

YARNALL FAMILY RECORD

IN AMERICA

FROM 1683 to 1913 -- By John K. Yarnall

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The following is a direct line of descent from Francis Yarnall who was born in England and came to America in 1685.

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
Francis Yarnall	1663	1721
Amos Yarnall March 28,	1700	1789
Amos II Yarnall	1732	----
Caleb Yarnall January 5,	1759	Sept. 4 1845
Charles Yarnall May 22,	1815	June, 18 1891
John Kinsey Yarnall Feb. 11,	1850	----
Clinton Bowen Yarnall Apr. 7,	1873	----
Earl Greehee Yarnall Aug. 14,	1896	----

All bearing this unusual surname in America are descended from either one of two brothers. Francis Yarnall the Elder, or his brother Philip, who came to America in 1683, a year after William Penn had taken possession of his Commonwealth.

The home of these brothers had been at Cloynes in the county of Worcester, England.

Francis Yarnall at first settled in Springfield township, Chester county, Penn. on a tract of one hundred acres of land which had been surveyed to him October 17, 1683 and patented February 6, 1685. This was about a mile from Springfield meeting of the Society of Friends on the road to Clifton.

Subsequently, Francis purchased 510 acres in Willis-town township adjoining the line of Edgmont and extending westward from Crum Creek nearly two miles.

November, 28, 1703 he obtained a patent for 400 acres next to the Indians' lands in Willis-town township. He there continued to reside until his death in 1721, in old records he is spoken of as "of Stone Creek Head". He had been identified with the Society of Friends before leaving England and he continued in affiliation with that society throughout the period of his life. He was a member first of Darby Monthly Meeting and later of... Chester Monthly Meeting.

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He was chosen a member of the Provincial Assembly in 1711 as a representative from Chester County and must have been a man of influence and ability, for men of mediocre talents were rarely chosen as legislators in Colonial days. He was a young man when he came to America and he spent three years after his arrival in the New World in the development of a home and the acquiring of some little wealth before entering the bonds of wedlock.

Finally, in 1686, he married Hannah Baker by whom he had nine children, to-wit: Sarah, John, Peter, Moses, Francis, Joseph, Amos, Daniel, and Mordecai.

The representatives of these branches have been very numerous.

Daniel Yarnall, who was born September 1, 1703, and died December 24, 1726, was the only one of the nine who did not marry.

Sarah Yarnall was born July 28, 1687, was married to Samuel Askew.

John Yarnall was born December 24, 1688, was twice married first to Ann Coppock and secondly to Jane Thomas. John was elected County Commissioner of Chester county in 1741.

Peter Yarnall the next younger brother, who was born in October 1690, married Alice Worrilow.

Moses Yarnall, who was born in October, 1692, married Dowse Davis, a son of the latter David Yarnall was by his wife Sarah, the father of Priscilla Yarnall who married Francis Townsend, born November 17, 1764, died December 16, 1816. A grandson of Joseph Townsend who came to Pennsylvania about 1715 and a grand-nephew of Richard Townsend, a fellow passenger with William Penn on the "Welcome" in 1682.

It was the marriage of Priscilla that connected these two of the oldest families of Pennsylvania.

The Townsend family are among the most eminent citizens of Pennsylvania. Washington Townsend, born January 20, 1813, died March 18, 1894, served four terms in Congress from Chester County, and was otherwise a noted figure in public life.

Francis Yarnall, fourth son, was born February 24, 1694, and like the Elder Yarnall was a member of Pennsylvania Assembly, and was returned annually from 1745 to 1748, both inclusive. In 1755 he was a contributor to the Pennsylvania hospital. He was twice married; first to Mary Baker and secondly to Mary Morris.

Joseph Yarnall was born July 13, 1697, married Mary Townsend, who was born July 15, 1702. She was the widow of Amos Townsend. Joseph moved to Philadelphia and was one of the earliest of the Yarnalls to establish himself in the Quaker City.

Amos Yarnall, who was born March 28, 1700, was a man of prominence in Chester County where he was born, lived, and where he died December 4, 1789, and where his descendants continue to occupy the original grant of 500 acres in the lower part of the township of Willistown and for which he received a warrant August 1, 1737.

This land had been originally granted to the Okehocking Indians under a survey dated December 7, 1702, but which they had abandoned. He was an active member of the Society of Friends and a prominent man of affairs. His signature is attached to an interesting memorial dated May 12, 1735, addressed to King George the Second asking relief from the annoyances growing out of the unsettled Maryland boundary question.

He was a member of the Goshen Monthly Meeting and was appointed Elder, April 19, 1756.

He had been twice married, first, May 18, 1727 to Mary Ashbridge, who was born January 10, 1711, and died January 20, 1745. February 28, 1751 he married Sarah Garrett (nee Hibberd), widow of Samuel Garrett and daughter of Josiah and Ann (nee Bonsall) Hibberd, who was born May 19, 1711, and died February 24, 1795. To Amos Yarnall five children were born, all by his first wife, as follows: Daniel, Amos, Mary, Aaron, and George.

The youngest child of Francis Yarnall, Mordecai, was born September 11, 1705, and in conjunction with his brother Amos, received a warrant for 500 acres in Willistown township, patents for the same being issued January 29, 1738, ten years later, he removed to Philadelphia. He was a noted Minister of the Society of Friends and his descendants were all men and women of prominence in public affairs.

In 1769, he removed to his native Chester County, settling in Springfield where he died May 17, 1782. He was three times married, first in 1733 to Catherine Meredith whose death took place in 1741. August 8, 1745, he married Mary Roberts, daughter of Edward Roberts, Mayor of Philadelphia from 1739 - 1740. Following the death of his second wife, he married March 3, 1768 Ann Maris, widow of Joseph Maris.

He was the father of four children by his first wife and nine by the second, as follows: Sarah, Ellen, Hannah, Catherine, Mary, Mordecai, Edward, Lydia, Anne, Elizabeth, Peter, Deborah, and Jane.

The eldest son, Mordecai, was born October 9, 1747, and married Phoebe Joliffe of Virginia. They had seven children, one of which was John Joliffe Yarnall, who was Commissioned a midshipman in the United States Navy January 16, 1809, promoted to a Lieutenantcy July 24, 1813, and served under Commodore Perry at the battle of Lake Erie, where he, displayed exceptional bravery, which was commemorated by appropriate action on the part of the Legislature of Pennsylvania and Virginia with resolutions and a gold medal from the former and a gold sword from the latter.

In 1814, Lieutenant Yarnall was assigned to the "Espervier" which was lost at sea the following year, Lieutenant Yarnall going down with his ship. He was unmarried.

Ellen Yarnall, second of the daughters of Mordecai Yarnall, was married October 5, 1758 to Timothy Matlack. He held many civil offices of large importance and also held a commission as a Colonel in a Pennsylvania battalion which operated in the revolutionary war.

Peter Yarnall, the youngest of the three sons of the elder Mordecai Yarnall, born February 17, 1754, after an interesting career he studied medicine at the Pennsylvania hospital and was commissioned February 7, 1776, Surgeon's mate of the 3rd Pennsylvania battalion; was transferred to the navy in August 1776; again returned to the army May 22, 1777 as Surgeon's mate of the 4th Continental Dragoons and resigned four months later, September 15, 1777.

He continued his medical studies which had been interrupted by the war and graduated from what is now the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, February 10, 1779. As soon as he was graduated, he volunteered for service on the Privateer "Delaware" commanded by the celebrated Captain John Barry. Several months were spent in the West Indies, where a number of British vessels were captured. From this cruise, Yarnall returned to Philadelphia June 4, 1779.

Having been dropped from the membership of the Friends Meeting on account of his wild and warlike attitude, he was again restored to membership December 7, 1780, in Ulchlan Monthly Meeting. April 5, 1781, he was transferred to Philadelphia Monthly Meeting; August 29, 1781, he obtained a Certificate of Removal to Concord. By the Concord Monthly Meeting he was recommended as a Minister June 5, 1782, and from that time until his death February 20, 1798, he was a zealous and honored preacher of the Gospel.

One of his biographers has thus described him:

"As a physician he was skillful, attentive and much beloved for his tenderness and assiduity; for he knew how to sympathize with the afflicted either in body or mind."

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Peter Yarnall, twice married, first September 5, 1782 to Hannah Sharpless, a member of the well-known Sharpless family of Chester County, who came to America in 1682 and settled on the "Brandywine". She died April 11, 1795. Dr. Yarnall married a second time, February 15, 1797, Hannah Thornton, widow of Joseph Thornton. She was born February 26, 1765, and died July 22, 1822.

Philip Yarnall, the younger of the two emigrant brothers, settled in the eastern part of Chester county, which afterwards became Delaware county. He has a long line of descendants, many of whom became eminent in the Sciences, Medicine and the Law, and as successful business men. It is to this branch of the family that most of the Philadelphia Yarnalls of the Twentieth Century belong.

Reverting back to Amos Yarnall (son of the first Francis Yarnall) to whom five children were born, all on the original grant of land in Willistown township. These children left many descendants, some of whom at this date (1913) continue to occupy this land.

The second son, Amos, was born about the year 1732 (we have no definite information as to the exact date of his birth as we have not had the opportunity of consulting the records of the Willistown Meeting) We know he married and his wife's name was Jane, and that he built what for those times was a very pretentious house of heavy masonry, the joists and all other woodwork was of oak, cut from his own lands. This house is a good example of how well they built in those days, and in 1913 is occupied and in good condition. Three generations of the family were born here.

One of the children, born to Amos and Jane Yarnall, was Caleb, born January 5, 1759 and died September 4, 1845. He married Ann F. Dawson born 1780, died June 29, 1876, a widow with one child. Isaac Dawson, who emigrated to Iowa about the year 1855.

The children of Caleb and Ann Yarnall were:

Mary Ann, born August 7, 1812 died May 16, 1891;
Charles, born May 22, 1815 died June 18, 1891;
John, born January 30, 1820 died -----
Hannah, born December 14, 1826, died August 25, 1889;

Mary Ann Yarnall married Edward Weir. Eleven children were born to them as follows;

Caleb Yarnall, born August 15, 1832, died July 9, 1833;
Elizabeth Ann, born November 19, 1833, died February 24, 1905;
Margaret Jane, born January 13, 1835, died February 22, 1847;
Emily, born December 9, 1836, died March -- 1913;
Caroline, born October 16, 1838, died November 30, 1858;
Hannah M. born February 9, 1841;
Kinsey, born October 9, 1843;
Susanna, born March 9, 1845;
Edward, born January 11, 1847;
Caleb, born March 17, 1849, died October 31, 1898;
Baker, born May 30, 1852;

Charles Yarnall the eldest son of Caleb, married Abigail Ann Evans in 1839. He continued to live on the old farm until April 1, 1857, when he moved to Philadelphia. Charles was a mechanical genius, a logician of rare merit and a philosopher for everyone but himself.

After Daguerre in 1839 discovered the method of taking pictures by means of a Camera (which was the forerunner of Photography) Charles Yarnall was among the first to introduce Daguerreotypes into this Country and continued in the business for many years.

It was his boast that on his 21st birthday he wore an outfit made entirely by himself, including underwear, socks, boots and cravat.

Close to this farm and on a part of the original Yarnall farm the "Orthodox" Quakers built a stone meeting house, on one corner of which was a stone sun dial built into the wall. Later the Hicksite branch of Quakers built a much larger meeting house on the same plat of ground which contained perhaps a dozen acres; part of this property, surrounded by a low stone wall, was set apart for a burial ground. Here several generations of the Yarnall family are buried. No lots or privileges were ever sold. Here in "God's Acre" anyone, regardless of creed could have a burial place without price.

One thing peculiar to a Quaker burial ground is the absence of all ostentation, no monuments or grave stones are ever erected, and only in a few instances is there a small stone level with the sod and containing only initials and date of death.

Abigail Ann Evans' father, Abraham Evans, was born August 15, 1786, and died about the year 1855. Her mother Rebecca Evans was born in 1793 and died December 17, 1851. They had ten children as follows:

Orpha Bain, born December 10, 1815;
Thomas James, born January 22, 1818;
Abigail Ann, born December 28, 1819, died June 18, 1907.
Elizabeth Marshall born October 7, 1821;
Mary, born November 3, 1823, died March 13, 1906
William Miller, born May 17, 1827;
Abraham, born July 25, 1829;
Rebecca, born November 15, 1831;
Reese Martin, born February 25, 1837;
John, born April 25, 1843, died June 27, 1909;

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Charles and Abigail Yarnall had nine children as follows:

Sarah Ann, born May 7, 1840, died -----1846
Caleb, born March 17, 1842, died when about two yrs. old.
Henry Clay, born March 31, 1844;
Mary Bedell, born July 21, 1846, died July 1866;
John Kinsey, born February 11, 1850;
Charles, born February 26, 1853, died February 11, 1901;
George Washington, born May 23, 1856, died March 18, 1908;
Emma Jane, born May 23, 1856;
Walter Scott, born July 29, 1859.

Walter was born in Philadelphia, the other children were all born on the old homestead in Willistown, Chester county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Clay married Jemima Ritz; one child was born to them, Mary, April 20, 1870

Mary Bedell married George Rice in 1865.

John K. Yarnall married Clara Bell Macfall, February 14, 1872. She was born January 19, 1856 in Juniata County Pennsylvania. Her mother Margaret Macfall (nee Bonsall) was born December 19, 1837, died October 3, 1908.

She was one of the widely know Quaker family of Bonsalls of Delaware county, Pennsylvania, a member of this family, Ann Bonsall, married Josiah Hibberd whose daughter Sarah was married to Amos Yarnall, February 28, 1751. It was this marriage that connected two of the best known families in Chester county.

Mrs. Macfall was one of the sweetest of women whose altruistic character and self-abnegation endeared her to all who knew her. Her death left a void in her own household that can never be filled, and where her lovable and loving character is held in sacred remembrance.

She had but one other child, Eliza, born December 30, 1852, and died when about two years of age.

Four children were born to John K. and Clara Bell Yarnall, all in Philadelphia, as follows:

Clinton Bowen, April 7, 1873;
Elmer Creadick, May 21, 1875;
Earl Ross, June 14, 1880;
John Kinsey 11, October 21, 1883;

The family moved to Chicago in 1887.

Clinton Yarnall married Maud Shearer of Topeka Kansas, in July, 1895. They had one child, Earl Greenlee born August 14, 1896. He married secondly Myrtle Milton of Wichita, Kansas, May 8, 1907, at Guthrie, Oklahoma, from this marriage were born;

Stapely Layton, June 8, 1908, died July 4, 1909;
Margaret Antonette, December 28, 1910;
Mary Josephine, January 17, 1912;

Elmer, the second son, married Carolyn English in 1897. One child was born to them, Dorothy, August 5, 1905.

Earl Ross, the third son, married April 22, 1903, Nettie Schreve, one son Stanley Donald was born, October 3, 1905. He married secondly, October 16, 1911, Margaret Olson of Muskegon, Michigan.

John K. Yarnall 11, the youngest son, married Emma Martinson, August 22, 1902. Their children are:

Evelyn Virginia, born September 18, 1905
Lester Russell, born January 8, 1907;

Charles Yarnall, 11, married Charlotte Clegg, December 24, 1876, ten children were born to them namely;

Wilbur Clegg, born November 20, 1877, died same day
Bessie Eleanore, born April 17, 1879, died Aug. 6, 1891;
Richard Toones, born December 4, 1880;
Ethel Sargent, born December 25, 1882, died Oct. 28, 1905;
Jennie Edkins, born February 18, 1884, died Jan. 23, 1899;
Henry Homer, born November 7, 1885;
Loyal Guy, born June 5, 1887, died May 22, 1897;
Lottie May, born June 3, 1889, died July 20, 1891;
Alfaretta Dewese, born April 17, 1891;
Ivanetta Warren, born July 20, 1895;

Richard Toones Yarnall married Hattie Lawrence Hibbert in 1904, two children were born, Clifford, April 1, 1905, died August 1905.

Richard Lawrence, September 20, 1906

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Ethel Sargent Yarnall was married to George Frame in 1904, they had one child, Eleanore, born September 16, 1905.

Henry Homer Yarnall married Mary Ross in 1905, their children are:

Isabella Ross, born October 6, 1906;
Emma Grace born, February 24, 1909;
Margaret Elizabeth, born February 5, 1912;

Alfaretta Dewese Yarnall was married to Joseph Ehrenberg in 1912 and have one child, Joseph, born January 14, 1913.

Emma Jane Yarnall who was born in 1856, was married to Robert Freytag Williams. February 22, 1888. Six children were born to them as follows:

Edith born November 26, 1888, died February 5, 1889;
Irene born October 29, 1890, died March 9, 1891;
Clara Abigail, born March 22, 1892, died July 29, 1892;
Florence, born June 13, 1894, died January 5, 1895;

Harvey James Brown born April 6, 1896.

Bedell Edna born April 28, 1900.

George W. Yarnall, twin to Emma born 1856, died March 18, 1908.

He married Georgianna Hallowell who was born January 21, 1859 and died February 13, 1886.

Their children were John Kinsey born September 11, 1882, died February 8, 1886.

Mary Millbank, born October 12, 1884, died February 5, 1886.

The mother and two children dying within a period of eight days.

Two children survive them, Emma J. born July 4, 1878, and Virginia M. born May 12, 1880.

Walter Scott Yarnall born 1859, married Annie Lavinia Scheetz, January 1, 1881, four children were born to them all in Philadelphia.

Alice Virginia born March 22, 1882;
Walter Scott, born April 8, 1884;
Charlotte Knowles born June 8, 1891;
Maurice Cowl, born August 7, 1893;

Walter Scott the second, married Edith Lockwood, April 24, 1904, their children are:

Mildred, born February 25, 1906;
Walter Scott the 111, born August 8, 1907;
Charlotte Knowles Yarnall was married May 3, 1911 to Herman J. Pelstring.