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# Henderson Weatherford Research Report

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## OBJECTIVE

Research candidates for the father of Henderson Weatherford, who was born about 1815 in Tennessee and died about 1861 in Dallas County, Texas. Henderson married Clemsy Cline in about 1838 in either Illinois or Arkansas.

## LIMITATIONS

- This project phase was limited to research time between September and November 2024.
- Only records available online were searched.
- Artificial Intelligence was used to create tables, analyze research data, and write portions of the report. All use of AI is sourced.

## RESULTS SUMMARY<sup>1</sup>

- Reviewed Henderson's migration pattern from Tennessee (birth c.1815) to Izard County, Arkansas (1839-1845), Morgan County, Missouri (1850), and Dallas County, Texas (1860). Documented his records in each location and his establishment in Dallas County as a blacksmith owning 2 acres near Scyene in 1860.
- Analyzed two hypotheses for Henderson Weatherford's origins through documentary and genetic evidence, focusing on John Money Weatherford of Dallas County, Texas, as his father or grandfather and William Weatherford Sr. of Izard County, Arkansas, as his father.
- Examined Dallas County records (1847-1864) finding no connection between Henderson and the established Weatherford families. Discovered significant geographic separation with Henderson settling near Scyene while other Weatherfords clustered around Lancaster. Found Henderson notably absent from William J. Weatherford's 1851 probate listing all of his heirs.

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<sup>1</sup> Created by Claude 3.5 Sonnet and revised by Diana Elder.

- Located evidence of Henderson's possible death or departure when his son-in-law, Samuel H. Beeman, began acting as his agent in tax records by 1863.
- Reviewed AncestryDNA ThruLines and found no DNA evidence connecting Henderson's descendants to the Dallas County, Texas, Weatherford individuals.
- Found William Weatherford Sr. in IZARD County records beginning in 1829, with a household in 1830 containing possible sons matching the ages of Henderson, Thomas, and William Jr., all who appeared in the tax lists after 1839. Concluded William Weatherford Sr. of IZARD County is Henderson's possible father based on chronological and geographic evidence.
- Identified future research needs, including investigation of William Sr.'s origins and DNA testing of his other descendants' lines.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Henderson Weatherford's life spanned multiple frontier states in the early to mid-19th century. Born in Tennessee around 1815, he established himself in Arkansas by 1839, where he first paid a poll tax in IZARD County.<sup>2</sup> Henderson married Clemsy Cline about 1837, though no official marriage record exists due to IZARD County's status as a burned county.<sup>3</sup> His oldest daughter, Eliza Jane Weatherford, was born on 20 March 1838 in Arkansas providing a possible marriage year.<sup>4</sup>

Henderson does not appear on the 1840 census in IZARD County, but in 1845, he again paid a poll tax.<sup>5</sup> The 1850 census found him in Morgan County, Missouri, where he worked as a farmer with real estate valued at \$300. His household included his wife Clemsy, their four children, and two children from Clemsy's Cline family.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> "Arkansas, IZARD County Tax Records 1829-1858," Henderson Weatherford, 1839, digitized microfilm, image 684 of 902, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-Z9YH-F> : accessed 10 October 2023).

<sup>3</sup> "IZARD County, Arkansas Genealogy, *FamilySearch Wiki* ([https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/IZARD\\_County,\\_Arkansas\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/IZARD_County,_Arkansas_Genealogy) : accessed 24 October 2024). All records prior to 11 April 1869 were lost in a fire. A second fire in 1889 destroyed all county records.

<sup>4</sup> Eliza's birth is noted as Arkansas in the 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 270 (stamped), dwelling 726, family 726, Henderson Weatherford household; imaged, "1850 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 1 Jan 2019). Her death certificate states Benton County, Missouri, but the secondary information was given by her husband, long after her birth.

<sup>5</sup> 1840 U.S. census, IZARD County, Arkansas negative search for Henderson Weatherford; imaged, "1840 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8057/> : accessed 29 Sep 2022). For the tax record see Arkansas, IZARD County Tax Records 1829-1858, H. Weatherford, 1845, imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-Z9YM-S> : accessed 23 October 2024); IGN 8343034, image 787 of 902.

<sup>6</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 270 (stamped), dwelling 726, family 726, Henderson Weatherford household; imaged, "1850 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 1 Jan 2019).

The family's westward movement continued, and by 1860, they had relocated to Dallas County, Texas. There, Henderson Weatherford established himself as a blacksmith in Precinct 6 near Scyene Post Office, with real estate valued at \$400 and personal property valued at \$600.<sup>7</sup> His tax account for the same year (1860) gives a slightly lower valuation and is probably more accurate than that of the census.<sup>8</sup>

- Two acres of land valued at \$250
- Five horses valued at \$300
- Nine cattle valued at \$120
- Miscellaneous property valued at \$90
- Total value: \$760

Henderson Weatherford likely died before the 1870 census enumeration when his wife, Clemsy, headed the Weatherford household, which included their two youngest children.<sup>9</sup> Henderson may have died shortly after 1860. His absence from the 1861 Dallas County tax lists, where other Weatherfords were recorded, strongly suggests his death occurred during this period.<sup>10</sup>

Henderson Weatherford's family of origin has never been explored fully. Because of the proximity to the John Money Weatherford family of Dallas County, Texas, in 1860, it was assumed that Henderson was part of this Weatherford group - either as John Money's youngest son or as a grandson, through John's son, William J. Weatherford.<sup>11</sup> Figure 1 illustrates the two competing hypotheses among Weatherford researchers. This session hopes to shed light on the

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<sup>7</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Dallas County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 6, p. 120 (penned), dwelling 834, family 835, H. Weatherford household; imaged, "1860 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667/> : accessed 19 September 2016).

<sup>8</sup> "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," entry for Henderson Weatherford, 1860, image 631, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VY1B-55K> : accessed 24 July 2024.)

<sup>9</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Camden County, Missouri, population schedule, Adair, p. 475A (stamped), p. 7 (penned), dwelling 47, family 47, Clamsy Welaforde household; imaged, "United States Census, 1870," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163/> : accessed 24 July 2024).

<sup>10</sup> "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," negative search for Henderson Weatherford, 1861, image 707, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-W897-Y> : accessed 17 Sep 2024).

<sup>11</sup> For Dallas County Weatherfords, see 1860 U.S. census, Dallas County, Texas, Precinct 7, p. 371 (penned), dwelling 312, family 312, Nancy Weatherford; imaged, "1860 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667/> : accessed 24 September 2024). See also "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," Nancy, Frances, Jefferson, Sarah Weatherford, 1861, image 707, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-W897-Y> : accessed 17 Sep 2024.) For online family trees see Ancestry Public Member Trees, search for Henderson Weatherford born 1815 in Tennessee, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1030/?name=Henderson\\_Weatherford&birth=1815\\_Tennessee&count=50](https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1030/?name=Henderson_Weatherford&birth=1815_Tennessee&count=50) : accessed 25 October 2024).

question of Henderson Weatherford's parentage and find a new candidate if the Dallas County theory proves incorrect.

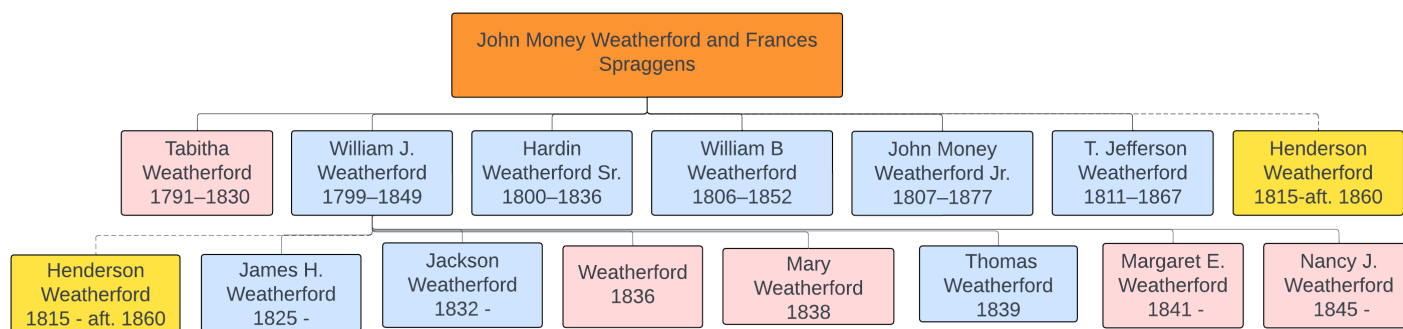


Figure 1 Diagram of Dallas County Weatherford Family and Hypotheses for Henderson Weatherford

## FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

### Parent Candidates #1: John Money Weatherford and Frances Spraggens

A profile for John Money Weatherford and Frances Spraggens provides a starting point for the discussion.<sup>12</sup> John Money Weatherford III was born about 1769 in Virginia. He married Frances “Fanny” Spraggens or Spraggins on 30 March 1790 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. About 1795, he sold 170 acres in Pittsylvania County. He joined the westward movement from Virginia into Lincoln County, Kentucky, and then to Bedford County, Tennessee, by 1810. He served in the Tennessee Militia in 1812 and died about 1830 in Bedford County, Tennessee. By 1850, his widow, Frances, had moved to Dallas County, Texas.

Examining additional records provided clarification on the family's movement. Between Tennessee and Texas, they resided in Morgan County, Illinois, leaving many records.

#### Morgan County, Illinois

The Weatherfords established their residence in Morgan County, Illinois, by 1830.<sup>13</sup> Frances headed her household as a widow aged 50-60, and her sons, William, Jefferson, and Hardin, headed their households consisting of their wives and children.

<sup>12</sup> John Money Weatherford III (abt. 1769 - abt. 1830) profile with sources, profile manager N. Gauthier, *WikiTree* (<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Weatherford-724> : accessed 24 October 2024).

<sup>13</sup> "1830 U.S. census, Morgan County, Illinois, population schedule, p. 80 (penned), Wm, Jefferson, Frances, and Hardin Wetherford; imaged, "1830 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8058/> : accessed 29 September 2022).

Name of County, City, Ward, Town, Township, Parish, Precinct, Hundred, or District.	NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.)																							
		MALES.												FEMALES.											
		Under five years of age.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under twenty-five.	Of twenty-five and under thirty.	Of thirty and under thirty-five.	Of thirty-five and under forty.	Of forty and under forty-five.	Of forty-five and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.	Under five years of age.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under twenty-five.	Of twenty-five and under thirty.	Of thirty and under thirty-five.	Of thirty-five and under forty.	Of forty and under forty-five.	Of forty-five and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.
	Wm Weatherford	1		1			1								1										
	Jefferson Weatherford	1				1								2			1								
	Frances Weatherford																								
	Richard B. Weatherford	1		1					1					1		1	2		1						1
	Hardin Weatherford	2					1								3			1							

Figure 2 1830 Census, Morgan County, Illinois for Frances Weatherford and sons

In 1830, Henderson Weatherford would have been about fifteen and noted with a tick mark in either the 10-15 column or the 15-20 column. Only William Weatherford's household shows a male of the appropriate age. If Frances were Henderson's mother, he didn't reside with her as expected, but he could have lived with his older brother's family. However, a profile for William Weatherford includes a son, James H. Weatherford, born in 1820.<sup>14</sup> This son could have been the 10-15-year-old male in the household, but no source has proven the connection. The 1830 census analysis shows that Henderson Weatherford was possibly not part of this Weatherford grouping. Table 1 details the data.

Table 1. 1830 Census, Morgan County, Illinois - Weatherford Households

Age Range	William	Jefferson	Frances	Hardin
Males				
Under 5	1	1	-	2
5-9	-	-	-	-
10-15	1	-	-	-
20-29	-	1	-	1
30-39	1	-	-	-
Females				
Under 5	-	2	-	-
5-9	1	-	-	3

<sup>14</sup> FamilySearch Family Tree, Details for William Weatherford (1795-1849), M754-NYH, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/M754-NYH> : accessed 4 November 2024).

15-20	-	1	-	-
20-29	-	-	-	1
30-39	1	-	-	-
50-59	-	-	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

#### Dallas County, Texas

By the 1850 census, Frances (Spraggins) Weatherford and sons had established themselves in Dallas County, Texas. At age 73, Frances lived next to Jefferson Weatherford but had not yet purchased any land. Also in Frances' household was a Martha Moore, age 11, born in Illinois – possibly a granddaughter or a servant.<sup>15</sup>

- Frances Weatherford, 73, female, born Virginia
- Martha Moore 11, female, born Illinois

Jefferson Weatherford's household reveals five likely children. Sometime between daughter, Milbery's 1844 birth in Illinois and son, William's 1848 birth in Texas, the family had moved south to Dallas County.

- Jefferson Weatherford, 39, male farmer, \$1600 real estate, born Tennessee
- Mary Weatherford, 39, female, born Ohio
- Harbird Weatherford 16 male, farmer, born Illinois
- Burrell Weatherford, 13, male born Illinois
- Thomas J Weatherford, age 9, male, born Illinois
- **Milbery Weatherford, age 6, female, born Illinois**
- **William Weatherford, age 2, male, born Texas**

Jefferson's Tennessee birth in 1811 correlates with Henderson Weatherford's 1815 birth in Tennessee. Frances, born about 1777, would have been 38 years old at Henderson's birth, well within the realm of possibility. However, her son, William J. Weatherford, born about 1798, is

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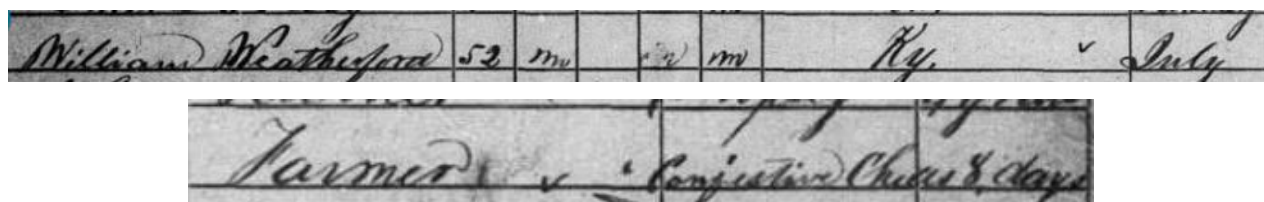
<sup>15</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Dallas County, Texas, population schedule, p. 40 (penned), dwelling 293, family 301, Frances Weatherford; imaged, "United States Census, 1850," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1401638> : accessed 28 October 2024).



also a candidate for Henderson's father based on the 1830 census of Morgan County, Illinois, and an unidentified male aged 10-15 in his household that could be Henderson.

**Parent Candidates # 2: William J. Weatherford (1798-1849) and Nancy Hobbs (1799-1870)**

William Weatherford was born about 1798 in Kentucky and died on 4 July 1849 in Dallas County, Texas.<sup>16</sup> The 1850 mortality schedule states his age at death as 52 and his birthplace as Kentucky. He died of "congestive chest" after eight days of illness. See Figure 3 below.



William Weatherford	52	m	Ky.	July
Farmer				Congestive Chest 8 days

Figure 3 1850 Mortality Schedule, Dallas County, Texas, for William Weatherford

Nancy Hobbs was born about 1799 in Tennessee and died after 1870 in Dallas County, Texas.<sup>17</sup> The 1850 US census of Dallas County, Texas, enumerated on 29 November 1850, lists Nancy Weatherford as the head of household. Nancy, age 51, owned real estate valued at \$1100 and could read and write. The household included:

- Nancy Weatherford, age 51 born Tennessee, real estate \$1100
- Thomas Weatherford, age 11 born Illinois
- Elizabeth Weatherford, age 8 born Illinois
- Nancy Weatherford, age 5 born Illinois
- Harding Weatherford, age 21 born Illinois
- Mary Weatherford, age 13 born Illinois

Henderson could have been William and Nancy's oldest child. He was born about 1815 in Tennessee, and they supposedly married on 4 July 1816 in Bedford County, Tennessee, a

<sup>16</sup> "United States Census (Mortality Schedule, 1850-1880," Texas, Dallas County, William Weatherford, imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-XXX3-Q7S> : accessed 17 Sept 2024), IGN 004206503, image 17 of 717.

<sup>17</sup> 1870 U.S. census, Dallas County, Texas, Precinct 2, p. 339A (stamped), dwelling 302, family 304, Nancy Weatherford in Jiff Chapman household; imaged, "1870 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163/> : accessed 17 September 2024).

questionable date and place as Bedford marriage records start in 1863 due to record loss.<sup>18</sup> However, Henderson was not listed in the probate of William Weatherford, which included estate records naming several individuals.

The abstract below details the various documents in the probate file. Because Jefferson Weatherford was appointed an estate administrator, William would have died intestate, meaning without a will. (An individual who wrote a will died testate and named an executor or executrix.) Adult family members often participated in the administration of the probate, and although no relationships are stated, the probate provides strong evidence of family relationships: brothers Jefferson, Hardin, Harbird, and Money.<sup>19</sup>

- **Jefferson Weatherford**, John Staden, and Charles H. Durpin posted a bond for J. Weatherford to be appointed administrator of William Weatherford's estate.
- 18 Aug 1849 - Bill of sale - names **Harbird and Hardin Weatherford**.
- Inventory lists the notes due the estate and property retained by the widow, 18 August 1850 - notes for **Money, Harbird, and H. Wetherford**.
- 25 August 1849 A notation from **Jefferson Weatherford** that he needs to write to Illinois and several individuals with whom a settlement must be had. (Harbird resided in Illinois).
- March 1853 - Listing of estate inventory and buyers of estate property: **H Weatherford, Wm Weatherford, Hardin Weatherford, Jeff Wetherford, Money Weatherford**
- April/May 1853: report to the court of the estate of Wm Weatherford's value, including \$67 advanced to Polly Wetherford, who is of age also including the amount of funds in the hands of Jeff Weatherford.
  - Widows share
  - Thos Benton Weatherford share
  - Elizabeth share
  - Nancy Weatherford share

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<sup>18</sup> Online trees have this date, but the Bedford County, Tennessee, has no marriage records before 1863. See "Bedford County, Tennessee Genealogy," *FamilySearch Wiki* ([https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bedford\\_County,\\_Tennessee\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bedford_County,_Tennessee_Genealogy) : accessed 28 October 2024).

<sup>19</sup> "Texas, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1833-1974," Dallas > Packets, 660-799, 1851-1877, for Wm Weatherford, images 773- 795, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/734893:2115> : accessed 24 Sept 2024); Dallas County Court, Probate Case Packets, 1842-1906.



- Polly Weatherford share
- Petition for an allowance to be set apart to the widow and a guardian or guardians be appointed for the minor heirs (to wit) **Thomas, Elizabeth, and Money Weatherford, who together with Hardin Weatherford and Polly, his wife and the widow Nancy Weatherford are the only heirs of said estate**

Henderson was not named in the estate proceedings for William J. Weatherford. In 1850 he resided in Morgan County, Missouri.<sup>20</sup> When Henderson and Clemsy moved to Dallas County, Texas, in about 1859, they were enumerated in the Scyene Post Office area.<sup>21</sup> Nancy (Hobbs) Weatherford resided in the Lancaster Post Office area.<sup>22</sup> If Henderson were the oldest son of William and Nancy, it seems likely he would have been mentioned in the estate administration and moved closer to his widowed mother upon arriving in Texas. The following map shows the two locations located about 20 miles apart.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> "1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 270 (stamped), dwelling 726, family 726, Henderson Weatherford household; imaged, "1850 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 1 Jan 2019).

<sup>21</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Dallas County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 6, p. 120 (penned), dwelling 834, family 835, H. Weatherford household; imaged, "1860 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667/> : accessed 19 September 2016).

<sup>22</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Dallas County, Texas, Precinct 7, p. 371 (penned), dwelling 312, family 312, Nancy Weatherford; imaged, "1860 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667/> : accessed 24 September 2024).

<sup>23</sup> "Map of Dallas County, Texas, circa 1866," image, *RootsWeb* (<https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~jwheat/history/dalcomap66.html> : accessed 25 September 2024); National Archives microfilm publication, M1126, Post Office Department Reports of Site Locations, 1837-1950, Roll 570: Texas, concho - Dawson Counties. For the distance see Google Maps distance estimator.

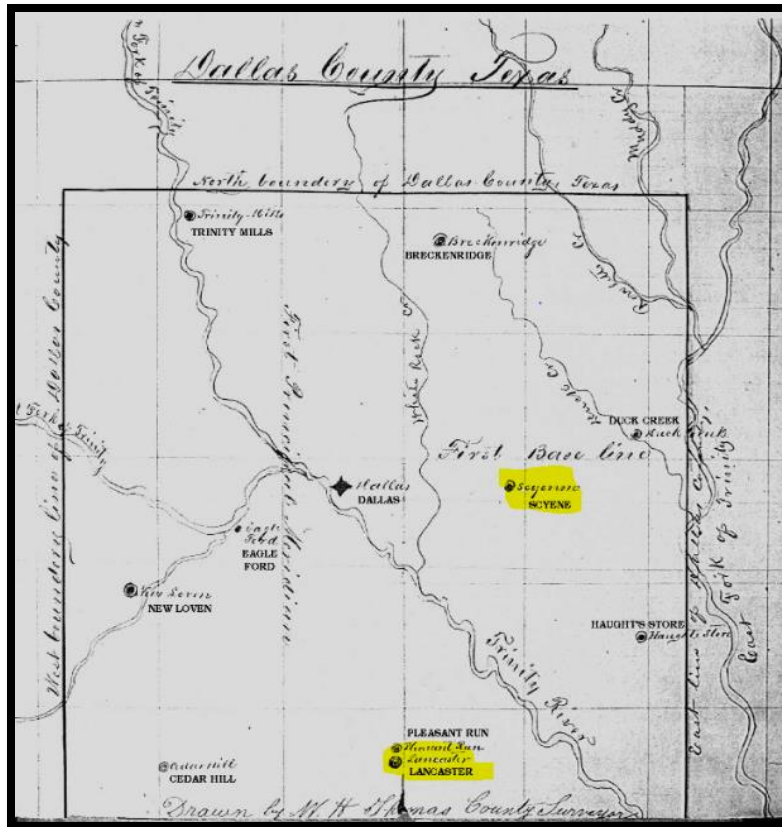


Figure 4 Map of Dallas County, Texas, Post Offices circa 1866

Research originally placed Henderson with the Dallas County Weatherfords, hypothesizing that he moved his family from Missouri to Texas because of a family relationship. However, recent research discovered his wife, Clemsey's Cline family had also migrated west to Dallas County, Texas, during the 1850s and 1860s.<sup>24</sup> Her half-sister, Ann (Cline) Smith, and husband, James M. Smith, moved to Texas by 1856 and resided in Scyene in 1860.<sup>25</sup> The community was first called Prairie Creek and Thorpville. In 1854, the community acquired a post office and changed the name to Scyene.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Diana Elder, "Clemsey Cline Research Project, May 2024, conclusion, files of Diana Elder.

<sup>25</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Dallas County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 6, p. 354, dwelling 865, family 863, Ann Smith; database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/35172938:7667> : accessed 9 May 2024); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1292.

<sup>26</sup> Susanne Starling, "Scyene, TX," *TSHA* (<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/scyene-tx> : accessed 9 May 2024).

Clemsy's half-brother, William Abner Cline, resided in Dallas County from 1855 to 1857, raising cattle and hogs on the 325 acres of land with the water source of the Trinity River.<sup>27</sup> The following map illustrates the Trinity River watershed that runs through Dallas County, Texas.<sup>28</sup>



Figure 5 The Trinity River Watershed in Texas

By 1860, Abner moved to neighboring Kaufman County to the east. His household included the Cline patriarch, John C. Cline.<sup>29</sup> John C. Cline relocated to Texas between 1852 and 1860. He was last taxed in 1852 in Fulton County, Arkansas, for two town lots, two horses, and

<sup>27</sup> "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," 1855, Dallas County, Abner Cline, imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-W832-X> : accessed 9 May 2024). "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," 1856, Dallas County, Abner Cline, imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-W832-X> : accessed 9 May 2024). : accessed 9 May 2024). "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," 1857, Dallas County, Abner Cline, imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VY1B-V33> : accessed 9 May 2024).

<sup>28</sup> "Trinity River (Texas)," Wikimedia Foundation, last modified May 5, 2024, *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity\\_River\\_\(Texas\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_River_(Texas)) : accessed 13 May 2024).

<sup>29</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Kaufman County, Texas, population schedule, Kaufman, p. 41 (stamped), p. 33 (penned), dwelling 244, family 245, John M. Cline in W. Cline Household digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 February 2024); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1299.

five cattle.<sup>30</sup> Unfortunately, no deeds survived the record loss in the county when the courthouse burned in 1870, so a more precise date for moving west is unknown.<sup>31</sup>

With the discovery of Clemsey's family in the same area of Texas, a more likely scenario is that Henderson and Clemsey moved to Texas as part of a Cline exodus from the Ozarks of Missouri and Arkansas.

### Tax Lists of Dallas County

Reviewing the census and probate records for the Dallas County Weatherfords found no connection to Henderson Weatherford other than being in the same county in 1860. Could tax records provide any new information? Each tax list from 1847 to 1864 was reviewed and abstracted for any mention of the Weatherfords. Interesting patterns appeared; the full tax abstracts can be viewed in the Appendix. For this report, however, Henderson Weatherford's tax summary and analysis follow.<sup>32</sup>

#### Henderson Weatherford in Dallas County, Tax Lists

##### 1860<sup>33</sup>

- First direct appearance in tax records
- Property: 2 acres valued at \$250 from William Masters grant
- Livestock:
  - 5 horses valued at \$300
  - 9 cattle valued at \$120
- Misc property: \$90 (likely blacksmith tools)
- Total Value: \$760
- Poll Tax: \$0.50

##### 1863<sup>34</sup>

- Listed as "Samuel Beeman per H. Weatherford"
- 41 acres valued at \$205 from John Lanier grant
- No specific other property listed in this tax roll
- Total Value: \$1,035
- Poll Tax \$1.00

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<sup>30</sup> Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline, 1852, digitized microfilm, image 655 of 858, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3C-Z> : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.

<sup>31</sup> "Fulton County, Arkansas Genealogy," *FamilySearch Research Wiki* ([https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Fulton\\_County,\\_Arkansas\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Fulton_County,_Arkansas_Genealogy) : accessed 18 May 2024).

<sup>32</sup> Summary and analysis created by Claude 3.5 Sonnet based on the full tax list abstracted by Diana Elder, 28 October 2024.

<sup>33</sup> "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," entry for Henderson Weatherford, 1860, image 631, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VY1B-55K> : accessed 24 July 2024).

<sup>34</sup> "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910, Saml h Beeman for H Weatherford, 1863, image 799, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-W897> : accessed 21 October 2024.)

**1864**<sup>35</sup>

- Listed under "Samuel Beeman per H. Weatherford"
- 50 acres valued at \$150 from the John Frost grant
- Misc Value: \$650
- No Poll tax
- Total Value: \$800

Henderson Weatherford's first appearance in the 1860 tax rolls correlates with his occupation as a blacksmith per the 1860 census enumeration. The tax lists reveal that Henderson owned just two acres valued at \$250, purchased from the William Masters survey. This small plot was likely carefully chosen to establish his blacksmith shop. While the acreage was minimal, his total property value of \$760 reflected a well-equipped tradesman. He maintained five horses valued at \$300 (possibly including workhorses for his shop), nine cattle worth \$120, and \$90 in miscellaneous property - likely representing his blacksmith tools and equipment. He dutifully paid his poll tax of 50 cents, along with the state tax of \$1.45 and county tax of \$1.01. Texas law required a poll tax of 50 cents to be levied on men between the ages of twenty-one and fifty-five years.<sup>36</sup> At the age of 45, Henderson was well within the range of paying the tax.

Henderson did not pay taxes in 1861 or 1862.<sup>37</sup> But in 1863, Henderson's tax situation had changed. His records now appeared under "Samuel Beeman per H. Weatherford," suggesting some form of business or property arrangement with Beeman, his new son-in-law. Henderson's oldest daughter, Mary Ann, married Samuel Hunnicut Beaman on 29 August 1860 in Dallas, and the couple lived near her parents in Scyene. Samuel was an older man, about 33, and would be a likely candidate to act as an agent for Henderson.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> Dallas County, Texas, Probate Cases 1-3,100, 1846-early 1900's, Index to Probate Records, negative search for Henderson Weatherford, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89QS-QS1N> : accessed 18 October 2024), IGN 5781997, image 83 of 2,658.

<sup>36</sup> "Rate of Taxation," Chapter LXXXIII, *Reports of the Code Commissioners of Texas 1856*, p.347; *Legislative Reference Library of Texas* (<https://lrl.texas.gov/scanned/SIRSI/Reports%20of%20the%20Code%20Commissioners%20of%20Texas%201856.pdf> : accessed 5 November 2024), image 1345.

<sup>37</sup> "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," negative search for Henderson Weatherford, 1861, images 706-710, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-W8J5> : accessed 21 October 2024.) "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," negative search for Henderson Weatherford, 1862, images 787-792, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-W8HX> : accessed 21 October 2024.)

<sup>38</sup> For marriage, see "Alabama, Texas and Virginia, U.S., Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," Texas, Mary Beeman, #4644; imaged *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1677/images/32241\\_1220701439\\_1924-00421](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1677/images/32241_1220701439_1924-00421) : accessed 29 October 2024); citing Texas > Pension Files Nos. 46036 to 47030 > Pension Files Nos. 46386 to 46420 > Application Years 1920 to 1930. For Samuel's age see 1860 U.S. census, Dallas County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 6, p. 137 (penned), dwelling 956, family 956, Samuel H. Beeman household; imaged, "1860 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667/> : accessed 29 September 2016).



Henderson had expanded his land holdings to 41 acres valued at \$205, land from the John Lanier survey. His total property value had increased significantly to \$1,035, resulting in higher taxes: \$6.18 for state tax and \$1.54 for county tax. No accounting for the property other than the land was noted but the \$830 difference would have been for livestock and possible blacksmith tools and equipment. Samuel paid the poll tax of \$1.00, indicating that Henderson was still alive and liable for the tax, even if he was ill or away serving in the military.

The final tax record from 1864 reveals a significant change. The property was still listed under "Samuel Beeman per H Weatherford," but notably, no poll tax was paid. This absence of a poll tax, combined with Beeman's continued management of the property, strongly suggests that Henderson Weatherford had likely died by the 1864 tax assessment. The property now consisted of 50 acres from the John Frost survey valued at \$150, with miscellaneous property (likely the livestock, blacksmith tools and equipment) valued at \$650, for a total value of \$800. The state tax was \$4.00, and the county tax was \$1.00.

1864 was the last listing for H. Weatherford. The tax records revealed his connection to Samuel H. Beeman and Henderson's likely death.<sup>39</sup> If Henderson died in Dallas County, no probate was documented.<sup>40</sup>

Could "H" Weatherford have referred to another Weatherford man? Two others, Hardin and Harbird Weatherford, paid taxes in Dallas County. Hardin first appeared in the tax rolls in 1851 and was there consistently until 1858. In 1858 and 1859, Jefferson Weatherford acted as an agent for Hardin, indicating his likely death by 1858.<sup>41</sup> He would not be the "H" Weatherford associated with Samuel H. Beeman.

Harbird Weatherford paid taxes from 1857 to 1859 on two tracts of land located on the Trinity water course, granted to himself and Jeremiah Snow.<sup>42</sup> There is no connection between his taxable property and that of Henderson Weatherford. Harbird does not appear in the tax

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<sup>39</sup> "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," negative search for Henderson Weatherford, 1865, images 981-986, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-WZS7-5P> : accessed 21 October 2024.)

<sup>40</sup> Dallas County, Texas, Probate Cases 1-3,100, 1846-early 1900's, Index to Probate Records, negative search for Henderson Weatherford, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89QS-QS1N> : accessed 18 October 2024), IGN 5781997, image 83 of 2,658. See also, Dallas County, Texas, Probate and Court Records, Full Text Search for "Weatherford," negative for H or Henderson Weatherford, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/full-text/results> : accessed 18 October 2024).

<sup>41</sup> "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," 1854, 1856, 1858, 1859, Dallas County, Hardin Weatherford, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-W8QX-Y> : accessed 8 Oct 2024), IGN 4615728, images 113, 231, 474, and 554 of 1581.

<sup>42</sup> "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," 1857, 1858, 1859, Dallas County, Harbord Weatherford, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939F-W8QX-Y> : accessed 8 Oct 2024), IGN 4615728, 399, 474, and 554 of 1581.



lists after 1859, indicating a move to another county or his death. He would not be the “H” Weatherford associated with Samuel H. Beeman.

#### Other Weatherfords in Dallas County, Tax Lists

Tracking the other Weatherfords in Dallas County found they arrived over a decade earlier than Henderson. Although relationships could be drawn between many of the Weatherfords based on the land description, such as a man disappearing from the tax lists and his widow then paying the tax on the same land; no like relationships could be drawn between Henderson and the other Dallas Weatherfords. Below is a summary of each Weatherford listing.<sup>43</sup> See the Appendix for a complete abstract.

#### 1847 - First Appearance

##### **Jefferson Weatherford**

- First settler among Weatherfords in records
- Settled on the Trinity water course
- Initially, no property was listed
- Became the most extensive property owner
- Multiple land acquisitions 1848-1862
- Acted as:
  - Administrator for William Weatherford
  - Guardian for Frances Weatherford
  - Agent for Sarah Weatherford
  - Administrator for Hardin Weatherford
- Owned slaves
- Significant livestock holdings

#### 1849 - First Appearances

##### **H. (Hardin) Weatherford**

- Listed in 1849, 1851, and 1853 with livestock
- Taxed for land on the Trinity in 1855 and 1856
- Death apparent by 1858 (Jefferson becomes administrator)

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<sup>43</sup> Summary created by Claude 3.5 Sonnet based on the full tax list abstracted by Diana Elder, 28 October 2024.

- Had acquired significant land before death:

#### **William James Weatherford**

- Acquired land from C.A. Wayfield
- Property administered by Jefferson in 1851-1853
- Early death or departure implied with his widow, Nancy, taxed on the property in 1851

#### **Money Weatherford**

- Started with poll tax only
- Gradually acquired land:
- 110 acres from W.W. Harvin
- 70 acres from Jeremiah Snow
- Managed Blevin Weatherford's property
- Consistent poll taxpayer
- Moderate livestock holdings

1851 - First Appearance

#### **Nancy Weatherford**

- Appeared as widow, Jefferson Weatherford paid taxes for Wm Weatherford
- Initial taxable property: sheep, gun
- In 1853: Owned 2 slaves
- Significant landholdings:
- 188 acres from C.A. Wayfield
- 305 acres from James Hughs
- No poll tax (female)
- Maintained independent property through 1862

1854 - First Appearance

#### **Harbird/Harbord Weatherford**

- By 1857: Acquired 80 acres through preemption
- Also held 28 acres from Jeremiah Snow
- Consistently paid poll tax
- Last appears in 185

#### 1856 - First Appearances

##### **John Weatherford**

- Initially no land, owned 2 horses
- By 1860: 14 cattle, wagon
- Paid poll tax consistently
- By 1862: 803 acres granted to H. Weatherford

##### **Elizabeth Weatherford**

- Single appearance only
- No land ownership
- Owned 8 cattle valued at \$64
- No poll tax, suggesting female or minor
- Very modest holdings compared to others

##### **Sarah Weatherford**

- Three consistent tracts:
- 320 acres from Sarah Neley
- 285 acres from Sarah Neley
- 35 acres from Sarah Neley
- Jefferson Weatherford acted as agent
- No poll tax (female)
- Maintained property through 1862

#### 1858 - First Appearance

##### **Harbird/Harbord Weatherford Jr.**

- Single appearance
- Paid only poll tax
- No property listed
- Suggests the young adult son of Harbird Sr.

#### 1860 - First Appearances

### **Henderson Weatherford**

- Blacksmith by trade
- Small land holdings (2-50 acres)
- Significant value in equipment/tools
- Later records through Samuel Beeman
- No poll tax in 1864 suggests death
- Never owned slaves

### **Rebecca Weatherford**

- Possibly Hardin's widow
- Two tracts:
  - 53 acres from Jeremiah Snow
  - 160 acres from H. Weatherford
- Owned cattle and misc. property
- No poll tax (female)

### **Francis/Frances Weatherford**

- Under guardianship of Jefferson Weatherford
- Two significant tracts:
  - 106 acres from W.W. Harvin
  - 184 acres from John Stadden
- No poll tax, suggesting female or minor
- Had money at interest by 1862 (\$200)

### **1862 - First Appearances**

#### **B.B. Weatherford**

- No land ownership
- Owned 1 slave (500), 1 horse (60)
- Paid poll tax, indicating adult male
- Only appears in one tax year

#### **Blevin Weatherford**

- Property managed by Money Weatherford
- Two 50-acre tracts:
- One from Jeremiah Snow (\$160)

- One from H. Weatherford (\$400)
- No poll tax recorded

This group of Weatherford's consistently paid taxes on land located on the Trinity watercourse, and many of them gradually accumulated significant land holdings and livestock. With no connection stated in the records and the lack of proximity to Henderson's location in Scyene, there is little evidence to connect him to the John Money Weatherford family, either as a son or grandson.

### Dallas County, Texas, Land Records for Henderson Weatherford

The tax records showed land ownership for Henderson Weatherford, and a deed could provide additional evidence of his family relationships. Two records reveal Henderson's land dealings. He registered a deed for a land purchase on 10 January 1861 and then another deed for the same land's sale the next day on 11 January 1861. Table 1 below shows the details.

**Table 1: Dallas County Deeds, Henderson Weatherford**

Detail	First Deed	Second Deed
Deed Type	Warranty Deed	Warranty Deed
Book & Page	H:514	H:661
Grantor	James R. Clements & wife	Henderson Weatherford
Grantee	Henderson Weatherford	John M. Fugate
Date	January 10, 1861	January 11, 1861
Filing Date	January 11, 1861	May 4, 1861, 1 PM
Property	2-acre tract, beginning at the SW Corner of John Scurlock's lot; adjoining Scyene on the east * South 108 varas to stake * East 108 varas to stake * North 108 varas to stake * West 108 varas to place of beginning	2 acres, adjoining the town of Scyene on the East; beginning Point: SW Corner of John Scurlock's 2- acre lot * South 108 varas to stake * East 108 varas to stake * North 108 varas * West 108½ varas to beginning
Consideration	\$30	\$200

Correlating the land and tax records, it appears that Henderson Weatherford had purchased the above property by the 1860 census enumeration and tax list but had not recorded

the deed. When he was ready to sell the two-acre lot, he likely recorded the first deed and then the second the next day. The difference in the amount of money that changed hands would be attributed to improvements he had made on the property. With his occupation as a blacksmith, he likely had erected a shop and other buildings greatly increasing the value. No other Dallas County deeds name Henderson Weatherford.<sup>44</sup>

## Lack of DNA Evidence for the Dallas Weatherford Family

Could autosomal DNA provide a connection to the family of John Money Weatherford

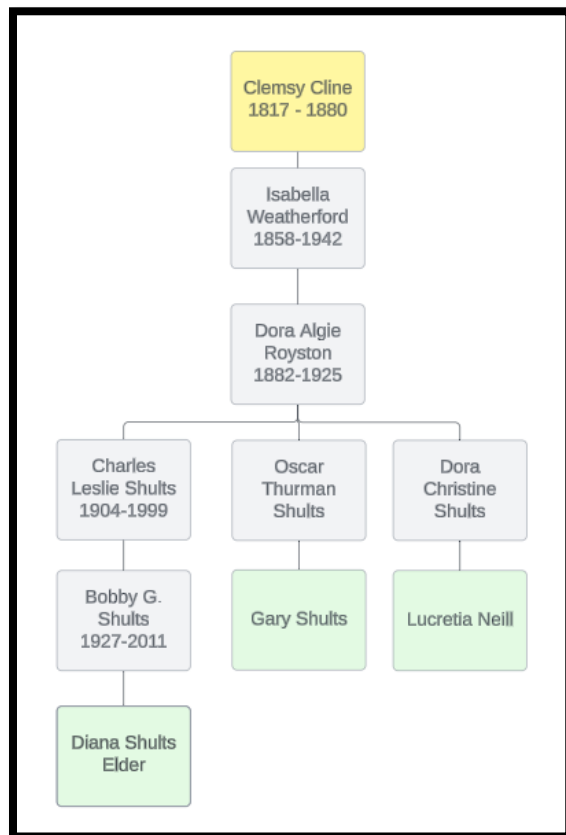


Figure 6 Key Test-takers

and the Dallas County group?

Three descendants of Henderson Weatherford and Clemsey (Cline) Weatherford have autosomal DNA tests at AncestryDNA: Diana Elder, Lucretia Neill, and Gary Shults. Henderson and Clemsey are Diana's 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandparents and Lucretia and Gary's 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandparents. Their connections to descendants of Clemsey's siblings would be between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> cousins, within the range for autosomal DNA to be used. Autosomal DNA is limited to closer generations because DNA from a specific ancestor is lost with each new generation. It is estimated that up to 50% of fourth cousins will not share enough DNA to show up as a match, and only 15% to 32% of fifth cousins will share enough DNA to show up as a match.<sup>45</sup> Still, 4<sup>th</sup> cousins could share 0.195% of their DNA, and 5<sup>th</sup>

cousins could share 0.0488%. Having three test-takers adds coverage of Clemsey's genome, as each will have inherited different DNA segments from her. Using the results of these three descendants, about 12.7% of Clemsey's genome is represented.<sup>46</sup>

<sup>44</sup> "Dallas County, Texas, Grantee Deed Index, Weatherford; *Kofile* (<https://kofilequicklinks.com/dallas/DisplayImage.aspx> : accessed 21 Oct 2024), Deeds - Individual > 1842-1913 > Grantee > Wa-Wh, image 178 of 503.

<sup>45</sup> International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki, "Autosomal DNA Statistics," ([https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal\\_DNA\\_statistics](https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_statistics) : accessed 7 May 2024).

<sup>46</sup> "Coverage Estimator," Coverage tree for Clemsey Cline using Diana, Gary, and Lucretia as test takers, *DNA Painter* (<https://dnapainter.com/tools/coverage/5244> : accessed 8 November 2024).



Despite these limitations, autosomal DNA is beneficial because it covers both paternal and maternal lines. Ancestry has one of the largest online DNA databases, so there is a greater chance of discovering DNA matches for Clemsey's descendants on the Cline line. Additionally, many users on Ancestry have comprehensive family trees, which can help determine common ancestors.

Previous research verified many DNA matches to the key test-takers descending from independent child lines of Henderson and Clemsey (Cline) Weatherford as shown in Figure 5.<sup>47</sup> This provided strong evidence of Henderson and Clemsey as Diana, Lucretia, and Gary's biological ancestors.

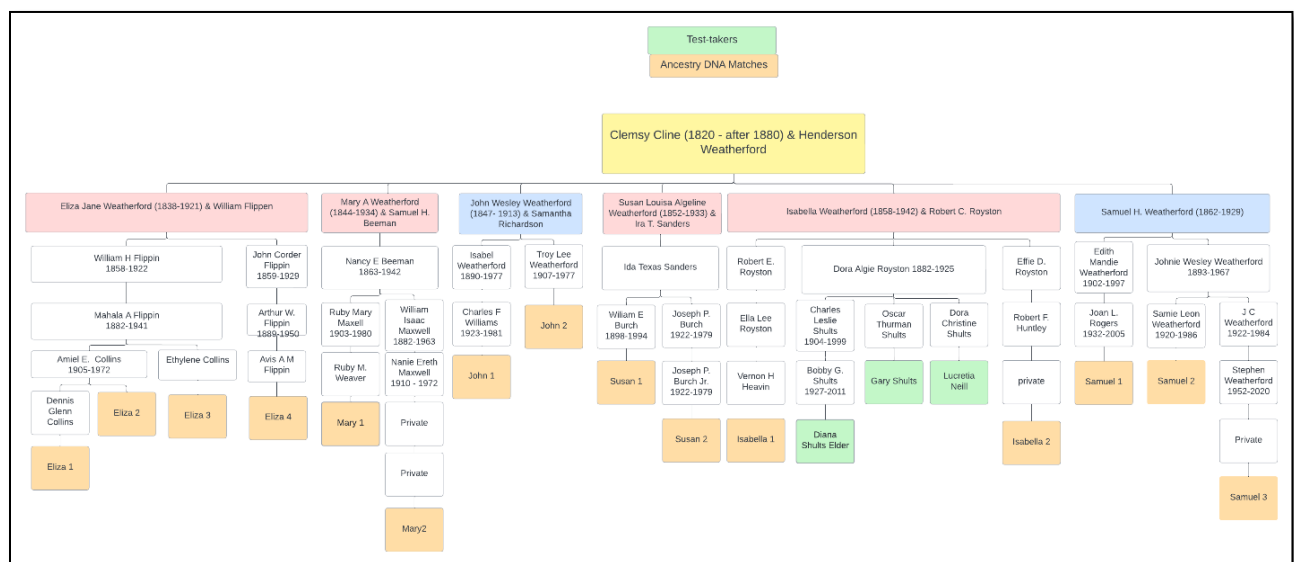


Figure 7 Ancestry DNA Matches for Descendants of Henderson and Clemsey (Cline) Weatherford

Could DNA evidence show a connection to the John Money Weatherford family of Dallas County, Texas? Ancestry DNA ThruLines can suggest possible links to a common ancestor that must then be verified. Viewing ThruLines for Diana Elder, the screenshot in Figure 8 shows seventy-seven matches through Henderson Weatherford but only three through a suggested connection to William Weatherford of Dallas County. Evaluating the three matches, it was found that they were not in the known genetic network of Henderson and Clemsey Weatherford. The

<sup>47</sup> Diana Elder, "Clemsey Cline Research Report May 2024 ANON," the report is viewable at "Confirming a Father for Clemsey (cline) Weatherford Using DNA Shared Matches and Cluster Research), posted 1 June 2024 by Diana Elder on *FamilyLocket* (<https://familylocket.com/confirming-a-father-for-clemsey-cline-weatherford-using-dna-shared-matches-and-cluster-research/> accessed 29 October 2024).

proposed ancestor, Andrew Weatherford, is not among the known sons of William and is a suspect connection.

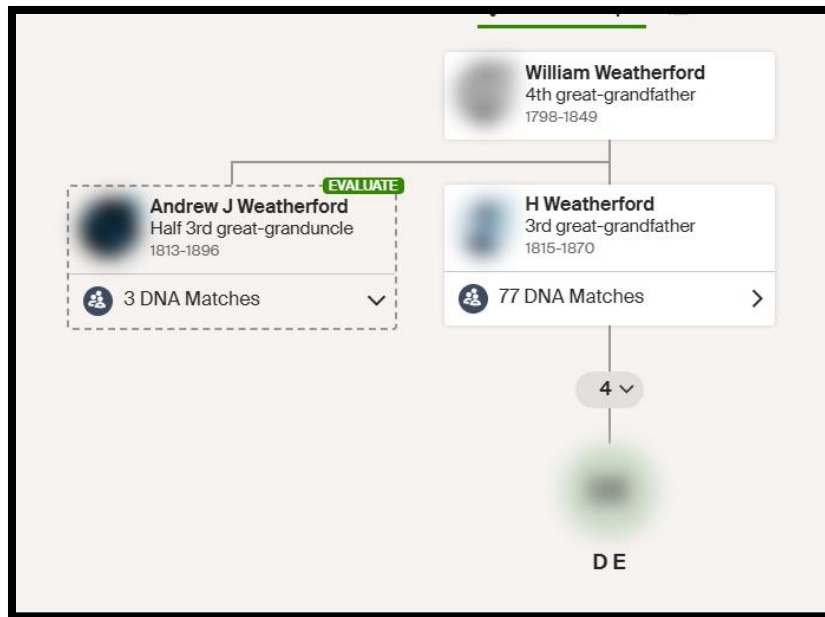


Figure 8 Ancestry DNA ThruLines for Diana Elder

Reviewing the ThruLines for Gary found the same proposed connection but with only two DNA matches.

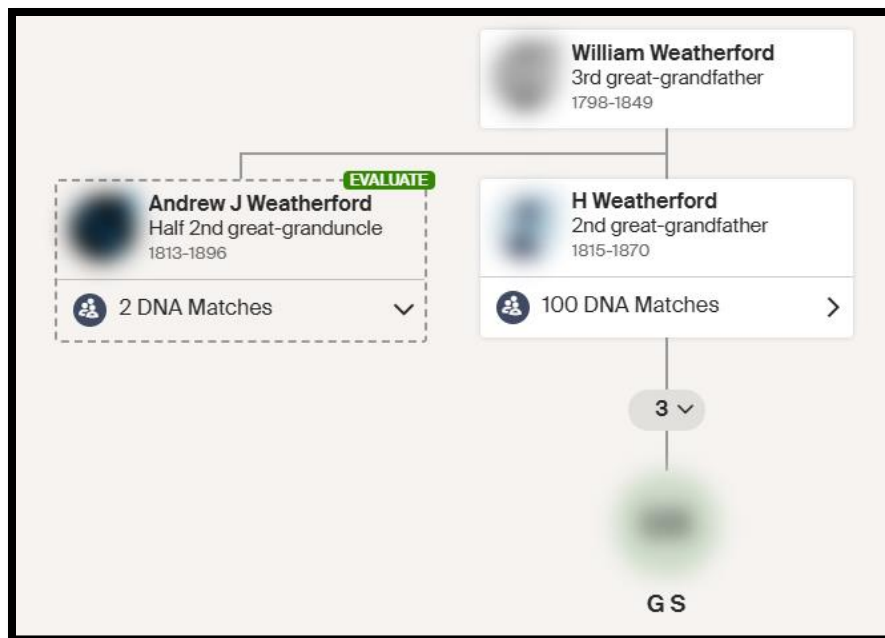


Figure 9 Ancestry DNA ThruLines for Gary Shults

Finally, ThruLines for Lucretia were reviewed and found a similar situation with only two matches through the suspect son, Andrew, and Margaret.

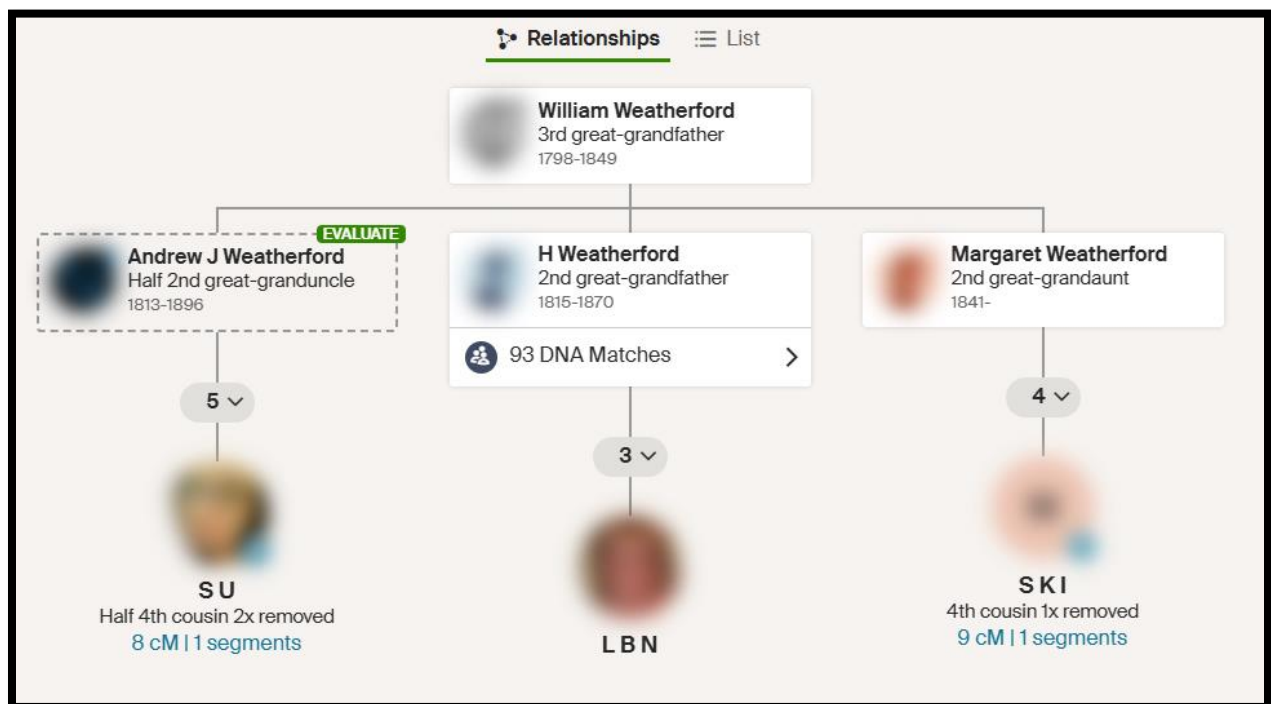


Figure 10 Ancestry DNA ThruLines for Lucretia Neill

A future DNA research session can focus on identifying DNA matches for Henderson Weatherford's parents and siblings. At this point, no evidence points to the Dallas County Weatherfords as Henderson's family. Research would need to look elsewhere.

### Finding a New Candidate in Izard County, Arkansas

Since Henderson Weatherford first appeared in the records in 1839 in Izard County, Arkansas, learning more about his Weatherford contemporaries in that location could find a candidate for his father. With the challenge of record loss in Izard County, the surviving records for this era are federal land records, the federal census, and the tax records that were sent to the state. Extant tax years are 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1839, 1841, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, and 1848.<sup>48</sup>

Since Henderson was born about 1815 in Tennessee, his father would have been born before 1795, likely in Virginia or North Carolina, and migrated first to Tennessee then perhaps to Illinois, then Arkansas – a common migration path. In 1829, one William Weatherford was taxed in Izard County, Arkansas Territory.<sup>49</sup> William was the earliest Weatherford on the tax list and also appeared on the 1830 list and the 1830 census.<sup>50</sup> William's household in 1830 consisted of himself, aged 40 to 50, and four children. The mother of the children probably had died by this census, leaving him a widower. William's age range indicates a birth year of 1770 to 1780, proper to be a father for Henderson. The male aged 15-20 would be appropriate for Henderson, and the younger males could be Thomas and William Jr. who appear in the tax records beginning in the 1840s, then in the 1850 census enumerations.

**Table 2. 1830 Census, William Weatherford, Izard County, Arkansas**

Age Range	Males	Possible Identity (Males)	Females
0-5	0	-	0
5-10	1	William Jr.	1
10-15	1	Thomas	0

<sup>48</sup> Desmond Walls Allen, *Izard County, Arkansas Tax Records 1829-1866* (Conway, Ark. : Rapid Rabbit Copy Co., 1986), 3.

<sup>49</sup> Arkansas, Izard County Tax Records 1829-1858, William Weatherford, 1829, imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-Z9YC-D> : accessed 22 October 2024); IGN 8,343,034, image 633 of 902.

<sup>50</sup> Arkansas, Izard County Tax Records 1829-1858, William Weatherford, 1829, imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-Z9YH-P> : accessed 22 October 2024); IGN 8,343,034, image 650 of 902. 1830 U.S. census, Izard County, Arkansas Territory, population schedule, p. 112 (penned), line 23, William Weatherford; imaged, "United States Census, 1830," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1803958> : accessed 5 October 2022).

15-20	1	Possibly Henderson	0
20-30	0	-	0
30-40	0	-	0
40-50	1	William	0

The Izard County tax records reveal this group of men, which correlate with the census. As mentioned earlier, because of the record loss in Izard County, the tax lists which were sent to the state are invaluable. William Weatherford was listed in the earliest extant tax records of 1829-1833 when Arkansas was still a territory. These early tax lists name the taxpayer and the amount of tax paid to the county and territory. No poll tax is noted and no specifics of land or property given. William paid the following county taxes:

1829: \$1.25

1830: \$1.06

1831: \$1.87

1832: \$1.87

Like most of the other men in the tax lists, William did not pay a territorial tax in any year. He is absent on the 1833 tax list signaling a possible death by that date.<sup>51</sup> Although the tax lists provide scant information about William, they do give proof of residence in these early years of Izard County.

1839 is the first extant year for Izard County records after statehood and list property and whether a man paid the poll or head tax. A male was liable for the poll tax between the age of 21 and 60.<sup>52</sup>

**Table 3. Tax Listings for Weatherfords, 1829-1850, Izard County, Arkansas<sup>53</sup>**

Year	Name	Poll Tax	Horses (Value)	Cattle (Value)	Total Value	Image #
1829	William Weatherford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	image 633

<sup>51</sup> Arkansas, Izard County Tax Records 1829-1858, negative search for William Weatherford, 1833, imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-Z9YS-L> : accessed 22 October 2024); IGN 8,343,034, image 667 of 902.

<sup>52</sup> Desmond Walls Allen, *Izard County, Arkansas Tax Records 1829-1866* (Conway, Ark. : Rapid Rabbit Copy Co., 1986), 3.

<sup>53</sup> Arkansas, Izard County Tax Records 1829-1858, for Weatherford, imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 23 October 2024); IGN 8343034, images noted in the table.

1830	William Weatherford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	image 650
1831	William Weatherford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	image 645
1832	William Weatherford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	image 657
1839	Henderson Weatherford	Yes	-	1 (\$15)	\$15	image 684
1841	Thomas Weatherford	Yes	1 (\$50)	-	\$50	image 700
1844	Thomas Weatherford	Yes	-	-	-	image 729
1844	William Weatherford Jr.	Yes	2 (\$75)	2 (\$24)	\$99	image 729
1845	Henderson Weatherford	Yes	-	5 (\$14)	\$15	image 787
1845	Thomas Weatherford	Yes	2 (\$50)	-	\$50	image 787
1845	William Weatherford Jr.	Yes	1 (\$20)	3 (\$21)	\$415	image 787
1846	Thomas Weatherford	Yes	2 (\$50)	-	\$50	image 761
1846	William Weatherford Jr.	Yes	-	2 (\$10)	\$10	image 761
1848	Thomas Weatherford	Yes	2 (\$75)	-	\$75	image 740
1848	William Weatherford Jr.	Yes	2 (\$35)	7 (\$50)	\$85	image 740

### 1850 Census Izard County, Arkansas

William Jr. and Thomas Weatherford headed households in 1850 in Izard County, revealing their approximate birth years as 1822 (William Jr., born in Arkansas) and 1820 (Thomas, born in Illinois). Henderson was born in 1815, and this family group correlates with the 1830 census of William Henderson Sr., as discussed above. No marriage records survive from this era, but the censuses show probable wives and children for William Jr. and Thomas Weatherford.



### **1850 Household of Wiliam Weatherford, Jr.** <sup>54</sup>

William Weatherford,	28	Arkansas, farmer, real property \$500
Elizabeth Weatherford	33	Missouri
Salley Weatherford	7	Arkansas,
Alexander Weatherford	5	Arkansas,
Amanda Weatherford	3	Arkansas,
Lucinda Weatherford	1	Arkansas

### **1850 Household of Thomas Weatherford** <sup>55</sup>

Thomas Weatherford	30	farmer Illinois
Mary Munerva Weatherford	16	unknown
Edith Weatherford	1	unknown

Additional research into William Jr. and Thomas Weatherford could reveal additional connections to Henderson Weatherford, including DNA matches through their descendants.

## **CONCLUSION**<sup>56</sup>

The investigation into Henderson Weatherford's origin family examined two key hypotheses - the John Money Weatherford family in Dallas County, Texas, and the William Weatherford Sr. family of Izard County, Arkansas. Proximity as shown by the tax and census records suggest that William Weatherford Sr. is the more likely father candidate.

The presumed connection between Henderson and the Dallas County Weatherfords appears unsupported by both documentary and genetic evidence. Although Henderson lived in Dallas County from about 1859-1861, he maintained physical and social distance from the established Weatherford families there. While they clustered around the Lancaster Post Office area, Henderson settled near Scyene, about 20 miles away. He was notably absent from William J. Weatherford's 1851 probate proceedings, where his heirs were explicitly named. Additionally,

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<sup>54</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Izard County, Arkansas, population schedule, North Fork, p. 18b (stamped), dwelling 283, family 282, William Weatherford household; imaged, "1850 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 5 October 2022).

<sup>55</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Izard County, Arkansas, population schedule, White River, p. 18a (stamped), dwelling 273, family 273, Thomas Weatherford household; imaged, "1850 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 5 October 2022).

<sup>56</sup> Generated by Claude 3.5 Sonnet based on the report written by Diana Elder, 29 October 2024.

DNA analysis shows no significant matches between Henderson's descendants and the Dallas County Weatherford lines.

In contrast, the evidence points toward William Weatherford Sr. of Izard County, Arkansas as Henderson's possible father. The timeline and geography align well - William first appears in Izard County tax records in 1829, and Henderson's first documented appearance is there in 1839. The 1830 census shows William (age 40-50) with a male aged 15-20 who fits Henderson's age. William's other possible sons, Thomas (born about 1820 in Illinois) and William Jr. (born about 1822 in Arkansas), appear consistently in later Izard County records, providing a probable family group. The birth order and locations hint at a possible migration path for William Weatherford Sr. - Henderson born in Tennessee about 1815, Thomas in Illinois about 1820, and William Jr. in Arkansas about 1822.

While no single document explicitly states the relationship, the evidence supports William Weatherford Sr. as Henderson's father. Additional research into William's origins and DNA testing of descendants from Thomas and William Jr.'s lines could further strengthen this hypothesis.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH<sup>57</sup>

### DNA Research

- Identify descendants of Thomas Weatherford (b.1820) and William Weatherford Jr. (b.1822) to compare with Henderson's descendants
- Expand DNA network by identifying additional descendants of William Weatherford Sr.'s children
- Build out genetic networks for known DNA matches to Henderson's descendants to identify potential Weatherford connections

### William Weatherford Sr. Research

- Search for William Weatherford Sr.'s origins in Tennessee records from 1810-1829
- Investigate land and tax records in Illinois where Thomas Weatherford was reportedly born about 1820
- Research Arkansas Territorial Records in [The Territorial Papers of the United States](#)
  - FamilySearch: V. [19-20](#), The Territory of Arkansas, 1819-1829

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- V. [21](#), The Territory of Arkansas, 1829-1836

#### Additional Record Groups

- Research Henderson's possible service in the Civil War given his absence from Dallas County tax records after 1861
- Search Camden County, Missouri records after 1861 to determine when Clemsy and children returned there
- Investigate land records in Morgan County, Missouri where Henderson owned property valued at \$300 in 1850

#### Geographic Area Research

- Study migration patterns between Tennessee, Illinois, and Arkansas in the early 1800s
- Research associates and neighbors of William Weatherford Sr. in Izard County
- Investigate the White River settlement area where Thomas and William Jr. established homes
- Research the Scyene community of Dallas County to understand Henderson's choice of location for his blacksmith shop

#### Documentation Research

- Search for probate records in Camden County, Missouri that might mention Henderson's death
- Investigate Texas Confederate service records for Henderson or his sons

## APPENDIX A: DALLAS COUNTY TAX LISTS

**Table 1: 1847-1856**

Year	Person	Acres	Land Value	Grantee/Survey	Horses	Horse Value	Cattle	Cattle Value	Misc	Misc Value	Total Value	Poll Tax	State Tax	County Tax
1847	Jefferson Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1848	Jefferson Weatherford	640.0	-	Grimes	2.0	\$80.00	-	-	-	-	\$400.00	\$1.00	\$1.80	\$0.40
1849	H Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	\$45.00	-	-	\$45.00	\$1.00	\$1.09	\$0.05
1849	William James Weatherford	195.0	\$97.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$97.00	-	\$0.19	\$0.09
1849	Money Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1.00	-	-
1849	Jefferson Weatherford	504.0	\$259.00	Grimes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1849	Jefferson Weatherford	144.0	\$72.00	C.A. Wayfield	5.0	\$250.00	22.0	\$112.00	-	-	\$761.00	\$1.00	\$2.52	\$0.76
1849	Jefferson Weatherford	150.0	\$75.00	Grimes	-	-	24.0	\$251.00	-	-	\$251.00	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$0.75
1851	Jefferson Weatherford	1134.0	\$567.00	James Hughs	3.0	\$125.00	22.0	\$145.00	-	-	\$837.00	\$0.50	\$1.76	\$0.87
1851	Jefferson (admin for William)	3354.0	\$335.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$335.00	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.25
1851	Hardin Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.25
1851	Nancy Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	sheep, gun, & G	\$18.00	\$18.00	-	-	\$0.12
1852	Jefferson Weatherford	829.0	\$829.00	James Hughs	7.0	\$300.00	2.0	\$40.00	hogs, wagon, etc.	\$192.00	\$1361.00	\$0.50	\$2.54	\$1.27
1852	Jefferson (admin for William)	300.0	\$300.00	-	1.0	\$35.00	30.0	\$120.00	sheep, etc.	\$228.00	\$683.00	-	\$1.02	\$0.51
1853	Hardin Weatherford	-	-	-	3.0	\$116.00	-	-	-	-	\$116.00	\$0.50	\$0.61	\$0.30
1853	Nancy Weatherford	315.0	\$300.00	-	7.0	\$300.00	-	-	hogs, wagon, etc.	\$185.00	\$1485.00	\$0.50	\$2.72	\$1.36
1854	H Weatherford	160.0	\$480.00	-	5.0	\$300.00	-	-	-	-	\$780.00	\$0.50	\$167.00	\$0.84

1854	H Weatherford (back tax 1853)	160.0	\$480.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$480.00	-	\$0.72	\$0.36
1854	H Weatherford (back tax 1852)	160.0	\$240.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$240.00	-	\$0.36	\$0.18
1855	Jefferson Weatherford	430.0	\$1720.00	J Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1855	Jefferson Weatherford	144.0	\$720.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1855	Jefferson Weatherford	320.0	\$540.00	D.W. Wright	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1855	Money Weatherford	110.0	\$550.00	J Weatherford	3.0	\$200.00	3.0	\$75.00	-	-	\$825.00	\$0.50	\$1.74	\$0.50
1855	Jefferson Weatherford	213.0	\$426.00	RH Renold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1855	Jefferson Weatherford	80.0	\$160.00	Wm. Fleming	7.0	\$455.00	40.0	\$270.00	-	-	\$5391.00	\$0.50	\$8.59	\$4.00
1855	Hardin Weatherford	160.0	\$800.00	J Weatherford	8.0	\$455.00	17.0	\$136.00	-	-	\$1391.00	\$0.50	\$2.88	\$0.50
1856	Nancy Weatherford	188.0	\$590.00	C.A. Wayfield	8.0	\$150.00	12.0	\$93.00	-	\$6.00	\$1718.00	-	\$2.88	\$1.44
1856	Nancy Weatherford	305.0	\$305.00	James Hughs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1856	Jefferson Weatherford	430.0	\$1740.00	J Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1856	Jefferson Weatherford	144.0	\$720.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1856	Jefferson Weatherford	320.0	\$640.00	D.W. Wright	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1856	Jefferson Weatherford	80.0	\$160.00	Wm. Fleming	5.0	\$375.00	20.0	\$160.00	wagon	\$180.00	\$4875.00	\$0.50	\$7.86	\$3.90
1856	Sarah Weatherford	320.0	\$240.00	Sarah Neley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1856	Sarah Weatherford	285.0	\$285.00	Sarah Neley	-	-	7.0	\$56.00	-	-	\$616.00	-	\$0.82	\$0.46
1856	Sarah Weatherford	35.0	\$35.00	Sarah Neley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1856	Harbord Weatherford	-	-	-	1.0	\$60.00	5.0	\$74.00	-	-	\$134.00	\$0.50	\$0.80	\$0.35
1856	John Weatherford	-	-	-	2.0	\$117.00	-	-	-	-	\$117.00	\$0.50	\$0.67	\$0.33
1856	Hardin Weatherford	106.0	\$318.00	W.W. Harvin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1856	Hardin Weatherford	184.0	\$920.00	John Stadden	5.0	\$480.00	20.0	\$354.00	hogs	\$23.00	\$2095.00	\$0.50	\$3.64	\$1.82
1856	Money Weatherford	110.0	\$550.00	W.W. Harvin	1.0	\$110.00	-	-	-	-	\$660.00	\$0.50	\$1.49	\$0.74
1856	Elizabeth Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	\$64.00	-	-	\$64.00	-	\$0.10	\$0.05

**Table 2: 1857-1859**

Year	Person	Acres	Land Value	Grantee/Survey	Horses	Horse Value	Cattle	Cattle Value	Misc	Misc Value	Total Value	Poll Tax	State Tax	County Tax
1857	Jefferson Weatherford	430.0	\$1340.00	J Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1857	Jefferson Weatherford	146.0	\$340.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1857	Jefferson Weatherford	320.0	\$640.00	D.W. Wright	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1857	Jefferson Weatherford	40.0	\$80.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1857	Jefferson Weatherford	40.0	\$80.00	Wm. Fleming	6.0	\$600.00	25.0	\$150.00	Wagon & Farm tools	\$220.00	\$6750.00	\$0.50	\$10.63	\$5.32
1857	Sarah Weatherford	320.0	\$240.00	Sarah Neeley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1857	Sarah Weatherford	285.0	\$285.00	Sarah Neeley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1857	Sarah Weatherford	35.0	\$35.00	Sarah Neeley	3.0	\$56.00	-	-	-	-	\$616.00	-	\$0.92	\$0.46
1857	Money Weatherford	70.0	\$140.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1857	Money Weatherford	110.0	\$550.00	W.W. Harvin	1.0	\$88.00	-	-	-	-	\$799.00	\$0.50	\$1.63	\$0.83
1857	Harbird Weatherford	28.0	\$75.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1857	Harbird Weatherford	80.0	\$24.00	Harbord Weatherford	4.0	\$400.00	4.0	\$24.00	-	-	\$523.00	\$0.50	\$1.28	\$0.44
1858	Jefferson Weatherford	1280.0	\$640.00	Henry Grimes	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$640.00	-	\$0.80	\$0.80
1858	Jefferson Weatherford	146.5	\$730.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



1858	Jefferson Weatherford	450.0	\$1720.00	Jefferson Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	Jefferson Weatherford	320.0	\$640.00	A. Bledsoe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	Jefferson Weatherford	200.0	\$1400.00	John Stadden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	Jefferson Weatherford	40.0	\$80.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	Jefferson Weatherford	240.0	\$480.00	D.W. Wright	6.0	\$300.00	38.0	\$315.00	Steam Mill & Fix	\$2500.00	\$8591.00	\$0.50	\$11.23	\$8.84
1858	Jefferson (admin for Hardin)	215.0	\$426.00	Perry V. Green	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	Jefferson (admin for Hardin)	184.0	\$920.00	John Stadden	-	-	1.0	\$10.00	-	-	\$1142.00	-	\$1.42	\$1.14
1858	Sarah Weatherford	320.0	\$240.00	Sarah Neley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	Sarah Weatherford	285.0	\$285.00	Sarah Neley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	Sarah Weatherford	35.0	\$35.00	Sarah Neley	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$560.00	-	\$0.70	\$0.56
1858	Nancy Weatherford	188.0	\$594.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	Nancy Weatherford	305.0	\$305.00	James Hughs	6.0	\$350.00	12.0	\$72.00	\$ at interest 250	-	\$1571.00	-	\$2.15	\$1.57
1858	John Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	\$180.00	Wagon	\$50.00	\$230.00	\$0.50	\$0.78	\$0.48
1858	Harboard Weatherford	53.0	\$158.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	Harboard Weatherford	160.0	\$800.00	Harbord Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$858.00	\$0.50	\$1.68	\$1.20
1858	Harboard Weatherford jr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.25
1859	Jefferson Weatherford	1280.0	\$640.00	Henry Grimes	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$640.00	-	-	-
1859	Jefferson Weatherford	1442.0	\$730.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1859	Jefferson Weatherford	430.0	\$1720.00	Jefferson Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1859	Jefferson Weatherford	40.0	\$80.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1859	Jefferson Weatherford	240.0	\$480.00	D.W. Wright	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1859	Jefferson Weatherford	213.0	\$426.00	Perry V. Green	30.0	\$3000.00	44.0	\$320.00	wagons	\$110.00	\$8166.00	\$0.50	\$10.70	\$8.41
1859	Jeff Weatherford (admin for Hardin)	106.0	\$212.00	W.W. Harvin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1859	Jeff Weatherford (admin for Hardin)	184.0	\$920.00	John Stadden	-	-	-	-	\$61 interest	-	\$1183.00	-	\$1.53	\$1.19

**Table 3: 1859 - 1864**

Year	Person	Acres	Land Value	Grantee/Survey	Horses	Horse Value	Cattle	Cattle Value	Misc	Misc Value	Total Value	Poll Tax	State Tax	County Tax
1860	Henderson Weatherford	2.0	\$250.00	William Masters	5.0	\$300.00	9.0	\$120.00	-	\$90.00	\$760.00	\$0.50	\$1.45	\$1.01
1860	Nancy Weatherford	188.0	\$595.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Nancy Weatherford	305.0	\$305.00	James Hughs	4.0	\$330.00	17.0	\$140.00	-	-	\$1370.00	-	\$1.71	\$1.37
1860	Rebecca Weatherford	53.0	\$160.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Rebecca Weatherford	160.0	\$800.00	H. Weatherford	-	-	16.0	\$95.00	-	\$45.00	\$1100.00	-	\$1.37	\$110.00
1860	Jefferson Weatherford	144.0	\$830.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Jefferson Weatherford	430.0	\$1720.00	Jefferson Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Jefferson Weatherford	10.0	\$25.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Jefferson Weatherford	240.0	\$480.00	D.W. Wright	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Jefferson Weatherford	213.0	\$225.00	Perry V. Green	5.0	\$500.00	56.0	\$420.00	-	\$260.00	\$5640.00	\$0.50	\$1.55	\$5.89
1860	Jefferson Weatherford	40.0	\$80.00	Wm. Fleming	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Francis Weatherford	106.0	\$2210.00	W.W. Harvin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1860	Francis Weatherford	184.0	\$920.00	John Stadden	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1130.00	-	\$1.41	\$1.13
1860	Sarah Weatherford	320.0	\$240.00	Charles Neely	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Sarah Weatherford	285.0	\$285.00	Charles Neely	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Sarah Weatherford	35.0	\$35.00	Charles Neely	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$560.00	-	\$0.70	\$0.56
1860	John W. Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	14.0	\$200.00	-	\$80.00	\$280.00	\$0.50	\$0.85	\$0.53
1860	Money Weatherford	110.0	\$1040.00	W.W. Harvin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860	Money Weatherford	70.0	\$35.00	Jeremiah Snow	4.0	\$300.00	1.0	\$35.00	-	-	\$1400.00	\$0.50	\$2.25	\$1.65
1862	Nancy Weatherford	198.0	\$595.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Nancy Weatherford	85.0	\$75.00	John Stadden	3.0	\$300.00	-	-	-	-	\$870.00	-	\$3.17	\$0.54
1862	Money Weatherford	110.0	\$550.00	W.W. Harvin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Money Weatherford	70.0	\$310.00	Jeremiah Snow	1.0	\$70.00	-	-	-	-	\$930.00	\$1.00	\$3.09	\$0.80
1862	Blevin Weatherford per M Weatherford	50.0	\$160.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Blevin Weatherford per M Weatherford	50.0	\$400.00	H. Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Jefferson Weatherford	1448.0	\$930.00	C.A. Wayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Jefferson Weatherford	430.0	\$1720.00	Jefferson Weatherford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Jefferson Weatherford	10.0	\$25.00	Jeremiah Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Jefferson Weatherford	240.0	\$480.00	D.W. Wright	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Jefferson Weatherford	213.0	\$225.00	Reubin H. Renold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Jefferson Weatherford	40.0	\$80.00	Wm. Fleming	8.0	\$400.00	50.0	\$400.00	-	\$2500.00	\$8760.00	\$1.00	\$33.90	\$5.72

1862	Frances Weatherford (Jeff guard.)	106.0	\$310.00	W.W. Harvin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Frances Weatherford (Jeff guard.)	184.0	\$930.00	John Stadden	-	-	-	-	\$200 money at interest	-	\$1330.00	-	\$3.33	\$0.83
1862	Sarah Weatherford (Jeff agt)	35.0	-	Charles Neely	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1862	Sarah Weatherford (Jeff agt)	1780.0	\$420.00	Charles Neely	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$480.00	-	\$1.05	\$0.36
1862	B.B Weatherford	-	-	-	1.0	\$60.00	-	-	-	-	\$560.00	\$1.00	\$2.40	\$0.60
1862	John M. Weatherford	803.0	\$320.00	H. Weatherford	1.0	\$100.00	-	-	-	-	\$420.00	\$1.00	\$3.05	\$0.51
1862	H.S. Weatherford	-	-	-	5.0	\$200.00	14.0	\$70.00	-	-	\$270.00	\$1.00	\$1.67	\$0.41
1863	Samuel Beeman per H. Weatherford	41.0	\$205.00	John Lanier	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1035.00	\$1.00	\$6.18	\$1.54
1864	Samuel Beeman per H. Weatherford	50.0	\$150.00	John Frost	-	-	-	-	-	\$650.00	\$800.00	-	\$4.00	\$1.00

## Analysis of Tax Records<sup>58</sup>

### Documented Legal Relationships

#### 1. Jefferson Weatherford's Administrative Roles

- Administrator for William Weatherford's estate
- Guardian for Frances Weatherford
- Administrator for Hardin Weatherford's estate
- Agent for Sarah Weatherford
- These roles suggest legal authority but don't confirm specific family relationships

<sup>58</sup> Analysis performed by Claude 3.5 Sonnet based on the full tax list abstracted by Diana Elder, 28 October 2024.

#### 1. **Money Weatherford & Blevin Weatherford**

- Money managed Blevin's property
- Suggests legal responsibility or guardianship
- Could indicate parent/child relationship, but not confirmed

### **Property-Based Connections**

#### 1. **Nancy Weatherford**

- First appears in 1851 as "widow"
- Timing suggests possible connection to William Weatherford
- Independent property management after appearing as widow

#### 1. **Rebecca Weatherford**

- Appears after Hardin's death
- Owns land formerly connected to "H. Weatherford"
- Suggests possible widow of Hardin, but not explicitly stated

#### 1. **Harbird and Harbird Jr.**

- Name similarity suggests father/son relationship
- Appear in tax records during same period
- Junior's poll tax entry suggests coming of age

### **Land Transaction Patterns**

#### 1. **Jefferson to Others**

- Sold land to Money Weatherford
- Sold land to Hardin Weatherford
- Suggests business dealings but not necessarily family ties

#### 1. **H. Weatherford Property**

- Land passes to Rebecca Weatherford
- Administered by Jefferson
- Suggests legal settlement of estate

### **Chronological Patterns**

#### 1. **Early Settlement Group (1847-1849)**

- Jefferson Weatherford
- William James Weatherford
- H. (Hardin) Weatherford
- Money Weatherford
- May indicate first wave of settlement but not necessarily family

#### 1. **Later Arrivals (1856-1862)**

- Could represent next generation or unrelated people with same surname
- No clear connection to earlier settlers documented

### **Notable Points**

#### 1. **Independent Women**

- Nancy, Sarah, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Frances all appear independently in records
- Some with considerable property
- Suggests legal recognition of property rights regardless of family status

#### 1. **Property Administration**

- Jefferson's multiple administrative roles suggest legal authority
- Doesn't confirm family relationships
- Could indicate community leadership position

#### 1. **Business Connections**

- Henderson's connection to Samuel Beeman shows non-Weatherford business relationships
- Suggests community extended beyond potential family groups

### **Important Cautions**

#### 1. **Shared Surname Limitations**

- Common surname in area
- No explicit family relationships stated in tax records
- Cannot assume relationships based on name alone

#### 1. **Legal vs. Family Relationships**

- Administrative roles could be appointed by court
- Property management could be business arrangement

- Guardianship could be legal rather than familial

#### 1. **Missing Information**

- Tax records don't show:
  - Marriage relationships
  - Parent-child relationships
  - Extended family connections
  - Ages of individuals
  - Place of origin

### **What Cannot Be Determined**

#### 1. **Family Structure**

- Direct family relationships not specified
- Cannot confirm sibling relationships
- Cannot confirm parent-child relationships except possibly Harbird/Harbird Jr.

#### 1. **Marriage Connections**

- While some women are identified as widows, their marriage connections aren't specified
- Cannot determine if women property holders were related by marriage or birth

#### 1. **Generational Relationships**

- Age differences not recorded
- Cannot determine generational structure

### **Conclusion**

While the tax records show clear legal and property relationships, especially centered around Jefferson Weatherford's administrative roles, they do not provide definitive evidence of family relationships. The only reasonably certain family connection is between Harbird and Harbird Jr., based on naming patterns. All other relationships would require additional documentation from other sources to confirm.