

"Brabazon"

The ancient and distinguished origin of this family has been recognized by the Crown in the patent of the creation of the Earldom of Meath 1637.

This noble family of Barbanson, Brabazon or Brabanon assumed that surname from the Castle of Brabazon in Normandy, whence Jacques (or James Le Brabanson called the "Great Warrior") came to the aid of William Duke of Normandy in his Conquest of England, as appears by his name being inserted in the roll of "Battle Abbey."

This is an extract from "Genealogical History," of the family of Brabazon from its origin down to Sir William Brabazon, Lord Treasurer and Lord Chief Justice of Ireland in the time of Henry VIII who died in 1552.

Our great, great grandfather John Brabson came from Wales, at the age of 15 years, and settled at Martinsburg, Virginia. He married Mary Reese, also from Wales. Their children were John (Great grandfather) who married Elizabeth Davis born Feb. 20, 1791. He, (great grandfather) bought Brabson's Ferry plantation in Sevier County, Tennessee, in 1794.

Their children were:-

Benjamin Davis, Born Feb. 23, 1809, died July 13, 1866. Married Elizabeth Toole. (Your grand parents)

Ephraim, (Doctor) Born June 27, 1811, died Feb. 6, 1847. Single

Thomas Croyn, Born Aug. 31, 1813, died June 11, 1894. Married Margaret Porter.

Reese Bowen, Born Sept. 15, 1815, died Aug. 16, 1863. Married Maria Keith.

Mary Reese, Born Jan. 14, 1818, died April 13, 1883. Married David Shields, Grainger County, Tennessee, who died and she then married Dr. Robert Hatton Hodsdon.

Priscilla Jones, Born Jan. 4, 1821, died--- (I do not know the date)
Married Dr. Milton Shields.

Oct. 14, 1887

Lucy, Born June 10, 1823, died ~~March 19, 1907~~. Married William Scruggs.

Elizabeth, Born March 29, 1826, died March 1, 1907. Married Col. John McNutt.

John P. Born December 29, 1828, died Nov. 7, 1848. Single.

Penelope Camille, Born April 29, 1832, died Oct. 25, 1897. Married Col. Milton A. Haynes.

The John Brabson above who came from Wales had a son named Thomas who married a Miller and they had three sons.

I think our great-great grand parents had five children instead of two as shown above, as you will notice by information given on the other sheet. However, I have copied what information I have as it was given to me and I hope it will be of some benefit to you. - Ruth ?

Family Record of John Brabson Jr. Copied from his Bible.

Marriages:

John Brabson, Jr., was married to Elizabeth Davis, April 14, 1808.
David Shields was married to Mary Brabson, June 15, 1837.
Benjamin Davis Brabson was married to Elizabeth Toole, Sept. 5, 1839
Milton Shields was married to Priscilla Jones Brabson, Sept. 24, 1839
John S. McNutt was married To Elizabeth Brabson, Nov. 22, 1843.
Thomas C. Brabson was married to Margaret Porter, December 22, 1843.
Reese Bowen Brabson was married to Mariah Keith, Sept. 24, 1844.
(Dr.) Robert H. Hodsden was married to Mary Brabson Shields, Aug. 16, 1843.
(Col.) Milton A. Haynes was married to Penelope C. Brabson, Feb. 18, 1858

Births:

Children of John Brabson and his wife Elizabeth Davis.

John Brabson Jr., b. Feb. 2, 1773, his wife Elizabeth Davis, b. Feb. 20, 1791

B.D. Brabson, Feb. 23, 1809
Ephriam Brabson, June 27, 1811
T.C. Brabson, Aug. 31, 1813
R.B. Brabson, Sept. 15, 1815
Mary Brabson, Jan. 14, 1818
Priscilla Brabson, Jan. 11, 1821
Lucy Brabson, June 10, 1823
Elizabeth Brabson, March 29, 1826
John Brabson, Dec. 29, 1828
Penelope Brabson, April 29, 1832.

Deaths:

Elizabeth Davis Brabson, July 5, 1868
John Brabson(son) , July 21, 1829, age 7 months
Ephriam Brabson, Feb. 6, 1847 (unmarried)
Reese Bowen Brabson, Aug. 16, 1863
Benjamin Davis Brabson, July 13, 1866
Priscilla Shields, March 5, 1886
Lucy Scruggs, Oct. 14, 1887
Mary Hodsden, April 13, 1888
T.C. Brabson, June 11, 1894
Penelope C. Haynes, Oct. 25, 1897
Elizabeth McNutt, March 1, 1907
Mr. David Shields, March 22, 1839
Dr. Robert H. Hodsden, June 16, 1864
Milton Shields, Dec. 20, 1866
Col. Milton A. Haynes, Sept. 27, 1867
Margaret Porter Brabson, June 30, 1911
John S. McNutt, Oct. 16, 1893
William Scruggs, Jan. 30, 1892
Elizabeth Toole Brabson, 1894
Maria Brabson Cleary.

John Brabson Sr. married Mary Reese, and they had five children.

Thomas, who married a Miller

Ephraim, single

John, born Feb. 2, 1773, died Nov. 7th 1848; married Elizabeth Davis, April 14th 1808.

Robert, died in infancy.

Margaret, (Peg) married an Ingram and she had one son. She kept house for her father and later went to Missouri.

John Brabson (Son of John Brabson who married Mary Reese) was born Feb. 2, 1773 and died Nov. 7, 1848. He married Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Ben Davis and Priscilla Jones Davis, who was born Feb. 20, 1791, died July 5, 1868. They had ten children- Benjamin, Ephraim, Thomas Croyn, Reese Bowen, Mary Reese, Priscilla Jones, Lucy, Elizabeth, John L., and Penelope.

Benjamin Davis, Greenville, S.C., (Son of Benjamin Davis and Elizabeth Davis) married Priscilla Jones daughter of Reps Jones of Virginia, and they had nine children- Mary, Lucy, Penelope, Zelphia, Elizabeth (born Feb. 20, 1791), married John Brabson, April 14, 1808; died July 5, 1868, Joseph, Reps, Benjamin, and Alexantier.