

## 2D NANCY UNDERWOOD

2D. Nancy Underwood, b. : d.  
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Nancy's husband is something of a mystery. The author can not state with authority that she was married to Jesse Franklin as one genealogist does. However, it has been fairly well established that Jesse Franklin was in the cluster of settlers that came from Orange County, Virginia, in about 1778 to the Roaring Gap section of western North Carolina which was then Wilkes County. Nancy's Underwood family was in this cluster.

Franklin's biographer, J. T. Ackerman, states that Jesse Franklin married Miss Meeky Perkins of Rockingham County, Virginia. He met her when he would stop for accommodations when he was on the way to serve in the Congress. Since we can assume that he served in this responsible office at a mature age, we might speculate that Miss Meeky Perkins was a second wife. Ackerman also states there were children both boys and girls. Were they children of the union of Franklin and Miss Meeky? Did some of these children come from an earlier union? We do know that Jesse Franklin was close to Underwoods. He witnessed wills and served in other roles which suggest that he was close. Was this only a friendship, partnership or neighbor relationship? The nature of society in that time and that place suggests that family relationships were the primary connection between individuals.

To add to the Franklin Underwood connection, Jesse's mother was a sister to Col. Benjamin under whom he served at Guilford Court House and the Battle of Kings Mountain. Some of the Underwoods served with him. Again, we ask the reader to consider these points as assumptions and speculations and not as concrete facts.