

# STOVER DESCENDANTS

By George Stover

John Stover, Sr., was born about 1793 in Franklin County, Virginia, and died in November 1851. He was the one of 11 children born to his parents Jacob Stover and Sarah "Sally" McGhee Stover. He relocated to what is now Raleigh County, West Virginia, with his parents, about 1810. He married Nancy Harper who was born about 1800 in Franklin County, Virginia, and died about 1898 in Raleigh County, West Virginia. Nancy Harper's parents were Susan Unknown and Joseph Harper. John and Nancy were married on February 25, 1816, at Coal River in Giles County, Virginia.

John and Nancy had eleven children:

1. **Sarah Stover**, born February 20, 1818, died November 16, 1882, married Booker Bailey.
2. **Irvin Stover**, born May 6, 1820, died July 20, 1898, married Milanda Leanna Williams.
3. **Jane Stover**, born 1821, died 1903, married Henry Williams.
4. **John Stover, Jr.**, born May 28, 1826, died December 10, 1900, married Mary Ann Warden.
5. **Burwell Stover**, born January 22, 1828, died March 11, 1897, married Leanza Williams. See below.
6. **Minerva Stover**, born about 1830, died about 1880. Never married. A lunatic, alive in 1880. Moved to an asylum at Staunton, Virginia.
7. **Silas Stover**, born June 6, 1832, died December 26, 1909, married Mary Jane Workman.
8. **Lewis Stover**, born May 1834, died March 21, 1910, married Eleanor Workman.
9. **Stephen Stover**, born May 1836, died June 7, 1906, married Virginia Totten.
10. **Daniel Stover**, born about 1838, died March 1, 1914, married Diana Ewing.
11. **Virginia Stover**.

Taxes were a fact of life in our early history; and John Stover, Sr., is listed on the 1824 Logan County, Virginia, tax list, being taxed for two horses. On the 1827 Logan County, Virginia, tax list, he is taxed for three horses.

John Stover, Sr., can be found on the 1810 Kanawha County, Virginia, census, living at Coal River. John Stover is listed on the 1820 Giles County, Virginia, census. John Stover, Sr., is also on the 1830 Logan County, Virginia, census. He is on the 1840 Fayette County, Virginia. And finally, John Stover, Sr., is on the 1850 Raleigh County, Virginia, census.

This may look like John Stover Sr., moved around a lot; however, the area where the Stover clan chose to locate was subject to a lot of boundary changes. The area went from Giles County, Virginia, to Kanawha County, Virginia, to Logan County, Virginia, to Fayette County, Virginia, and finally to Raleigh County, Virginia, which become Raleigh County, West Virginia, during the Civil War. West Virginia became a state on June 20, 1863.

The 1850 Raleigh County, Virginia, census shows John Stover, Sr., living on the Clear Fork of Coal River. His real estate was valued at \$2,000. He was a farmer by trade, and a district commissioner.

John Stover, Sr., settled on Spruce Mountain, died on Spruce Mountain, and was buried at the Stover cemetery on John's Creek on Spruce Mountain. His wife Nancy Harper Stover is buried at the Stover Cemetery on John's Creek on Spruce Mountain, Spruce Mountain is a very beautiful place.

On the 1860 Raleigh County census, Nancy is listed without John. She has two children still at home. On this census is Daniel, a farmer; Minverva listed as dumb; and Virginia McMillion, a nine-year-old-female. The value of the real estate is \$1,000.

On the 1870 Raleigh County Census, Nancy is living with son, Daniel Stover, and his wife Catherine.

**Burwell Stover**  
**(Son of John Stover, Sr., and Nancy Harper Stover)**

Burwell, sometimes spelled Burrell, Stover was born January 22, 1828, on the Clear Creek of the Coal River Spruce Mountain. This part of present-day Raleigh County was located in Logan County, Virginia, at the time of his birth. Burwell Stover married Leanza Williams on February 27, 1851, in Raleigh County, Virginia. Her parents were Catherine Scarborough and Lewis Williams.

Burwell Stover was a farmer. He is found on the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 Raleigh County census. His wife Leanza Williams is also on the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 Raleigh County census. In 1900, she is listed on the census living with Lewis and Mary Ann Stover. Burwell and Leanza are buried at the Stover Cemetery in Raleigh County. The cemetery is located on Spruce Mountain at John's Creek.

Burwell and Leanza had 12 children.

1. Andrew Stover, born November 20, 1852, died December 22, 1893. Andrew married Mary Lucinda West on April 9, 1871, in Raleigh County, West Virginia. Mary was born June 7, 1854, and died August 23, 1931. **See below.**
2. Jane Stover, born February 18, 1853, died December 20, 1911. She married Adam H. West on January 8, 1871, in Raleigh County, West Virginia.
3. Emily Stover was born in November 1854, and died 1904. She married William Riley Williams on February 29, 1872.
4. Ruth Alice Stover, born September 1, 1856, died 1914. She married William Patterson Tyree.
5. Burdine Stover, born September 8, 1858, married Amanda Toney on March 27, 1879.
6. Nancy Stover, born 1861, died June 23, 1878. She married William Patterson Tyree on May 16, 1878.
7. Leonard Stover, born February 20, 1863, died August 20, 1915. He married Annie Laura Watts on December 34, 1885.
8. Henry M. Stover was born June 29, 1865.
9. Caroline Stover, born May 11, 1869, died September 2, 1920.
10. Burwell Stover, born October 16, 1870, died June 25, 1937. He married Rheuhama E. Brown on November 16, 1892.
11. Linas Stover, born February 16, 1873, died June 17, 1878.
12. Lewis Franklin Stover, born November 16, 1877, died 1963. He married Mary Ann Daniels on June 23, 1898.

**Andrew Stover**  
**Son of Burwell Stover and Leanza Williams**

Andrew Stover was born November 20, 1852, and died December 22, 1893. He was born, raised and died at Clear Creek, Raleigh County (West) Virginia. He married Mary Lucinda West, born June 7, 1854, and died August 24 1931. They were married on April 9, 1871, in Raleigh County. Andrew and Mary had 11 children:

1. Delilah J. Stover was born February 28, 1871, and died in 1878.
2. Samuel Lewis Stover was born January 20, 1872, and died February 19, 1957, in Raleigh County. He married Alice Elvira Daniels on July 28, 1897. **See below.**

3. Belzora C. Stover was born September 11, 1873, and died July 20, 1878.
4. Sarah E. Stover was born September 18, 1875, and died January 29, 1896.
5. Harvey E. Stover born November 18, 1877, and died in 1951.
6. Martha Jane Stover born February 13, 1880, died November 5, 1927. She married William Clark Maynor.
7. James Vincin Stover, was born June 13, 1882, and died November 1, 1883, in Raleigh County.
8. Leander Jocie Stover, born in August 1884, died September 15, 1905, in Raleigh County.
9. Laura S. Stover, born November 27, 1886, in Raleigh County, died about 1958. She married a Young.
10. Prince Stover, born June 10, 1889, died February 27, 1970 in Raleigh County, West Virginia. He married Grace Lilly on April 23, 1925.
11. Liza Stover was born on September 22, 1891. She died about 1923, in Raleigh County.

Andrew Stover is listed on the 1860, 1870, and 1880 Raleigh County, West Virginia, census as a farmer living in Clear Creek.

**Samuel Lewis Stover**  
**(son of Andrew Stover and Mary Lucinda West)**

Samuel Lewis Stover was born at Saxon, on the Coal River near Clear Creek Raleigh County, West Virginia. He was born January 20, 1872, and died at Oak Hill, Fayette County, West Virginia, February 19, 1957. He married Alice Elvira Daniels who was born in Lincoln County, West Virginia, in October 1876. She died October 30, 1936, at Beckley, Raleigh County, West Virginia. They were married July 28, 1897, at the home of the bride's father, William G. Daniels. They were married by William Turner. They separated for a long period of time. The 1920 Fayette County, census even listed her as a widow, keeping a boarding house in McDonald, Fayette County, West Virginia. She smoked a corn cob pipe. Sam Stover had a number of occupations. He was a day laborer on the rail road, he was a carpenter employed by some coal mines and did other carpenter jobs around the county. He worked at a saw mill and was called a timber man in his obituary. Samuel and Alice had four children.

1. Horace Doff Stover was born June 4, 1898, and died at his home in Maynor, Raleigh County, on April 3, 1944. He married Martha Ellen "Mattie" Wilson, on August 7, 1918, at Fayetteville, Fayette County, West Virginia.

Their Certificate of Marriage reads:

"This certifies that Doff Stover of Pax, State of West Virginia. Mattie Wilson of Pax State of West Virginia, were by me united in marriage according to the Ordinance of God and the Laws of the State of West Virginia at Fayetteville on the 7th day of August AD 1918." Witnesses Fred Wilson and Ina Stover. Signed by A. J. Divean.



Mattie Wilson Stover was born at Hinton, Summers County, on **Martha Ellen Wilson Stover** August 4, 1902. She died February 2, 1987, in Jacksonville, **and Horace Doff Stover** Duval County, Florida. **about 1918**

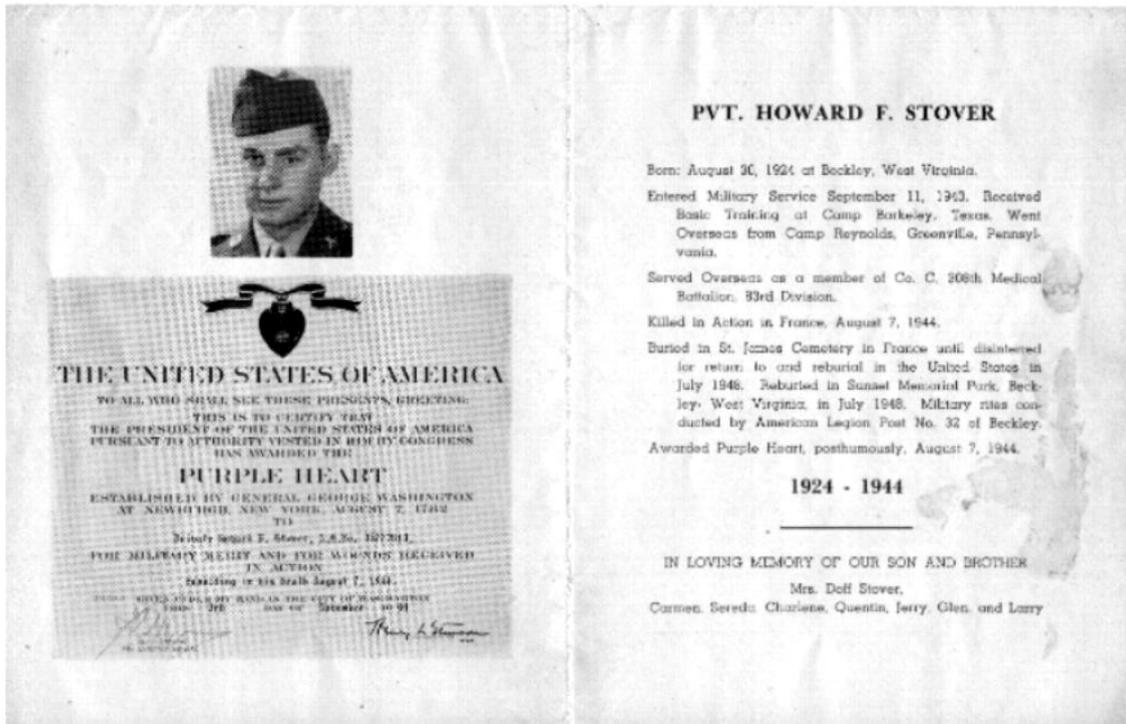


**Left to right.**  
**Front row: Sereda Agnes Stover, Howard Fenton Stover, Charles Edward Stover, Frances Charlene Stover.**  
**Middle row: Harless Archie Stover, Martha (Mattie) Wilson Stover, Doff Horace Stover, Beulah Stover.**  
**Back row: All unknown.**

Doff and Mattie had nine children:

- 1 Quinton Doff Stover (1919-1978).
- 2 Carman Alice Stover (1921-1995).
- 3 Sereda Agnes Stover.

-4 Howard Fenton "Slick" Stover was born August 30, 1924, in Raleigh County. He was killed in action near St. Lo, Manche, France, on August 5, 1944. He never married. Howard was a Private in Company C, 308 Medical Battalion, 83 Division, 3rd Army. He was attached to the 331 Infantry Regiment as a combat medic. Howard Stover was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one bronze service star, World War II Victory Medal, and Combat Medical Badge 1st Award, for his service.



- 5 William Andrew Stover (1926-1926).
- 6 Charles Edward Stover.
- 7 Frances Charlene Stover.
- 8 Glen Wallace Stover (1934-1979).
- 9 Larry Kent Stover.

Horace Doff Stover was listed as a teamster on the 1920 Fayette County census and living at McDonald. Doff Stover was involved with horses all of his life. He drove them, he traded them, he made trips to Virginia to buy them so he could resell them. He used horses in his sawmill business. He had a small general store at Maynor. At the time of his death, he was one of two aspirants for the Republican nomination for sheriff in Raleigh County.

The Charleston Daily Mail  
 Charleston, West Virginia  
 April 4, 1944

Raleigh Sheriff  
 Candidate Dies

Beckley (AP).----Doff Horace Stover, 46 year-old lumberman, one of two aspirants for the Republican nomination for sheriff in Raleigh county, came to the newspaper office yesterday to place an advertisement about his campaign.

This morning there came a call from his sister, asking that the ad be cancelled. Stover had died of a heart attack during the night at his home in Maynor.

He is survived by his widow and eight children.

The only remaining Republican candidate for sheriff is A. C. Sutphin, Beckley banker.

Beckley Post-Herald, Beckley, W.Va.  
Wednesday Morning, April 5, 1944

**DOFF H. STOVER FUNERAL  
TO BE THIS AFTERNOON**

Funeral services for Doff Horace Stover, one of two candidates for sheriff of Raleigh county, who died at his home at Maynor at 10:15 p. m., Monday, following a heart attack, will be conducted at the Cirtsville church today at 1:30 p. m., by the Rev. Alvin J. Cook, assisted by the Rev. Hugh Shirley. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

He was born June 4, 1898, the son of Samuel L. Stover, who survives him, and Alice Daniels Stover.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mattie Stover; one sister, Mrs. Herbert Pulliam of Beckley; one brother, Harless Stover, who is with the U. S. army in Italy, and the following children: Quentin Stover of Maynor; Carmen Stover of Elkton, Maryland; Miss Sereda Stover of Maynor; Howard Stover, U. S. Army; Charles Edward Stover, Miss Charlene, and Glen and Larry Stover, all of Maynor.

Active pallbearers for the funeral will be: Walter Godbey, Lee Dew, Kelly Vass, Duff Spangler, Joe Meadows, Ross Stover, Ray Stover, Alex Feazelle, and Walter Romine.

The body will be taken to the Cirtsville church from the Tyree Funeral home at 12:30 this afternoon, and will lie in state until the funeral hour.

2. Ina Stover was born about 1903 in Raleigh County. She married Howard Faw.
3. Beulah (Bea) Stover was born about 1910 in Raleigh County, She married Herbert H. Pulliam.
4. Harless Achie Stover was born 24 September 1912, at Mabscott, Raleigh County, and died August 3, 2001, in Daniels, Raleigh County, He married Laura Berenice Lilly who was born October 20, 1917, and died July 23, 1978. They had no children.

Harless Stover served during World War II as a grade Tech 5, infantry, regular army. Cannon Company 338th Infantry Regiment, 85th Division IV Corps, 5th Army. He saw action in North Africa and Italy, where he suffered frozen feet. He was a Cannoneer. His decorations and citations were Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Marksmanship Badge for the M-1 Rifle, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Service Ribbon, European-African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, and the World War II Victory Ribbon. His service was from September 1, 1943 until his discharge December 4, 1945. This information came from his discharge papers and the National Archives.

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