

Family oral history says Pappy, Noah Malone Doran, was half Chickasaw. I and my sister were told that his mother, Jane Carol Lovier, was a full-blood Chickasaw. This may account for her father's name of Gooseberry. But I'm not convinced of the Chickasaw part of the story though the telling was very specific. Chickasaws did live in Weakly County, Tn but not North Carolina. It may have been another tribe. Recently, my cousin wrote to me out of the blue asking if I knew "if Noah Doran's Mother was full blooded Cherokee Indian or not." His mother had "mentioned it a couple times." Cherokees did live in North Carolina. Also the difficulty in naming Gooseberry's parents may indicate Native American ancestry. But, Gooseberry's son, John W. Lovier's death certificate gives his father's place of birth as France. This could also explain the difficulty in identifying Gooseberry's parents as well as explain Gooseberry's name as Gooseberries are indigenous to France. And it could explain the stories heard in many families, mine included as well as my cousins families, that Gooseberry's line of Lovier's contained Native American ancestry. What was seen as Native American attributes could have been in fact, French.