

Ancestors of Eliza S. Oliver

Generation 1

1. **Eliza S. Oliver**, daughter of William Oliver and Elizabeth Fountain, was born about 1798 in Caroline Co., Virginia. She died on 24 Jul 1839 in Henry Co., Kentucky. She married **James Walker** on 23 May 1815 in Henry Co., Kentucky. He was born on 28 Sep 1786 in Orange Co., Virginia. He died on 11 Mar 1869 in Henry Co., Kentucky.

Notes for James Walker:

From Henry County, Kentucky, 1798-1995: A History of our Heritage, reported from the obituary of William Henry Walker:

During the war of 1812 to 1815, James Walker enlisted and came to Indiana on a campaign against the Indians. Passing through the western part of this county (Hamilton) and being favorably impressed with the appearance of the county, he returned soon after, bringing with him a small quantity of bluegrass seed which he scattered on a small open spot in the woods. Returning again a few years later, he found the bluegrass had taken root, grown and spread to quite a patch. Finding that bluegrass would grow here impressed him so favorably that that he entered several hundred acres of land under the Homestead Act about 2-1/2 miles north of Jolietville, giving a portion to each of his three sons, William Henry, Horace and Theodore. The former, being he was married, came out and commenced to make a home, but not liking the mosquitoes and ague, which seemed to hold supremacy, went back to Kentucky. The other two came out and made their homes on some of the land mentioned above.

From a note by Mrs. Arthur (Walker) Stewart:

James Walker came from Culpepper Co VA. He rode horseback and the family still has his little horsehide covered trunk in which he brought his clothes. Some descendants still have the trunk. He is buried on some of his own land on a farm outside of New Castle, Henry County, Kentucky. During the War of 1812 James Walker enlisted and went to Indiana on a campaign against the Indians. Afterwards he returned to Indiana only long enough to plant some bluegrass seed. Later when he found that it did well, he took several hundred acres north of Jolietville Indiana and gave a part to each of his 3 sons. William Henry Walker did not like the mosquitoes and went back to Kentucky. The other two sons Horace and Theodore stayed in Indiana..

The parents and grandparents of James Walker listed here were taken from the research of others. At this point, they are considered by me as a possibility but far from confirmed.

Generation 2

2. **William Oliver**, son of John Oliver and Ann Sharp, was born between 1761-1765 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died in 1837 in Henry Co., Kentucky. He married **Elizabeth Fountain** on 10 Mar 1803 in Halifax, Virginia.
3. **Elizabeth Fountain** was born about 1783 in James River, Buckingham Co., Virginia. She died before 1837.

Notes for William Oliver:

William's placement as the son of John Oliver and Ann Sharp has not been proven. Also the identity of his wife as Elizabeth Fountain has not yet been proven. The information about William's descendants is reasonably accurate.

William Oliver and family probably came to Kentucky from Virginia with his brother Charles Oliver and his family about 1804. The ancestors of William listed here should be considered as unproven possibilities.

Will of William Oliver

Henry County, Kentucky
Will Book 6
1834-1838

I, William Oliver of the County of Henry and State of Kentucky do hereby declare the following to be my last will and Testament revoking all others. Item 1st: I give to my daughter Eliza Walker my Negro girl named Mary (a child of my woman Caddy) to belong to my said daughter and her children forever. Item 2nd: I give to my daughter [Elizabeth Ann Buchannon] my Negro girl named Sarah (a child of my woman [Pensar]) to belong to my said daughter Elizabeth [Ann] and the heirs of her body forever. Item 3rd: I give to my sons Walker Oliver, Edmund Oliver and Fountain Oliver one dollar each and I give them no more. Item 4th: I do hereby direct that my Executors herein named to hire out my Negro man [Jack] from year to year until he shall be forty years of age being careful to hire him where he will be well treated and out of the proceeds of said hire they shall pay the [aforementioned] [Jack] each year the sum of ten dollars. The balance of [aforementioned] hire to be equally divided amongst my heirs hereafter named and when the [aforementioned] [slave] shall be forty years of age he shall be legally emancipated and [] free from the services of all persons whatever. Item 5th: All other of my slaves beside those above named I direct to be sold by private sale to the highest bidder among the following of my children (viz) Eliza Walker, Burrell L. Oliver, William Oliver, James Oliver and Elizabeth Ann Buchannon or such of them as may be then living, and it is my wish that none of [aforementioned] slaves be sold out of the family. Item 6th: I hereby direct my land together with every other pieces of my property not above named to be sold at public sale to the highest bidder on such credit as my Executor may think proper, and after the payments of all my just debts and funeral expenses that the proceeds of [aforementioned] sale together with the amounts for which the slaves may sell as directed in Item 5th to be divided into seven equal shares, one share to be given Eliza Walker and one share to Elizabeth Ann Buchannon to belong to them and the heirs of their bodies forever, one share to my son Burrell L. Oliver, one share to my son William Oliver and one share to my son James Oliver and one share to my grandson William A. Oliver the son of my son Fountain Oliver to be paid to him when he shall become twenty one years of age and one share to the children of my son Edmund Oliver to be paid to them when they shall become twenty one years of age. Each of the two last named shares to be paid in money. I do hereby appoint my son-in-law James Walker and my son Burrell L. Oliver my executors to pay the above in Execution. Given under my hand this 4th March 1837.

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William X Oliver
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Attest
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Henry County Court October Term 1837

A writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William Oliver, dec, was this day produced hereon and proven.

Elizabeth Fountain and William Oliver had the following children:

1.
 - i. Eliza S. Oliver was born about 1798 in Caroline Co., Virginia. She died on 24 Jul 1839 in Henry Co., Kentucky. She married James Walker on 23 May 1815 in Henry Co., Kentucky. He was born on 28 Sep 1786 in Orange Co., Virginia. He died on 11 Mar 1869 in Henry Co., Kentucky.
 - ii. William Oliver was born about 1801 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
 - iii. Fountain Oliver was born about 1803 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He married Letitia Adams on 18 Mar 1823 in Henry Co., Kentucky. She was born about 1805.
 - iv. Burrell L. Oliver was born on 24 Feb 1805 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died on 20 May 1888 in Macon Co., Illinois. He married Clemencie _____. She was born on 26 Jan 1812 in Kentucky. She died on 27 Jan 1890.
 - v. Edmund Oliver was born about 1809 in Franklin Co., Kentucky. He died about 1865 in Andrew Co., Missouri. He married Fanny Owens on 23 Jan 1822 in Henry Co., Kentucky. He married Phebe Burchfield on 18 Mar 1833 in Franklin Co., Kentucky. She was born on 30 May 1818 in Franklin Co., Kentucky. She died on

12 Mar 1907 in Kansas.

Notes for Phebe Burchfield:
Birtsfield is on her tombstone.

- vi. James Samuel Oliver was born on 12 Jun 1812 in Henry Co., Kentucky. He died on 05 Nov 1862 in Wolfe Co., Kentucky. He married Nancy Kincaid in 1845 in Owsley Co., Kentucky. She was born on 22 Apr 1824 in Kentucky. She died on 19 Sep 1920 in Saint Helens, Lee Co., Kentucky.
- vii. Walker T. Oliver was born about 1814 in Kentucky.
- viii. Elizabeth Ann Oliver was born about 1815 in Kentucky. She married _____ Buchannon. She married James Rose on 17 Feb 1818 in Henry Co., Kentucky.

Generation 3

- 4. **John Oliver**, son of William Oliver and Sarah Pulliam, was born about 1741 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died in 1813 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He married **Ann Sharp**.
- 5. **Ann Sharp**, daughter of Henry Sharp and Mary Sherman, was born on 10 Jun 1741 in Henrico Co., Virginia.

Ann Sharp and John Oliver had the following children:

- 2.
 - i. William Oliver was born between 1761-1765 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died in 1837 in Henry Co., Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Fountain on 10 Mar 1803 in Halifax, Virginia. She was born about 1783 in James River, Buckingham Co., Virginia. She died before 1837.
 - ii. John Oliver was born on 20 Jan 1761 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died on 04 Oct 1825 in Fayette Co., Kentucky. He married Elizabeth True on 31 Mar 1794 in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. She was born on 18 Aug 1774 in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. She died on 30 Jan 1856 in Weston, Platte Co., Missouri.
 - iii. Charles Oliver was born about 1764 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died in May 1818 in Franklin Co., Kentucky. He married Nancy Cooper on 08 Aug 1799 in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia.
 - iv. Ann Oliver was born about 1768 in Caroline Co., Virginia. She married _____ Pruett.
 - v. Jenny Oliver was born about 1770. She married Rice Smith about 1800 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
 - vi. Elizabeth Oliver was born about 1774. She married Presley Merryman on 26 Jun 1800 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
 - vii. Peter Oliver was born about 1776. He died after 1850 in Trimble Co., Kentucky. He married Nancy Wright on 05 Nov 1804 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
 - viii. Thomas Oliver was born about 1777. He died in Kentucky. He married Lucy George on 05 Oct 1797 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
 - ix. Mourning Oliver was born about 1786 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died between 1817-1820. He married Mourning Hurt on 31 Jan 1817 in Franklin Co., Kentucky.

Generation 4

- 8. **William Oliver**, son of John Oliver and Elinor Lunsford, was born on 12 Sep 1715 in Gloucester Co., Virginia. He died in 1771 in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. He married **Sarah Pulliam**.
- 9. **Sarah Pulliam**.

Notes for William Oliver:

Caroline County Court Records and Marriages, 1787-1810 by William Lindsay Hopkins, 1987
Richmond, VA under Appeals and Land Causes:

Page 175: The estate of a William Oliver was administered by a William Oliver, presumably his son, in 1771 in Caroline Co,VA.

Page 159: John Olliver, Thomas Oliver, Linsfield Sharp and Ann Sharp his wife, Samuel Partlow

and Mary Partlow his wife and John Mitchell and Sarah Mitchell his wife brought suite against William Oliver eldest son and heir at law of William Oliver, decd. Court ordered the sale of the slave and division of the proceeds equally between John Oliver, Thomas Oliver, Linsfield Sharp and Ann his wife, Samuel Partlow and Mary his wife and John Mitchell and Sarah his wife on 17 Mar 1788.

Sarah Pulliam and William Oliver had the following children:

- i. Thomas Oliver was born before 1730 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
- ii. Sarah Oliver was born about 1738 in Caroline Co., Virginia. She died about 1814. She married John Mitchell. He was born between 1795-1814.

Notes for Sarah Oliver:

"Caroline County Court Records and Marriages, 1787-1810, page 85, by William Lindsay Hopkins, 1987 Richmond, VA

Page 85: John Mitchell and Sarah Mitchell his wife convey two slaves and their future increase to the nine Olivers. By 1814, there is a total of 22 slaves and John and Sarah Mitchell are dead.

Page 82: "Division of the negroes belonging to the Estate of Sarah Mitchell, decd. 18 Mar 1814

- iii. William Oliver was born about 1740 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
4. iv. John Oliver was born about 1741 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died in 1813 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He married Ann Sharp. She was born on 10 Jun 1741 in Henrico Co., Virginia.
- v. Ann Oliver was born about 1745 in Caroline Co., Virginia. She married Linsfield Sharp.
- vi. Mary Oliver was born before 1748 in Caroline Co., Virginia. She married Samuel Partlow.

10. **Henry Sharp**, son of Robert Sharp and Mary Porter, was born in 1700. He died in 1741. He married **Mary Sherman**.

11. **Mary Sherman** was born in 1704.

Mary Sherman and Henry Sharp had the following children:

- i. Mary Sharp was born on 30 Sep 1740 in Rockingham, Virginia, USA. She died on 16 Aug 1780 in Virginia.
5. ii. Ann Sharp was born on 10 Jun 1741 in Henrico Co., Virginia. She married John Oliver. He was born about 1741 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died in 1813 in Caroline Co., Virginia.

Generation 5

16. **John Oliver**, son of John Oliver and Jane Hardy, was born in 1676 in Virginia. He died in 1748 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He married **Elinor Lunsford** about 1701 in Caroline Co., Virginia.

17. **Elinor Lunsford** was born about 1688 in Virginia. She died on 10 Feb 1748 in Caroline Co., Virginia.

Notes for John Oliver:

From Gene Ballentine Rooks positng of 2004 at: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=generooks&i d=11102>:

In 1701 John received a grant of 146 acres of land in Pamunkey Neck, St. John's Parish, beginning in Spring Branch, and up the Acquinton Swamp. This area of Virginia, Caroline Co., was originally leased from the Pamunkey Indians by the Lord Proprietors. He probably was a tobacco farmer. In 1733 his hands assisted in clearing a road from Guinney's Bridge on the Mattopony River. Many county records were destroyed, so earlier information is scanty. He and wife Ellinor probably had the following children: John, Ellinor, James, Peter, and Nicholson. His will has been

lost, but administration records show his widow, Ellinor Olliver was granted administration on Feb. 10, 1748.

From a manuscript entitled: "The Oliver Family" by Dorothy Haizlip Ward, 1990 page 8:

"On Mar 4, 1754, Ellinor and John Oliver acknowledged their deed of a sale of land to John Coleman; on 10 Feb 1757 Ellinor Oliver was summoned to court. Therefore she presumed this John Oliver who acknowledged the deed was her son, since her husband John had died in abt 1748

Notes for Elinor Lunsford:

Elinor's last name is unproven.

Elinor Lunsford and John Oliver had the following children:

- i. Nicholson Oliver was born about 1705 in King William Co., Virginia. He died in 1781 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He married Elizabeth Durrett in 1729 in Caroline Co., Virginia. She was born in 1710 in Caroline Co., Virginia. She died in 1781 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
 - ii. Peter Oliver was born about 1710 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He married Mary Chapman in 1740. She was born about 1715 in Virginia.
 8. iii. William Oliver was born on 12 Sep 1715 in Gloucester Co., Virginia. He died in 1771 in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. He married Sarah Pulliam.
 - iv. John Oliver was born about 1720 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
 - v. Thomas Oliver was born about 1725 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
 - vi. Benjamin Oliver was born about 1830 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
20. **Robert Sharp**, son of Robert Sharpe and Katherine Hatcher, was born in 1668 in Henrico Co., Virginia. He died in 1700. He married **Mary Porter**.

21. **Mary Porter**.

Mary Porter and Robert Sharp had the following children:

10. i. Henry Sharp was born in 1700. He died in 1741. He married Mary Sherman. She was born in 1704.
- ii. Robert Sharp was born in Virginia.

Generation 6

32. **John Oliver**, son of William A. Oliver and Jane Wykes, was born in 1663 in Duxbury, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He died on 05 Mar 1714 in Courtland, Southampton Co., Virginia. He married **Jane Hardy**.

33. **Jane Hardy**.

Notes for John Oliver:

Many Scottish people with the surname Oliver are descended from the Oliver family that settled in the Border area of Scotland and England by the middle of the 13th century. By the beginning of the 16th century, they had become a kinship group in which all its members bore the same surname of Oliver.

The main territory in which the Oliver surname lived and exercised control was Jedforest, an indeterminate area situated south west and south of the Border town of Jedburgh. Originally the lands of Jedforest were held directly by the King, and as his tenants in chief the Olivers would have held their lands by Crown charter, but after a number of changes in feudal superior, Jedforest was granted by the King to the Clan Douglas (the Red Douglas) under whose protection the Olivers subsequently lived.

Certain Highland tourist literature -and associated maps- explain that the Olivers were a sept of Clan Fraser. This erroneous idea has arisen from the fact that the Frasers living in southern Scotland before moving north to the Inverness area held the barony of Oliver Castle in the 13th century, having acquired it by marriage with the heiress of Oliver, son of Klyuert who then held it. At no time has any family with an Oliver surname ever lived at Oliver Castle, or in the area

around it.

It would seem that the Oliver Surname developed slowly over a period of time spanning the 13th to the 15th centuries, and the early records indicate that the first Olivers of any importance in the Border area were merchants in the strategic town of Berwick on Tweed. This town was then part of Scotland, and in the 13th century John Oliver was a merchant who operated a trading network in south east Scotland and in Northumberland. When John of Balliol, King of Scots, rebelled against Edward I, King of England, amongst his many supporters was Robert Oliver, merchant of Berwick -presumably son of John Oliver.

[Source: Wikipedia, Oliver (family name)]

Notes for Jane Hardy:

Jane's last name is unproven.

Jane Hardy and John Oliver had the following children:

16. i. John Oliver was born in 1676 in Virginia. He died in 1748 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He married Elinor Lunsford about 1701 in Caroline Co., Virginia. She was born about 1688 in Virginia. She died on 10 Feb 1748 in Caroline Co., Virginia.
 - ii. William Oliver was born in 1688 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He died in 1771 in Caroline Co., Virginia. He married Ursilla Easley.
40. **Robert Sharpe** was born on 01 Feb 1650 in Henrico Co., Virginia. He died on 07 Mar 1720 in Henrico Co., Virginia. He married **Katherine Hatcher**.
41. **Katherine Hatcher** was born in 1665 in Henrico Co., Virginia. She died in 1695 in Varina, Henrico Co., Virginia.

Katherine Hatcher and Robert Sharpe had the following child:

20. i. Robert Sharp was born in 1668 in Henrico Co., Virginia. He died in 1700. He married Mary Porter.

Generation 7

64. **William A. Oliver**, son of Thomas Oliver and Elizabeth Atterton, was born in 1627 in Walls, Somerset, England. He died in 1678 in Duxbury, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He married **Jane Wykes**.
65. **Jane Wykes**, daughter of Edward Wykes and Jane Bourne, was born in 1621 in Wells Of Middle Temple, London. She died in 1675 in Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

Jane Wykes and William A. Oliver had the following child:

32. i. John Oliver was born in 1663 in Duxbury, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He died on 05 Mar 1714 in Courtland, Southampton Co., Virginia. He married Jane Hardy.

Generation 8

128. **Thomas Oliver**, son of Thomas Oliver and Ann Squire, was born in 1611 in England. He died in England. He married **Elizabeth Atterton**.
129. **Elizabeth Atterton**.

Elizabeth Atterton and Thomas Oliver had the following child:

64. i. William A. Oliver was born in 1627 in Walls, Somerset, England. He died in 1678 in Duxbury, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. He married Jane Wykes. She was born in 1621 in Wells Of Middle Temple, London. She died in 1675 in Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.
130. **Edward Wykes** was born in 1590 in Wells, Middle Temple, England. He died on 08 Aug 1644. He married **Jane Bourne**.
131. **Jane Bourne** was born in 1590 in Middlesex, England. She died in 1648 in Middlesex, England.
- Jane Bourne and Edward Wykes had the following child:
65. i. Jane Wykes was born in 1621 in Wells Of Middle Temple, London. She died in 1675 in Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. She married William A. Oliver. He was born in 1627 in Walls, Somerset, England. He died in 1678 in Duxbury, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts.

Generation 9

256. **Thomas Oliver**, son of John Oliver and Elizabeth Rowland, was born on 14 Apr 1582 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. He died on 01 Jun 1658 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts. He married **Ann Squire**.
257. **Ann Squire**, daughter of Henry Squire, was born in 1585 in London, London, England. She died on 16 May 1635 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts.
- Ann Squire and Thomas Oliver had the following child:
128. i. Thomas Oliver was born in 1611 in England. He died in England. He married Elizabeth Atterton.

Generation 10

512. **John Oliver** was born in 1555 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. He married **Elizabeth Rowland**.
513. **Elizabeth Rowland** was born in 1556 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. She died in 1628 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.
- Elizabeth Rowland and John Oliver had the following child:
256. i. Thomas Oliver was born on 14 Apr 1582 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. He died on 01 Jun 1658 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts. He married Ann Squire. She was born in 1585 in London, London, England. She died on 16 May 1635 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts.
514. **Henry Squire**.
- Henry Squire had the following child:
257. i. Ann Squire was born in 1585 in London, London, England. She died on 16 May 1635 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts. She married Aquila Purchase. She married Thomas Oliver. He was born on 14 Apr 1582 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. He died on 01 Jun 1658 in Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts.

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