

JOHN1 STAFFORD I 1,2 was born abt. 1669 in York County, Virginia, and died 1736 in Bath [Beaufort] County, North Carolina. He married ANN WYATT3 abt. 1692, daughter of JOHN WYATT and UNKNOWN.

Notes for JOHN STAFFORD I:

There are a number of printed secondary sources which assert that John Stafford I, was the son of a William Stafford II and the grandson of William Stafford I. See Frances Sample Franklin, *The Ancestry of Frances Sample Franklin* (Wolfe City, TX, 1972); G. M. G. Stafford, *General Leroy Augustus Stafford, His Forebears and Descendants* (Baton Rouge, LA, 1969, reprint); Annie Elizabeth Miller, *Our Family Circle* (Macon, GA, 1931); and *Stafford Chart*, compiled by Margaret Davis Cate, Sea Island, GA, 1952. However, none of these documents provide any convincing proof that John Stafford was indeed a grandson of the above William Stafford and his putative wife, Ann Mason. Indeed, there is no consensus as to the identity of William I's wife. According to Frances S. Franklin, John Stafford was born in York County, Virginia, ca. 1669 and married ca. 1692, Ann Wyatt. The first three of their children were born in York Co., VA, and the last three in Bath Co. North Carolina. By 1700 the family had moved to Bath County, North Carolina in the area that later became Beaufort County. On June 7, 1727, James Welch sold to John Stafford 381 acres in Bath County on the north side of Pantigo Creek, according to Beaufort County, NC, Record Book I (Real Estate Record I 1696-1729), p 534. John Stafford's will is dated May 15, 1733, Bath Co., NC., and was probated March 13, 1736 before Jno. Collison. The son William received a plantation on the south side of Broad Creek; John received "my plantation I now dwell on" 100 acres; Joshua received 100 acres of land; Edward was willed 180 acres on Creek Swamp; and Thomas got land on the north side of Broad Creek. The daughter Dinah Stafford received a box of irons and heaters. The remainder of the estate was to be sold and proceeds equally divided among the children, except for William. John Stafford, Jr., was Executor of the will. Thomas Batters was appointed to oversee the estates of the four youngest children which raises an interesting question. The Franklin book's birthdates for the children shows that the youngest was 28 when her father's will was written. According to *Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia*, Vol. 8, p. 324, the son Joshua was b. ca. 1725.

Notes for ANN WYATT:

Ann Wyatt was born about 1677 in York County Virginia, the daughter of John and Unknown Wyatt. She married about 1692, John Stafford. In 1715 Ann and John were living in Beaufort Precinct of Bath County, North Carolina, as shown by the following: Record Book 1 (Real Estate Record I 1695-1729) page 267-268, Beaufort County, NC: "At a court held the 17th day of xber [December] anno dom 1714 Present His Majesties Justices....Granted John Stafford and Ann his wife, Daughter of John Wyat, William Cording as intermarrying the widow of the said Wyat deceased 14.8.3 appearing due for the said Ann's part, and ordered to be paid the same out of the Estate of Deceased," and "Received of William Cording, Executor of the estate of John Wyat, the sum of fourteen pounds, eight

shillings, and three pence, being the full sum due to the daughter Ann of the said John Wyat in Virginia as her part of the appraisement, and by order of Court, (which said Ann Wyat is now my wife) we say received by us this 5th day of August 1715." It is signed by the marks of John Stafford and Ann Wyatt Stafford. Ann was not mentioned in her husband's will of 1733, so evidently she had died before then.

Children of JOHN STAFFORD and ANN WYATT are:

- i. WILLIAM2 STAFFORD4, b. 1693, Virginia.
2. ii. JOHN STAFFORD II, b. 1695, Virginia; d. Aft. 1768, Bulloch Co., Georgia.
- iii. JOSHUA STAFFORD4, b. 1697, Virginia.
- iv. EDWARD STAFFORD4, b. 1701, North Carolina.
- v. THOMAS STAFFORD4, b. 1703, North Carolina.
- vi. DINAH STAFFORD4, b. 1705, North Carolina.