

Paisley Family Research and News

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Major Shift in Cemeteries

American cemeteries are a major source of genealogical information. Colonial and post-Revolutionary War tombstones are often the only records available for birth and death dates. These tombstones also may be of significance for their art and architectural design. Walking through an 18th and early 19th century cemetery is not only informative, but entertaining. It was not unusual to find quotes and poems on the stones. In the box below is a poem that is [was] found on Mary Ann Paisley's grave in the Buffalo Presbyterian Church cemetery, Guilford County, NC. Recent surveys have not located the grave and the Find-A-Grave website did not have Mary Ann's burial location until your editor sent in an obituary notice from the *Hillsborough Recorder*. More recently located is a transcription of the actual writing on the tombstone. It appeared in the journal *North Carolina Folklore*. [July 1959, page 23. <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll43/id/770/rec/28>]. Note: the inscription should read Wm. D. Paisley not T. It may have been a typo, or by 1959 the stone may have been hard to read.

Buffalo (Presbyterian) Greensboro --

Mary Ann Paisley
second daughter of Rev. Wm. T. Paisley
Who departed this life the 27th day of July, 1830
in the 28th year of her age.
Far from affliction, toil and care,
Her happy soul is fled;
The breathless clay shall slumber here
Among the silent dead

Alamance Presbyterian Church cemetery, also in Guilford County NC, is the final resting place for 25+ Paisley ancestors. One stone with a poem is for James R. Paisley. A search for the origin of the verse located it in a book of poems published in 1851 and written by Matilda Caroline Smiley Edwards of Nelson County, VA. James Paisley's tombstone poem is the second verse from "Epitaph for an Infant." [Edwards, Matilda Caroline Smiley. *Poems*. Richmond: Colin, Baptist and Nowlan, 1851, page 191. Available in Google Books: <https://books.google.com/>]



James R. Paisley
BORN Nov. 3, 1843
DIED Mar. 1, 1911
AGE 67 yrs, 3 mos,
& 28 days.

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God in his wisdom
has recalled,
The precious boon His love has
given.
And though the casket moulders
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The gem is sparkling now
in Heaven.

EPITAPH FOR AN INFANT.

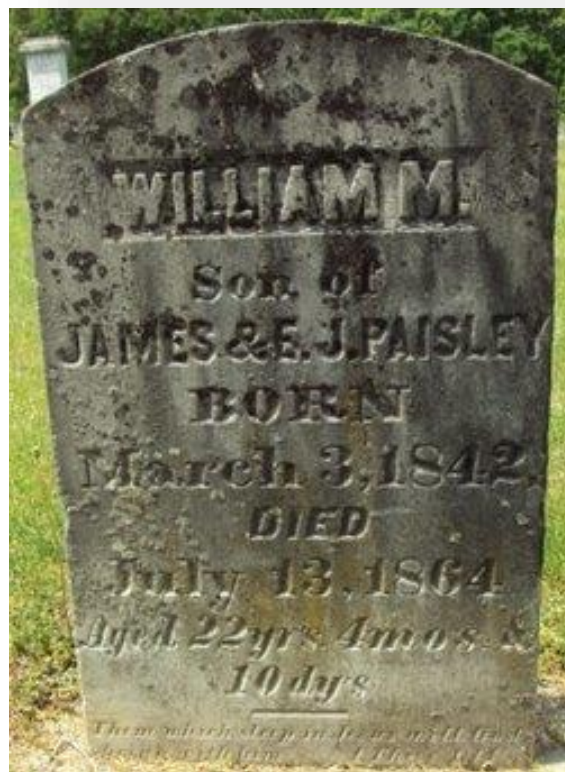
BENEATH this stone in soft repose,
Is laid a mother's dearest pride,
A flower, that scarce had waked to life,
And light, and beauty, ere it died ;
God, in his wisdom, has recalled
The precious boon his love had given,
And though the casket moulders here,
The gem is sparkling now in Heaven.

In the Victorian era, the garden movement led to the creation of elaborate cemeteries with flowers, trees, benches, winding paths, and ornate tombstones. These cemeteries were great for family gatherings and picnics. Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond Virginia is one of the great examples of this type of cemetery. There is one Paisley buried in this cemetery—or is he? William M. Paisley was killed in the Civil War and is listed as one of 18,000+ Confederate soldiers buried in Hollywood Cemetery. But, in Alamance Presbyterian Cemetery there is also a

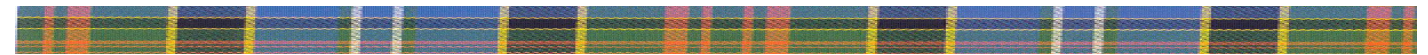


Hollywood Cemetery Confederate Memorial pyramid surrounded by Confederate Soldiers' graves.

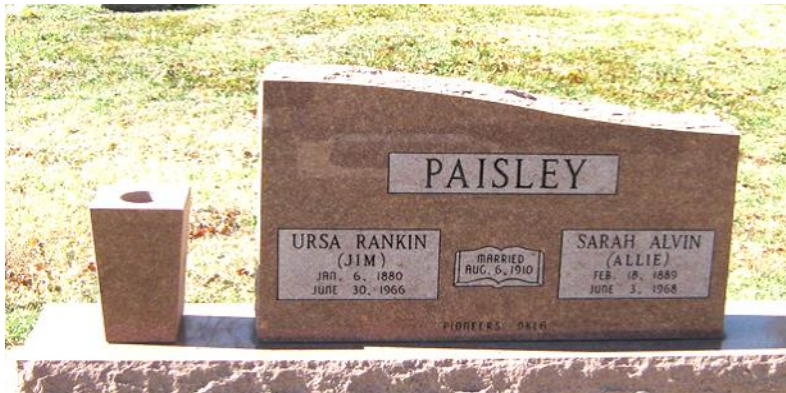
stone for William M. Paisley. Was he disinterred and reburied in Guilford County NC or was the second location a memorial stone?



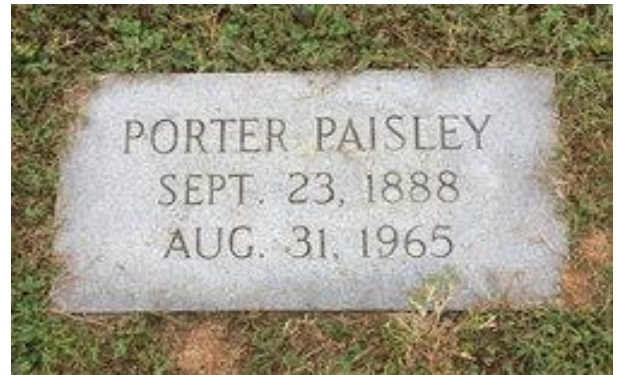
Alamance Presbyterian Cemetery, Guilford Co NC



Twentieth and twenty-first century cemeteries are for the most part simple. Stones became uniform in size and shape and only the most basic information was inscribed. The least interesting cemeteries being the open fields with flat markers.

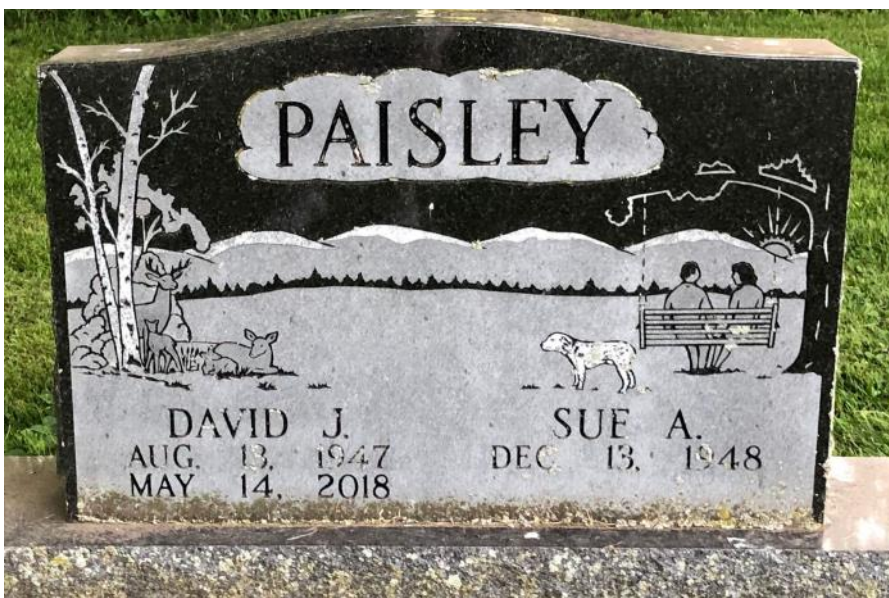


Ursa Rankin Paisley is buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay Co, OK. Ursa was born in NC, the son of James Robert Paisley and Sarah Matilda Hanner]



Porter Paisley is buried in Bethel Presbyterian Cemetery, Guilford Co NC. He was the son of John and Bessie Cannon Paisley.

In the last two decades some tombstones have become interesting with technological advances that allow laser-cut scenes or photographs to be added. This is probably not going to continue because of the popularity of cremation. Best use of space has led to columbaria with brief memorial plaques attached. Some families don't even bother with a cemetery and keep the urn on the mantel.



David J. Paisley is buried in Evergreen Burial Park, New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas Co OH. He was the son of Wallace and Agnes A. Mathias Paisley and grandson of George and Erla Paisley. His Paisley line: John Paisley (1850-1904), George Paisley (1829-1895), John William Simon Paisley (1797PA-1853OH), and David Paisley (1759-1822 OH) m. Elizabeth Elliott.

For centuries, remembering a loved-one through the use of a tangible location and tombstone has been a part of families and their shared history with the community. In the twenty-first century, we are witnessing a new era for marking the transition of life to death.

A Summary of Paisley Family DNA Projects

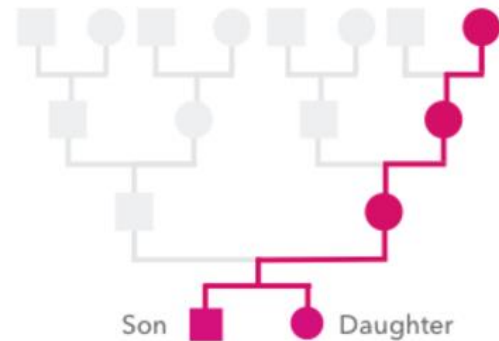
The Paisley family DNA project has been ongoing for 10 years. Our first two participants, Arthur Rankin Paisley and Ernest Paisley have passed on, leaving us a priceless gift. There are 39 men in the Paisley family Y-DNA project, 61 men and women in the autosomal DNA project and 21 participants have had their mitochondrial DNA tested.

MITOCHONDRIAL DNA

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) is passed to the next generation from the mother. Both sons and daughters can do a mtDNA test and determine their mother's mtDNA. The daughter will then pass the same mtDNA to her children. The sons are not able to pass on their mother's mtDNA. [Although a 2019 study shows in rare cases men might pass on mtDNA]. The mtDNA is very stable and sees little change for tens of thousands of years. This has given the National Geographic Genome Project a great window into our ancient ancestry, but for genealogical purposes mtDNA is limited.

A potential genealogical use of mtDNA would be to narrow the focus for ancestry of a female ancestor. European mtDNA would be found for most


Mitochondrial DNA inheritance



Paisleys immigrating to America. But, Deliverance Paine Paisley is a mystery. In 1743 Rev. James Davenport reportedly traded supplies to Indians in exchange for a baby that appeared to be white. It was assumed her parents had been killed. The Rev and his wife raised Dilly giving her the name Deliverance Paine. A mtDNA test of Deliverance's female descendants would determine if she was indeed of European ancestry or if she was American Indian. Deliverance and William Paisley Jr. had six sons and two daughters, Elizabeth and Elmira. Elmira died as a baby. Elizabeth married John Finley and had one daughter, Deliverance Finley. Deliverance married Addison Wiley and had five daughters. One would think that surely one daughter would have had girls. But, no. One daughter died young and the other four girls never married. So, there are no descendants carrying Deliverance Paine Paisley's mtDNA.

Y-DNA

Men pass the Y chromosome to their sons. Over hundreds of years there is relatively few changes (mutations) in the Y chromosome. This timeframe of stability puts Y-DNA in the era of surname usage. Because of this alignment of stable Y-DNA and the use of surnames, we can sort families into distinct groups. Over ten years we have been able to delineate four distinct groups in the Paisley Y-DNA project: Sabine-Pasley (descendants of Sir Thomas Sabine-Pasley of England), Ninian Paisley of Scotland, Haplogroup IM from England, and Paisleys from Tyrone County Ireland. There are other Y-DNA participants that don't match these groups or each other. We are waiting on more participants and research before grouping these men. Here is the link to the Paisley Y-DNA Project comparison chart. <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/paisley?iframe=ycolorized>



Some participants do not show because they have not changed their privacy settings.

The largest group is the Tyrone County Ireland descendants. These genetic cousins have been coming to America for 400 years. It was a surprise when descendants of Robert Paisley of early colonial Virginia matched descendants of brothers William and John Paisley who came from Tyrone Co Ireland to PA/DE in 1737/1742. Also joining this group are descendants of Thomas Paisley who was born 1818 in Tyrone Co Ireland and died 1886 in Dubuque Iowa. Another matching group are descendants of John Paisley who was born 1858 in Tyrone County Ireland and died 1934 in Roane County, TN. Knowing that all of these men go back to a common ancestor gives us new avenues of research that may help in determining where in Scotland this family originated.

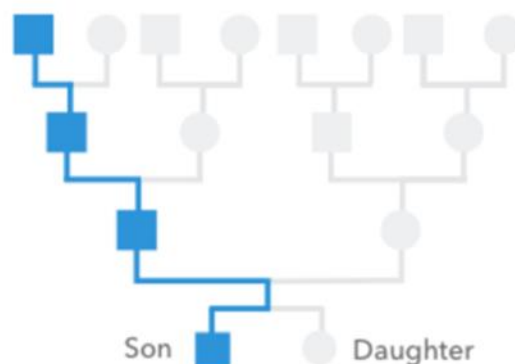
AUTOSOMAL DNA

The third type of DNA testing used for genealogy is autosomal testing [auDNA] which looks at the first 21 chromosomes in a person's nuclear DNA. All of the major DNA testing companies offer this test (FamilyTreeDNA, 23&Me, Ancestry, and myHeritage). Because of the mixing and remixing of chromosomes from both parents this test is most accurate in matching close relatives. Although random false-matching can occur when looking at matches for five or more generations back, careful comparisons and analysis can lead to some amazing discoveries. There are 61 participants in the Paisley Family Autosomal DNA project, but many more have used other DNA testing companies.

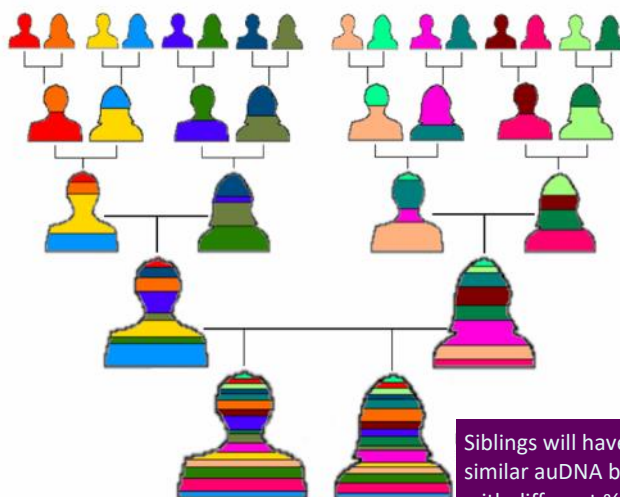
A possible project in using auDNA would be to see if the unknown parents of Deliverance Paine Paisley can be determined. Arthur Rankin Paisley did the auDNA test. He is a generation closer than any of our other descendants of William Paisley Jr. and Deliverance Paine Paisley. Theoretically 3% of Arthur's auDNA could be from Deliverance Paine. Arthur's family tree is being expanded to identify his mother's family and therefore eliminate them from his list of matches. Once his possible paternal matches are grouped, then a look at the family trees of these matches can determine if they connect to Paisley, Wiley, Hanner, Young, Rankin, Vance, or Anderson. If not, theories for Deliverance's family might be developed. It would be helpful if more descendants of William and Deliverance's sons Robert (m. Elizabeth Stanford) and William (m. Nancy Hodges) tested and joined our project.

It is important that as many people as possible participate in auDNA testing. Even siblings have differences.

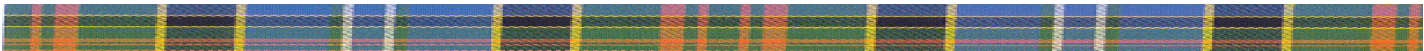
Y-DNA inheritance



Autosomal DNA Random Recombination



Siblings will have similar auDNA but with different %



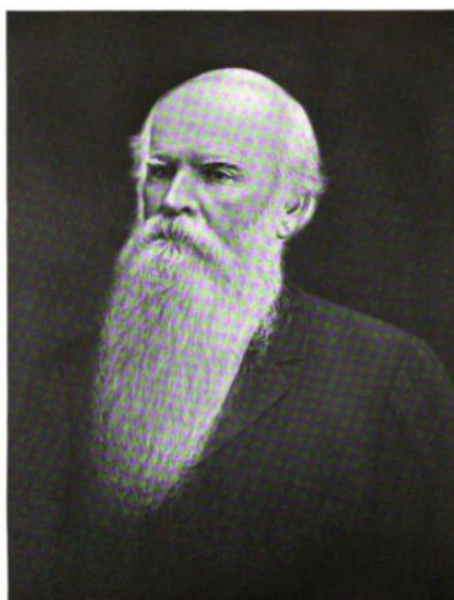
Using Google Books for Genealogy

Settling the estate of Robert Sloan and his wife Sarah Paisley Sloan

There is nothing more tedious than “flipping” page after page of digital images looking for wills, probate issues, and court records. Being able to do this at home on the internet instead of traveling to a courthouse or a Mormon Family History Center is an improvement, but still time-consuming since many of the images have not been indexed. It was exciting to then discover that Google Books [<https://books.google.com/>] had digitized the North Carolina Supreme Court volumes.

In the case JENNIE SLOAN SCALES ET AL VS. JOHN A. BARRINGER, 9 June 1926, the settlement of the estate of Robert Sloan, former mayor of Greensboro and the husband of Sarah Paisley Sloan, ended up in the North Carolina Supreme Court. There in eight pages, the will of Robert Sloan and all his heirs are listed.

Sarah Paisley Sloan was the daughter of the well-known and respected Rev. William D. Paisley. John Barringer was the widower of Robert and Sarah Sloan’s daughter Mattie. Robert and Sarah Sloan’s daughter Fannie Sloan Logan had possession of Robert Sloan house in Greensboro on West Market Street. She and her husband died without any children. The terms of the will of Robert Sloan was interpreted by most of the family to say that the proceeds of the sale of the land would go to blood descendants of Robert Sloan. John Barringer said that he was intitled to one sixth of Robert Sloan’s property. The court ruled in favor or Jennie Sloan Scales et al.



Robert M. Sloan



Sarah Jane Paisley Sloan

THE WILL OF ROBERT SLOAN 10 Mar 1902. Died 27 Jul 1905. Will probated 28 Aug 1905, Guilford Co NC

“First. I will and devise to my daughter, Mrs. Fannie Logan, wife of Dr. John E, Logan, for the term of her natural life, all my real estate situated on West Market Street in the city of Greensboro, N. C, known as the home place, where I now live, bounded on the south by West Market Street, on the west by Eugene Street, on the north by West Gaston Street, and on the east by the West Market M. E. Church property. And my



will and desire is that she pay the taxes and keep the property in reasonable repair, but it is left to her choice whether she will continue to keep house and live on the property, or sell the same by agreement, or otherwise, with the other heirs, as to the value of her life estate, and divide it between herself and the other brothers and sisters or their representatives before her death. If this be not done by her during her life, at her death my will is, that it then be divided equally in fee simple between all my children or their representatives, share and share alike without discrimination.

Second. I will and bequeath to my daughter, Mrs. Fannie Logan, wife of Dr. John E. Logan, all my household and kitchen furniture, including my library, pictures, silverware, watch and ornaments, for her natural life, and my will and desire is, that everything be kept substantially as it is at present, so long as my daughter, Mrs. Fannie Logan, lives and keeps house at the old homestead; and at her death my will is, that all the property mentioned in this item (second) be divided equally among all my children or their representatives, share and share alike without discrimination

Third. I will and bequest to my daughter, Mrs. Fannie Logan, wife of Dr. John E. Logan, my ten shares of stock in the Guilford Lumber Company, absolutely in fee simple.

Fourth. I will, devise and bequeath all my other property of every kind and descriptions, including bank stock, cash on hand, also insurance money in the Southern Express Company, after paying my just debts and funeral expenses, to my children and the representatives of such as are, or may be dead, in fee simple and absolutely, share and share alike, including Mrs. Fannie Logan, and not requiring her to account for the specific devises and bequests herein made to her.

Fifth. I hereby designate, constitute and appoint my daughter, Mrs. Fannie Logan, my lawful and sole executrix, without bond, to execute and carry into effect this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.”

THE FAMILY OF ROBERT SLOAN

as listed in the NC Supreme Court decision *Jennie Sloan Scales et al vs. John A. Barringer*

Wife—Sarah Jane Paisley Sloan, who died 10 Dec 1884

Son—John Sloan, who died 9 Nov 1885, leaving two children: Charles W. Sloan and Mrs. Sarah Paisley Sloan Wyatt.

Daughter—Fannie Sloan who married Dr. John E. Logan. Fannie died 11 Jan 1926. No children.

Daughter—Jennie Sloan who married Dr. Jefferson Scales. No children. Jennie still living.

Daughter—Julia Paisley Sloan who married Cornelius Mebane. Three children. Julia still living.

Daughter—Bertha Sloan who married Clark Porter. Bertha died 4 Sep 1903. Four children: Clark Porter, Ruth Porter (married to Julius Huguenot Adams), Waldo Porter, and F. Logan Porter.

Daughter—Mattie Sloan who married John A. Barringer. Mattie died 11 Feb 1915, leaving daughter Fannie Sloan Barringer, who married John Waldrop. Fannie Waldrop died 29 Sep 1918 with no children.

Daughter—Ida Sloan who married Neill Ellington. One child. Ida still living.

Sources: *North Carolina Reports Vol. 192. Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of North Carolina*. Spring Term 1926, Fall Term 1926. Raleigh: State Printer, 1926, pp.94-101. *History of North Carolina: North Carolina Biography*. Lewis Publishing, 1919, pp.343, 344.

Triad Scottish Games 2015



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The Paisley Family Association will not be meeting in 2021. With no guarantee that the vaccine for the Covid-19 virus will be widely distributed by the summer, safety for our families is of the greatest concern.

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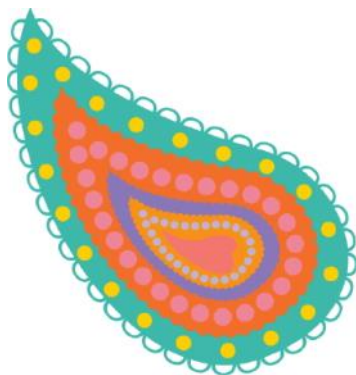
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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paisley-Family-Society/195070730565352>

Paisley Family DNA Project web page:

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/paisley/>

Paisley & Allied Families Autosomal DNA Project :

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/paisleyallied-autosomal/activity-feed>