

PETER AND GREEN PRYOR  
PIONEER CHILDREN OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY  
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The original document is 22 pages in length. It primarily covers documents relating to the guardianship of Peter and Green Pryor from the records of their step-father, Hendley Stone. The following is an extract of the genealogical information within the document.

Peter and Green Pryor were born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia in the mid 1790's. They were mere infants when their father John Pryor died. Their mother, Elizabeth Perkins Pryor or Betsy as she was called, soon married Hendley Stone on May 26, 1798. When Betsy Pryor remarried it was necessary to settle her first husband's estate. Hence Hendley Stone, in right of his wife, became the administrator of John Pryor's estate and guardian of the two children. On January 15, 1799, the boys and their mother received a substantial inheritance of land and Negroes.

Hendley Stone had also been married before and had an infant son, William. Stone's first wife was Jane Hairston whom he had married on June 18, 1795. Hendley Stone and his second wife, Betsy, had some six children of their own, besides his son William and her sons Peter and Green...

About the spring of 1804 Hendley Stone, his wife Betsy and their various children moved to Williamson County, Tennessee where he built a cabin on land belonging to his wife's uncle Thomas Hardin Perkins...

...Hendley Stone had been appointed their guardian back in Virginia in 1799. When an orphan reached the age of fifteen he was allowed to choose his guardian, which might or might not be the same, as the one previously appointed by the court. Hence, on July 9, 1810, Peter and Green Pryor accompanied their step-father on the five mile trip to the town of Franklin, the county seat, and "being of the lawful age for the purpose came into court and made choice of Hendley Stone as their guardian." So far a birth date has not been found for either boy. There is a possibility that they were twins. If not, the younger boy would have been fifteen in 1810.

About this time, Betsy Stone died leaving nine children to be raised by her husband. Hendley Stone soon took a third wife and their first child, Elizabeth, was born November 11, 1811...

...Beginning about April of 1811, the boys boarded away from home in order to continue their education...

...In the book, *Historic Williamson County*, Virginia Bowman mentions that Reverend Blackburn and some of the older boys from Harpeth Academy took time out to participate in the latter part of the War of 1812. And so it was on September 26, 1813, Peter and Green Pryor enlisted in the Army for service in Mr. Madison's war with England...

...Both boys were home by the end of December. Green reenlisted on January 20, 1814, but Peter did not... By the end of March 1814, Green was home again from the Army and studying once more... August or September of 1814, Green once again entered the Army... Green was home from the Army by March of 1815...

...Evidently Peter and Green Pryor reached the age of twenty-one in the early part of 1816. Hendley Stone's accounts end with January of 1816 and he submitted his records to the April session of court. In July of 1817 Peter and Green submitted a statement to the court that they had received from their guardian, Hendley Stone, the Negro property that was theirs. When their father's estate was divided in 1799, Peter , Green and their mother each inherited one-third...

About 1816 or 1817 Peter and Green moved away from Williamson County. No attempt has been made to trace their whereabouts.