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THE EMERSON'S OF
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA
AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

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In 1790 Thomas Emerson died in Albemarle County, Va. His will was dated 5 March 1790. Records have been found for this Thomas Emerson dating back to 1736. He was married twice, and had six children by his first wife Martha, and one child by his second wife Judith. Those children are as follows:

Samuel Emerson (Mildred Potter)
Henry Emerson (Elizabeth Garell)
Thomas Emerson (Linny _____)
John Emerson (Ann _____)
Jane Emerson (John Furlong)
Mary Emerson (Christopher Norton)

Elizabeth Emerson (_____)

Of these children, Samuel and John were the only ones who came to Pittsylvania County. Samuel did not stay very long as he moved on to Kentucky. John, however, settled in Pittsylvania County and had many descendants, the subject of this report.

John Emerson, Sr. was married to Ann - her maiden name has not been found. John Emerson, Sr. had a will and it was dated 9 October 1818. In his will he mentioned nine children. They were:

- I. Nancy Emerson
- II. James Emerson (Millicent Adams)
- III. John Emerson (Martha - Patsy - Jackson)
- IV. Henry Emerson (Betsey Chester) (Nancy Smith)
(Jane Padron)
- V. Sally Emerson (Eli Jackson)
- VI. William Emerson (Elizabeth Aaron)
- VII. Anna - Amy - Emerson (Levi Jackson)
- VIII. Martha Emerson (Isham Myers)
- IX. Judith Emerson (James Jackson)

Very little research has been done regarding the daughters of John Emerson, Sr. This report attempts to follow the other lines of John Emerson, Sr. Even though many left Pittsylvania County, it is a good starting point for many people bearing the name of Emerson today.

Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of the following information. As you read the report, if you find or suspect an error, please make a copy of the page, indicate the correction or addition and send it to me. This is my only charge to you for this copy.

My outline method may seem unusual for a genealogical endeavor but it works reasonably well when you remember that those persons with Roman numerals are the children of John Emerson, Sr., any with capital letters are the grandchildren and so on down the line

The dates to the right of some names indicate marriage dates and constitute the only official proof for dates. The on the left of some names are the year of birth. Parenthesis indicate my best guess from census records, etc. If you can correct any information, supply middle names or dates, please do so. If you can extend any of these lines, especially those born before 1900, I beg you to do so. My hope is that each time you come in contact with other Emerson's, you'll see if they can add to this effort.

Although many earlier Emerson's and some at present use the two m's in the name, I chose to use the original spelling throughout.

For your information, Easley F. Emerson and Sarah W. Johnson are the parents of the author.

Several persons have contributed to this report. You know who you are because I've sent you a copy. Two good friends that I'd like to recognize for their wonderful help are:

Mrs. Edna Emerson Park - Orlando, Fla. - who has traced Emerson's for over thirty five years.

Dr. Kary C. Emerson - Arlington, Va. - who is an authority on Emerson's in the South and has authored several books on the name.

The final page of this report is a reduction of a deed that gave me the initial clue that my great-grandfather, John Daniel Emerson, was the grandson of John Emerson, Jr.

	I. Nancy Emerson		
(1770-80)	✓ II. James Emerson - Millicent Adams	15 May 1809	
	A. Rebecca Emerson		
	B. Jabez Emerson		
(1811)	C. Samuel Emerson - Salley Holley	20 Sept 1830	
(1835)	1. Allison Emerson - Phebe Cox		
(1871)	a. William A. Emerson - Martha A.		
	(1) Mary Emerson -		
	(2) Samuel S. Emerson -		
	(3) Robert A. Emerson -		
(1872)	(?) b. James I. Emerson - Mollie		
	(1) General G. W. Emerson -		
	(2) Isabell Emerson -		
	(3) Cora E. Emerson -		
(1837)	2. Wade A. Emerson - Easter Jane	?	
(1858)	a. Susan C. Emerson -		
(1861)	b. John W. Emerson -		
(1864)	c. Matilda E. Emerson -		
(1866)	d. Lucinda E. Emerson -		
(1871)	e. David W. Emerson -		
(1868)	f. Martha Jane Emerson -		
(1872)	g. James J. Emerson -		
(1875)	h. Samuel J. Emerson -		
(1878)	i. Sarah Ann Emerson -		
(1880)	j. Pleasant R. Emerson -		
	3. Susan Emerson -		
	4. Matilda Emerson -		
(1800-10)	D. Allen Emerson - Darcus Johnson	6 Apr 1829	
	E. Rhoda Emerson - Eli Jackson	7 Jan 1833	
	- Ambrose Jackson	21 Dec 1841	
(1817)	F. Elizabeth Emerson - Nathaniel Adams	18 Nov 1841	
(1845)	1. Jabez A Adams - Edny M. Hutcherson	2 Mar 1865	
	- Nancy P. Emerson	5 Sept 1876	
	2. John W. Adams - died young		
(1837)	(?) G. Nancy Emerson - Wesley Powell		
(1857)	1. Malinda Jane Powell - John Israel Emerson	1869	
(1855)	2. Elizabeth F. Powell - Lawson Jackson Emerson	1876	
(1844)	3. Bettie Ann Powell -		
(1858)	4. Sarah Ann Powell -		
(1864)	5. Samuel J. Powell -		
(1866)	6. Wesley Powell -		
(1868)	7. William Powell -		
	8. Ellis Powell -		

(1770-80)	III.	John Emerson, Jr. - Martha (Patsy) Jackson	18 June 1806
(1807)	A.	James Emerson - Sarah Hardy	4 Nov 1834
(1851)	1.	James Bannister Emerson - Valeria Martha Elliott	8 Aug 1876
	a.	James L. Emerson - Dora Merrick	
	b.	John Bannister Emerson - Lillian Elliott	
	c.	George Washington Emerson - Jennie Lewis	
	d.	William Aylor Emerson - Lessie Holley	
(1898)	e.	Cecil Wileph Emerson - William M. Barbour	
	f.	Sally Ann Emerson - Charles Yates	
	g.	Martha Jane Emerson	
	h.	Minnie Lee Emerson - Burton S. Holley	
	i.	Nellie Dale Emerson - Tim Ferrell	
1835	2.	John Smith Emerson - Diadema Alviria Hall	1857
1860	a.	James William Emerson - Melinda Draper	
1882	(1)	Rovia N. Emerson	
	(2)	John Burleigh Emerson	
1885	(3)	Henry Cletis Emerson - Selina Lavoy	
1887	(4)	Edward Perkins Emerson - Lucy Draper	
1900	(5)	James Lucius Emerson - Frances White	
1905	(6)	William S. Emerson - Selma Ross	
	(7)	Cassie Lavada Emerson - died young	
	(8)	Betty Emerson - died young	
1862	b.	Sally Ann Emerson - William Greenwood - Peter Brown	
1865	c.	John Henry Emerson - Fannie Elizabeth Moore - Louise Elizabeth Jackson	
	(1)	William Joseph Emerson - Mary McDonald	
	(2)	Callie Irene Emerson - Joebill Jackson	
	(3)	Edna Loucinda Emerson - Charles W. Park	
	(4)	John Henry Emerson, Jr. - Betsie Tatum	
	(5)	Arthur Cona Emerson - Inez Brown	
	(6)	James Monroe Emerson - Lelia Bailey	
	(7)	Robert Gale Emerson - Roselle Tinsley	
	(8)	Hubert Winifred Emerson - Graham Ayers	
	(9)	Hoover Smith Emerson - Annie Mae Pruett	
	(10)	Leanna Agnes Emerson - Weaver R. Welborn	
	(11)	Virginia Elsie Emerson - Herbert Lawrence	
	(12)	Ruth Cordelia Emerson - Jarrett Jeter	
	(13)	Lucille Emerson - died young	
	(14)	Cora Elizabeth Emerson - Charles Gray	
	d.	Joseph Donald (Doan) Emerson - Josie Wright	
	(1)	Grady M. Emerson - Bertha Norman	
	(2)	Ida May Emerson - Alex L. Johnson	
	(3)	John Emerson - died young	

1878

- e. Milliard Lincoln Emerson - Eva Moser
 - (1) Henry Edward Emerson - Thelma Pierce
 - (2) Howard Cleo Emerson - Jessie Jones
 - (3) John Clinton Emerson - Lottie Davis
 - (4) Reitzel Lee Emerson - Mortiss Jones
 - (5) James Dee Emerson - Grace Brewer
 - (6) Milliard Lincoln Emerson, Jr.
 - (7) Helen Emerson - died young
 - (8) Lillian Emerson - Wade F. Perry
- f. George Isaac Cicero Emerson -

1881

- Minnie Ella Engle 1911

- (1) Ester Mae Emerson -
- (2) George Daniel Emerson -
- (3) Herman Walter Emerson -
- (4) Opal Plena Emerson -
- (5) Eugene Clifford Emerson
- (6) Ernest Engle Emerson
- (7) Ansa Lee Emerson -
- (8) Mary Emma Emerson -
- (9) Edwin Webber Emerson -
- (10) Dale Cicero Emerson -

1868

1874

1876

1880

(1837)

(1875)

(1883)

(1885)

- g. Mary Jane (Molly) Emerson -
- h. Nancy Emma Cordelia Emerson - John W. Payne
- i. Bettie Maude Emerson - never married
- j. Susan Eloise (Ella) Emerson - David Barnett
- 3. Elisha William Emerson - Mary Jane Powell 1866
 - a. Henry Emerson - Susan Powell
 - b. Edward Emerson - Bettie Myers
 - c. James Emerson - Mary Fielder
 - d. Fletcher Emerson - Fanny Lovelace
 - e. Sarah Jane Emerson - John Sidney Lynch 1890
 - f. Nancy Alice Emerson - James Myers
 - g. Anna Mae Emerson - died young
 - h. Mary Emerson - died young
 - i. George Emerson - Sallie Easter

(1843)

1854

4. Martha Emerson -

5. George W (Washington) Emerson - Missouri F. Simpson

1885

- a. Henry Clay Emerson -
- b. John W. Emerson -
- c. Taylor Y. Emerson -
- d. Elizabeth Emerson -

(1886)

(1892)

(1895)

(1899)

1877		h.	Albert Boyd Emerson - Elizabeth Fleecie Hubbard
		(1)	Albert Boyd Emerson, Jr. - Erma Frances Segassie
		(2)	Adrian Charcee Emerson - James William Swafford
		(3)	Singleton Belt Emerson - Rose Elizabeth Beale
1880		i.	Jacob Lee Emerson - Florence Smith Mustain
		(1)	Launa Mae Emerson - Willie Everette Jennings
		(2)	Russell Coleman Emerson - Edna Hall Hyams
		(3)	Louis Bransford Emerson - Viola Lillian Gordon
		(4)	Martha Frances Emerson - Ralph Johnson Clark
		(5)	Easley Fleetwood Emerson - Sarah Woodburn Johnson
1882		j.	Traynham C. Emerson - Rosa Lee Spears
1844	2.		William Perkins Emerson - Fanny Ligon Pearson
1870		a.	Julia Ann Emerson - Joseph Daniel Minter
		(1)	Beatrice Hudson Minter - Sam May
		(2)	Granville Emerson Minter - Virginia Tress
		(3)	Jeanette Jackson Minter - W. Howard Wood
		(4)	Lois Pearson Minter - Norris Goodwin
		(5)	Joseph Daniel Minter - Virginia Brumfield
1872		b.	George Olliver Emerson - Laura Martha Fulton
		(1)	George O. Emerson, Jr. - Virginia Ruth French
		(2)	Frances Emerson - Henry C. M. Knox-Dick
		(3)	Laura Emerson - Ernest Fulton Neal
1875		c.	Edward Everette Emerson - Susan Kemp
		(1)	James Everette Emerson - Elizabeth McFall
1880		d.	Lillian Magdeline Emerson - Anthony Saffold Bondurant
		(1)	Maury Dana Bondurant - Elizabeth Thomas
		(2)	Stewart Osborne Bondurant - Margaret Fortescue
		(3)	Joseph Hundley Bondurant - Nora Purdy
		(4)	Lucius Malvern Bondurant - Joyce Davis
		(5)	James Emerson Bondurant - Lucinda Hundley

(1848)	3.	Mary Cornelia Emerson - John J. Power 28 Jan 1868	
	a.	William Henry Power - Lena L. Layne	
	b.	James Lawson Power - Jessie M. Carr	
	c.	John Power - Nellie Johnson	
	d.	Walter D. Power - died young ?	
	e.	George Edward Power - Seline Layne	
	f.	Charles Thomas Power - Betty ?	
	g.	Loula M. Power - Robert K. Gosney	
	h.	Lessie E. Power - John Holland	
	i.	Bird Cornelia Power - Cabell Brown	
	j.	Frank Power - Janie Owen	
(1850)	4.	Henry N. Emerson - died at 14	
1855	5.	Olliver Keen Emerson - Ella A. Starkey	1882
	a.	Olive I. Emerson - died young	
(1815)	E.	William Emerson - Jane Herndon	26 Oct 1844
		- Susan Powell	31 Oct 1860
(1848)	1.	John Israel Emerson - Malinda J. Powell	1869
(1871)	a.	John Wilson Emerson - Netta Evans	1894
		(1) Lizzie W. Emerson	
		(2) Israel Emerson	
		(3) William Emerson	
(1873)	b.	Charlie Parish Emerson - Kate Dodd	
(1881)	c.	James Erving Emerson - Eliza Brown	
	d.	Nancy Jane Emerson - Anderson P. Adams	
(1878)	e.	Sallie B. Emerson - B. H. Blount	
(1880)	f.	Emma White Emerson - James Rabi Emerson	
		(1) Pearlle Mae Emerson - never married	
		(2) James Aubrey Emerson - Pearl Mitchell	
		(3) Haley Earl Emerson - never married	
		(4) Percy Carter Emerson - Ellie Mae Dixon	
(1876)	g.	Mamie Emerson	
1851	2.	Lawson Jackson Emerson - Elizabeth F. Powell 1876	
		- Sarah Elizabeth Giles 1883	
(1884)	a.	James Rabi Emerson - Emma White Emerson	
(1889)	b.	Lawson Benjamin Emerson - Minnie Maude Owen	
(1898)	c.	John (Douglas ?) Emerson - never married	
	d.	Edith Jane Emerson - died young	
(1888)	e.	Daisy W. Emerson - L. B. Lowder	
	f.	Willie May Emerson -	
	g.	Augusta W. Emerson - never married	
(1894)	i.	Alee Emerson - Fred Morris	

1853	3.	Pleasant William Emerson - Isabella A. Powell		
(1886)	a.	Cabell Emerson - Gussie Yeats		
(1899)	b.	Charlie A. Emerson - Jessie Martin		
(1885)	c.	Walter Emerson -		
	d.	Janie Emerson - James Carroll		
(1891)	e.	Willie Bettie Emerson - Anderson P. Adams		
(1897)	f.	Loula B. Emerson - Jason Burnett		
(1888)	g.	Elsie Graves Emersons - John Pruett		
(1894)	h.	Fitzhugh L. Emerson - Hattie Massie		
(1845)	i.	Roy J. Emerson -		
	4.	Nancy Perkins Emerson - Jabez A. Adams 5 Sept 1876		
	a.	Lawson J. Adams - Irene Hendricks		
	b.	Elizabeth J. Adams - Robert W. Haythe		
	c.	Anderson P. Adams - Willie Bettie Emerson - Nancy Jane Emerson		
	d.	Mildred W. Adams - T. P. Burnette - Luke Perkins		
	5.	Mary Emerson - died young		
(1818)	F.	Judith Emerson		
	G.	Smith Emerson - died young		
	H.	Mary E. (Polly) Emerson - Stephen Wright 4 Nov. 1858		
	1.	Lawson Wright - Martha (#1 and #4 the same ?)		
	2.	Nancy Wright - H.B. Dodd		
	3.	Sarah Wright - D.C. Faust		
	4.	Buford (Burton) Wright - Martha Garrett		
(1828)	I.	Martha Emerson - James Lynch 27 Aug. 1850		
	1.	Elvisa M. Lynch - Olliver Ellett Herndon 1871		
	2.	John Sidney Lynch - Sarah Jane Emerson 1890		
(1830)	J.	Ellen Emerson - twin to Ann		
(1830)	K.	Ann Emerson - William Herndon 11 Mar 1850		
(1788)	IV.	Henry Emerson - Betsey Chester 18 July 1814		
		- Nancy Smith 5 Feb 1819		
		- Jane Padron 24 Jan 1861		
	A.	John T. Emerson - Nancy Pigg 31 Jan 1833		
	B.	Martha Washington Emerson - Jonas Memory Waller 16 Dec 1833		
	1.	Mary E. Waller - W. C. Stansford		
	2.	David H. Waller - Martha J. W. Williams		
	3.	Tabitha Waller -		
	4.	Jonas M. Waller, Jr. - Lucy E. Patton		
	5.	Sarah J. Waller - William A. G. Knight		
	6.	Martha Waller -		
	7.	John B. Waller -		
	8.	William A. Waller - Lelia Phillips		
	9.	V. B. Waller -		

1829		C.	Edwin Lewis Emerson - Sarah Easley	15 June 1855
1856		1.	William E. Emerson - Lucy Sours	
		a.	Leola Emerson - Giles	
		b.	Fay Emerson -	
		c.	Bun Emerson -	
1857		2.	Henry Pyrant Emerson - Arie Adner Giles	
		a.	Ann Elizabeth Emerson - Jack Gannon	
		b.	Sadie Estelle Emerson - never married	
		c.	Earl Vanburg Emerson - Serena Shorter	
		d.	Welons Semple Emerson - never married	
		e.	Eva Emerson - never married	
		f.	Elvin Rex Emerson - Polly Johnson	
		g.	Thelma Gulma Emerson - never married	
		h.	Derrell Ernest Emerson - Margaret Shaner	
			(1) Derrell E. Emerson, Jr. -	
			(2) Henry O. Emerson -	
		i.	Harold Easley Emerson - Doris Lee Shaner	
1859		3.	Charles Ed Emerson - Lillian Ragsdale	
		a.	Ruth Emerson - Gray	
		b.	Edgar Emerson - never married	
		c.	Helen Emerson -	
		d.	Edith Emerson -	
1861		4.	Virginia Coles Emerson - Thomas F. Herndon	1886
1863		5.	Nancy S. Emerson - never married	
1829		D.	George C. Emerson -	
		E.	Burwell Samuel Emerson - Virginia Simmons	20 Nov 1850
1854	*	1.	Henry (Samuel ?) Emerson - Tempy Price	2 Dec 1877
			- Mary Pace	18 Jul 1886
			- Josephine Walton	28 Dec 1892
(1879)		a.	Charles Emerson -	
(1894)		b.	Lottie Emerson -	
(1895)		c.	Bertha A. Emerson -	
(1896)		d.	Hughes R. Emerson -	

* I'm very unsure of the placement of this Henry Emerson. He gives Jane Emerson as his mother in each of his marriages. The only line that this would fit would be the William Emerson that married Jane Herndon. No one in that line has mentioned or knows of this Henry. It is possible that he was living with Jane Padron Emerson, third wife of Henry Emerson, Sr. I know that she survived Henry, Sr., his son Burwell, and quite possibly Virginia Simmons Emerson.

(1823)	F.	Randolph D. Emerson - never married	
	G.	Pleasant William Emerson - Ann Q. Pigg	3 Mar 1846
(1835)	H.	Sarah Elizabeth Emerson - Jeremiah White	
		Fackler	12 Nov 1850
(1851)	1.	Robert Edward Fackler - Emily S. Thompkins	
(1853)	2.	George H. Fackler -	
(1856)	3.	Pleasant W. Fackler -	
(1858)	4.	Fullington J. Fackler -	
1827	I.	Nancy Jane Emerson - never married	

V.	Sally Emerson - Eli Jackson	10 Feb 1813
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(1770-80)	✓ VI.	William Emerson - Elizabeth Aaron	14 Oct 1816
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A.	Martha Emerson -
B.	Elisha Emerson - Susan Ann Bush
C.	Jacob Emerson - Lanny Bush
D.	Adeline E. Emerson - Pleasant D. Waller
E.	Sarah A. Emerson - James H. Underwood
F.	George Emerson
G.	Serena E. Emerson - James Hester
H.	Horatio Emerson -
I.	Mary Emerson - W. Bush

✓ VII.	Anna (Amy) Emerson - Levi Jackson	21 Dec 1822
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✓ VIII.	Martha (Patsy) Emerson - Isham Myers	24 Dec 1817
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✓ IX.	Judith Emerson - James Jackson	20 Dec 1813
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OTHER PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY MARRIAGES BEFORE 1900

9 Apr. 1780	Rachel Emerson - Joel Atkinson
1783	Jesse Emerson - Elizabeth Emerson

(Both of above are children of Samuel Emerson, brother of John Emerson, Sr.)

23 Jun. 1872	Jane Emerson - Jordan Valentine (Parents listed as Cahah ? and Pattie Emerson)
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23 Dec. 1880	Mollie Emerson - Jesse Robertson
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9 Oct. 1883	Nannie Emerson - Wise Edwards (Mother is listed as Jane Emerson) (Sister to Henry ?)
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