

Estate of John W. Guion (d. 1842) — Complete Family Clusters & Distribution

Craven County, NC | November 1842 inventory + January 1843 distribution | All 34 enslaved persons accounted for  
EVIDENCE SUMMARY: Mother-child relationships explicitly recorded by the commissioners using '(child of [name])' notation. Distribution data now COMPLETE across both pages of the probate (p.1 valuations + p.2 allotments to all eight heirs, signed Jan. 10, 1843 by Will. J. Blackledge, W. Hollister, Thos. Sparrow, John M. Roberts). Peach-shaded rows indicate documented mother-child separations enacted by the distribution. The naming convention 'Sam Spotts' (the only enslaved person with a surname recorded) likely reflects prior ownership/transfer history and is a high-value search anchor for post-Emancipation Census work.

| Name                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Age in 1842 | Valuation (\$) | Projected Age 1870 | Projected Age 1880 | Distributed To            | Notes                                                                                                                              |
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| CLUSTER 1 — Nanny and her children (three generations)                                                                                                                                                            |             |                |                    |                    |                           |                                                                                                                                    |
| Nanny                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 59          | \$25           | 87                 | 97                 | Mrs. Mary Guion (widow)   | Elder mother; valued with old Hannah for \$25 combined. Allotted to widow.                                                         |
| ↳ Ben                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 20          | \$500          | 48                 | 58                 | Mrs. Mary Guion (widow)   | Adult son — KEPT WITH MOTHER in distribution                                                                                       |
| ↳ Moses                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11          | \$350          | 39                 | 49                 | Mrs. Mary Guion (widow)   | KEPT WITH MOTHER in distribution                                                                                                   |
| ↳ Louisa                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 23          | \$575          | 51                 | 61                 | Alexander Henderson Guion | Adult daughter with her 2 children Charles & Owen (see Cluster 2). SEPARATED from Nanny — went to A.H. Guion with her own children |
| ↳ Nanny, Ben, and Moses stayed together under Mary Guion. Louisa with her infants Charles & Owen were taken to Alexander Henderson Guion — separating the elder mother from her adult daughter and grandchildren. |             |                |                    |                    |                           |                                                                                                                                    |

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| CLUSTER 2 — Louisa and her children (extension of Cluster 1, intact)                                                |          |       |    |    |                           |                                                                             |
| Louisa                                                                                                              | 23       | \$575 | 51 | 61 | Alexander Henderson Guion | Daughter of Nanny. Grouped with her two children under one \$575 valuation. |
| ↳ Charles                                                                                                           | 7 months | —     | 28 | 38 | Alexander Henderson Guion | Infant; kept with mother                                                    |
| ↳ Owen                                                                                                              | 3        | —     | 31 | 41 | Alexander Henderson Guion | Toddler; kept with mother                                                   |
| ↳ Louisa and her two children kept intact as a unit — but separated from her mother Nanny and brothers Ben & Moses. |          |       |    |    |                           |                                                                             |

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| CLUSTER 3 — Eliza and her children                                                                              |    |       |    |    |                  |                                                                                             |
| Eliza                                                                                                           | 26 | \$400 | 54 | 64 | Isaac Guion      | Prime working-age mother. Grouped with daughter Harriet under one \$500 valuation by Isaac. |
| ↳ Harriet                                                                                                       | 3  | \$110 | 31 | 41 | Isaac Guion      | KEPT WITH MOTHER — grouped with Eliza under \$500 to Isaac                                  |
| ↳ Cicero                                                                                                        | 5  | \$150 | 33 | 43 | Haywood W. Guion | SEPARATED from mother — 5-year-old taken to Haywood W. Guion                                |
| ↳ Eliza kept her toddler Harriet but lost her 5-year-old son Cicero to Haywood W. Guion. Documented separation. |    |       |    |    |                  |                                                                                             |

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| CLUSTER 4 — Suky and her children — LARGEST FAMILY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |       |    |    |                  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| Suky                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 40    | \$250 | 68 | 78 | John A. Guion    | Mother of six (possibly more). Grouped with Julia & Adeline under \$500 to John A. Guion.                                                              |
| ↳ Adeline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2     | \$100 | 30 | 40 | John A. Guion    | KEPT WITH MOTHER — grouped in \$500 with Suky and Julia                                                                                                |
| ↳ Julia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4 1/2 | \$150 | 32 | 42 | John A. Guion    | KEPT WITH MOTHER — grouped in \$500 with Suky and Adeline                                                                                              |
| ↳ Jane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 15    | \$400 | 43 | 53 | John A. Guion    | KEPT IN HOUSEHOLD — same heir as mother, separate valuation                                                                                            |
| ↳ Hannah                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10    | \$350 | 38 | 48 | Haywood W. Guion | SEPARATED from mother — taken to Haywood W. Guion                                                                                                      |
| ↳ Sam Spotts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10    | \$250 | 38 | 48 | Henry T. Guion   | SEPARATED from mother — the ONLY enslaved person with a surname recorded ('Spotts'), suggesting prior ownership history. High-value 1870 search anchor |
| ↳ Hetty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 17    | \$400 | 45 | 55 | Isaac Guion      | SEPARATED from mother — eldest, taken to Isaac Guion                                                                                                   |
| ↳ Six children documented, scattered across FOUR different heirs. Suky retained Adeline (2), Julia (4½), and Jane (15) but lost Hannah (10) to Haywood, Sam Spotts (10) to Henry, and Hetty (17) to Isaac. This is the most documented family separation in the inventory. Hannah and Sam Spotts at age 10 may be twins. NOTE: A second Hannah (age 12, child of Ferebee) also exists — do not conflate. |       |       |    |    |                  |                                                                                                                                                        |

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| CLUSTER 5 — Ferebee (absent mother) and her children |    |       |    |    |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Ferebee (enslaved)                                   | —  | —     | —  | —  | — NOT IN ROSTER —     | IMPORTANT: THIS Ferebee is the ENSLAVED woman, NOT Miss Ferebee E. Guion (the white heiress). The mother Ferebee does not appear in the 1842 inventory, but the                                                                                                    |
| ↳ Fanny / Frances                                    | 17 | \$400 | 45 | 55 | Henry T. Guion        | Page 1 lists 'Fanny (child of Ferebee)' age 17 \$400; page 2 distribution to Henry T. lists 'Frances (child of Ferebee)' \$400'. Same person — Fanny/Frances. Eldest of Ferebee's                                                                                  |
| ↳ Hannah                                             | 12 | \$300 | 40 | 50 | Benjamin J. Guion     | NOT the same as Hannah (child of Suky). Distributed to Benjamin J. Guion.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ↳ Stephen                                            | 8  | \$250 | 36 | 46 | Miss Ferebee E. Guion | Stephen taken to the WHITE HEIRESS named Ferebee — the namesake echo is striking. The enslaved Ferebee's son distributed to the heiress whose name matches his absent papers. All three of Ferebee's children separated from each other and from any maternal kin. |

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| UNATTACHED ADULTS & CHILDREN — no maternal kinship recorded |    |       |    |    |                  |       |
| George                                                      | 61 | \$125 | 89 | 99 | Haywood W. Guion | Elder |

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| Frank (old)   | 61 | \$100 | 89 | 99  | Miss Ferebee E. Guion     | Elder; distinguished from Frank (young)                                                                                 |
| Ned           | 54 | \$250 | 82 | 92  | John A. Guion             |                                                                                                                         |
| Joe           | 56 | \$250 | 84 | 94  | Isaac Guion               |                                                                                                                         |
| Scipio        | 56 | \$200 | 84 | 94  | Alexander Henderson Guion | Confirmed as 'Sipe' per page 2 (earlier I had transcribed uncertain as Sipo/Sipe)                                       |
| Frank (young) | 44 | \$250 | 72 | 82  | Mrs. Mary Guion           | Distinguished from Frank (old)                                                                                          |
| Daniel        | 31 | \$500 | 59 | 69  | Miss Ferebee E. Guion     | Highest-valued adult                                                                                                    |
| Kit           | 35 | \$500 | 63 | 73  | Haywood W. Guion          | Highest-valued; prime working age                                                                                       |
| Bob           | 37 | \$450 | 65 | 75  | Henry T. Guion            |                                                                                                                         |
| Bill          | 39 | \$425 | 67 | 77  | Benjamin J. Guion         | Confirmed as 'Bill' per page 2 (matches Benjamin J. allotment)                                                          |
| Hannah (old)  | 71 | \$0   | 99 | 109 | Mrs. Mary Guion           | Valued at ZERO. Elder beyond commodified labor age, still parceled out alongside Nanny.                                 |
| Clarissa      | 25 | \$400 | 53 | 63  | Benjamin J. Guion         | No children recorded — possible mother whose children predeceased or were sold prior                                    |
| Esther        | 15 | \$400 | 43 | 53  | Alexander Henderson Guion | Teenager — possibly child of an enslaved adult not named here                                                           |
| Frances       | 11 | \$250 | 39 | 49  | Miss Ferebee E. Guion     | Child with no mother named — research as orphan or sold-mother case. Distinct from Fanny/Frances (child of Ferebee) age |
| Becky         | 60 | \$25  | 88 | 98  | John A. Guion             | Elder                                                                                                                   |

EVIDENTIARY SUMMARY — DOCUMENTED SEPARATIONS (8 total):

- Cluster 1: Louisa (with infants Charles & Owen) separated from her mother Nanny and brothers Ben & Moses.  
Cluster 3: Cicero (age 5) separated from his mother Eliza.  
Cluster 4: Hannah (10), Sam Spotts (10), and Hetty (17) separated from their mother Suky.  
Cluster 5: Fanny/Frances (17), Hannah (12), and Stephen (8) all separated from each other; mother Ferebee absent from roster.

CORRECTION FROM PRIOR VERSION: What was transcribed as 'Lewjetta' on page 1 is actually 'SAM SPOTTS' — confirmed by cross-referencing page 2 where Henry T. Guion's allotment lists 'Sam Spotts \$250.' Sam is the only enslaved person in this inventory recorded with a surname, which is a critical research lead. The Spotts surname likely indicates either prior ownership by a Spotts family or a name carried forward from a parent. This makes Sam Spotts the most uniquely searchable individual on the 1870/1880 Census — given names like Hannah, Hetty, and Stephen recur, but 'Sam Spotts' is highly distinctive.

- EIGHT HEIRS, FULL DISTRIBUTION (each share = \$1,134.37%):
- Mrs. Mary Guion (widow): Frank young, Ben, old Hannah & Nanny, Moses
  - Miss Ferebee E. Guion: Daniel, old Frank, Frances (age 11), Stephen
  - Haywood W. Guion: Kit, George, Hannah (child of Juky), Cicero
  - Henry T. Guion: Bob, Sam Spotts, Frances/Fanny (child of Ferebee)
  - Benjamin J. Guion: Bill, Clarissa, Hannah (daughter of Ferebee)
  - Alexander Henderson Guion: Sipe, Esther, Louisa & Charles & Owen
  - Isaac Guion: Joe, Hetty (child of Juky), Eliza & Harriet
  - John A. Guion: Ned, Becky, Juky & Julia & Adeline, Jane (daughter of Juky)

Signed at Newbern, January 10, 1843, by commissioners Will. J. Blackledge, W. Hollister, Thos. Sparrow, and John M. Roberts.