

Descendants of John Patterson

Generation 1

1. **JOHN¹ PATTERSON** was born about 1730 in Scotland. He died about 1786 in Cabarrus Co., NC. He married **ELIZABETH (ALEXANDER??)**. She was born date Unknown. She died in 1864 in Cabarrus Co., NC.






Notes for John Patterson:


John Patterson was born about 1730 in Scotland. He arrived in Philadelphia in 1748. In 1737 Henry McCulloh, a merchant was granted 1,200,000 acres of land in North Carolina. Around 1760 the great tide of movement came to the Southern Colonies--Alexanders, Pattersons, Jacks, Polks, Pattons, Caldwelles, Wallaces, Wilsons, Clarks, Rosses, and Browns settled in the eastern part of Mecklenburg County(now Cabarrus)(Sketches of Western NC, Hunter). These people were sponsored by Henry McCulloh, who owned land in NC. JOHN served as Tax Assessor of Mecklenburg County from 1778. He lived in District 18. He was married to Elizabeth thought to be an Alexander. He is first found in the records of Anson County. Rowan County was formed from Anson County in 1753. On March 25, 1752, William Alexander bought 640 acres in Anson Co., joining John Patterson and Samuel Blythe. On Jan. 12, 1753, William Alexander, merchant, sold land to Joshua Nichols, Planter. These 640 acres were adjacent to John Patterson's land. On April 6, 1753 Griffith Rutherford bought 700 acres in Anson Co. On May 9, 1753, John Patterson bought 250 acres in Bladen Co. at the head of a branch of Rockfish Creek being the place where William Gilmore did live. On Jan. 28 and 29, 1754, William Alexander, merchant, sold 496 acres of land on the North side of the Cuttaba, south side of 12-mile Creek to John Patterson of Rowan. On February 14, and 15, 1754, John Patterson and wife Elizabeth, his wife of Rowan, sold 496 acres (as described above) to William Nutt, Jr. of Anson County. On Dec. 21, 1761, John Patterson bought 628 acres in Rowan County on the Waters of Sills Creek joining James Erwin, Johnsua Nichols, and Samuel Blythe. (This John Patterson may be the father of Robert who married Rhoda Witt and moved to Tennessee). On Oct. 6 and 7, 1763 John Burnet and wife Mary of Rowan County, sold 250 acres of land in Mecklenburg County on Coldwater Creek adjacent to Earl Granville's line to John Patterson. The witnesses were John Haggin, Martin Phifer, and John Patton. On July 6, 1772, Henry Fashparmon and wife Cristiana of Mecklenburg sold 100 acres on Coldwater Creek to John Patterson. On April 13, 1774, Thomas Polk, Abraham Alexander, and Jeremiah McCafferty of Mecklenburg sold to John Patterson and Will Patterson, Jr. lots 197 and 194 on the North side of Tryon Street in Charlotte. John died Oct. 16, 1788, and is thought to be buried in Barberick Cemetery, Concord, NC. His will is filed in Will Book 17, Mecklenburg County, now stored in Raleigh. His will was witnessed by Hugh Patterson who served in the Revolutionary War. ***Please note that DAR Patriot Index records state that a John Patterson in Cabarrus County born 1730 in Ireland and died after 16 October 1786 was in Patriot service. Listed as in Civil Service.***

Generation 1 (cont.)

John Patterson and Elizabeth (Alexander??) had the following children:

2. i. ALEXANDER² PATTERSON SR. was born about 1756. He died on Jul 02, 1829 in Cabarrus Co., NC. He married Barbara Jane Gilmer on Jan 02, 1775. She was born date Unknown. She died date Unknown. 
- ii. ROBERT PATTERSON. 
- iii. CHARLES PATTERSON. 

Generation 2





2. **ALEXANDER² PATTERSON SR.** (John¹) was born about 1756. He died on Jul 02, 1829 in Cabarrus Co., NC. He married Barbara Jane Gilmer on Jan 02, 1775. She was born date Unknown. She died date Unknown. 

Notes for Alexander Patterson Sr.:

Alexander Patterson, Sr. served in the American Revolution and on the payroll of Capt. Samuel Reid, August 9, 1780. He received two gold buttons from George Washington. They were donated to Cabarrus County. He is buried in Barberick Family Graveyard in northern Cabarrus county.



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Alexander Patterson Sr. and Barbara Jane Gilmer had the following children:

- i. NELSON³ PATTERSON. 
3. ii. ALEXANDER PATTERSON JR. was born on Jan 26, 1798. He died on Oct 24, 1850 in China Grove, NC. He married Jemima Martin, daughter of Richard Martin and Mary ?, on Dec 27, 1820 in Cabarrus Co., NC. She was born on Jan 01, 1799. She died on Nov 19, 1864 in China Grove, NC. 
4. iii. ROBERT ALLEN PATTERSON was born on Mar 20, 1802. He died on Jan 08, 1858 in Rowan County, NC. He married Salome Schullenberger on Oct 12, 1820. She was born date Unknown. She died date Unknown in Rowan County, NC. 
- iv. JOHN A. PATTERSON was born on Mar 13, 1804. He died on Aug 14, 1824 in Cabarrus Co., NC. 

Notes for John A. Patterson:

John A. Patterson is buried in same cemetery as Alexander Patterson, Sr. Age 20 years old. Connection between John A. & Alexander, Sr. is not positive.

- v. ELIZABETH LAWRENCE PATTERSON was born about 1795. She died in Oct 1864. 
- vi. SARAH PATTERSON was born about 1800. She married John Brantley on Mar 24, 1821 in Cabarrus Co., NC. 

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Generation 3 (cont.)

3. **ALEXANDER³ PATTERSON JR.** (Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on Jan 26, 1798. He died on Oct 24, 1850 in China Grove, NC. He married Jemima Martin, daughter of Richard Martin and Mary ?, on Dec 27, 1820 in Cabarrus Co., NC. She was born on Jan 01, 1799. She died on Nov 19, 1864 in China Grove, NC.



Notes for Alexander Patterson Jr.:

Alexander Patterson, Jr. is buried at Mt. Zion Reformed Church cemetery, China Grove, Rowan Co., NC.

N 35'33.410' W 080'35.643' This cemetery is only 5.7 miles from his fathers burial place.

Notes for Jemima Martin:

Jemima Martin Patterson is buried at Mt. Zion Reformed Church cemetery, China Grove, NC N 35'33.410' W 080'35.643'

Alexander Patterson Jr. and Jemima Martin had the following children:

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 - i. **WILLIAM ALLEN⁴ PATTERSON** was born on Mar 24, 1826 in Concord, NC. He died on Jul 05, 1892 in Concord, NC. He married Laura Albertine Suther, daughter of David Suther and Sophie Cress, on Sep 16, 1850 in Cabarrus Co., NC. She was born on Mar 09, 1833 in Concord, NC. She died on Dec 30, 1908 in Concord, NC.
 - ii. **JOHN I. PATTERSON.**
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 - iii. **ELAM ALEXANDER PATTERSON** was born on May 04, 1824. He died on Apr 07, 1887. He married **BARBARA MARIA KETNER**. She was born on Feb 01, 1831. She died on Oct 07, 1852.
 - iv. **JOSEPH A. PATTERSON.** He died on Nov 11, 1862.

Notes for Joseph A. Patterson:
Served in 7th. Infantry C company.
 - v. **CHARLES PATTERSON.**
 - vi. **GEORGE M. PATTERSON.**
 - vii. **SARAH A. B. PATTERSON.**
 - viii. **MARY L. PATTERSON.**



4. **ROBERT ALLEN³ PATTERSON** (Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on Mar 20, 1802. He died on Jan 08, 1858 in Rowan County, NC. He married Salome Schullenberger on Oct 12, 1820. She was born date Unknown. She died date Unknown in Rowan County, NC.



Robert Allen Patterson and Salome Schullenberger had the following children:

- i. **SIMPSON GERHARDT⁴ PATTERSON** was born on Sep 27, 1831. He died on Mar 08, 1908 in Rowan Co. NC. He married Mary Jane Carrigan on Feb 24, 1859. She was born on Jun 22, 1836. She died on Dec 02, 1915.



Generation 3 (cont.)

Notes for Simpson Gerhardt Patterson:

Simpson Patterson enlisted in Confederate Army on September 1, 1862. Company "H" 8th. Regiment.

- ii. MARY ANN PATTERSON was born date Unknown.
- iii. MARGARET PATTERSON was born date Unknown.
- iv. ELIZABETH PATTERSON was born date Unknown.
- v. IBSEN FRANKLIN PATTERSON. He died in China Grove, NC. He married MARIA LOUISA LOW.



Notes for Ibsen Franklin Patterson:

Ibsen F. Patterson enlisted in Confederate Army on June 7, 1861. Company "A" 12th. Regiment. Had his arm amputated at Chancellorsville, Va.

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- 5. **WILLIAM ALLEN⁴ PATTERSON** (Alexander³ Jr., Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on Mar 24, 1826 in Concord, NC. He died on Jul 05, 1892 in Concord, NC. He married Laura Albertine Suther, daughter of David Suther and Sophie Cress, on Sep 16, 1850 in Cabarrus Co., NC. She was born on Mar 09, 1833 in Concord, NC. She died on Dec 30, 1908 in Concord, NC.



Notes for William Allen Patterson:

2nd. Lt. Patterson served in Company "E" 33rd. near Kinston, NC. Enlisted at age 40. Appointed to 2nd. Lt. on or about September 20, 1861. He saw service in New Bern area in February 1862. Resigned commission on April 23, 1864 due to health reasons. A military MD named Bingham signed a letter asking that Lt. Patterson be excused from service. Company was in Middleton, NC - Sept. Dec. 1861. New Bern - Feb. 1862. Kinston, NC - Mar. Nov. 1862. Dec. 1862 - Winchester, Va. to Fredericksburg, Va. Marched 175 miles in 13 days. Engaged in action Fredericksburg Dec. 13th. 1862.










General Robert E. Lee, CSA commanding
III Army Corps Lt. Gen. Ambrose P. Hill

Pender's Division Maj. Gen. William D. Pender
Lane's 2nd. Brigade Brig. Gen. James H. Lane
33rd. NC. Col. Clark M. Avery


This division saw battle at Gettysburg which included the 33rd. NC.

William Allen Patterson and Laura Albertine Suther had the following children:

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7. i. JOHN RICHARD⁵ PATTERSON was born on Jun 19, 1851 in Concord, NC. He died on Jul 18, 1934 in Concord, NC. He married Mary Lucretia Propst, daughter of Capt. William Propst and Henritta Carolina Ritchie, on Feb 03, 1876. She was born on Mar 06, 1857. She died on Nov 16, 1889 in Concord, NC. 
- ii. CATHERINE JEMIMA PATTERSON was born on Nov 09, 1853 in Concord, NC. She died on Jun 02, 1939. She married Herman C. Quantz on Dec 25, 1873. He was born date Unknown. He died date Unknown. 
- iii. MARIA CRESS PATTERSON was born on Apr 02, 1856 in Concord, NC. She died on Jun 14, 1922. She married John N. Maxwell on Oct 15, 1874. He was born date Unknown. He died date Unknown. 
- iv. LAURA RINDA PATTERSON was born on Jan 07, 1860 in Concord, NC. She died on Aug 25, 1912. She married Walter Kimmons on Feb 15, 1877. He was born date Unknown. He died date Unknown. 
- Notes for Laura Rinda Patterson:
Laura married John T. Trexler 1-27-1887...married Nelson E. Earnhardt.. no date.
8. v. EDWIN MILAS PATTERSON SR. was born on May 06, 1862 in Concord, NC. He died on Nov 10, 1950. He married SADDIE JANET WILEY. She was born on Jun 17, 1869 in Neapolis, Va.. She died on Jan 02, 1937. 
- vi. EMMA JANE PATTERSON was born on Oct 09, 1864. She married John I. Shaver on May 05, 1884. He was born date Unknown. He died date Unknown. 
- vii. FANNIE ALEXANDER PATTERSON was born on Aug 22, 1873 in Concord, NC. She married Algenon Cornelison on May 04, 1893. He was born date Unknown. He died on Feb 07, 1956 in Lower Lake, Ca.. 
6. **ELAM ALEXANDER⁴ PATTERSON** (Alexander³ Jr., Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on May 04, 1824. He died on Apr 07, 1887. He married **BARBARA MARIA KETNER**. She was born on Feb 01, 1831. She died on Oct 07, 1852. 
- Elam Alexander Patterson and Barbara Maria Ketner had the following child:
9. i. JOHN KETNER⁵ PATTERSON was born on Apr 24, 1852. He died on Aug 10, 1927. He married ESTER ALEXANDER. She was born on Jun 22, 1860. She died on Nov 09, 1935. 

Generation 5

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NC.

Notes for John Richard Patterson:








Was appointed Registrar for Ward #3 Concord precinct #12 in 1897.

Buried at N35`25.367 W080`35.570




FOR MORE ON THE "PATTERSON FAMILY" PLEASE LOOK AT

<http://www.RowanCounty.info/rowanroots>

John Richard Patterson and Mary Lucretia Propst had the following children:

10. i. LOUIS ALLEN⁶ PATTERSON SR. was born on Sep 28, 1882 in Concord, NC. He died on Apr 02, 1962 in Concord, NC. He married Effie Estella Michael, daughter of Daniel Monroe Michael and Cornelia Fostine Sink, on Mar 05, 1911. She was born on Oct 14, 1889 in Lexington, NC. She died on Nov 04, 1988 in Concord, NC. 
 - ii. ADDIE PATTERSON was born in 1877 in Concord, NC. 
 - iii. EARL PATTERSON was born in 1879 in Concord, NC. 
 - iv. CHARLES LLOYD PATTERSON was born in 1885 in Concord, NC. 
 - v. RAY CAMPBELL PATTERSON was born in 1887 in Concord, NC. 
 11. vi. JOHN ROBERT PATTERSON was born on Nov 10, 1889 in Concord, NC. He died on Feb 19, 1941. He married Mary Ruth McEachern, daughter of Arthur Floyd McEachern and Marsena Sikes, on Apr 14, 1916. She was born on Sep 01, 1896. She died on May 02, 1989. 
8. **EDWIN MILAS⁵ PATTERSON SR.** (William Allen⁴, Alexander³ Jr., Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on May 06, 1862 in Concord, NC. He died on Nov 10, 1950. He married **SADDIE JANET WILEY**. She was born on Jun 17, 1869 in Neapolis, Va.. She died on Jan 02, 1937. 

Edwin Milas Patterson Sr. and Saddle Janet Wiley had the following children:

12. i. JESSIE WILEY⁶ PATTERSON was born on Dec 10, 1896. She died on Jun 26, 1982. She married Lonnie Hubbert Heilig, son of James Knox Polk Heilig and Lucinda Joetta Holshouser, on Dec 24, 1918. He was born on Oct 19, 1898. He died on Jul 13, 1950 in Granite Quarry, NC. 
 13. ii. EDWIN MILAS PATTERSON JR. was born on Mar 12, 1906. He died on Sep 11, 1985 in Spencer, NC. He married Mary Virginia Roderick on Dec 22, 1934 in Spencer, NC. She was born on Nov 09, 1905. She died on Oct 06, 1977. 
9. **JOHN KETNER⁵ PATTERSON** (Elam Alexander⁴, Alexander³ Jr., Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on Apr 24, 1852. He died on Aug 10, 1927. He married **ESTER ALEXANDER**. She was born on Jun 22, 1860. She died on Nov 09, 1935. 

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John Ketner Patterson and Ester Alexander had the following child:

- i. S. KAY⁶ PATTERSON.



Generation 6

10. **LOUIS ALLEN⁶ PATTERSON SR.** (John Richard⁵, William Allen⁴, Alexander³ Jr., Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on Sep 28, 1882 in Concord, NC. He died on Apr 02, 1962 in Concord, NC. He married Effie Estella Michael, daughter of Daniel Monroe Michael and Cornelia Fostine Sink, on Mar 05, 1911. She was born on Oct 14, 1889 in Lexington, NC. She died on Nov 04, 1988 in Concord, NC.



Louis Allen Patterson Sr. and Effie Estella Michael had the following children:

- i. **LOUIS ALLEN⁷ PATTERSON JR.** was born on Dec 24, 1911 in Lexington, NC. He died on Mar 06, 1991 in Concord, NC. He married Nan Lee Justice on Aug 23, 1940 in Mooresville, NC. She was born on Mar 23, 1920 in Mooresville, NC. She died on Aug 17, 2011 in St. Andrews Assisted Living Center, Concord, NC.



Notes for Louis Allen Patterson Jr.:

Louis Patterson entered the Army in April 1943. His service was at Camp Barkley, Texas. He left service in July 1943 due to medical problems.

- ii. **JOHN WILLIAM PATTERSON SR.** was born on Sep 03, 1914 in Concord, NC. He died on Jul 22, 1995 in Salisbury, NC. He married Ruth Ruffy, daughter of Oliver Oscho Ruffy and Nanny Mary Lizer Lemly, on Jan 10, 1943 in Salisbury, NC. She was born on Aug 29, 1923 in Salisbury, NC. She died on May 04, 2005 in Salisbury, NC.



Notes for John William Patterson Sr.:

John Patterson was unable to serve in the military due to medical problems. He did work Wright's Automatic Machine Company, Durham, NC. The building was constructed by the Defense Plant Corporation during World War II to support the manufacturing of gunfire control equipment for the United States Navy. It was later used to build precision instruments here for the U. S. military and later for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. They built bomb sights for military aircraft.

Family history at:

<http://www.RowanCounty.info>

- iii. **FRANK EARL PATTERSON SR.** was born on Dec 28, 1918 in Concord, NC. He died on Nov 28, 2002 in Concord, NC. He married Ruth Mann on Jun 25, 1952 in Concord, NC. She was born on Jul 25, 1935. She died on Nov 14, 2019.



Notes for Frank Earl Patterson Sr.:

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Frank Patterson entered the Army in January 1941. Company E, 30th. Division, 119 Infantry. His unit left Boston and landed in South Hampton, England. They visited France, Belgium, Netherlands & Germany. Were in 5 major battles including the Battle of the Bulge. He left service in September 1945. On 17 December the division rushed south to the Malmedy-Stavelot area to help block the powerful enemy drive in the Battle of the Bulge-the Germans's last attempt to win a decisive victory over the Western Allies. Again the division met the 1st SS Division, and again broke the spearhead of their assault.

After training in the United States for just over two years, the 30th Infantry Division, under the command of Major General Leland Hobbs, arrived in England, 22 February 1944, and trained for the Allied invasion of Normandy until June.

It landed at Omaha Beach, Normandy, on 11 June 1944, five days after the initial D-Day landings of 6 June 1944, secured the Vire-et-Taute Canal, crossed the Vire River on 7 July. Beginning on 25 July, the 30th Division spearheaded the Saint-Lô break-through of Operation Cobra, which was intended to break out of the Normandy beachhead, thus ending the stalemate that had occurred.

During the operation, on both 24 and 25 July, the 30th Division encountered a devastating friendly fire incident. As part of the effort to break out of the Normandy hedgerows, US Army Air Forces (USAAF) bombers from England were sent to carpet bomb a one-by-three-mile corridor of the German defenses opposite the American line. However, USAAF planners, in complete disregard or lack of understanding of their role in supporting the ground attack, loaded the heavy B-24 Liberator and B-17 Flying Fortress bombers with 500-pound bombs, destroying roads and bridges and complicating movement through the corridor, instead of lighter 100-pound bombs intended as antipersonnel devices against German defenders. Air planners switched the approach of attack by 90 degrees without informing ground commanders, thus a landmark road to guide the bombers to the bombing zone was miscommunicated as the point to begin the bombing run. Start point confusion was further compounded by red smoke signals that suddenly blew in the wrong direction, and bombs began falling on the heads of the American soldiers. There were over 100 friendly fire casualties over the two days, including Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, commander of Army Ground Forces.

The division relieved the veteran 1st Infantry Division near Mortain on 6 August. The German drive to Avranches began

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shortly after. The 30th Division clashed with the elite 1st SS Panzer Division, and fierce fighting in place with all available personnel broke out. The division frustrated enemy plans and broke the spearhead of the enemy assault in a violent struggle from 7-12 August. After the liberation of Paris, the division drove east through Belgium, crossing the Meuse River at Visé and Liège on 10 September. Elements of the division entered the Netherlands on 12 September, and Maastricht fell the next day. Moving into Germany and taking up positions along the Wurm River, the 30th Division launched its attack on the heavily defended city of Aachen on 2 October 1944, and succeeded in contacting the 1st Division on 16 October, resulting in the encirclement and takeover of Aachen.

After a rest period, the 30th Division eliminated an enemy salient northeast of Aachen on 16 November, pushed through Alsdorf to the Inde River on 28 November, and then moved to rest areas. On 17 December the division rushed south to the Malmedy-Stavelot area to help block the powerful enemy drive in the Battle of the Bulge-the Germans's last attempt to win a decisive victory over the Western Allies. Again the division met the 1st SS Division, and again broke the spearhead of their assault. The 30th Division launched a counterattack on 13 January 1945 and reached a point 2 miles south of St. Vith, Belgium on 26 January, before leaving the battle and moving to an assembly area near Lierneux on 27 January, and to another near Aachen to prepare for attack deeper into the western edge of Germany at the Roer River. The Roer was crossed on 23 February 1945, near Jülich.

The 30th moved back for training and rehabilitation on 3 March, and on 24 March made its assault crossing of the Rhine. It pursued the enemy across Germany, mopping up enemy pockets of resistance, took Hamelin on 7 April, Braunschweig on 12 April, and helped to reduce Magdeburg on 17 April. The Russians were contacted at Grunewald on the Elbe River. The end of World War II in Europe came soon afterwards and, after a short occupation period, the 30th Division began its return to the United States, arriving on 19 August 1945. The surrender of Japan followed soon, which brought the war to an end, and the division was subsequently deactivated on 25 November 1945. By its disbandment, It had spent a cumulative 282 days in combat and had participated in the campaigns and battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe.

- iv. DOROTHY CORNELIA PATTERSON was born on Oct 09, 1921 in Concord, NC. She died on Nov 05, 2008 in Concord, NC. She married George Bagby Brandon Jr., son of George Bagby



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Brandon Sr and Lillian Suther, on Jul 10, 1943 in Houston, TX. He was born on Jun 29, 1922 in Kannapolis, NC. He died on Jun 30, 2001 in Salisbury, NC.

Notes for George Bagby Brandon Jr.:

2nd. LT. George Brandon (0-711323) entered the Army Air Corp. in March 1943. 93rd. Heavy bomb group. Squadron 330 flying B-24's for General Doolittle. Flew 11 missions and shot down on June 20, 1944. He was a navigator in B-24 # 42-95039. His unit flew to England via Labrador, Iceland and then England. They flew missions all over Europe. On a mission to bomb a synthetic oil refinery, He was shot down near Langenberg (near Poltiz) 16km north-north east of Stettin in swamps. Aircraft was hit under right wing, and went into slow roll to left. When aircraft got half way over it went into a dive. He spent time in POW camp "Stalag Luft #3 in Sagan, Poland". When Russians got to close they were moved to Moosburg, S. Germany. "Stalag 7A". He left service in September 1945. Returned back to USA at Boston.

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Stalag VII A was liberated on 29 April 1945 by Combat Command A of the [[U.S. 14th Armored Division|14th Armored Division]] after a pitched battle with a large defending force of 5,000-7,000 German troops. Foremost among the defending units was the 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division supported by a few remaining self-propelled guns and 88 mm antitank guns. Combat Command A had a total strength of 1,750 officers and men, including only a single company of armored infantrymen. The American force learned of the existence of the camp, and its approximate location only a few hours before the attack. Because so many Allied POWs were in the area,

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the U.S. artillery, a major factor in any attack, was ordered not to fire, and remained silent during the attack. POWs inside the wire heard the Germans open fire on the American liberators as they crossed a bridge leading into Moosburg. The American response was instantaneous. Outnumbered, but not outgunned, the men of the combat command waded into the SS troops with a ferocity and volume of weapons fire that stunned even the most veteran SS officers. Resistance was eliminated, and the camp liberated. Among the 130,000 Allied POWs liberated were 30,000 American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and even a few Marines. It was the largest single liberation of American POWs in the history of the US military. Following the war, the U.S. Army officially designated the 14th Armored Division as the "LIBERATORS" for liberating so many American and Allied POWs from German camps... Returned back to USA at Boston. His pilot was Edward J. Woodward - shot while evading German train guards. CP was Harry M. Purdy. KIA.

Although hundreds of attempts to escape from the camp have been undertaken, Stalag Luft 3 has become world famous because of the "Great Escape" in the night from March 24-25, 1944. It involved the construction of a 336 ft (102 m) long tunnel ("Harry")- the longest ever built in Germany during World War Two. Seventy-six officers escaped. All but three were re-captured and of these, upon the order of Hitler, fifty were turned over to the Gestapo and were executed by shooting.

- v. MARY LILLIAN PATTERSON was born on Apr 06, 1925 in Concord, NC. She married James Russell Shropshire Sr. on Oct 27, 1946 in Concord, NC. He was born on Feb 02, 1927 in Concord, NC. He died on Dec 21, 2006 in Concord, NC.
- vi. MILDRED ANN PATTERSON was born on Jul 13, 1931 in Concord, NC. She died on Jun 19, 2004 in Concord, NC. She married Boyd Archie Biggers, son of John Lemuel Biggers and Annie Ray Bost, on May 23, 1954 in Concord, NC. He was born on Jul 27, 1931 in Charlotte, NC. He died on Sep 03, 2018 in Concord, NC.



Notes for Boyd Archie Biggers:

Boyd Biggers entered the Air Force in December 1950. Military air transport group 580th. for B-29's in Libya. His unit left New York Harbor. His commanding officer was Col. John "Killer" Kane. He left service in December 1954. The 580th and 582d Air Resupply and Communications Wings were established to support operations throughout the Middle East, as well as Western and Soviet-Controlled Europe, and the Soviet Union. Both were activated at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

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More on Killer Kane during WW2. Kane led the third element of an August 1, 1943 B-24 attack against the Rumanian oil fields and refineries at Ploesti. It was one of the most heavily defended sites in Nazi-controlled Europe.

By accident, Kane's element in the attack, the 98th Bombardment Group, also known as the Pyramiders, reached its target out of sequence and after another group had attacked, fully alerting its defenses. Kane assumed the duty of attack commander and, risking his own life, circled the target in his own plane to direct the bombers that attacked the target from treetop level -- and sometimes lower.

By the time Kane's bomber left the target, it had lost an engine, been struck more than 20 times by heavy anti-aircraft artillery fire and had uncountable bullet holes. Kane's decision to circle as the command aircraft also had used up any reserve of fuel the plane had for its return to base in North Africa. Kane's airplane, "Hail Columbia," crash-landed in Cyprus on the return leg.

Of 178 airplanes that left on the raid, 54 never returned.

In one of his last public statements, a foreword to air historian Michael Hill's book *The Desert Rats*, the colonel summed up his feelings about the historic mission.

"I still recall the smoke, fire and B-24s going down, like it was yesterday... Even now, I get a lump in my throat when I think about what we went through ... I didn't get the Medal of Honor. The 98th did."



11. **JOHN ROBERT⁶ PATTERSON** (John Richard⁵, William Allen⁴, Alexander³ Jr., Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on Nov 10, 1889 in Concord, NC. He died on Feb 19, 1941. He married Mary Ruth McEachern, daughter of Arthur Floyd McEachern and Marsena Sikes, on Apr 14, 1916. She was born on Sep 01, 1896. She died on May 02, 1989.



Notes for John Robert Patterson:

Family information on John Robert Patterson submitted by Beverly Jo Patterson Blackwelder.

John Robert Patterson and Mary Ruth McEachern had the following children:

- i. **EDITH MARGARET⁷ PATTERSON** was born on Jul 29, 1917 in Concord, NC. She died on Oct 12, 2009. She married David Paul Bond on Nov 12, 1938. He was born on Sep 23, 1917. He died on Apr 11, 1945. 
- ii. **MARY VIRGINIA PATTERSON** was born on Sep 01, 1919 in Concord, NC. She married Harry Fredrick Fischer on Apr 14, 

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1981. He was born on Sep 29, 1920. He died on Jan 01, 1990.

iii. JOHN ROBERT PATTERSON JR. was born on May 22, 1921 in Concord, NC. He married Marvelle G. Teal on Jul 05, 1942. She was born on Dec 08, 1921.



iv. WILLIAM AUTHUR PATTERSON was born on Oct 05, 1923 in Concord, NC. He died on Oct 07, 1985 in Concord, NC. He married MARGARET MYRICK. She was born on Apr 16, 1926 in Rowan County, NC. She died on Aug 10, 2009 in Concord, NC.



v. ALICE RAE PATTERSON was born on May 11, 1926 in Concord, NC.



vi. JAMES CARL PATTERSON was born on Jun 10, 1929 in Concord, NC.



12. **JESSIE WILEY⁶ PATTERSON** (Edwin Milas⁵ Sr., William Allen⁴, Alexander³ Jr., Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on Dec 10, 1896. She died on Jun 26, 1982. She married Lonnie Hubbert Heilig, son of James Knox Polk Heilig and Lucinda Joetta Holshouser, on Dec 24, 1918. He was born on Oct 19, 1898. He died on Jul 13, 1950 in Granite Quarry, NC.



Lonnie Hubbert Heilig and Jessie Wiley Patterson had the following child:

i. DOUGLAS PATTERSON⁷ HEILIG was born on Sep 05, 1919. He died on Feb 24, 1976. He married Evelyn Mae Tippet on Dec 23, 1942. She was born in 1918.



13. **EDWIN MILAS⁶ PATTERSON JR.** (Edwin Milas⁵ Sr., William Allen⁴, Alexander³ Jr., Alexander² Sr., John¹) was born on Mar 12, 1906. He died on Sep 11, 1985 in Spencer, NC. He married Mary Virginia Roderick on Dec 22, 1934 in Spencer, NC. She was born on Nov 09, 1905. She died on Oct 06, 1977.



Edwin Milas Patterson Jr. and Mary Virginia Roderick had the following child:

i. EDWIN MILAS⁷ PATTERSON III was born on Oct 31, 1938 in Spencer, NC. He married EDNA ROSE TEMPLETON. She was born on Jan 17, 1937 in Salisbury, NC.

