

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband Benjamin Best Sr.</b>		
Born	Feb 1740	Place , , North Carolina, USA
Chr.		Place
Died	Bef 12 Feb 1805	Place , Greene Co., North Carolina, USA
Buried		Place
Married	Abt 1760	Place Probably, Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
Other Spouse	Celia Hood	
Married	Abt 1758	Place , , North Carolina, USA
Husband's father	Henry Best Sr.	
Husband's mother	Elizabeth Godwin	
<b>Wife Margaret Williams</b>		
Born	Abt Feb 1740	Place Perhaps, Bertie Co., North Carolina, USA
Chr.		Place
Died	Abt 1804	Place , Greene Co., North Carolina, USA
Buried		Place
Wife's father	Robert Williams Sr.	
Wife's mother	Anne Lee	
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.		
1	F	<b>Clarky Best</b>
	Born	Abt 1760 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Aft 1792 Place , , North Carolina, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Benjamin Sherrod
	Married	Abt 1784 Place , , North Carolina, USA
2	M	<b>Henry Best</b>
	Born	11 Apr 1762 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	2 Dec 1839 Place , Greene Co., North Carolina, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Winifred Hardy
	Married	Place
3	M	<b>Benjamin Best Jr.</b>
	Born	Abt 1766 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	13 Sep 1850 Place , Greene Co., North Carolina, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Mary Hardy
	Married	Abt 1790 Place , Greene Co., North Carolina, USA
4	F	<b>Elizabeth Best</b>
	Born	Abt 1768 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 1805 Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Cullen Edwards
	Married	Place
5	F	<b>Mary Best</b>
	Born	Abt 1770 Place , , North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Abt 1846 Place , Rutherford Co., Tennessee, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Isham Revell
	Married	Abt 1790 Place , , North Carolina, USA
6	M	<b>Williams Best</b>
	Born	Abt 1774 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	17 Jan 1825 Place , Darlington Co., South Carolina, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Mary Strain
	Married	Place
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<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Anne Best</b>
	Born	Abt 1776 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	24 Feb 1830 Place , Wayne Co., North Carolina, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Henry Britt
	Married	Place
<b>8</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Theophilus Best</b>
	Born	Abt 1776 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	1831 Place , Wayne Co., North Carolina, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Martha Ham
	Married	Place
<b>9</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Margaret Best</b>
	Born	Abt 1778 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 1805 Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Benit John Murphrey
	Married	Place
<b>10</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Martha Best</b>
	Born	Bef 1780 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 1805 Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Heath
	Married	Place
<b>11</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Robert Best</b>
	Born	Abt 1782 Place , Dobbs Co., North Carolina, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Elizabeth "Betsy" Williams
	Married	Bef 1818 Place , Greene Co., North Carolina, USA

**Notes**

HUSBAND - Benjamin Best Sr.

He died in a fall from his buggy, according to a family tree at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), owned by "CStaffordF3446," tree entitled "Carolyn Stafford Forbes Genealogy One1," accessed 15 Nov 2018.

He is a patriot identified by the Daughters of the American Revolution, [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

BEST, BENJAMIN Ancestor #: A009708

Service: NORTH CAROLINA Rank(s): PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Birth: CIRCA 1740

Death: ANTE 2-12-1805 GREENE CO NORTH CAROLINA

Service Source: NC REV WAR PAY VOUCHERS, #222, ROLL #S.115.68

Service Description: 1) PAID FOR SERVICES RENDERED

He was married twice: first to Celia Hood who died in childbirth and second to Margaret Williams.

Source: Wayne County Heritage Book, Wayne County, NC

WILL of BENJAMIN BEST, SR

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Best of the county of Greene and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do this Twenty Eight day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eighteen hundred and four, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is say

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principally and first of all, give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty powers of God.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of the same in manner and form following - that is to say:

First of all my will and desire is that all just debts by me contracted be punctually and duly paid by my executor.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my son, Henry Best, one negro boy named Peter.

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my son, Benjamin Best, one negro man named Willis and one hundred dollars.

Fourthly: I give and bequeath to my grand-daughter, Celia Edwards, one mare, bridle and saddle, one bed and furniture, and one half of a negro girl named Milly; the other half to Elizabeth Edwards, and one bed and furniture which Henry Britt hath in possession, and if Elizabeth Edwards dies without an heir begotten of her own body it is to return to Celia Edwards.

Fifthly: I give and bequeath to my grandson, Kinchen Theophilus Best, one plantation whereon Isom Revel now lives containing two hundred acres more or less, also one negro boy named Ned, the plantation already given after the expiration of six years is to be rented out to the highest bidder, while Kinchen Theophilus Best arrives to the age of twenty one years old, and if he dies without an heir lawfully begotten of his own body, then the land and negroes to return back to my children.

Sixthly: I give and bequeath to my daughters, Ann (Best) Britt and Mary (Best) Revel, and Clarky (Best) Sherard, Williams Best, Theophilus Best, Benjamin Britt, Rebecca Britt, (children of Henry Britt) (to wit.) six negroes names as follows: Ginny, cliff, Simon, Lettis, Ben, & Daniel to be equally divided. Both of the above mentioned children of Henry Britt to draw but one share. Also one bed and furniture to Mary Revel. Also I give to my son, Williams Best, a small parcel of land, being and lying on the north side of the Reedy Branch being part of the tract whereon I now live.

Seventhly: I give and bequeath to my grand-daughters: Polly Murphrey and Sally Heath five pounds each.

Eightly: I give and bequeath to my son, Robert Best, one negro man named Dennis, together with all my lands and stock of all kindss and all the household furniture, together with all the appurtenances and utensils hereunto belonging, and also half a set of black smith tools which Henry Best hath now in possession. By these gifts I oblige my son, Robert Best, to raise and school, Kinchen Theophilus Best, and also to support two old negroes: Peter and Patience. I constitute, nominate, and appoint my sons, Henry Best and Robert Best executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby disallow, revoke, and annul all other former wills by me herefore made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be and contain my land will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first herein written.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the said Benjamin Best (I) to be his last will and testament, in presence of us, who in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names: Jesse Pridgen, Thomas Pridgen

Benjamin Best (Seal)

Death: 12 FEB 1805 in Bull Head, Greene County, Greene, North Carolina

WIFE - Margaret Williams

NOTE from Cecillie Gaziano, cgaziano1@gmail.com: I do not know of any proof that Margaret Williams was the daughter or Robert Williams, Sr., and Anne Scott/Lee.

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CHILD 2 - Henry Best

Information from a family tree at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), "Simpson Family Tree," owned by "vegakitty1," accessed 18 Nov 2018.