

The Nicholas Baucom Line

Nicholas Baucom (1700-1762)

The head of this Baucom line in America, Nicholas Baucom was born circa 1700. It is uncertain who his parents were or where he was born, although it does appear he was of English heritage¹. The Baucom story in America begins first in St. George's Parish records when his son John was born July 1st, 1725. Married twice, it appears that John Baucom was the only child Nicholas has with his first wife Mary.

Nicholas had several other children with his second wife, Sarah Lee.

It is clear that Nicholas was a man of some wealth. In 1733, Nicholas purchased 150 acres in an estate called Tripleunion in Baltimore County. In 1739, Baucom sold his interest in Tripleunion and then moved his family to Craven County, North Carolina. In 1742 he proved rights to land and in 1745 he purchased 300 acres. In 1747 he bought and sold land in Johnston County, North Carolina. In 1759 he was appointed to lay out a road in Johnston County, and then in 1761 he received a grant of 640 acres on both sides of the Neuse River, and then later received permission to operate a ferry on the plantation.

After a full but relatively short life, Nicholas Baucom died in 1762.

The next several generations of Baucoms in the line that culminates with George Miller's grandmother Annie Marie Baucom found the Baucom family slowly moving west and northward:

- **John Baucom (1725-1800)**, the son of Nicholas Baucom and his wife Mary lived and died in North Carolina. He married Rachel Barker (1735-1800) in 1754. It appears that John Baucom provided material aid to American Revolution.
- **Brittain Burrell Baucom (1766-1825)**, the son of John Baucom, while born in 1766 in North Carolina and married Mary in 1788 in North Carolina, moved to Tennessee and there remained.
- **William John Baucom (1798-1842)**, the son of Brittain Baucom was born most likely in North Carolina, married Alcey Neville on February 15, 1819 in Tennessee. At some point, he moved his family to Illinois. William and Alcey died in Illinois.

¹ Some previous researchers have postulated that Nicholas Baucom was the one of four sons of Johan von Baucom, of the Karl von Baucom family from Prussia who immigrated to America in two privately owned boats. While an attractive story, the evidence seems to support Banks McLaurin's supposition in the "The Baucom Families in the United States" published privately in 1978 that Nicholas Baucom was of English heritage.

- **John P. Baucom (1819-1907)**, the son of William Baucom was born in Tennessee. He moved with his family to Illinois. He married Elizabeth Waterman in 1862 in Illinois. John P. and Elizabeth died in Illinois.
- **Thomas Leads Baucom (1844-1921)**, the son of John P. Baucom, and great grandfather of George Miller, was born in Christian County, Illinois. He was 19 years old when he married Marie D. Shewmaker² on July 27, 1862. By 1869 they had moved to Chartham Township with Anna Maria and Sarah R and where Edwin Pleasant (Plez) was born in June of '69. The family moved to Missouri in 1869 and returned to Illinois seven years later. William and John Vardeman were born in Missouri and Mary Elizabeth (Puss) was born in 1877 upon their return to Illinois. She was their last child. The family remained in the Chatham/Loami area after their return from Missouri.³

Ann Maria Baucom (1863-1954), the daughter of Thomas Leads Baucom, married John T. Miller on August 15, 1888 in Christian County, Illinois.

² who was born in Indiana and came to Illinois shortly after

³ Janet Coble was the grand daughter-in-law of Edwin Pleasant. Her husband was Junior Coble, whose parents were Frank Coble, Sr. and Myrtle Baucom. Frank Coble Sr.'s parents were Edwin Pleasant and Lillian Bates.