

## Sketch: The Judith Markham Story from an Old Clipping

The newspaper clipping below was reprinted in Kentucky Explorer, Volume 10, October 1995. The original newspaper is not identified, but the article has a connection to Henry county Kentucky. A copy of the clipping, as published in Kentucky Explorer, was sent to the Markham List by researcher Diane Korten in May of 1998. An accompanying note said, "Taken from old clippings dealing with Kentucky family history . . . These clippings are about 100 years old."

### JUDITH MARKHAM

*My grandmother was a Markham, niece of Vincent Markham of Powhattan co, Va and of Bernard who lived in Dinwiddie County. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier, who sickened and died in Yorktown during the siege (1781). Her mother, who was a Wathen, took small pox, from a sick soldier whom she entertained, as he was returning home from Yorktown, and died leaving three children, a son and two daughters. Her uncle Bernard took my grandmother, who was then ten years old.*

*Her brother, when grown, went to Alabama, her sister married a Robinson, and lived in Chesterfield County, near Petersburg.*

*Her uncle Bernard had two sons, Jack and George, and two daughters, one who married Linnaeus Bowling. Judith, the younger, married Norburn Cook, and went to Henry County, Ky to live.*

*Her uncle, Vincent Markham, lived and died in Powhattan County, Va, leaving one child, Betsy, who married a Lewis, and was left a widow with two sons, Joseph and Vincent and daughters Mary and Sarah.*

*Vincent and Bernard Markham had sisters, one of whom married a Patterson, and moved to Giles co, Tenn. She had two sons, James and Bernard and a daughter named Kitty.*

### **Pam Garrett's clarifications:**

#### JUDITH MARKHAM

It is not completely clear if Judith Markham refers to the author of this article or the grandmother of the author. But, as the grandmother was born a Markham, and likely married, the name of the author is probably not Markham. Therefore, I would assume Judith Markham to be the name of the grandmother.

*My grandmother was a Markham, niece of Vincent Markham of Powhattan co, Va and of Bernard who lived in Dinwiddie County.*

If grandmother was a niece of Vincent Markham and Bernard Markham, then it translates that she was the daughter of one of their brothers, either William Markham (married Wathen), John Markham (of Pittsylvania county Virginia), or George Markham (married Hill).

*Her brother, when grown, went to Alabama, her sister married a Robinson, and lived in Chesterfield County, near Petersburg.*

William Markham and Mary Wathen probably had two sons, John Markham and William Markham. It seems likely that William Markham jr died before adulthood. The sister who married a Robinson, would be Catherine Markham who married Jonas Robertson.

*Her uncle Bernard had two sons, Jack and George, and two daughters, one who married Linnaeus Bowling. Judith, the younger, married Norburn Cook, and went to Henry County, Ky to live.*

Bernard Markham married Mary Harris. Children living to adulthood were: John (Jack?) Markham who married Lucy Champe Fleming; George Markham who married Eliza Evans and Frances Garland; Mary Markham who married Linnaeus Bolling; and Judith Markham who married Norbourne Cooke.

*Her uncle, Vincent Markham, lived and died in Powhattan County, Va, leaving one child, Betsy, who married a Lewis, and was left a widow with two sons, Joseph and Vincent and daughters Mary and Sarah.*

Vincent Markham of Powhatan county Virginia married Elizabeth Harris and had one daughter Elizabeth "Betsy" Markham. She married Francis Lewis, and is a widow before 1820, when she is found living with her also widowed mother, Elizabeth Markham. There remains some question as to whether Elizabeth Markham Lewis had a daughter Ann Lewis who married Abner Early Callaway.

*Vincent and Bernard Markham had sisters, one of whom married a Patterson, and moved to Giles co, Tenn. She had two sons, James and Bernard and a daughter named Kitty.*

Rebecca Markham, sister of Vincent and Bernard Markham, married Nelson Patteson and removed to Giles county Tennessee. The Pattesons did have six children, two of whom died in childhood. A son Nelson Patteson (not mentioned here) died at the age of 20.

#### **Pam Garrett's further comment:**

For me, the evidence does point to Judith Markham being the daughter of William Markham and Mary Wathen. The details of her uncles and cousins fit well with Markham family genealogies.

The questions that remain are – Who did Judith Markham marry? –and- Who is the granddaughter that wrote this account?

I suspect, but have not proven, that this is the same Judith Markham who marries Cheadle Burch and is named in the records of Amelia county Virginia as early as 1806. By 1820 she appears, as a widow, in Giles county Tennessee. As best I have been able to determine, Judith Markham Burch had three children, eleven grandsons, and four granddaughters, all born in Giles county Tennessee. Possibly there are other children and grandchildren unidentified. But – I would like to look further at the four granddaughters to see if one might be the author of this article. The granddaughters are Sarah Antoinette Edwards, born 1830, married Angenol Cox; Mary White, born 1834; Sarah R White, born 1842; and Marion A White, born 1844.

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[Bio: Judith Markham \(daughter of William Markham and Mary Wathen\)](#)

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