

In 1804, Catherine (Katy) Goad, daughter of Robert, married, in Bedford County, John Meece. This couple accompanied (or preceded) Robert and his family to Tennessee and owned land bordering that of the other Goads in Maury County. John died young and left Katy with a large number of sons, predictably named John, Abraham, et al.

In 1797, Nancy Goad, daughter of Robert, Sr., married in Bedford County, William GOAD : This is undoubtedly the William who appeared in 1801 on the tax list and probably one of the Nancys that appeared in 1803, indicating the new bridegroom did not live long. This William, probably born ca 1775, could well be yet another son of William and Tabitha. By our speculation, this would mean about eight sons for William, not at all impossible for that day. This William might have been a son of Charles or the older Thomas.

When the Goads disposed of their land in 1803 Bedford, Richard Goad and members of the Towler family witnessed the deed. In 1804, this Richard married Nancy Towler (September 27 by John Ayers) and the following year, 28 November, 1805, Thomas Goad married Nancy's sister, Sally, both weddings taking place in Pittsylvania County. When Joseph Towler (Toler) died in 1819, his will named these daughters and, in referring to Sally Goad, left her "land on which she now lives". As Robert's Thomas was in Maury County, Tennessee, this was obviously another Thomas. John's Thomas was a much older man so we are again back to William as a likely father of this Thomas.

Charles who was born probably ca 1748 was old enough to have had a son marrying at this time. He had three daughters who married in the years 1789-1795 but we have never identified a son for Charles. This Thomas, William who married Nancy Goad and James who married Peggy Shockley are all possible sons of Charles.

To summarize, we have the following as definitely children of Robert, Sr : Thomas, Robert, Jr., Nancy, Peter and Catherine Meece. A probable child was Richard. Other possible children were Joshua (in my opinion, not likely), James and Abraham, the latter two of White County, Tennessee and 1810 Bedford respectively.

The first reference we find in Maury County, Tennessee is the recorded marriage of Robert, Jr., 13 October, 1809 to Mary "Polly" Mahon. There was a large and prominent clan named McMahan in early Maury County and it is possible Polly was of this family with the "Mc" dropped by mistake or design. Other "McMahan" records seem to indicate such variations. In January, 1812, the estate property of Robert McKean was sold to among others, Richard McMahan and Thomas McMahan. In the same month, the will of Robert McKean had been witnessed by Thomas MAHON.

On 23 July, 1810, Robert Goad was appointed an Ensign in the 27th militia regiment in Maury County.