

Reason Wriston and Rachel Scarboro

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Reason Wriston was born June 6, 1763, at St. John's Parish in Prince George's County, Maryland. It is believed that his father and perhaps an uncle came to America from Devonshire, England in the late 1600's or early 1700's landing in Maryland. From the 1790 censuses in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and Prince George's County, Maryland, we can find several people with this last name. The name has also been spelled Riston and Reston.

I have not done enough research to piece them together, and do not know, at this time, the names of Reason's parents. I am not sure the exact year that Reason came to Coal River, but he was there before 1805. He married Rachel Scarboro, daughter of Isaac Scarboro and Mary Ward, on April 17, 1805, in Monroe County. He and Rachel had seven children: Isaac, Zachariah, Rebecca, Mary, John, Robert, and Elizabeth.

-Rebecca Wriston was born in 1816 and married Isaac Scarboro on September 29, 1835, in Fayette County.

-Mary "Polly" Wriston was born about 1808 in Monroe County. She married Isaac Moles about 1825.

-Elizabeth Wriston was born about 1820 in Giles County, and she married William Stover on April 2, 1840, in Fayette County.

2. Isaac Wriston and Elizabeth Scarboro

Isaac Wriston, son of Reason Wriston, was born in February 1807 in Monroe County and died on April 10, 1885, in Raleigh County. He married Elizabeth Scarboro on August 16, 1829, in Monroe County. He and Elizabeth had eleven children. They were Caleb, Delilah, John, Hiram, Austin, Henry, Isaac, Jr., Elizabeth, Littleton, Andrew, and Burrell Wriston.

-Delilah Wriston was born January 17, 1832, in Raleigh County, and died April 9, 1917. She married Alfred Armstrong on April 17, 1856, in Raleigh County.

-Hiram Wriston was born about 1835 and died November 12, 1858

-Isaac Wriston, Jr., was born August 11, 1841, in Raleigh County, and died September 17, 1866, in Boone County.

-Burrell Wriston was born about 1850 and married Martha Taylor on December 21, 1858.

3. Caleb Bromwel Wriston and Nancy Johnston

Caleb Bromwel Wriston, son of Isaac was born on March 2, 1827, in Fayette County. He married Nancy Wright Johnson, daughter of John Brown Johnson and Mary Ann Settle, on May 29, 1853, in Fayette County. Their children were Maurice, Isaac Garner, Mary Jane, Henry Lincoln, Rev John, Sarah Frances, Asbury Colfax, William Leonard, and Amos Dix Wriston.

-Maurice Wriston was born March 19, 1854, and died March 13, 1881

-Mary Jane Wriston was born April 22, 1859, and died on March 17, 1899

-Henry Lincoln Wriston was born on June 18, 1861.

-Sarah Frances Wriston was born on February 20, 1866, and died in November 1868.

-Asbury Colfax Wriston was born on April 13, 1868

4. Isaac Garner Wriston and Docia Alice Stanley

Isaac Garner Wriston, son of Caleb was born on December 15, 1856, in Mossy, Fayette County, and died on November 7, 1851, at Maple Fork. He married Docia Alice Stanley, daughter of Elizabeth Jane Bailey and John Cook, on September 28, 1878, in Fayette County. Docia was born March 2, 1858, in Kincaid, Fayette County, and died February 29, 1840, at Maple Fork. Their children were Dr. Robert, Edna Maude, Wilbur Jennings, Bertie, and Robert.

-Dr. Robert Columbus Wriston was born August 23, 1879, in Kincaid, Fayette County and died May 20, 1961. Robert Wriston was a general physician and surgeon in Beckley, Raleigh County. He was also the mayor of Beckley. He married Minnie Lowry Davis, daughter of John F. Davis and Mary McGinnis on May 11, 1910. She was born October 8, 1885. They had four children.

-Edna Maude Wriston was born March 6, 1882, at Maple Fork and died September 29, 1968, in Raleigh County. She married Silas Hayes Stover, son of Burrell Stover and Rebecca Bailey, on May 21, 1898, at Maple Fork, Raleigh County. They had nine children.

-Wilbur Jennings Wriston was born September 2, 1887, and died December 24, 1963. He married Birdie Bailey on September 14, 1910. They had five children.

4. Rev John Wriston and Fornia J Bartram

Rev. John Wriston, son of Caleb was born March 5, 1864, and died on September 24, 1942. He was married to Fornia J. Bartram, and they had five children. They were Colonel Roscoe, Major John Clarence, Arthur, Ruth, and Mildred.

4. Amos Dix Wriston

Amos Dix Wriston was born on May 14, 1874 and died February 1937.

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Kincaid Man Dies

Montgomery, Feb. 13. -- Amos Dix Wriston, 73-year-old miner of Kincaid, died Saturday morning in a Montgomery hospital after an illness of pneumonia.

He was a son of the late Colop D. and Nancy Wright Wriston and was employed by the Loop Creek Colliery company at Page.

Surviving are three sons, Oscar W. of Charleston, Walter and Fred, of Kincaid, and four brothers, Isaac of Mt. Hope, Rev. Henry L., of Boston, Mass., Rev. John L., of Brooklyn, Mass., and W. L. Wriston, of Kincaid.

3. John Wriston and Amanda Johnson

John Wriston, son of Isaac, was born January 11, 1833, in Raleigh County, and died October 20, 1922. He was married to Amanda Johnson on June 10, 1858. Their son Ulysses G. Wriston was born March 3, 1867, in Fayette County.

3. Austin Wriston and Letha Ann Goode

Austin Wriston, son of Isaac, was born April 26, 1837, in Raleigh County, and died March 4, 1869. He married first Sarah Frances Blake on March 4, 1869, in Fayette County. He married second Letha Ann Goode about 1878. Their children were Delilah, John Henry, James, George, Isiah Garfield, Hiram Burl, Samuel, Benjamin, Frannie, and Gertie.

-Delilah Wriston married T. A. Prather on February 3, 1897, in Fayette County.

-Isiah Garfield Wriston was born in March 1885 in Raleigh County. He married Cordelia Arnold, daughter of Jackson T. Arnold and Sarah Kidd. They had six children.

-Hiram Burl Wriston was born July 6, 1886, at Paint Creek, Fayette County. He died April 8, 1953, in Raleigh County. He married Verna Ethel Settle on February 18, 1915, in Fayette County. Verna was born February 29, 1896, and died May 31, 1972, in Raleigh County. They are both buried in the Wriston Cemetery at Mossy, Fayette County. They had nine children.

3. Henry Wriston and Susan Alice Dunbar

Henry Wriston, son of Isaac was born June 12, 1840, in Raleigh County. He died April 4, 1889, and is buried in the Wriston Cemetery at Mossy, Fayette County. He was a Private in Company H of the 7th West Virginia Calvary. He married Susan Alice Dunbar, daughter of Captain William Sewell Dunbar and Alice Grass, on March 6, 1868, in Raleigh County. Alice died October 6, 1930, at Kingston. She is also buried at the Wriston Cemetery at Mossy, Fayette County. Their children were Cynthia Adeline, John Richard, Alice, Catlet A, Morris L., and W. I. Wriston.

4. Cynthia Adeline Wriston and Walter Thompson

Cynthia Wriston, daughter of Henry, was born on September 8, 1876, and died in 1971. As well as raising her children, she also ran a boarding house in her home. The town mine was the Kingston Pocahontas Coal Company. She married Walter Grey Thompson. He was born December 14, 1874, and died about 1930 from "black lung." They are both buried at the Wriston Cemetery in Mossy, Fayette County. Their children were Demetra Caroline, Ada Ann, Susie Alice, Fornie Grey, Irene Bell, Delma, Willie, and Violet Thompson.

-Ada Ann Thompson was born December 12, 1897, and died January 1975 at Scarbro, Fayette County. She married Charlie Stover, son of Clark Stover and Letha Fairbell Burnside. They had six children.

-Violet Thompson was born June 4, 1903, and died September 27, 1990. Violet married Trenton Tyree.

-Fornie Grey Thompson was born on April 9, 1906, and died October 1994 at Oak Hill, Fayette County. She married Robert Sowers.

-Susie Alice Thompson was born November 10, 1908, and died September 1981 in Beckley, Raleigh County. She married Vesper Smith.

-Irene Bell Thompson was born April 29, 1911, and married Hilton Grigsby.

-Delma Vanigga Thompson was born June 22, 1914. She married Cameron Meadows. Cameron came to Kingston to work at the mine and to play baseball. This is where he met Delma. He was in the Marines, and then he worked for the coal company. He later served as deputy sheriff for Fayette County.

-Demetra Caroline Thompson was born December 28, 1917, and died on November 11, 1999, in Kentucky. She married Edgar Hensley Holley, and they had two children.

3. Littleton Wriston and Manerva Wiseman

Littleton Wriston, son of Isaac, was born about 1845 in Raleigh County. He married Manerva Wiseman on March 10, 1870, in Fayette County. They had four children.

3. Andrew Wriston and Aletha Williams

Andrew Wriston, son of Isaac, was born August 3, 1847, in Raleigh County. He died August 7, 1928, in Raleigh County. Andrew married Aletha Williams, daughter of Henry Williams and Eliza Jane Stover on October 19, 1874, in Raleigh County. Among their children are Waymon Wriston and Miles V. Wriston.

4. Waymon Wriston and Vilinda Bell Stover

Waymon Wriston, son of Andrew was born January 30, 1890, and died in 1968 in Raleigh County. He married Vilinda Bell Stover, daughter of Burwell Stover, Jr., and Eliza Muhama Brown. Their children were Blanche, Tracy, Daryl, Carvis, and Dorothy.

-Blanche Joveline Wriston was born on July 7, 1928 in Clear Creek, Raleigh County and died September 12, 1999 in Beckley, Raleigh County. She married Clarence James Williams, son of James Harlow Williams, and Elsie Ann Ewing.

-Tracy Burl Wriston was born January 3, 1923 in Clear Creek, Raleigh County and died April 28, 2001 in Beckley, Raleigh County. He married Bettie Schoolcraft that they had three children. He was a retired coal miner, having worked for Westmoreland No. 6 at Eccles, and also for Libby Owens Glass Plant in Charleston. He was a member of UMWA Local 5770, of the Methodist faith and loved hunting and fishing.

4. Miles V. Wriston and Luella Stover

Miles V. Wriston, son of Andrew was born March 8, 1876, in Raleigh County, and died December 15, 1835. He married Luella Stover, daughter of Burdine Stover and Amanda Toney on April 23, 1902 in Raleigh County. They had children:

-Jodie A. Wriston was born January 2, 1903, and died in December 1992 in Raleigh County. She is buried at Workman's Creek Cemetery in Raleigh County.

-Lundy "Lewis" Perdue Wriston was born August 7, 1905, at Clear Creek, Raleigh County, and died January 9, 1993, in Raleigh County. He is buried at the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Prosperity. He married Gladys Williams, daughter of Britton Williams and Mary Frances Maynor; and they had four children.

2. Zachariah Wriston and Amanda Naomi Stover

Zachariah "Bill" Wriston, son of Reason, was born about 1815 in Giles County and died March 31, 1880 in Raleigh County. He married Naomi Amanda Stover, daughter of Obediah Stover and Masea Stanley. They had six children named Floyd, Robert, Nancy, Lucinda, James and William Wriston.

-Nancy Wriston was born about 1848 and died on December 4, 1874, in Raleigh County, of consumption. She married Patterson Stover, son of William and Elizabeth Stover, on May 20, 1870, in Raleigh County.

-Lucinda Ann Wriston was born September 27, 1849, and died July 26, 1882, in Raleigh County. She married James William Treadway, son of John Allen Treadway and Rebecca Darlington, on December 23, 1870, in Raleigh County. They had six children.

3. Floyd Wriston and Dana Ewing

Floyd Wriston, son of Zachariah, was born about 1838 in Fayette County. He died April 10, 1862, during the Civil War. He was a Private in Company H, 7th West Virginia Calvary and died of a fever. He was married to Dana Catherine Ewing. They had one son. In the 1860 Raleigh County Census, Floyd and his wife are found. In the same household were Floyd's Aunt Sarah Stover, his cousins Ashford and Linville, and his grandmother Rachel Wriston.

-James Hiram Wriston was born September 15, 1860, in Raleigh County. He died young.

3. James Jacob Wriston and Rebecca Wriston

James Wriston, son of Zachariah, was born March 1841. He married Rebecca Wriston, daughter of John Wriston and Nancy Stover on October 9, 1865. They were married by Andrew Workman. They had two children, Almira A. and Floyd P. Wriston.

-Floyd Wriston was born January 1, 1855, in Raleigh, and died on March 17, 1866, in Raleigh County.

-Almira A. Wriston was born on March 4, 1871, and died December 2, 1913. She married Uylsses Grant Maynor on January 4, 1887, in Raleigh County. They had ten children.

3. William A. Wriston and Mary Ann Scarboro

William A. Wriston, son of Zachariah was born about 1835. He was a doctor in the Civil War and then practiced in Fayette County. He married Mary Ann Scarboro, daughter of Isaac Scarboro and Rebecca Wriston. They had two children: Cora and Steven.

4. Steven Wriston and Mary Kathlene Romine

Steven Wriston, son of William was born August 18, 1861, and married Mary Kathlene Romine. They had nine children: Ruby Grace, Nora, Mrytle, Verne, Curtis, Pearle, Violet, Adele, and Ulysses Grant Wriston.

-Pearle Wriston was born on May 15, 1897, and died on January 24, 1899.

-Ulysses Grant Wriston was born on October 14, 1899, in Fayette County and married Ada Pearl Daniel. Ada was born February 22, 1889 and died January 14, 1965. They had eight children.

-Violet B Wriston was born January 19, 1903, and died on October 20, 1913.

-Ruby Grace Wriston was born on September 4, 1912, and died March 29, 1989. She married Alva Newton Stover, son of Calloway C. Stover and Lily Ann Shreve.

2. John Wriston and Nancy Stover

John Wriston, son of Reason, was born January 8, 1820. His will was written on January 23, 1880. He was married three times. He was married first to Nancy Stover, daughter of Obediah Stover. Nancy had two sons, Alfred and Harrison Stover, when she and John married. John and Nancy's children were Paulina, Rebecca, Lewis, William, and Patterson Wriston.

-Paulina Wriston was born about 1844 and married James D. Scarboro, son of John Wesley Scarboro and Lucinda Stover, on November 17, 1870, in Raleigh County. They had one child: Araminta.

-Rebecca Wriston was born about 1845 and married James Jacob Wriston on October 9, 1865, in Raleigh County. They had two children.

John Wriston, son of Reason, married second Louisa Massey, daughter of Henry and Mary Massey on October 7, 1871, in Raleigh County. They had one daughter: Nancy Elizabeth Wriston.

-Nancy Elizabeth Wriston married Isaac J. Wriston. They had eight children.

John Wriston, son of Reason, married third Malinda Scarboro, daughter of Robert Scarboro and Mary Ann Foldin on January 31, 1854, in Fayette County. Their children were Mary Jane, Eveline, Rachel, Charles, Austin, and James Parker Wriston.

-Mary Jane Wriston was born January 4, 1855, in Raleigh County, and married Lewis F. Massey on March 22, 1879, in Raleigh County.

-Rachel Elizabeth Wriston was born about 1857, in Raleigh County, and she married Daniel Stover, son of William and Elizabeth Stover on March 11, 1875, in Raleigh County. They had eight children.

3. Lewis Wriston and Araminta Stover

Lewis Wriston, son of John, was born May 1848 in Fayette County. He married Araminta Stover, daughter of William Stover and Elizabeth Wriston, on April 8, 1875, in Raleigh County. They were married by Tollison Stover. They had seven children: William, James P., Daniel Austin, Henry A., Ira F., Littleton, and Shrilda Frances Wriston.

-James P. Wriston was born in March 1880. James married Ellie Frances Williams, daughter of William Riley Williams and Emily Stover. They were married on May 10, 1905. They had two children: Minnie and Farley Wriston.

-Daniel Austin Wriston was born March 1884 and married Sadie Marie Burgess, daughter of Russell Burgess and Caroline Hodge. They had eight children.

-Henry A. Wriston was born June 21, 1886, and died in June 1972. He married Ina Williams, daughter of Linus Williams, Sr., and Jeannetta Williams.

-Shrilda Frances Wriston was born about 1876. She married Preston Moses Stover, son of Jane Stover, on September 22, 1893, in Raleigh County. They had seven children.

3. James Parker Wriston and Nancy Jane Stover

James Parker Wriston was born on August 27, 1863, in Raleigh County, and died November 18, 1942. He married Nancy Jane Stover, daughter of Harrison Stover and Mary Ann Stover, on July 11, 1884, in Raleigh County. Their children were Nevil, Mary E., Marinda J., and Charlotte B. Wriston.

-Nevil M. Wriston, Sr., was born October 15, 1886, in Raleigh County, and he married Mary H. Stover on April 22, 1909, in Raleigh County. They had thirteen children. He also had two other children.

-Mary E. Wriston was born in May 1889. She married Josiah Adkinson.

2. Robert "Robin" Wriston and Keziah Scarboro

Robert "Robin" Wriston, son of Reason, was born about 1806 in Monroe County and died on August 24, 1867. He married Keziah Scarboro, daughter of Robert "Robin" Scarboro and Mary Ann Foldin. They had eleven children. Their names were Amanda Jane, James, Rachel, Mary, Virginia, Melinda, Anderson, Elizabeth, Savina, Reason, and Jeremiah Wriston.

-Amanda Jane Wriston was born February 16, 1866, in Fayetteville, Fayette County. She married William Harrison Aliff; and they had one daughter: Arvada Susan Aliff.

-Mary "Polly" Wriston was born about 1843 and married Lorenzo Dow Fisher, son of William Fisher and Elizabeth Bush about 1860. They had two children.

-Virginia Wriston was born about 1845 and married William Toney, son of Jesse Toney and Amanda Jarrell on July 31, 1867, in Fayette County.

3. James Wriston and Rebecca Moles

James Wriston, son of Robert "Robin" Wriston, was born in 1840 in Fayette County and married Rebecca Moles on July 3, 1861, in Raleigh County. Their nine children were Equilla, Nancy S., Callaway, Sarah, Mollie A., Jennie, Isaac, Susan, and Margaret Wriston.

-Mollie Wriston was born about 1878 and married Benjamin Franklin Stover, son of Anthony Lawson Stover and Elizabeth Jarrell, on June 5, 1893, in Raleigh County. Their two children were James Anthony and George Franklin Stover.

3. Reason Wriston and Julia Ann Smith

Reason Wriston, son of Robert "Robin" Wriston, was born on March 28, 1857, and died September 19, 1936. He married Julia Ann Smith. Julia was born June 20, 1856, and died June 22, 1935. They are both buried at the Rinehart Cemetery at Scarbro, Fayette County, West Virginia. They had eight children. They were William Robert, Reason Alfred, James, Huey Franklin, Etta, Amanda Ada, Julia, and Henry.

4. William Wriston and Martha Elizabeth Stover

William Robert Wriston, son of Reason and Julia was born on November 21, 1877, at Scarbro, Fayette County. He died February 11, 1963, and is buried in the Rinehart Cemetery. He married Martha Elizabeth Stover, daughter of Calloway C. Stover and Mahuldah Scarboro. They had seven children who were Tellie Gladys, Allie Alvin, Clarence Edward, Bessie Mae, Julia Kathleen, Violet Pearl, and Troy Emmitt Wriston.

-Tellie Gladys Wriston was born on November 12, 1912, in Raleigh County and died February 9, 1947. She was married to Montague Thomas Stover, son of Clark Stover and Letha Fairbell Burnside. They had five children.

-Allie Alvin Wriston married Isabelle Janney, and they had two children.

-Clarence Edward Wriston married Mary Ushley Stover, daughter of Clark Stover and Letha Fairbell Burnside. They had six children.

-Bessie Mae Wriston married Mavin Kennard Scarboro, and they had three children.

-Julia Kathleen Wriston was born December 28, 1917, and died on January 18, 1978. She married Charles Wendell

-Violet Pearl Wriston married R. L. Scarboro, and they had six children.

-Troy Emmitt Wriston married Elsie Pegram; and they had one child.

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