

Family Group Record

Husband James Bynum		
Born	Aft 1725	Place , Surry Co., Virginia
Chr.		Place
Died	Abt 1791/1799	Place Of, Orange Co., North Carolina; perhaps went to GA or SC
Buried		Place
Married	Aft 1750	Place Probably, Edgecombe Co., North Carolina
Husband's father	William Bynum	
Husband's mother	Mary Fort probably	

Wife Rebecca Tatum		
Born	Abt 1733	Place , Prince George Co., Virginia
Chr.		Place
Died		Place Of, Edgecombe Co., North Carolina; perhaps went to GA or SC
Buried		Place
Wife's father	Nathaniel Tatum Sr.	
Wife's mother	Elizabeth Hawthorn	

Children List each child in order of birth.

1	F	Elizabeth Bynum	
	Born	Abt 1760	Place , Edgecombe Co., North Carolina
	Chr.		Place
	Died	Aft Jan 1772	Place Resided, Chatham Co., North Carolina
	Buried		Place
	Spouse		
	Married		Place

2	M	Jesse Bynum	
	Born	Abt 1761/1770	Place , Edgecombe Co. or Orange Co., North Carolina
	Chr.		Place
	Died	4 May 1837	Place , Blount Co., Alabama, USA
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Sarah Ann Bedenfield	
	Married	Bef 1784	Place
	Spouse	Nancy	
	Married		Place
	Spouse	Jane Bedenfield	
	Married	Aft 1813	Place

3	M	Son Bynum	
	Born	Abt 1775	Place
	Chr.		Place
	Died	Aft 1790	Place Resided, Greenville District, South Carolina
	Buried		Place
	Spouse		
	Married		Place

4	M	Son Bynum	
	Born	Abt 1778	Place
	Chr.		Place
	Died	Aft 1790	Place Resided, Greenville District, South Carolina
	Buried		Place
	Spouse		
	Married		Place

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"2.1.2. James Bynum (c1725? - 1790s?) On 31 January 1757 James Bynum sold to John Bynum, both of Edgecombe County, 300 acres "where Edward Tatum now lives" on the north side of Fishing Creek.²⁴⁵ How he acquired this land is unclear, but this seems to be the first mention of him.²⁴⁶ His presumed brother William Bynum, by then of Orange County, sold him 100 acres which may have been a part of this 300 acres, described as where James Bynum then lived, on 8 October 1761.²⁴⁷ (The land William Bynum sold to Nanny Bynum on the same day was also described as part of the land on which James Bynum then lived, and James Bynum witnessed that deed. Edward and Peter Tatum witnessed both deeds.) Three years later, on 22 February 1764, James Bynum sold that 100 acres to Eustace Daniel.²⁴⁸ It seems likely that James Bynum was married to Rebecca Tatum, daughter of Nathaniel Tatum. Nathaniel Tatum, a witness to William Bynum Sr.'s will, left a will himself dated 9 November 1750 and proved a few months later in February 1750/51, dividing his plantation on Fishing Creek equally among his five children, Edward, Nathaniel, Peter, Jesse, and Rebecca, effective after the death of his wife Elizabeth Tatum.²⁴⁹ The plantation was apparently the 200 acres he had purchased in 1742, and it appears that one of the sons (evidently Jesse) had died by 1764 and the property was split four ways rather than five. On 21 January 1764 James Bynum and Peter Tatum both sold 50 acres, perhaps this inheritance, to Edward Tatum.²⁵⁰ I also note the later presence of Edward and Peter Tatum in Chatham County." "

²⁴⁵ Halifax County Deed Book 6, p149. The date in the deed is 21 June, but it was proved in February court making it likely that the date was mistranscribed when the clerk copied the deed. The calendar change to the Gregorian calendar had occurred five years earlier.

²⁴⁶ The land was described as being adjacent John Parrish and Thomas Drake, as was the land he bought from William Bynum four years later. Further, his presumed uncle James Bynum was living several miles away, and (unlike this James Bynum) could not sign his name.

²⁴⁷ Edgecombe County Deed Book 1 (sometimes designated E1), p217. The 300 acres James Bynum sold to John Bynum and the two parcels, totaling 300 acres, which William Bynum sold in 1761 have almost identical descriptions. It appears that William Bynum somehow acquired the same 300 acres. A plausible scenario is the John Bynum was the person who died in 1761; if he were unmarried, his eldest brother would have inherited the land.

²⁴⁸ Edgecombe County Deed Book C, p164. It's not clear whether the buyer's surname was "Davis" or "Daniel" or "Daniels".

²⁴⁹ Original Will filed in Secretary of State Records, NC Archives.

²⁵⁰ Halifax County Deed Book 8, p434. (The James Bynum deed)

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"Chatham County was formed from Orange County on 1 April 1771, and one of its first recorded deeds is a deed of gift from John Hatley Jr., a neighbor of both James and William Bynum, on 27 January 1772 of some household goods "for and in consideration of the love, good will and affection that I have and do bear towards my loving friend Elizabeth Bynum, daughter of James Bynum and Rebecca."²⁵⁶ The story behind this deed is tantalizingly mysterious, though it probably is related in some way to James Bynum's legal troubles. (I note that a gift to a child would have prevented the goods from being attached for the debts of the parent.) It was apparently the same James Bynum who appeared on the September 1772 Chatham County militia roster of Elisha Cain's company.²⁵⁷

²⁵⁶ Chatham County Deed Book A, p61.

²⁵⁷ Original muster rolls in NC Archives, reproduced in Colonial Soldiers Of The South 1732-1774, Murtie June Clark. Although this would seem to conflict with his Regulator activity, I would note that militia service was compulsory and that Orange and Chatham County's militia was largely sympathetic to the Regulator cause.

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"What became of him and his family is something of a mystery. The majority of Regulators in Orange County, having failed miserably to effect reform in the local government and (in many cases) being subject to prosecution, left the colony within a few years of the Battle at Alamance. It is a plausible theory that James Bynum may have migrated to Wilkes County, Georgia, where we know his nephew (and perhaps his brother) was living in 1777, and where several

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other Chatham County neighbors located. Noting that Wilkes County and the Ninety-Six District (later Abbeville District) of South Carolina were separated from one another by the Savannah River, he may have later crossed the river into Abbeville County of Ninety-Six District, South Carolina where a James Bynum had several plats for land on the Savannah River in 1787, 1790, and 1798.²⁶⁰ He therefore was probably the "James Binom" who appeared as a single head of household in the 1790 census of Abbeville County adjacent to "Jesse Binom". He was not in the 1800 census and had apparently died in 1798 or 1799. If any records of an estate exist, they were not located."

260 South Carolina Plats, Volume 27, p78; 15, p310; 16, p598; 44, p341; 19, p425.

WIFE - Rebecca Tatum

Rebecca inherited one-quarter of her father's estate after her mother and her brother Jesse died. Her husband, James Bynum, sold her inherited 50 acres on 21 Jan 1764 in Halifax County, North Carolina. Deed Book 8, p. 434.

CHILD 1 - Elizabeth Bynum

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27 Jan 1772 Chatham Co., NC. John Hatley, Jr., deeded a gift of household goods "for and in consideration of the love, good will and affection that I have and do bear towards my loving friend Elizabeth Bynum, daughter of James Bynum and Rebecca."

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"Beyond the 1772 deed, no further record was found. It would seem that a child old enough to make use of a bed and furniture would have been in her teens. However, the deed of gift from Hatley may have been intended to her parents, and deeded to her as a legal device. Anything titled in the child's name would have been exempt from attachment to satisfy the debts of the father. Given James Bynum's legal troubles, it is thus quite possible that his daughter was quite young at the time."

CHILD 2 - Jesse Bynum

NOTE from Cecilie Gaziano: Although Robert W. Baird thought that James Bynum and his son Jesse Bynum were in the 1790 Abbeville District, SC, census, I believe James was in the 1790 Greenville District, SC, census.

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There is certainly a highly plausible case, if not a circumstantially proven one, that James Bynum's son was the Jesse Bynum of Blount County, Alabama who was identified in 1916 by Jasper Bynum as a "relative" of the grandsons of James Bynum's brother William Bynum.²⁶¹ (For what it's worth, I note that he named his eldest son James and a younger daughter Rebecca.) In particular, note that his elder children all give their birthplace as South Carolina in later censuses, suggesting that Jesse was in that state by 1786, several years prior to any other Chatham County Bynums. He is evidently the Jesse Bynum who is adjacent to James Bynum in the 1790 census of Abbeville District, South Carolina with a household of a single male and two females. In 1800 he was still in Abbeville with two sons and two daughters, a household precisely matching the Jesse Bynum later in Blount County, Alabama.²⁶² He does not appear in Abbeville in 1810, having moved across the county line to join his cousins in Pendleton District. On 1 November 1802

Jesse Bynum bought 120 acres on Wolf Creek from his nephew Jesse Tatum, with William Bynum a witness.²⁶³ In November 1808 he bought 113 acres adjoining, styling himself "Senior" apparently to differentiate himself from his younger cousin of the same name. He appears in the 1810 Pendleton census as the older of the two Jesse Bynums, with a household consistent in makeup and slaveholding to the prior census.²⁶⁴ His children through Green Bynum all give their birthplace as South

Carolina in censuses, suggesting that Jesse may have remained in Pendleton and moved directly into Alabama without an intermediate stop in Tennessee. No record was found of his sale of his Pendleton land, but he entered land in Blount County, Alabama in 1818.²⁶⁵

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261 Historical Sketches of the Bynum Family, Jasper E. Bynum (The Southern Democrat, 1916, 1958, reprinted 1978), p62. These are sketches written for a local newspaper and organized in 1916 into one volume.

262 1800 census Abbeville County: Jessey Bynum 02010-11010-6. 263 Pendleton (Anderson) County Deed Book H, p422. (Pendleton's deed books were inherited by Anderson County, and are designated as Anderson County deed books.)

264 Pendleton District 1810 census, p292: Jesse Binum 10201-11100-5 Note that in 1800 he was the only Bynum who owned slaves, enumerated with 6. In this census he is the largest slaveholder among the Pendleton Bynums with 5.

265 Northeast Alabama Settlers, Vol. 5, includes Jesse Bynum as entering land (along with several others) in Township 12, Range 2 East in 1818. Note that I did not search sufficiently far in the Pendleton deed index to find deeds after 1810 or so.

1830 Federal Census of Blount County, Alabama; Series: M19; Roll: 1; Page: 3; Family History Library Film: 0002328.
From www.Ancestry.com.