

# NORTH CAROLINA

1798      January 25. Elizabeth Hancock was born in Sneads Ferry, Stump Sound, Onslow County, North Carolina to Zebedee and Abigail Taylor Hancock.<sup>1</sup>

1799      December 27. John Hardison Redd was born in Sneads Ferry, Stump Sound, Onslow County, North Carolina to Whitaker Redd, Jr. and Elizabeth Hardison Redd.<sup>2</sup>

Onslow County is in coastal North Carolina. John D. Lee called John H. “a sea captain,” possibly referring to his growing up on the Atlantic Coast. Sneads Ferry sits at the mouth of the New River and the fishing trade is important to the economy, but farming is also important in the area.

1810      August 25. Venus was born to Amy, an enslaved woman owned by Zebedee Hancock. Venus’s father was named Cupit or Cupid, was also enslaved and might have been owned by the Benjamin Williams family in Onslow County.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> John Hardison Redd, “Notebook 1850-1858,” photomechanical reproduction in Lura Redd, *The Utah Redds and Their Progenitors*, edited by Amasa Jay Redd (Salt Lake City: privately Published, 1973), 236-249. John H. Redd wrote genealogical data in the notebook he used from about 1850 until his death. He notated the birth dates and parentage of himself, his wife, and other relatives. He wrote down birth and death dates of the children born to Elizabeth and himself. He also wrote the birth dates and mothers’ names of Zebedee Hancock’s (his father-in-law’s) slaves and the birthdates of some of their children. This notebook has become a valuable source of information particularly for the enslaved. The only sources of accurate data for them are usually plantation records. JH Redd’s notebook gives unusually detailed information. The record has always been in family hands, but someone tried to blot out the record John made of the enslaved. Particular care was taken to make their names unreadable.

<sup>2</sup> Redd, “Notebook.”

<sup>3</sup> Redd, “Notebook.” and Last Will of Benjamin Williams, NC, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99CF-L9Q2-C?i=787&cc=1911121&cat=359218>.

- 1817            March 26. Chaney was born, daughter of Amy and Cupit or Cupid.<sup>4</sup>
- 1821            May 7. John H. Redd posted a bastardy bond in the amount of \$200 for a child he fathered with Peggy Breece or Brice.<sup>5</sup>
- 1824            August Term, Onslow County Court. Zebedee Hancock's will was in probate.<sup>6</sup> He granted ownership of three of his slaves to his children. Venus became the legal property of Elizabeth. Hancock lent Tom, Amy, Chaney, and Finnety to his widow until her death. At that time they would be divided among his three children. Elizabeth did not receive Venus and Chaney as wedding gifts. The death date of her step-mother, Hancock's widow is unknown, so it is uncertain when Elizabeth received Chaney. She was in the household of John and Elizabeth Redd by 1830.<sup>7</sup>
- 1826            March 2. John H. Redd married Elizabeth Hancock.<sup>8</sup>
- Family lore says John H. was a mercantilist. Later in Utah, he sold goods to his neighbors, so he may have combined selling of merchandise with farming. We have no real proof of the claim.

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<sup>4</sup> Redd, "Notebook."

<sup>5</sup> Index to Onslow County Bastardy Bonds, <http://files.usgwarchives.net/nc/onslow/cout/bstrdy0.1.txt>: John Hardison Redd Bastardy Bond. Onslow County, North Carolina State Archives. Copy from Jan Garbett on FamilySearch Family Tree. <https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/14195296>.

<sup>6</sup> Ancestry.com North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998 [database on-line], Provo, Utah, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015. Probate Records Onslow County, North Carolina), 1735-1968; Author: North Carolina, Superior Court (Onslow County); Probate Place: Onslow, North Carolina.

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/007640038\\_01766?indiv=try&h=&db=](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9061/images/007640038_01766?indiv=try&h=&db=)

<sup>7</sup> United States, 1830 Census, North Carolina, Onslow County, head of household, John H. Redd.

<sup>8</sup> Redd, "Notebook."

- 1826 Harriet Redd was born. She died soon after birth.<sup>9</sup> [?]
- 1828 January 9. Luke was born, son of Venus and John H. Redd. In later records, he was known as Luke Ward Redd.<sup>10</sup>
- 1828 January 31. Edward Ward Redd was born, son of Elizabeth and John H. Redd.<sup>11</sup>
- 1828 April 12. Edward Ward Redd died.<sup>12</sup>
- 1828 October 17. John H. Redd bought fifty acres of land from William Hancock, Zebedee Hancock's son and Elizabeth's brother. The cost was \$10.<sup>13</sup>
- Turpentine was one of the products that came from coastal North Carolina and its "piney woods." John H. Redd may have tapped it as well as growing other crops.
- 1829 May 20. "John H. Redd to Thomas G. Grant for 100 dollars sold land

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<sup>9</sup> Redd, *Utah Redds*, 422. No sources are supplied to substantiate the birth of this child. Lemuel Redd's Temple Book, in the hands of Jan Garbett, lists the Redd's first child as Edward.

<sup>10</sup> Redd, "Notebook."

<sup>11</sup> Redd, "Notebook."

<sup>12</sup> Redd, "Notebook."

<sup>13</sup> Onslow County, North Carolina Record of Deeds, Book 17 pages 116-117, John Hardison Redd, FamilySearch, Family Tree, <https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/115719643>, (accessed 25 Jan 2021). The contributor has the date incorrectly listed as 1820. It was actually 1828.

between main road and Ennett's Mill Pond. 200 acres...being part of 400 acres granted to George Cooper and sold to John Hardison and fell to John H. Redd by heirship."<sup>14</sup>

Lura Redd mentioned John H. Redd's inheritance of 400 acres.<sup>15</sup>

1830 July 26. Ann Moriah Redd was born to John H. and Elizabeth Redd.<sup>16</sup>

1830 November 25. John H. Redd bought 300 acres from George Hazzard.<sup>17</sup>

1831 October. Marinda Caroline Redd was born. Chaney may have been her mother. She was light skinned and must have been biracial. It is possible John H. Redd was her father, but it has not been proven.<sup>18</sup>

1831 16 December. Ann Elizabeth Redd was born to John H. and Elizabeth Redd.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Zae Hargett Gwynn, Abstracts of Records of Onslow County, North Carolina, 1734-1850, vol. 2 (Onslow Co.:Z. H. Gwynn, 1961). 1306. Courtesy of Amy Tanner Thiriot.

<sup>15</sup> Redd, *Utah Redds*, 182.

<sup>16</sup> Redd, "Notebook."

<sup>17</sup> Onslow County Courthouse, Jacksonville, North Carolina. Record of Deeds, Book 19 pages 111-113, John Hardison Redd, FamilySearch, Family Tree, <https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/115788897>, (accessed 25 Jan 2021).

<sup>18</sup> Marinda Bankhead, Death Certificate, 20 Jan 1907, file no. 29, digital image available in "Utah , Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961," s.v. "Marinda Bankhead" (18311-1907), Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah.

<sup>19</sup> Redd, "Notebook."

- 1834 January 4. Mary Catherine Redd was born to John H. and Elizabeth Redd.<sup>20</sup>
- Ca. 1834 Sam Franklin, indentured servant was born. Parents, birth place unknown.<sup>21</sup>
- 1836 31 July. Lemuel Hardison Redd was born to John H. and Elizabeth Redd.<sup>22</sup> source Family Record of Lemuel Hardison Redd
- 1836-1837 Amy, daughter of Chaney and unknown father was born. Like Marinda and Luke, she was biracial. John H. Redd may have been her father, but that is only supposition.<sup>23</sup>
- 1838 13 June. John Holt Redd was born to John H. and Elizabeth Redd.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> Redd, "Notebook."

<sup>21</sup> United States, Census, 1850, Utah Territory, Utah County, head of household, John Hardison Redd.

<sup>22</sup> Redd, "Notebook."

<sup>23</sup> Her age is taken from the census above.

<sup>24</sup> Redd, "Notebook."