

WESLEY M. ABBOTT and FAMILY  
Son of William Abbott of Halifax County, Virginia

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CHILDREN of WESLEY M. ABBOTT and ELIZA A. ROBERTSON

Rebecca A. Abbott (m. John Q. Snead), William H. Abbott (m1 Bettie A. Irby, m2 Mattie W. Caldwell), Milton C. Abbott (m. Hallie R. Snead), Janetta T. Abbott (m. Samuel E. Snead)

WESLEY MANSFIELD ABBOTT, son of William Abbott and Mary "Polly" Parker, and his twin sister Keturah Abbott were born on 27 Sep 1798 in Halifax County, VA. [Full name and date from Family Register, NARA File W5616] By bond dated 22 Jan 1834, Wesley M. Abbott married Eliza Ann Robertson. [Halifax Marriage Bond Register No. 1] The bondsman was Christopher Robertson. No relationship is stated; however, Eliza is proved to be a daughter of Christopher Robertson "by my first wife" as stated in his Halifax will dated 15 Jul 1857, naming her Eliza A. Abbott. [HWB25:479]

Wesley's family connections with the Robertsons are numerous. Christopher Robertson's will also proves that Jesse T. Robertson was another child by Christopher's first wife and a brother of Wesley's wife Eliza. In 1843, Jesse T. Robertson (also called Thomas) married Wesley Abbott's cousin Elizabeth M. Abbott. She was the daughter of Moody Abbott, a younger brother of Wesley's father William Abbott, and Martha W. Lindsey. Martha was a sister of Thomas G. Lindsey, who married Wesley's older sister Susanna/Susan Sharp Abbott in 1818.

Christopher Robertson's second wife was Elizabeth Penick, whom he married 15 Oct 1822 in Halifax County. Elizabeth Penick was a sister of Judith Penick, second wife of William Owen, a son of Hatcher Owen and Mary Abbott, Wesley's aunt and a sister of his father William Abbott.

William Owen's son (by his first wife) James M. Owen married in 1848 to Lucy J. Robertson, Eliza Ann's half-sister and daughter of Christopher Robertson and Elizabeth Penick. The year before in 1847, Wesley's father William Abbott's will appointed his nephew William Owen as an executor, and three of William Owen's sons, including James M. Owen, witnessed the will. [HWB22:24]

Between 1838 and 1850, Wesley M. Abbott was involved in the probate and estate administration of his two unmarried aunts, Elizabeth Abbott and Martha/Patsy Abbott, and also his unmarried uncle John Abbott who had lived with them. (See details in compiled Abbott wills and estate records with this research report.) The ultimate legatee of the siblings' estates was Wesley's cousin, his life-long close neighbor, and eventually his sister-in-law Elizabeth M. Abbott Robertson.

After Wesley and Eliza married in 1834, they probably lived on part of his father William Abbott's land. In 1844, William sold Wesley some of his land.

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Date: (month and day blank) 1844

From: WILLIAM ABBOTT

To: WESLEY M. ABBOTT

For: \$200

Description: tract of land on Difficult Creek (number of acres not included)

Bounds: near the Roling [sic] Road [the rolling road], David Hudson [formerly William's brother Richard Abbott], Difficult Creek, David Allen, Clarks Ferry Road [formerly Bonds Ferry Rd], Terry (no metes included)

/s/ William Abbott

Witnesses: None

Recorded: 2 Sep 1844

[Source: Halifax Deed Book 49, p. 651. LVA Reel 23. Abstract by J. Horsley. Comments in brackets added.]

Note:

Wesley Abbott's 1845 land taxes enter this tract from William as 70 acres, but neither William's acres in the land taxes nor the acres in his deeds of trust match his total deeds of purchase and sale. (Due to the way acres were calculated for land taxes, all early Abbott families' land taxes have numerous errors, many carried down each year for decades.)

Bonds/Clarks Ferry Road is roughly today's Newbill School Road that runs just above today's Crystal Hill, VA east to the Staunton River. It is referenced by various names in Abbott deeds since Wesley's father and grandfather arrived in Halifax in 1762. A "rolling road" was a road made wider, smoother, and straighter than usual roads in order to roll hogsheads of tobacco to market or navigable waterways. This one is referenced in William Abbott's 1838 deed as "the road to Mt. Laurel," which ran from today's Anderson Road northeast to Mt. Laurel near the Staunton River. [HDB45:33] Part of the old "road to Mt. Laurel" seems near today's Winns Creek Road and Abbott Hill Road, southeast and east of today's Crystal Hill. It may eventually have joined Clarks Ferry Road on the north side of this tract.

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Wesley's father William Abbott died in Halifax County on 4 Jan 1848. [NARA File W5616] William's will, written 15 Mar 1847 (proved 24 Jan 1848) bequeaths to Wesley a slave girl Jane "and nothing else." [HWB22:24] Usually this phrase means that the heir has already received money or assets of equal value to their siblings' inheritance.

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1850 US Census - Halifax Co, VA - Northern District

Abbott, Wesley M - 51 - Farmer - Real Est. \$300 - VA - 5 slaves [per Slave Schedule]

Elizabeth A - 36

Rebecca S[sic; A.] - 12 [Rebecca A. Abbott m. 23 Jan 1856 to Jno. Q. Sneed]

William A[sic; H] - 9 [b. Sep 1840, per grave marker]

Milton C - 7 [b. Jun 1843, per 1900 census]

Jennetta F[sic, T] - 1

Lindsey, Merret H - 14 - VA [orphaned nephew]

Note:

Merritt Lindsey is a son of Wesley's sister Susanna/Susan Abbott who married Thomas Lindsey in 1818. Thomas Lindsey is said to have died abt. 1841, and Susan died bet. 1847-1850, both in Prince Edward County, VA

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Wesley's mother Mary "Polly" Parker Abbott apparently died bet. Nov 1850 - Sep 1851, based on deeds of those dates. William's will directed that after Mary's death, his land was to be sold at auction and the proceeds divided among the two unmarried daughters, Elizabeth Abbott and Keturah "Kitty" Abbott, and their sister Onisha "Ony" Abbott Pincham, the only other daughter still in or near Halifax. Instead, on 6 Sep 1851, the three sisters and Ony's husband, Alfred

Pincham as the estate administrator, made an agreement with Wesley to sell their 195.5 acres directly to him. [HDB55:124] On 15 Oct 1853, Wesley M. Abbott and his wife Eliza A. (Robertson) sold back to his sisters Elizabeth Abbott and Keturah Abbott 70 acres of their father's land for \$200.[HDB55:236] The sisters sold the same land in 1857 for \$400. [HDB57:383] (See details of the agreement and deeds in report on William Abbott.)

Eliza Ann's father, Christopher Robertson, wrote his will 15 Jul 1857 and died shortly before 26 Oct 1857, when the will was proved in Halifax Court.[HWB25:479] A woman at that time still could not own property separate from her husband, so Wesley was Christopher's legatee "by right of" his wife Eliza. Eliza and her full siblings from Christopher's first wife (whose name is not known) were bequeathed land jointly. These siblings are named in the will as: Pleasant C. Robertson, Eliza A. Abbott, Jesse T. Robertson (who was then married to Wesley's cousin Elizabeth M. Abbott), and William W. Robertson.

Jesse T. Robertson and wife Elizabeth M. Abbott moved from Halifax to nearby Rockingham County, NC abt. 1848, so after Christopher Robertson died, they sold their interest in the joint bequest to Wesley and Eliza:

Date: 7 Apr 1858

From: Jesse T. Robertson & Elizabeth his wife of Rockingham Co., NC

To: WESLEY M. ABBOTT of Halifax

For: \$650

Description: All our interest in three tracts of land in Halifax Co. which we inherited by the will of Christopher Robertson dec'd

Bounds: First tract: 289 acres, called the Winns Creek Tract, bounded by William Bailey, Pleasant C. Robertson [brother of Eliza, Wesley's wife], Edward J. Owen [brother of James M. Owen h/o Lucy J. Robertson, Eliza's half-sistere], "and others"

Second tract: 135 acres, called the Carlton [Carleton] Tract, bounded by Richard Logan, James S. Easley, "and others"

Third tract: 20.5 acres, called the Epps Tract, bounded by James Young, Joseph C. Terry, and Banister River

Signed: Jesse F.[sic; T.] Robertson, Elizabeth M. Robertson [nee Elizabeth M. Abbott]

Release of Dower by Elizabeth M. Robertson

Recorded: \*6 Apr 1858 - Halifax Clerk's Office - Ack. by Jesse T. Robertson & Elizabeth M. Robertson

[\*The deed is dated 7 Apr but the record date is 6 Apr]

[Source: Halifax Deed Book 57, p. 480-482. LVA Reel 27. Abstract by J. Horsley. Comments in brackets added.]

Wesley and Eliza Ann and her other full siblings, Pleasant and William, amicably divided the land in these three tracts among themselves, including Jesse's share to Wesley. They then executed a series of deeds whereby each one released his/her interest in the parcel or parcels that went to the others. This is the deed for the share that went to Wesley and Eliza. (The other two deeds are included in the compiled Abbott deeds.)

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Date: 24 Apr 1858

From: Pleasant C. Robertson and William W. Robertson

To: WESLEY M. ABBOTT and wife Eliza

For: the premises and for a like conveyance for our several portions of the same tract that the said Wesley M. Abbott and his wife Eliza have made to each of us and for \$1.00 to each of us

Purpose: Whereas Pleasant C. Robertson, William W. Robertson, Eliza Abbott wife of Wesley M. Abbott, and Wesley M. Abbott by purchase from Jesse T. Robertson are all heirs and distributees of a certain tract of land by the will of Christopher Robertson dec'd and being all of lawful age and having divided among themselves, a certain parcel of 130-2/4 acres was allotted to Wesley M. Abbott and Eliza his wife. By this deed the grantors release our interests in this land for the considerations as stated

Description: 130-2/4 acres (except the right of way allotted to Pleasant C. Robertson by his father Christopher Robertson and expressly reserved to Pleasant C. Robertson)

Bounds: Pleasant C. Robertson, William W. Robertson, Winns Creek, Owen, Meeting House lot, Thomas

Signed: Pleasant C. Robertson, W'm W. Robertson

Witnesses: None

Recorded: 24 Apr 1858

[Source: Halifax Deed Book 57, p. 512-513. LVA Reel 27. Abstract by J. Horsley.]

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By the time of the 1860 census, Wesley owned close to 400 acres the area on the eastern side of Crystal Hill from Clarks Ferry/Newbill School Road south to the Baptist church meeting house at today's Winns Creek Road.

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1860 - Halifax Co, VA - Northern District - Post Office: Scottsburg

Abbott, Westley[sic] M - 60 - Farmer - Real Est: \$3000; Pers. Est: \$11,310

Eliza A - 47

William - 20 - Laborer

Milton - 17 - Laborer

Janetta - 12

Slaves: 11 slaves [per Slave Schedule]

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A number of Wesley's close family died during the war decade of 1860-1870. The last of his father William Abbott's siblings, Moody Abbott, died in Halifax in 1862. Wesley's older sister Elizabeth Abbott, his twin sister Keturah Abbott, and his younger sister Onisha Pincham all died during that decade. In addition to the generally high number of civilian wartime deaths, the Halifax County War Memorial Commission has identified 488 men from Halifax (many hardly more than boys) who died serving in the Civil War. Heading the alphabetical list is Elisha Abbott, whose parents were both cousins of Wesley. Presumably Wesley and Eliza's son Milton C. Abbott (also recorded as M. C. Abbott) was the one who served as a Private in the Confederate Army in the 34th Virginia Infantry, Company F. [NPS Civil War Soldiers and Sailors online database] William H. Owen, Wesley's cousin and also a relation by Robertson marriages, died while serving in that same company with Milton. There are several Confederate soldiers from Virginia listed as William H. Abbott or W. H. Abbott, but I have not been able to identify which, if any, was Wesley and Eliza's son of that name.

By 1870, Wesley's only surviving sibling was Mary "Polly" Giles in Gibson County, TN, where she died bet. 1870-1880. Thus, by the 1870 census, Wesley M. Abbott was the only one of his parents' children still living in Halifax.

1870 - Halifax Co, VA - Roanoke Dist. - Post Office: Halifax Court House

Abbott, W M - 71 - Farmer - Real Est: \$1000; Pers Est: \$500

Eliza A - 56

Jennetta T - 21 [m. 11 Jan 1870 to S. E. Snead (Samuel, per 1860 census)]

Milton C - 26 [m. abt. 1872 to Hallie R. Snead]

Snead, Charles L - 2 - [listed as a grandson in 1880]

Note:

Wesley's real and personal estate values reflect the severe financial losses suffered throughout the South as a result of the Civil War. In addition, slaves were considered "personal property" and comprised the largest part of any slave-owner's personal estate, thus the greatly diminished personal property values following emancipation. In 1870, Wesley's personal estate is less than 5% of 1860, not uncommon among men with his wealth prior to the war. Still, Wesley's family was well-off considering the large number of formerly moderate-income families who became destitute as a result of the war.

The child listed here as Charles L. Snead appears to be the son of John and Rebecca Abbott Snead who was born 1 Dec 1867, per the birth record naming him only male "infant Snead." John and Rebecca's family is missing in the 1870 census, but their 1880 census family does not have a son this age. Presumably this is the grandson "Charles W. Snead" whom Wesley names in his will.

Wesley and Eliza's daughter Janetta T. Abbott married "S. E. Snead" 11 Jan 1870. Their son Eugene was born abt. 1872 (per 1880 census). Their son Ellis M. Snead was born abt. 1873. The next son, William T. Snead, was born 1 May 1876 to "Samuel E. Snead and wife Janette Snead." The death record for Janetta, named there as "Netta T. Snead," shows she died the same day her son was born, and baby William died the next day, 2 May 1876. Janetta's widowed husband, Samuel E. Snead, re-married 2 Jun 1876 to Josephine O. Allen. Then on 12 Dec 1877, Ellis M. Snead, son of "Samuel & Janetta Snead," died at age 4. The 1880 census shows Janetta and Samuel's son Eugene is living with his father and stepmother and their three children and apparently was Janetta's only child to survive. [Birth, death, and marriage record abstracts online at FamilySearch.org]

Wesley and Eliza's son William H. Abbott is missing in the 1870 census. Later records show he married Bettie A. Irby abt. 1868. They had three children born bet. 1870-1874 who were living with William in 1880 (see census below). Their fourth child (son of "W. H. & B. A. Abbott") died as a newborn on 16 Apr 1876 in Halifax County. "Bettie A. Abbott," wife of "William H. Abbott," died in Halifax the day before on 15 Apr 1876. The death record abstract lists her parents as Samuel J. and Ellen Irby. ["Virginia, Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912," index, FamilySearch.org] Confirming William's first wife's first name is the 1909 marriage record abstract for one of their surviving sons, William A. Abbott, that lists his parents as "W. H. & B. Abbott." (These records disprove the undocumented and unsourced online information that William H. Abbott's first wife was an Ann Lindsey of Prince Edward County, VA, who died in Halifax in 1875.)

William H. Abbott ("parents Wesley M. & Eliza A.") re-married 22 Feb 1877 to Mary W. Caldwell (named in censuses as Molly, Mattie, and Martha, and named Mattie on her grave marker). William is listed in the marriage record as widowed. ["Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940," index, FamilySearch.org]

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1880 - Halifax Co, VA - Roanoke Dist.  
 Abbott, W. M. - 82 - Retired Farmer [Wesley M. Abbott]  
     Eliza A. - 68 - Wife  
 Snead, Chas. - 12 - Grandson

Listed next to:

1880 - Halifax Co, VA - Roanoke Dist.

Milton C. Abbott - 37

Hallie R. Abbott - 29

Sally L. Abbott - 7

Annie E. Abbott - 5

Mary L. Abbott - 3

Janette C. Abbott - 1

Note:

Milton's and Hallie's full names are listed as "Milton Cayce Abbott" and "Harriett Rebecca Snead" in an online abstract of the death record for their daughter Nettie Cayce Harden. (Nettie died 31 Oct 1972, a resident of Graham, Alamance County, NC, per abstract on FamilySearch.org)

Living nearby is:

1880 - Halifax Co, VA - Roanoke Dist.

W. H. Abbott - 37 [William H. Abbott]

Molly W. Abbott - 26 [Mattie W. Caldwell]

James W. Abbott -10 [son of William's first wife, Bettie A. Irby]

William M.[sic] Abbott - 8 [William A. Abbott - son of William's first wife, Bettie A. Irby]

Abvis[sic] L. Abbott - 6 [Alvis L. Abbott - son of William's first wife; named Albert L. in1910]

Samuel H. Abbott - 3 [son of William & Mattie]

John R. Abbott - 11 months [son of William & Mattie]

Note:

A Halifax Court index entry for 1885 shows "William H. Abbott" qualified as legal guardian of "James W. Abbott, William A. Abbott, and Alvis L. Abbott," William's sons by his first wife, Betty A. Irby. [HCO5:450]

The 1900 census shows William and his second wife, Mattie, also had a daughter Annie F. Abbott, b. c1881 (see below). Mary/Molly is listed in 1900 & 1910 as Mattie W. Abbott and in 1920 as Martha W. Abbott (Mattie is usually a nickname for Martha).

Also in the same district of Halifax:

1880 - Halifax Co, VA - Roanoke Dist.

John Q. Snead - 46

Rebecca A. Snead - 42 [Rebecca A. Abbott]

Liza Snead - 20

Thomas Snead - 17

John W. Snead - 15

Mary E. Snead - 11

Henry P. Snead - 9

Benjamin K. Snead - 5

Louis A. Snead - 2

William Coleman - 35 - B - Servant

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Wesley M. Abbott wrote his will 19 Jun 1881 and died shortly before 23 Feb 1885, when it was proved in Halifax Court. The following is an abstract of the will:

"...I Wesley M. Abbott being of sound mind and disposing memory..."

I leave to "my beloved wife" (unnamed) the use of the land on which I live and all property thereon during her lifetime

After the death of my wife, I give and bequeath the above estate to my son MILTON C. ABBOTT and to his heirs forever, Provided that after the death of my wife he shall pay the sum of \$50 to my daughter REBECCA A. SNEAD and \$50 to my grandson CHARLES W. SNEAD when he arrives at 21 years of age. If he dies before that time, the amount shall be divided among the heirs of my daughter Rebecca A. Snead.

I give and bequeath to my son WILLIAM H. ABBOTT the land on which he lives and to his heirs forever, Provided that after the death of my wife he shall pay the sum of \$50 to my daughter Rebecca A. Snead and \$75 to EUGENE SNEAD after he comes of age. If he dies before that time, the amount shall go to his heirs

Sons Milton C. Abbott and William H. Abbott to be my Executors. I do not require them to give security, "believing they will do right."

Signed: Wesley M. Abbott

Witnesses: James H. Allen [entered as Jm H. Allen], G. H. Hudson

Recorded: 23 Feb 1885

On same date, Executors M. C. Abbott and W. H. Abbott acknowledged a bond of \$200 but are not required to provide security, as Testator requested that no security be required. Bond is ordered recorded and Certificate for obtaining probate of the will is granted to them.

[Source: Halifax Will Book 34, p. 121-122. LVA Reel 148. Abstract by J. Horsley]

30 Mar 1885 - Rebecca A. Snead acknowledged the receipt of \$50 from William H. Abbott as willed to her by Wesley M. Abbott and released unto William H. Abbott all claim on the tract of land willed to him by Wesley M. Abbott. - /s/ Rebecca A. Snead

Recorded: 3 Apr 1885

[Source: Halifax Deed Book 73, p. 519. LVA Reel 130. Abstract by J. Horsley]

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Assuming that Wesley's son William H. Abbott followed the directions in the will, Wesley's wife, Eliza Ann Robertson Abbott, died between the writing of the will on 19 Jun 1881 and 20 Mar 1885, when their daughter Rebecca A. Snead acknowledged the receipt of the money from William H. Abbott that was due her after their mother's death. Eliza Ann at least died before the 1900 census.

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1900 - The following families of Wesley and Eliza's sons were living in Halifax this census year. Rebecca and husband John Q. Snead apparently died before 1900:

1900 - Halifax Co, VA - Roanoke Dist.

William H Abbott - 58 - b. Sep 1841

Mattie W Abbott - 50 - b. Jan 1850 - 3 children, 3 living

John R Abbott - 19 - b. Jul 1880 - son

Annie F Abbott - 17 - b. Jul 1882 - daughter

Note:

"Jno. R. Abbott" & "Maude W. Coates" married 4 Dec 1900. "Annie F. Abbott" married Waverley Waller 2 Jun 1909. "Wm A. Abbott" married "Emma D. Cage" 10 Sep 1909. ["Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940" FamilySearch.org]

1900 - Halifax Co, VA - Roanoke Dist.

Willie A Abbott - 28 - b. Mar1872 - Head [s/o William H. Abbott & Bettie Ann Irby]

Samuel H Abbott - 22 - b. Dec 1877 - boarder [s/o William H. Abbott & Mattie Caldwell]

Sarah Edmondson - 54 - B - servant

Note:

William H. Abbott's son A. L. Abbott is missing this census. In 1910, he is listed as Albert L. Abbott living with his "brother" Willie A. Abbott and wife Emma (Cage). "Mattie W. Abbott," then widowed, is also living with William A.'s family and listed as his "mother." William H. Abbott and his son Samuel H. Abbott both died in 1905. (See cemetery listings below.)

1900 - Halifax Co, VA - Roanoke Dist.

Milton C Abbott - 56 - b. Jun 1843 - marr. 28 yrs [c1872] - d. bet. 1900-1910

Hallie R Abbott - 50 - b. Jan 1850 - 6 children, 6 living - d. after 1910

Sallie L Abbott - 27 - b. May 1873

Annie E Abbott - 24 - b. Jul 1875

Mary L Abbott - 23 - b. May 1877 - school teacher

Nettie C Abbott - 20 - b. Oct 1879

William C Abbott - 18 - b. Jun 1881 (in 1910, listed as John W., son of Hallie R. Abbott)

Lillie J Abbott - 15 - b. Oct 1884

Note:

Milton C. Abbott apparently died within a year or so of this census, as a deed from the Estate of M. C. Abbott was recorded 4 Oct 1901. [HDB95:192, per Grantor Index]

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1901-1914: Miscellaneous deeds relating to Wesley & Eliza Abbott's children and their families. (All dates are when the deeds were recorded, not written.)

6 Sep 1901 - "M. C. Abbott [Milton C. Abbott] & wife Hallie R. & others" deeded a gift of 1 acre on Mt. Laurel Rd. to the Apostolic Church, recorded this date. [HDB95:136, per Grantor Index]

4 Mar 1909 - Halifax deed recorded this date from "the Estate of W. H. Abbott, W. A. Abbott, A. L. Abbott, A. French Abbott [Annie F. Abbott], John R. Abbott, and others" to Winns Creek Baptist Church for 1 acre of land "near Winns Creek Church." [HDB105:607, per Grantor Index]

Previously, William H. and wife Mattie W. Abbott had deeded 1 acre to Winns Creek Baptist Church recorded 22 Aug 1890. [HDB81:338, per Grantor Index]

27 Jun 1912 - Mattie W. Abbott [then the widow of William H. Abbott] deeded 2 acres near Clays Mill to the Roanoke District School Board No. 2 recorded this date. [HDB110:147, per Grantor Index]

6 Jul 1914 - A "Certificate" was recorded to "W. A. Abbott etc" from the Estate of A. L. Abbott listing his heirs. [HDB114:453, per Grantor Index] A. L. Abbott died, apparently unmarried, on 24 Jun 1914, per cemetery listing below.

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1918 - In the 12 Sep 1918 WW I Draft Registration of William H. Abbott's son "William Allen Abbott" (b. 21 Mar 1872), he lists his permanent home address as RFD Crystal Hill, VA, the same immediate area where the Abbott family had lived since before Halifax County was formed in 1752. Wesley's father William Abbott's older half-brother Benjamin Abbott was at this location by 1750. William arrived with his father, Joseph Abbott, and other siblings in 1762. The original Abbott family land was along and south of today's Newbill School Road and along the east side of today's Crystal Hill.

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1940 - At least William H. Abbott's sons William A. Abbott and John R. Abbott were still in this area. In fact, John R. Abbott, listed with his second wife Reba and son W. Alex Abbott, were listed on Route 609-610. Route 610 is called Clays Mill Road. It intersects with Route 609 called Abbott Hill Road and together they encircle the east and south side of the area where John's great-great-grandfather Joseph Abbott settled his family 178 years before.

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For more information and records for Wesley M. Abbott, see report on his father William Abbott and the compiled Abbott deed and will/probate records included in this Abbott research project.

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Winns Creek Cemetery - Halifax County, VA.

The following are entries on FindAGrave Website for the family of Wesley and Eliza's son William H. Abbott. Some do not have actual grave marker photos, but the submitter, Bobby Stevens, wrote me that his source was Waldrep's "Halifax County Cemeteries." Winns Creek Baptist Church is at the intersection of today's Anderson Road/Route 626 and Winns Creek Road/Route 615, close to where these families lived. Information in brackets is mine:

William H Abbott

Birth: Sep. 10, 1840 - Death: May 12, 1905

Find A Grave Memorial# 74820050

Mattie W Abbott [Mattie W. Caldwell, second wife of William H. Abbott; married 22 Feb 1877]

Birth: Jan. 31, 1850 - Death: Jul. 10, 1930

Find A Grave Memorial# 68952964

William Allen Abbott [son of William H. Abbott and Bettie A. Irby]

Birth: Mar. 21, 1872 - Death: Apr. 28, 1958

Find A Grave Memorial# 68952967

Emma D Cage Abbott [first wife of William A. Abbott]

Birth: 1879 - Death: May 6, 1928 - Inscription from photo: "Wife of W. A. Abbott"

Find A Grave Memorial# 68952968

[JH Note: "Wm A. Abbott" & "Emma D. Cage" married 10 Sep 1909 in Halifax Co.]

Hettie Walker Abbott [second wife of William A. Abbott]

Birth: Jan. 23, 1876

Death: Oct. 10, 1960

Find A Grave Memorial# 68952965

[JH Note: William A. Abbott married Hettie between 6 May 1928, when his first wife, Emma Cage, died, and the 1930 census. In their 1930 household is also Hettie's mother, Virginia F. Walker (age 86).]

Allie Lee Abbott [aka Albert; son of William H. Abbott and Bettie A. Irby]

Birth: Mar. 18, 1874 - Death: Jun. 24, 1914

Find A Grave Memorial# 68952969

Samuel H\* Abbott [son of William H. Abbott & Mattie W. Caldwell]

Birth: Dec. 16, 1877 - Death: Nov. 15, 1905

Find A Grave Memorial# 74820049

[JH Note: The middle initial is transcribed on the webpage as "B," but the photo looks like "H," the middle initial used in censuses.]

John Robertson Abbott [son of William H. Abbott & Mattie Caldwell]

Birth: Jul. 5, 1879 - Death: Apr. 6, 1960

Find A Grave Memorial# 74820047

Willie Maude Coats Abbott [first wife of John R. Abbott]

Birth: Feb. 23, 1881 - Death: Oct. 27, 1913 - Inscription from photo: "Wife of J. R. Abbott"

Find A Grave Memorial# 74820048

[JH Note: "Jno. R. Abbott" & "Maude W. Coates" married 4 Dec 1900, Halifax Co. His parents are listed in the abstract as "W. H. & M. C. Abbott" and her parents as "J. B. & G. Coates."]

Reba Walker Abbott [second wife of John R. Abbott]

Birth: May 11, 1883 - Death: Sep. 14, 1967

Find A Grave Memorial# 74820046

[John R. Abbott married Reba between Oct 1913, when his first wife died, and the 1920 census.]

The above FindAGrave entries were created by Bobby Stevens (Contact: bobbyestevens@gmail.com)

The marriage information comes from online marriage record abstracts at FamilySearch.org "Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940".

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This is a fairly complete report that Joan Horsley was working on when she died. There were no notes included in the text that indicated any facts or other lines of inquiry she wanted to pursue. Any correspondence that would have been directed to my late wife should be sent to JHGenResearch-Abbott@yahoo.com

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