

Etheldred BOYT aka Etheldred BOYT GATLING b abt 1777 Gates Co NC; probably is an illegitimate son of a BOYT b est 1756 Upper Parish, Nansemond Co VA (UPN) & Charity GATLING. He was a maternal gson of William GATLING (b 1728 & d 1808 Gates Co) who raised him. On 2 Nov 1779 Charity GATLING appeared in Gates Co court & filed an indemnity bond for maintenance of "her Eligitimate Child begotten on her Body"; her securities were John BATHEY & Jesse SAUNDERs (CtB1 Feb 1779). A yr later Harvy GATLING, baseborn child of Charity GATLING abt 6 yrs of age (b cal 1774) was bound as an apprentice to Elisha CROSS to learn leather work (CtB I: May 1780). Charity GATLING m Elisha HOWELL of Halifax Co NC on 26 Nov 1783; her father William GATLING posted the bond. Etheldred remained in Gates Co w/ a court appointed guardian.

Later, Etheldred & his guardian are mentioned on 9 May 1794 in a deed from John BAKER, sheriff, to John DOCTON of Nansemond Co VA (this date & guardianship helps id a b date for him.) The deed was for 500 acs formerly owned by Benjamin BAKER & sold by court order due to debts; it states that William HUTCHES (sic) was guardian of Etheldred; it was proved in May court 1795 (BkA-5p211).

Court and land records for Gates Co show that William GATLING also served as Etheldred's guardian. Abt 1798 Etheldred m Elizabeth BARNES, dau of Benjamin BARNES who liv 1 farm away from Etheldred & Elizabeth in 1810. Court, land, & census recs show that Etheldred BOYT lived in Gates Co in 1794 thru 1820. On 24 Jan 1808 Etheldred BOYT sold to Mills LEWIS & John VANN Sr, 90 ac lying nr Honey Pot pocosin beg at corner in William W RIDDICK's line W to SUMNER's line to HUGHES' old road to CUFF's...(Bk 8 p 90); James GATLING & William GOODMAN wit this deed. In another deed dtd 2 Nov 1809 (DBk8p190) Hillory WILLEY & Miles PARKER sold for \$50 a 50 ac plot on Honey Pot Pocosin, & an abbreviated desc follows: "beg at a maple in David Sumner's line E to a pine then nearly S to Etheldred Boyt's line & to a corner...nearly W to William W Riddick's line...to a corner...signed Miles Parker Hillory Willey. This shows that Etheldred still owned land in this area aft selling 90 ac on Honey Pot. In the same deed Bk 8, he is also listed as Etheldred B GATLING in 3 deeds: 1) p 34 dtd 6 Mar 1809 Etheldred B GATLING sold to Jonathan ROGERS for \$122.50...50 acs of land, part of a patent to Thomas JERNIGAN dtd 2 Feb 1719, land that Henry DILDAY purchased of Henry GOODMAN, dec & bounded beg at a litewood(sic) stump a corner of William GOODMAN Sr & Isaac PIPKIN Sr & sd Henry DILDAY... running to a new line ...to William GATLING...[signed] Etheldred B Gatling Selah (Celia) X Goodman; 2) p169: On 29 Aug 1812 Henry GOODMAN, "sheriff, sold to Etheldred Boyt Gatling...248 acs of land belonging(sic) to William Gatling & bounded by John Cross, Isaac Lee, & Etheldred B Gatling...sold to highest bidder Etheldred B Gatling...\$400." 3) p257. On 17 Sep 1812 Etheldred B Gatling sold 4 Negroes: Kedar age 6, Jerry 6, Frances Sara 4, & Ben 3 to William LEE for \$473.33 ½. An estate sale was held on 2 Jun 1808, & Etheldred B GATLING's name is the 2nd buyer; by the end of the p & thereafter he is listed as E B GATLING (Anc im 24070 of 87340). At the sale, Etheldred B GATLING bought a mare, colt, new gun, farm equipment, 16 barrels of corn, 5 maple chairs, & more at his gfather's est sale; his purchases totaled \$275.87 (Anc im 2405?of 87340). Im 24075 of 87340 lists David BOYT who purchased Lots # 9 & 16 (stock of bees); Jonathan BOYCE purchased lot #4. "Wm Goodman & Isaac Pipkin" signed as execs (im 24077). Etheldred's step-grandmother Celia GATLING sued her husb's est for dower in Aug

1808. "Etheldred Gatling alias Boyt" was subpoenaed (as well as several others) to appear in Superior Court Apr term 1809 in settling his grandfather's est; his summons dtd 10 Oct 1808. An online transcribed rec of the Sup court calendar & a GATLING fam hist shows his middle name as BOYD; however no BOYDs liv in Gates Co btw 1788 & 1820 according to tax, land, census, and court recs for Gates Co. On 10 Oct 1808 the Gates Co sheriff was ordered to summon "David Harrell Henry Copeland Henry Goodman Wm Goodman Etheldred Boyt & Miles Gatling" to appear bef the Superior Court judge for Gates Co in Mar 1809 to testify re Wm Gatling Sr's dec'd in a controversial matter. "The Executor {Celia} is Plft & William Gatling Junr is Deft" (Anc im 24100 of 87340). Im 24094 is dtd 11 Apr 1809 & signed "William Gatling"; it states that res of Nansemond Co VA were needed to testify in the Superior court case but were not informed & failed to attend.

In digitized court recs, im 24096 shows a summons for David BOYET, Lam(l)(sic) SMITH, & William GOODMAN ... to appear bef the Superior Court in Gates Co on "behalf of The Exors of William Gatling at this term"...dtd 9 Apr 1810. Elijah JONES was summoned to appear at Superior court for Gates Co at the court house in Gates on 10 Apr 1809 (Im24098). Etheldred B GATLING was ordered to serve as juror for Co Court Aug 1809 (p632). In Aug 1809 Etheldred B GATLING ordered to Superior court as juror (p637). On 21 Aug 1809 Etheldred B GATLING ordered to serve on grand jury (p634). In Aug 1810 Etheldred BOYT was ordered to Superior court as juror for Sep 1810 (p671).

Although the estate papers are unorganized, Im 24123 & 24124 of 87340 show that before her marriage to William GOODMAN, Celia GATLING, Relict of Wm GATLING decd, appealed the dower laid out for her; the inside shows date as Aug term 1808 & gives her statement for the appeal as her decd husb (William GATLING) had "Possessed of Four other Tracts of Land" which were not considered. In May court 1809 Etheldred B GATLING & (his step grandmother who had remd) Celia GOODMAN's sale of land to Jonathan ROGERS was proven on oath of Richard BARNES Esq (p629). Im 24119 of 87340 shows that the dower case continued in Superior court during Oct term 1810. Im 24103 lists the costs for witnesses incl David BOYETT. This tri-fold paper shows the date in the middle section as Oct term 1811. Another paper in this file (Im 24105) shows David's name spelled BOYATT & that he attended court 4 days as a wit for the plaintiff for travelling 120 miles. He was paid 2£ for 4 days, & 2£ for 4 trips of 30 miles each day (thus 15 miles one way) {calculations show that this could be the area near Sumerton in Nansemond Co., VA}. Im 24121 lists land laid off for Celia GATLING GOODMAN's dower; Etheldred B GATLING owned adj land on Beaverdam sw. Im 24128 shows a detailed list for her appeal on 29 Aug 1812.

In 1810 the census shows him as "Etheldred Boyt"; he is listed btw Isaac LEE & George WILLIAMS; on the other side of them are Richard BARNES & Mills LEWIS. No other BOYTs or GATLINGS are shown on this p; he & his wife are shown as b btw 1785 & 1794 (which must be an error if compared with the children's ages). He is only male in HH; they had 3 daus: 1 b btw 1795 & 1800, & 2 btw 1801 & 1810 & 16 slaves (btw stmped p112&113). In this 1810 census of 10 entries on p 22, 6 are connected w/ Etheldred BOYT GATLING's est (p853).

In Nov 1812 a deed of sale from Henry GOODMAN Esqr sheriff to Etheldred BOYT was proven in court (Bk 4 p774). Sometime bef 20 Oct 1814, Etheldred & wife sold 2 land parcels to John ODOM of Gates Co, proven in court Aug 1815 (Bk2pp980-101). Etheldred's land rec desc it adj a cart path, a main road, & adj James GATLING. Etheldred also owned land which lay adj William GATLING Sr's on Beaverdam sw as listed in dower right of William GATLING's widow Mrs Celia (BOND) GATLING who m (2nd or 3rd) 20 Feb 1809 to William GOODMAN; thus, in most of William Sr's probate file & court case, she is listed as Mrs Celia Goodman.

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Etheldred's father-in-law Benjamin BARNES liv in Gates Co in 1786 (p324im5of17); his will was probated in Gates Co in 1809. Benjamin's will clearly states 1 of his dau's names as "Elizabeth Boyt" & shows her husb as Etheldred BOYT (Bk1pp48-50 & Anc im 2585of87340). Elizabeth recd \$183.26 of her father's est. Dur a court session in Aug 1810, Etheldred BOYT was called to serve on a jury for Gates Co for Sep 1810 term (Bk3p671).

In Feb 1817, the court ordered Isaac PIPKIN, Henry GOODMAN, James GATLING, & Etheldred B GATLING to audit the accts of David BOYCE(sic) Adm of Martha BOYCE(sic) decd; they were also ordered to divide her estate (Bk4p967). In Aug 1817 PIPKIN, GATLING, & Etheldred B GATLING settled the estate & accts of Martha BOYD(sic) w/ adm David BOYT (sic). Does this show a connection? Martha BOYT was married to James BOYT; could James or David be Etheldred's biological father?

Etheldred & fam liv in Gates Co on 7 Aug 1820; the census shows that his 2 sons were b btw 1811-1820 & he & wife were under 44 yrs; their daus included 4 b btw 1811 & 1820 & 1 b btw 1785 & 1804. He owned 25 slaves.

Etheldred's wife prob d bef he wrote his will as she is not mentioned. He wrote his will in Gates Co "being sick and Weak of Body..." on 14 Nov 1825; it was probated in Gates Co. He d bef 27 Dec 1827 in Gates Co & left as heirs several under-age children: Richard B, John B, Eliza B, Harriet B, Mary Jane B, & Martha B; several children required guardians. Many guardianship docs show his name as Etheldred BOYT or Etheldred GATLING alias BOYT. The court aptd John D PIPKIN as guardian of Etheldred's son Richard BOYT. PIPKIN was ordered "to appear before...JP for said county to answer the complaint of Micael (sic) Howell in a "plea of debt \$50 due by amount which he fails to pay. Summons Mr GOODMAN Eqr for Plaintiff." (This Mr GOODMAN may be Etheldred's step gfather). The order was signed John WILLEY (Ancim3of3).

Note: Because each of his heir's middle initial was B, it seems that Etheldred gave all his children the middle name BOYT. Etheldred used as his surname BOYT at least until 1810, but some of his children's guardianship papers refer to their father as Etheldred GATLING alias

BOYT, & a 1906 *History of Hertford Co* lists his dau as Harriet BOYETTE. He willed his son John B GATLING “the Tract of Land Called the Long Field Adjoining the lands of Isaac Pipkin, the heirs of Henry Copeland & others also my large Gun and Blowing Horn”; to his son Richard B. GATLING “the Tract of Land Where I now live” on N sd of Beaver Dam sw also my Gun. He willed the Old Plantation Tract of Land that I Purchased of William GATLING (his maternal grandfather) & the Tract of land whereon George GATLING “formerly lived Shall be Sold by my Executors and the Money arising from Such Sale to be Equally Divided amongst my Daughters Namely Emily B. Gatling, Martha B. Gatling Elizabeth B. Gatling, Mary Jane B. Gatling and Harriet B. Gatling...” He also willed his youngest 3 daus \$200 ea for clothes & education. “I Give all my Negroes to be Equally Divided amongst all my Children Namely Emila(sic) B. Gatling Marth (sic) B. Gatling John B. Gatling Elizabeth B. Gatling, Richard B. Gatling Mary Jane B. Gatling and Harriet B. Gatling to them & their Heirs forever.” He also willed that all perishable goods be sold and after just debts paid; “the Residue to be Equally Divided amongst all my Children” (their names were listed again).

He appointed Isaac PIPKIN and Lewis EURE as his exec & dtd his will on 14 Nov 1825. Leml(sic) GOODMAN & Will GOODMAN (Jr) witd it. He signed his will “E.B. GATLING”& sealed it, but his signature does not match the handwriting of the will. It was accepted in Feb court 1826 w/ Lewis EURE as witness & on oath of William GOODMAN. The Executors were duly qualified.

His land lay on Beaverdam ck or swp adj William GATLING, Isaac PIPKIN, et al. This land is in the NW corner of Gates Co; just S of Somerton Ck & E of Chowan Rv. On 24 Jan 1831 & on 27 Dec 1835, his son Richard B was still under the guardianship of Col John D PIPKIN (23555-23473of87340). In 1834 the surviving children & Mary Jane, heirs, jointly petitioned the court to sell 2 tracts of land & divide the money between the heirs; this was done & a division of \$515.50 was made. His estate records & guardianship papers for his children number over 100 p. He owned an extensive estate. His youngest son Richard “Boyat”’s guardian was John D. PIPKIN on 18 Aug 1831 (im589of1964).

#### **Etheldred & Elizabeth (BARNES) BOYT-GATLING’s Children all b Gates Co:**

Emma/Emila/Emily B (b cal 1813) & m Job/e R HALL (b cal 1806) who d bef Nov 1858 when ct recs show her as wd of Job R & that he d intestate in Gates Co (im27912of87340); Marth[a] B m James PRUDEN on 27 Jan 1832 in Gates Co; John B; Margaret Elizabeth B GATLING m William STRODE on 2 Jul 1830 in Gates Co & (2) a DARDEN; Richard B; Mary Jane B (b cal 1818) & m John S ROBERTS (b 1803 NC) bef 1834; & Harriet Laura BOYETTE b 10 Nov 1820 Gates, m Albert Gallatin VANN (b 1813 & d 1877) on 19 Dec 1838 in Gates Co, & d 8 Sep 1857 in Hertford Co. [GCNCC, NCEFGNC, CRGNC, MRGNC, CRGNC, 79GNC, 80GNC, 81GNC, 82GNC, HHCNC, WBGNC, GCNCH, GCNCD, GCNCEFI, GNCAnc, GCNCW, GCNCMB, MRGNC1, NCSEr, NCESGNC]

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