

Twp, Greenfield, Greene, IL. He and Lydia are buried in Williams-Henderson Cemetery, Greenfield. From the Gazette-Patriot, Carrollton, IL, Thursday 8 Aug 2002 - an article dealing with Greene County days..... "This cemetery in Section 24 of Rubicon Township has been bulldozed over. It is believed that there were 20-25 stones in this cemetery at one time, two of them marking the graves of slaves that had been freed by the Williams family in Kentucky and who had traveled north to Illinois with family members. About 12 stones, some in good condition, some broken were retrieved from a nearby ditch after the cemetery was bulldozed."

This document is duplicated from a copy of the original provided by M. Behnke which was found in the family bible of Lucy / Alfred French by F Cooke: "At the family residence, five miles northeast of Greenfield, Dec 26, 1884. William W. Williams departed this life in his ninety-fourth year. He was born in North Carolina near the Virginia line on July 9th, in the year of 1791. At a youthful age he became an orphan and was thrown upon his own resources which has been one of success, financially and otherwise. When he arrived at the age of seventeen years he left his native state and moved to and settled near Winchester, Ky., where he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Whitehurst. From that place he moved to Jacksonville, Il., in the year 1831 and there remained two years. Next he came to Greene Co. and settled on the farm from whence he was carried to the silent tomb, Sunday, Dec. 28th, 1884. He was the father of six children. The eldest, Mary Ann, married John H. Waller; the second, Eliza, Edwin Henderson; Martha E., who is now Mrs. M.E. Metcalf, and resides in Jacksonville. Newton was drowned on the 18th of June, 1850, while in attendance at the McKindree college; William H., also died the same year and while attending the same college; and Milton Williams who is now a resident of Greenfield. Of this highly respectable family the parents had just cause to feel proud, as they have been, and are, an honor to their fathers name. After the death of his wife on April ??th (29), 1858, the deceased was married to Mrs. Maria O'Flynn who survives him. "Uncle Billy," as he was familiarly called, had passed the age of fourscore and ten. He had lived a life of purity, honesty, and industry and had accumulated a nice amount of property, together with a good name, that will live after him. The burial took place from the family residence. Funeral services preached by the Rev. D. H. Stubblefield. Interred in the ----ly (family) burial -----ds (grounds)."

Note: I found one article that said that William's father may have been **Benjamin Williams** b abt 1747 NC, Mother **Winney Bridges**, b abt 1751 Rutherford, NC, married abt 1767 NC, 16 children listed. An 1855 Greene County, IL census lists - **Williams**: Benjamin, Gatewood, George W., Gerginias, John G., Joseph and Thomas. All were in same township as William, but do not know if these were his brothers, cousins or not related.

1850 Greene Co. census: Williams, Wm 49 (should be 59), Farmer, value 8000, b NC, Lydia 64 b NC, **Milton** 22 Farmer, b KY, Beard, James 24 Farmer b IN, Mary 18 b IN (dau married to James Beard??), Newton 26 Student b KY. (NOTE: DO NOT KNOW WHO JAMES AND MARY BEARD ARE)

1880 Greene Co Census: 926/2284 Williams, William 74 Farmer b NC, O'Flyng, Maria 42 b PA, Enos 20, Lucy 16, Orsay 13, Felix 11

William and Lydia Whitehurst Williams had six children:

- i. Mary Ann Williams b 25 Apr 1818 KY; d 30 Apr 1848 Greenfield; m John Hockaday Waller, b 30 Jun 1806 King Queen Co., VA; d 18 Jan 1892 near Greenfield, IL, on 8 Mar 1834 Greene Co, IL. (marriage listed as John H. Walker).
Children:
 - i.i. Lydia Waller b 1834 m Stephen Reed; child: John Waller Reed
 - i.ii. Frances Baker Waller b 1835; d 1908 m John Hardtner; child: Mary Johanna
 - i.iii. James William Waller b 15 Jun 1837; d after 1910 m Mary Ellen Hardcastle, b Nov 1845 IL, on 27 Apr 1871 Greene Co.; children: John Waller and Mary Williams Waller b Nov 1880
 - i.iv. Mary Ann b 25 Apr 1853 IL; d Mar 1948 Greene Co.