

SUSANNAH LESTER

2f. Susannah (Susan) Lester, b. Dec 24, 1788(M), d. Nov 1, 1859(F), bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. March 4, 1806(M), William Richards, b. 1784?, d. March 26, 1844, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, son of Christian & Catherine Richards; 9 children: Walter, John, Catherine, Ona, Mary, Olivia, Julia Ann, Permelia, Octavia.

Susan's husband, William Richards, was a son of Christian Richards, an early settler, before 1772, in present Floyd County when it was part of Botetourt County. Christian Richards was a soldier in the War of the Revolution.

Susan and William Richards lived on their farm on modern Rt. 686, near present Red Oak Grove Church. Their children married and lived in that community and many of the family are buried in the Red Oak Grove Cem.

Susan apparently died of a stroke. The cause of death is given as paralysis; she was ill for 16 days.

- 3a. Walter Richards, b. 1808(M), d. 1864, m. Aug 13, 1833(F), Catharine Walter Bower, wid, b. April 1799 (New Market, Va), d. Feb 1874(F), bur Zion Lutheran Cem, dau of Rev. Martin Walter & Christina Clem; 1 child. (Catharine Walter m. (1) Oct 1, 1817, Christopher Bower).
- 4a. Amanda Richards, b. Feb 5, 1833(F), d. May 19, 1914(F), bur Zion Lutheran Cem, m. Jan 16, 1852(F), Josiah Smith, b. Aug 21, 1829, d. July 26, 1914(F), bur Zion Lutheran Cem, son of Luke & Mary (Naff) Smith; 8 children: John, Eliza, James, Jefferson, Josiah, Jerry Kyle, Rosa Bell, Emma.
- 5a. (Rev.) John William Smith, b. Feb 27, 1855(F), d. Feb 14, 1944 (Ephrata, Pa), m. Nov 24, 1887(F), Nancy Dorcas (Nannie) Phlegar, b. July 21, 1860(F), d. 195- (Ephrata, Pa), dau of Benjamin & Sarah Phlegar; 3 children: Fred, Margaret, Mary.
- 5b. Eliza A. Smith, b. Aug 17, 1856(F), d. Aug 17, 1886, m. Dec 14, 1880(F), William F. Turner, b. 1850; one son, Peter Turner.
- 5c. James H. Smith, b. April 4, 1858(F), d. Sept 15, 1908, bur East Hill Cem, m. Jan 13, 1881(F), Laragill Attoway (Lara) Epperly, b. Nov 29, 1860(F), d. Aug 1, 1935, bur East Hill Cem, dau of C. Marion & Magdalen Epperly; 5 children: Otho, Roy, Alvie
Jim Smith was an employee of the N&W Railroad; he was killed instantly when run over by a freight train.