

LEWIS BOBBITT JUNIOR 1742 - 1818  
 Son of Lewis and Elizabeth Bobbitt

Lewis Bobbitt Junior was the last son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Moore) Bobbitt. Lewis Junior had two brothers who lived to maturity. They were, William Bobbitt born in 1738 and Miles Bobbitt born in 1731. Lewis Bobbitt Junior was born in Amelia County, Virginia, in that section that was formed from Prince George County in 1734. In 1754 that section of Amelia County was taken to form Prince Edward County.

Lewis Junior was not old enough to be taxed in the 1755 Granville County tax list. He was old enough to receive land in 1765 and was listed in later tax lists of the period. The records of Lewis Junior place his birth in 1742.

Lewis did not marry until he was about 31 years of age. In 1773 he married Mary Person, a daughter of William Person Senior. His sister, Martha Bobbitt, married William Person Junior. The first mention of Lewis Bobbitt Junior in the records of North Carolina was in a land deed of Bute County, Deed Book 1, page 4, on October 21, 1766.

*"Lewis Bobbitt, to Lewis Bobbitt Junior, both of Bute County. For 35 pounds of Virginia money for 167 acres of land in Bute County on the south side of Reedy Creek. Witnesses: William Person Junior, Hannah Duke. Proved by: Wm. Person Jr."*

The Person family and Bobbitt family connections are noticeable in a deed recorded in Bute County, Deed Book 3, page 84, recorded September 22, 1769.

*"William Person Jr. of Bute County, to Daniel Coleman of Halifax County. For 125 pounds of Virginia money for 640 acres of land in Bute County, on both sides of Reedy Branch, adjoining, Lewis Harris, and Colonel Person. Witnesses: Lewis Bobbitt, Elizabeth Bobbitt. Acknowledged by William Person Jr., Martha Person, his wife, relinquishes her dower rights."*

In 1770 Lewis Junior adds to his land holdings with a deed recorded in Bute County in Book 3, page 220.

*"Richard Maddrey, to Lewis Bobbitt Junior, both of Bute County. For 15 pounds of Virginia money for 160 acres of land on both sides of a branch of Possum Quarter, adjoining Mathew Duke, Joseph Duke, John Kicker, Richard Maddrey, and Lewis Bobbitt."*

Lewis Junior apparently took care of his father and mother and for this reason was more favored by his father when he disposed of his personal property. In 1765, Lewis Senior had a deed recorded in Bute County in Will Book 1, page 36, which tells the story.

August 5, 1765

"Lewis Bobbitt, to Lewis Bobbitt Junior. Sale of a quantity of personal goods and chattels. Witnesses: Reuben Searcy and Richard Henderson."

There is no indication that the two other sons of Lewis Bobbitt received any of the personal property or the land of their father.

Lewis Bobbitt Junior married Mary Person. We know from a deed recorded in Bute County, Book 6, page 177, that he was married before the year of 1776.

May 31, 1776:

"Richard Maddrey of Bute County, to Joshua Capps, for 40 pounds procolmation money, for 240 acres of land, on Lick Branch Joining John Kecker, and Hazelwood. Witnesses: Lewis Bobbitt, Mary Bobbitt."

In the 1771 Bute County tax list, Lewis Junior, William and Miles Bobbitt are listed as taxable with no sons over 21 years of age. The tax list shows that the three brothers were all living in the same district, near to one another.

The state census of North Carolina taken in 1786 lists only Lewis and Miles Bobbitt in Warren County.

Lewis Bobbitt 1 male 21-60 5 males under 21 4 females all ages

Miles Bobbitt 2 males 21-60 2 males under 21 6 females all ages

The federal census of North Carolina taken in 1790 lists the families of Lewis and Miles in Warren County. The males born before 1774 are over 16 and the males born after 1774 are under 16.

Lewis Bobbitt 1 male over 16 4 males under 16 4 females

Miles Bobbitt 2 males over 16 1 male under 16 6 females

The 1800 census of Warren County lists the family of Lewis Bobbitt Junior as:

Lewis Bobbitt:

2 males under 10	(1790-1800)	2 females under 10	(1790-1800)
1 male 10 - 16	(1784-1790)	1 female 10 - 16	(1784-1790)
1 male 16 - 26	(1774-1784)	1 female 45 & over	(....-1755)
1 male 45 & over	(....-1755)		

The census records and the recorded will of Lewis Bobbitt confirm the major events in his life. His will was recorded in Warren County in 1818. The sons listed in the census records and in the will were, James born in 1782, John born in 1789, Miles born in 1792, and Lewis born in 1794.

Mary Person, the wife of Lewis Bobbitt Junior, must have been younger than Lewis by many years. She had to be born in 1750 and would have been 8 years younger. When Mary was 16 years old it would have been in 1766, and that is about the time that Lewis received his first land. There is no evidence that Lewis had any other wives. Mary Person was his only wife, and the mother of all of his children.

Lewis Bobbitt was listed in the Warren County tax lists from 1784 until 1815. Most of those years he was taxed for 300 acres of land, and no sons over 21 years of age living at home.

In the federal census of Warren County taken in 1810, Lewis and his family are listed as:

Lewis Bobbitt:

1 male 10 - 16	(1794-1800)	1 female 10 - 16	(1794-1800)
1 male 26 - 45	(1765-1784)	2 females 16 - 26	(1784-1794)
1 male 45 & over	(....-1765)	1 female 45 & over	(....-1765)

The will of Lewis Bobbitt was written January 6, 1816. It was recorded in Warren County, Book 21, page 192. The will was probated in May of 1818. The will is here abstracted for our purposes.

*"I lend to my beloved wife Mary.....I give to my son Miles Bobbitt....the remaining part of my land on the west side of the road.... I give to my son Lewis Bobbitt, land on the east side of the road....I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Bobbitt....I give to my daughter, Rebecca Capps..... At the death of my wife, that furniture , be divided between my son Lewis and my daughter, Elizabeth. Miles and Lewis are to pay to my son, John P. Bobbitt, the sum of one hundred dollars each. I appoint my sons James and Miles Bobbitt executors. In the presence of Thomas H. Person and John Harper.*

LEWIS BOBBITT

It is evident from the will that Lewis is leaving a family of young children, although all were married except Elizabeth. The will was proven in court by James and Miles Bobbitt in 1818. Lewis was 76 years of age when he died. We feel certain that his wife Mary mentioned in the deed recorded in 1776 is the same wife named Mary that is mentioned in the will. Thomas H. Person, is likely a brother of Mary, and a brother-in-law of Lewis Bobbitt Junior.

From the James Bobbitt Bible and from the census records we have the following dates of birth for the children who lived to maturity.

James Bobbitt	1782
John Bobbitt	1789
Miles Bobbitt	1792
Lewis Bobbitt	1794
Elizabeth Bobbitt	1795
Rebecca Bobbitt	1796

Marriages for some of the children were recorded in Warren County, North Carolina.

James Bobbitt	Married	Mary Gunn	Feb. 10, 1809
Miles Bobbitt (1)	Married	Susan Gunn (first)	Oct. 19, 1814
Miles Bobbitt (2)	Married	Martha Davis (second)	Jan. 1, 1827
Lewis Bobbitt	Married	Dacey Duke	.... .. 1815
Rebecca Bobbitt	Married	Hilleary Capps	Oct. 10, 1811
John Bobbitt	Married	Nancy Huse (Hughes)	... .. 1808
Elizabeth Bobbitt	Married		... .. ....

After the death of Lewis Bobbitt Junior, James and Lewis migrated to Rutherford County, Tennessee, where they joined their brother John. Miles remained in North Carolina, as did the daughters and their families. We believe that Mary Bobbitt moved to Tennessee to be with her sons and their families and that she died in Gibson County.

The Bobbitt lineage of Lewis Bobbitt Junior is:

William Bobbitt from Wales.....	1645 - 1703	Joanna Sturdivant
William Bobbitt Junior.....	1675 - 1738	Mary Green
Lewis Bobbitt Senior.....	1704 - 1769	Elizabeth Moore
Lewis Bobbitt Junior.....	1742 - 1818	Mary Person