**Mary Ann Vawter4, (Thomas3, Edward2, Bartholomew1)**

Mary Ann is the daughter of Thomas as shown by the one letter below. Some feel she is connected to Richard3, unknown2, Barth1, but in his will he lists his daughters as still having their maiden name. A Mary Vawter is found in the vicinity of Richard married after his death and is believed to be the correct daughter. Also, Mary Ann is not seen in the location of Richard that can be found.

A letter dated 1 Dec 1900 to Mrs. Egbert Jones from Ella Sheppard Burnley:

*“Of the children of Thomas and Elizabeth Pitts Vawter, I (Ella Burnley) only know that a daughter Mary Ann married a Mr. Chaffin of Prince Edward County, a son Edward married Sarah Lee, dau. of Joseph Lee of Cumberland County. The last named couple were my great grandparents. A daughter, Martha, married a Mr. Faris, a son Ludwell never married. A son Lemuel remarried and had five children, and a daughter Elisabeth, married a cousin named Vawter and had two children. I have heard my dear grandmother say that her father was one of the loveliest characters she ever knew. He was known as "The widow's friend" and had a great many widows and orphans estates to look after. You perhaps know he lived where Prince Edward, Buckingham and Cumberland Counties join. He had built the old house which is still standing and never been out of the family.”*  
On another page Mrs. Egbert Jones writes:

1. Mary Ann who married Mr. Chaffin of Prince Edward  
2. Edward married Sarah Lee, dau. of Joseph Dabbs Lee  
3. Martha married Mr. (John) Fariss  
4. Ludwell never married  
5. Lemuel remarried and had five children  
6. Elizabeth married a cousin Vawter and had 2 children.

Mary Ann Vawter b. Jul/Aug 1861 d. 10 Nov 1845 Felicity, Clermont Co., OH m. 22 Aug 1778 Powhatan Co., VA to Christopher Chaffin II b. 1757 VA d. 10 May (Aug) 1836 Tazewell Co., VA

Christopher Chaffin II was the son of Christopher Chaffin (the Younger), son of John, son of Christopher (the Elder).

Chris & Mary Ann were married by Rev. John Hyde Saunders, who was ordained 1772 by Bishop of London to serve James City parish; was there til 1785. It was in near ruins at his arrival. He was followed there by Bishop Madison who more or less closed it down.

In *VA/WV Gen. Data from Rev. War Pension & Bounty Land Warrant Records, Vol.* 4, by Patrick G. Wardell, pub. Heritage Books. Page 183, Chaffin, Christopher, entered service from Cumberland Co., VA, received Pension age 76 (1833) in Tazewell Co., VA where he died 10 Oct 1836. Married 22 Aug 1778 Mary Ann Vawter, Powhatan Co., VA, present Nathan Chaffin. Widow received Pension stated age 79 yr 10 mo (1841) in Clermont Co., OH when dau. Tabitha Harvey b. 22 Nov 1779 made Affidavit they she and mother had been there since Dec 1836. Widow pension increased in 1843 (age 82) same county.

*Abstracts of Cumberland Co., VA Will Book 1 and 2* 1749-1782, by Katherine Reynolds, at Ft. Wayne, IN Library, p. 50. (Will book page 84) Will of John Chaffin, dated 26 Jun 1767 Pro. 25 Jun 1773. My two sons, Christopher and Josua, my two daughters Rachel Smith and Ruth Bradley. Ex: son, Joseph Chaffin. Wit: Henry Macon, John Slaughter, Roberts Smith.

p. 92 Appr. of estate of John Chaffin. Taken 22 Mar 1773 by Robert Smith, John Slaughter, James Doss. (GJNote: this is Christopher’s father called Christopher the younger.)

David and Jayne Chafin email dtc-jlc@ix.netcom.com has thoroughly researched and documented this line.

Christopher and Isham Chaffin on payroll of Capt. John Morton's Co. of Regulars, 28 June to 28 July 1776.; both also listed in same co. in 1781. DAR Gen. Index 2771: Continental Army, 4th Regulars, enlistsed Feb. 1776 (Prince Edward) VA; was at Battle of Kings Mtn., Dunmore's War, Trenton, Princeton, and Valley Forge. Discharge Feb. 1778. Rec'd pension in Jeffersonville   
(Tazewell) VA, per deposition of Thomas D. Asberry (application 18 Nov. 1833 in Tazewell Co., age 76; Mary Ann makes widow's application : W4919). Bradshaw: History of Prince Edward County.   
  
Listed as citizen under orders as defense against Indians in Tazewell Co. in Bickley: History of the Settlement of Indian Wars of Tazewell County, p. 197-203; in Annals of South West Virginia he is listed as posted at one of the Tazewell area forts, and also as a Montgomery Co. resident from the Revolution.   
  
Annals of Tazewell County 1800-1922 mention him in 1818, appointed constable in 2d Battalion,in the room of John Belshe; on 1 July 1834 as 77 years old, a private, receiving an annual allowance of $80; on tax lists 1816, 18, 19, & 20, and in 1820 Tazewell Census: He, over 45; 1 male 0-10, 2 females 0-10, 3 females 16-28, 1 female over 45.

Christopher and Mary Ann (Vawter) Chaffin had 10 children.

1. Tabitha Chaffin, b. 22 Nov 1779 d. ca 1852.

Married (1) Fountain Young in VA who d. 1813 at the Battle of Thames?

Married (2) 24 Jun 1816 Floyd, KY to Spencer Spears d. 1817

Married (3) 19 Feb 1820 Brown Co., OH to John Robinson d. by 1828

Married (4) 30 Apr 1828 Clermont Co., OH to Gersham Harvey.

According to Tabitha's deposition for pension application, the family lived in 1796 in Goochland Co., VA, which is where John (Chris's grandpa) had settled and died. In December of 1836, Mary Ann moved taking the children from apparently the South Point, OH area to Clermont Co., first to Cincinnati, then later to settle in Brown Co. at Felicity with Tabitha and her new husband.

Marriage number 3 is not fully substantiated but based on "oath of Samuel Young, son of said Tabitha". Per Wiley Young bio, Fountain died at the Battle of Thames (1813), and was   
with Gen. Harrison. 1811 (Greenup) KY Ta: Fountain Young. When she married Gershom, she used "Young" as last name. Tabitha in 1850 res. with daughter Elizabeth. Bio of Spencer Spears, Jr. says she and Spencer sold their Floyd Co. land and were moving to Cincinnati, but he died en-route. She lived there 1817-20, then went to Felicity (Clermont), where she lived with "her son" (?), and died 1852. We know her mother Mary Ann (Vawter) Chafin also came to live with her there until she died. I also have a later date, source unknown, saying Tabitha died in 1857-8. Extensive court records from (Floyd) KY indicate that she and Spencer left the area to take her children from their overseers (they had been bound out): see said records in Annals of Floyd County, KY. Further info in Clermont and Brown Counties on J. C. Ginnings says that Fountain was starting out for New Orleans, but heard of Jackson's victory in battle there and returned to VA. Says nothing further of his involvement in 1812 War.   
She had 8 children

With Fountain Young: Samuel F. Young, Christoher Omega Young, Morgan Young, Elizabeth Young, Thomas Young, Moriah/Mariah Young and Mary Ann Young.

With Spencer Spears: Spencer Spears, Jr.

Tabitha went to court over the children and is found in the following:

Annals of Floyd Co.,KY related to Tabitha Chafin Young Spears Harvey:  
19 May 1817: Robert Haws appointed administrator of estate of Fountain Young, dec'd.  
18 Aug. 1817: Subpoena vs. Spencer Spears and wife to appear and show why their children should not be bound out.  
15 Sep. 1817: Ordered bound out: Omega Young (age 16 on 23 May last) and Morgan Young to Peter Amyx, carpenter; Thomas Young, 13 on 23 May last, to Henry B. Mayo (farmer) "with additional freedom due a good second rate horse saddle and bridle; Betsy Young, 12 on 13 Dec last to Thomas C. Brown; Mariah Young, age 10 on 16 Dec last to Robert Haws.--elsewhere 1818 Haws named as tavernkeeper.  
17 Nov. 1817: Thomas C. Brown appointed guardian of heirs of Fountain Young, dec'd. Names: Christopher, Thomas, Betsy, Moriah and Morgan (all under 16)  
26 Dec. 1817: Indentures of Omega, Thomas, Betsy and Maria read and recorded (where's Morgan?)  
19 Jan 1818: Charges filed by Tabitha vs. Robert Haws to whom daughter is bound, saying the apprentice is being abused. He is acquitted  
17 Feb. 1818: Tabitha refiles same charges; Haws to appear next court.  
16 Mar. 1818: Haws appears and is acquitted  
15 June 1818: Motion of Thomas C. Brown, gdn. of infant heirs of Fountain Young, dec'd, ordering subpoena issued against Robert Haws and Peter Amyx to bring their apprentices Omega and Maria Young to court, and show cause why said apprentices are not dealt with according to the law's direction and their indentures' requirements.  
Also ordered Tabitha Spears subpoened to show why daughter Mary Ann should not be bound out. NOTE THAT THIS IS WHEN THE SPEARS LEFT FOR OHIO.

1. Edwin Chafin b. ca 1781 in VA poss. Charlotte Co.
2. Omega Chafin b. 12 Mar 1784 in Charlotte Co., VA d. 9 May 1865 in Five Forks (Stokes Co.) NC. One son known: Omega Chafin, Jr.

4. Christopher Chafins III, b. ca 1782-1785 in VA , Goochland Co., m. 1802 in VA to Mary Ann Roberts b. ca 1780-1785 . Information on this line also furnished by Jennifer Jones Taylor email bobnjen@burgoyne.com.

Children: Joshua Chafin, Alafair Chafin, Stanley Chafin, Mary Ann Chafin, Pleasant Chafin, William Chafin, Thomas Chafin, Nathan Chafin, Margaret Chafin, Elizabeth Chafin and Nancy Chafin (not proved)

1. Pleasant Chafin m. Polly Chapman b. ca 1816

a1. May A. Chafin b. ca. 1834

a2. Peggy Chafin b.ca. 1836

a3. Thomas Chafin b. ca 1837 m. Sarah Curry

a4. Christopher Chafin b. ca 1839 m. Jane Curry

a5. Joshua Chafin b. ca 1841 m. Rebecca Browning

a6. Edward Chafin b. ca 1843 m. Sarah Varney

a7. Chloe Chafin b. ca 1847 m. William Mahone

a8. William Chafin b. ca 1845 m. Trithany Mahone

a9. Elizabeth Chafin b. ca 1849

10a. Lewis Chafin b. ca 1853

11a. John L. Chafin b. ca 1854 m. Mahulda Varney

12a. Nathan Chafin b. ca 1855

1. William Chafin b. ca 1817 m. Sarah Deskins
2. Nathan Chafin b. ca 1820 m. Matilda Varney
3. Thomas Chafin b. ca 1787 in VA m. 8 May 1811 in Tazewell Co., VA to Polly Asberry
4. Mary Ann Chafin b. 1788 Charlotte Co., VA m. Thomas Brooks

There is a Bounty Land Warrant for War of 1812 for Mary Brooks, widow of Thomas Brooks; 1840 (Tazewell)VA census has a Richard Brooks. 1839 (Carter) KY tax has Edward Brooks. (Tazewell) VA 1802 Pers. Ppty Tax: Thomas, Richard, John, William, William Jr.. 1785 (Campbell) VA PPtx: James. 1782 (Washington) VA PPtx: Elizabeth. 1793 (Wythe) VA PPtx: THomas (3tithe), William (3 tithes), John (1)  
  
7. Elizabeth Chafin b. 1789 Charlotte Co., VA m. 25 Mar 1812 Tazewell Co., VA to Witt Asberry.

1840 Census Tazewell Co., VA shows Thomas H. Asberry 1 male under 5/ 1m 5-10/3 m 10-15/1 m 15-20; 1 fem20-50/1 f under 5/ 2 f 10-15/ 1 f 20-30. Head of hsld must be the son.

Poss. m. (2) 21 Jun 1822 in Tazwell Co., VA shown as “Betsy” Chafin m. George Hichenbothan

1. Martha “Patsy” Chafin b. ca 1790 Charlotte Co., VA
2. (1) 28 Oct 1808 Floyd Co., KY to Elisha Wellman

poss. m. (2) 28 Jun 1823 to George Hichenbothen Tazwell Co., VA This is the son of Moses and Betsy Garrison Higgenbotham.

1. Ruth Chafin b. ca 1790 in Charlotte Co., VA m. 14 Apr 1823 in Tazwell Co., VA to Henry Gilaspy. 1840 (Tazewell) VA census: Henry H. Gilaspy: 2 males under 5/ 1 m 5-10/ 1m 20-30/ 1 fem under 5/ 1 f 20-30. (Likely a son)
2. Margaret Chafin b. ca 1791 in VA m. (1) Mr. Jennings/Buinnings m. (2) 1 Oct 1829 to Thomas Crabtree. An 1793 Wythe Co., VA tax list shows William Jennings but is unconfirmed as her husband.

Misc Birth & Deaths from the Tri-State Area - Ky, WV, OH, Prepared by: JSDaniel@aol.com (no sources given for information)

Surnames Birth date Death date

Spouse's name Father Mother Burial Place

CHAFIN, Chloe abt 1847

William MAHONE Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Christopher abt 1780 abt 1833

Mary ROBERTS Christopher CHAFIN Mary Ann VAWTER

CHAFIN, Christopher abt 1757 10 Aug 1836

Mary Ann VAWTER Christopher CHAFIN

CHAFIN, Christopher abt 1738 1769

John CHAFIN

CHAFIN, Christopher abt 1839

Jane CURRY Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Dock Lee 28 Apr 1872

Sophia FARLEY William Marion CHAFIN Trithany MAHONE

CHAFIN, Edward abt 1843

Sarah VARNEY Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Elizabeth abt 1849

Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Evaline abt 1865

William Marion CHAFIN Trithany MAHONE

CHAFIN, Florence 29 Nov 1889 27 Feb 1957

Albert Young BROWNING Dock Lee CHAFIN Sophia FARLEY LOW GAP CEM, BRADERICK HILL, LAW CO, OH

CHAFIN, Frances abt 1868

William Marion CHAFIN Trithany MAHONE

CHAFIN, Hiram Howard 28 Jan 1900 30 Mar 1924

Dock Lee CHAFIN Sophia FARLEY LOW GAP CEM, BRADERICK HILL, LAW CO, OH

CHAFIN, Jeff

Dock Lee CHAFIN Sophia FARLEY

CHAFIN, John abt 1690 aft 1770

CHAFIN, John

Dock Lee CHAFIN Sophia FARLEY

CHAFIN, John abt 1866

William Marion CHAFIN Trithany MAHONE

CHAFIN, John L abt 1854

Mahulda VARNEY Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Joshua abt 1841

Rebecca BROWNING Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Lewis abt 1853

Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, May A abt 1834

Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Nathan abt 1855

Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Nathan abt 1820

Matilda VARNEY Christopher CHAFIN Mary ROBERTS

CHAFIN, Peggy abt 1836

Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Pleasant abt 1815 bef 1870

Polly CHAPMAN Christopher CHAFIN Mary ROBERTS

CHAFIN, Polly abt 1853

Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Robert abt 1875

William Marion CHAFIN Trithany MAHONE

CHAFIN, Roxie abt 1873

William Marion CHAFIN Trithany MAHONE

CHAFIN, Roxie Mae 12 Mar 1897 16 Oct 1941

Claude Forgey DANIEL Dock Lee CHAFIN Sophia FARLEY ROME CEM, PROCTERVILLE, OH CHAFIN, Thomas abt 1837

Sarah CURRY Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAFIN, Wallace abt 1879

William Marion CHAFIN Trithany MAHONE

CHAFIN, Wayne

Ora WHITE Dock Lee CHAFIN Sophia FARLEY

CHAFIN, William abt 1817

Sarah DESKINS Christopher CHAFIN Mary ROBERTS

CHAFIN, William abt 1870

William Marion CHAFIN Trithany MAHONE

CHAFIN, William Marion abt 1845

Trithany MAHONE Pleasant CHAFIN Polly CHAPMAN

CHAPMAN, Polly abt 1816

Pleasant CHAFIN

These families are all living in the same area and next door to one another. They are likely children of this line but are not yet placed.

CENSUS YR: 1850 STATE or TERRITORY: VA COUNTY: TAZEWELL DIVISION: WESTERN DISTRICT REEL NO: M432-979 PAGE NO: 251B

35 493 493 GILLESPIE WILLIAM 40 M CARPENTER VA

36 493 493 BAINS CLINTON 22 M MERCHANT VA

37 493 493 GILLESPIE JAMES 18 M CARPENTER VA

38 494 494 HIGGINBOTHAM CHARLES 48 M BLACKSMITH 800 VA

39 494 494 HIGGINBOTHAM REBECCA 50 F VA

40 495 495 HIGGINBOTHAM THOMAS J 32 M FARMER 6,200 VA

41 495 495 HIGGINBOTHAM NANCY 33 F VA

42 495 495 HIGGINBOTHAM JOSEPH B M VA

1 495 495 HIGGINBOTHAM MARY E 2 F VA

2 496 496 HIGGINBOTHAM SAMUEL W 35 M FARMER 450 VA

3 496 496 HIGGINBOTHAM DORINDA C 35 F VA

4 496 496 HIGGINBOTHAM JOHN C 12 M VA X

5 496 496 HIGGINBOTHAM JAMES S S 6 M VA X

6 496 496 HIGGINBOTHAM SAMUEL H 4 M VA

7 496 496 ASBERRY HELENOR 22 F VA

CENSUS YR: 1850 STATE or TERRITORY: VA COUNTY: TAZEWELL DIVISION: WESTERN DISTRICT REEL NO: M432-979 PAGE NO: 215A

41 7 7 ASBURY GEORGE 35 M 700 VA

42 7 7 ASBURY POLLY 30 F VA X

1 7 7 ASBURY WASHINGTON 12 M FARMER VA

2 7 7 ASBURY JOHN 10 M VA

3 7 7 ASBURY FLORINA 7 F VA

4 7 7 ASBURY JAMES 5 M VA

5 7 7 ASBURY WYATT 20 M VA

6 7 7 ASBURY MARY 2 F VA

28 11 11 HIGGINBOTHAM JAMES J 29 M FARMER 250 VA X

29 11 11 HIGGINBOTHAM LOUISA 35 F VA X

30 11 11 HIGGINBOTHAM BALAN W 11 M VA

31 11 11 HIGGINBOTHAM MARTHA C 7 F VA

32 11 11 HIGGINBOTHAM ISABELLA D 5 F VA

24 34 34 HIGGINBOTHAN B W 26 M FARMER VA X

25 34 34 HIGGINBOTHAN PRACILLA 30 F VA X

26 34 34 HIGGINBOTHAN REES T 9 M VA

27 34 34 HIGGINBOTHAN ELIZA 7 F VA

28 34 34 HIGGINBOTHAN WILLIAM B 5 M VA

29 34 34 HIGGINBOTHAN LETTETIA 3 F VA

30 35 35 HIGGINBOTHAN WILLIAM 63 M FARMER VA X

31 35 35 HIGGINBOTHAN BETSY 36 F VA X

32 35 35 HIGGINBOTHAN REBECCA 21 F VA