



*Varner Family Genealogy*

THE PATERNAL LINK FOR HER CHILDREN?

**NANCY ANN VARNER**



Bruce Thomas Varner

FamilyTreeDNA Kit #244007

Y-DNA67+FF







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**RIGGS**

*Bruce Thomas Varner, direct descendant of (95% positive):*

**James Riggs<sup>3</sup>**

**[b. abt 1742 – d. aft 1815]**

**Moved to Pleasants Co. W.**

**Virginia**



# Nancy Ann Varner

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Bill from probate file of Edmund Riggs upon his death in 1877:

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Edmund Riggs to J B Ferguson April 27  
Wife 3 1/2 months @ 7.00 per mo. 24.50  
In  
By Cash 11.35  
To Balance ~~13.15~~  
I stand for the above  
account to Henry Warner  
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## OBITUARY OF OWEN RIGGS

THE MILLER COUNTY VIDETTE, Tuscumbia, MO, Thursday October 14, 1875

"Last week we noticed the death of one of our most respected citizens, Owen Riggs. We will now attempt a review of his life. He was born in Tyler Co., West Virginia....."

"His father is still living on the old farm where Owen started in life and is now over 100 years old. We believe he has but one brother living, Edmond Riggs, who is a resident of this county....."



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## **FIRST LAND PATENTS FOR RIGGS BROTHERS IN MILLER COUNTY**

Calvin Riggs of Tyler Co Virginia, 11/10/1841, 120 Acres

Owen Riggs of Tyler Co Virginia, 11/10/1841, 40 Acres

Edmund Riggs of Tyler Co Virginia, 11/10/1841, 150 Acres

*The Miller County Riggs connection to James Riggs of Pleasants County, West Virginia:*

*James Riggs<sup>3</sup> (Father-Edmund Riggs<sup>2</sup>,  
Gfather-James Riggs<sup>1</sup>) Came to what is now  
Pleasants Co. West Virginia in 1797 with 2  
adult sons (Edmund<sup>4</sup> & Bazel<sup>4</sup>) & all their  
families.*

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*Edmund Riggs<sup>4</sup> (Son of James Riggs<sup>3</sup>)*

*-- Had fifteen children. Three that match ages for Calvin<sup>5</sup>, Owen<sup>5</sup>, & Edmund<sup>5</sup>.*

*-- Edmund Riggs<sup>4</sup> was still alive when Owen<sup>5</sup> died in Miller Co. as referenced in obit*

*-- Edmund Riggs<sup>4</sup> was the only Riggs of age to be their father who was alive at that time in Pleasants or Tyler Co. West Virginia*

*-- Pleasants Co. was created from portion of Tyler Co.*

*--The 1827 History of Pleasants Co. W. Virginia reference Edmund Riggs<sup>4</sup> as having two children, Calvin & Owen who went to Missouri*



James Riggs [1662-1744]

James Riggs [Unk-aft 1770]

Edmund Riggs [abt 1715-1784]

James Riggs [1742-1815]

Edmund Riggs [1783-1876]

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John Lawrence Varner [1866-1951]

Bert Leon Varner [1902-1991]

Edwin Dale Varner [1926-2008]

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*Varner Family Genealogy : Riggs Genealogy*

<http://AlvyRay.com/Riggs>



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