

Our Burnside (Byrnside) Lineage.

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It is believed that this family came from County Tyrone, Ireland, to America about 1735. In Ireland the surname was originally "Wallace". This family clan named many of their male children, "John". There were so many John Wallaces in the area that it was difficult to distinguish which "John" was which. This trend to name sons, John, also continued after descendents came to America. One John Wallace, a member of this family clan, lived by a byrn ("byrn", meaning stream) was called "John by the byrn side", to distinguish him from the other members of the Wallace family. Eventually Wallace was dropped and Byrnside (Burnside) was used as the surname. The 1995 movie, "Braveheart", starring Mel Gypson, was about William Wallace, who was a member of this family. William Wallace is considered by Ireland to be its greatest national hero.

Assuming the name of where a person lives for their surname was a common practice during the Middle Ages in Ireland. This let everyone know where the person was from and his immediate kinship. The Wallace family name originally came from a man named "Allen"– of – Ness, for Allen originally lived in the area of Ness before moving to Whitlaw, pronounced "Wallace", in the County of Ayr. Changing one's assumed surname to identify their new home was also a common practice.

"Page number 82 of "Irish Pedigrees"; or "The Origin and Stem of the Irish Nation" by John O'Hart, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1976, Baltimore has the following: "John Wallace, of Whitlaw, in the County of Ayr. Scotland, resided A.D. 1580, on the side of a "burn" (or river); and to distinguish him from others of the same name, was surnamed BYRNSIDE (BURNSIDE), which has since been the name of his successors. He had a descendant.

1. Robert Burnside, who in the "Plantation of Ulster" settled at Raphoe, in 1608; and who, soon after the Civil War (Ireland) of 1641, removed to Corcreevy, County Tyrone; mar. Janet Lindsay, of Ayrshire, and had issue.
2. William, of Corcreevy: their son: m. circa 1660; had a brother John, of Ramult, near Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone, who in 1641, m. Janet (The issue of that marriage was Janet Burnside d. 1672, who m. James Thompson, grandson of Patrick Thompson, first settle of that name in Ireland. The issue of this marriage was Humprey Thompson, born in 1670, who was Presbyterian minister of Ballybay for 49 years, and who m. Lettice, dau. of William Wray, of Augher and Strabane), only daughter of William Thompson, of Irvine.
3. Anthony, of Corcreevy: his son; mar. in 1686 Sarah Young, of the Co. Longford,

connected with the Youngs of Cavan and Donegal. This Anthony had two brothers – 1. John, who died in 1726; 2. Thomas Burnside, of Yatnaheglis, mar. Miss Bell, of Strabane (The issue of this marriage was James Burnside, of Blessingbourne, near Fivemiletown, who in 1741, m. Catharine Graham, by who he had son James Burnside, who m. Jane Jackson, of Ballybay. This James Burnside and Jane Jackson had a daughter Anne Burnside, of Artclea, near Fivemiletown, living in 1880, and who is the last surviving reprehensive of this branch if the family).

4. Anthony; eldest son of Anthony; b. 1689, and d. 1609. Had three brothers – 1. John, d. 1748; 2. Charles; 3. Matthew, of Corcreevy, b. 1708, and who succeeded to the family property in 1750.”

Members of this family, Byrnside/Burnside, probably brothers, came to Pennsylvania between 1730-1740. From Pennsylvania some of the brothers relocated in Virginia and the Carolinas. Some of the family members that remained in Virginia drifted west into the mountains and after the Revolutionary War, into Western Virginia (Cow Pasture River area near Covington) and on into Southern WV (Lewisburg and Union). General Ambrose Everett Burnside (1821-1881) of Civil War fame was a member of this family. Because of his habit of wearing long hair on the side of his face, his men started calling them "sideburns".

The family line that we draw blood from settled in the section of Augusta County that later became Rockingham County, VA.

To trace our lineage, the trail follows to Robert Byrnside, who died in Augusta County, VA. Robert married Ester Maye and they had three children. Ester (d. 21 August 1756) married #2 Archibald Clendennin, Sr., the father of Archibald Clendennin, Jr. Archibald Jr. was killed at the Clendennin massacre in Greenbrier County in 1763 by Indians led by Chief Cornstalk.

Known children of Robert and Ester are:

*	John	married	Mary Walker
	James	married	Isabella Pattersen
	Rachel		

John (1726-1809) called John, Jr., to distinguish him from his uncle who raised him; married Mary Walker, the daughter of Alexander Walker. They settled near Warm Springs, Bath County, VA. John and Mary's children were:

	Sarah	married	John Beatty
*	Alexander	married	#1 Margaret “Peggy” Gavin
			#2 Julia Woodrum

John	married	Susannah Gilliland
Elizabeth	married	Joseph Hanna
Isabella	married	Robert Smith
Mary	married	Alexander Reed
Margaret	married	David Hanna, Jr.
William	married	Margaret Callisen
Robert	married	Ruth _____
Martha	married	John Jorden, Jr.

Alexander Byrnside (d. after 1853) was the son of John and Mary (Walker) Burnside Jr., who lived in Monroe County, WV. Alexander married Peggy Gavin on 14 June 1812 by the Rev. Robert Chambers in Monroe County. Peggy died in February 1835 and Alexander married very soon after to #2 Julia Woodrum on 11 February 1835. Peggy had been ill for some time before she died. Julia nursed her and cared for the children. Peggy's dying request was to have Alexander to marry Julia and keep the family together. Peggy is a nickname for "Margaret".

Alexander and Peggy's children were:

Henderson	b. 3/31/1813		
William	b. 12/10/1815		
Martha W.	b. 6/10/1818	married	Wm Holstine
Nancy C.	8/26/1821-1911	married	Wesley S. Gravin
* Andrew Smith	9/15/1823-12/9/1900	married	Dorcas Wilson Abbott
Phoebe J.	b. 6/11/1830		
Mary Ann	b. 3/23/1830		

Alexander and Julia's children were:

George Alex.	10/21/1836-10/4/1912	married	Sarah A. Noble
John M.	03/01/1838-3/17/1878	married	Marianna J. Peck
Rhoda E.	b. 01/19/1840	married	John Woods
Issac G.	b. 08/27/1842		
Harrison L.	08/19/1844-1917	married	Virginia Dodd
Delila Melissa	03/27/1848-6/28/1929	married	#1 John S. Davis #2 John Price #3 Dow Price
Mary M.	b. 02/22/1851	married	Oliver Auther
Rena Malinda	04/11/1833-8/10/1910	married	Worth Paxton

Andrew Smith Burnside (15 September 1823-9 December 1900) married Dorcas Wilson Abbott on 26 March 1845. Dorcas was the daughter of St.Clair and Sarah (Cantley) Abbott, born 27 November 1823 in Monroe County and died 30 March 1914

at Dry Creek, WV. Dorcas' middle name (Wilson) came from her uncle, Wilson Smith Abbott, who moved to Dry Creek in 1828. In 1859, Andrew and Dorcas sold their farm in Monroe County and with all their belongings in horse drawn wagons, headed west to homestead. They stopped to visit her uncle, Wilson S. Abbott, who lived at the mouth of Dry Creek, on the way west. Wilson was then Deputy Sheriff of Fayette County, WV. Here they changed their minds about continuing west after deciding to buy a 400-acre farm and settle. Andrew and Dorcas are buried in the Pettry Cemetery at Dry Creek, WV.

Children of Andrew and Dorcas are:

Wesley McDowell	married	Jane Scarbro
Joseph H.	married	Sara Jane Laverty
Minerva C.	married	Mandeville Massey
Anna	married	Chapman Asbury
* Charles Alexander	married	Susan Elmyar Petry-Arnold
Sarah Margaret	married	William Bradford
Nancy H.	married	William Cooper
Mary Ellen	married	Benjamin F. Pettry (1.13.5)
Martha	b. 1870,	died infant

Andrew and his sons, Wesley and Joseph, served in the Civil War with the 7th W.Va. Calvary. Andrew enlisted on 15 October 1861 and was described as 6'-3" tall, dark complexion, hazel eyes, dark hair, and was in Co. K. Andrew owned some slaves but freed them and fought for the Union. Andrew signature on a number of documents as "Burnside", but his tombstone has "Byrnside". Andrew and Dorcas are buried in the Pettry Cemetery at Dry Creek. Andrew's tombstone inscription is; "Andrew S. Byrnside Co. H 7 WV. Cav.", and Dorcas' tombstone inscription is; "Dorgas Burnside Nov. 27, 1823 Mar. 30, 1914".

Charles Alexander Burnside (6 May 1856-4 Nov. 1904), the son of Andrew S. and Dorcas (Abbott) Burnside, was married to Susan Elmyar (Petry-Arnold) Harper, the daughter of John S. and Elizabeth Electra (Williams) Petry. After John S. Petry died at Andersonville prison during the Civil War, Elizabeth married Thomas Arnold. Susan was adopted by Thomas Arnold and may have been married to a Harper {I doubt it}. Charles "Bud" and Susan "Duck" had three children, and they are:

Dollie	married	Albert McGuinness
Dillie	married	#1 Jack Ball
		#2 Tom Bearfield
Dale Smith	married	Velva Bell Pettry (_____)

Susan had a son, John Oliver Burnside (1 March 1906 Dry Creek, WV-5

September 1978 Lufkin, TX) by William Alexander "Lawyer Bill" Massey, after Charles left her to live with Ella Mae Pettry (1.13.4). Lawyer Bill, also the father of Mont Massey, is buried in the Pettry Cemetery on Dry Creek, he and his parent's grave markers are concrete crosses. Susan developed mental problems a few years after John was born and was committed to an institution at Spencer, WV and is buried there. John O. Burnside married Opal Oletta Wallace and reared his family in Lufkin, TX.

Charles, who drank heavily and would not work to provide for his family, left his wife and lived with Ella Mae Pettry most of the time and had six children by her. Here too he would leave for long periods of time. During the spring he would feel the urge to visit his different kin and return after the farm had been worked and planted. The visiting urge would again seize upon him when harvest time came in the fall. It was during his frequent absences that Ella Pettry had Dora and Parthina. Late in life Charles left Ella for another woman and later became very ill. Ella welcomed him back and cared for him until he died a short time later of TB. Charles is buried in the Pettry Cemetery at Dry Creek. Charles' tombstone inscription is: "C.A. Burnside May 6, 1856 Nov. 1904". Lula, one of his daughters and who had an old tin-plate picture of him that has faded away, has told me many times that she wanted to be buried next to him. Lula's request was granted in 1994, when she died about 4 months before her 100th birthday.

Charles and Ella's children are:

1.13.4.1	Ceba Margaret	married	Henry Lewis Burnside
		father	Charles A. Burnside
1.13.4.2	Electra Paris	married	Alfred Bradley
		father	Charles A. Burnside
* 1.13.4.3	Lillian May Belle	married	Rev. Charles W. Perry
		father	Charles A. Burnside
1.13.4.6	Claudia Avner	married	Charles A. Jarrell
		father	Charles A. Burnside
1.13.4.7	Lula Faye	married	#1 Earl Marks (1.5.13.1)
			#2 Garley Pettry (4.2.3.3)
			#3 Gilbert Bee Accord
		father	Charles A. Burnside
1.13.4.8	Charles F.	married	#1 Beatrice Williams
			#2 Ruby Phipps
			#3 & 4 Pearl Kegler
			#5 Thelma Thise
		father	Charles A. Burnside

Dora and Parthina, daughters' of Ella were not fathered by Charles A.

Burnside. Dora's father was Rev. Winters, a Presbyterian minister and Parthina's father was William Miles Watrous, he worked in timber at Dry Creek, WV.

Lillian Mae Belle (29 May 1881-30 June 1919) married Rev. Charles W. Perry in 1910. Charles Perry, a widower, had eleven children from his first marriage and lived at Dempsey, near Oak Hill. Belle and Charles had no children. Belle died of TB and is buried in the Pettry Cemetery. Belle had two children before marrying Charles Perry and they were:

* 1.13.4.4.1	Dewey	married	Icie Marie Williams
		father:	Phillip Sheridan Price
1.13.4.4.2	Artie Irene	married	William McKinley Bradford
		father:	James Allen Petrey

Dewey, Artie and their descendants are described in another chapter of the family tree.