

THIRD GENERATION

William and Margaret Black Feamster, after losing their infant son, Thomas, named the next born son also Thomas II who was born December 11, 1771. He was married on June 7, 1796 to Mary McClung, the daughter of Joseph McClung. (See the McClung data following this third numbered generation.) Thomas died July 7, 1830. For the estate of Thomas Feamster I, in Bath County, his son William was appointed administrator and at William's death William's widow Mary and William's son Thomas II, were appointed administrators of William's estate. In 1794, Thomas was a member of a surveying corps working under John Mathews, surveyor of 170,000 acres tract of Moore and Beckley land. His pay was four shillings per day and his father William received one and one half shillings per day for the hire of Thomas' horse. A shilling then being generally 16 1/2 ¢.

Articles of agreement between the eleven living children and the widow of William Feamster I and the eight children and widow of Thomas dated July 7, 1830 settles the estates of the two generations. Thomas January 1812 had gone to Kentucky and bought the interests of his four sisters all then living in Kentucky.

The name through the first and second generations had in most places been spelled FEEMSTER, but by the end of the third generation it had gradually changed to Feamster and so remained ever since. The estate of Thomas Feamster II was larger than that of his father, William. His personal and sale list covered eight pages, listing 18 horses, ninety hogs, one hundred and eleven cattle, thirty-four geese, one hundred and fifty-two sheep, twenty skaves, etc.,

The children of Thomas Feamster II and his wife, Mary McClung Feamster were: (1) William, born October 23, 1797. (See Fourth Generation) (2) Joseph McClung, born in 1799, married his second cousin, Sarah Crow, granddaughter of Elizabeth Feamster Bratton; on February 3, 1858. Son Joseph, Jr. died at the age of twenty-two, unmarried. Daughter Laura married Franklin W. Taylor, Morristown, Tennessee, and left three children: Frank W. Jr., Joseph Feamster Taylor and Laura Ellen Herrell, all having children. (3) Sarah Adelle, born March 4, 1801, married Robert