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Husband: **Rodham LUNSFORD** Also known as "George" <sup>1</sup>

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Born: 1762 in Northumberland Co. (?) VA <sup>2,3</sup> (see note 1)  
 Died: May 1841 in Lincoln Co. KY <sup>4</sup> (see note 2)  
 Buried: in Hubble Pl. Lancaster Rd. Lincoln Co. (?) KY <sup>5</sup>  
 Occupation: Farmer  
 Father:  
 Mother:

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Wife: **Clement BALL** <sup>6</sup> Formal name "Clemence"  
 Married: 18 Dec 1786 in Fauquier Co. VA <sup>7</sup> (see note 3)

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Born: Abt 1767 in Fauquier Co. VA  
 Died: 1830-1840 in Lincoln Co. KY  
 Father: Benjamin BALL  
 Mother: Ann (UNKNOWN)

- Common surname variations found in the historical record: Lunsford, Lunceford, Lunce.
- Common given name variations found in the historical record: Rodham, Rhodam, Rody, Clement, Clements, Clemmy.

The birthplace of Rodham Lunsford has been reported as either Northumberland or Lancaster County. These possibilities were presented in many early genealogies apparently based upon the surname being prevalent in these locations. Without doubt he connects to these families but the Lunsford name is found throughout Virginia's Northern Neck in the time frame Rodham would have been born, including Prince William and King George counties. His actual place of birth remains a question.

Likewise, his year of birth is somewhat nebulous. It is generally accepted as 1762 which is based upon his stated age when he filed for his Revolutionary War pension. The census record is very inconsistent in this matter. The year of 1762 falls before the tabular range given in the 1810 census while in the 1840 data it falls later.

Suffice to say that Rodham could not write his name. In all known documents he signed with a mark.

Rodham enlisted in the Virginia Line in Fauquier in March 1779 for a three year term, enrolling in Capt. Butler's Company. His Lieutenant was Phillip Mallory, his Ensign was Ray Heath, and his General was Charles S. Scott. His unit was stationed in Petersburg, Virginia during the Fall of 1779. They then marched to South Carolina where he was taken prisoner at the siege of Charleston in May of 1780. He was detained as a prisoner even following the surrender of Cornwallis. His time of service amounted to 3 years and 9 months. During his captivity he "suffered every sort of privation". In his application of 22 Oct 1832, he states he was 70 years of age. He was granted Pension Number S13803. Re: "Historical Records of Old Crab Orchard Lincoln County, Stanford, Kentucky".

Without question Rodham Lunsford had family in Fauquier County prior to the war. Defining this family unit has proven difficult. Upon his return from the military, Rodham became the administrator for the estate of Amos Lunsford in 1784 and ordered to perform an inventory. This he undertook and it is known that a deed was granted Baldwin Lunsford by Rodham to clear the estate of Amos. Most interesting is that the Administration Bond was signed by "George (X) Lunsford" and that this George was unquestionably Rodham as noted in the court records. Re: March 1784 Court; Minute Book 6, page 255.

More to this is that there was a George Lunsford who left an estate in Fauquier in 1781. His estate was administered by George Carter who, along with George Cordell, posted a bond of £40,000. There is evidence this George Lunsford was a resident of the county of Fauquier as he was a jurist in 1780.

Rodham Lunsford married Clement Ball in 1786. In 1792 Baldwin Lunsford married Ann Ball, Clement's sister. This alone leads one to believe Rodham and Baldwin are brothers, but their relationship to Amos (d. 1784) or George (d. 1781) is not clear.

The children were all born in Fauquier Co. VA. Rodham moved his family to Lincoln Co. KY ca 1807/08, following the signing of the Ball to Ball Deed in which Benjamin acquired his sister Clement's share of their father's estate. He is first listed in the Lincoln Co. KY tax list on 10 Jan 1808 as "Rhodam Lunsford". On the 24 May 1809 list he is listed as "Rwrodum Lunsford" and on the 1811 list as "Rhodunt Lanceford". In each case he is the only white male over age 21 in the household.

Many early genealogies have referred to Clement Ball as "Clementine". Nowhere in the historical record is she referred to as Clementine. While she was generally referred to as Clement and even Clements, her proper name is "Clemence", having been named after her aunt. The given name itself originates with the Owen family of Middlesex County and likely was derived from the surname of the Clemence family.

In his will, Rodham accounted for all his children.

Rodham Lunsford Will of 9 Mar 1841;  
Entered for probate 3 May 1841;  
Lincoln Co. KY Will Book 'N'; pg 216

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In the name of God Amen I Rodham Lunceford of the County of Lincoln and State of Kentucky being of Sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all others. And as I have through the blessing of God lived to a good old age, and calling to mind that it is appointed by devine providence for man to die and after that the judgement, It has pleased God in the world to bless me with some property, and having been blessed with a family of children I deem it my duty to make a distribution of the same Item 1st It is my will and desire after my death that my body be buried in a plain Christian like manner.

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that my executors heareinafter named pay all my just debts if there should be any remaining unpaid at my death, 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter, Betsy who is intermarried with Daniel Ball the following Negroes, to wit, One Negro woman Jenny which negro she now has in possession, and all the children she now has in possession or any she may hereafter have one negro woman by the name of Keziah and her son Milton and all Said Keziah's children younger than Milton, to her the said Betsy Ball and her heirs forever. 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Parks, wife of Reuben Parks the eight hundred and twenty dollars in cash and the negro girl which I heretofore give her which I consider to be one full equal portion of my estate, and it is here fairly understood that she is to have no more of my estate. Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah, wife of William Parks the one thousand and twenty dollars in cash all of which she has heretofore received which I consider to be her full portion of my estate, and it is here fairly understood she is not to have any

more of my estate. 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah who intermarried with Joel Sartain the four hundred and fifty dollars in cash and the two negro girls all of which she has heretofore received which I consider to be her full portion of my estate and it is here fairly understood that she is not to have any more of my estate. 6th It is my will and desire that executors pay over to my four grand children who is children to my deceased daughter Lucinda who intermarried with Charles Adams two hundred dollars each out of my estate as they may arrive at the age of twenty one years, and it is further to be understood, that Said Executor is not to be chargeable with interest until they make application for the money after they become of age. 7th It is further my will and desire and i do hereby give and bequeath to my son Lewis Lunceford the plantation on which I now live containing about three hundred and twenty five acres by deed but he is to have all more or less, Also I give to my said son Lewis all the balance of my negroes and other estate both real and personal of every description after the special legacies are paid of herein named. Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my said Son Lewis Lunceford Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of March eighteen hundred and forty one.

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David Shanks	Mark

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Punctuation and spelling as supplied, courtesy of the DAR.

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- McGhee, Lucy Kate; "Historical Records of Old Crab Orchard: Lincoln County, Stanford, Kentucky"; Pub. unk; Washington, DC (195\_).
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  - Sutherland, James F. (comp.); "Early Kentucky Households 1787 -1811"; Genelaogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore (1986).
  - 1787 Fauquier Co. VA Tax List 'B'; pg. 30 [Rhodam Lunsford (sic)].
  - 1799 Fauquier Co. VA Tax List 'B'; pg. 30 [Rhoda Lumford (sic)].
  - 1810 Lincoln Co. KY; pg. 128 [Roadham Lunceford (sic), Clement, one son and four daughters present].
  - 1820 Lincoln Co. KY; pg. 67-68 [Rodam Lonceford (sic), Clement, one son and two daughters present].
  - 1830 Lincoln Co. KY; pg. 367 [Rhasam Lanceford (sic), and Clement, no children, one apparent granddaughter].
  - 1840 Lincoln Co. KY; pg. 084 [Rodham Lunsford, Clement deceased].
  - Letter of 11 Jan 1991 from Mrs. Mabel Singleton of Norris City IL to James D. Ball of Uniontown OH.

Research notes:

There has been questionable research on Rodham Lunsford of Fauquier Co. Virginia. He is not the son of Rodham Lunsford of Lancaster and Lettice Linton as proposed by many. That Rodham Lunsford (d. 1791) did have a son Rodham by his first wife. This Rodham, Jr married

Sally Cox in 1794 in Lancaster, but Rodham (of this analysis) lived in Fauquier at this time and his wife Clement was alive and well in 1807 for the Ball to Ball land transfer and several chancery causes. Additionally, other linked names, namely Amos and Baldwin, do not seem to connect to the Lunsfords of Lancaster and Northumberland. It is unfortunate some of this erroneous information has been commonly accepted, even by the DAR.

There are three Lunsford family groupings in Fauquier in the late 1700s. First is the Lunsfords of NW Fauquier or the Free State area west of Carters Run. This included Rodham and Baldwin. The second family of Lunsfords were in the southern Fauquier or Hamilton Parish. This family was headed by Jemima Lunsford, widowed by 1778. The third Lunsford family resided in the NE District of Fauquier and included George (d. 1781), Amos (d. 1784), Absalom, and James. George Lunsford appears to have lived near Cedar Run.

The initial years for which these early Lunsfords paid taxes in Fauquier follows:

Absalom	1792, no further information. Resided NE District.
Amos	1781, Resided NE District. Died intestate 1784, Admin. by Rodham Lunsford. Note: Letter of Administration indicates Rodham also may have been known as "George".
Bailey	1789, paid by Jemima and in 1790 by Hazel (Haisle). Resided So. District.
Baldwin	1787, paid by Benjamin Ball. Resided NW District.
George	No tax recorded. Died intestate 1781. Admin. by George Carter. Appears to have resided in NE District.
Haisle	1787, paid by Jemima through 1789. Resided So. District.
James	1796, paid by Richard M. Scott. Resided NE District.
Jemima	1778 (last record 1789). Resided So. District.
Lewis	No year listed, but signed the 1776 religious petition.
Moses	1787, paid by Jemima. Resided So. District.
Nicholas	Bound out to Benjamin Pettit in 1782
Rodham	1784 initial tax year (following the war). Resided NW District.

Lewis Lunsford, listed above was an adult in 1776, over age 21, and thus born before 1755. It is unclear if he connects to the Leeds Parish Lunsfords. Rodham did however have a son named Lewis.

George Lunsford seems to have been a young man when he died. He entered Fauquier from King George where he married Hester Lunsford in 1772. Hester, possibly a cousin, remarried to Simon Bailey in 1781. Bailey also resided in the NE District. It seems plausible Nicholas was the son of George and Hester and was apprenticed when his mother remarried.

Tying the two Lunsford families of Leeds (northern Fauquier) together is Amos whose estate was administered by Rodham who was senior to Baldwin. Rodham may have been the eldest Lunsford available to administer the estate. It is unknown if there was a connection between the family of Jemima Lunsford in Hamilton Parish and those Lunsfords in Leeds Parish. It is interesting to note that Moses Bailey was one of the appraisers to the estate of George Lunsford. Jemima had sons Bailey and Moses.

I suspect these early Fauquier Lunsfords are associated in some way with the James Lunsford family of King George. James Lunsford, wife was Sarah, died in 1724. This man was close to the Jeffries, Owens, and Rowley families. Those associations carry through later in Fauquier. This man's will is not extant and we don't know the members of his immediate family. There was however a James and a John Lunsford in King George in later years, prior to the formation of Fauquier.

Several genealogies list Merryman Lunsford as a son of Rodham and Clement. He is in fact a DAR approved descendent which is inconsistent with the data. Per census records this man was born in 1782-1784, before Rodham and Clement married. Merryman married in Bedford Co. VA in 1822 and is found residing in Botetourt Co. VA. In 1850 he is listed as a Baptist minister and in 1860 as a farmer. He died prior to 1870. There is no evidence Merryman or "Marrimon" connects to the Rodham Lunsford family.

Another individual some attribute as a daughter of Rodham and Clement is Elizabeth Lunsford who married Isham Gentry 22 Sep 1803 in Lincoln Co. KY. This is several years before Rodham and Clement left Fauquier Co. VA. They removed to Platte Co. MO. This Elizabeth Lunsford may connect to Nelly Lunsford/Langford who was in Lincoln Co. prior to the arrival of Rodham. Census data indicates Nelly was born 1771-1780 and widowed between 1795 and 1810, based upon the age of her son in the census record. There is no indication as to the identity of Nelly's husband. Nelly appeared initially on the Lincoln Co. tax list in 1792 as "Milly" Langford. As Nelly and Rodham both lived in Crab Orchard there is a strong possibility of a connection.

Cynthia Lunsford is thought by some researchers to be a daughter of Rodham. She married Thomas Yates 11 Jul 1809 in Lincoln Co. KY. No further information has been located, but she is not recognized as a daughter of Rodham in his will. She too may connect to Nelly Lunsford.

Of interest is a George Lunsford who married Mary "Polly" Petter 20 Mar 1821 in Lincoln Co. KY and removed to Jasper Co. MO. He was born about 1795 in Kentucky and died before 1860. He is not associated with Rodham and was born following Nelly becoming a widow. This leads to the possibility of at least three Lunsford families in early Lincoln County.

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F Child 1: **Nancy LUNSFORD** <sup>4,8</sup>

Born: 29 Oct 1789 in Fauquier Co. VA  
 Died: 17 Feb 1874 in Henry Co. MO  
 Buried: in Parks Chapel Cem. Henry Co. MO (see note 4)  
 Spouse: Reuben PARKS b. 27 May 1786 d. 31 Aug 1842  
 Married: 2 May 1809 in Lincoln Co. KY <sup>9</sup>

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F Child 2: **Hannah "Ann" LUNSFORD** <sup>4</sup>

Born: 1790 in Fauquier Co. VA  
 Died: Abt Mar 1871 in Henry Co. MO  
 Spouse: William PARKS d. Bef 1850  
 Married: 1 Jun 1811 in Lincoln Co. KY <sup>9</sup>

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F Child 3: **Sarah "Sally" LUNSFORD** <sup>4,10</sup>

Born: 2 Dec 1794 in Fauquier Co. VA  
 Died: 25 May 1871 in Glasgow, Barren Co. KY  
 Spouse: Joel SARTAIN b. 16 Jul 1791 d. 13 Nov 1853  
 Married: 13 Nov 1815 in Lincoln Co. KY <sup>9</sup>

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M Child 4: **Lewis LUNSFORD** <sup>4,11</sup>

Born: 1797 in Fauquier Co. VA  
 Died: 1857 in Prob. Lincoln Co. KY  
 Occupation: Farmer (1850)  
 Spouse: Elizabeth WITHERS b. Abt 1804  
 Married: Bef 1830 (see note 5)

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F Child 5: **Elizabeth LUNSFORD**<sup>4</sup> Also known as "Betsy"  
 Born: 1798 in Fauquier Co. VA  
 Died: 1853 in Boyle Co. KY  
 Spouse: Daniel BALL b. Abt 1773 d. Sep 1848  
 Married: 27 Jan 1815 in Lincoln Co. KY<sup>9</sup>

F Child 6: **Lucinda LUNSFORD**<sup>4</sup>  
 Born: Abt 1800 in Fauquier Co. VA  
 Died: Bef 1830 in Lincoln Co. KY  
 Spouse: Charles ADAMS, Jr. b. 1791-1800  
 Married: 29 Jan 1822 in Lincoln Co. KY<sup>9</sup> (see note 6)

<sup>1</sup> Fauquier County Court Justices, *Amos Lunsford Estate Letter of Administration* (Fauquier Co. VA (23 Mar 1784)). Rodham Lunsford signs bond as "George (X) Lunsford"

<sup>2</sup> White, Virgil D., *Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, The National Historical Publishing Co.; Waynesboro, TN (1992)

<sup>3</sup> Kentucky Society, DAR, *Kentucky Cemetery Records, Vol. 1*, Kentucky Society, DAR (1960), Indicates Revolutionary Soldier "Rhodam" Lunsford was born in Northumberland Co. VA, page 110.

<sup>4</sup> Lunsford, Rodham, *Rodham Lunsford Will (1841)* (Lincoln Co. KY (9 Mar 1841))

<sup>5</sup> Kentucky Society, DAR, *Kentucky Cemetery Records, Vol. 1*, Kentucky Society, DAR (1960), Originally called "Old Lunsford Graveyard"

Indicates his wife was Clementine Ball who apparently is buried here as well. The reference says the cemetery is in Casey County which is believed incorrect. page 110.

<sup>6</sup> Lunsford, Rodham, *Rodham Lunsford Will (1841)* (Lincoln Co. KY (9 Mar 1841)). Will of Rodham Lunsford entered for probate on 3 May 1841, names all his children. Lincoln Co. Will Book 'N'; pg. 216.

<sup>7</sup> Gott, John K., *Fauquier Co. VA Marriage Bonds and Returns: 1759-1854*, Heritage Books; Bowie, MD (1991)

<sup>8</sup> Daughters of the American Revolution, *DAR Membership* (Daughters of the American Revolution). Membership No. 851180 issued 12 Feb 2008 descended from Rodham Lunsford (ancestor no. A072415) through daughter Nancy.

<sup>9</sup> Dunn, Shirley, *Lincoln County Kentucky, Marriages 1780-1850 & Tombstone Inscriptions*, Genealogical Research & Productions; St. Louis, MO (1977)

<sup>10</sup> Daughters of the American Revolution, *DAR Membership* (Daughters of the American Revolution). Application 0456648 approved 17 Feb 1993. Proof of Sarah Lunsford's parentage.

<sup>11</sup> Daughters of the American Revolution, *DAR Membership* (Daughters of the American Revolution). Membership No. 40352 approved in 1902. Proof of Lewis Lunsford's parentage. Lineage Book Vol. 41; page 134.

Note 1 Age apx. 70 years on pension application of 22 Oct 1832.

Note 2 Will recorded 3 May 1841.

Note 3 Bondsman: William Darnall

Note 4 Cemetery also known as Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, located in Leesville Township. Marker gives birth and death dates.

Note 5 Married with children in 1830. Place of marriage is unknown, not listed among Lincoln County marriages.

Note 6 Record gives Lucinda Lunce (sic).