

Ratliff



Here is a little information about our line of Ratliff's. Thanks to some Great Ratliff researchers like Larry Ratliff, Jim Ratliff, Linda Ratliff, Clarence Ratliff, Michael Farr, Rich Ratliff, Gary Radcliffe, Brooks Wrampelmeier, and a host of others, I have been able to take the information my mom provided me with and trace our Ratliff's back a long way. I was given some information/notes and asked not to publish it on the net and I won't publish that specific information here, however what I do publish here is readily available on the net from a host of Ratliff researches. So, a big thank you to those who so kindly helped me in my research.

The names Ratliff, Ratliffe are English (from England) and the Ratliff family traces their ancestral roots back to Anglo Saxon origin. The above are variants of Ratcliff and Ratcliffe, which mean one who came from Ratcliff, deriving from the place name where the first bearer lived or held land. Several explanations have been given of this family name. Two of these, which it may not be impossible to reconcile and combine, are as follows: That the family is descended from Richard Radclyffe, of Radcliffe Tower, near Bury, county of Lancaster, England, who flourished in the reign of Edward I.; and that the name, as stated above, is of local origin, derived from a place in Lancashire, England, so called on account of a cliff of red rock Lancashire, England. At a bend of the Irwell River was the family seat; manor and tower now in ruins. The river was banked by red cliffs, now much lower than before. Thus Radcliff/Radclyffe = "red cliff." In this case, the surname Ratliff derives from any of the places, in different parts of England, called "Ratcliffe" (Devonshire), "Ratcliff" (Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire), "Radcliffe" (Buckinghamshire), "Redcliff" (Warwickshire), or "Radclive" (Buckinghamshire).

All the above mentioned places derive their names from the Old English word "read" meaning "red" and "cliff" which signifies "cliff, slope or riverbank". Ratcliff means "red cliff." Other spellings of the name include Ratclife, Ratcleff, Ratcliffe, Ratclieff, Ratclyffe, Rattcliffe, Radclive, Radcliff, Radcliffe, Redclyffe, and Radclyffe. The Ratliff Family Coat of Arms can traces its roots back to ancient times where it was carried onto the battlefield with honor and chivalry to defend family, allies, King and country.

The Shield is: Silver with two diagonal black stripes.

The Crest is: A black bull's head.

The motto is: "Virtus Propter Se" or "FIDE ET FORTITUDINE" which translates to: "With Faith and Fortitude."

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The earliest Ratliff in America was Captain John Ratcliffe, who commanded the ship "Discovery," which was one of the three ships that landed at Cape Henry, Virginia on April 26, 1607. John Ratcliffe was part of the first permanent English Colony settlement called Jamestown, Virginia, which was founded on May 13, 1607. John was captured and killed by Indians in 1610 because of a fight that broke out between the Indians and John's colonists while making trades with the Indian Chief Powhatan. The next Ratliff who came to America from England was Roger Ratcliffe, who was born in 1575. Roger came to America in 1619 with his wife Ann and son Isaac Ratcliffe. Robert Ratcliffe came to Virginia in 1621, Thomas Ratcliffe to Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1622, Elkington Ratcliffe, a servant of Ralph Hamor, to James City, Virginia in 1623, Philip Ratcliffe to Salem, Massachusetts in 1630, Michael Ratcliffe to Virginia in 1634, Edward Ratcliffe to Virginia in 1641, Thomas Ratcliffe to New Castle County, Delaware in 1642, Thomas Ratcliffe to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1648, Charles Ratcliffe to Virginia in 1650, Thomas Ratcliffe to America in 1656, Elizabeth Ratcliffe to Barbadoes or Jamaica in 1685, and Edward, Mary, James, Rachell, Rebecca, Richard Ratcliffe to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1685. Other Ratliffs emigrated to America into the 1860's.

Below you'll find some of our tree information.

Descendants of Silace or Silas Ratliff

Generation No. 1

1. **SILACE OR SILAS⁷ RATLIFF (RICHARD⁶ RATCLIFF, RUBEN⁵, ROBERT⁴ RATLIFF, JOHN³ RATCLIFFE, EMMANUEL², MOLLONEX OR MULLENEX¹)**1 was born Abt. 17891, and died 1834 in Tazewell County, VA. He married NANCY UNKNOWN Abt. 1812. She was born Abt. 1790.

More About SILACE OR SILAS RATLIFF:

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More About NANCY UNKNOWN:**Record Change: July 08, 20011****Children of SILACE RATLIFF and NANCY UNKNOWN are:**

2. i. RICHARD8 RATLIFF, b. 1814, Tazewell County, Va..
3. ii. PETER E. RATLIFF, b. 1817, Tazewell County, Va.
4. iii. MOSES RATLIFF, b. 1822, Virginia; d. Bef. 1900, Buchanan Co. Va..
- iv. BENJAMIN RATLIFF1.
- v. BURWELL RATLIFF1.
5. vi. JOHN JR. RATLIFF, b. 1831, Virginia; d. before 1910.
- vii. UNKNOWN RATLIFF, b. 1813.
- viii. UNKNOWN RATLIFF, b. 1819.
- ix. PETER RATLIFF1.

Generation No. 2

2. RICHARD8 RATLIFF (SILACE OR SILAS7, RICHARD6 RATCLIFF, RUBEN5, ROBERT4 RATLIFF, JOHN3 RATCLIFFE, EMMANUEL2, MOLLONEX OR MULLENEX1)1 was born 1814 in Tazewell County, Va.. He married MARY J. "POLLY" MCGLOTHLIN October 10, 1839 in Tazewell County, Virginia, daughter of JACOB MCGLOTHLIN and JUDITH LEATHERS. She was born 1820 in Russell County, Va..

More About RICHARD RATLIFF:**Individual Note: 1860, Richard was in Russell Co. Va. in 1860.****Children of RICHARD RATLIFF and MARY MCGLOTHLIN are:**

- i. ROBERT9 RATLIFF, b. October 1840, Tazewell County, Va.
- ii. JUDITH ANN RATLIFF, b. Abt. 1845, Tazewell County, Va; m. JOHN R. STRICKLER, August 18, 1863, Tazewell County, Virginia; b. June 01, 1842, Smythe County, Virginia.
- iii. MARY A. J. RATLIFF, b. 1847, Tazewell County, Va.
- iv. MAHALA OR MANDA OR MARIE E RATLIFF, b. 1850, Tazewell County, Va.
- v. WILLIAM DAVID RATLIFF, b. 1853, Tazewell County, Va.
- vi. ELEANOR O. A. RATLIFF, b. 1857, Tazewell County, Va.
- vii. PETER WADE RATLIFF, b. January 1858, Tazewell County, Va; d. Pike County, Kentucky; m. LAKE ERIE BUNTING, March 06, 1882, Lawrence County, Kentucky; b. Boyd County, Kentucky.
- viii. JOSEPH RATLIFF, b. July 1861, Tazewell County, Va.
- ix. BARBARA ANN RATLIFF, b. January 1865, Tazewell County, Va; d. September 01, 1865, Tazewell County, Va.
- x. DIANA F. RATLIFF, b. Abt. 1868, Pike County, Kentucky.
- xi. JAMES BURKETT RATLIFF.

3. PETER E.8 RATLIFF (SILACE OR SILAS7, RICHARD6 RATCLIFF, RUBEN5, ROBERT4

RATLIFF, JOHN³ RATCLIFFE, EMMANUEL², MOLLONEX OR MULLENEX¹) was born 1817 in Tazewell County, Va. He married MARY ANN YOUNG September 02, 1841 in Tazewell County, Virginia. She was born 1823 in Tazewell County, Va.

Children of PETER RATLIFF and MARY YOUNG are:

- i. COSBY E.⁹ RATLIFF, b. April 15, 1843, Tazewell County, Va; m. JAMES R. STEVENSON, January 20, 1859, Tazewell County, Virginia; b. November 15, 1840, Tazewell County, Va.
- ii. LOUISA S. RATLIFF, b. November 15, 1844, Tazewell County, Va.
- iii. LUCINDA RATLIFF, b. 1847, Tazewell County, Va; d. Bef. 1860, Tazewell County, Va.
- iv. LOUVINIA J. RATLIFF, b. Abt. 1848, Tazewell County, Va; m. JAMES WHITT 'HURST' LOWE, September 29, 1891, Tazewell County, Virginia; b. Abt. 1823, Virginia; d. 1897.

More About JAMES WHITT 'HURST' LOWE:

Individual Note: it is said that James was not a Lowe, but in fact a Hurst, he was raised by the Lowes and took their last name sometime between 1856-1860. It is said that his family was wiped out by indians and Lowe's took him in and raised him.

- v. ESTHER L. RATLIFF, b. 1848, Tazewell County, Va.
- vi. LUEMA J. REBECA RATLIFF, b. 1852, Tazewell County, Va.
- vii. REBECCA D. RATLIFF, b. Abt. 1853, Tazewell County, Va; m. WILLIAM C. LOWE, February 12, 1873, Tazewell County, Virginia; b. Abt. 1852, Tazewell County, Va.

More About WILLIAM C. LOWE:

Individual Note: 1886, William was Deputy Treasurer of Tazewell in 1886

- viii. NANCY CAROLINE RATLIFF, b. January 11, 1853, Tazewell County, Va; m. L.G. THOMAS, September 30, 1873, Tazewell County, Virginia; b. Abt. 1839, Grayson County, Virginia.
- ix. UNKNOWN RATLIFF, b. January 11, 1855, Tazewell County, Va; d. January 11, 1855, Tazewell County, Va.
- x. MARY A. RATLIFF, b. September 18, 1856, Tazewell County, Va; d. 1856, Tazewell County, Va.
- xi. MARTITA RATLIFF, b. 1857, Tazewell County, Va.
- xii. FRANCES M. RATLIFF, b. June 17, 1858, Tazewell County, Va; d. Tazewell County, Va; m. GEORGE F. BRUSTIC, February 21, 1878, Tazewell County, Virginia; b. Abt. 1859, Tazewell County, Va.
- xiii. THOMAS D. RATLIFF, b. January 24, 1861, Tazewell County, Va; m. (1) UNKNOWN; m. (2) IDA ALBERT, December 23, 1919, Tazewell County, Virginia; b. Abt. 1878, Giles County, Virginia.
- xiv. SILAS B. RATLIFF, b. 1864, Tazewell County, Va.
- xv. FRANCES L. RATLIFF, b. Tazewell County, Va.

4. MOSES⁸ RATLIFF (SILACE OR SILAS⁷, RICHARD⁶ RATCLIFF, RUBEN⁵, ROBERT⁴ RATLIFF, JOHN³ RATCLIFFE, EMMANUEL², MOLLONEX OR MULLENEX¹)¹ was born 1822 in Virginia, and died Bef. 1900 in Buchanan Co. Va.. He married SUSANNA STILTNER April 05, 1848 in Pike County, Kentucky, daughter of JACOB STILTNER and ELIZABETH LESTER. She was born January 1829 in Va, and died Bef. 1900.

More About MOSES RATLIFF:

Individual Note: Moses enlisted in Buchanan Co., Va. on July 11-1863 into the 10th Kentucky Cavalry, CSA and he served in Company L.

Children of MOSES RATLIFF and SUSANNA STILTNER are:

- i. UNKNOWN⁹ RATLIFF, b. Abt. 1848.
- ii. SARAH J. RATLIFF, b. 1849, Russell County, Va.; m. C.J. SMITH, January 17, 1869, Buchanan County, Virginia; b. 1843, Russell County, Va..
- iii. NOAH RATLIFF, b. May 1853, Tazewell County, Va.
- iv. ELIZABETH RATLIFF, b. 1857, Buchanan Co. Va..
- v. JACOB R. RATLIFF, b. March 1859, Buchanan Co. Va..

5. JOHN JR.⁸ RATLIFF (SILACE OR SILAS⁷, RICHARD⁶ RATCLIFF, RUBEN⁵, ROBERT⁴ RATLIFF, JOHN³ RATCLIFFE, EMMANUEL², MOLLONEX OR MULLENEX¹) was born 1831 in Virginia, and died in before 1910. He married (1) SARAH MULLINS May 25, 1888, daughter of MARSHALL MULLINS and REBECCA VANOVER. He married (2) NANCY COX^{2,3} November 19, 1849 in Pike County, Kentucky, daughter of BENJAMIN COX and POLLY QUILLEN. She was born 1831 in Tazewell, Virginia.

Notes for JOHN JR. RATLIFF:

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1860 Census, Pike Cy, KY. Families Rubin Cox and Mathew Coleman and John Coleman and Nathaniel Childres all next door.

26Jun01 in Lebanon, Russell Cy, VA a book by Bradley L Ratliff shows this John Ratliff #74, wife Nancy? Son of Silace who is son of Richard. Bradley at modelt15@aol.com, relayed message to Larry Ratliff, swalnut934@aol.com. They confirmed Nancy Cox, d. of Benjamin, wife of John Ratliff.

More About JOHN JR. RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 05, 20013

More About NANCY COX:

Record Change: February 27, 20013

Children of JOHN RATLIFF and NANCY COX are:

- i. LOUISA⁹ RATLIFF³, b. December 10, 1856, Pike County, Kentucky; m. (1) WILLIAM M. JR. DAMRON, August 26, 1874, Pike County, Ky.; b. 1853, Pike County KY; m. (2) WILLIAM M. JR DAMRON³, August 26, 1874, Pike Cy, Ky³; b. 1853, Pike Cy, Ky³.

More About LOUISA RATLIFF:

Record Change: May 08, 20013

More About WILLIAM M. JR DAMRON:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

ii. POLLY RATLIFF.

iii. KATE B. RATLIFF, b. January 1870, Pike County, Kentucky.

6. iv. RICHARD RATLIFF, b. September 1850, Tazewell County, VA.

v. REUBEN RATLIFF³, b. 1852, Tazewell County, VA; m. NANCY P. GIBSON³, April 09, 1874, Pike County, Ky..

More About REUBEN RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

Notes for NANCY P. GIBSON:

Married in Pike County, KY.

More About NANCY P. GIBSON:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

vi. SARAH JANE RATLIFF, b. 1854, Tazewell County, VA; m. JOHN W. GILLESPIE³, February 16, 1873, Pike County, Ky.; b. 1849, Tazewell County, VA.

Notes for SARAH JANE RATLIFF:

Married in Pike County KY.

More About SARAH JANE RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

Notes for JOHN W. GILLESPIE:

Married in Pike County, KY.

More About JOHN W. GILLESPIE:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

vii. MARY RATLIFF, b. 1859, Pike County KY; d. Died at an early age..

7. viii. JEFFERSON D. RATLIFF, b. August 1863, Pike County, Kentucky; d. December 1908.

ix. MARY RATLIFF³, b. May 1859, Pike KY³.

More About MARY RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

x. KATE P. RATLIFF³, b. January 1870, Pike Cy, Ky³.

More About KATE P. RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

Generation No. 3

6. **RICHARD⁹ RATLIFF (JOHN JR.⁸, SILACE OR SILAS⁷, RICHARD⁶ RATCLIFF, RUBEN⁵, ROBERT⁴ RATLIFF, JOHN³ RATCLIFFE, EMMANUEL², MOLLONEX OR MULLENEX¹)³** was born September 1850 in Tazewell County, VA. He married (1) **SERLIDA P. HOPKINS** May 20, 1875 in Pike County, Ky., daughter of **COLUMBUS HOPKINS** and **MARY UNKNOWN**. She was born September 1856 in Ky.. He married (2) **SURILDA J. HOPKINS³** May 20, 1875 in Pike Cy, Ky³, daughter of **COLUMBUS HOPKINS** and **MARY UNKNOWN**. She was born September 1856 in KY³.

More About RICHARD RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

Notes for SERLIDA P. HOPKINS:

Richard and Serilda was married at Columbus Hopkins` in Pike County, KY.

More About SURILDA J. HOPKINS:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

Children of RICHARD RATLIFF and SURILDA HOPKINS are:

- i. **CHRISTOPHER¹⁰ RATLIFF³.**
- ii. **JULIA A. RATLIFF³.**
- iii. **GEORGE W. RATLIFF³.**
- iv. **JOHN RATLIFF³, b. 1876, Pike Cy, Ky³.**

More About JOHN RATLIFF:

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- v. **MT. CALVIN RATLIFF³, b. May 1879³.**

More About MT. CALVIN RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

- vi. **MOSES J. RATLIFF³, b. June 1881, Pike Cy, Ky³.**

More About MOSES J. RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

- vii. **NANCY M. RATLIFF³, b. February 1884, Pike Cy, Ky³.**

More About NANCY M. RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

- viii. **MINTY E. RATLIFF³, b. September 1886, Pike Cy, Ky³.**

More About MINTY E. RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

ix. SARAH A. RATLIFF³, b. April 1889, Pike Cy, Ky³.

More About SARAH A. RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

7. JEFFERSON D.⁹ RATLIFF (JOHN JR.⁸, SILACE OR SILAS⁷, RICHARD⁶ RATCLIFF, RUBENS⁵, ROBERT⁴ RATLIFF, JOHN³ RATCLIFFE, EMMANUEL², MOLLONEX OR MULLENEX¹) was born August 1863 in Pike County, Kentucky, and died December 1908. He married (1) NANCY J. HAMILTON May 09, 1889 in Pike County, Kentucky. She was born April 1874 in Virginia. He married (2) NANCY C. HAMILTON³ May 09, 1889 in Pike Cy, Ky³. She was born April 1874 in Va³.

More About JEFFERSON D. RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

Notes for NANCY J. HAMILTON:

Nancy and Jeff were wed at Issac Epling`s in Pike County, KY.

More About NANCY C. HAMILTON:

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Children of JEFFERSON RATLIFF and NANCY HAMILTON are:

8. i. MARION COLOMBUS¹⁰ RATLIFF, b. July 20, 1890; d. October 13, 1940, Pike County, KY.

9. ii. HARVE D. RATLIFF, b. December 1890; d. April 07, 1923.

iii. JOSEPH RATLIFF³, b. September 1893.

iv. JOHN RATLIFF³, b. January 1898.

v. PHILLIP RATLIFF³, b. April 1900; d. March 15, 1920, Pike County, KY.

Notes for PHILLIP RATLIFF:

Phillip died at the age of 20 according to the Ky death Index.

Children of JEFFERSON RATLIFF and NANCY HAMILTON are:

vi. HARVEY¹⁰ RATLIFF³.

vii. COLUMBUS RATLIFF³, b. July 1890, Pike Cy, Ky³; m. MYRTLE PRESTON³, June 02, 1913, Johnson Cy, Ky³; b. 18903.

More About COLUMBUS RATLIFF:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

More About MYRTLE PRESTON:

Record Change: July 08, 20013

Generation No. 4

8. MARION COLOMBUS¹⁰ RATLIFF (JEFFERSON D.⁹, JOHN JR.⁸, SILACE OR SILAS⁷, RICHARD⁶ RATCLIFF, RUBEN⁵, ROBERT⁴ RATLIFF, JOHN³ RATCLIFFE, EMMANUEL², MOLLONEX OR MULLENEX¹)³ was born July 20, 1890, and died October 13, 1940 in Pike County, KY. He married (1) MYRTLE PRESTON³ June 02, 1913 in Johnson County, Kentucky, daughter of WILL PRESTON. She was born 18903. He married (2) ELLIE ADKINS³ August 29, 1928, daughter of MOSE ADKINS and NANCY ADKINS. She was born April 11, 1904 in Alka, Pike Co. KY (Greasy Creek, ky.), and died April 04, 1992.



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