CHRONOLOGY

18 Jan 1789

Alexander Dromegoole arrived in the Cherokee Nation to set up peace talks in behalf of Samuel Johnston, Governor of North Carolina. I have found references indicating that he was in the Nation as early as 1787.

Ruth Dromgoole was born to Nancy and Mr. Dromgoole. (Nancy also married Chief Doublehead, John Foreman and William Springston.) I think Alexander Dromegoole was the father of Ruth; in one of his letters to Governor Johnston, he mentions contact with Anthony Foreman, whose son John was Nancy's second(?) husband; and Ruth named one of her sons, Alexander Dromgoole Wilson. There was another Alexander Dromgoole who was closely connected with the family; but I think he could have been Nancy's brother/step-father. This Alexander has been mentioned as an uncle of James Foreman, Nancy's son. It was not unusual for a man to "marry" both a mother and her daughter.

Bird Doublehead was born to Nancy and Chief Doublehead.

James Foreman was born to Nancy and John Foreman.

- 9 Aug 1807 Chief Doublehead was executed by The Ridge, and others for land cedings. John Foreman also died in 1807.
- John Foreman was born to Ruth Dromgoole and John Foreman. John, born in 1780, died before the birth of his son, who was known as John's son and later Johnson. John was also married to Nancy, Ruth's mother, but must have been several years younger than she. According to Starr, Ruth and John Foreman also had a daughter, Elizabeth.
 - 1811 Isaac Springston was born to Nancy and William Springston.
- William Wilson was born to Ruth Dromgoole and George Wilson. Other children born to Ruth and George were: Mary, Elizabeth, Archibald M., Rebecca, Alexander Dromgoole, George W., Anderson Springston, John, and Malinda. Malinda stated that her father was Scottish.
- 13 Oct 1814 Anderson Springston was born to Nancy and William Springston.
- 21 Jul 1819 George Wilson and Alexander Drumgold applied for reservations; their residence was given as two miles from Austin Rider's Sweet Water Creek to include his improvements. (Austin Rider resided at Tellico Plains.)

Old Settlers Roll: William Wilson, Skin Bayou; Mary Audrain, Delaware; Elizabeth Copeland, Delaware; A.M. Wilson, Illinois; A.D. Wilson, Illinois; George W. Wilson, Illinois; Anderson Wilson, Delaware; John Wilson, Delaware; Malinda Wilson, Delaware.

Drennen Roll: Isaac Springston, Anderson Springston, Johnson Foreman

NCTES: Narcissa Owen states in her MEMOIRS that Nancy/Kah-ta-yah had two brothers and one sister; their father, Caulunna, the Raven, accompanied Sir Alexander Cumings to England in 1730 and was received in the famous "red coat" of an English officer; he was killed in 1741.

The histories I have read indicate Okou-Ulah wore the red coat; and if Nancy was born in 1751, the year her father supposedly died, she was rather old in 1789, to be entering a first marriage. Owen also states Bushyhead was a brother of Nancy, which is not true; he was a brother-in-law.

Owen, who published her MEMOIRS in 1907 at the age of seventy-seven, was relating events that happened 150/200 years earlier. Her major source of information was her step-father, William Wilson, who had taken notes of the narrations of his grandmother, Nancy. A second source was an elderly slave who taught their personal history to Owen's older sister, who in turn taught it to Owen. The account is so vivid, I think there are many truths among the inaccuracies; but it would be helpful if William Wilson's original notes could be located.

Guion Miller Applications: John L. Springston, son of Anderson Springston, stated that Nancy had two brothers and two sisters, all of whom were on the 1851,2 roll of emigrate Cherokees. Nancy and her sister, Isaac, were reported to be residents of Delaware District; brother Robbin, or Lah-we-ner A-ouah, in Goingsnake or Delaware District; and brother Mau-se-de, or Co-wah-wau-se-de in Saline District. I have found references to individuals with the same or similar names on the various Cherokee rolls; but nothing that confirms their relationship.

There was possibly a break in family relations as Epringston, who was a lawyer, acknowledged knowing well the Epringstons, Foremans, and Doubleheads: but he denied knowing anything about the Wilsons except that they existed and they emigrated. This is odd, since several of the Wilsons were active in Cherokee politics; one was President of the Senate during part of Springston's adult years. Owen reports Mancy was married to Drumgould and Foreman, but does not mention Springston and Doublehead. The Wilsons were Old Settlers; the others Eastern. The Wilsons did not own slaves; the others did. Perhaps there were other differences as well.

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