

Sketch: Mrs Sallie Birch - Please Stand Up!

There is an interesting entry in a Markham genealogy, reading:

George Markham married Miss Hill. They left one daughter, Mrs Sallie Birch, who went to Pulaski, Tennessee. It is not known if she left any family.

This statement does not fit well with what we know of George Markham's family. It needs further examination.

George Markham married, as his first wife, Sarah Hill in April 1774 Chesterfield county Virginia. As best we can determine, they had two sons and four daughters. Among their daughters were a Sarah "Sallie" Markham born about 1780, and a Judith Markham born about 1785. When George Markham died in 1800, his Will named, among others, a son-in-law Thomas Colley, and an underage daughter Judith Markham. There is evidence that Sally Markham married Thomas Colley about 1798 in neighboring Cumberland county Virginia.

There are suggestions of a marriage between Cheadle Burch and Judith Markham sometime between 1797 and 1803, probably in Amelia county Virginia. This marriage is not proven, and there is question as to whether this Judith Markham is the daughter of William Markham and Mary Wathen, or George Markham and Sarah Hill. To this point, I favor William Markham as the father of Cheadle Burch's wife.

We do know that Cheadle Burch lived with his wife Judith in Amelia county Virginia up until his death in 1815. Shortly thereafter his wife, Judith Burch removed to Pulaski, Giles county Tennessee where she lived many more years as a widow, never remarrying. Questions - Does the "Mrs Sallie Birch" entry above actually refer to Judith Markham Burch? - Who is Judith Markham Burch's father?

Shall we add one more piece to the puzzle? It is just a random tidbit I came across on the internet. I doubt that it fits, but it adds some interest and might be worth investigation:

Joseph R Hodge Jr was born 1791 in Alamance county North Carolina. He married Sarah Birch on the 25th of December 1818, and died in Pulaski Tennessee in 1833.

Do you want to know more?

[Sketch: A Markham Wife for Cheadle Burch](#)

[Link to Sarah Markham \(daughter of George Markham and Sarah Hill\)](#)

[Link to Judith Markham \(likely wife of Cheadle Burch\)](#)

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