mary, Ann, Elizabeth and Frances.

It is difficult to determine which Howle Elizabeth married from the St. Peter's Parish Register. It has two Williams, a John and a Lewis Howle with wives named Elizabeth.

Also from the book is a little more information on Robert Pollard. It says he was born 12 JAN 1762 in New Kent County and died about 1835. It lists three marriages: first to the daughter of William Tallman. "Second he married a Mrs. Howle and third on February 4, 1804 Susanna Howle." It says she died in 1855, aged 78 years.

Finally, there appears the following which bears publishing again:

"There was a tavern in the upper part of New Kent which was kept at one time by a man named Howle. One night the Rev. Mr. Scarvant Jones, a well known Baptist minister, was making his way from the City of Richmond to his home in Williamsburg and he stopped for food and lodging at Mr. Howle's. It was late and only the leftovers from dinner were to be had. The Parson looked over the remains of the dinner and offered thanks:

""Lord Bless the Howle that killed this fowl

""And left the bones for Scarvant Jones.""

## ***More Modern Stuff***

In a more recent letter, Tom sent us a clipping from *The Madisionian*, which we assume is a Madison, GA, newspaper with a headline saying "Howle selected by Governor's Council." It's a story about how Danielle Howle, an 8th grader at Morgan

County Middle School It tells how Danielle was selected after winning a state-wide essay contest.

We've identified her by our files as Judie Danielle Howle, who was born 19 JUL 1984, a daughter of James Danny Howle and Judy Dianne Holcolmb. Danny is a son of James Darrell Howle (5 SEP 1926-1 APR 1983) and Ruth Irene Winburn and a grandson of Thomas Epaphroditus Howle (9 MAY 1877-5 MAY 1934) and Mattie Mae Morgan. Thomas was a son of Epaphroditus Howle (19 DEC 1835-22 DEC 1919) and Christine Elizabeth McLeod and a grandson of Francis Howle (25 DEC 1813-25 AUG 1899) and Esther Davis. Francis was a son of James Howle, who moved from New Kent County, VA, to Darlington County, SC, between 1780 and 1790, married Elizabeth Purvis and established the Darlington clan.

## E-mail flies thick and fast

But it's been by e-mail that Tom has been most generous with his research.

He got hold of the Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County, Virginia, 1746-1816 Vestry Book which included the following:

"A.D.1755. At a Vestry held for this Parish the 14th day of November 1755. Present: John Cox, William Embry, Lyddal Bacon, Field Jefferson, Thomas Hawkins, Thos. Nash, Geo: Walton, John Speed & Clemt Read. \*\*\*Ordered that John Howel & John Parker do on the Second Monday in February Next Meet at the Mouth of Stony Creek on Meherrin River & do Procession all the Land on the North branch of the said River between the said Creek and brunswick line and make return thereof according to law."

Since the William Howle line traces back to Lunenburg County, we wonder how close kin William and John were.

Closely related to this is an item Tom found in *Virginia Colonial Soldiers* by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. It quotes the following from William Waller Hening's collection of the laws of Virginia:

"During the French and Indian War, the House of Burgesses passed an act for the defense of the frontier of the colony on 14 September 1758. The soldiers mentioned in the schedule attached to this act" includes Thomas Howle.

We have a deed where a Thomas Howle was granted some land in the Edgefield District for military service even before William Howle received his for fighting in the Revolution. Could it be that William had brothers named Thomas and John?

Tom also found in the Charlotte County, VA, deed book where on 5 DEC 1768 Thomas Harvey deeded to William Howle 200 acres on Cub Creek for 15 pounds. Witnesses to the deed were Charles Harvey, Thomas Paulet and William Harvey and Thomas Harvey's wife, Elizabeth, signed the right of dower.

In Charlotte County wills, 1765-1791, Tom found the will of Thomas Harvy which leaves to his son William Harvey, Joe; to his son Thomas Harvy, Old Andrew and Sall; to his son, Blassinghame Harvy, Negro Hannah; to his daughter Sarah Howl, Old Phillis; to his daughter Frances Harvey, Little Phillis. Also my saddle horse; to his daughter Elizabeth Paulet, Negro boy Sam; to his daughter, Drusilla Harvy, Negro boy Robin. Also my new bed and furniture; and to his son John Varvey, Little Andrew.

He further provided that "my land in Georgia, my household and kitchen furniture and my stock, be sold and the money to be equally divided between amongst my children above mentioned. Harvey named his son-in-law, Thomas Paulet, his frind, Robert Jenings, and his son, Thomas Harvy as executive. Since he signed his will with his mark, it seems a third party was responsible for the two different spellings of his name.

The will was dated 29 APR 1782 and exhibited and proved 5 AUG 1782.

Tom also e-mailed us some information regarding an oral will of Sarah Pattison (or Paddison, or Patteson) who left part of her estate to a daughter Howle. Since Sarah, probably the widow of William Pattison, died in 1694, her daughter would obviously precede the first Epaphroditus and the first William. Sarah also had a granddaughter Lawson about whom Tom sees some possibilities to Epaphroditus Lawson.

And from the Tyree collection Tom found at the William and Mary College library, he gives us this information on Mariah Wesley Howle. She was a daughter of Edmund W. Howle (b. 24 FEB 1804) and Mary Tyree (b. ca. 1814). Mariah, the 10th child of this union, married first to Samuel Demmis Binns (ca. 1831-ca. 1877) and had seven children: Edward Binns (b. ca. 1862), John Binns (b. ca. 1864), Ada V. Binns (b. ca. 1867), Samuel Binns (b. April 1870), twins Emmet E. Binns and Emma M. Binns (b. ca. 1872) and Floyd J. Binns, b. ca. 1874. Next Mariah married Richard D. Brown (b. ca. 1846) and had at least one child, Alma P. Brown (b. 1880).

Two e-letters dealt with a Richard Howle. One from Ann Storer told us Richard was married 14 JAN 1775 to Ann Walker and had a daughter, Mally, who was baptised in April 1775. In the IGI file at the Mormon Family History Center we found an Ann Walker, who was born ca. 1752 in Goochland County, VA, married a Richard Howell, who was born ca. 1750 in Goochland County. Tom found an obit for a Mrs. Ann Howle who had the same birthdate as Ann Walker. She died 26 MAY 1826 at her home in New Kent County, leaving children and grandchildren. Tom suspects she's the same woman.

Swapped e-letters with Linda Ferguson of Toronto. She is searching for info on Esther Howles/Owles. She has found an Esther Howles on the IGI file an Esther Howles who was baptised in November, 1829 at Denton, Lancashire, England, but says Esther told her minister in Ottawa, Canada, she was born in Sheffield, Yorkshire. Linda suspects Esther "ran off" with George Simpson, came to the US and later moved to the Ottawa Valley. However, she isn't finding much to substantiate the information she has.

Tom Howle apparently has found a death date for Epaphroditus Howle, who was born 13 FEB 1756 in New Kent County, VA, and the son of Epaphroditus Howle (5 MAR 1729/30-1804. On 12 NOV 1792 he married Polly Chandler in Henrico County. In Hanover County Superior Court Records, Tom found that Richard K. Tyler, executor of the estate of Catherine Tyler, was suing Epaphroditus "deft. in detinue." The case was continued on 28 APR 1818, 30 SEP 1818 and 26 APR 1819. The suit was abated 27 SEP 1819, "the defendant being dead." (Dead but not forgotten! On 28 SEP 1824 Samuel Dunn & Co. initiated suit against John Anderson, Senr., administrator of E. Howle, decd. A year later that action was continued. We don't know if the case was ever settled, but we have pretty good evidence that E. Howle died in 1819.

## Deaths:

**RICHARD HOWLE**, 43, died 27 MAY 1998. He was a son of Kenneth Bill Howle (23 SEP 1923-10 OCT 1975) and Lucia Mae Tyner and a grandson of Evander Boyd Howle (1893-12 MAR 1965) and Hattie Eva Hawkins (1894-1927). Evander was a son of William Franklin Howle (12 DEC 1871-16 FEB 1948) and Dollie Vardon Griggs (10 JUN 1872-29 DEC 1939) and a grandson of James Thomas Howle (23 APR 1841-5 DEC 1926) and Jane Byrd (1840-7 APR 1894). James was a son of Francis Howle (25 DEC 1813-25 AUG 1899) and Esther Davis (15 APR 1814-15 MAY 1875) and a grandson of James Howle (1765-1846) and Elizabeth Purvis. James moved from New Kent County to South Carolina and founded the Darlington clan. He was a son of James Howle (b. 17 JUL 1734), a grandson of Thomas Howle (b. 1707) and a grandson of Epaphroditus Howle (b. 1685/6).

Surviving are his wife, Terry Eckley Howle of Sacramento, CA; two daughters, Lisa Howle of Hartsville and Amanda Howle of Val Presa, CA; three brothers, Henry Lee Howle, Danny Rae Howle and James Howle, all of Hartsville; three sisters, Sallie Jackson, Hattie McElveen and Judy Ann Mason, all of Hartsville.

**ROSA EVANS HOWLE**, 86, died 7 JUN 1998. She was the daughter of Samuel Wilds Evans and Rosa Ella Calhoun. She was the widow of Edward Stanley Howle Jr. (18 FEB 1911-14 APR 1976), son of Edward Stanley Howle (24 JUN 1868-14 JAN 1921) and Emily Jane Bass (1872-5 DEC 1936) and a grandson of Robert Napier Howle (15 FEB 1841-28 AUG 1900) and Sarah Olivia Goodson (12 JAN 1842-2 JUL 1911). Robert was a son of James Howle (23 AUG 1799-22 AUG 1887) and Mary Jane Kirven (29 AUG 1814-2 DEC 1857). James was a son of the aforementioned James Howle and Elizabeth Purvis.

Surviving are two sons, Edward Samuel Howle of Paris and Wilds Evans Howle of Darlington; a daughter, Jayne Howle Perlman of Sandy Hook, CT.

**SHERYL LYNETTE DAVIS GAINEY**, 25, died 15 APR 1998. She was born 28 AUG 1972, a daughter of Alfred Bonnoit Davis (b. 12 SEP 1937) and Gloria Virginia Cross (b. 13 SEP 1945) and a granddaughter of Harper Howle Cross (12 SEP 1920-8 APR 1981) and Vassar Katrina Dalrymple. Harper was a son of Randall C. Cross 25 AUG 1897-17 SEP 1969) and Julia McInville (27 JUN 1897-12 APR 1974) and a grandson of Ralph Madison McInville (17 OCT 1856-27 DEC 1923) and Sarah Mariah Howle (7 SEP 1872-31 AUG 1948). Sarah was a daughter of Thomas Alexander Howle (18 JAN 1847-16 NOV 1926) and Julia Ann McNeese (22 NOV 1851-20 APR 1914) and a granddaughter of James Alexander Howle (1807-25 JUL 1882) and Mariah Adams (b. ca. 1808). James was a son of the aforementioned James Howle and Elizabeth Purvis.

**JANICE ROSA HAYDEN LOVELACE**, 66, has died. We have not received a date or other information, but Faye West has learned of this sad news. We met Janice about 10 years ago when we, along with Grady and Jennie Howle Randolph visited Paul and Annie Margaret Howle in Union, MS. The next day the six of us drove down to

Coffeeville, AL, and Janice led up and down hills, in and out of swamps and everywhere else you can imagine--looking for an Howle cemetery. And we found it.

Janice had that kind of determination. She never gave up. She loved her family and we swapped a lot--but not enough--mail over the ensuing years.

Janice was born 24 OCT 1931, a daughter of Walter Thomas Hayden (18 FEB 1900-7 JAN 1971) and Effie Mary Howle (19 NOV 1901-6 JAN 1979) and a granddaughter of James Monroe Howle (16 OCT 1860-4 JAN 1941) and Amelia Jane Walker (b. 3 MAY 1861). James was a son of James Howle and Eliza Hudson and a grandson of Thomas Howle (1795-11 MAR 1837) and Ann Hawkins. Thomas was a son of the aforementioned James Howle and Elizabeth Purvis.

Janice was married to George Edward Lovelace, whom we think survives, along with their two sons, Marion Edgar Lovelace and Woodie Walker Lovelace.

## ***Sorry--***

This issue comes to you almost a month late. The truth is, your editor has been on the puny list. Tried a new medication and didn't want to do anything but sleep and couldn't do a very good job of that. All systems seem to be going now, but the garden may not recover until frost comes along and kills the weeds.

## ***New, maybe***

At this stage of the process, the plan is to mail this issue without envelopes. In the first place, it cuts down on overhead. In the second place, it cuts down on work. We hope it is satisfactory with all cousins.

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## In pursuit on two family fronts

Work has been done on two fronts since our last issue—the Kentucky Howles and the line of Lydia Howle who married Thomas Bassett Jr—but the results have not been all that spectacular.

In the former case, we got an inkling that may be a key to a family legend. Don May, who has been our main contact on Kentucky Howles, told us that George W. Howle was the first member of our family to live in the Blue Grass State. He also told us there was an indication of Indian blood in his line which descends from George's firstborn, James Lewis Howle. In fact, an ancestral chart shows James Lewis married Amanda Polk Coffee whose Indian name was Light Moon.

All available census information has George married to a woman named Margaret. On a role of microfilm of Kentucky wills, we found a will signed by Margaret Howle signed 18 JUN 1900 in which she divides all her estate (except her household goods) among "my step-son J.L. Howle, my sons W.P. Howle, Geo. W. Howle, C.P. Howle, my daughters A.E. Shivell, Prudence B. Creech, Julia G. Swain, Octavia Pollock, Swan K. Rollings and Faulkner Lowen."

Since J.L. (James Lewis) is a step-son, we must assume he was George's son by a previous marriage. And if there is anything to the legend of Indian blood in his line, we could assume this is where it started..

The 1860 census on George W. Howle give his age as 47, meaning he must have been born around 1813. Then in 1870 the census gives his age as 59, indicating he was born about 1811. As explained previously, we had a record of a George W. Howle born ca. 1832 in Henrico or New Kent County, VA, who was a son of William Copeland Howle.

Then from Thomas C. Howle of Fayetteville, GA, we got a copy of an e-mail exchange from Diane Keaton whose line goes back to Absalom Howl (almost always without the 'e'). Absalom married Elizabeth Clem on 2 AUG 1806 and had a son named George W., born about 1810. This would seem a more likely candidate for the progenitor of all Kentucky Howles. Also, this George W. married Mildred F. Turner on 21 FEB 1842. The fact James Lewis Howle was born almost exatly nine months later, 19 OCT 1842, doesn't injure that line of reasoning.

However, in a subsequent e-mail, Diane says the 1860 census shows M.F. Howl as head of a household, 36, with children Virginia, 14; George A., 10; and Will, 11. For her to have been head of a household she and George would have been divorced or George had gone a lot further than Kentucky.

Then Tom Howle follows up with the fact the 1850 census shows that William Copeland Howle's son George W. was still in New Kent County and only 17 years old. That should pretty well eliminate him from the responsibility of beginning the Kentucky clan.

Following the lineage of Lydia Howle Bassett has been more positive, thanks to some more diligence on the part of Tom Howle. Tom found the Bassett family not only has a book on that line, but a whole library dealing with historical stuff. And it's in the town of Bassett, VA.

*The Bassett Family* traces the lineage of Thomas Bassett, who sailed from London on 10 JUN 1635 at the age of 18, settled in York County, VA, married a woman named Mary and had two children, William and Mary.

William Bassett was born in York County about 1643 and died in New Kent County in 1724. He was twice married and sired eight children, leaving his estate to be divided among them after the death of his widow, Anne.

His oldest son, Thomas, was born about 1668 and died 20 APR 1720. Thomas was first married to a woman named Elinor by whom he had seven children. He sired two more by his second wife, Elizabeth, and one by his third wife, Mary.

Thomas Bassett Jr. was his firstborn who first saw the light of day 10 DEC 1696. Thomas, who married Lydia Howle, lived in Goochland County, then Cumberland County and then in Georgia. The author of *The Bassett Family* indicates this latter move explains Thomas deeding to William Gray two tracts of land containing 40,000 acres and 2,719 acres on 9 NOV 1750 and William Gray deeding these same tracts, plus another tract of 900 acres to Thomas and Lydia's son Burwell on 25 JUN 1752.

Thomas and Lydia had a son, Nathaniel, and three daughters. Nathaniel (ca. 1721-ca. 1794) married a woman named Mary and had five children, John, Nathaniel, Burwell, Abner and Martha. Burwell (5 JUL 1767-1 JUN 1815) married Mary Polly Hunter and had six children:

--Alexander Hunter Bassett (22 NOV 1795-8 OCT 1880) married first 20 APR 1818 to Mary "Polly" Koger and had six children--Martha A. (24 FEB 1819-13 APR 1913), Woodson (25 JUL 1820-22 DEC 1917), Eliza Jane (25 JUL 1822-23 MAR 1872), Mary Catherine (24 AUG 1824-9 JUL 1922), John H. (21 DEC 1827-5 FEB 1915) and William Harden (22 JUN 1828-13 JUN 1862), married second 22 NOV 1872 Ann R. Hardy with no issue. (Note that even with Eliza Jane dying at age 49 and William at age 33, the average age was still more than 78)

--Martha Hairston Bassett (b. 19 FEB 1798), married 21 AUG 1818 to her cousin, Burwell W. Bassett, a son of Burwell Bassett Jr. and Margaret Armstrong Spencer and had eight children--Mary Elvira (b. 11 SEP 1820) and married Joseph Vaughn, Kitturah who married a Pearson, Adeline, Alexander, Richard Nathaniel, James M., Martha and Helen.

--Mary Dorsey Bassett (b. 16 JUN 1800), married first 7 OCT 1823 to Charles Philpott, move to Missouri and had two children--Alexander Martin Philpott and Charles Burwell Philpott--and married second to Woodson Morris.

--William Nathaniel Bassett (15 JUL 1804-10 JUN 1876), moved to Monroe County, MO, and married first 26 MAY 1829 to Jane O. Staples and had nine children--Mary Ruth, Samuel B., Jane B, Peter H, George Samuel, Martha E., Letitia Woodson, Missouri Belle and William Matthew. then married second to Mrs. Ursula Waller Evans, who bore him one son, Edwin. (The first two children remained in Missouri while all the others moved to Kentucky.)

--George Hairston Bassett (b. 18 OCT 1806) married 6 DEC 1832 to Columbia Staples, moved to Randolph County, MO, in 1842, and had 11 children--Samuel Staples

(1833-1923), Burwell B. (1835-1912?), John James (b. 1837), William Henry (1838-1861) George H. (1840-1842), Thomas E. (b. 1842), Powhatan (b. 1847), Tennessee M. (b. 1848), Robert (b. 1850), Alexander Martin, (b. 1853) and Mollie (b. 1856 and married Howard P. Jennings).

--Burwell Bassett Jr. (8 FEB 1815-14 AUG 1845), married 18 Oct 1841 to Malinda Waller and moved to Monroe County, MO, and had two children--Pocahontas, who married John L. Yager, and Maria Jane (b. ca. 1845) who married Thomas J. Teaford.

We took all this info to the local Mormon Family History Center and checked it out on the Ancestral File program, mainly to see where the descendants of Thomas Bassett and Lydia Howle were most recently recorded. Most of them, we learned were still in Virginia up until the early part of this century. We did find some, however, who had moved elsewhere.

Mary Catherine Bassett who married William Wirt Hill, for instance, had a daughter named Frances Ruth Hill (b. 25 SEP 1861) who married Thomas A. Fletcher Mitchell (b. 23 AUG 1860) of Rockingham, NC. Their first child, Wirt Mitchell, was born in Witesboro, Grayson County, TX. Wirt's son, Wirt McClintic Mitchell was born 24 MAY 1914 in Los Angeles and died 19 JUN 1989 at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

## ***A rose by any other name***

If you don't know the origin of your name, you might want to read a book by that name that has an appendix full of that sort of stuff.

It tells us that after the Norman conquest of England Germanic names such as William, Richard, Robert, Henry, Ralph, Hugh and Walter began to disappear. On the female side the Germanic types were replaced by Joan, Agnes and Catherine (all first encountered in 1189), Mary (1203), Elizabeth (1205) and Anne (1218).

During the 13th and 14th centuries Old Testament names came into vogue, such as Adam, Eve, Noah, Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Daniel, David, Absalom, Susanna, Judith, Anna, Hester, Tobias and Jonah. Henry, John, Richard, Robert and William accounted for 38 per cent of the male names in the 12th century, 57 per cent in the 13th and 64 per cent in the 14th.

With the Reformation Puritans started coining their own names, first in Latin (Renovata, Donatus and Renatus) and later in English (Desire, Love and Given). A fellow named Thomas Heley, a minister of Warbleton, named his children (born between 1583 and 1589) Much-Merceye, Increased, Sin-denie and Fear-not. Heley's parish register also recorded the names Sorry-for-sin and No-Merit.

Foundlings were given such names as Helpless, Repentence, Lament, Forsaken and Flie-fornication. And one unfortunate girl was given the name Misericordia-adulterina.

Some names were interchangeable. Isobel and Elizabeth were considered the same and a girl so named could use either. Same was true of Ann and Agnes, Gillian and Julian, Anne and Hannah, Hester and Esther, Phyllis and Felice, Marian and Mary Ann, Joan and Jane.

Other names have changed with spelling preferences. Agatha was once Agas, Alan was Aleyn, Dorothy was Dorate, Vivian was Fithian, Francis or Frances was Frauncis or Fraunce, Albert was Halbert, Magdalen was Maidline and Ralph was Raff or Rayfe.

Before the emergence of fixed surnames, some folks were identified by nicknames or diminutives, with the given name Bartholemew producing such surnames as Batts, Bartle, Bartelot, Bartlett, Batcock and Tolly.

The author also treats the practice of giving the same name to more than one child in the family—as has happened among the Howles. One such case was that of Nicholas Brent whose 1582 will divides his estate among his three sons "William Brent, my first son, William Brent, my second son, and William Brent, my third son.. And if you really want confusion:

"Sarah Waterman of Norwich, Conn., married first Thomas Sluman and had five children, including a daughter named Sarah. She married second Capt. John Wattles of Lebanon, Conn., who by his first wife, Judith Fitch, had six children, including a daughter, Sarah. The marriage of Wattles to Mrs. Sluman produced seven children and one of them was named Sarah. All three Sarahs lived and married. Thus, the second Sarah Wattles had a half-sister Sarah Wattles on her father's side and a half-sister Sarah Sluman on her mother's side. Furthermore, her half-sister Sarah Sluman married her half-brother Samuel Wattles, the bride and groom being only stepsister and stepbrother to each other."

## ***A whole lot of Johns***

We had a bit of exchange on the e-mail with Thomas C. Howle over which John was which, comparing what was obviously two different versions of *St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book and Register*. We took a closer look at some additional info in our files, put together by William Edmund Howle in 1916. He said the information was "furnished by Hon. Lyon G. Tyler, President William and Mary, from parish records. We compared it with our copy of St. Peter's and decided maybe the Hon. was using additional registers because he had info not in our version. His data, dealing solely with Johns:

- John, son of John Howle Jr., baptized 28 JUN 1703.
- Anne, daughter of John Howle, baptized 23 JUL 1710.
- Robert, son of John Howle, born 14 APR and baptized 1 MAY 1712.
- Judith, daughter of John Howle, by Elizabeth, his wife, born 24 OCT 1712.
- John Howle Sr. departed this life 4 JAN 1709.
- John Howle departed this life 21 FEB 1718.
- William, son of John Howle, born 27 FEB 1718.
- John, son of John Howle, born 3 FEB, baptized 8 MAR 1718.
- John, son of Richard Howle, was born 5 SEP 1719.
- John, son of John Howle, born 7 SEP 7 1723.
- Susannah, daughter of John Howle, born 2 APR 1725.
- Absolom, son of John and Mary Howle, born 28 APR 1730.
- Judith, daughter of John and Ann Howle, born 26 SEP 1753.

--Susannah, daughter of John and Elizabeth Howle, born 9 March and baptized 12 MAY 1754.

--Elizabeth, daughter of John and Ann Howle, born 12 MAR and baptized 1 MAY 1757.

--Sally, daughter of John and Elizabeth Howle, born 10 APR and baptized 12 JUN 1757.

--Betsy, daughter of John and Elizabeth Howle, born 12 JUL and baptized 14 OCT 1759.

--James, son of John and Ann Howle, born 30 JUN and baptized 10 AUG 1760.

--John, of Richard and Ann Howle, was born 8 OCT and baptized 11 DEC 1768.

--James, son of Thomas and Ann Howle, was born 17 JUL and baptized 28 AUG 1737.

--James, son of John and Elizabeth Howle, was born 5 SEP and was baptized 28 OCT 1739.

There are a couple of things evident here: John was a very popular name in the family back then and either there was more than one John in the begetting stage at the same time or, if not, he probably would have been elected president.

## **Deaths:**

**OLIN A. GAINEY** died 26 AUG 1998 at Old Fort, NC. He was born 18 NOV 1921, a son of William Akre Gainey (2 NOV 1899-14 AUG 1979) and Bessie Griggs (11 NOV 1901-17 MAR 1964) and a grandson of Epaphroditus Gainey (b. 1864) and Letha Howle (b. JUL: 1873). Epaphroditus was a son of John Calhoun Gainey and Elizabeth Howle (1833-ca. 1896) and a grandson of Francis Howle (25 DEC 1813-25 AUG 1899) and his first wife, Esther Davis (15 APR 1814-15 MAY 1875). Letha Howle was a daughter of Elias David Howle (28 AUG 1843-2 DEC 1916) and Nancy Elizabeth Rhodes (12 SEP 1843-26 JUL 1890) and a granddaughter of Francis Howle and Esther Davis. Francis Howle was a son of James Howle (1766-1846) who moved from New Kent County, VA, to South Carolina during the 1780s and married Elizabeth Purvis. He was a son of James Howle, born 17 JUL 1734, a grandson of Thomas Howle, born 1707, and a great-grandson of Epaphroditus Howle, born 1685/6 in New Kent County.

Surviving are his wife, June Pierce Gainey; three daughters, Sue Howle King of Hartsville, Karen Howle Dardon of Floral City, FL, and Lee Ann Hise of Old Fort; three sons, Olin Gainey Jr. and Nolen Gainey and a step-son, Jimmy Hise, all of Old Fort; a brother, Nolen Gainey of Hartsville; and three sisters, Katie Hodge and Quin Johnson of Hartsville and Vera Gay of Onset, MA.

**DOROTHY LOUISE WALTERS CHAPMAN**, 82, died 6 AUG 1998. She was the widow of Cecil Ervin Chapman (20 MAY 1912-28 APR 1958) and a daughter of Hery DeHon Walters and Ella Guerry. Cecil was a son of William Curtis Chapman (18 AUG 1884-29 NOV 1954) and Amanda Jane O'Neal and a grandson of James Abner

Chapman (8 SEP 1859-24 JUL 1895) and Suzannah Howle (20 OCT 1862-23 FEB 1892). Suzannah was a daughter of James Thomas Howle (23 APR 1841-5 DEC 1926) and his first wife, Jane Byrd (1840-4 MAR 1942) and a granddaughter of the aforementioned Francis Howle and Esther Davis.

Surviving are a son, Ronald C. Chapman of Orlando, FL; a daughter, Camilla Chapman of Hartsville; and a sister, Gladys Medlin of Ashland, VA.

**BROOKS ALLEN HOWLE**, 65, died 17 AUG 1998. He was a son of Robert Crusoe Howle (13 AUG 1901-30 DEC 1991) and Thelma Tolson (19 OCT 1909-28 DEC 1987) and a grandson of William Franklin Howle (12 DEC 1871-16 FEB 1948) and Dollie Vardon Griggs (10 JUN 1872-29 DEC 1939). William was a son of the aforementioned James Thomas Howle and Jane Byrd.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruby Lewis Howle; a daughter, Mrs. Lisa Howle Gates, a son, Timothy Allen Howle, all of Hartsville; six brothers, William Howle of Ridgeway, Don LeRoy Howle, Rev. Wayne Carroll Howle, Richard Howle and Ronnie Glenn Howle, all of Hartsville, and Joe Howle of Society Hill.

**ALBERTA HOWLE SMITH** died 24 JUN 1998. She was born 1 SEP 1917, a daughter of Joseph Franklin Howle (10 APR 1871-25 NOV 1949) and Carrie Ellen Dennis Tedder Winburn (17 FEB 1876-27 FEB 1952). Joseph Franklin was a son of Elias David Howle (28 AUG 1843-2 DEC 1916) and Nancy Elizabeth Rhodes and a grandson of the aforementioned Francis Howle and Esther Davis. Carrie Tedder Winburn was a daughter of Rasmus Judson Tedder (10 JUN 1840-13 JUN 1906) and Emma Jane Howle (4 AUG 1845-13 JUN 1906) and a granddaughter of the aforementioned Francis Howle and Esther Davis.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Parnell of Sumter, Mrs. Lillie S. Carpenter of Darlington and Mrs. Sylvia S. Blackman of Hartsville.

**BEATRICE DeFEE HAWKINS**, 81, died 15 JUN 1998. She was a daughter of George DeFee (10 MAY 1885-26 JUL 1938) and Ada Francis McCoy (6 JUN 1889-27 NOV 1983) and was married to James Archie Hawkins. Archie is a son of Thomas Frederick Hawkins (31 OCT 1886-21 APR 1953) and Mary Jane Hawkins (18 AUG 1884-5 OCT 1958) and a granddaughter of James Simeon Hawkins (30 NOV 1860-8 JAN 1921) and Mary Magdalene Howle (25 DEC 1868-23 FEB 1907). Mary Magdalene was a daughter of the aforementioned James Thomas Howle and Jane Byrd.

Surviving besides her husband of Hartsville are a son, George T. Hawkins of Alexandria, VA, and a daughter, Mrs. Ann Hawkins Tiller of Hartsville.

**JOSEPHINE GRANDWILLIAMS HOWLE** died 15 JUL 1988. She was born 25 SEP 1926 in White Plains, NY, a daughter of Louis Grandwilliams and Margaret Cass. She was the widow of Gleen Bernard Howle (28 APR 1925-16 MAR 1993). Gleen was a son of Evander Boyd Howle (1893-12 MAR 1965) and Hattie Hawkins and a grandson of the aforementioned William Franklin Howle and Dollie Vardon Griggs.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Sally H. Smith of Hartsville; a son, Gleen Bernard Howle Jr. of Georgetown; two sisters, Miss Peggy Grandwilliams and Mrs.

Janet G. Rogers of Clearwater, FL; a brother, Louis Grandwilliams Jr. of North Bellmore, NY.

## *Marriages:*

**Christopher Allen Howle** and **Shelby Nicole Robinson** were married 9 AUG in Rock Hill. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Robert Robinson of Lexington. The groom is the son of Heyward Thomas Howle and Shirley Jean Chapman of Hartsville.

Heyward Howle was the son of Clarence Boyd Howle (19 SEP 1918-3 OCT 1973) and Mamie Maybell Winburn and a grandson of the aforementioned Evander Boyd Howle and Hattie Hawkins.

## *Kinfolks we'd like to identify:*

Our little brother, **Richard Arden Howle** of Jamestown, NC, sent us a page from one of those Methodist publications carrying a bit of a story about **Mary Jane Howle**, 68, of Cleveland, TN. It says this cousin has helped improve hundreds of lives as one of the founders and former director of a non-profit organization called Life Challenge. Life Challenge offers programs designed to prevent and eliminate drug and alcohol abuse.

"The semi-retired mother of two recently decided to establish a new program for at-risk women and children, similar to Life Challenge. At press time she was negotiating for a house to hold the soon-to-be participants....'I felt called to do this. It was time for me to do something'," the publication quoted her.

Have no way of proving it, but she's probably the wife of **Lloyd H. Howle**, who is probably descended from the Kentucky Howles and lives in Cleveland.

There has been no response since we first asked for help on behalf of **Steven L. Akins** of Jasper AL. Steven had written us trying to verify that he is a descendant of Alexander Howle. All he had was information he had gotten from his grandfather's cousin, Melba Putman. Melba had written down information that her father could remember, including the fact that his grandmother, Millie, had Howle for a maiden name.

Steven felt inclined to attach himself to Alexander after looking at the 1850 census for Randolph County, AL, and saw the names of his wife and children. They compared with Millie's children: Hiram Alexander, Martha Loamy and Mary M. with a grandson named Thomas Harvey--the latter being the name of Alexander's grandmother.

**Charles Wayne Howle** sent us some info he garnered off the information highway that has our family descended from Hywel Dda (Hywel/Howle the Good) based on John Davies' book *A History of Wales*. Lot of folks have been on this mission, but the question always arises in my mind: "If they can link us to him, why can't they link him to us?" This came off the Howleroots Home Page [howleroots@geocities.com](mailto:howleroots@geocities.com).

The web page is also wrestling with the problem most of us have been agonizing

with for many a year: Who were the parents of Epaphroditus Howle, born in New Kent County, VA, in 1685/6? It makes the same assumption the rest of us have been making--that Epaphroditus and all the rest of us Howles are descended from Richard Howle, who came from England to Jamestown with the Second Virginia Company of London in 1609.

## ***X down and ? to go***

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