

WATTS-WATS FAMILY

James A. Wats-Watts, a white man born around 1833 and Charlotte or Carolotta Naomi Thompson-Tomson, born around 1837.¹ The only child that can be traced to them so far is Nancy.

1. Nancy Christine Wats, born August 25, 1855 in Chester county, SC. She married 1st James Goodwin Patterson, son of John S. Sitgreaves (white) and Martha Patterson, (Catawba) they had a daughter, Lizzie Jane. Nancy married 2nd Robert Detan or Devton? and had another daughter, Lena.² Nancy then married 3rd William David Watts, son of Evan and Lucy Quash-Marsh Watts. Nancy Wats received money from the Indian Agent R. L. Crook in 1881, in the amount of \$13.32.³

Elder Joseph Willey writes in his journal:

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After baptism we confirmed them in meeting."

Nancy then married 3rd William David Wats, son of Evan and Lucy Quash-Marsh Watts and removed to Utah. She died 24 April 1926 in Cedar City, Iron County, Utah. She had Elizabeth, Lena, Henry, Lauri Lizzie, Katy, William, Allie May and Vaun Watts, 8 children in all, with three different husbands.⁴

- a. Elizabeth Jane (Lizzie) Patterson-Wats, born September 23, 1874, married David Adam (Toad) Harris, son of James and Sarah Jane Ayers Harris.
- b. Lizzie died February 28, 1917. Her children can be found in the Peter Harris chapter under David Adam Harris.
- c. Lena Laura Watts-Detan, born December 21, 1876. Elder Joseph Willey baptized Lena on March 9, 1884; she died September 12, 1887.

Evans-Eben Watts, white, born 13 May 1817 in Lancaster County, South Carolina. Evan was the son of William D. or William H. Wats and Elizabeth Madis or Martin.⁵ He married Lucy Quash-Marsh, born November 3, 1817, daughter of Robert and Betsy Scott Marsh.

The following is found in Joseph Willey's Diary. It shows just how deeply the family was committed to the new religion, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

¹ LDS Ancestral File.

² Catawba Branch Records.

³ Reports and Resolutions of South Carolina.

⁴ LDS Ancestral File, IGI and Catawba Branch Records.

⁵ Ibid.

Day Saints.

"The President appointed me to go with a new elder who had just come out to go see Bro. Robison and fetch him to headquarters where the saints could take care of him. Elder Easton, Elder ??? And myself started Friday the 21st. Got to Mr. Wats at 8 am. We walked 35 miles. We found Brother Robison very sick. He was very glad to see us. We anointed him with oil and administered to him. Pres. Easton and myself set up with him till twelve o'clock. He was in much pain-slept one hour. The next day we took him to Rock Hill to Br. Smiths. Got a light wagon and took him to the depo at three fifteen we took the train. It created quite an excitement at the station. Elder Miller and myself got off at Fort Mills 8 miles from Rock Hill. Staid to Sister Bunches."

The next day we went over to Mr. Wats. This was where Bro Robison staid while he was sick. They received us very kindly. They wished us to hold meeting in ther house that night. The neighbors all come in and we had a good meeting. There was 25 persons to meeting, all Indians.

On the 26th we went over to Mr. E. Wats, found the folks all well to Mr. Wats. Nov. 27, 1883, I anointed with oil and administered to Elder Miller, also anointed and administered to Sister Lucy Wats. They was both well the next morning. Went down to William Wats staid all day. Then went back to Mr. E. Wats and staid that night and next day next night."

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Sunday February 24, 1884. Sunday school was held at Bro. Evans Wats. This was the first Sunday school the Lamanites had ever attended. They seemed to take a lively interest."

Lucy signed a letter from Pinkney Head in April 9, 1894, asking for permission to join with the other Western Catawba, joining the Ute Tribe of Unita County, Utah.

Other children of Lucy Quash-Marsh-Mush are:

1. Robert Henry Head born 1841 married Sarah Ann Evans-Canty, he die din the Civil War.
2. Emily Elizabeth Cobb born December 9 1843, married 1st. Jefferson Ayers 2nd Taylor George.
3. Margaret J. McLonah or McLure born 21 August 1845, married 1st. Robert Crawford who was killed in the Civil War, 2nd William (Billy) George, son of Nelson and Sarah Ayers George.

Then Lucy and Evan had James Harvey Wats and William David Watts.⁶
5. James Harvey Wats, born April 8, 1858, married 1st Mary Jane Whitesides, daughter of Thomas Whitesides and Eliza Scott no children;⁷ 2nd Gertrude Dye Ayers, step daughter of Davis Ayers and Harriet Berry. James received money from the Indian Agent; R. L. Crook in 1881 in the amount of \$13.32, his mother Lucy received \$13.32 at the same time.

"September, 1883. Elder Joseph Willey then joined Elder Miller and they held meetings here about every other Sunday up till December 1883, when Elder Miller took the chills and fever, and Elder J. J. Humphreys took his place. Elders Humphreys and Willey held meetings every other Sunday up till about the 1st of May, then Elder R. S. Humphreys became the companion of Elder Willey. They held meetings here every other Sunday until the 1st of September, when owing to threats of mobs the Elders had to hide in the woods for about a week."

It was at this time the missionaries were led through the swamps by Brother James Patterson and Brother James Watts.

In 1902, James and Thomas Stevens were keeping the Cureton Ferry. James Harvey died March 21, 1926. James had two sons, William David and James Clifford Odell Watts.⁸

a. William David Watts born July 26, 1920 married Eula Sanders, daughter of John Idel JR and Arzada Brown Sanders. William David was a Bishop in 1954, when he officiated at the funeral of Robert Lee Harris. He was called to be a Branch President by March of 1955 when he officiated at another funeral, that of Hoyt Spencer Harris.

- (1) Janice Dorenda Watts born August 4, 1944
- (2) William David Watts jr. born November 1, 1944.
- (3) Milton Everett Watts born October 10, 1947
- (4) Edwin Larson Watts born April 12, 1951
- (5) Donna Leola Watts born May 25, 1953.⁹

b. James Clifford Odell Wats, born May 25, 1923¹⁰ he married a white woman named Mary. He was a truck driver.

- (1) Betty Jean Watts born 30 March 1943
- (2) Carol Maudine born in 1944
- (3) Wayne Alex Watts These 3 children are by Clifford's first wife.
- (4) Clifford Jr.
- (5) Sharon Watts
- (6) Cheryl June
- (7) Rodney Watts These children are by his 2nd wife and

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Patterson genealogy

⁸ Catawba membership rolls 1849-1961.

⁹ 1943-1961 Catawba membership rolls.

¹⁰ Ibid, the 1943 roll has Starnes written by Clifford's name.

they were all born in Tennessee.¹¹

6. William David Wats-Watts was born May 23, 1860; he married Nancy Christine Wats, daughter of James Watts and Carolotta Naomi Thompson. William along with his mother, Lucy Watts signed the Pinkney head petition asking that the Western Catawba be able to join the Ute Tribe in Unita County, Utah.

William David died 20 October 1933 in Cedar City, Iron, Utah. There are many references to the Watts family, too many to give here. Elder Willey wrote several like the one that follows.

"June 1, 1884. Held meeting at or near Bro. William Watses in a house that had been fixed for that purpose."

There are many such references to the family.



William David Watts-Wats



Nancy Christine Watts Patterson Watts¹²

William and Nancy had the following children.

- a. Henry James Evan Watts born 11 November 1884 married Lyona Sproul, 29 April 1893 in Washington, Utah he died 20 June 1957 in Granite, Utah.¹³

¹¹ Membership rolls

¹² All Watts photos courtesy Mauna McDonald Woodbury.

¹³ Ibid

- (1) Katie Watts born 19 July 1913 Cedar City, Utah
 - (2) Thora Watts married ??? Wright
 - (3) Henry Arshell Watts born 29 October 1918 in Delta, Utah
 - (4) Erva Watts
 - (5) David Ardell Watts
 - (6) Eveline Watts
 - (7) William Sproul Watts
 - (8) Maurie Watts
 - (9) Sharon Watts
 - (10) Donald Myron Watts ¹⁴
- b. Lauri Lizzie Watts born 29 September 1888 in York, SC. married Wilber E. Dow on 17 October died 17, October 1910. The Dows made their home in Pioche, Nevada, where Laura took sick with typhoid, which took her life. She left two small children a boy and a girl. The father left the children to be raised by William David and Nancy Christine Watts Watts.
- (1) Wilber William E. Dow
 - (2) Elva Katie Dow
- c. Katy H. Watts born 11 June 1891 in New Harmony, Washington, Utah, married El Hooper on 13 December 1911 and died 27 April 1912.
- (1) One son, name unknown
- d. William Watts born 8 May 1893 in New Harmony, Utah, died 4 August 1893.
- e. Allie May Watts born 27 May 1895 in New Harmony, married Lamont Alexander McDonald on 19 November 1913 and died 6 June 1966 in Parowan, Utah. ¹⁵
- (1) Theresa McDonald born 30 June 1914 in Cedar City, married Anthony Joseph LaRossa.
 - (a) Jeannine LaRossa born 19 may 1940 in Albany, CA, married Michael Miterko
They have Bernadette, Michelle, Gina and Anthony Joseph Miterko.
 - (b) Leslie LaRossa born 13 July 1946 in Albany, CA, married Jeffery Willcoxan. They have Michael Vincent and Steffanie Michelle Willcoxan.
 - (2) Maxine (Mickey) McDonald born 27 December 1918 in Cedar City, married Rex Linden Jensen.
 - (a) Larry Linden Jensen born 19 January 1942 in Santa Anna, CA, he married Martha Bell and they have Jeffery and Johnathon Jensen.
 - (3) Virginia McDonald born 16 December 1921 in Cedar City, married Edgar Goble.
 - (a) Thomas Rae Goble born 3 August 1940 in Cedar City, married 1st Vickie Butcher and they had Virginia Lin Goble;

¹⁴ Ibid

¹⁵ Mauna Woodbury.

- he married 2nd Charlotte Mickelson and they have Gloria Dwan Goble.
- (b) Pat Lanar Goble born 17 March 1942, married Linda Bryant and they have Patti Lin, Scott Lanar, Lori Dawn and Lanarae Bryant.
 - (c) Gloria Dawn Goble born 16 December 1944 married Rodney Cory, and they have Rodney Don and Eddie Allen Cory.
 - (d) Lamont Lee Goble born 29 November 1952 in Cedar City, Utah married Tami and they have Mandy and Sunnie.
- (4) Sylvia Billie McDonald born 21 April 19245 in Cedar City, died 14 April 1940, also in Cedar city, Utah.
- (5) LaWanna McDonald born 10 November 1928 in Cedar City, married Elmo G. Bentley.
- (a) Elmo Jay Bentley born 13 February 1949 in Cedar City, Utah, married Roberta and they have Tracey, Stacey and Brandon Jay Bentley.
 - (b) Robert Ray Bentley born 16 July 1951 in Cedar City, married RaGina and they have Timothy Robert Regan, Jamie Jeannine, Mindy and Keri Dawn Bentley.
 - (c) LuAnn Bentley born 28 September 1955 married Robert Jorgenson and they have Danny, Jackie Lin and Lindy Jorgenson.
- (6) Mauna (Monty) McDonald born 5 February 1934. Married Clayton Hartley Woodbury in 1954. The Woodbury's have 10 grandchildren and 1 great grand daughter at the present time, 1997.¹⁶
- (a) Cindy Lou Woodbury born 10 November 1955 in Cedar City, Utah, married Gregory Lee Toler and they have Darcie Dawn and Dayna Rae Dayna Rae Toler.
 - (b) Donald Clayton Woodbury born 23 July 1957 married Gwendolyn Hobson and they have Ann Mechelle, Michael Joe and David Wayne Woodbury.
 - (c) Susan Lynn Woodbury born 29 September 1961 in Oakland, CA married Donald Kent Leverton and they have Justin Ray and Adam Kent Leverton.
 - (d) David Hartley Woodbury born 4 October 1964 in Santa Clara, CA married Kristy Hyita and they have Chase Eugene and Dustin James Woodbury.
- f. Vaun Willard Watts born 13 December 1898 in New Harmony, Utah, married Laura Cox in Beaver, Utah. Vaun died 25 March 1964.¹⁷
- (a) Buddy Warren Watts
 - (b) Kenneth Vaun Watts
 - (c) Jackie Stanley Watts
 - (d) Ethyl Watts¹⁸

¹⁶ Ibid and Mauna McDonald Woodbury's genealogy.

¹⁷ LDS Ancestral File

¹⁸ Mauna Woodbury Genealogy



Woodbury Children: right, Cindy Lou, father Clayton Mauna, Donald Clayton, the bride Susan Lynn & Youngest child, David Hartley



Grandchildren

Left to right: Justin Ray, Anna Mechelle, Adam Kent, Toni Lee Michael Joe in photo, Dayna Rae, David Wayne, Darcie Donn Dustin James and Chase Eugene

1997



**William David & Nancy Christine
Watts Family
Henry, Lana, Katie, Baby Vaun & Allie
May at dad's knee**



**Allie May Watts
(McDonald)**



**Left to Right: Virginia, Maxine, Mauna
Theressa, LaWanna & father Lamont McDonald**