

Hannah Moye Possible daughter of Samuel, Granddaughter of James, Great-granddaughter of Peter Albritton Sr.

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Although the Benjamin B. Albritton Bible does not record her birthdate along with that of Samuel and Tabitha Albritton's other children [1], it appears that Hannah is Samuel and Tabitha's daughter based upon the following pieces of circumstantial evidence:

1. In 1840, the household of Calvin Moye, the man we believe is Hannah's husband, adjoined that of Tabitha Albritton [2].
2. On 15 December 1843, Tabitha Bell Albritton's son, Benjamin B. Albritton, sold to Calvin Moye his interest in a 21-acre tract of land that had been part of the plantation of Samuel Albritton, with the deed witnessed by Luke Short, the husband of Tabitha's daughter, Lydia [3].
3. Hannah Moye and her three children are listed in Tabitha Albritton's household in one of the two 1850 enumerations of her household.
4. Hannah's older daughter, Elizabeth Moye, was listed in Tabitha Albritton's household in the second enumeration [4].
5. The Family Bible of Tabitha Bell Albritton's son, Benjamin B. Albritton, contains this entry:

James C. Moy the Son of Hannah Moy was Bornd the 7 of Dec 1845

There are no more legible Moye entries in the Bible [5].

6. In 1860, Hannah's son, James C. Moye, lived in the household of Benjamin B. Albritton [6].

If Hannah is the daughter of Samuel and Tabitha, then she appears to have died between 1850 and 8 April 1857, when Tabitha wrote her will. She appears to have only made bequests to her living children in her will [7].

Judging from her age in Tabitha's household in 1850, Hannah was born about 1812. The 1843 transaction in which Benjamin B. Albritton sold Calvin Moye part of the old plantation of his grandfather, James Albritton, suggests that Calvin was Hannah's husband.

Two men by the name of "*Calvin Moye*" lived in the greater Pitt County vicinity during the early 1800s. One served as a private in Major Cameron's Command, North Carolina during the War of 1812 [8]. Sometime during the 1810s, one of these two men married Susannah Bell, daughter of Balaam and Penelope Bell. Calvin and Susan settled in neighboring Greene County by 4 May 1818, when they sold their quarter interest in her father's lands in Pitt County to Allen Blount for \$60 [9]. On 8 November 1820, Calvin and Susanna sold an additional 75 acres of land in Pitt County that she inherited from her father, this time selling to George Moye, possibly Calvin's brother [10]. The 1820–1840 Greene County Federal Censuses show Calvin and Susan Moye residing there and raising a family [11]. Calvin apparently died between 1840 and 1850, when Susan still farmed there with her youngest children [12].

Hannah Albritton married the other Calvin Moye, and this man's origins remain unclear. In fact, we know nothing about his early life, for although he was born between 1790 and 1800, he does not appear in any Pitt County records before his marriage to Hannah about 1830. It is unclear if it were he or the other Calvin Moye, the husband of Susannah Bell, who served in the North Carolina Militia during the War of 1812. In any case, when he married Hannah around 1830, Calvin was a man in his forties while Hannah was about eighteen.

In 1840, Calvin Moyer lived next to Tabitha Albritton, with his household showing four young females, two born 1830–1835 and two born 1835–1840, presumably their daughters [13]. As mentioned earlier, on 15 December 1843, Calvin Moyer paid Benjamin B. Albritton \$25 for twenty-one acres of land that had been part of the old plantation of their father, Samuel Albritton, and originally part of that purchased by Samuel's father, James Albritton, from Henry Cason in 1784. Moyer and Albritton's brother-in-law, Luke Short, husband of Lydia Albritton Short, witnessed the transaction, as did Primma (or Primmy) Powell, an elderly female neighbor [14].

Calvin Moyer did not live long after purchasing the land that had belonged to Hannah's family. He fathered a son about March 1845, but he had died by 1850, when Hannah lived with her younger children in Tabitha Albritton's household, presumably widowed [15]. Hannah herself presumably died between 1850 and 1857, as she was not mentioned in Tabitha's 1857 will. Assuming that the four younger females living in Calvin Moyer's household in 1840 were all Hannah's daughters, then the children of Calvin and Hannah Moyer are:

1. [female] **Moyer** (1830/1835–after 1840).
2. [female] **Moyer** (1830/1835–after 1840).
3. **Elizabeth Moyer** (c1835–after 1850) was listed in both enumerations of her grandmother's household in 1850.
4. **Martha Moyer** (c1839–after 1850) lived with her mother and grandmother in 1850.
5. **James C. Moyer** (8 Dec 1845–after 1860) had his birth recorded in the Family Bible of his presumed uncle, Free Will Baptist minister Benjamin B. Albritton [16]:

James C. Moyer the Son of Hannah Moyer was Born the 7 of Dec 1845

James lived with Hannah and Tabitha Bell Albritton in 1850, while in 1860, he lived in the household of Rev. Albritton [17].

On 20 November 1863, James C. Moyer enlisted as a private in Whitford's Battalion North Carolina Partisan Rangers, also known as the 1st Battalion North Carolina Local Defense Troops. The unit later became Company E, 67th Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops). Moyer was listed as present for duty at the muster roll on December 31st, but there is no further record of his service in this unit. The son of Hannah Moyer would have been seventeen, almost eighteen, when this soldier enlisted in November 1863, so it seems probable that this man was her son. There is no further record of the soldier after 31 December 1863, and we do not know what became of James C. Moyer [18].

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Notes

1. [Benjamin B. Albritton Family Bible](#) (Pitt County Genealogical Quarterly, Vol. V, No. 2, May 1998, pp. 19–20). The second page of the family information in the Bible has the entry, “*Ages of Samuel Albrittons ch,*” followed by the birth dates of “*Drusilly,*” Lydia, Tabitha B., James B., Benjamin B., and Elizabeth E. Albritton.
2. 1840 Pitt County NC Federal Census, p. 382, line #29: “*Tabithy Allbritton;*” line #30: Calvin Moyer. Moyer’s household consisted of one male aged 40–50, one female aged 20–30, and four young females. This matches the family composition we know of Hannah Moyer in 1850.
3. Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 78 (Benjamin B. Albritton to Calvin Moyer, 15 December 1843; witness: Luke Short).
4. 1850 Pitt County NC Federal Census, Parker’s District, p. 57b, Dwelling #933, line #12: Tabitha Albritton; #13: Elizabeth Moyer (age 14); p. 60a, Dwelling #974, line #42: Tabitha Albritton; p. 60b, line #1: Hannah Moyer (age 38); #2: Elizabeth Moyer (age 15); #3: Martha Moyer (age 11); #4: James C. Moyer (age 5).
5. [Benjamin B. Albritton Family Bible](#) (Pitt County Genealogical Quarterly, Vol. V, No. 2, May 1998, pp. 19–20).
6. 1860 Pitt County NC Federal Census, P.O. Pactolus, p. 26/51, Dwelling #433, line #22: B. B. Albritton; #25: J. C. Moyer (age 14).
7. Pitt County NC Wills & Testaments Book 1, pp. 128–129 (Will of Tabitha Albritton, written 8 April 1857, probated November 1865). Tabitha did not mention James B. Albritton who died in 1840 or his two surviving sons, although he is a documented son of Samuel and Tabitha Albritton.
8. Compiled Military Service Record, Calvin Moyer (private), Maj. Cameron’s Command, North Carolina Militia, War of 1812.
9. Pitt County NC Deed Book AA, pp. 224–225 (Calvin and Susanna Moyer to Allen Blount, 4 May 1818). Calvin and Susanna Moyer of Greene County North Carolina sell 22½ acres, “*it being one fourth part of a tract of land given from William Turnage dec^d to the four heirs of Balaam Bell dec^d, excepting & reserving to Penelope Bell wife of the said Balaam Bell dec^d (now Penelope Deans) the same right given during her natural life.*”
10. Pitt County NC Deed Book BB, pp. 185–186 (Calvin and Susanna Moyer to George Moyer, 8 November 1820). Still as residents of Greene County, for \$75, Calvin and Susanna sold a 25-acre tract of land on the “*South Side of Tarr [sic] River West Side of Little Contentnea & near the gallbery it being the one forth of a tract of land of one hundred acres deeded from William B. Moore to Balaam Bell decd. bearing date 5th April 1800.*”
11. 1820 County NC Federal Census, p. 253, line #14: Calvin Moyer. 1830 Greene County NC Federal Census, p. 233, line #4: Calvin Moyer. 1840 Greene County NC Federal Census, p. 211, line #8: Calvin Moyer.
12. 1850 Greene County NC Federal Census, p. 255a, Dwelling #187: Susan Moyer.
13. 1840 Pitt County NC Federal Census, p. 382, line #29: “*Tabithy Allbritton;*” line #30: Calvin Moyer. The only known evidence for when Calvin Moyer married Hannah comes from their household enumeration on this census. Assuming all four girls were their daughters, they must have married around 1830.
14. Pitt County NC Deed Book LL, p. 78 (Benjamin B. Albritton to Calvin Moyer, 15 December 1843; witnesses: Luke Short, Primma Powell). [James Albritton’s 1784 Purchase on Grindle Creek](#). 1850 Pitt County NC Federal Census, Parker’s District, p. 58a, Dwelling #944, line #19: Marshall Satterthwaite (age 27); #23: Primmy Powell (aged 75). Benjamin B. Albritton sold Calvin Moyer
*...all my right and title and interes [interest] in a certain tract or parcel of land containing twenty one acres lying and being in our County of Pitt on the South Side of Grindal [Grindle] Creek. Begining [sic] at a pine **James Albritton** Corner runing [sic] north twenty five poles to **Casons** Corner a stake in the old line thence with his line East one hundred and fifty poles to a gum in the Cypress Pond thence South twenty five poles to **Casons** old Corner thence with his line to the begining [sic]...*
 As shown in the article on James Albritton’s 1784 purchase, the land inherited by Samuel Albritton from his father, James, included a 250-acre tract of land purchased by James from Henry Cason in April 1784. One of the boundaries of that tract included
...a line of markd trees to a Gum on Henry Casons line thence along the s^d Line to John Casons Corner tree and along the s^d Line to James Albrittons Corner tree...
 Moreover, from the survey of the grant made to Henry Cason the previous year, it lay on
...John Casons corner then with his line East one hundred & eighty Six pole to a corner in the Cypress pond then North thirty Eight pole to a pine James Albertons corner...
 The references in the 1783 survey, and the 1784 and 1843 deeds to the boundary line between John Cason’s and James Albritton’s corners, plus to the cypress pond in the 1783 survey and 1843 deed, prove that Benjamin B. Albritton was selling his interest in part of the land his grandfather, James Albritton, had purchased from Henry Cason in 1784, a tract on which his father, Samuel, had spent his life.
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18. Compiled Military Service Record, James C. Moye, Co. E, 67th North Carolina Infantry (Confederate), Civil War.

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