

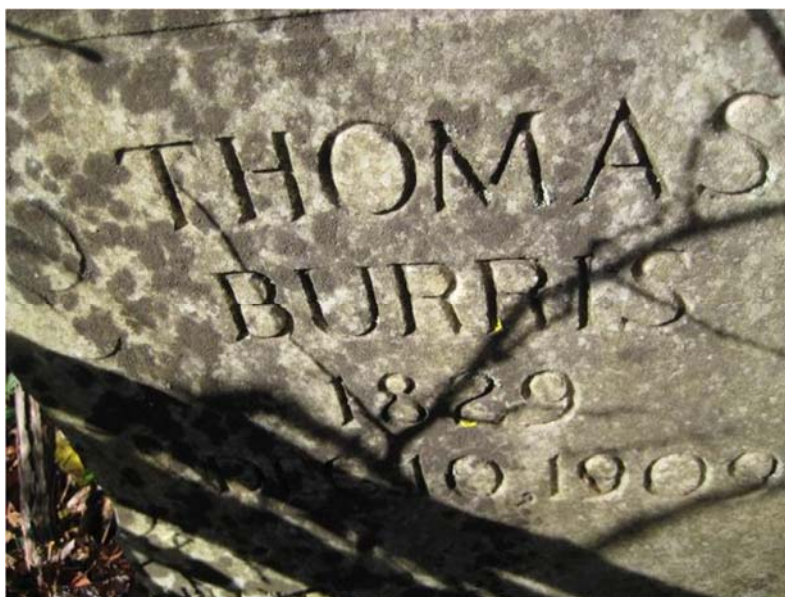
OVER THE MOUNTAINS: UP TO BRIAR PATCH

Researched and written by Sam Burris
In October, 2020



Uncle Tomas Burris 1829-1909

Great Grandfather William Burrus and Uncle Tom Burrus were brothers. Born in the area of Rockford, North Carolina, they left their home land to strike out north across the mountains to Virginia. They most likely traveled by oxcart. Arriving in Spring Valley, Virginia, the decision was made to settle on land near the top of Briar Patch Mountain just below Chestnut Flats. They built a log cabin and began to raise their families.



Tombstone of Uncle Tomas Burris located on Briar Patch Mountain.

His is the only stone with legible printing in the cemetery.



Stone of person unknown, Briar Patch.



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Briar Patch Mountain, site of the William and Phoebe Burris homestead.

L – R: Herb Frerichs, Uncle John Burris, Warren Frerichs, Albert and Viola Jackson, Virgie Frerichs and person unknown.

The Frerichs family was visiting from Nebraska in the mid-sixties.











Lena Tabitha Byrd Vaughan Burris, with son Ross and possibility Raymond Bourne in 1923.

A View of Burris kin through the years:

Jestin R *Burris* Hall

BIRTH	8 Apr 1865 Grayson County, Virginia, USA
DEATH	13 Jan 1954 (aged 88) Grayson County, Virginia, USA
BURIAL	Jerusalem United Methodist Church Cemetery Elk Creek, Grayson County, Virginia, USA
PLOT	Row H, Grave 18
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Family Members

<p>Parents</p> <p> Thomas Burris 1829–1909</p> <p> Charlotte Poole Burris 1823–1919</p>	<p>Spouse</p> <p> James Winton Hall 1867–1903 (m.(marriage) 1892)</p>
<p>Siblings</p> <p> William M Burris 1849–1912</p> <p> Julia Ann Burris Fielder 1860–1927</p> <p> Alfred Frank Burris 1862–1939 (m.(marriage) 1897)</p>	<p>Children</p> <p> Grover Sidney Hall 1892–1968</p> <p> Claude Stephen Hall 1895–1983</p>

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Julia Ann *Burris* Fielder



BIRTH	10 Aug 1860 Grayson County, Virginia, USA
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


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-  Thomas Burris
1829–1909
-  Charlotte Poole Burris
1823–1919



Spouse

-  James Levin Fielder
1857–1888

Siblings

-  William M Burris
1849–1912
-  Alfred Frank Burris
1862–1939 (m. (marriage) 1897)
-  Jestin R Burris Hall
1865–1954

Children

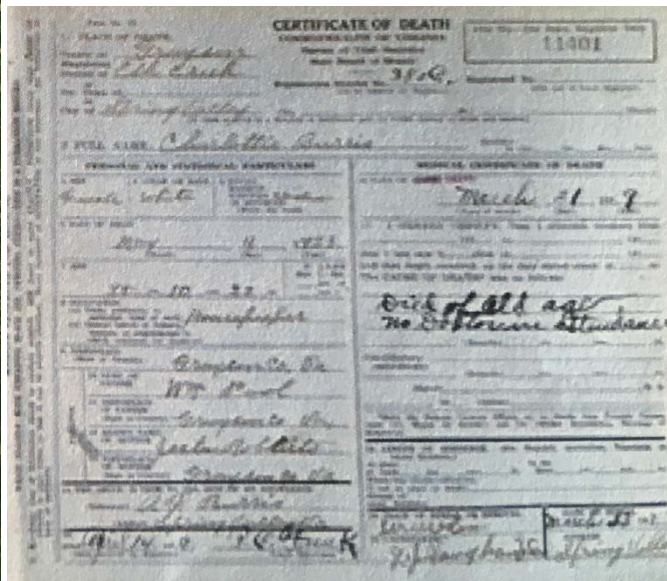
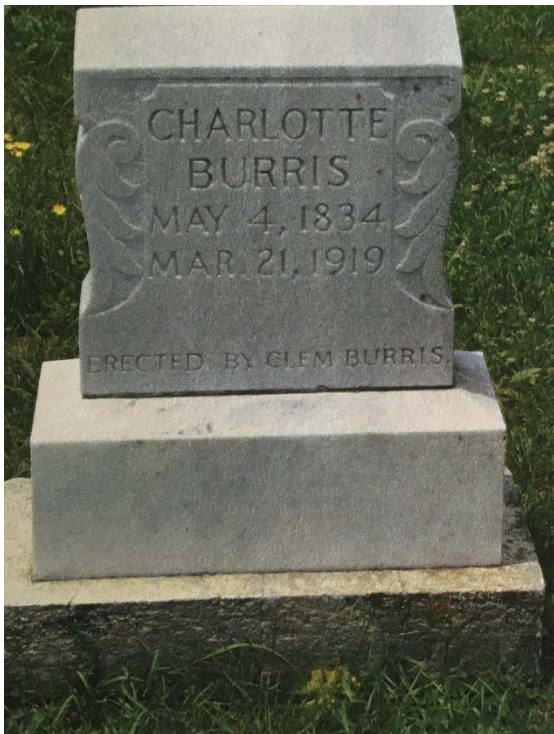
-  George Franklin Fielder
1882–1970
-  James Virgil Fielder
1890–1951

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Certificate of death and Stone of Charlotte (Lot) Poole Burris 1834 – 1919.

Family Members

Parents

- William Edward Poole
1794–1874
- Jestiana Lester Roberts Poole
1795–1894

Spouse.....

- Thomas Burris
1829–1909 (m. 1846)

Siblings.....

- Bluford Harrie Poole












	1823–1911
	Elizabeth <i>Poole</i> Delp 1823–1876
	Thursey Jane <i>Pool</i> Delp 1827–1878
	Ann Poole 1832–1926
	Jonathan Beeks Poole 1833–1928
Children.....	
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Photo of Uncle Thomas Burris taken in his later years. This portrait was hung in the home of Uncle Will Burris in his house north of Pilger, Nebraska.

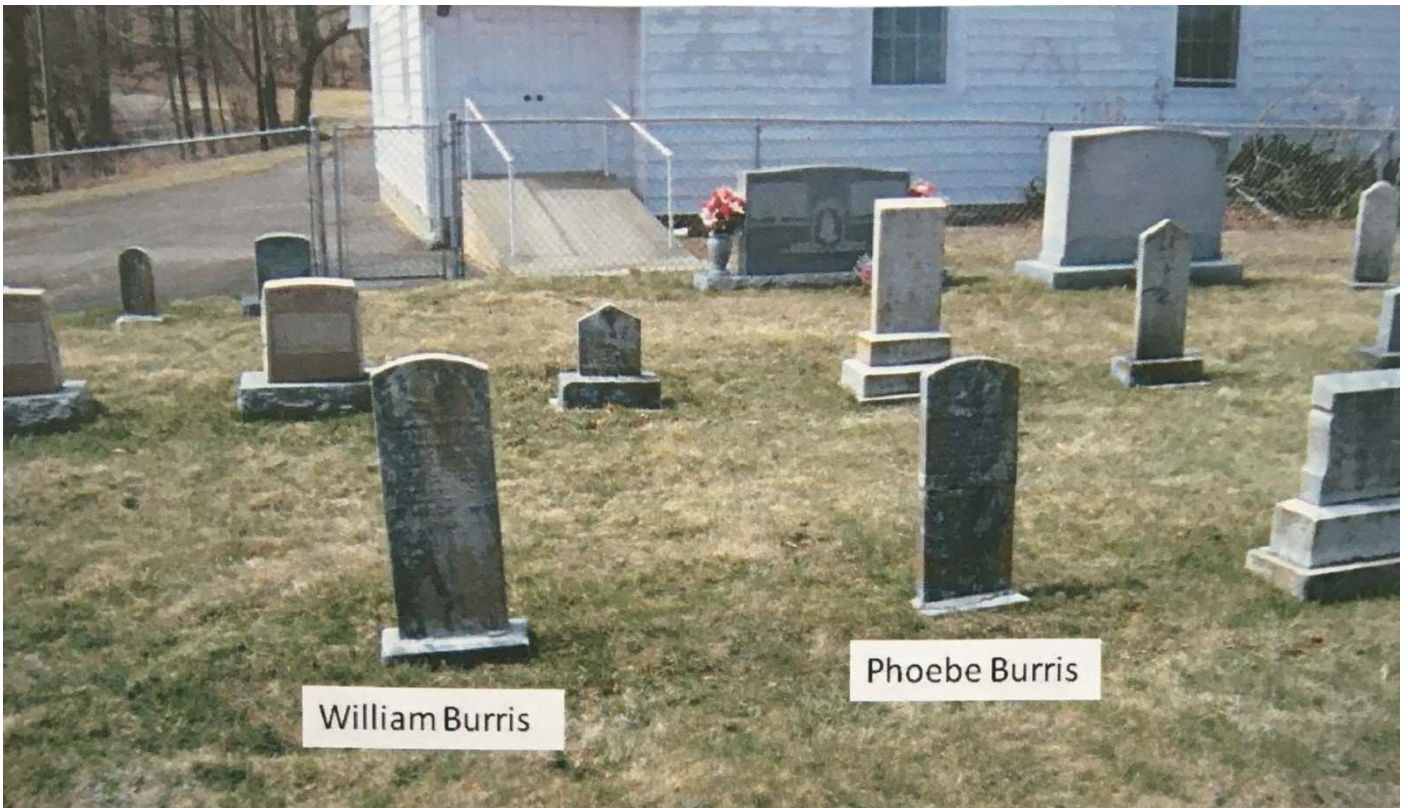


Photo taken at the main entrance to the cemetery at Jerusalem United Methodist Church, Virginia established in 1838. Great Grandfather William and great grandmother Phoebe's graves are labeled. The grave of Charlotte Burris, wife of Great Uncle Tom, is to the immediate right. Uncle Tom Burris (shown previously) is buried on Briar Patch Mountain. Charlotte chose to be buried at Jerusalem, near her good friend Phoebe.



**William and Thomas Burrus
in the early 1850's.**



**Phoebe Jane Burrus,
Wife of William.**



A photo of Julia Ann Burris Fielder

(1860-1927). She was both a cousin and friend of Lena's.

Burris, Thomas	48
(Poole) Charlotte	47
William	24
Jonathan	12 At School
Julia A.	10 At School
Alfred F.	8
Jestin	6

***1. 1870 Census of Spring Valley, Virginia – See New River Notes.**

***2. Photo from the Will Burris Collection, Pilger, Nebraska.**

Going up Briar Patch Mountain.



1. Ron and Sam Burris hiked up Briar Patch together in 2012. The open meadow was a pleasant climb and we went all the way to the top!



2. My brother Ron, on the left, with Luke Bourne and two others. At the time the men were running cattle near the top of Briar Patch.



3. One of the grave stones on top of Briar Patch Mountain. All but one of the stones in the cemetery cannot be read.



4. The cemetery is open to nature so cattle and various other stock can wander in.



5. There are no carvings in many of the stones simply because the people knew them. Some stones also were eroded by weather.

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Poole - Burris Cemetery



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Grayson County, Virginia

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TRENT, child			no marker
BURRIS, George Washington	[ca 1842]		no marker
BURRIS, Infant			[infant of Thomas Burris]; no marker
POOLE, Infant			no marker
POOLE, Johnson		1838	no marker
POOLE, Frankie	[ca 1828]		[d/o William and Jestin Roberts Poole]; no marker
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BURRIS, Lee D.		[20 Nov 1877]	[grandfather of Ruth Burris]; no marker
BURRIS, Infant			[infant of Martin Burris, who lived in Roanoke]; no marker
BURRIS, Minnie			[d/o William and Phoebe Burris Burris; died about age 5]; no marker
BURRIS, Mary Allie			[d/o William and Phoebe Burris Burris; died soon after birth]; no marker
POOLE, Jestianna	[15 Mar 1793]	[21 Apr 1894]	[Jestin, d/o William and Mary Davis Roberts; w/o William Poole]; no marker
POOLE, Billie			no marker
BURRIS, Jahson			no marker
BURRIS, Infant			[infant of Martin Burris]; no marker

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