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Name: William Myrick SPEIGHTS
Given Name: William Myrick
Surname: Speights
Suffix: Sr.¹
Title: Sr.
Sex: M
Birth: 25 Jun 1745 in Dobbs Co, NC¹²
Death: Aft 22 Apr 1828 in Lawrence Co, Mississippi¹
Event: Military Service Abt 1777
Note: fought in American Revolution²
Event: Land Hancock Co, GA
Note: received Bounty land from Rev. service²
Change Date: 15 Feb 2001 at 20:27
Note:
Sharon Speights Varnes notes:
William is listed in the Shawnee Boswell Osborn Heritage 1600-1001, pg 64 "6th Gen. William Myrick Speights was the child of DAR Patriot William Speights Sr. born 6-25-1745 at N.C. died after 4-22-1828 at Lawrence Co. Mississippi. Married before 1787 to Lydia ----. Died after 1820 in Mississippi."
From Virgie Collier Speights files: William fought in the Revolutionary War from North Carolina. He died in 1828 in Lawrence County, Mississippi. He served in the Revolutionary War as a Soldier and also as a Patriot. He most probably was first married (#1) to Ann Phelps, and if so they were married August 8, 1772 in Chowan county, North Carolina. Family traditions says he married #2 Lydia and that she was the mother of his children and she died in Lawrence County, Mississippi after 1820. He moved his family from Dobbs County North Carolina to Hancock County, Georgia about 1795 and then to Lawrence County, Mississippi about 1820. William, his brother John and brother Levi received land in Hancock County Georgia for their service in the Revolutionary War. William and brother John scattered descendants from Georgia to Louisiana to Mississippi and finally to Texas.
At age 47 in 1792, William bought land in Wilkes County, Georgia. Sale witnessed by Shadrock Roe. Shadrock's mother was probably Chloe Speight who married John Roe, in 1784, Craven County, North Carolina.
William sold land he owned with Jessie Speights, in Hancock County, Georgia in 1812. Some of this same land was bought by the heirs of Josiah Speights in 1794. Land was in what was then Greene County. William sold land again in Hancock County in 1822 with Isaac Huddleston,
using his power of attorney. Isaac Huddleston was the husband of Mary Speights. William made a deed of gift to his daughter Lydia Speights Goodwin just before his death in 1828 in Lawrence County, Mississippi.

In a letter dated April 25, 1951 to "Aunt Exa" from Neva Thompson of Prentiss, Mississippi, found in Virgie Collier Speights Files:

We find from the Monticello Chancery records - during the 1820's - In Book B., pg. 225,
1. William Speights wills his daughter Lydia Godwin a Negro woman named Clary, her boy Henry and their increase - dated Dec. 29, 1823.
2. same book on April 22, 1828, he bequeathed other gifts upon his other children. Each one explained the relationship by saying "for love and affection I feel for my son (or daughter) I give...."

William gave his son, Green Speights, a Negro man named Sam. William gave his son Asa Speights a yoke of oxen named "Negro" and "Dan". Also all the plantation and farming utensils were to become his at Williams death. He was to have the use of all the slaves during William's lifetime (must have become incapacitated and Asa cared for him.) Asa was also given a Negro boy named Amus.

3. Nancy Speights, wife of Asa, got all beds, bedding, and house furniture at his death.
4. Grandson Commellus Speights was given Negro girl named Mary to do as he pleased about her, except her first born was to be given to Marcellus.

William M. must have received his legacy before this time as he was not mentioned in these papers.... because in 1823, when Lydia might have married and left the family circle she received her share and was not mentioned in 1828 arrangements. William married Rebecca Hopkins Dec 17, 1817 and thus received a legacy at that time.

(Virgie Speights records Hemphill Texas Library; Janette Davenport, North Little Rock, AR, 1997)

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Father: William SPEIGHTS b: Abt 1715 in Dobbs Co, NC
Mother: Sarah b: Abt 1715 in NC

Marriage 1 Anne PHELPS b: Abt 1752 in poss NC

- **Note:**

  Sharon Speight Varnes notes:
  North and South Carolina Marriage Records from Earliest Colonial Days to Civil War by William Montgomery Clemens, Page 258 - shows the marriage of William Speight to Phelps, August 8, 1772 in Chowan Co, NC.

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- **Married:** 8 Aug 1772 in Chowan Co, NC
- **Change Date:** 6 Sep 2000
Marriage 2 **Lydia** b: Abt 1767

- **Note:**

  Sharon Speights Varnes notes:
  in Virgie Collier Speights files "Descendants of William Speights, born 1745 North Carolina or Virginia... (14 typed pages). "Tradition says that the married #2 Lydi ? and that she was the mother of his children - maybe 13? - She died in Lawrence Co, Miss. after 1820. He moved his family from Perhaps Dobbs Co, NC to Hancock Co, Georgia about 1795, than to Lawrence Co, Miss. about 1820.

- **Married:** Bef 1787 ³
- **Change Date:** 13 Jul 2000

**Children**

1. **Levi SPEIGHTS** b: 1780 in GA
2. **John SPEIGHTS** b: 1782 in NC
3. **Mary SPEIGHTS** b: 1784 in GA
4. **William Myrick SPEIGHTS** b: 28 Jan 1787 in VA
5. **Shadrack SPEIGHTS** b: Abt 1795 in GA
6. **Senera SERENA J Speights** b: Abt 1796
7. **Lydia SPEIGHTS** b: 1796 in NC
8. **Asa SPEIGHTS** b: Abt 1797 in GA
9. **Jack SPEIGHTS** b: Abt 1797
10. **Green W SPEIGHTS** b: Abt 1800
11. **Thomas SPEIGHTS** b: Abt 1800

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