

ANCESTRY OF SAMUEL WINDERS of FAYETTE COUNTY, PA
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Questions:

- Is the Samuel Winders of Fayette Co., PA, married to Catherine Jackaway, the same Samuel Winders who appears in the Bullitt County and Hardin County, Kentucky, records beginning in 1801?
- And if they are the same Samuel Winders, could he be a son of James and Elizabeth Grable Winder of Redstone, Fayette Co., PA?
- DNA testing suggests this may be a possibility and curious records from PA, KY and IN point to one Samuel Winders who is connected to James and Elizabeth Grable Winder.

I. Samuel Winders (born before 1775, died c. 1825-1826) married to Catherine Jackaway.

The 1820 Federal census taken for Menallen, Fayette Co., PA, reflects Samuel Winders age 45+ as a head of household with a female (Catherine Jackaway Winders) age 16-25 and one male under 10 years of age. Catherine was referenced in her father Robert Jackaway's 1814 will¹ as Catherine "Jacway", so it is likely Catherine married Samuel sometime after her father's 1814 death but before the 1820 census. The young male in the household cannot be Samuel and Catherine's eldest son, Robert Jackaway Winders, who was not born until 1822 (per the 1880 census, Tombstone Village, Pima County, AZ), thus this child may have belonged to Samuel from a prior marriage. Certainly, it is likely that the elderly Samuel, 25+ years older than Catherine, had been married before. That the Samuel Winders in the 1820 census record was the one married to Catherine Jackaway is supported by the listing of Catherine's widowed mother, Mary Jackaway, two lines above Samuel. This Samuel is believed to be the Samuel Winders found in the Fayette County property tax rolls from 1821 through 1824. In the "History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania" (located at Fay-West.com), page 293, "Samuel Winder, inn-keeper, come in, \$210" is listed among the taxables of Union Borough Township for the year 1824 and "Robert Jackway, Jan. 15, 1791" is listed on a List of Deacons for Uniontown Borough.

The late-in-life appearance of a Samuel Winders in Fayette County, PA, in the 1820 census may reflect a return to his original birthplace or a place he lived in his early years. An Ensign Samuel "Windsors" (in some transcriptions "Winders") can be found in the Third Company of the First Regiment of the Fayette County Brigade, which returned from the Frontier to Fayette County, PA, June 6, 1793; Ensign Samuel had served under Captain Barak Brashear and 2nd Major Basil Brashear.² These Brashears were well-known men of Fayette County, PA, living in the Brownsville area and having relatives who lived in the Redstone area, the home of James Winder and Elizabeth Grable Winder.

No record has been found to date to directly tie the James Winder family of Fayette Co., PA to the Brashears of this early time period, however, in the 1805 will of Basil Brown Brashear, Sr. of

¹ <http://www.ronulrich.com/rfuged/nti06592.htm> (quick reference location)

² <https://archive.org/details/militaryabstract01harr>; also https://archive.org/stream/militaryabstract01harr/militaryabstract01harr_djvu.txt; Executive Minutes of Governor Thomas Mifflin 1792-1794 , Page 585, Fold3.com https://www.fold3.com/browse/1/h9Y02ZdguwHuewnkDD_id6Z1KdzfYCErw

Fayette Co., PA, he bequeaths to daughter Sarah "...a tract bounded by John Miller, George Craft, John Laughlin, and James Winders."³ It was this Basil Brashear who was 2nd Major Basil Brown Brashear, Sr., under whom the Samuel Winders of the Fayette County Brigade served and was released in 1793 (Basil Jr. was not born until 1817). As we know from Grable research, Elizabeth Grable Winder's father, Samuel Grable, had been indentured to George Craft (one overview of that relationship can be found at <http://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Grable-81>). We also know that James Winder's 80 acres of land in Redstone Township was sold by deed dated 1 April 1833 by Nimrod Grable, as the administrator of James' estate, to George B. Craft.⁴ Thus, the James Winders boundary cited in the 1805 will of Basil Brown Brashear, Sr., was undoubtedly that of our James Winder married to Elizabeth Grable.

To date, this Samuel Winders has not been found in a search of Fayette County, PA tax records or other records from the 1793-1819 period, suggesting that the Samuel Winders who served in the Fayette County Brigade may have left Fayette Co., PA.

Samuel and Catherine Jackaway Winders had three children following their appearance in the 1820 census in Fayette Co., Robert Jackaway Winders, Sally Ann Winders, and Lafayette Winders, according to "The Descendants of Francis Muncy I with Genealogy of Allied Families," Chapter IX, Diary of Catherine Wheatley Anderson, written in 1873. Catherine Wheatley Anderson was the daughter of Catherine Jackaway's sister Mary Jackaway who married Isaac Wheatley. Catherine Wheatley Anderson states in her Diary:

"My Aunt Catherine was twice married, first to Mr. Samuel Winders, had children by him, Robert Jackaway, Sally Ann and Lafayette...Mr. Hiram McCoy was her second husband. Their family were John, Hiram, Susan, Isaac and Mary Elizabeth. I was to see them when I visited my Aunt Crable."

"Mr. W. died at my father's on Short Creek, is buried in the Stone Meeting House Cemetery...My Father, Isaac Wheatley, first settled on Buffalo Creek some two or three miles below Bethany, from there to Short Creek in the Spring of 1814, and lived there until 1826 they moved to Ohio and bought a small home in Belmont CO. about one mile from Bellaire."

Accordingly, Samuel Winders' year of death is placed c. 1825 to 1826, since he died at Isaac and Mary Wheatley's home in Short Creek, VA (now West Virginia, near Wheeling) prior to their move in 1826 to Ohio.⁵

II Samuel Winders (born c. 1766-1784) of Kentucky Records

According to Henry Sinclair Brashear, author of "The Brashear--Brashears family, 1449-1929", five Brashear men were KY pioneers who were all in KY by 1784, owning adjoining land which ultimately was near Shepherdsville, KY. They were: Marsham, William, Richard (these three

³ <http://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/brashear/545/>. Fayette Co, PA Will Book 1, p.159; Will of Basil Brown Sr, of Fayette Co, PA, 9 March 1805

⁴ Fayette County Deed Book 26 at page 77.

⁵ Numerous court cases filed by and against Samuel Winder(s) in Ohio Co., WV at Wheeling have been found in the records from 1821-1828, suggesting that Samuel had property in Wheeling, but also had a residence in Uniontown, Fayette Co., PA; the guardianship record for son Robert Jackaway Winders refers to Samuel Winders as "late of Uniontown." Those Ohio Co. WV court filings post 1825-1826 against Samuel Winders indicate the court believed he had "absconded" rather than died (34 pages received from West Virginia Regional History Center).

were most likely from Fayette County, PA, because William's son, Joseph, claimed he was born in Brownsville), Nicholas and Nancy (who was listed in Brownsville, Fayette Co., PA in 1780 and was the son of a Samuel Brashear Jr. born in Prince George's Co., MD and died there in 1717).

A Samuel Winder(s) begins appearing in the Bullitt Co, KY records in 1800 (1800 and 1803 tax lists) and can be found in Elizabethtown, Hardin County, KY, a county next to Bullitt to the southwest, in the 1810 Federal Census (also the location of Marsham "Bashers" in that census):

Samuel Winders Household, 1810 Hardin Co., KY
2 males under 10
3 males 10 to 15
1 male 26 to 44
3 females under 10
1 female 26 to 44

A Samuel Winders was living near and having dealings with the Kentucky Brashear clan as early as 1800. A Samuel Winders was bondsman and witness for the marriage of a Margaret Brashear, daughter of a Rebecca Brashear:

Bullitt Co., KY
Ephraim Standiford & Margaret Brashear
Bond: 15 Apr 1800, **Samuel Winder**. Consent: 14 Apr 1800, by her mother Rebecca Brashear; **witness Samuel Winder**.
Return: married 20 Apr 1800, by Simeon Hall; 1801.
Original Marriage Record, page 7. Marriage Register, book1, page 4.

Brashear researcher/author Charles Brashear makes reference to a Samuel Winders deed, indicating Samuel Winders had either moved into the area that became LaRue Co., KY or was living in the part of Hardin that would become LaRue when it was created in 1843:⁶

"In 1806, Marsham and Cordelia purchased 200 acres on Barren Creek in LaRue County, KY, from George Johnstone. The land was near that of Anthony Phelps and his wife, Nancy Brashear. In 1807, they sold this land to Cornelius Lucas and Sarah Phelps. Sarah (Phelps) Lucas was a sister of Anthony Phelps and Lucy (Phelps) Brashear (wife of Marsham Brashear, the elder). In 1806, also, Marsham Brashear witnessed a deed from George Johnstone to Samuel Winders."

Charles Brashear speculates that Samuel Winders was married to Rebecca Brashear and that Rebecca was a daughter of a Brashear from Menallen Township, Fayette County, PA.⁷ This is a reasonable assumption because of the Will of Marsham Brashear (the younger), who was married to his cousin Cordelia Brashear, in which Marsham made a bequest to a Rebecca Brashear Winders (this Marsham and wife Cordelia are believed to have had no children, as no bequests were made in Marsham's will or Cordelia's to sons or daughters):

⁶ Fayette County Deed Book 26 at page 77

⁷ <http://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/brashear/186/> Note: The relationship of Pioneer Marsham Brashear, married to Lucy Phelps, and the Marsham Brashear married to Cordelia Brashear is unclear, however, the Marsham, whose will was made in 1824 and was married to Cordelia Brashear, was the younger of the two.

The Will of Marsham Brashear, 4 Jun 1824, Bullitt Co, KY, Will Book B, pp.45-46: "In the name of God, Amen: be it remembered that I, Marsham Brashear of Bullitt County State of Kentucky, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say-- first I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Cordelia Brashear, all the negroes, that is to say, Elizabeth, Hiram, Louisa, Caroline and Harrison during her natural life, provided she remains a widow; Otherwise only half or an equal division; the other half I give and bequeath to Benjamin Brashear and all if he should be the longest living. I give and bequeath to **Rebecca Brashear Winders**, Caroline and Harrison and their increase after the death of my brother Benjamin if he should be the longest living; if said **Rebecca Brashear Winders** should die before she inherited or possessed the aforesaid negroes bequeathed to her, I give and bequeath them to Otho Brashear. I further give and bequeath to said Otho Brashear the rest that is to say, Elizabeth, Hiram, Louisa, and their increase after the death of my beloved wife, and brother Benjamin. I further give and bequeath my beloved wife the residue (that is to say) the balance of the sales of my land and stock, etc, after paying my Just debts. I appoint my beloved wife Executrix and my brother Benjamin Brashear, Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal the 4 day of June in the year of Our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty four.
/s/ Marsham Brashear

However, the 1800 marriage bond cited previously, whereby Samuel Winders was bondsman for the marriage of Margaret Brashear, consented to by her mother, Rebecca Brashear, presents a problem for Charles' theory of a Samuel Winders-Rebecca Brashear. Unless Margaret Brashear was an illegitimate child of Rebecca Brashear or unless Rebecca Brashear had married a Brashear cousin, Rebecca must have acquired the Brashear name by marriage, not by birth. And if Rebecca Brashear was married to Samuel, why doesn't the marriage bond of her Brashear daughter reflect Rebecca as Rebecca Brashear "Winders"?

Although no records can be found to date to substantiate a Samuel Winders-Rebecca Brashear marriage, an 1855 death record for a Samuel Winders (Jr). of Masontown (formerly known as Germantown), Fayette County, PA, suggests a marriage did occur between a Samuel Winders and a Rebecca, and that they had a son, Samuel, born in Kentucky in 1802 who could be one of the males under 10 in the Hardin Co., KY census for Samuel Winders in 1810:

Subject: [Pafayett-L] Death Register, Fayette Co., 1852, part 2
Winders Samuel, white, male, 52y 5m 3d farmer
Father: Samuel
Mother: Rebecca
B: Bullett Co. Ky, 8-7-1802 d. 1-10-1855 Masontown, Pa.
of Inflammation of brain, C.P. Ch. Buri nr Masontown
Wife: Margaret
G. W. Neff. M.D

Charles Brashear claims that Samuel Winders disappears from LaRue County, Kentucky records after 1818, however, he does not cite a record placing Samuel in LaRue in 1818 (which still would have been Hardin at that time), and independent research has turned up no further records of Samuel Winders in KY other than those cited. He may have died in KY, leaving a widow with the 8 children shown with him in the 1810 census and/or additional ones born after 1810, however, no Rebecca Winders can be found in the 1820 census.

Marsham Brashear's will, written in 1824, in which he makes a bequest to Rebecca Brashear Winders, indicates that Rebecca was still alive in 1824, although she cannot be found in census records; she was alive at least 6 years after Samuel Winders disappeared from the records.

Is the Samuel Winders who disappears from Kentucky records about 1818 the same Samuel Winders who appears in the 1820 census of Fayette County, PA?

III The Fayette County, PA – Kentucky – Indiana Connection

In Harrison County, IN c. 1833, a Marsham Winders (born c. 1790-1800 per the 1830 census for Harrison Co., IN) died intestate.⁸ In the 1830 census, Marsham Winder was single with no children, living in Heath/Heth Township. His estate was probated in Harrison County, IN, and according to the probate, Marsham had purchased a number of properties with a James G. Winders, believed to be the James G. Winders born Dec. 10, 1794 in PA, died 12 Apr 1857 in Heath/Heth, Harrison County, IN. In 1842, William Trotter, on behalf of his wife, Cordelia Winders Trotter, filed for a partition of the estate for sale of Marsham's real property. The names of the 8 heirs were listed in the partition: James G. Winders, Samuel Winders, John Winders, David Winders, Peter Colley and wife Elizabeth (Winders) Colley, James Dunlap and wife Mary (Winders) Dunlap, Rebecca Winders, and William Trotter and wife, Cordelia (Winders) Trotter.

Because Marsham appears to have been unmarried and without children in the 1830 census, it is probable that his heirs were his siblings. A definite Fayette County, PA connection exists with at least one of Marsham's siblings/heirs, Elizabeth Winders Colley. Elizabeth married Peter Colley (born 1808, Redstone, Fayette Co., PA) on Jan. 1, 1830, at Redstone, Fayette Co., PA. With this one distinctly close connection between Marsham Winder and the Winders of Fayette County, PA, it seems probable that other Winders in Fayette Co. with KY births during the pertinent time period were Marsham's siblings/heirs. Below is brief research on each of the 9 siblings (note that these siblings roughly correspond with the 1810 census for Samuel Winders in Hardin County, KY, but with several born after that census and several missing):

1. Marsham Winder (born c. 1790-1800 per the 1830 census for Harrison Co., IN; died c. 1833). In the 1830 census, Marsham was single, no children, lived in Heath/Heth Township. His estate was probated in Harrison County, IN; partition of the estate for sale of real property occurred in 1842 and names the 8 heirs who are as follows:

2. James G. Winders (born Dec. 10, 1794 in PA, died in 12 Apr 1857 in Heath/Heth, Harrison County, IN). James was married first to Ruth Harris on 22 November 1817 in Hardin County, KY, then to Ruth Cahoe on 05 April 1824 in Harrison County, IN. James may be the James Winders found in Meade County, KY in 1830. He is most likely the J.G. Winders found in Heath/Heth Township in Harrison County, IN, in 1840, and the James G. Winders there in 1850 with wife Ruth and children: Clinton and Ruthy. A complete list of children according to researcher Mike Johnston is: Sarah Ellen (by Ruth #1), Jefferson, Eliza Ann, Elizabeth, Mary Louise, Hiram, James Clinton, and Ruth J (by Ruth #2). A descendant of son James Clinton

⁸ LDS Microfilm # unknown; originals housed at Frederick Porter Griffin Center for Local History and Genealogy, 117 W. Beaver St., Corydon, IN, Marsham Winders Probate, Box 85.

Winders has been DNA tested as a match to the Thomas Winder-Sarah Bull line and a 1 step match to the Samuel Winders-Catherine Jackaway line.

3. Cordelia Winders (born 1801 in KY, died before 1860). Cordelia married William Trotter on 05 Apr 1824 in Harrison County, IN. William Trotter can be found in the 1840 census in Heath/Heth Township, Harrison County, IN, and William and Cordelia are enumerated in 1850 in District 45, Harrison County, IN, with children Hamilton, William, Elizabeth, Ann, Lafayette, and Cordelia. It appears that by the 1860 census, both Cordelia and William had died; 16-year old Cordelia Trotter and 24-year old Elizabeth Trotter are enumerated in the household of Thomas G. and Ann Ballard in Heath/Heth Township, Harrison County, IN, probably Ann being the sister of Cordelia and Elizabeth.

4. Samuel Winders (born Aug. 7, 1802 in KY, died in Fayette Co., PA in 1855). Samuel was married to Margaret Burnside 04 Mar 1827 in Fayette Co., PA; they lived in Masontown (formerly known as Germantown). Children of Samuel and Margaret are believed to be Rebecca Jane, who married John Ross in Fayette Co., PA 10 Feb 1848, and Josiah M., who died in the Mexican-American War.

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5. John Winders (John B. Winders born Apr 1815 in KY, died Mar 18, 1873 in Brownsville, Fayette Co., PA). No record has been found for a marriage of John to wife, Caroline, who appears in the census records. John was identified as a "plasterer" in successive tax records Redstone, Fayette Co., PA, beginning in 1839:

1839 Redstone Winders John Plaster/\$100/no land;\$100totalVal
1840 Redstone Windows John PLST, \$100/no land; \$100totalVal
1841 Redstone Winders John Plaster/\$100/no land; 1 cattle/\$8=108totalVal
1843 Redstone Winders John Plaster/\$100/no land; \$100totalVal

John was found in the 1840 census, Redstone Township, Fayette Co, with a male child under 5, who would be son David C. Winders who died in Milwaukee in 1919. This John Winders appears to be the only John in Fayette who could reasonably have been the John Winders appointed guardian to Robert Jackaway Winders in Fayette County, PA in 1836:

Sept. 1836:

Winders, Samuel, Decd

On the petition of Robert J. Winders, son of Samuel Winders late of Uniontown, deceased, setting forth that he is a minor above the age of fourteen years, and therefore praying the court to admist. (?) him to make choice of a guardian, the petition being admitted choses and the court appoint John Winders guardian of the said minor.

Children of John and Caroline: David, Mary E., Rebecca Jane, Margaret B., Sarah L., Henriette, Martha; with wife Diana: Martha

6. David Winders (unknown) At the time the Marsham estate was distributed, we know heir John Winder had a son, David, but he would not have received a full 1/8th share, thus it must be a different David. The Davids we know of from our research are James and Elizabeth Grable Winder's son, David, born 1780-1782, and their grandson, David (son of Daniel and Mary Kennedy Winder), who was born in 1820. From what we know of them, neither could be this David.

7. Elizabeth Winders Colley (born Apr. 6, 1810 in KY, died in Lincoln, Grundy County, MO in 26 Mar 1892). Elizabeth married Peter Colley (born Jan 1808, died 6 Oct. 1879) in Fayette CO., PA, on Jan. 1, 1830. Elizabeth and Peter share the same headstone in the South Evans Cemetery, Lincoln, Grundy County, MO. Elizabeth and Peter were tracked through census records through 1880; they lived in Guernsey Co., OH in 1850-1860, moved to Trenton, Grundy County, MO by 1870, where they are enumerated in the census. In the 1880 census, Elizabeth was found in Lincoln, Grundy Co., MO, widowed, and living with son Aaron. Children of Elizabeth and Peter were: Elihu, Arabella, David, Samuel, William, Aaron, and Mary E. Peter's grandfather, Peter Colley, lived and died in Redstone Township, Fayette Co., PA – will recorded Mar 30, 1838 - and was married to Hannah Craft, whose parents are said to have been George Craft and "Elizabeth" Grable of Redstone Township; we know our Elizabeth Grable Winder's parents were Samuel Grable and Hannah Earhart, so we have a conflict of "Elizabeth" Grables. Per Robert Winder's manuscript, a George Kroft/Kraft/Craft was indentured to Samuel Grable, Elizabeth's father. Two of the Craft daughters married Hibbs men who may have a connection to Ruth Hibbs who married James and Elizabeth Grable Winder's grandson, Samuel Winder (son of Daniel Winder and Mary Kennedy) in Hancock Co., OH in 1830 and later moved to Wapello, Louisa Co., Iowa.

8. Polly Mary Winders Dunlap (born 1812 in KY, died in Trenton, Grundy County, MO, Nov 6, 1900). Mary married James Dunlap (born Dec 18, 1800, PA) c. 1835, however no marriage record could be found for Mary and James. They can be found in the 1840 and 1850 census in Flushing, Belmont Co., OH; in 1850 James is noted as being born in PA in 1810. The family is enumerated on the same page as the households of a Hugh Dunlap and a Samuel Dunlap. Children with Mary and James in 1850 are: Margaret, Rebecca, Susannah, Samuel, Eliza and William. They are still in Flushing in 1860, with Mary's birthplace/year noted as Kentucky, 1815, and child James has been added. Sometime between 1860 and 1865, Mary and James moved to Trenton, Grundy County, MO, where James died on Nov. 2, 1865 – he and Mary are both buried in the Old City Cemetery in Trenton. Mary is enumerated in the 1870 census in Trenton with children Rebecca, Samuel, William, Mary, and James. In the 1880 census, she is still living in Trenton and is noted as "widowed"; in the 1900 census, son William is still living with her in Trenton. The census record states she was age 88, born KY, July 1811, mother of 8 children, 5 still living, father born PA, mother born KY. That Mary and James had been married in Fayette County, PA, is conjecture and based largely on James having claimed to be born in PA and the probability of Mary having married in Fayette as did sister, Elizabeth, brother Samuel and brother John. The Rootsweb tree (removed in 2010) of the late Michael Heskett, indicated that James Dunlap, born 19 Dec 1809, married to Mary "Winters", was the son of William

Dunlap and Margaret Rankin of Fayette Co., PA. His list of the children of James was: Margaret J., Rebecca A., Samuel, Susannah Wells, Eliza M, William, Mary Melissa and James P. The “Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Harrison and Carroll, Ohio”, which contains a biographical sketch of James’ brother, Samuel, indicates Samuel had moved into Belmont Co., OH c. 1837. This suggests that the Samuel Dunlap found in Belmont Co. on the same page with James in the 1850 census was James’ brother.

9. Rebecca Winders (born c. 1816 in KY) Rebecca is believed to be the Rebecca Winders who married Frederick Ripperdan in Harrison County, IN on 21 Oct 1834. Rebecca and Frederick are enumerated in the 1840 census, Heath/Heth Township, Harrison County, IN, as “Ripuden”. In the 1850 census, District 45, Harrison County, IN, Rebecca is reflected as Rebecca B. (Brashear?) Winders, and children with she and Frederick are Sarah A, Mary C, Rebecca E and John H. In the 1860 census, the family is enumerated in Washington, Harrison County, IN, with Rebecca’s birthplace appearing as “Kentucky”. Rebecca’s whereabouts are unclear after 1870; she may be the Rebecca Ripperdan, widowed in the 1880 census, living in Union, Perry County, Indiana. Note, Rebecca has been identified by some researchers as Marsham’s wife, however, based on the 1830 census record for Marsham, he wasn’t married. Also, the document naming the heirs to receive shares does not provide any acknowledgement of Rebecca as his widow.

IV A Blending of Families

One of the most compelling records, if it has been accurately interpreted, to suggest a blending of two families of the same Samuel Winders was the 1836 appointment of John Winders (#5, above, born KY in 1815) as guardian of Robert Jackaway Winders, son of Samuel and Catherine Jackaway Winders of Fayette County, PA. The only scenario that makes sense is that John Winders was the male under 10 with Samuel and Catherine in Fayette Co., PA in the 1820 census – a son born to Samuel from a prior marriage, a half-brother to Robert Jackaway Winders (“RJ”). This appointment occurred the year John Winders turned 21; RJ may not have gotten along well with his step father, Hiram McCoy, and wanted to live with half-brother John. Although RJ was not living with John in the 1840 census, he may have already headed for Texas when he turned 18 in 1840.⁹

The records of the “two” Samuels suggest that a Samuel Winders was released from the Fayette County Brigade in 1793, married Rebecca or other Brashear in Fayette and had sons Marsham and James G. Winders in PA, then moved on to Bullitt County, KY by 1800, where additional children were born, then on to Hardin. It appears wife Rebecca Brashear named two of their children after her beloved relatives, Marsham and Cordelia Brashear. By 1816-1818, Samuel Winders left KY and returned to Fayette County, PA, taking his youngest son, John, with him, and married Catherine Jackaway, with whom he had three children, before he died c. 1825-1826.

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⁹ <http://person.ancestry.com/tree/69100824/person/38190213726/facts>

V The DNA

Because of the proximity of Samuel Winders of Fayette County, PA to James Winder and Elizabeth Grable Winder of Fayette County, PA, it is possible that Samuel was a first son of James and Elizabeth. Although he wasn't named in James' 1831 will, Samuel's death c. 1825-1826 would explain his absence in the will.

The Winder Surname Project at Family Tree DNA has DNA-Y tested 28 men, 10 of whom (1) match on 67 markers within 0-2 markers difference and (2) share a rare gene referred to as the "Beatty Connection". Four of these men are proved descendants of Thomas Winder (1680-1731) and Sarah Bull, some descending from Thomas Winder's grandson, James Winder, one descending from Thomas Winder's grandson, John Winder. Among these 10 men are two men, Participant A, who is a proved descendant of James G. Winders (# 2 in part III, above) and Participant B, who is a proved descendants of Lafayette Winders, brother of Robert Jackaway Winders (part I, above). Thus, Participants A and B represent descendants of the two groups of children: (1) Participant A represents the Marsham Winders siblings group; (2) Participant B represents the Samuel Winders and Catherine Jackaway siblings group.

On the 67 marker test, Participant A is one marker distant from Participant B. Although we might expect them to be 0 markers distant from one another if they share Samuel Winders as their common ancestor, mutation may explain the 1 marker distance.

Participant A is 1 marker distant from the proved descendant of Thomas Winder's grandson, John, and 2 markers distant from the proved descendant of Thomas Winder's grandson, James Winder. Participant B is 1 marker distant from the proved descendant of Thomas Winder's grandson, James, and 2 markers distant from the proved descendant of Thomas Winder's grandson John Winder. Again, mutation may explain the differences.

The results do tell us that Participants A and B share a common ancestor in the Thomas Winder-Sarah Bull tree since they both closely match proved descendants within that tree. Their 1 marker distance from one another presents a 94.43% probability that their common ancestor is within 8 generations. Samuel Winders is approximately 6 generations from Participants A and B.