John Tatum and unknown wife Timeline

abt 1758  Perhaps Edgecombe Co. or Halifax Co., NC.  John Tatum was born to Edward Tatum & Martha (probably Bynum).

1775/1783  Sometime during this period John Tatum served in the American Revolutionary War, and his brother Jesse served also.  From handwritten notes about family history by a descendant’s (Diane Doyle Stephens) deceased father.  John died too early to have applied for a pension.  The original war records burned about 1800, so the records we have today are from other sources.

abt 1779  Perhaps Chatham Co., NC.  John Tatum married an unknown wife.  [Note:  Possibly, she was named Parthena.  Nearly all of John’s children named a daughter Parthena, sometimes Parthenia, although this pattern could derive solely from their having a sister with this name.]

abt 1780  Chatham Co., NC.  Son, Nathaniel Tatum, was born.

16 Oct 1782  Chatham Co., NC.  Son, Hugh Tatum, was born to John Tatum & Unknown.

abt 1785  Chatham Co., NC.  Son, Edward Tatum, was born to John Tatum & Unknown.

abt 1786  Chatham Co., NC.  Daughter, Parthena Tatum, born to John Tatum & Unknown.

abt 1787  Chatham Co., NC.  Son, William Tatum, was born to John Tatum & Unknown.

abt 1788  Chatham Co., NC.  Daughter, name unknown, born to John Tatum & Unknown.

abt 1790  Chatham Co., NC.  Son, name unknown, born to John Tatum & Unknown.

1790  Hillsborough District, Chatham Co., NC.  Federal Census, John Tatom.  1 male 16 or older (John), 4 males under 16 (Nathaniel, Hugh, Edward, William), 4 females (wife, Parthena, unknown daughter, unknown other female), First Census of the United States, printed, p. 86.

abt 1794  Pendleton District, SC.  Daughter, Sarah “Sally” Tatum, was born to John Tatum & Unknown.

abt 1799  Pendleton District, SC.  Daughter, Mary “Polly” Tatum, was born to John & Unknown.

23 Jan 1798  Pendleton District, SC.  Jesse Tatum was born. ¹ He was very likely to have been the son of John Tatum & Unknown.

1795/1800  Pendleton District, SC.  Unknown son was born to John & Unknown.

29 Jun 1798  Chatham Co., NC.  Edward Tatum of SC sold to Joseph Harkney 250 acres where John

¹ This information and much of the other information in this timeline is from descendant, Michael Ritter, ritteratwork@hotmail.com, who has a family tree at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com, WorldConnect Project, entitled “In memory of my grandparents,” last updated 21 May 2014; accessed 29 May 2015.
Tatum formerly lived, on Haw River and Mill Creek, NC. [Edward was John’s father.]

1800  

1801/1804  
**Pendleton District, SC.** Unknown daughter was born to John & Unknown.

24 Oct 1803  
**Pendleton District, SC.** *John Tatum* bought 300 acres on Wolf Creek from *James Rice* of Claiborne County, TN. *Nathaniel Tatum* was one of the witnesses.

05 May 1805  
**Pendleton District, SC.** Son, *John Wilkins Tatum,* was born to *John Tatum & unknown.*

03 Aug 1805  


1806  
**Pendleton District, SC.** Daughter, *Nancy,* was born to *John Tatum and unknown wife.*

1810  

24 Mar 1818  
**Pendleton District, SC.** Filed in Anderson Co., SC, Estate Papers, Lachago? No. 12, Bundle No. 13, Box 2678, microfilm c1406 in the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, SC. “they the deponents is well acquainted with *John Tatum,*” the brother of *Martha Tatum* (aged approximately 50) who sought guardianship over her affairs and estate because she had been a “lunatic” for at least 15 years. The case runs many pages and extends at least until 2 Oct 1829, after John Tatum had died. Signed by: *Russel Cannon* [his mark] [his son Carter married Sarah, John Tatum’s daughter], *Samuel McCollum, Joshua Barton, John Stanly, David McCollum, Benjamin Day, John Cannon* [possibly Carter Cannon’s brother], *Elijah Cannon* [Carter’s brother]. Before *Joseph Carleton,* J.P.

24 Oct 1819  
**Pendleton District, SC.** *John Tatum* sold to *Charles Durham,* 34 acres located on Wolf Creek and 12 Mile River, bounded by Charles Durham and *William Hunter,* for $100. John also deeded 1 acre for a cemetery, to Tatum Union Church, later Bethlehem Union Church, now Bethlehem Methodist Church, near Pickens, SC.

1820  
**Pendleton District, SC.** Federal Census, roll M33_120, p. 169, *John Tatum.*

Bef Nov 1824  
**Pendleton District, SC.** *John Tatum* died. No will. Burial: Unknown with no headstone surviving today, Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery, near Pickens, SC.

18 Nov 1824  
**Pendleton District, SC.** Sale bill. Purchasers: *Carter Cannon* [married John’s daughter Sarah “Sally”], Joel Durham, *Elijah Cannon* [Carter’s brother], *Hugh Tatum, Ransom Cannon* [Carter’s brother], John Ferguson, John E. Herd. Jacob Gearin, Edmond Singleton, Benjamin

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2 These appear to be Russell Cannon’s sons. Another William Cannon and another James Cannon lived in the area.

Day, Lewis Brown [married John’s sister Julia], Jas Cary, Charles Durham, James Hamilton, Wily Gilstrap, Joshua Thompson, Baily Barton, Wm Humpras, Wm Howin. (Carter Cannon purchased one pair of mill stones.) {Papers part of above estate file}

19 Dec 1824 Pendleton District, SC. Estate sale for John Tatum was published on Fairview Meeting House. Hugh Tatum and William Tatum were administrators of the estate of John Tatum. This would indicate that Hugh and William might be the sons of John. The estate was administered Dec 24, 1824, by Hugh and William, and Edward Tatum, under bond of $2,000.00. The estate listed major items as two slaves; Dick worth $375 and Ben at $500, property $1,296. It indicated that Hugh owed him $1, Nathaniel Tatum $1, and Jeremiah Fields $1.25 plus a note of $25. Sold: Hogs, horse, mare, colt, shucks, rye (hogshead), loom, oven, cradle, sythe, gears, plows, bees, side saddle, tables, jugs, pails, pigeons, reap hook, bed, furniture, cotton, books, chairs, geese, sheep, fodder, oats, potatoes, planks, big cart, straw, check reel, wheel and tools. Sale brought $1,288.88 3/4. It appears that John’s wife has predeceased him. From an Internet web page: “Era Tatum’s book indicates that she has possession of a petition signed by John Tatum, to the State requesting payment for 10 months service, for which he received no pay. John served as guardian of his sister Martha, who was institutionalized when her mind went bad, until his death.”

Buyers: Rebecca Tatum [wife of John’s son William], Edward Tatum [son of John], Parthenia Tatum [daughter of John], Hugh Tatum [son of John], William Tatum [son of John], John W. Tatum [son of John], Nathaniel Tatum [?], Moses Hendricks [the brother of Hillary Hendricks, who married John’s sister Elizabeth], and Sheriff Haynes [married John’s daughter Polly] was among them.
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**John 1755/earlier**
- Nathaniel 1780
- Hugh 1782
- Edward 1785
- William 1787
- unknown 1785/1790 [1790]

**John 1795/1800**
- unknown 1795/1800
- John Wilkins 1805

0 slaves
- 1 slave |
- 6 slaves |
- 7 slaves |