

YORKS

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TO MACON COUNTY, TN

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The Yorks came from South Carolina. In the 1880's, maybe earlier, five families had settled in the eastern part of Macon County, on or near Salt Lick Creek, now Red Boiling Springs. Richard York, born about 1755, was a Revolutionary War soldier. It is said that he fought side by side with George Rogers Clark. He married first, Ann McCarter, daughter of Moses McCarter. His second wife was Rebecca Glenn, daughter of Thomas Glenn. Richard York and Anne McCarter York were my great-great-great-great grandparents.

Richard and Anne's children were: Richard, Jr., Robert, Samuel, Thomas, Hannah, William, Nancy, Martha, Meredith, Isaac, and Rebecca. Richard York, Jr., son of Richard and Anne York, was my great-great-great grandfather. He was born about 1786 in South Carolina and died after 1860. He married Jane Hibbitt on Jan. 17, 1805 in Barren Co., KY. Jane, the daughter of William Hibbitt, was born about 1787 and died in the 1850's. Both are buried in Gamaliel, KY. Richard and Jane had ten children: William M., Anna, Elizabeth, Moses, Aaron, Richard Carroll, Andrew Hibbitt, Matilda, Joshua Hadley, and George W. William M. York, the oldest child of Richard and Jane, was born Oct. 12, 1805. Anna York, the second child, was born Apr. 18, 1807 and died Dec. 19, 1893. She married Robert Davis and had nine children. Elizabeth York, the third child, was born Mar. 13, 1809. She married John T. Welch and had eight children. Moses York, the fourth child, was born June 5, 1811. He married 1st Jane H. Birdwell and 2nd Rachel Bertram. He and Jane had four children. Aaron York, the fifth child, was born Apr. 20, 1813. He married 1st Jerusha Knight and 2nd Lydia Wilson Kelly. Aaron and Jerusha had six children. He had four children with Lydia Kelly. Richard Carroll York, the sixth child, was born May 12, 1815. He married 1st Susanna Deckard, the daughter of George Deckard. His second marriage was to Missouri A., last name unknown. Richard had seven children. Andrew Hibbitt, my great-great grandfather and the seventh child, was born June 5, 1817 and died June 24, 1881. His first marriage was to Louisa Hix on Feb. 7, 1839; they had six children. Louisa was born Nov. 25, 1819 and died Mar. 8, 1859. On Dec. 15, 1860 Andrew married Elizabeth Ann Goad and had seven children. She was born Mar. 1, 1831. Matilda York, born Feb. 27, 1819, was the eighth child of Richard and Anne York. She married John Springer and had three children. Joshua Hadley York, the ninth child, was born Aug. 1, 1822. In 1843 he married Nancy Bean, who was born Mar. 1822 and died Dec. 15, 1904. They had three children. George W.

York, the tenth child, was born Apr. 1, 1825. He married Sybil Isabel and had four children.

Andrew Hibbitt York, my great-great grandfather, had five children with his first wife, Louisa Hix. Elizabeth Ellender was born Apr. 26, 1840. John Calvin, born Dec. 12, 1842, married Sarah Martha Comer and had three children. Josephus Oliver was born Dec. 16, 1846 and died May 1, 1864; he was killed in the Civil War. Amanda America was born Mar. 8, 1854. The fifth child of Andrew Hibbitt and Louisa York was Melissa A., born July 22, 1856. Andrew Hibbitt York had seven children with his second wife, Elizabeth Ann Goad, who was my great-great grandmother. The first child, Virginia Anabelle, was born Mar. 18, 1863 and died Apr. 2, 1931. She married Thomas Dobson Smith and had 11 children. Martha Louise, the second child, was born Feb. 28, 1864 and died Feb. 3, 1889. She married Elswick Rush and had one child. Andrew Johnson York, my great grandfather, was the third child. He was born July 21, 1865 and died Mar. 29, 1927. He married Mary Frances Kirby and had six children. The fourth child, Payton Lee York, was born Dec. 25, 1867 and died in 1939. He married 1st Kibby Browning and 2nd Chalista Birdwell. The fifth child, Matilda, was born Mar. 8, 1869 and died May 24, 1953. She married Elswick Rush after the death of his first wife, Martha Louise, who was also Matilda's sister. They had ten children. The sixth child, Howard, was born Oct. 7, 1871. James Starling York, the seventh child, was born Oct. 17, 1873. He married Ellen Biles and had five children.

Andrew Johnson York, my great grandfather and the third child of Andrew Hibbitt York and Elizabeth Ann Goad, was born July 21, 1865 and died Mar. 29, 1927. He was called Johnson. About 1885 he married Mary Frances Kirby, the daughter of Leonidas Hogg and Evaline S. Kirby. She was born Apr. 11, 1862 and died Feb. 26, 1935. Johnson and Frances had seven children. The first child, a daughter, is in a picture with them, but her name is unknown, as she died young. The other children were: Andrew Clinton York married Dona Bean; Dona Elizabeth York married Norman Mitchell Hackett; Samuel Herman York never married; Nola Beatrice York married William Harvey Littrell; Mack Porter York married Florence Nevada Evans; Larkin York married Myrtle Davis.

Nola Beatrice York, my grandmother, was the daughter of Andrew Johnson York and Mary Frances Kirby. She was born Sept. 25, 1900 in Macon Co., TN and died Sept. 11, 1964 in Cookeville, TN. She married William Harvey Littrell on Oct. 22, 1915. Harve, the son of James Marion Littrell and Susan Graven, was born May 12, 1893 and died Apr. 4, 1942. Soon after they married, they went to Effingham, IL to visit Nola's Kirby relatives. Her grandfather, Leonidas Hogg Kirby, died in 1912 and is buried in Effingham. Nola and Harve's first child, Ava, was born in 1916 in IL, died in 1917, and is buried there. Their seven remaining children were born after they returned to TN. Lura Olean was born in 1918 and died in 1994. She married 1st. Harvey Tallent and had three children. She married 2nd Odean Fitzgerald and had two children. Lillian Guyine was born in 1920 and died in 1939.

Clay Littrell, my father, was born in Apr. 22, 1922 and died Oct. 12, 1984. He married Clara Jean Boyd, the daughter of James and Dora Dunavin Boyd, on Feb. 3, 1944 and had seven children. Clara was born Feb. 23, 1920 and died May 30, 2005. Ovia Avaline

was born in 1924 and died in 1998. She married Sidney Arterburn and had three children. Myrtle Myrtleze was born in 1926 and died in 1984. She married L.G. Clinton and had three children. James Floyd was born in 1929 and died in 1979. He married Dora Mabel Gilpatrick and had five children. Susan Frances, the seventh child of Nola and Harve Littrell, was born in 1931 and died in 1933.