Memorial and Family Tree of Michael Cadet Young of Brunswick County Va. and of his descendants 16-- to 1895.

The name Young has its origin in the youth of the first bearer of the name when it was adopted, its equivalent, Le Jeune, is a very common name in France. The word Cadet signifies a younger or youngest son.

The fact that thirty Coats of Arms have been granted to the different branches of the Young family in England is evidence of the good social position of the family in the mother country.

The names of the following members of the Young family appear in the list of the early emigrants who sailed from England to Virginia. Viz: Richard, Samuel, Marmaduke, Francis and Nathaniel Young in 1635. In the ninth year of the reign of Charles I, Thomas Young was sent as agent to Virginia to search former territory. Richard Young, his wife and Jane Young resided in Virginia in 1625, and on the muster rolls of that year appears the name of Richard Young, aged 31 who came in the George in 1616.

The relationship of the foregoing persons to each other and to Francis Young the father of Michael Cadet Young has not been traced, but the similarity of their given names to those of the family on this tree is suggestive of a common origin at least.

1.

Francis Young was born in England in the 17th Century and is believed to have resided in Bristol. He married Martha Le Gros, a French Huguenot refugee, and had Michael Cadet and probably other children. By another marriage he had William and perhaps other children. He is said to have had seven sons, most of whom were killed in battle or died in the Army. He and several of his sons were killed in the battle of Blenheim, Bavaria, August 13, 1704.

2.

Michael Cadet Young, born in the latter part of the 17th Century and his half brother William, sons of Francis Young, were also in the battle of Blenheim. They were captured, taken as prisoners to France and with others escaped. They made their way to the South of France and thence back to England. They were from Bristol and came to America together. Michael came to Virginia and William stopped in Maryland. They were Surveyors. Michael Cadet Young married Martha Saddler, resided in Brunswick County, Va., and died there in 1769.

3.

Francis Young, born September 5th 1731 (old style) in Brunswick County, Va., was son of Michael Cadet and Martha (Saddler) Young. He married February 1754, Elizabeth, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Peyton) Bennett, believed to be a descendant of Richard Bennett, Colonial Governor of Virginia. He removed to Isle of Wight County, Va., in 1768 and lived between Isle of Wight C.H. and Smithfield during the Revolutionary War. The house is gone but the site is yet known. He afterwards resided for many years at Isle of Wight C.H. where he died December 31, 1794. Elizabeth his widow died October 1798.

Mr Francis Young was clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of Isle of Wight County, a position which has been filled by his descendants almost continuously to the present time. During the American Revolution he served as Commissary in General Wills' regiment from Isle of Wight County, having previously served under Braddock at the time of his defeat.

Their children were all born and the sons lived and died in Isle of Wight County, Va., except Thomas who was lost at sea, Viz:

I. James, Clerk of Circuit and County Courts Isle of Wight County, Va., married Lucy Fearn. No descendants now living. His two sons were farmers.

II. Francis, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts Isle of Wight County, Va., married Sally Nelson after an engagement of seven years and died in seven months.

III. Bennett married Mary Godwin but died without issue. She afterwards married a man by the name of Peden, who became deranged, destroyed the journal or record of the Young family kept by Michael Cadet Young (which was the authority for most of the traditions recorded in this memorial) and killed himself the same night. Peden was the son of an Episcopal Minister.

IV. Peyton, died young.

V. Thomas, the youngest son died at sea, single.

VI. Michael, was a great musician and blind from the measles. He died young and single.

VII. Nancy, married John Jones.

VIII. Elizabeth, married Benjamin English, of Isle of Wight County, Va.

XI. Nathaniel, born July 27, 1778, died July 28, 1841. Married (1) March 27, 1804, Sarah West. Married (2) July 14, 1814, Mary Robinson, daughter of Dr. John H. Purdie, of Smithfield, Va.

Children by first marriage:

1. Virginia.
2. Elizabeth.
3. Sarah Virginia Bennett, married August 4, 1829 Robert Marshall Boykin.
4. Robert West, born April 11, 1805, died August 8, 1880, in Washington, D.C. He was first a physician in Isle of Wight County and Portsmouth, Va., and afterwards in a Government Office, Washington, D.C.

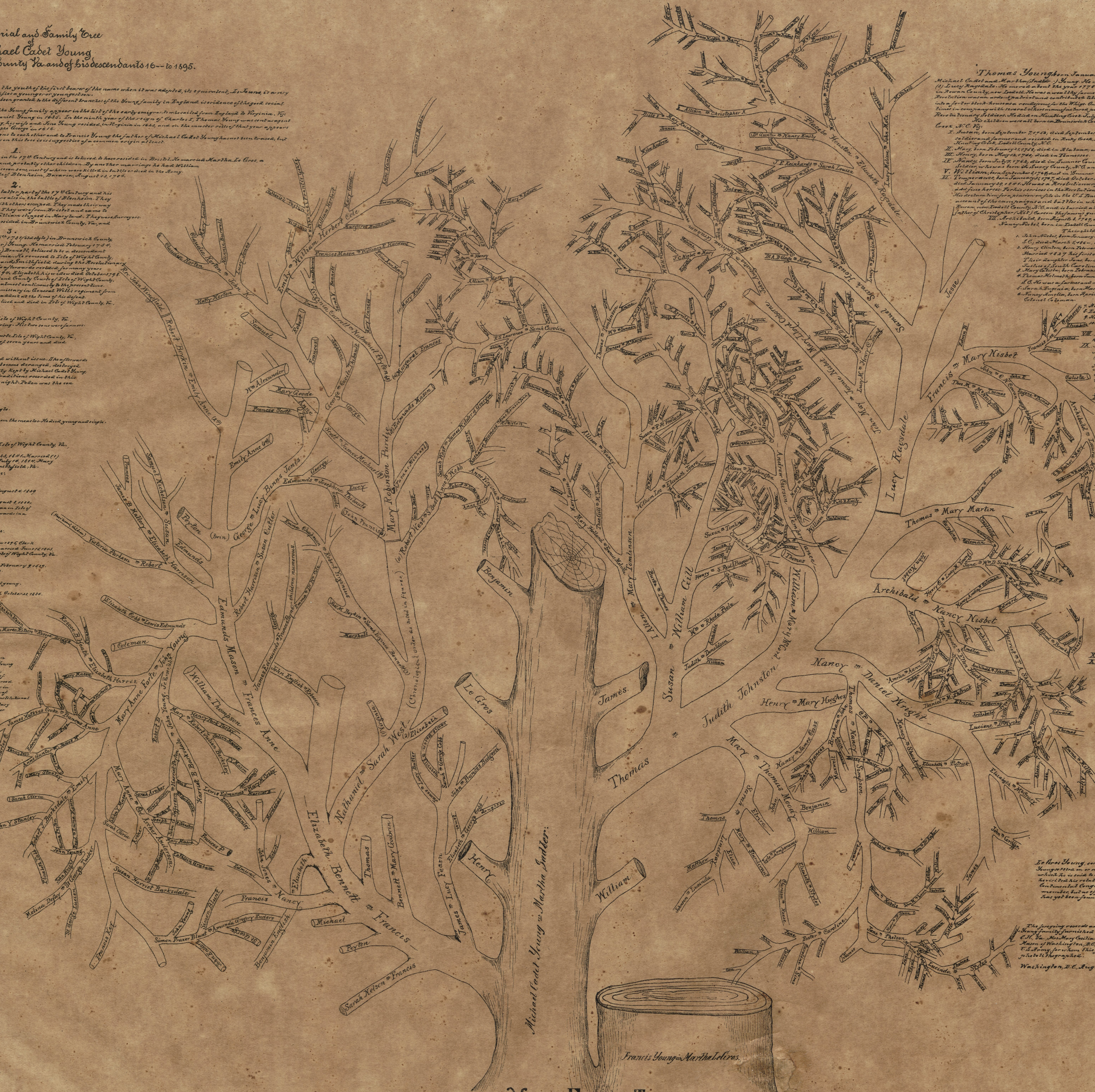
Children by second marriage:

5. Nathaniel Peyton, born June 10, 1816, is now 1895 Clerk of the Courts of Isle of Wight County, Va., married June 15 1843, Virginia, daughter of Gray Carroll of Isle of Wight County, Va.
6. John Francis, born August 4, 1817, died February 9 1839. Was a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.
7. James Michael, born November 26, 1820, died young.
8. Edmunds Mason, born March 16, 1824, died October 18, 1834.
9. James Michael, born June 15, 1827, died June 1858. Clerk in Navy Dept. Washington, D.C.
10. Margaret Frances, born June 19, 1829, died October 7, 1886.
11. Mary Robinson, born December 8, 1831, died October 23, 1834.
12. Eliza Ann Moore —.

X. Frances Anne, married Edmunds Mason and had 11 children. Their son Hon. John Young Mason, LL.D., born in Greensville County, Va., April 18, 1799, graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1816, became a lawyer and served long in the State Legislature of Virginia; was in Congress 1831–1835, became in 1837 a judge of one of the Federal Courts; was in the Virginia constitutional conventions in 1828 and 1849, became Secretary of the U.S. Navy 1844–1849. Was U.S. Minister to France 1854–1859. Died in Paris October 3, 1859.

To his daughter Miss S. H. B. Mason the family is indebted for the record of the descendants of Edmunds and Frances Anne (Young) Mason.

XI. Rebecca, married John English of Isle of Wight County, Va.



YOUNG FAMILY TREE.

Thomas Young, born January 5, 1732 in Brunswick County, Va., was the son of Michael Cadet and Martha (Sadler) Young. He married (1) 1755 Judith Johnson. (2) Lucy Ragsdale. He moved about the year 1778 to North Carolina and settled on Hunting Creek, in Rowan County, now Iredell. He was a wealthy farmer, had negroes and blooded horses and during the Revolution was an ardent patriot and contributed liberally to the American cause. He converted his log house into a fort or block-house as a rendezvous for the Whigs. On their expeditions he acted as Commissary and between times in company with several others manufactured powder for the American Army. His four daughters married Revolutionary Soldiers. He died on Hunting Creek July 9, 1829 and is buried there in the family burying ground.

His children were all born in Brunswick County, Va. except the last four who were born on Hunting Creek, N.C. Viz:

I. Susan, born September 7, 1756, died September 29, 1829; married William Gill a Revolutionary soldier and farmer and resided on Rocky Creek, Iredell County, N.C. He died September 4, 1797 at Hunting Creek, Iredell County, N.C.

II. Mary, born February 27, 1758, died in Alabama, married Thomas Moody a Revolutionary soldier.

III. Henry, born May 12, 1760, died in Tennessee.

IV. Nancy, born July 7, 1762, died in Sumner County, Tenn. Married Daniel Wright a Revolutionary Soldier, who was born in Surry County, N.C. and died in Huntsville, Ala.

V. William, born September 8, 1764, died in Sumner County, Tenn., married Polly McCord.

VI. Temperance, born January 31, 1767, died October 29, 1837, married Capt. Andrew Carson, born March 7, 1756, died January 29, 1841. He was a Revolutionary Soldier and a prosperous farmer, owned negroes, lands and fine horses. For his services in the Revolution he received a pension for several years before his death. His declaration for a pension on file in the U.S. Pension Office, Washington, D.C. contains an interesting account of the campaigns and battles in which he participated. He was born, lived and died in Rowan, now Iredell County, N.C. and is buried at Houstonville, N.C. His brother Lindsay Carson was the father of Christopher (Kit) Carson the famous guide and scout.

VII. Archibald, born August 6, 1769, died in Laurens County, S.C. He was a farmer and married Nancy Nisbet, born in Iredell County, N.C.

Their children were:

1. John Nisbet, born January 16, 1793 in Iredell County, N.C., Merchant in Laurens Co. S.C.; died March 5, 186–, single.
2. Henry Clinton, born February 24, 1794, in Iredell County N.C. Lawyer, Laurensville, S.C. Married 1827 his first cousin Lucy, born 1806, daughter of John May Young. Their daughter Jane, born in 1828 married William Simpson, Governor and Chief Justice of South Carolina.
3. Mary Calista, born February 26, 1796, died September 17, 1878 in Laurens, S.C. single.
4. Thomas Melmoth, born June 20, 1798, Laurens, S.C. died June 19, 1885 at Young's Store, S.C. He was a farmer and married Ellen Hackett of Anderson County, S.C.
5. Sarah Eugenia, born March 19, 1800, died March 22, 1803.
6. Nancy Amelia, born April 17, 1802, died May 16, 1884 Laurensville S.C. married Colonel Coleman.
7. Archibald, born September 8, 1804, died Aug. 27, 1862 in Georgia, single.
8. Edward, born July 30 1806, died Sept. 26, 1859 in Alabama, single.
9. Harriett Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1808, died Nov. 11, 1850 in Alabama.
10. James Alfred, born May 11, 1811, died July 30, 1873 in Alabama, Lawyer.

VIII. Thomas, born Aug. 1, 1771, died in Hopkinsville, Ky. where he resided. He married Mary Martin, born in Iredell Co. N.C.

IX. John May, born Aug. 3, 1774, died Nov. 14, 1856 on Hunting Creek, N.C. He was a farmer and married (1) Jane Nisbet. (2) Mary Osborne both of Iredell Co. His daughter Lucy by first marriage married her first cousin Henry C. Young. His son by second marriage, General John Augustus Young of Charlotte, N.C. prepared the original from which this copy of the Young family tree was made. He was assisted in the work by Mrs. Cecilia Dalton of Houstonville, N.C. who has since furnished much valuable data.

X. Francis, born Jan. 8, 1779, died in Iredell Co., N.C. Merchant on Hunting Creek; married Aug. 30, 1805 Mary Nisbet, born in Iredell Co. Their children were:

1. Thomas Melmoth, born Aug. 24, 1806, Iredell Co. N.C. died June — 1860, Statesville, N.C. Merchant at Mocksville, N.C. married (1) Mary McNeely, born in Mocksville. (2) Margaret Steuart, born in S.C. died in Mocksville.
2. John Nisbet, born Jan. 19, 1810, Iredell Co. N.C. Physician, residence 1895, Water Valley, Miss. m. Keziah Cowan.
3. Edwin, born May 28, 1812 Iredell Co., N.C. died 1836, Statesville, N.C. merchant, single.
4. Francis L. born Iredell Co. N.C. April 27, 1815, died Aug. 1, 1891 in Texas, farmer.
5. William, born — died Jan. 14 1892, farmer, Rome Ga. Married Martha Martin, born Hamptonville, N.C.
6. Calista, born February 19, 1823, Iredell Co. N.C.

XI. Samuel, born June 22, 1781, died — 1847 in Iredell Co. N.C., farmer on Hunting Creek, N.C. married Sarah, born 1783, daughter of Christopher Houston of Iredell Co. They had six children, all born in Iredell Co. N.C. Viz:

1. Lucy Eliza, born — died Oct. 31, 1857, married James Franklin McCulloch in Rowan Co. N.C. farmer, Iredell Co.
2. Sarah Salina, born July 12, 1806, died June 22, 1873 in Iredell Co. married Jan. 4, 1828, Absalom B. Blackburn, farmer, born Jan. 4, 1797, Stokes Co. N.C. died Nov. 4 1860. They resided near Houstonville, N.C. and had six children
   - (1) John Auburn Oct. 11, 1828, married Maggie M. Smith.
   - (2) William H. born Aug. 14, 1830 died July 26, 1889, married Louisa A. Lewis.
   - (3) Thomas Y. born Aug. 26, 1832.
   - (4) Augustin W. born April 5, 1835.
   - (5) James M. born Oct. 30, 1837, died Sept. 18, 1876.
   - (6) Sallie S. born Aug. 2, 1841.
3. Mary Matilda, born Oct. 3, 1811, died Wytheville, Va. married May — 1833 Dr. A. D. Gage born in New York State. He resided in Wytheville, Va. and Statesville, N.C. and died at Statesville at an advanced age.
4. Thomas Houston, born March 6, 1816, farmer, Jacksonville, Miss., where he died single.
5. Samuel Adolphus, born June 24, 1823, died — 1847 at Canton, Miss. while in U.S. Army; single.
6. Archibald Holmeth, born Oct. 17, 1830, died Nov. 2, 1885 in Tazewell Co., Va., farmer, married in 1849 Sabra Gage, born in New York State, adopted daughter of Dr. A. D. Gage.

XII. Jesse, born April 19, 1783, died Aug. 18, 1786.

XIII. Elizabeth Ragsdale, born June 7, 1786, died Feb. 13, 1841 in Iredell Co. N.C. married Jan. 7, 1809, Placebo Houston, born March 28, 1779, Iredell Co. N.C., died Jan. 2, 1859 at Houstonville, N.C. They had six children, all born in Iredell Co. N.C.

1. Lucy M. born Aug. 9, 1810, died Feb. 18, 1841, Houstonville, N.C., married Oct. 20, 1835 John Matz, farmer, born in Lincoln Co. N.C. died in Pettis Co. Mo.
2. Sarah Louisa, born April 2, 1812, died Feb. 22, 1846, married March 7, 1832 Joseph Reinhardt, merchant, in Lincoln Co. N.C., died Cleveland Co. N.C.
3. Mary Cecilia, born March 27, 1814, married May 14, 1845 John Hunter Dalton, manufacturer, born in Rockingham Co. N.C. died at Houstonville, N.C. Mrs. Dalton now 1895 resides at Houstonville, N.C. and has furnished all the data contained in these notes regarding the descendants of Thomas Young, the son of Michael Cadet Young, and many of the early traditions of the family. She and Gen. John A. Young appear to be entitled to equal credit for the "Young tree" as a whole.
4. Nancy Emily, born March 21, 1816, died Aug. 27, 1840 at Rowan Mills, N.C., married Oct. 31, 1839 Dr. William J. Gunter, born in Halifax Co. N.C. died in Texas.
5. Thomas Franklin, lawyer, born Aug. 30, 1818. Resides 1895 at Houstonia, Mo.; married March 19, 1845 Mary M. Hampton.
6. Christopher A. born Feb. 4, 1821, died Feb. 17, 1850, at Houstonville, N.C. farmer, married Sept. 7, 1847 Margaret Allison, born in Iredell Co. died 1850 near Statesville, N.C.

5.

Le Gros Young, son of Michael Cadet Young and Martha (Sadler) Young settled on or near the present site of the City of Columbia, S.C. which he is said to have owned. During the Revolutionary War he visited his relations in Virginia while en route to attend the Continental Congress or some convention of which he was a member, but no official record of his services in such body has yet been found.

The foregoing records and traditions of the earlier generations of the Young family furnished by Mr. Nathaniel P. Young of Isle of Wight C.H. Va., Mrs. Mary Cecilia Dalton of Houstonville, N.C. and Miss S. H. B. Mason of Washington, D.C. were arranged by Capt. Calvin Duvall Cowles, U.S. Army, for whom this family tree has been redrawn and photolithographed.

Washington, D.C., August 1895.