

## **Nathaniel Tatum and Elizabeth Hawthorn of Edgecombe Co., North Carolina**

- abt 1705 **Charles City Co., VA.** Son **Nathaniel Tatum** was born to **Edward Tatum & Rebecca.**
- c. 1725 **Probably Prince George Co., VA.** **Nathaniel Tatum** was married to **Elizabeth.**
- c. 1726 **Prince George Co., VA.** **Edward Tatum** was born to Nathaniel and Elizabeth.
- c. 1730 **Prince George Co., VA.** **Peter Tatum** was born to Nathaniel and Elizabeth.
- c. 1732 **Prince George Co., VA.** **Jesse Tatum** was born to Nathaniel and Elizabeth.
- c. 1733 **Prince George Co., VA.** **Rebecca Tatum** was born to Nathaniel and Elizabeth.
- c. 1736 **Prince George Co., VA.** **Nathaniel Tatum (III)** was born to Nathaniel & Elizabeth.
- 03 Sep 1739 **Surry Co., VA.** Will of **Edward Tatum**, To son **Nathaniel Tatum** ½ my land where he now lives, ...beginning on **Peter Tatum's** line...to and along **John Young** line to the main run of Joseph's Swamp and along said run to and along **Peter Tatums** line to beginning. To son **Peter Tatum** - the other ½ of my land and all the rest of estate after his mother's decease.  
Daughter **Ruth Tatum** – loom, furniture, pewter dish, bible, feather bed  
Daughter **Elizabeth Tatum** – loom, furniture, large pewter basin, feather bed.  
To Wife **Rebeckah Tatum** – use and profits of all the estate during her lifetime.  
Executor: **Peter Tatum.** Signed: **Edward "E" Tatum.**  
Witnesses: **Christopher Tatum and Peter ("P.J.") Tatum.**<sup>1</sup>
- 1741 Edgecombe Co., NC, was formed from Bertie Co., NC.
- 14 Feb 1742 **Edgecombe Co., NC.** **Wallis Jones** of Edgecombe Co. deeded to **John Clerk** of Edgecombe Co. for 20 pounds...320 acres on the south side of Rocky Swamp on Jack Horse Branch. Wit: **John Hawthorn** and **Nathaniel Tatum.** Reg. County February Court 1742.
- 15 Feb 1742/3 **Edgecombe Co., NC.** Deed of **Stephen Weaver**, carpenter to **Nathaniel Tatum**, planter, both of Edgecombe Co., for 20 pounds, 200 acres on the north side of **Fishing Creek**, part of a tract purchased by the said Weaver of **Joseph Hough** and was a patent to **Rev. John Holmes**, 14 Feb 1739. Wit: **Wallis Jones, Abraham Evans.** Reg. February Court. (Deed Book 5, p. 127.)
- 15 Feb 1742 **Edgecombe Co., NC.** **Stephen Weaver**, carpenter, of Edgecombe Co. deeded to **John Hawthorn**, planter, of Edgecombe Co. 200 acres on the north side of **Fishing Creek**, joining the mouth of Gerald's Swamp. Wit.: **William Hickman** and **Nathaniel Tatum.** Reg. Feb Court 1742. (From Abstracts of Deeds, Edgecombe Precinct, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1732 through 1758, by Margaret M. Hofmann, 1969, pages 178, 179, 180 original Deed Volume 5, pages 120, 127, 133)

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<sup>1</sup> Note from Jim Murphy, [www.planetmurphy.org](http://www.planetmurphy.org), chapter on Edward Tatum: "P.J." Peter Tatum is thought to be a different Peter Tatum. Thanks go to Ed Tatum for details of this will, email courtesy 14 December 2009.

10 Oct 1742 **Surry County, VA.** Albemarle Parish Register (Surry County): **Steven Weaver**, born 10 Oct 1742, son of **Steven and Elenor Weaver**. Sponsors were **John Hawthorn, Nathaniel Tatum, Frances Denton**. From PlanetMurphy.org webpage Comment: Albemarle Parish Registry states the above Steven and Elenor Weaver had 3 children, **Isam Weaver**, born 21 March 1738; Frances Weaver, born 30 Aug 1739; and Steven Weaver, born 18 Oct 1742. Elenor's maiden name may be Hawthorne, as four different Hawthorns were God Parents to their three children. Another Wallis Jones is also mentioned in the Albemarle Registry, born 3 Dec 1739, son of William and Mary Jones.

NOTE FROM CECILIE GAZIANO: Some genealogies show Elenor's maiden name as Cane.

20 May 1746 **Edgecombe Co., NC.** The will of **William Bynum** was proved in court by the oaths of **Nathaniel Tatum** and **James Cane**, and the widow **Mary Bynum** was qualified as executrix. Unfortunately, the will no longer exists, and only the court minutes mentioning it survive. In fact, other than the court entry noting the proving of the will, I (Robert W. Baird, [www.genfiles.com](http://www.genfiles.com)) found only one surviving document, an inventory of the estate by the widow. This is a loose, undated paper found in the North Carolina Archives. Edgecombe County Inventories, Accounts and Sales 1730-1747, NC Archives File Number 037.514.1 (loose papers in box)

09 Nov 1750 **Edgecombe Co., NC.** **Nathaniel Tatum** made his will. Bequeaths to sons **Edward, Nathaniel, Peter, Jesse, and daughter Rebaker**, my plantation and negro wench Judye, to be equally divided among them after my wife **Elizabeth Tatum** is deceased. Wit; **James Cane, Rebekah Cane, Ellener (X) Weaver**. Recorded Feb. 1750.<sup>2</sup>

1758 Halifax Co., NC, was formed from Edgecombe Co., NC.

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<sup>2</sup> 9 November 1750 Edgecombe County, February Court -.In the name of God amen, the 9th day of November 1750, I, Nathaniell Tatum of Edgecombe County, planter, being very sick and \_\_\_ in body but of perfect mind and memory....bequeath to my son Edward Tatum, Nathaniell Tatum, Peter Tatum, Jese (or Jose?) Tatum and Rebeker Tatum my plantation where I live and all my land which I now possess....after my wife Elizabeth Tatum deceases.

Item – I give and bequeath to Edward Tatum all the hogs that is called his and also one more one cow and calf.

Item – I a give and bequeath to my son Nathaniell Tatum one cow and calf and one sow and pigs.

Item – I give and bequeath to my son Peter Tatum one cow and calf and one sow and pigs.

Item – I give and bequeath to my son Jese Tatum one cow and calf and one sow and pigs.

Item – I give and bequeath to my dator (daughter) Rebeka Tatum one cow and calf and one sow and pigs. Also, my lume (loom?) and all my \_\_\_ and one side sadle \_\_\_.

Item, I give and bequeath to my \_\_\_ wife Elizabeth Tatum whom..... Executrix of this my will and testament and singular my house, hole (whole) goods and stores ...my last will and testament therefore (remaining hard to read).

Witness: James Cane, Ellenor (x) Weaver

Signed: Nathaniell Tatum (seal) (signature crudely done but not with an 'x')

Edgecombe County February Court 1750. The above written will was exhibited into Court by Elizabeth Tatum Widow and Executrix and proved by the Oaths of James Cane, Rebeka? Cane, and Elinor Wever two of the subscribing evidences thereto and at the same time the said Executrix took her Oath by Law proscribed which was ordered to be certified. Test: Benjn Wynnes, Clerk. (on side of will) Nathl Tatum's will is \_\_\_ 21 May 1751. Vol. XXX1,page 28.

21 Jan 1764 **Halifax Co., North Carolina: Peter Tatum** of Halifax County deeded to **Edward Tatum** of same, 21 January 1764, 35 pounds money, 50 acres joining **Weaver**. Witnesses: **Charles Daniel, Edmund Daniel**. April Court 1764.<sup>3</sup>

21 Jan 1764 **Halifax Co., NC. James Bynum** of Edgecombe Co., NC, to **Edward Tatum** of Halifax Co., NC, £20, 50 acres adjoining **Weaver**. Wit: **Charles Daniel, Edmund Daniel**. Recd Apr 1764.<sup>4</sup>

According to Robert W. Baird, "Bob's Filing Cabinet": 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**.<sup>249</sup> 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**.<sup>250</sup> From: <http://www.genfiles.com/bynum-files/5-Line-of-William-Bynum-%28c1690-1746%29 Modified.pdf> Note from Cecilie Gaziano: Nathaniel's wife Elizabeth also must have died by this date.

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<sup>3</sup> Halifax County, NC, Deed Book 9, p.79. Deeds of Halifax County, North Carolina 1758-1771, abstracted by Dr. Stephan E. Bradley, Jr. 1989.

<sup>4</sup> Halifax County, NC, Deed Book 8, p. 434.