

PART ONE

EARLY OSBORNES

ON

CLINCH RIVER

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(A partial genealogy)

My sincere thanks to the friends
and relatives whose names are men-
tioned throughout these pages.
Their help has been invaluable.

It is time now to bring my quest
to an end. It is hoped that others
will continue the search for those
who have not yet been found.

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CALEB OSBORN

Caleb Osborn is believed to have come from New Jersey to North Carolina.¹ He is of record in Rowan Co. in October 1756 (MB 2-152) and may have been there earlier. He died in Rowan Co. before August 7th 1781. On that date, letters of administration on the estate of Caleb Osborn, decd. were issued to Hannah Osborn, widow and relict, with Samuel Bailey and David Craig, security. (Rowan Co. MB 2-275) On November 8th 1784, an account of the settlement of Caleb Osborn's estate was presented in court. (MB 2-390)

On August 26th 1762, Caleb Osborn entered a survey of 579 acres, from the Earl of Granville. The land adjoined that of Michael Coons, on Dutchman's Creek, in the Forks of the Yadkin River. Witnesses: John Agar, John Froback. (DB 5-551) Date of actual settlement is unknown.

In 1757, Caleb Osborn and wife were plaintiffs in a suit against Stephen Luck. The nature of the suit is unknown, but the Osborns won. Witnesses: Elizabeth Penniton, Sarah Osborn, and Edward Williams. (MB 2-164)

On July 24th 1761, in Capt. Bryan's district, Caleb Osborn was appointed Constable in the Forks of the Yadkin, and ordered to list taxable persons, and sums to be paid. (MB 2-350, 361)

In September 1762, Frederick Friley brought suit against Caleb Osborn, and the plaintiff was granted damages. Again, the cause of the complaint is left unrecorded. Witnesses: Edward Roberts 13s, Ben Fuanca, Buff Coon, Cath Coon 13s, Ephraim Osborn 15s, William Osborn, Nehemiah Holloway 13s, William Froback, Col. Froback, William Gites, Mrs. Rebekah Osborn 15s, Edward Turner 12s.

April 11th 1765. The King vs Doctor John Parker. Recognizance for the peace for a year and one day. Security: William Lynn, Samuel Tate, Peter Pheagly, Caleb Osborn, Hugh Foster.

On June 16th 1766, Caleb Osborn and Hannah his wife sold 250 acres to George Artmire for L40. Witnesses: James Osborn and Samuel Young (DB 6-474)

On September 6th 1771, Caleb Osborn and Edmond Edmon (sic) gave security on a bond of L150 for Sarah Dedman, widow of Thomas Dedman, as administratrix.

(MB 3-304)

In the year 1772, Eaton's Baptist Church was established on Dutchman's Creek. On ^{the} 11th 1774, Elizabeth Osborn was baptised and joined the Boone's Ford Baptist Church, making a total of 79 members.

August 6th 1777. The Court proceeded to lay out the County into districts and to appoint Constables and Assessors in each district. Capt. Elijah Lyons' Company: Andrew Hunt, Esq., Justice; Edward Roberts, Constable; William Froback, Caleb Osborn, and William Hayden, Assessors. (Inferior Court, page 48)

February 5th 1778. Ordered by the Court that Gabriel Enochs, George Artmire, Samuel Bailey, William Douthed, James Davis, John Davis, Isaac Enochs, Edward Roberts, Caleb Osborn, David Enochs, George March, and CORNELIUS HOWARD be a Jury to lay off a road from Leinster's Ford on the South River, the nearest and best way to Enochs' Ferry, on the main Yadkin River to the county line, near the new bridge on Muddy Creek. (McCubbins Collection)

Caleb Osborn served on juries: Feb. 4th 1773, May 6th 1774, May 2nd 1775 grand jury, August 1779, August 9th 1780, May 3rd 1780.

September 11th 1782. JAMES OSBORN OF WASHINGTON CO., VIRGINIA sold 189 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the Forks of the Yadkin, to William Osborn of Rowan Co., for the nominal sum of L5, this being part of the TRACT FORMERLY BELONGING TO CALEB OSBORN, DECD., AND SO CONVEYED BY THE EXECUTORS TO THE SAID JAMES OSBORN. Witnessed by Mark Whitaker and James McCulloch. (DB 8-171)

September 29th 1782. JAMES OSBORN, OF WASHINGTON CO., VA., to Sameul Bailey 189 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres on Dutchman's Creek, for L240. THIS IS PART OF A TRACT BELONGING TO THE DECEASED CALEB OSBORN. Witnessed by James McCulloch and Richmond Pierson. (9-184)

February 10th 1793. Settlement of Samuel Bailey's estate: PART OF CALEB OSBORN'S OLD SURVEY, CONVEYED TO SAMUEL BAILEY BY JAMES OSBORN, SON OF CALEB OSBORN. This tract was in the Forks of the Yadkin, about Cedar and Dutchman's Creek. (MB 2-532)

August 10th 1784. Mark Whitaker and wife Ann to Nicholas Cleck, 200 acres on Peeler's Creek, next Mark Whitaker and the spring of James Whitaker. (DB 9-645)

September 3rd 1787. George and Margaret Artmire to James McCulloch, 200 acres on Dutchman's Creek for L250. This is part of a tract which Caleb Osborn, decd. was granted on June 17th 1760 (?) and sold to George Artmire. (DB 11-579)

August 29th 1788. Mark Whitaker, senr., a planter, lets Joseph Daniel, a planter, have a moiety of 298 acres on Weaver's Creek, next to Caleb Osborn and James Whitaker, for 150 pounds. Signed by Mark Whitaker and Abigail Whitaker.

(DB 11-580)

¹Proof of this is circumstantial.

Children of Caleb Osborn:

- I. James Osborn
- II. Thomas Osborn
- III. Stephen Osborn
- IV. William Osborn
- V. Morgan Osborn
- VI. Elizabeth Osborn (daughter or daughter-in-law)
- VII. Sarah Dedman (probably)

Perhaps others

Calendar of New Jersey Wills:

July 12th 1694. Stephen Osborn of Elizabeth Town. Inventory July 1st 1698. (Archives XXI, p. 287)

July 10th 1711. Edward Osborn of Elizabeth Town: To brother James; Joshua, son of Caleb Osborn; Samuel, son of Thomas Beaucroft. Exors: Efram and James Osborn, and Jonathan Lynly. Proved July 14th 1714. (Lib. 1-476)

October 22nd 1711. Caleb Osborn of Elizabeth Town. Administrators: John and Edward Osborn. (Lib. 1-328)

September 28th 1713. Jonathan Osborn of Cape May Co. Wife Mary; sons Bezelial, Nathan, Ananias; daughters Abiah and Ruth
(Lib. 1-449)

October 5th 1716. James Osborn of Elizabeth Town, Essex Co. Wife Sarah; nephews Josiah and John Osborn (Lib. A-39)

Surely the above must have some significance; especially when each of the early Osborns in North Carolina settled within 50 miles of the next, and at least three are known to have moved South.

Rowan Co., N.C.: Caleb Osborn's List of Oct. 8, 1761, sworn to by him
before Esq. John Frohock.

Morgan Bryan	Jas. Whiteacre	John Laceywell	1
John " }	" " } 2	Richard Reely	1
Peter Sprinkel (?)	Mark " 3	Roger Turner Sr. }	2
William Bryan 1	David Bailey } 2	Elias " }	2
Joseph Bryan	William " }	Joseph Welch	1
Henry Miller	Mathew Sparks 1	Demiah ?	1
Esq. Willt }	Jno. Church 1	James Andrews	1
Barnes }	Ephraim Cunningham Sr. }	Jonas Sparks	1
Samuel Bryan 1	" " }	Samuel Osborn	1
Abraham Creson 1	Edward Roberts 1(?)	Benj. Jones	1
Silas Enyart 1	Richard Bartelson }	Geo. Ellett	2
John " 1	" " }	Henry Stagner }	2
Wm. Dinwill }	Philip Williams }	Barnet Stagner }	3
William " }	Enoch Tucker }	Honeil " }	3
John " }	Wm. Hicks 1	George " }	3
Ephraim Osborn 1	Aquila Phelps 1	Henry Baker ✓	1
Isaac Wilcoxon 1	Jas. Williams }	Jacob Booth	-
John " }	" " }	Jno. Parker	1
son George }	Samuel " }	Henry Hewilley	1
Benj. Outboard ✓	Philip " }	(Z)	
Adam Hall 1	Solomon Sparks 1		



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HOME OF JAMES OSBORNE, CASTLEWOOD, VIRGINIA, BUILT
BEFORE 1779

JAMES OSBORNE OF THE CASTLEWOOD SETTLEMENT

I. James Osborne's date and place of birth are now unknown. He died on Friday night, the 14th of December 1821, in Lower Castlewood, Russell Co., Virginia. He was a son of Caleb Osborne, who lived on Dutchman's Creek, Rowan Co., North Carolina.¹

He was married to Mary Whittaker, who survived her husband. She was probably a daughter of one of the Whittakers whose land adjoined that of Caleb Osborne.²

James Osborne was of record as early as the 16th of June 1766, when he proved a deed from Caleb Osborne and wife to George Artmire.³

Among the notes of William J. Dickenson, Esq., grandson of Henry Dickenson, Sr., there is the statement that James Osborne was a member of the second group of settlers to reach the Castlewood area, and that they arrived shortly after the first group. Castlewood was settled in 1769.

James Osborne was first of record in Washington Co., Va. in 1777, as a soldier at Moore's Fort. (Draper 1XX24)

With William Robinson, Henry Dickenson, and David Cowan, he was appointed, on the 16th of November 1779, to appraise the estate of Abram Cooper, decd.⁴ On November 11th 1782, he entered a survey of 230 acres in Castlewood.⁵

When the new county of Russell was formed, James Osborne was appointed Lieutenant of County Militia, May 10th 1786. He was promoted to Captain in Sept. 1792.⁶

The first two deeds in Russell Co. records are in the name of James Osborne. On June 13th 1786, he and Mary sold the 230-acre tract to Moses Damron. On the 4th of July 1786, he bought 400 acres from William Cowan who had moved to Kentucky.⁷

Historian Emory Hamilton has stated that it was Capt. David Gass who built the house on the Cowan land. When Capt. Gass moved to Boonesboro in 1779, he assigned his land warrant to his brother-in-law, Capt. William Cowan. Capt. Gass was a friend of Daniel Boone, and it is believed that it was on this property that the Boone family lived for about two years, after they turned back from the move to Kentucky. This was after their son, James Boone, and young Henry Russell had been killed by the Indians, in Powell Valley, October 10th 1773.

¹ Page 2 ² same ³ page 1

⁴ Washington Co. MB 1-82 ⁵ Washington Co. Survey Bk. 1-83

⁶ Russell Co. LOB 1-4, 2-39 ⁷ Russell Co. DB 1-2

It was there that James and Mary Osborne reared their family and lived out their lives. The house and one outbuilding are still standing. The house is in a sad state of neglect and part of the chimney has fallen.

On the 17th of August 1790, James and Stephen Osborne were appointed administrators of the estate of Thomas Osborn, who had been killed by the Indians. (OB 1-207)

The Journal of Bishop Francis Asbury records the fact of having stopped at the house of James Ausband, on April 29th 1790, and that it was there that John Alley and Mary Porter were married. (v. 1-643)

By September 28th 1798, James Osborne was a Trustee of the Town of Dickensonville. He served on many juries through the years. The deeds in his name are too numerous to be listed here. In 1787, he was plaintiff against John English, but the court continued the suit time after time, until the death of John English. Then James Osborne was appointed an appraiser of his estate, August 1797, (Russell Co. LOB 1-52, 2-393)

James Osborne's will was dated April 29th 1816, and probated January 1st 1822. The will was witnessed by Thomas Bundy and Robert Dickenson. David and Solomon Osborne were appointed executors. (WB 4-34) William Fraley, George Gose, James Lee, and Thomas Bundy were appointed to appraise the slaves and personal property of James Osborne, decd. (LOB 6-436)

On the 18th of December 1821, Benjamin Tompkins, David Osborne and Solomon Osborne appeared before John Smyth, a Justice of Russell Co., to make a statement. On the 12th day of this month, James Osborne, in his last sickness, sent for Tompkins to make an alteration in his will, and on Tompkins' arrival in the evening, James Osborne asked if he had brought the new, revised code of Virginia law, and Tompkins said not. He seemed to wish the law to be present, that it might be done correctly, stating that the will was correctly drawn and signed, but that he wanted some alteration in it. There had been an increase in Negroes and he did not wish the families of Negroes parted. He stated that he had given Jonathan Osborne all that he intended him to have; also, there was one of his daughters and her husband that he did not allow to give any more. James Osborne, after some conversation, said that we had better get about our business as it was getting late, and something was said about the law not being there, and Tompkins said he must go home. He, James Osborne, said that he would have to come again. Tompkins said that he would come on Saturday morning next. It was agreed that Tompkins should come on Saturday to make the additions and alterations which he wanted.

Tompkins stated that perhaps it could be done without writing a new will entirely. He (James Osborne) said perhaps it might be, if that was the law. Tompkins said he thought it was and he (James Osborne) proposed getting his will, but did not do so, but said he would look it over by Saturday. They all stated that they believed that James Osborne was perfectly in his right mind at that time, and he stated to them that he thought so himself. But, it so happened that, on Friday night the following, James Osborne departed this life, which prevented the proposed written alteration.

On the 7th of May 1822, the foregoing affidavit was ordered to be established as a codicil to said will recorded herewith. (6-481)

James Osborne's will: To my loving wife Mary, during her natural life, the dwelling house, with the third part of that tract whereon the house stands, with furnishings, and two Negroes. Sons and daughters: Jonathan, David, Lucrece, Elizabeth, Lucy, Abigail, Huldah, and Polly - to each a certain sum of money, in addition to all that he had already given them. To son Solomon he willed the plantation and eight Negroes.¹

The Old Osborne Tract was in the possession of a great grandson, Stephen B. Quillen, deceased 1965. He inherited the place from his mother, Frances (Osborne) Quillen, who inherited from her mother, Cløe (Frale) Osborne, widow of Solomon Osborne.

Across the present highway from the house, at the top of a very high hill, is the old cemetery. It is one hundred feet square, and enclosed by an iron fence, five feet tall. It is there that James Osborne lies buried, his gravestone crumbled away, and long illegible.

¹Russell Co. WB 4-34

i. Jonathan Osborne was probably born in Washington Co. (Russell Co.) Virginia. He died after June 19th 1859. He was the eldest son of James and Mary Osborne. He was married to Betsy Osborne whose birth date is also unknown. She was a daughter of Stephen and Comfort Osborne, of Osborne's Ford. (p.29)

On August 6th 1808, Jonathan Osborn, William Osborne, and Thomas Alley witnessed a deed from James and Matilda Osborne to Jonathan Osborne, son of Stephen and Comfort Osborne. (Scott Co. DB 4-220)

Jonathan and Betsy Osborne migrated to Indiana, at about the time the first group of Osbornes and Alleys settled there. It is likely that they made the trip together. Jonathan Osborne's name appeared on the first enumeration of Franklin Co. Indiana, in 1811. In 1813, he was among the first to draw land. It was in Section 7, Twp. 11, and adjoined the land of Samuel and Mary (Osborne) Alley.

In 1817, Jonathan Osborne was plaintiff to a suit against John Ward.

The 1820 Census of Franklin Co., Indiana does not include the name of Jonathan Osborne. He sold or lost or abandoned his land. It was sold in 1834 by Samuel Alley's son, Jonathan Alley.

The names of Jonathan and Betsy Osborne were among the heirs of Stephen Osborne who returned to Scott Co., Va. to answer the complaint of William Richmond, following the death of Comfort Osborne. (OB 3-122)

In a land suit, Dale Carter vs James Campbell, on June 19th 1859, the following deposition was presented: I knew De Tubeuf and worked for him at the age of 21, on the French land when he lived upon the place where he was killed. He lived on the place, not far from John English, which was within the bounds of the land known in this country as the French lands, but I think English's title to the land which he sold to De Tubeuf was a better and older title than that of De Tubeuf to the French land. He bought it and settled there, as there was an improvement, and De Tubeuf claimed all the French land around him, and he always exercised rights of ownership upon it. De Tubeuf remained there some four or five years before he was murdered, but I do not remember how long exactly.¹

Possible daughters of Jonathan and Betsy Osborne:

1. Elizabeth Osborne

¹This record was contributed by another researcher. A careful search of Russell, Scott, and Wise Co. court records has failed to bring to light the source. So, the suit must have been elsewhere. RKS

2. Comfort Osborne was married in 1818 to William Wilson. They lived on Wolf Creek Road, in the same section of Franklin Co. in which Jonathan and Betsy had lived. In 1841, James T. Osborne received a letter from Andrew Wilson, saying that he planned to move to Olney, Richland Co., Ill. Andrew may well have been a grandson of Jonathan and Betsy Osborne.¹

ii. Lucretia Osborne must have been the eldest daughter of James and Mary Osborne as named in his will. Lucretia was married to Mr. Armstrong.

The story of her capture by the Indians is told in the account of the raid on the Thomas Osborne family.

iii. Elizabeth Osborne; no information

iv. Lucy Osborne; no information

v. Abigail Osborne; no information

vi. David Osborne was born December 8th 1784 at 12 o'clock in the eve, as recorded in Solomon Osborne's Family Bible, and died after 1860 in Wise Co., Va.

He was married to Polly ---- born 1796.

On March 28th 1810, James and Mary Osborne sold to David Osborne 140 acres on the north side of Clinch River, land formerly owned by Charles Bickley and John Damon. (4-595) On April 18th 1814, David Osborne bought from Francis Preston a small tract in Castle's Woods. (5-166) On February 28th 1814, he bought an adjoining tract from Edward and Mary Dorton, Floyd Co., Ky. (5-246) On May 8th 1824 David Osborne bought 140 acres, the other half of the tract on which he lived, from Charles and Delilah Bickley. (7-42)

In September 1813, David Osborne was appointed surveyor of the road from Big Lick, on Sinking Creek, to John Smith's fence. (4-138) On March 4th 1820, it was ordered that David Osborne's precinct of the road from Thomas Large's to Tom's Creek (later in Wise Co.) be opened, dug six feet wide, and kept in repair by David Osborne. (9-3) On June 4th 1828, David Osborne was appointed surveyor from John Large's, at Russell Creek, to Guest Station (later Cœburn) (9-4) In 1833, he was appointed Commissioner for superintending the election. On May 7th 1822, he was appointed to view the road from John Banner's to Bickley's Mill. (6-473)

On the same date, and in the same suit, David Osborne made an affidavit similar to that of his brother, Jonathan. (p. 7)

¹ Jonathan Osborne not in 1850 Census, Richland Co.

It must have been in the late 1850s that David Osborne and family moved from the Castlewood Settlement to the new county of Wise. On October 28th 1860, David Osborne was defendant to a suit filed by James Campbell in Wise Co. court. Apparently, David Osborne lacked proper title to land which he had sold, and he was ordered to pay \$764, which must have been a financial disaster at that time.

(Wise Co. DB 1-323)

In 1860, David and Mary Osborne were living in the village of Wise Court House. With them were George and Mary Collins, ages 20 and 21, and Mary Burton, age 6.

David and Mary Osborne were the parents of three sons and six daughters. (Russell Co. Census 1820) We have found records of only two:

1. David Osborne married Judith ---- (Russell Co. DB 8-215) Their names did not appear in the Russell Co. Census of 1850.

2. Elizabeth Osborne, born 1813 and died 1861. She was married to Solomon Horne and her gravestone is so engraved. She was buried in the family cemetery, on the Old Osborne Tract.

vii. Hulda Osborne was born 1788 and died after October 6th 1863. (LOB 14-493) She was married ca. 1805 to Pleasant Horne, who was born 1781 in North Carolina, and died before March 7th 1865. (LOB 14-72)

They lived in Lower Castlewood. There are numerous entries in their names in the records of Russell Co., Va.

Children:

1. Mary Horne was born 1806 and died before 1888. She was married to John F. Kennedy, who was born 1797 and died 1888. They lived about the Russell-Scott Co. line.

(1) Nancy Kennedy b. 1829 m. Andrew Wilborn

(2) Pleasant H. Kennedy b. 1831 m. Rachel Jane Powers b. 1828. She was a daughter of Forrest M. and Mary (Alley) Powers. (Part Three, p. 39)

(3) Martha (Patsy) Kennedy b. 1835 m. John Dyer

(4) Solomon C. Kennedy b. 1832 m. Frances Horne, daughter of Solomon O. Horne. Solomon Kennedy went to Louisa, Ky. and joined the Union Army. He was captured and believed to have been shot deliberately.

(5) Sabra H. Kennedy b. 1835 m. James Talbert

(6) Elizabeth Kennedy b. 1837 m. Mackadore Kennedy (not related)

(7) Wiley Kennedy b. 1838 m. Bettie Talbert. Wiley was a Confederate soldier.

(8) Ichabod O. Kennedy b. 1840 m. Martha Holbrook

(9) Mary Kennedy b. 1844 m. Fletcher Lee, son of James and Cloe Lee. Fletcher Lee was a Confederate soldier. (See Eloie's letter)

(10) John Fletcher Kennedy b. 1846 m. Ellen Meade

2. Judia C. Horne married Oliver Powers (Part Three, p. 39)

(1) Jonas Powers

(3) Wayne Powers

(2) Washington Powers

(4) Hulda Powers

3. Solomon O. Horne was born 8-9-1813 and died 5-11-1900. He was married first to Elizabeth Osborne, 1813-1861. He was married second to Margaret (Peggy) Salyer. (Mar. Reg.) On March 1st 1852, Robert Fugate deeded to Solomon Horne, for one dollar, the tract of land, and included the residence. (9-474) This deed of gift remains another mystery.

(1) Frances M. Horne b. 1838 m. Solomon Kennedy (p.9)

(2) Margaret E. Horne b. 1839

(3) Americus D. Horne b. 1841

(4) Pleasant Marion Horne b. 1846

(5) W. P. Horne b. 1850

(6) Mattie Horne m. Alfred Gibson

(7) Tabitha Horne m. Harve Kiser

(8) Thomas Clayton Horne

(9) Sabra Horne

(10) Samuel C. Horne m. Malinda Money

(11) Charles Horne died at the age of two years.

4. Sabra Horne, born 1816, married William Gibson, born 1815

(1) Eliza Gibson b. 1837

(5) Rebecca C. Gibson b. 1845

(2) Squire Gibson b. 1839

(6) Hulda Gibson b. 1846

(3) Sarah A. Gibson b. 1842

(7) Margaret E. Gibson b. 1848

(4) Mary Jane Gibson b. 1844

(8) Nancy E. Gibson b. 1850

5. James Horne married Abigail ----. He must have died young.

Son, James B. Horne b. 1839 m. 3-23-1862 Eliza J. Porter b. 1837. The Russell Co. Register states that he was the son of James and Abigail Horne. Pleasant Horne's will mentions grandson, James B. Horne.

6. Ichabod Horne, born 1820, married Elizabeth ---- born 1820.

They lived in Lower Castlewood, along the present road to Dungannon.

(continued)

- (1) William Drake Horne b. 2-3-1840 m. Elizabeth (Betty) Porter b. 3-18-1838
- (2) Hester Ann Horne b. 1844 m. 10-17-1863 George H. Wilborn (Russell Co. Reg.)
- (3) Pleasant Horne b. 1846
- (4) Elizabeth Horne b. 1850 m. 9-19-1866 Harlan Powers b. 1843, son of Wesley

References for Horne records:

Russell Co. Marriage Register
1850 Census of Russell Co.
Deed and Law Order Books of Russell Co.
Family Bible of Amma (Horne) Ray
W. P. Kennedy's Family of Kennedy and Powers

I, Pleasant Horn, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

1st I desire that my beloved wife Huldah Horn if she outlives me, have during her natural life all my land, also all my Negroes, to wit, Mary, Esther, Abram, and Nelly; also all my property consisting of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, farming tools, household and kitchen furniture; also all the grain and growing crop and, at her death, if she outlives me, or at my death, if I outlive her, I desire my property to be divided as follows:

2nd I give to my grandson James B. Horn, a portion of my land bounded as follows, beginning at a black oak on the ridge, a line tree between my land and the Osborn land, thence a South course with Osborn's line to the roaring branch thence a West course with the line I sold to Osborn to the top of the ridge, thence a north course to the spring branch, thence up the Spring branch to a sugar tree near the little spring, including the spring, thence a strait line to the beginning, provided that he takes care of his mother and keeps her on the said land during her life, if not she his Mother to have the benefit of said land during her life.

3rd I give the remainder of my land to my two sons, Solomon O. Horn and Ichabod Horn, to be equally divided between them.

4th I give my Negro boy Abram to my son Ichabod Horn.

5th I give my Negro girl Easter to my son Solomon O. Horn provided he pays two hundred dollars to my daughter Sabra Gibson, if he don't pay said amount to Sabra Gibson, to have the Negro girl Easter.

6th I give my Negro girl Nelly to my daughter Mary Kenedy.

7th I give my Negro woman Mary to my daughter Judia O. Powers.

8th I desire all my other property to be sold and all just claims paid and the remainder of the same equally divided between Solomon O. Horn, Ichabod Horn, Mary Kenedy, Judia O. Powers and Sabra Gibson.

9th I hereby appoint my friend George C. Gose as Executor of this my last Will and Testament thereby revoking all former wills by me made, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 6th day of July 1860.

Witnesses:

Thos. M. Porter

Samuel Porter

Pleasant Horn (Seal)

Probated the 3rd day of October 1865
(Russell Co. Will Book 7, page 472)

viii. Mary (Polly) Osborne was born December 17th 1790, in Russell Co., Virginia and died December 14th 1844, at Pleasant View, Eagle Twp., Boone Co., Indiana. She was the youngest daughter of James and Mary Osborne, of the Castlewood Settlement.

She was married, in 1811, to Elisha Cragun, who was born February 22nd 1786, and died 1847, at Winter Quarters (Council Bluffs) Iowa. He was a son of Patrick Cragun.

Patrick Cragun was of record in Sullivan Co., Tennessee, in 1795.¹ But, he was in Russell Co., Virginia, in 1806, when he was exempt from county levies, on account of age and bodily infirmity.² He was back in Sullivan Co. in 1812.³

In 1812, Elisha and Mary (Osborne) Cragun were in Sullivan Co., Tennessee, where their first child was born.

Elisha Cragun was a soldier in the War of 1812. He is said to have served with the troops of Gen. Andrew Jackson, at the Battle of New Orleans.

Elisha and Mary Cragun removed to Indiana, and settled near Mary's brother, Jonathan Osborne; and near Samuel, John, Cyrus, and Peter Alley. On September 16th 1814, Elisha Cragun entered four surveys on Pipe Creek, at the junction of Metamora and Butler Twp., in Franklin Co. The land adjoined that of Peter Alley.

On March 2nd 1819, Elisha Cragun's younger brother, Caleb, entered a survey in the same area. On March 9th 1820, Caleb Cragun was married to Mrs. Sarah (Alley) Jones.⁴ Caleb Cragun resided in Franklin Co. until his death in 1838. William R. Jones served as administrator of his estate, with Elisha B. Jones and William Alley, securities.

Between 1825 and 1827, Elisha Cragun and family moved to Richland, Rush Co., Ind. About 1835, they went on to Boone Co., Indiana. There, the land was thickly timbered, and the great black walnut trees were felled and burned.

It was at Pleasant View, Boone Co., Indiana, that Mary (Osborne) Cragun died. Three days later, her daughter, Abigail, died and was buried by her side. One of the great trees was left to mark the graves of mother and daughter. The land is lush and green, and a stream flows through the Pleasant View churchyard.

¹Historic Sullivan Co., p. 225 ²Russell Co. LOB 3-514 ³Sullivan Co. DB 6

⁴Original Marriage Reg. of Franklin Co.: Caleb Cragun m. Sarah Jones, Mar. 9, 1820. About 1880, the Reg. was indexed, and the name written Sarah Janes. About 1935, the Reg. was copied for the Public Library, and the name written Sarah James. Thus the error was compounded. Settlement of estate of John Alley, Sr.: Sarah Cragun late Sarah Jones, late Sarah Alley. (Est. 447, p. 308, 411, Franklin Co., Ind.) (Courtesy of Mrs. Alma Osborn, Sunman, Ind.)

A year or two before Mary's death, Elisha Cragun had encountered Mormon missionaries. In 1843, he and all of his family became members of the Mormon Church, with the exception of his eldest daughter, who had married and gone away.

In less than a year after Mary's death, Elisha Cragun moved westward once more. He made his way to Nauvoo where he received a Patriarchial Blessing. Descendants say that he moved on to Winter Quarters. He is believed to have been among the 600 Mormons who died there in the bitter winter of 1846-1847.

Children of Elisha and Mary (Osborne) Cragun:

1. Rebecca Cragun was born September 25th 1812, in Sullivan Co., Tennessee, and died 1856 in Indiana. She was married December 29th 1832 to Aaron Beeman. There were two sons, Elisha and Jasper Beeman.

2. James Cragun was born July 26th 1814, at Connersville, Fayette Co., Indiana, and died February 7th 1887 in Washington Co., Utah. He was married March 30th 1836, to Eleanor Lane, in Boone Co., Indiana. Eleanor was born November 11th 1817, in Meade Co., Kentucky, and died December 24th 1901 in Washington Co., Utah. She was a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (McCarty) Lane.

Children: Lydia Margaret, James Hyrum, Thoms Calvin, Mary Ellen, Melvina, Elisha, Martha, Sarah, Tyresha.

Eleanor (Lane) Cragun delighted her grandchildren with stories of her childhood in Kentucky and Indiana. There was the time when the Lincoln family moved to a nearby farm. The father was wont to lie in the shade, while the fields grew up in weeds, sumac, and blackberry vines. Eleanor's brother, Neely (Cornelius) often played with Abe Lincumm, as she remembered the name. Neely remarked to his mother that Abe looked like an Indian, with clothes dirty and patched. His mother took him to task, pointing out that his own clothes were dirty and patched. But Neely answered that his own patches were sewed down tight, and that Abe's patches flew like flags in the wind. Soon, Abe's father went to Kentucky, and brought home a second wife, Sally Bush. She looked about the floorless, windowless room - and longed to return to Kentucky. Then, she looked at the thin, barefoot children of Nancy Lincoln, and her heart went out to them, especially to the little, sad-faced boy, Abe. She could not bring herself to leave.

The Lane family moved away, and were never aware that Abraham Lincoln, the martyred president, was the little Abe Lincumm, of long ago. It was not until a grandson read a biography of President Lincoln that he realized who the originals had been, in his grandmother's stories.

3. Hyrum Cragun was born December 8th 1816, in Franklin Co., Indiana, and died March 2nd 1884, at Pleasant View, Boone Co., Indiana. He was married, in 1842, to Reiter Dooley, who was born August 8th 1826, in Shelby Co., Kentucky, and died in 1905. She was a daughter of Robert Dooley, who married a Miss Shelburn. Children: Mary Ann, Josephine, Nebuchadnezzar, Melvina, George L. Conrad, Hiram Nelson, Strange Nathaniel, Lorenzo Dow, Columbus Franklin.

Strange N. Cragun attended West Point, class of 1883. He was a teacher; then served as Superintendent of Schools in Boone Co. He was a 32nd degree Mason; and he was well-known in financial and social circles. In May, 1891, He bought the oldest newspaper in his city, The Lebanon Patriot.

4. Mary Martha Cragun was born December 19th 1819, in Franklin Co., Indiana, and died August 18th 1896, in Vernal, Utah. She was married first, in 1837, to Jacob Beeler, who died about 1852, at Winter Quarters. She was married, about 1853 to David McOlney.

About 1850, Jacob and Mary Martha (Cragun) Beeler left their home in Franklin Co. and started on the long trek to Utah. The father and two children traveled on foot most of the way to Winter Quarters. William was eleven and Tyresha Ann was nine years of age. But Jacob Beeler died there; and Mary Martha had twin sons who died at birth. While the survivors awaited the coming of spring, David McOlney lost his wife, and was left with two motherless children. Sometime later, Mary Martha was married to David McOlney. All continued the migration to Utah.

5. Enoch Cragun was born January 14th 1821, in Franklin Co., Indiana, and died 1906 in Minnesota. He was married, in 1842, to Mary (Molly) Peters, who was born in Virginia and died in Minnesota.

They moved to Johnson Co., Missouri; then, by boat, to Minnesota. Enoch Cragun and son, Nephi Cragun, served as Union soldiers in the War Between the States. Children: Mandana, Nephi, James Cass, Enoch Davis, Mary Almeda, Jonathan Osborn, and Lucy Jane.

6. Abigail Cragun was born December 17th 1823, in Franklin Co., Indiana. She died December 17th 1844, at Pleasant View, Boone Co., Indiana. She was buried beside her mother.

7. Tyresha Cragun was born September 25th 1825, in Franklin Co., Indiana, and died January 6th 1897, in Weber Co., Utah. She was married October 20th 1850 to George Norville. There were no children.

She crossed the plains to Utah, and was one of the five children of Elisha and Mary (Osborne) Cragun who remained members of the Mormon Church.

8. Simeon Cragun was born August 13th 1827, in Rush Co., Indiana, and died February 9th 1874, in Weber Co., Utah. He was married, in 1847, to Susan Mower, who was born July 11th 1829, in Loudon Co., Virginia, and died June 16th 1899 in Utah. She was a daughter of Henry and Mary (Amick) Mower. Henry Mower was a Methodist minister who became a member of the Mormon Church.

They travelled to Utah in Capt. Foote's company of one hundred, and arrived at Salt Lake City on September 25th 1850. They moved to Davis Co. and thence, to Weber Co. They were far from the nearest school, so Susan used a room of the house as a school room, and became the first teacher in that locality.

Simeon built a large house of hand-fired brick. He was an energetic and ambitious man, but he died at the age of 47 years.

Children: Mary Mahalia, William Henry, Wilford Elisha, Willard Uriah, Wilson Elijah, Wilbert Simeon, Wiley Gidoni

9. Tabitha Cragun was born March 5th 1830, in Rush Co., Indiana, and died December 3rd 1864, in Utah. She was married December 23rd 1850, to Edwin R. Lindsay, who was born September 25th 1828, in Ontario, Canada, and died December 6th 1893, in Idaho. He was a son of William Buckminster and Sarah (Myers) Lindsay.

After Tabitha's death, Edwin was married to Emma Bowden.

Children: Sarah Adeline, Mary Jane, George Edwin, William Nelson, James Samuel, Thomas Hyrum, Ephraim, Trisha Ellen, David Elisha, John Cragun, Tabitha Ann

10. Sarah Jane Cragun was born February 22nd 1833, in Rush Co., Indiana, and died August 27th 1847.

This sketch of the Elijah and Mary (Osborne) Cragun line is taken from Eva L. Cragun Heiner's Patrick Cragun Descendants in America, published 1969. Mrs. Heiner has brought each line down to the present, and many family photographs are included. The book is well-indexed and handsomely bound. Mrs. Heiner lives at 1347 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84105.

ix. Solomon Osborne was born February 7th 1795 and died June 5th 1857.¹ He was the youngest son of James and Mary Osborne.

He was married first to Elizabeth Smith, born March 26th 1799 and died 1851. She was a daughter of John and Jane Smith, and a granddaughter of Capt. John Smith.

Both Solomon and Elizabeth Osborne were born in Lower Castlewood, lived out their lives there, and were buried in the family cemetery on the Old Osborne Tract.

After Elizabeth's death, Solomon Osborne was married to Mrs. Cloe (Fraley) Lee, widow of James Lee.

Solomon Osborne was a man of wealth and influence in his time. Thus, this second and late marriage was resented by his children. It was a cause of bitterness between the two families for more than a generation.

Children and grandchildren:

1. Samuel Osborne, born 10-19-1819, married Eunice (Una) Dorton, born 1818.
 - (1) Elizabeth Osborne b. 1841 m. 2-6-1862 Nelson Fraley, son of Andrew Fraley.
 - (2) Solomon Osborne b. 1844 m. Dee Stair, sister to Oscar Stair. Ch: William; Carey; Nancy m. Elbert Quillen, brother to Steven; Belle m. "Mode" Hartsock
 - (3) Joseph Harvey Osborne b. 2-11-1845 m. 1) 8-25-1868 N. C. Nickels m. 2) 1-14-1887 Nannie E. Vanderpool
 - (4) Martha (Babe) Osborne b. 1847 m. Charles Osborne, son of William Osborne
 - (5) John C. Osborne b. 1849
 - (6) Christopher C. Osborn b. 10-15-1850 m. 5-12-1873 Helen Vicars. Ch: Nelson m. Salyer; Una m. Gillenwater; Earl m. Nancy Porter; Solomon m. Nickels; Margaret m. Hop S. Combs; Nancy 3rd m. Ezra Horne and their dau. Irene m. James C. Combs
 - (7) Eunice (Nicey 2nd) Osborne b. 1852 m. 8-12-1871 Harvey Fraley b. 1845, brother to Nelson Fraley.

2. Jemima Osborne, born 10-14-1821 and died 2-1-1875 was married to John Wesley Dorton, born 1820. They lived on Moccasin Creek, in Russell Co.

- (1) Mary Dorton b. 1840
- (2) Margaret Dorton b. 1842 m. 2-9-1860 John Combs, son of Alex and Dicy
- (3) Nancy Dorton b. 1844
- (4) John C. Dorton b. 1846
- (5) James C. Dorton b. 1849 m. M. J. Litton

¹Russell Co. Death Register, as reported by wife, Cloe

3. Mary Osborne, born 10-9-1823, married Samuel May¹

4. John Osborne was born 3-9-1825 and died 1847. He was married to Polly Dorton born 1825. In November 1847, Solomon Osborne was appointed administrator of the estate of John Osborne, decd. (LOB 12-91) In August 1848, he was appointed guardian of Nancy, infant under 14, daughter of John Osborne, decd. (12-135)

(1) John Osborne

(2) Isobel Osborne

(3) Nancy C. Osborne b. 1848 m. 1-30-1862 Charles J. Williams

5. Martha Osborne, born 12-31-1826, was married to John May¹

6. Squire Osborne, born 5-18-1828, was married to Sally Dorton

(1) George W. Osborne b. 1857 m. 11-6-1878 Sarah A. Fleenor b. 1862

(2) William P. Osborne b. 1863 m. 3-13-1888 Mollie Dorton b. 1872

(3) John W. Osborne b. 1856 m. 1) 12-31-1877 Mary Fuller 2) 9-26-1883 Alice Dorton

(4) Marion (Duck) Osborne b. 1860 m. 8-2-1898 V. A. Jenkins b. 1882

(5) Cowan C. Osborne b. 1862 m. 11-3-1884 Ellen Barton b. 1866

(6) Osborne daughter m. Dickenson or Meade. She died at birth of son William, who was reared by his Uncle William Osborne. He m. Nancy Combs, granddau. of Samuel

7. William Osborne, born 9-15-1831, was married to Ellen (Nellie) Glazner Lee, born 5-20-1835 and died 1911. She was a daughter of James and Cloe Lee. After William's death, Nellie married 7-27-1868 George Hopkins Gose, son of Stephen.²

William Osborne was a Confederate soldier. It was just after the War, and he was at the home of his sister, Jemima Dorton, on Moccasin Creek, when the bushwhackers came to get him. He climbed up, inside the chimney. They searched the house and were ready to leave, when his foot slipped and caused the soot to fall. This drew their attention, and they dragged him from the chimney and shot him, right there in the living room. He was then about 37 years of age.

(1) Samuel Osborne m. Evaline Combs, daughter of Samuel Combs. Ch: Walter m.

Miss Peters; Blanche m. Adolphus Fraley; Maude m. Dorton; Gaines m. 1) Dorton

2) Vicars; Carrie May m. Salter; Frances m. Luther Sutton; Annette m. E. Searcy

(2) Clóe Jane Osborne b. 1855 m. 9-21-1871 S. C. Gose

(3) William Alex Osborne b. 1856 m. 1) 11-1-1876 Catherine Minton 2) 6-12-1884 Lizzie King

¹ The May family records are in possession of Mrs. R. G. Francis, Prestonsburg, Ky.

² Family records of Mrs. Audrey Banner, Castlewood, Va.

³ Marriages and ages from Russell Co. Reg.

(4) Charles F. Osborne, b. 1858, m. 1) Martha (Babe) Osborne, daughter of Samuel Osborne; 2) Miss Dorton

(5) Eliza C. Osborne, b. 1859, m. 9-23-1878 Tivis J. Smith, b. 1854.

(6) Infant, b. 1860

(7) John Tivis (Tip) Osborne, b. 1862, m. 11-6-1883 Alice Dickenson, b. 1863

(8) James Melvin Osborne, b. 1863, m. 2-6-1883 Eliza Oney

(9) Ibbey Osborne m. Houston Banner. After her father's death, she was reared by her Aunt Ibbey (Fraley) Jackson, sister to Cloe Fraley.

8. David Osborne was born 8-19-1833 and died 1862. He was married to Nancy P. Gose, born 1838. She was a daughter of Stephen and Anna Gose.

Late one evening, David was sitting on a fence, when along came a band of bushwhackers. They shot and killed him.

The bill of sale was dated February 11th 1863. Present was Nancy P. Osborne, widow of David Osborne, decd. Henry R. Gose, administrator. (7-306)

(1) William T. D. (Little David) Osborne was born 4-1-1855. He was killed in 1890 and buried near Castlewood. He married 1) 5-31-1876 Margaret Harriet Porter, who died in child birth. He married 2) 10-1-1881, in Claiborne Co., Tenn., Rachel Debusk, born 9-19-1864 in Smyth Co., Va. After her husband's death, Rachel was married to John Freeman, and lived in Claiborne Co.¹

(2) Cummings F. Osborne was born 9-19-1857 and died ca. 1887 He married 9-15-1879 Catharine Osborne, daughter of Amos and Betty Osborne. They lived in Tenn. and are said to have had descendants in Lee Co., Va.

(3) Stephen C. Osborne, born 1860, died at the age of 10 years. (Death Reg.)

(4) Son, born 9-22-1861

9. Eunice A. (Nicey) Osborne was born 11-11-1836 and died 7-4-1916. She was married 8-7-1857 to Joseph M. Combs, born 2-16-1828 and died 5-31-1901. He was a son of Alex and Dicey (Perry) Combs. Nicey is remembered with warm affection as a sweet-spirited and wonderful person.

(1) James Solomon Combs m. 1) Sallie Newman 2) Mary Kaylor

(2) Martha Malinda Delcina Virginia (Mattie) Combs m. John W. Jones

(3) Margaret Ellen Combs m. Edward Horner

(4) Charles Joseph Wesley Combs m. Coralee Blevins. There were six children, four of whom died in infancy. Daughter Charlee May m. Harman Crumley; son Ernest Anderson Combs m. Minnie Elizabeth Crumley, and had sons Charles Harmon and James Cornett Combs.

(5) Frances Maria Elizabeth Alice Combs m. 1) James W. Wagner 2) Winfield Quillen

¹ Family records of granddau.
Susan (Osborne) Russo, Detroit

(6) Robert Edward Lee Combs m. Margaret Ellen Johnson

(7) Hop Scott Combs m. Margaret Osborne, daughter of Christopher Osborne.

Alex Combs, Jr., youngest brother of Joseph W. Combs, was a Confederate soldier. He was killed by bushwhackers, just after he came home from the War. One night, they came and called him out, and shot him. His sisters, Hannah and Anna Combs, carried him into the house.

On the same night, bushwhackers killed a Statzer boy, in the same neighborhood. He lived on Carr's Creek, near Hawkins' Mill.

Another true story from those troubled times: The Union soldiers came through, raiding for supplies, and they came to Dicey (Perry) Combs' house. But, word had already reached her that soldiers were in the neighborhood. Mrs. Combs and her daughters, Hannah and Anna, hid the hams and bacon underneath the trap-door in the floor. Mrs. Combs placed her chair on the trap-door and spread her skirts wide. The soldiers ransacked the house, taking everything they could find. At gunpoint, Hannah and Anna were forced to give them supplies. But Mrs. Combs, being old, was not threatened. So she sat, rocking, rocking, and thus outwitted the soldiers.

10. Margaret Elizabeth Osborne was born 8-19-1838 and died 2-1-1927. She was married 11-10-1853 to Oscar Stair, son of Simon and Mary Stair.

11. Frances Osborne, born 6-23-1853, was married 1-18-1869 to Joseph A. Quillen. She was the only child of Solomon Osborne's marriage to Mrs. Cloe (Frale) Lee. Frances set aside \$500 in her will, the interest to be used for the upkeep of the family cemetery, in Lower Castlewood.

(1) Steven Banner Quillen m. 4-7-1897 M. A. Ashbrook. The late Steven Quillen was an attorney, and lived in Lebanon, the county seat. He inherited the Old Osborne Tract from his mother.

(2) George (Dodge) Quillen

(3) Elbert Quillen m. Nancy Osborne

(4) Cora Quillen m. John T. Dickenson

The account of this Solomon Osborne and his descendants is taken from the records of Ernest A. Combs, Route 2, Island Road, Bristol, Va. Mr. Combs grew up in Russell Co. and lived there many years. These stories were told to him by his grandmother, Nicey Combs; his cousin, Harvey Combs; and his uncle, Jim Combs. Certain dates and details were added from the 1850 Census, and Marriage and Death Registers.

I, Solomon Osborne, of the County of Russell and State of Virginia, do make and publish my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say -

First I give to my wife Cloe one half of the tract of land on which I now live I mean the tract known as the Old Osborne Tract, containing four hundred acres, be the same more or less, to be held by her during her natural life. I also give to my wife my Negro woman Isobel and her son George and the future increase of said Negro woman and my Negro man Simon, to be held by her during her natural life. I also give to my wife two head of horses, such as she may make choice of, except my stud horses, and four of her choice of my milk cows, ten head of her choice sheep, fifteen head of choice hogs and two choice beds and furniture, two large kettles and such other household and kitchen furniture as she may need, to be selected by herself. All the above land and property I desire my wife to have during her natural life if she remains single, but if she marries again, then I desire that she shall give it all up as hereinafter provided.

Secondly I give to my youngest daughter Frances Safira Margaret Anivertiz Jones-afair William Hanks (sic) the other half of land on which I now live and, at the marriage or death of my wife, I give her all of said tract of land together with all the Negroes and other property above disposed of to my wife.

Third to my son Samuel Osborne I give the boundary of land on which he now lives as marked out to him by George C. Gose and William C. Jackson in February last, by my directions. I also give him my Negro boy Joe to him and his heirs forever.

Fourth I give to my son Squire Osborne the use for his life of the tract of land I bought of James Smith, being a part of the old John Smith tract, including the buildings and Spring and part of the orchard, and at his death the same to go to his lawful children.

Fifth I give to my son William Osborne the boundary of land where he now lives as marked out to him by George C. Gose and William C. Jackson in February last, and also one Negro man named Andy to him and his heirs forever.

Sixth I give to my son David Osborne the boundary of land on which he now lives as marked out to him by George C. Gose and Wm. C. Jackson in February last and also my two Negro boys Esau and Jacob, to him and his heirs forever.

Seventh I give to my daughter Mima the wife of John W. Dorton, in addition to what I have heretofore given her and her husband, my Negro woman Juda and her future increase if she has any, and also four hundred dollars in money.

Eighth I give to my daughter Mary or Molly, the wife of Samuel May, in addition to what I have heretofore given her and her husband, about six hundred and thirty dollars in money which I have loaned to Samuel May and have his note for.

Ninth I give to my daughter Martha, the wife of John May, in addition to what I have heretofore given her, all the money for which I hold his notes and also one Negro man named Robert.

Tenth I give to my daughter Nicey Ann, the wife of Joseph Combs, the tract of land which I got from John Smith, the son of Capt. John, and my Negro woman named Mary, and also all the money for which I hold Joseph Combs notes, say about three hundred and forty dollars.

Eleventh I give to my daughter Margaret Elizabeth, the wife of Oscar Stair, the tract of land known as the Burton place, as marked off for her by George C. Gose and Wm. C. Jackson in February last and also my Negro boy named Patton.

Twelfth To my grandchild Nancy Osborne, the daughter of my son John Osborne, decd. I give the piece of land that I bought of David Banner. a part of the Capt. John Smith tract and also the sum of five hundred dollars in money which

I give to said grandchild in place and in full satisfaction of all that is in my hands as her guardian and upon condition that my estate is fully relieved from any responsibility as her guardian.

Thirteenth To my grandson Solomon Osborne, son of Samuel Osborne, I give my Negro boy Henry.

My old Negro woman Darkey, I desire shall belong to and serve with any one of my children that she may make choice of, I give one hundred and fifty dollars for her support, provided they agree to keep her for that and not let her be any further charge upon my estate.

To my daughter Mary, the wife of Samuel May, in addition to what I have herein before given her, I give my Negro man, Guy Warick, upon condition that she pays to my daughter Martha, the wife of John May, the sum of five hundred dollars, which I consider half the value of said Negro man which five hundred dollars I give to my daughter Martha, in addition to what I have herein before given her.

I give to Tivis Lee, son of my present wife, a piece of land I bought of Ichabod Horn and another piece I bought of Pleasant Horn. Beginning at a black oak in a hollow, a corner of the piece I bought of Ichabod Horn, thence running with the line of a thirty three acre tract southwardly and straight on to the main road and then with the road, including all on the north side of the road, west of the line aforesaid. All the remainder of my land, not herein before disposed of, I desire my executor to sell and convey it to the purchasers and I hereby give him full power and authority so to do. I also desire my executor to sell my other property not herein disposed of, and the money ensuing from the sale of the land and property aforesaid, together with all the moneys that I may have on hand and owing to me, besides what is herein before disposed of, I desire shall be equally divided between my sons Samuel, William, and David and my daughters Nicey Ann, the wife of Joseph Combs, and Margaret Elizabeth the wife of Oscar Stair, but out of the money aforesaid, I desire first that my executor shall retain five hundred dollars, which I desire that he shall loan out and let my son Squire have the interest of it as he may need it and pay him the principal of it any time he may show promise of becoming a sober man.

Lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Wm. B. Aston and my son Samuel Osborne executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

Witness my hand this the 7th day of March 1857.

Solomon Osborne (Seal)

Witnesses:

George C. Gose

Wm. C. Jackson

Probated August 4th 1857

(Russell Co. Will Book 7, page 104)

To the Worshipful County Court of Russell County

I, Cloe Osborn, hereby renounce the provisions made for me in the Will of my late husband, Solomon Osborn, deceased. Given under my hand this 4th day of May 1858.

Cloe Osborn

Witnesses: R. H. Lynch, George Smith

(Russell Co. Will Book 7, page 122)

From the Family Bible of Solomon Osborne

<i>Martha Elizabeth Osborne</i>	<i>born June 15, 1842</i>
<i>Solomon</i>	<i>June 19, 1843</i>
<i>Joseph Harvey</i>	<i>February 11, 1845</i>
<i>John C.</i>	<i>December 25, 1849</i>
<i>Christopher</i>	<i>October 15, 1850</i>
<i>David</i>	<i>December 8, 1784 at 12 o'clock in the Eve</i>
<i>Samuel</i>	<i>October 19, 1819</i>
<i>Janima</i>	<i>October 14, 1821</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>October 9, 1823</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>March 9, 1825</i>
<i>Martha</i>	<i>December 31, 1826</i>
<i>blur</i>	<i>May 18, 1828</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>September 15, 1831</i>
<i>David</i>	<i>August 9, 1833</i>
<i>blur</i>	<i>November 1, 1835</i>
<i>Elizabeth N.</i>	<i>August 19, 1838</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>March 28, 1799</i>

*Frances Sophia Gritta Maria July Anniventis Monta Jones Affair William
Hanks Osborne, born June 23, 1853 A D. She was the daughter of Solomon
and Cloe Osborne.*

Courtesy of Mrs. Audrey Banner, Castlewood, Va.

*This Bible is presently in the possession of Joseph Osborne, Johnson
City, Tenn.*

NOTES ON THE JAMES LEE FAMILY

James Lee was born 1765 in Georgia and died before October 17th 1851 in Russell Co., Va. The name of his first wife is unknown. He was married second to Cloe Fraley, born 1809. She was a daughter of William Fraley, and granddaughter of Frederick Fraley (Friley), from Rowan Co., N. C. After the death of James Lee Cloe was married to Solomon Osborne.

James Lee's sale bill was dated October 17th 1851. (WB 6-345) On January 3rd 1855, in Chancery Court, James Lee's estate was settled. There was mention of the sons listed below. Absent defendants were Stephen Jesse and wife Peggy McKinney, Giles Lee, and infant children of Martin Lee: Phoebe, Martha, David, Sarah, Hugh. Martin Lee had two other children: Elizabeth and Sidney. (1850 Census) In the record is mentioned partitioning lands and dividing 16 slaves. (LOB 13-161)

July Court 1851. Settlement of account of Joseph Lee's children, Robert Fugate, guardian. Payments to William W. Lee, Margaret C. Wilkerson, Joseph G. Lee. (Russell Co. WB 6-310)

Children of James and Cloe (Fraley) Lee:

1. James M. Lee, born 1831 and died 12-26-1862, married 10-8-1857 Mary Hackney, born 1835. She was a daughter of Joseph and Amelia Hackney. The Russell Co. Death Register states that he was stabbed.

2. Col. Alexander M. Lee was born 1832. He was married 10-1-1856 to Eliza G. Smith, born 1834. She was a daughter of George and Ibbey Smith. They lived in Castlewood. Col. Lee was an officer in the Confederate Army.

3. Ellen (Nellie) Lee was born 1835. She was married to William Osborne, son of Solomon and Elizabeth Osborne. William Osborne was a Confederate soldier. He was killed by bushwhackers. Later, Ellen married George Hopkins Gose.

4. William E. Lee was born 1838. He was married 10-11-1855 to Mary C. Plott, born 1837. She was a daughter of George and Sarah M. Plott. William was a Confederate soldier, and lost an eye in Pickett's charge, at the Battle of Gettysburg. After the War, they moved to Eastern Kentucky, where he died.

5. Tivis Lee was born 1841. He was never married. His mother mentions a letter from him, saying that he is out of clothing. He was a Confederate soldier and was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness. His will was probated the 7th day of June 1864. (WB 7-387)

6. Fletcher G. Lee, born 1842, married 2-29-1860 Mary A. Kennedy, born 1843. (p.10)

She was a daughter of John and Mary (Horne) Kennedy. They lived in Russell Co.

Fletcher G. Lee was a Confederate soldier.

Children: Tivis, Elizabeth, Mattie, Fanny, Tenna

Dates above from Russell Co. Marriage and Death Registers

Other records from the late Steven B. Quillen and Wade P. Kennedy

In the name of God Amen

I, Tivis P. Lee of the County of Russell and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and knowing the uncertainty of this mortal life, and knowing that it is appointed to man once to die, do this make my last Will and Testament -

Item 1st I desire my body decently buried and all funeral expenses paid, all of my just debts speedily and promptly paid

Item 2nd I give and bequeath my Mother Cloey Osborn all the land that I possess during her natural life and after her death to be divided equally between my brothers and my sister, the part that falls to Nelly to be kept in the hands of my Executor so as not to fall in the hands of Wm Osborn directly or indirectly and to be given to her as she needs it.

Item 3rd The part that falls to Wm E. Lee to be kept in the Executors hands, so he can't run through with it and to go to his children.

Item 4th I give to my brother A. M. Lee my black boy Charles to him and his heirs forever.

Item 5th I give to Frances all the land and Negroes that fall to me from my Mother's things, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 6th I give to my Mother all the property that I now possess to dispose of as she sees proper and the money to go to her own use.

I acknowledge this to be my Will and assign the same with my own hand.

September 17th 1862

Tivis P. Lee

Wm. C. Jackson

Thomas C. Alderson

At a Court of Quarter Session held for Russell Co. at the Courthouse on the 7th day of June 1864 the last Will and Testament of Tives P. Lee, deceased, was this day produced in Court and one of the witnesses to said Will being dead and the other not being present . . . George C. Gose and John W. Smith testified that the handwriting was that of Tives P. Lee . . . whereupon Alexander M. Lee took the oath as administrator, acknowledged bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with Joseph Hackney, I. W. Smith, and G. C. Gose as his securities.

(Russell Co. Will Book 7, pages 386, 387)

Russel Co virginia

august the 1st 1863

Dear son I now take my pen
in hand to write to you to
let you know we are in
tolerable health Frances still
keeps poorly and eats nothing
hardly, if I hope when these lines
comes to hand they may find
you in good health I received
a letter from you last Saturday
and was truly glad you had
come out of your battle without
being hurt I have had news
to write to you Mary lost
140 Dollars stole out of her
pockets Book and dont know
how it was taken and no wonder
she carried it about with her from
place to place and lets other
people count it she has brought
the rest of it here six hundred
Dollars I am taking care of it for
you

I am having in good wheat
to day though it is half destroyed
I got a letter from Lives the
other day he writes he is very poorly
he has been sick a week or two
little. Bill was well and setting
over a finer part of chicken
helps of himself. I have a letter
from Lives. I am going to send
to you he writes that he is
out of clothing and I am going
to send him some by Black.
Black wants you to get a furlow
and go with him, give my best
regards to Dave Lee, tell him
I am mighty glad he is such
a brave soldier. Tell him that
he will be captured I want him to
bring to me, someone at present
but remain your true mother
until death.

Clay Osborne.

my Stations along frontiers of Washington County
 from May 30 to June 30 1777 both days inclusive

No.	Name & Rank	Time Drawn from	Time Drawn for	Days of July
	AT BLAKEMORE'S, North			
	Bl. M. W. Richey Sergeant.	May 1	June 30	61
	Colley Duncan	1	30	61
	James Duncan	1	30	61
	Willm Duncan	1	30	61
5	Mathew Spain Sergt.	1	30	61
	Mathew Spain Sergt.	1	30	61
	Cariah Spain	1	30	61
	George Spain	1	30	61
	John Blakemore	1	30	61
10	Lewis Green	1	30	61
	James Green	1	30	61
	Bl. M. W. Richey Sergt.	1	30	61
	George Blakemore	1	30	61
	John Blakemore	1	30	61
	John Blakemore	1	30	61
15	Benjamin Scholton	1	30	61
	John Scholton	1	30	61
14	AT MOORE'S, North			
	Patrick Moore Sergeant.	1	30	61
	James Moore	1	30	61
	Patrick Moore	1	30	61
	James Moore	1	30	61
5	Charles Hillgren	1	30	61
	James Hillgren	1	30	61
	John Montgomery	1	30	61
	Samuel Foster	1	30	61
	Richard Green	1	30	61
10	John Hill	1	30	61
	Alexander Montgomery Sergt.	1	30	61
	Richard Hillgren	1	30	61
	Richard Hillgren	1	30	61
15	Richard Hillgren	1	30	61
	John Kenkhead	June 1	30	17
	John Kenkhead	17	30	17
	James Dyburn	17	30	17
	John Dyburn	17	30	17
19	Richard Hillgren	17	30	17

II. Thomas Osborne's date and place of birth are unknown. He died in Russell Co., Va. before the 17th of August 1790. (LOB 1-207) In July 1790, he had been exempted from paying taxes because of infirmity. (LOB 1-205)

Thomas Osborne was married to Minnie, whose last name is unknown. She died on the same day, and was buried in the grave with her husband.

That Thomas Osborne was a brother to James and Stephen Osborne is shown by the fact that they not only served as his administrators, but both were his heirs. Furthermore, there is James Fraley's statement that Lucretia Osborne was Thomas Osborne's niece.

Thomas Osborne was on the Clinch by 1775. He proved that actual settlement was made in that year when he entered a survey of 400 acres, on the forks of Blackwater, a north branch of Clinch, in present Lee Co., Va., on the 21st of April 1786.¹ On the 14th of November 1782, he entered another survey of 190 acres, on the south side of Buffalo Hollow.² This was the homestead in the Castlewood Settlement, and adjoined James Wharton and Capt. William Cowan, and was within sight of the James Osborne place. On the 15th of March 1786, he entered a survey of 50 acres, dated April 5th 1782. This tract was on Sinking Creek, which flows into Clinch River, in Scott Co.³

Thomas Osborne was a Revolutionary soldier. His name appears on the payroll for service at Moore's Fort, on the frontiers of Washington Co., Va., on the 30th of June 1777.⁴

"Back in the year 1771, a family by the name of McKinney moved from North Carolina to Pattonville, Scott Co., Va. Thomas Osborne and one of the McKinneys opened the Blackwater Salt Works. How long they operated this business, I never knew. During the War, the Yankees were foraging through that section. They drove a steel drill into the well and stopped the flow of water. This was the end. I was mostly raised on the McKinney farm."⁵

Thomas Osborne served on the jury during the first session of the Russell Co., Va. court, and numerous times afterward. He witnessed deeds and gave bond for friends and relatives.

Thomas and Minnie Osborne had no children of their own. In April 1787, two children of James Wauls were apprenticed to Thomas Osborne. (LOB 1-29)

¹ Washington Co., Va. Survey Book 1, pages 389, 390; ² same 273; ³ same 351

⁴ Draper Papers 1XX20-1XX 24

⁵ Letter from the late J. R. Burchette, dated 10-4-1960. He was the second husband of Rebecca Osborne, youngest daughter of Solomon and Jane Osborne, Lee Co., Va.

"The attack on the Osborne home came early in the morning of a foggy day. Upon arising, Thomas saw that some cattle and horses were missing, and a bound boy, by the name of Wauls was sent to look for them. He is said to have been on a hill slightly to the northeast of the house, when the fog lifted and he saw Indians approaching. He lay flat on the ground until they had gone, and thus escaped capture.

Thomas Osborne went to the door of the house, and was shot while standing there. Lucretia Osborne, niece of Thomas and daughter of James Osborne, was visiting in the Osborne home. She fled from the house and started home, which was about a mile away, and across a hill. She was pursued by the Indians and captured in a cornfield, just east of the house. Mrs. Osborne and the bound girl, Betsy Wauls were apparently captured in the house.

The Indians quickly started with their captives, up a narrow hollow (Buffalo Hollow) in a southeasterly direction, toward present Bangor, where the Clinch river is shallow and easily forded. This would put the river between them and the settlement, and thus on a direct route to their towns in Ohio. But after traveling a short distance, they observed that Mrs. Minnie Osborne was lame. Then and there, they tomahawked and scalped her, under a large honey-locust tree, which stood well into the memory of those living today.

All the family of James Osborne had given Lucretia up for dead except her mother who, it is said, looked every day toward a path where Lucretia would appear if ever she returned. One day, as the mother gazed at the path, her faith was rewarded - for, walking along the path was her daughter, Lucretia, and a man who turned out to be her husband.

James Osborne, father of Lucretia, was having a log-rolling the day his daughter returned, and many of the neighbors were there. He told them to drop their log-hooks, rolled out a keg of whiskey, and celebrated the return of his daughter." ¹

James Fraley, a militia soldier and Indian fighter, lived about a mile from the Thomas Osborne family. In his pension statement, filed in Floyd Co., Ky. in 1834, he had this to say: Our settlements (Castlewood) were attacked, and the Indians killed Thomas Osburn and Minnie his wife. He stated that he helped to bury them in the same coffin. They took two girls prisoner, LUCRETIA OSBURN, THE NIECE OF THOMAS OSBURN, and Betsy Walls. In spite of all that could be done, they took the girls to Canada, and kept Lucretia four years. The Indians killed Betsy Wauls by beating her on the head, so he learnt. Lucretia Osburn was exchanged and brought to Detroit. There, she married one Armstrong, who brought her back

to Virginia, and from whom he learned the fate of Betsy Wauls.

James Fraley's statement was verified by John Marshall, an aged resident of Floyd Co., Ky. He stated that he resided in the western part of Virginia during the Revolution.

The first entry in the settlement of Thomas Osborne's estate was dated 17th August 1790. On motion of James and Stephen Osborne, letters were granted them for administration of the estate of Thomas Osborne, decd., whereupon they took the oath of office and entered into bond, with Thomas Carter, Christopher Cooper, and Robert Vicars, their securities. This is followed by: Ordered that William Robertson, Samuel Porter (he of Castlewood) James Wharton, and John Smith appraise the estate of Thomas Osborne, decd. (Russell Co. LOB 1-207)

In January 1793, William Osborne received his share of the estate and gave a receipt to the administrators, as did Morgan Osborne. Both transactions were witnessed by Squire Osborne and Austen Bush. (Russell Co. LOB 2-51, 52)

On December 13th 1794, James and Stephen Osborne, administrators, sold to John Marshall and Silas Flanary the 190-acre tract, the homeplace of Thomas Osborne. (DB 2-5) On February 4th 1817, James, John, Silas, and Isaac Flanary; John and Elizabeth Marshall, Griffith and Rebecca Dickenson, Simpson and Edee Cash, Pleasant and Nancy Adkins, Reuben and Mary Fraley, John and Sarah Montgomery sold the place to George Gose. (DB 5-542) To this day, it belongs to his descendants.

On July 31st 1819, Stephen Osborne and Comfort his wife, and James Osborne and Mary his wife, of Russell Co., sold to William Roberts, of Lee Co., for the sum of \$650 paid James Osborne; and \$1000 paid John Osborne, in favor of Stephen Osborne, the 400-acre tract on Blackwater, with a small acreage on the west side excepted for James Osborne. (Lee Co. DB 3-89)

There was no further mention of the parcel reserved for James Osborne. However, on March 28th 1816, John and Prudence Williams had sold 50 acres on the west side of Blackwater to George Osborne. (DB 3-227) On August 9th 1786, there was a Prudence Osborne in Russell Co. (1-16) This is an item for speculation.

Nor was there further mention of the 50-acre tract on Sinking Creek. However, Squire Osborne's daughter, Sarah Harvey, is recorded in the Family Bible as born 1793, in Scott Co., Virginia.

Thus, the heirs of Thomas Osborne were: James, Stephen, William and Morgan Osborne; and possibly Squire and Prudence Osborne.

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The story as told by Mrs. Audrey Banner who lives on the Fraley land and owns the site of Moore's Fort; and by Mrs. Russell Harmon who lives on the spot where Thomas Osborne's home once stood. Both are descendants of families that have lived in the area from the time of the tragedy.



HOME OF STEPHEN OSBORNE, DUNGANNON, VIRGINIA, 1787

As described by Mrs.
Brannon's grandmother

III. Stephen Osborne's birth date is unknown. He died before May 14th 1820, in Scott Co., Va. (MB 1-216) He was buried on a hill, on the old homestead.

That Stephen Osborne was a brother to Thomas and James Osborne, and thus a son of Caleb Osborne, is shown in the settlement of Thomas Osborne's estate. (pp. 27 and 30b)

Stephen Osborne is said to have been married in York Co., South Carolina, to Comfort Langrum (Langham) who died about December 1st 1824, in Scott Co., Va. (MB 3-101) She is believed to have been a daughter of Rebecca Van Kuykendal.¹

The Van Kuykendal family is recorded in the Register of the Kingston Reformed Church, by Hoss. They were in Minisink, in the southern part of N. Y. state. The Van Kuykendal and Langrum families were also in South Carolina and in Mecklenburg (Tryon) Co., North Carolina.

October 22nd 1765. Ye County of Meclinburg. Will of John Langham. To wife Comfort one-third of land etc.; five shillings each to Sarah Hagarty, Ester Dean, Jean McCoy, and Comford Osbourne. Lands to sons William and Abel Langham. Executrix wife Comford. Witnesses: Peter Kukendahl, Abraham Kukendahl, Richard Flanman.²

Stephen Osborne is said to have been small of stature and dark in coloring. Comfort was generously proportioned, with dark eyes and hair. That she could read and write was unusual among pioneer women.¹

The two Stephen Osbornes of Montgomery Co. were of record there in 1782 and in 1786, and cannot have been early Scott Co. settlers. (Part Three, p. 56) There seems little doubt that Stephen Osborne, of Scott Co., was the same who bought land in Surry Co., N. C. in 1774, as stated by the late I. C. Coley, in 1929.

The date of Stephen Osborne's arrival on the Clinch is uncertain. The 1850 Census shows son Jonathan born in N. C. in 1772, and daughter Jane born in Va. in 1774. Charles Kilgore, Jr. filed for a pension in Davis Co., Ind., stating that he had spent three months in the summer of 1779, guarding Osman's Fort on Clinch river. (Osman ? Osborn ?) Stephen Osborne's name appeared first on Washington Co. tax lists in 1782.

After Stephen Osborne sold 100 acres of the original patent to son James, it was sold by James to his brother Jonathan, and described as "part of a tract of 320 acres, patented by Stephen Osborne on November 15th 1782, beginning on the bank of the river, the original line to the head of an island, opposite the mouth of

¹ Mrs. Brannen's family records, left by her grandmother, Rebecca (Richmond) Collier, who was Stephen Osborne's granddaughter. ² Tryon Co. Wills, 1765-1779; possibly Stephen Osborne's wife, but further research advisable. From Col. Dale Honeycutt.

Bustard's Shoals; then, leaving the river, along the old path, then southward down a hill, between two springs; then, through the red lick." (DB 4-220) On February 10th 1786, Stephen Osborne obtained a patent of 44 acres adjoining the survey on which he lived. (Washington Co. Survey Bk 1-333) On December 19th 1795, Stephen Osborne entered another 100 acres "corner to said Osborne." (Russell Co. Survey Bk 1-230) In August 1805, he bought lots in Dickensonville, the county seat. (DB 3-428)

Osborn's Ford was on the Fincastle road, and Stephen Osborne established a trading post there, where travelers stopped on their way to Kentucky. There has been a store, operated under the name of Osborne, from that day to this.

In November 1801, Stephen Osborne was received into the Stoney Creek Primitive Baptist Church, at Fort Blackmore. He was baptised. A month later, Comfort Osborne was received, but not baptised.

On January 2nd 1810, the court ordered that Stephen Osborne be exempted from paying taxes, because of age and infirmity. (LOB 4-115)

By the time he made will, Stephen Osborne had disposed of most of his land and possessions, so his will was brief.

The date was July 1st 1817. He stated that, after the death of himself and his wife, the Negroes were to be set free. His real and personal property were to be divided equally among his children. (Scott Co. WB 1-76) On May 12th 1820, Stephen Osborne's will was filed for probate, with William Kilgore, administrator. (WB 1-216) On December 11th 1821, a sale was held. On that date, an inventory, which included several Negroes, was entered in the court records. (MB 3-101)

On January 12th 1825, William Kilgore, administrator of the estate of Stephen Osborne, decd., proved that Comfort Osborne, widow of Stephen Osborne, died in this county about the first of December last. It is ordered to take out, from the court, Certificates of Emancipation of the slaves willed to be freed by Stephen Osborne, but not to the prejudice of the heirs of the said Stephen Osborne.

(MB 3-101)

On January 12th 1825, William Richmond filed suit against the heirs of Stephen Osborne, namely: Jonathan Osborne, William Osborne, James Osborne, John Osborne, William Kilgore and Jane his wife, John Dollarhide and Jemima his wife, Isaac Richmond and Esther his wife, Jonathan Osborne and Betsy his wife, Jeremiah Herald and Sally his wife, Samuel Alley and Polly his wife. (MB 3-101)

The defendants, Isaac Richmond and Esther his wife, Jonathan Osborne and Betsy his wife, Jeremiah Herald and Sally his wife, William Osborne, James Osborne,

Samuel Alley and Mary his wife, not having entered their appearance, it appears that they are not residents of this Commonwealth. (same reference)

On March 9th 1825, William Kilgore and the heirs appeared and satisfied the complainant. (MB 3-122)

On September 15th 1829, in the Superior Court of Wythe Co., Va., a suit was filed against the heirs of Stephen Osborne, decd. by Barbara, a free woman of color, and children Sarah, Wesley, James, and Lucinda. (LOB Superior Court 1-85)

From September 8th 1831 to April 11th 1832, in Scott Co. Superior Court, a case was tried in which Barbara, a free woman of color, sued Jonathan Osborne for her two children. She was awarded \$100, but the case was appealed. (Chancery OB 1-1,2,3,4)
We failed to find a record of the final decree.

On March 19th 1842, William Kilgore, administrator, presented the final account of the settlement of Stephen Osborne's estate. The clerk noted that there had been much litigation about certain Negroes given their freedom. (Will Book 2-300)

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Jonathan Osborn, the elder, was of record in Rowan Co., N. C., on February 22nd 1759. On that date, he witnessed a deed for 286 acres from the Earl of Granville to Daniel Hackett (Hagett). The land was on Swearing Creek, at the east edge of the present city of Lexington, Davidson Co., N. C. (DB 4-102)

In 1761, Jonathan Osborn was on the list of taxables in the Jersey Settlement and up the Yadkin.

In 1764, George Magonne filed suit against Jonathan Osborn. (Vol. 2-553) George Magonne dealt in land in the Salisbury area.

In 1768, Jonathan and Stephen Osborn were on the tax list of the Hollow District of Rowan Co., N. C.

In February 1770, Jonathan Osborn was granted the right to operate a grist mill, already built, on the waters of Loving's Creek. (Vol. 3-183)

On October 19th 1774, Jonathan Osborn, of Surry Co., N. C. sold to Jean Coyle, widow of Patrick Coyle, decd., 100 acres, which was part of a larger tract granted Coyle in 1762, and located on North Loven's Creek, middle fork of the Arrarrat river. (Vol. F-42)

On the same date, Jonathan Osborn sold 150 acres of the same tract, to Stephen Osborn for only L10 sterling. (same ref.) See page 28.

On July 8th 1775, Jonathan Osborn sold to Thomas Smith 150 acres, which was the remainder of the 400-acre tract. This deed states that it was part of a 400-acre tract granted to Patrick Coyle in 1762, and afterwards conveyed to James Coyle, son and heir to Patrick Coyle, and sold to the said Jonathan Osborn on February 14th 1774.

Note: Three researchers have tried, without success, to learn more about this Jonathan Osborn. One of these wrote that there was only a quit rent arrangement between Jonathan and Stephen Osborn, not an outright sale. RS

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Dear Mrs. Sutton:

With regard to the Thomas Osborne matter, it appears to me that Thomas Osborne, James Osborne, Stephen Osborne, William Osborne, and Morgan Osborne were all brothers. It would seem one would have to draw this conclusion for the following reasons:

1. The fact that James and Stephen were Administrators certainly indicates a closeness with the deceased. Since James has been proven a brother of Thomas surely Stephen, the Co-Administrator, was also a brother. Were it not so, William or Morgan Osborne would have qualified with James as Administrator of the Estate.
2. James and Stephen were seized of a 400-acre tract of land, which had previously belonged to Thomas, and for which there was no recorded transfer prior to the death of Thomas. Obviously, they owned it by operation of the laws of descent and distribution, in about 1790.
3. Thomas died intestate and there was no record of children. Under the laws at that time, when one died intestate without issue and when the parents did not survive, brothers and sisters would share equally, which I believe happened in this case.

Primogeniture and the common law canons of descent were wholly abrogated in Virginia by the Statute of Descents of 1785 (Copenhaver v. Pendleton, 155 Va. 463, 155 S.E. 802, 77 A.L.R. 324; Williams v. Knowles, 178 Va. 84, 16 S.E. (2d) 316; see also Sec. 64-1 of the 1949 Code of Virginia). Thomas Osborne, of course, died several years after the enactment of the Statute of Descents of 1785.

It, therefore, seems conclusive to me that James, Stephen, William, Morgan, and Thomas Osborne were all brothers.

Sincerely,



Kent Rigg
Attorney at Law

Children of Stephen and Comfort Osborne:

i. Mary (Polly) Osborne was born 1767 or 1768¹ in North Carolina and died October 18th 1856 at Clifty, Decatur Co., Indiana. She was married in the summer of 1786 to Samuel Alley. She was the eldest daughter of Stephen and Comfort Osborne. For an account of this line, see the Alley section of this manuscript. (p. 57)

ii. Jonathan Osborne was born 1772² in North Carolina, and died in 1861 in Scott Co., Virginia. (WB 5-160) He was the eldest son of Stephen and Comfort Osborne. He was married ca. 1800 to Martha (Mattie) Gray, born 1785 in Va. and died after October 14th 1862, in Scott Co., when she was assigned her widow's dower.³ She was probably a daughter of Alexander Gray.

On December 22nd 1801, Jonathan Osborne bought from Henry Dickenson a tract on the north side of Taylor's Valley, adjoining Simon Cockrell and Patrick Porter.⁴ (DB 3-284) On January 7th 1802, Jonathan bought from Stephen and Comfort Osborne 144 acres on the north side of Clinch river, part of which was known as the Little Cane Brake. (DB 3-281) On August 6th 1808, Jonathan bought from his brother James and wife Matilda part of Stephen Osborne's original survey, on the north side of Clinch river, opposite the mouth of Bustard's Run. (DB 4-220)

Jonathan Osborne bought and sold a great deal of land throughout the years. By April 26th 1853, he had bought his father's personal estate from all of the heirs except Jerry Harrell, Samuel Alley, and John Dollarhide. (Chancery Book 1-276) Jonathan and Martha Osborne lived out their lives at Osborne's Ford.

Children:

1. John C. Osborne, son of Jonathan, was born October 5th 1802 and died January 31st 1863.⁵ He was married ca. 1822 to Polly Corder, born 1806 in Tazewell Co., Va.

John and Polly Osborne lived in Hunter's Valley, in a two-story, hewn-log house which is well-preserved. It is a short distance from the present highway, and near the entrance to the valley.

On April 13th 1824, Jonathan and Martha Osborne deeded to John a certain tract, for one dollar and for the natural love and affection which they bear their son. (3-21)

This branch of the Osborne family once owned most of the land between Hunter's Valley and High Knob. Later, Patrick Hagan acquired it. This boundary is now

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¹The 1850 Census of Clay Co., Ind. and Mary Alley's BLW #36631 vary a year in age.

²1850 and 1860 Census of Scott Co., Va.

³Scott Co. DB 13-472

⁴It is possible that this was Jonathan, son of James Osborne

⁵Gravestone has above date; Death Reg. has Dec. 3, 1862, age 59

a part of Jefferson National Park. There are two landmarks, great boulders and cliffs, both known as Osborne's Rocks. One is situated three miles east of High Knob, along the road on top of the mountain, which intersects with the Coeburn-Dungannon road. The other is southeast of High Knob, on the Fort Blackmore road.

It is said that the eleven sons of John Osborne served in the Confederate Army, and that they were in the East, where fighting was the fiercest; yet, all lived to return.

The sale bill of John Osborne, decd. was dated February 21st 1863. Those who bought were: Widow Mary, John D., Henry W., David, James D., Elijah, Stephen, Daniel L. Ramey, William Brickey. (WB 5-278)

On June 1st 1866, the other heirs sold land to David Osborne. Between James D. Osborne and Nancy his wife, William F. Elam and Elizabeth his wife, David Honeycutt and Louisa his wife, Milton Ramey and Esther his wife, James W. Elam and Sarah his wife, Wesley Elam and Margaret his wife, and Mary Elam of Scott Co. to David Osborne, their several interests on Buckner's Ridge. (DB 13-584)

Children of John and Mary:

(1) Elizabeth Osborne b. 1823 m. 4-13-1843 Morgan C. Carter b. 1822. On August 20th 1873, he brought suit for his wife's share of the homestead of John Osborne, decd. (Chancery 3-61) Ch: Sally; Hiram; Henry C.; Helen

(2) Elijah Osborne, 1824 to 6-3-1883, m. 7-17-1845 Chrissy J. Burton b. 1826. Ch: Henderson m. 1) Cynthia Johnson 2) Nancy Moore; William H. b. 1847; Melvina b. 1852 m. Edmund Bays; Jonathan b. 1855; Donta m. Minton Webb

(3) Jonathan Osborne, twin b. 1824 m. 3-6-1845 Lucinda Wright, res. Ky. Ch: William H. b. 1847 m. 9-23-1868 Mary J. Edwards, Haywood Co., N. C.; Mary Jane b. 1848 m. 1875 John D. Cox; John B. b. 1851; Margaret b. 1852 m. 12-16-1775 James A. Stallard; Elijah L. b. 1854; Elbert b. 1856; Marge b. 1859

(4) James B. Osborne (Did) b. 1825 m. 9-20-1848 Susannah McCarty or Levina Carty. They lived in Hunter's Valley. Ch: Sarah C. b. 1850; Malinda b. 1852; Margaret b. 1854; Henry Clay b. 1856 m. Julie Osborne, dau. of John D. and lived near Ramsey in Wise Co.; Ellen m. Lemuel G. Osborne, son of Isaac; J. D. b. 1855 m. 1890 R. J. Riner; Martha V. b. 1863 m. 8-5-1887 Jonathan Wheatley; John Morgan b. 1865 m. 9-9-1887 Nancy L. Riner b. 1860

(5) David Osborne b. 1830 m. 2-12-1851 Merab Wolfe b. 1831, dau. of Jacob and Jael. There are a number of deeds in the name of David Osborn.

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Ch: Jael Minerva b. 1852 m. 4-7-1870 Columbus C. Greer; sons Bob and Roe; Mary E. b. 1855 m. 11-18-1875 Early Fleetwood Conper; Wash m. Miss Nickels; Tom, unmarried; John S. died in childhood; Lewis m. Miss Berry; Ellen m. 1) Cox 2) James W. Richmond

(6) Hiram Osborne, 1832 to 10-11-1865, m. 10-5-1854 Margaret Ramey b. 1839, She was a daughter of Henry Ramey. (Wise Co. Reg.)

On March 7th 1870, a report on Hiram Osborne's estate was filed in court. In 1877 and 1878, Henry Ramey was appointed guardian of the children. On November 14th 1873 Henry Ramey had filed suit against the heirs, including Margaret. He contended that the same amount should be paid Peter Sloan and wife Emily.¹

Ch: Andrew J. b. 1857; Emaline b. 5-1-1858 m. Peter Sloan; Winfield b. 12-9-1859

(7) Henry W. Osborne b. 1834 m. 1) 6-16-1861 Lelia Gibson 2) Hannah Porter

In April 1855, he was fined ten dollars for playing cards with a Negro! (OB 3-78)

On September 14th 1864, Capt. Henry Osborne reported 96 volunteers in his Company.

It is said that his horse was shot from under him, but he fought through the battle. He continued throughout the War in Tennessee.

Ch: Charles; Alice m. Mr. Cox; John Henry

(8) John D. Osborne b. 1837 m. 9-22-1859 Margaret E. Hillman b. 1837

On January 11th 1860, he bought two tracts of land, adjoining his father and Isaac Osborne. (OB 12-586) Ch: Julie; Simon; Jackson; Emily; Verdie; Cloe

(9) William Osborne b. 1838 m. 1) 12-18-1864 Verlina Hall, 1843 to 10-11-1870.

She was a daughter of Alexander and Mary Hall, Wise Co. Verlina had son Witcher. William Osborne married second Permelia Culbertson.

Ch: James; Joseph; Anneliza; Daisy; William; Ellen

(10) Jesse Osborne b. 1840 m. 8-27-1866 Mary L. Riley, daughter of Hiram K. Riley Hancock Co., Tenn. They lived on Dry Creek, Hunter's Valley, Scott Co.

Ch: Auburn (Orban); Joseph; John; Henry; Sally; Alice; Betty.

Betty lived in Appalachia. She kept family records.

(11) Stephen J. (Kid) Osborne b. 1842 m. Miss Frazier.

Ch: Lilbourn; Silas; Boone; Maxie; Patrick; Lula, res. Knoxville

(12) Mary Ann Osborne, 10-23-1843 to 1901, married at home 12-13-1864 Esau Honeycutt, 9-10-1841 to 1929.

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¹ Wise Co. Birth Reg.; WB 2-71; Scott Co. Chancery Book 3-81

Esau Honeycutt was a volunteer in Capt. Henry Osborne's Company. He was captured at Cedar Run and taken prisoner to Fort Monroe. There he was exchanged, promising never to fight again. However, he is believed to have been with Gen. Morgan during the later part of the War.

Ch:

- a. John Morgan, 2-9-1866 to 1944, m. Mary Hillamn
- b. Jemima Jane, 2-17-1868 to 1967, m. George Riner
- c. Virginia Belle, 1-27-1870 to 1960, m. Samuel Logan Osborne, son of Isaac
- d. Mary (Polly) Lucinda, 2-11-1872 to 1966, m. Fleetwood Osborne
- e. Margaret Ellen, 2-21-1874 to 1942, m. Emmet Osborne, son of Isaac
- f. Robert Lee, 4-18-1876 to 1929, m. Mollie Wheatley
- g. Thomas Nathan (Nat), 8-30-1878 to 1904; unmarried
- h. George Washington, 11-13-1880 to 1941, m. Ida Webb Adams
- i. Esau, 2-9-1883 to 1965, m. Ann Taylor
- j. Sarah Alice, 3-6-1885 to 1888
- k. Dr. Grover Cleveland, b. 1-20-1888, m. Nancy Palmer; living in Big Stone Gap.
(Family records, courtesy of Col. Dale Honeycutt)

(13) Sally J. Osborne b. 1846 m. 12-13-1864 Wesley Lyon, Lawrence Co., Ky.

On April 22nd 1868, she filed for divorce. The court granted her custody of the children and control of property. Sally married second Jacob Riner.

Ch: James Lyon; Mary Lyon; John Riner; Mack Riner; Martha Riner

(14) Alexander (Eck) Osborne was born 1848 and died after November 8th 1873, shot and killed by accident on election day. On the date mentioned, he bought land at Osborne's Ford, with David Osborne as security. (DB 3-94) He was married and had one daughter, Vick Osborne.

2. William Osborne, son of Jonathan, was born in Scott Co. in 1804 and died 1864 or 1865 in Wise Co. He was married to Dorcas Wheatley, 1811 to 1883. They lived in the Flat Woods area near Coeburn, but later moved a few miles to Tom's Creek.

On May 11th 1831, William Osborne entered a survey of 100 acres in Flat Woods, north of Stone Mountain. (Jonathan Bk., p. 112) On March 28th 1854, he bought a 1000-acre tract on the west side of Guest river. (DB 11-84) On November 30th 1859 he gave a deed of trust on half this tract to J. F. McElhaney. The land was located at the mouth of Jay Bird Creek and Guest river. (Wise Co. WB 1-91)

Records of John C. Osborne, eldest son of Jonathan, and his descendants are from the late I. C. Coley's account, printed 1929 in the Gate City Herald; from Dr. G. C. Honeycutt, Big Stone Gap; and from the late Auburn Osborne, Hunter's Valley, Scott Co. also 1850 Census; also Scott Co. Reg. etc.

April 26th 1859. Ordered that William Osborne be appointed surveyor of the public road from the ford of Guest's river at William Osborne's to the Wise-Scott Co. line, with the following tithables: James Osborne, James Freeman, Daniel S. Hoge, Moses Justice (colored), Ephraim Moore, Hiram Osborne, Joshua H. Bruce, Valentine Honeycutt, Robert Jesse, Stephen Osborne, Hiram Gibson, Archibald Gibson, Daniel Bruce, William Horn, Jesse Horn. (Wise Co. OB 1-171)

At the close of the Civil War, William and Dorcas Osborne lived at Tom's Creek. Two men, Hall and Branham, Pike Co., Ky., bought a horse of William Osborne. They were to pay for the horse later, at a certain time and place. William met them at the place agreed upon - and there he was murdered. With him was a son who was not yet a grown man. The boy had a muzzle-loading shotgun, and he shot the man who had killed his father. Then he escaped and gave the alarm. Two other sons of William Osborne overtook the two men, and killed both of them, at present Wheelright, Ky.

(1) William Osborne b. 1830 m. 1) 11-12-1850 Anna Sluss b. 1830, daughter of Rufus Sluss. (Scott Co. Reg.) William m. second 11-12-1872 Nancy Ann Dollardhide, b. 1845. Ch: Mary m. Thomas Osborne; Benjamin; Lemuel; Alexander b. 1861, Carter Co., Ky.

(2) Mary (Polly) Osborne b. 1832 m. 9-20-1848 Valentine Honeycutt b. 1829 N. C. Ch: William b. 1850; Mary J. b. 1852; Nathan b. 1854; Lucinda b. 1856; Jemima b. 1859

(3) Nancy Osborne b. 1834 and d. 1874 married James Freeman.

(4) James Osborne b. 1836 m. 8-16-1855 Margaret Jane Sluss b. 1840, sister to Anna. Daughter Mary E. born 1859

(5) Elizabeth Osborne, 1838 to 1890; unmarried. Lived at Auxier, Ky.

(6) Jemima Osborne b. 1840 m. Joseph Hunter, Floyd Co., Ky.

(7) Isaac Osborne b. 1842 or 1845 m. 1-5-1865 Millie Addington (Wise Co. Reg.) Isaac was a Confederate soldier. They lived in Wise Co.

Ch: Jesse; Robert 1867 to 1957 m. Tabitha Ward and had two little girls, Bessie d. 1891 and Emaline d. 1893; Ellen m. Marion Buchanan; Mesauni b. 1865; Missouri b. 1871; perhaps others. (Wise Co. Birth and Death Reg.)

(8) Lucy Osborne, b. 1844 and d. after 1880

(9) Stephen Osborne b. 1846 m. Nancy Brown

(10) Sarah Osborne b. 1852 or 1856

3. Jonathan J. Osborne, son of Jonathan, was born 1807 and died ca. 1855. He was married to Matilda Workman, born 1817, Tazewell Co., Va.

On March 18, 1833, Jonathan Osborne entered a survey of 100 acres in the Big Nettle Patch, between Ramsey and High Knob, in Wise Co. (Jonathan Bk. p. 127)

(1) Mary E. Osborne b. 1838

(2) Martha A. Osborne b. 1841

Matilda Osborne, widow, age 36, was married 1-3-1856 to H. W. Carter, age 37, son of Jemima Carter. (Scott Co. Reg.)

4. James Dow Osborne, son of Jonathan, was born 1816. He was married 2-18-1838 to Nancy Elam, born 1821.

On April 26th 1856, James D. Osborne bought 70½ acres, adjoining Isaac Osborne, from Joseph and Catherine Hagan. (Scott Co. DB 11-13)

(1) James Osborne b. 1841 m. 10-20-1858 Lucinda Honeycutt

(2) Martha A. Osborne b. 1845

(3) Nancy S. Osborne b. 1847

(4) Jake Osborne was killed on a cattle drive

(5) Emanuel Osborne was also killed on a cattle drive

(6) Robert Osborne b. 1864 m. 1-14-1886 Nancy Easterling

a. Samuel Ch: Robert; Patrick; Sally m. Mr. Kaylor

b. Tivis

c. Martha m. Mr. Wolfe

(7) Mary Jane Osborne m. 1888 Sterling Collins

5. Nancy Osborne, daughter of Jonathan, was born 1816. She was married 1835 to Elijah Corder, Tazewell Co., Va.

(1) Mary A. Corder b. 1836

(2) Cosby J. Corder b. 1838

(3) David Corder b. 1840

(4) Jonathan Corder b. 1842

(5) Eleanor Corder b. 1844

(6) Nancy A. Corder b. 1847

(7) Elijah Corder b. 1850

(8) Jane Corder b. 1840 m. 4-26-1866 William J. Osborne b. 1842, son of William and Jemima Osborne, Floyd Co., Ky. (Scott Co. Reg.)

6. Jemima Osborne, daughter of Jonathan, was born 11-27-1820 and died 11-16-1908 and was buried at Osborne's Ford. She was married 12-15-1837 to Dr. Henry Cox,

born 1-10-1814 and died 3-14-1857. He was a son of Dr. James S. Cox (Cocke) and Polly Carter, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Day) Carter. Apparently, there were no children, but in 1850, William Osborne, age 21, was a member of their household.

Jemima (Osborne) Cox was married, in 1857, to Silas H. Frazier.

7. Stephen Osborne, son of Jonathan, was born 1824. He was married 12-14-1843 to Ruth P. Powers, born 1827.

- (1) Jemima C. Osborne b. 1846 m. 12-10-1872 Christopher Fraley
- (2) Caroline Osborne b. 1847
- (3) Polly Ann Osborne b. 1848 m. 8-9-1866 George W. Ramsey
- (4) John Osborne b. 1849; said to have married a Miss Wolfe
- (5) Jonathan Osborne b. 1850
- (6) Margaret E. Osborne b. 1852 m. 7-4-1872 William P. Ramsey
- (7) Virginia Osborne b. 1853
- (8) Henry R. Osborne b. 1861 m. 3-19-1883 Sarah E. Porter

(This is the line of the late Bob and Charlie Osborne, Wise Co.)

8. Isaac Osborne, son of Jonathan, was born 6-1-1826 and died 11-4-1905. (grave-stone) He was married first to Matilda Cox, born 9-25-1828 and died 11-29-1849. She was a daughter of David L. Cox, Jr.

He was married second 11-7-1850 to Susannah Hillman, born 1832 and died 1-16-1863. (gravestone) She was a daughter of John Hillman.

He was married third 11-24-1863 to Mary Ann Brickey, daughter of William Brickey.

- (1) Lucinda Osborne b. 1848 m. 11-8-1867 George Elam b. 1847
- (2) Lemuel G. Osborne b. 1855 m. Ellen Osborne, dau. of James B. Osborne
- (3) Emmet L. Osborne b. 1855 m. 5-4-1890 Margaret Ellen Honeycutt, 1874-1942
- (4) Thomas I. Osborne 1858 to 1925 (gravestone)
- (5) B. F. Osborne b. 1863 m. 8-30-1888 Mrs. M. E. Elam b. 1864, dau. of William and V. Hash
- (6) Floyd Osborne b. 1864 m. 2-27-1884 Helen Frazier b. 1868
- (7) Samuel Logan Osborne m. Virginia Belle Honeycutt, 1870 to 1960

The names of Jonathan Osborne's children are from the late I. C. Coley's record of 1929. Their descendants are from Census of 1850 and 1860, with dates from Marriage and Death Reg. and from family records as stated. The William and Dorcas line, p. 34-35, from Walter D. Osborne.

iii. Jane (Jennie) Osborne, daughter of Stephen, was born 1774¹ in Virginia and died February 10th 1851, in Scott Co. She was married, in 1791, to William Kilgore, who was born June 5th 1769 and died November 27th 1853¹ in Scott Co. He was a son of Charles Kilgore, who was wounded at the Battle of King's Mountain. William Kilgore was a Justice of the Scott Co. court, a militia officer, and a man of stature throughout the area. The family lived near Osborne's Ford.

Children:

1. Col. Hiram Kilgore was born March 25th 1792 and died December 16th 1870. He was married October 27th 1816 to Mary Bickley Salling, born October 21st 1791 and died December 21st 1865. Col. Kilgore was married second to Mrs. Lucy (Pennington) Fraysier, daughter of John Pennington, Lee Co., Va. Col. Kilgore was an officer in the War of 1812. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1850-1851.

(1) Virginia M. Kilgore b. 1825 m. 4-9-1846 Andrew J. Wilson, b. 1820, Giles Co They lived in Lee Co.

(2) Granville Henderson Kilgore m. 11-1-1850 Esther Fugate

(3) William Caperton Kilgore married, lived and died out West. When Herschel J. Carter b. 1852 Scott Co. died in 1876, his death certificate mentioned William Caperton Kilgore as heir and relative-in-law. (Utah Soc.)

(4) Amanda C. Kilgore, 6-19-1823 to 4-17-1915, m. 5-8-1851 Dr. James H. Horton 3-4-1828 to 6-15-1904; res. Rye Cove, Scott Co.

2. Jemima Kilgore was born September 14th 1794 and died May 28th 1868. She was married to the Rev. John Pendleton, born 1782² and died October 11th 1861. They were in Rye Cove and in Lee Co. until ca. 1858, when they moved to Texas, and lived near Dallas.

(1) Malinda A. (or S.) Pendleton, 12-21-1810 to 9-10-1861, m. 7-12-1831 Daniel Price, b. 1810.

(2) William Gaines Pendleton, 1813 to 5-11-1875, m. 1) Charlotte Bell Coupland 1817 to 1857. (Knox Co., Tenn. Reg. 1-37) W. G. Pendleton m. 2) 5-21-1865 Mrs. Rhoda (Day) Candler, d. 5-21-1865. (Collin Co. Tex. Reg. 2-269)

(3) Hiram Kilgore Pendleton b. 1815 m. 10-3-1843 Eliza Jane Richmond

(4) Ira Taylor (or Dunlap) Pendleton b. 1817 m. Phebe Flanary b. 1825; Lee Co.

(5) Isaac Newton Pendleton b. 1819 m. 1) Mary ---- b. 1828. I. N. Pendleton m. 2) 2-26-1874 Lucy Shiftlett; res. Lee Co.

¹Gravestone inscriptions. Jane (Osborne) Kilgore's year of birth was 1774 in 1850 Census, but 1776 on gravestone.

²John Pendleton's year of birth was 1782 in Bible record, but 1792 in census.

- (6) Jane Pendleton, 1821 to 1879, m. 6-5-1844 John Duncan b. 1812.
- (7) John Craig Pendleton b. 1825 m. 10-4-1860 Martha A. Asbury (Hunt Co. Tex. Reg. G-386)
- (8) Eliza Pendleton, 1829 to 1897, m. 1) Monroe W. Legg, 1826 to 186?. Eliza m. 2) 1-23-1866 E. W. Hendrix. (Collin Co. Reg. 2-339)
- (9) Andrew Jackson Pendleton b. 1831 m. 3-16-1866 Sally Taylor b. 1849
- (10) Allison O. Pendleton b. 1833 m. 1-15-1856 Rebecca Lawson
- (11) Minerva Jemima Pendleton b. 1835 m. 2-20-1860 Levi Howell. Minerva m. 2) 2-5-1866 Joseph B. Buchanan. (Collin Co. Reg. 2-81, 240)
- (12) Sarah E. Pendleton b. 1837 m. 10-12-1867 Abraham J. Gaylor. (Collin Co. Reg. 3-73)
- (13) Melvin C. Pendleton b. 1840 m. 1) 1-19-1866 Mary E. Davis. M. C. Pendleton m. 2) 9-17-1867 Narcissus M. Brummett. (Collin Co. Reg. 3-75)

3. Jane Kilgore, 1797 to 1873, was married 1815 to William Bickley, 1790 to 1847. William Bickley was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a Justice of the Scott Co. court and a militia officer. About ten years after her husband's death, Jane and the younger children sold their land and moved to Texas. February 28th 1857. Between Jane Bickley, John Bickley and wife Emily A., Hiram O. Bickley and wife Sarah A., Joseph P. Bickley, Harvey C. Bruce and wife Elizabeth J., Sarah A. Bickley, Malinda Bickley, Robert P. Bickley, and Caroline Bickley; the widow, children, and legal heirs of William Bickley, all of the counties of Wise and Scott, to Forrest M. Powers, land on the south side of Clinch river, above Osborne's Ford, where William Bickley lived till his death, and has since been assigned to his widow, Jane Bickley, as her dower of his estate corner to William H. Robeson and Forrest Powers, along Bickley's cart road . . . Children: (Scott Co. DB 13-498)

- (1) Henry Bickley
- (2) William Bickley
- (3) Charles Bickley
- (4) Hiram Bickley
- (5) John Bickley
- (6) Joseph Bickley b. 1827
- (7) Elizabeth J. Bickley b. 1830
- (8) Sarah A. Bickley b. 1832
- (9) Malinda Bickley b. 1835
- (10) Robert P. Bickley b. 1838
- (11) Caroline Bickley b. 1842 m. Gen. Joseph Fain, Tennessee

 Pendleton records from James W. Phillips, Farmersville, Texas. Marriage dates not otherwise noted, are from Scott Co., Va. Reg.
 Kilgore and Horton records from Mrs. Venus Hillman, Rye Cove, Scott Co., Va.

4. Sarah Kilgore, 1799 to 4-30-1866, married 1-3-1821 Nathaniel Horton, 1800 to 1873. They lived in Scott Co. During their later years, Jane and William Kilgore lived with their daughter Sarah and family.

(1) John Horton, b. 1822

(2) William T. Horton, b. 1824 m. 1) 1-27-1846 Alice Pruet. W. T. Horton m. 2) 12-18-1860 Mrs. Susannah Carter

(3) Jonathan P. Horton, b. 1827

(4) Robert H. Horton, b. 1831 m. 12-31-1849 Joannah Ellis

(5) Louisa Jane Horton, b. 1839 m. W. N. G. Barron, Lee Co., Va.

5. William Clayton Kilgore, 1801 to 1877, m. 12-22-1822 Susan B. Rauls, Lafayette Arkansas. Son William C. Kilgore

6. Comfort Kilgore, 7-31-1806 to 3-27-1883, married 1-26-1827 Patrick Neal, 1802 to 1892. They moved to Texas.

(1) Robert H. Neal, b. 1830

(3) Comfort Neal, b. 1852

(2) Hiram K. Neal, b. 1842

(4) Patrick Neal, b. 1858

(1860 Census Collin Co., Texas)

7. Robert (Cape) Kilgore, born 1-25-1809, married 7-5-1832 Elizabeth Carter, born 1815. They moved to Texas. Robert died while on a trip to Missouri to visit relatives.

(1) Eliza Kilgore, b. 1833 m. John N. Davidson

(2) Mary Kilgore, b. 1835 m. 2-21-1838 Logan S. Powers

(3) Ira Kilgore, b. 1838

(6) Nathan B. Kilgore, b. 1845

(4) William Kilgore, b. 1840

(7) John Kilgore, b. 1847

(5) Martha Kilgore, b. 1845

(8) Winfield Kilgore, b. 1849

8. Elizabeth Kilgore, born 3-19-1810, married 10-18-1831 John Roach, born 1812. They were living in Lee Co., Va. in 1860. (census)

(1) Louisa Roach, b. 1832

(5) Malinda Roach, b. 1840

(2) Elizabeth Roach, b. 1834

(6) Amanda Christy Roach, b. 1844

(3) William Roach, b. 1836

(7) Caroline Roach, b. 1846

(4) James Roach, b. 1837

(8) Jemima Roach, b. 1848

9. Malinda Kilgore, born 1811, married 7-24-1827 Charles* Wilborn, born 1803. In 1850, they were living in Lee Co. Daughter Emily Wilborn, age 20, was at home.

*or Wilburn

iv. Sarah Osborne, daughter of Stephen, was married, probably by 1791 or earlier, to Jeremiah Harrold (Herald).

On September 29th 1791, Jeremiah Harrell bought land on the north side of Clinch river, from William and Mary McClain. (DB 1-171) On August 2nd 1797, Jeremiah and Sarah Harrell sold the same tract to Simon Cockrell. (DB 3-309)

Little is known of this line. They were gone from Scott Co. by 1820 and are said to have migrated to Indiana.

v. John Osborne, son of Stephen, was born 1777 and died January 18th 1853¹ in Floyd Co., Kentucky. If the census records are correct, he was a twin to William. John Osborne was married first to Celia Cottrell, about whom nothing is known. He was married second to Elizabeth Flanary, who was born 1784 in Tennessee and died after 1850 in Morgan or Floyd Co., Kentucky.

In June 1799, John Osborne was sued by the Commonwealth for stopping the building of the main road. The next month, he was appointed to survey the road from the ford of the river to Stanton Creek. In August 1800, he won a minor suit against Alexander Montgomery. In May, 1802, he was ordered to view the road. (Russell Co. LOB 3-2, 13, 76, 188)

Note that John Osborne acted for his father in selling the Blackwater tract, which Stephen had inherited from his brother Thomas Osborne. The land was sold July 31, 1819. (DB 3-227)

In March 1822, John Osborne joined William Kilgore and his brother, Jonathan, in selling two lots in Dickensonville, property which had belonged to his father.

(DB 6-561)

On April 22, 1826, John Osborne bought 200 acres for \$200 from William and Rebecca Osborne. The following December, he sold the same tract to David, Frederick, and Henry Starnes for \$3000. The deed was signed by John and Elizabeth Osborne.

(Scott Co. DB 3-305, 456)

John Osborne and family were living in Scott Co. in 1830, with three sons and three daughters at home, or possibly, a married son and family.

In 1840, John Osborne and family were in Floyd Co., Ky. There were two sons and a 15-year-old girl at home. In 1850, they were living in Morgan Co., Ky. By January 1853, John Osborne was back in Floyd Co., Ky.

¹John Osborne's death record is from the Register of the State Historical Society of Kentucky. Parents' names: Stephen and Comfort. His birth place was given as Scott Co., Va. and does not agree with the 1850 Census of Morgan Co., Ky., which gives birth place as N. C.

POSSIBLE children of John Osborne:

1. James Osborne was married 2-11-1819 to Dorkis Kelly. (Reg.) On October 23, 1819, James Osborne and Dorkis his wife sold to Giffy Dickenson 100 acres on Buckner's Ridge, adjoining Jonathan Osborne. Witnesses: Isaac Lowe, William Fugate, David Berry, James Culbertson, Jr. (DB 2-114)

2. John Osborne, born 1800-1810, living alone in 1830, in Scott Co.

3. Comfort Osborne, 1806 to 1873, married 8-17-1827 John Culbertson, 1798 to 1843. They moved to Kentucky; then to Missouri. One daughter was buried in the family graveyard at Samuel McConnell's, in Scott Co.

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| (1) Nancy Culbertson | (4) John Culbertson | (7) Erena Culbertson |
| (2) Jane Culbertson | (5) Stephen Culbertson | (8) Pauline Culbertson |
| (3) William Culbertson | (6) Jephtha Culbertson | (9) Rebecca Culbertson |

4. Nancy Osborne married 1831 Charles Culbertson, 1-27-1800 to 3-26-1872. Nancy (Osborne) Culbertson died 2-14-1882. They lived in Scott Co.

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| (1) Charles W. Culbertson | (4) William Culbertson | (7) Stephen L. Culbertson |
| (2) Elizabeth Culbertson | (5) Mary Culbertson | (8) David R. Culbertson |
| (3) John W. Culbertson | (6) Nancy Culbertson | (9) Sarah Culbertson |
| | | (10) Martha Culbertson |

(Bible of Big Charles Culbertson, from the late R. L. McConnell)

5. Stephen Osborne, born 1810-1820, wife born 1820-1825, were living near John Osborne, in Floyd Co., Ky. in 1840. On January 6th 1840, Stephen Osborne was married to Maranda Wireman. (Floyd Co. Reg.) (possibly the same)

The late R. L. McConnell was interested in identifying the Comfort and Nancy Osborne mentioned above. They are of the right age and place to have been daughters of John Osborne. But, placing them here is tentative.

vi. William Osborne, son of Stephen, was born July 4th 1777 and died 1865 in Franklin Co., Missouri. He was married, ca. 1802, to Rebecca Richmond, born 1784 and died 1860. She was a granddaughter of John Richmond, Senr.

On January 2, 1810, William Osborne bought 100 acres from Stephen and Comfort Osborne. (Russell Co. DB 4-309)

William Osborne served in the War of 1812. They were living in Missouri in that year, when one of their sons was born.

On July 16th 1818, they entered land near Union, Franklin Co., Mo., under provision of the Homestead Act. On April 22, 1826, William and Rebecca Osborne sold the Scott Co. land to John Osborne. (Scott Co. DB 2-256)

In 1860, William and Rebecca Osborne were still living in Franklin Co., Mo. They had acquired much land and a number of Negroes by that time.

Children:

1. Jane Osborne b. 1803, Va.
2. Elizabeth Osborne b. 1806, Va.
3. Hiram Osborne b. 1808 in Va., died after 1862 in Oregon. He was married to Drucilla Sappington. In 1862, they migrated West, and were among the first settlers near Baker, Oregon. Ch: James b. Mo.; Stephen 1847 to 1921; Olin Roscoe; Pearl; Jessie; Roena; Louis. Their first three children died of dyptheria within a week.
4. Stephen Osborne b. 1812, Mo.
5. Comfort Osborne b. 1814, Mo.
6. Sally Osborne b. 1816, Mo. m. Mr. Giersa
7. Polly Osborne b. 1819, Mo. m. Mr. Ming and lived in St. Louis. Ch: William F. b. 1849; Robert b. 1852; Eugene b. 1855; Fanny b. 1852
8. Malinda Osborne b. 1821, Mo.
9. Jemima Osborne b. 1823, Mo. m. James Ming, Washington, Mo.
10. Lucinda Osborne b. 1827, Mo.
11. John Osborne b. 1829, Mo. John continued to live at the Osborne homestead in Franklin Co., Missouri.

vii. James Osborne, son of Stephen, was born 1775-1794.(1820 Census) He was married to Matilda Richmond.

On January 32rd 1802, James Osborne bought from Stephen and Comfort Osborne 100 acres of the original survey. On August 6th 1808, they sold this tract to Jonathan.

(DB 3-274, 4-220)

Records of William and Rebecca (Richmond) Osborne from Mrs. Jessie (Warren) Bran-
nen, Amarillo, Texas.

On June 4th 1805, James and Matilda Osborne deeded one acre to church trustees Samuel Stallard, Hosea Alley, and Dale Carter, and their successors. The deed included the Meeting House, already begun, for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, according to the rules and disciplines thereof . . . (DB 3-605)

On September 3rd 1810, James Osborne bought from Samuel Alley 140 acres, beginning at the river, at the mouth of Dry Creek, and up the creek into Hunter's Valley, and adjoining the corner of the land of Stephen Osborne, Sr. (DB 4-360)

On April 16th 1821, James Osborne sold 60 acres of this tract to Stephen Osborne. (DB 2-190)

On June 11th 1816, James Osborne and others were appointed to view the road from Stephen Osborne's fence to the ford of Guess's river. (MB 2-100)

In 1820, James and Matilda had three sons and three daughters. The family had gone from Scott Co. by 1825, and are said to have moved to Kentucky or Indiana.

POSSIBLE son of James and Matilda:

1. Stephen Osborne, born 1800-1802, lived alone in Scott Co. in 1820. On April 16th 1821, he bought land of James Osborne. (above) On May 7th 1824, Stephen Osborne and Levisa his wife sold the same tract to Jonathan Osborne. The deed was witnessed by David Starnes, William Osborne, Jonathan Richmond, and Isaac Richmond. (DB 3-140)

viii. Betsy Osborne, daughter of Stephen, married Jonathan Osborne, of the Castlewood Settlement. (See page 7)

ix. Jemima Osborne, daughter of Stephen, became the second wife of John Dollarhide by 1807.

In 1801, Jemima Osborne was received as a member of the Stoney Creek Baptist Church. She was recorded in the minutes as Jemima Dollarhide in 1807 and again in 1813.

On September 3rd 1810, John Dollarhide bought from John Alley 140 acres in Hunter's Valley. (DB 4-359)

In 1820, there were six children, the eldest a daughter over ten.

John and Jemima Dollarhide were still in Scott Co. in 1825, defendants to the suit against the heirs of Stephen Osborne. They are said to have moved to Franklin Co., Missouri, but were not listed in the 1850 census of that county.

x. Esther Louisa Osborne, youngest daughter of Stephen, was born 1790 and died 1854 in Lee Co., Va. She was married 1804 to Isaac Richmond, born 1783 in Henrico Co., Va. and died ca. 1859 in Lee Co., Va.

He was the son of John Richmond, Jr. who died when son Isaac was four years of age, leaving a widow and three small children: Isaac, Rebecca, and Fanny who died at the age of fourteen. John Richmond, Sr. came to Russell Co., Va. during the final years of the Eighteenth Century and settled on Stanton Creek, near Osborne's Ford. He brought his own family and his son's widow and three children.

After Esther and Isaac were married, they lived at Osborne's Ford, then moved to the Gate City area, then to Franklin Co., Tenn. Later, they went to Jackson Co., Alabama; then back to Scott Co.; then to Big Stone Gap; and, finally, to Powell Valley, Lee Co.

Isaac Richmond is said to have been a soldier in the War of 1812. On March 11th 1823, he deeded the slaves, which had belonged to his father, to John S. Martin after having purchased them from the other heirs. (DB 2-397) He owned property in Big Stone Gap for a time.

Children:

1. Sarah Richmond was born 1804 and died after 1860. She was married to a second cousin, William Richmond, born 1797 and died after 1860. They lived at the Richmond homestead, above the mouth of Stanton Creek, near Osborne's Ford. This was the land on which her great grandfather, John Richmond had settled in 1799. William Richmond was a successful merchant. Many of their descendants still live along the Clinch.

(1) William Franklin Richmond, born 1822, married 5-26-1844 Sarah Elizabeth Cox, born 1823. (Scott Co. Marriage Register)

a. Benjamin F. Richmond b. 1845 m. Martha D. (Mattie) Stickley b. 1852

b. Sally Richmond b. 1847 m. first 12-18-1865 Lilbourn H. Neal b. 1833. (Reg.) Sally m. second Col. Pridemore, Lee Co.

c. James W. Richmond b. 1850 m. 2-19-1885 Mrs. Ellen (Osborne) Cox, b. 1861, daughter of David and Merab Osborne. (Reg.)

d. William Asbury Richmond b. 1853

e. Mary B. Richmond, 1856 to 1934, m. November 1880 Rev. Taylor Matthews, 1851 to 1887. He was from Greene Co., Tenn. (Reg.) They had a son William, 1881 to 1953. All are buried at Horton View Cemetery, Scott Co.



HOME OF JONATHAN RICHMOND, TURKEY COVE, VIRGINIA, ABOUT 1830

f. Martha A. (Mattie) Richmond b. 1858 m. 6-28-1877 John M. Davidson (age un-
stated) son of Zachariah W. and Elvira Davidson. (Reg.)

g. John Floyd Richmond, 4-16-1860 to 2-7-1938, m. Elizabeth Carter, 7-10-1871
to 1-23-1942. She was a daughter of Peter and Phoebe (Cox) Carter.

h. Ellen Richmond b. 1865 m. Mr. Pendleton and had a daughter, Lillian. Ellen
m. second Mr. Carter. She married third 7-25-1905 Calvin Cowden. (The Reg. stat-
es her name as Ellen Carter)

i. Elizabeth Richmond b. 1867

(2) Malinda Richmond b. 1825 m. 12-4-1850 William H. Robinson (Reg.)

(3) Lucinda Richmond b. 1829 m. 1-6-1861 David C. Bowman, Washington Co., Tenn.
(Reg.)

(4) Minerva Richmond b. 1831

(5) John W. Richmond b. 1834

(6) James W. Richmond b. 1835 m. Nancy A. (Carter ?) b. 1842.

a. Alice b. 1862 m. 2-14-1878 Carey B. Stair; b. Emmitt b. 1866; Moses C. b. 1868

(7) Sally E. Richmond b. 1837 m. 10-23-1860 William H. Nickels (Reg.)

(8) Robert J. Richmond b. 1840 m. 1) 1-12-1866 Cassie Rebecca Cox (Reg.) Robert
m. 2) 1-4-1893 Mrs. N. D. (McConnell) Culbertson (Reg.)

(9) Thomas H. Richmond b. 1842 m. 10-23-1869 Mrs. Martha Newberry (Russell Co. Reg.)

(10) David J. Richmond b. 1844 m. 10-4-1870 Nancy Jane Bush b. 1853, dau. of Val-
entine Bush. Ch: Allie, Nellie, William (Reg.)

(11) Esther A. Richmond b. 1845 m. 1-11-1870 Daniel M. Ramey b. 1852 (Reg.)

2. Jonathan Richmond was born 1805 and died 1871. He was married 8-2-1828 to
Mary Dickenson, 1810 to 1879. (Scott Co. Reg.) She was a daughter of Griffith
Dickenson.

Jonathan Richmond lived at Turkey Cove, Lee Co., Va. He was a merchant and far-
mer. He owned much land and many slaves. He served as State Senator and as a
Justice of the Lee Co. Court. In return for his services in training recruits
during the Civil War, Gov. Wise conferred upon him the honorary title of Gener-
al of Militia.

Descendants of Sarah and William Richmond from Mrs. Venus Hillman, Rye Cove;
also 1870 and 1880 Census of Scott Co. from M. Cooper (Mrs. J. E.) Appalachia,
Va.



HOME OF MARION RICHMOND, JONESVILLE, VIRGINIA. ABOUT 1850

About 1830 or 1840, Gen. Richmond built a mansion at Turkey Cove. Negroes made the bricks and fired them in a kiln built near the site. For half a century, the place was known as Richmond House, famous for its hospitality. With its hidden staircase, parlors, verandas with gingerbread trim, it became a landmark. After Gen. Richmond's death, the estate became the property of his son, James B. Richmond, who gave it to his daughter, who sold it to John Kelly, who gave it to his daughter. In the early 1900's the place was abandoned. The house decayed; the once-beautiful gardens were choked with weeds and vines. In 1950, the house was razed and a simple house built of the materials.

The old Methodist Seminary is still in use; and the brick store is there. Both were built by Gen. Richmond.

Children:

(1) William Richmond was born 1829 in Lee Co. and died after 1878 near Spokane, Washington. He was married to 1) Louisa Reasor b. 1826. William m. 2) Susan Combs. By 1870, he had moved from Lee Co. to Whitesburg, Ky. where he was a merchant. In 1878, he moved to the State of Washington.

a. Jonathan Cass b. 1848 m. Mary J. ---- b. 1861 in Ky. In 1880, he was a merchant in the Rose Hill area of Lee Co. Daughter S. Elizabeth b. 1879

b. Jesse Butler

c. Mary (Mollie) b. 1852

d. Susan M. b. 1856 m. Dr. Shelburne

(2) Marion D. Richmond was born 1831 in Lee Co. and died after 1880. He was married first to Amelia Davison, born 1841 in Washington Co. Va. M. D. Richmond was married second to Mrs. Saluda Jane (Cottrall) Sewell, Claiburn Co., Tenn. She had two sons, Benjamin b. 1861 and David C. Sewell b. 1865.

M. D. Richmond was a farmer and a merchant and lived in Jonesville.

Children of the first marriage were: Samuel V. F. b. 1864; Lizzie L., b. 1870; Mary R., b. 1869 m. Dr. Sam Stallard. Second marriage: Virginia A. (Jennie) b. 1876 m. Mr. Armstrong; Marion D., b. 1877; Minerva L., b. 1779 m. Sen. Robert Bruce; Joshua; John

(3) Minerva (Stenie) Richmond, born 1833, was married to M. B. D. Lane, an attorney. They lived just out of Jonesville, on the Rogersville road. There were no descendants.

(4) Jonathan Richmond, Jr., 1834 to 1860, was married in Richmond, Va. In 1858, he was graduated with honors from Emory and Henry College. In 1860, he was a mem-



HOME OF HENRY CLAY TYLER "TIP" RICHMOND, EWING, VIRGINIA, ABOUT 1870.

ber of the household of his sister, Minerva Lane. When War broke out, he organized a Company and marched away, never to return. He developed pneumonia and died in Wytheville and was buried there. Possibly his daughter:

Ann Richmond m. 1-24-1872 Anthony Thompson, both born in Richmond. (Scott Co. Reg.

(5) Rebecca Richmond was born 1837. She was married to Theopolis F. Harris. She was educated in Asheville, N. C. and he at Emory and Henry College. They lived in Fort Worth, Texas. There were two daughters, Virginia and Mary Lee.

(6) Esther (Hettie) Richmond was born 1840. She was married to Dr. William Edmonds and lived at Pattonsville, Scott Co.

Ch: James, Josephine, Isaac, George, Elsie, Belle, John

(7) Henry Clay Tyler (Tip) Richmond was born 1840. He married first Mollie Ewing. He married second 5-4-1887 Cornelia J. Beaty, born 1858. He was a merchant in Ewing, Lee Co., Va. Their house is still standing.

Ch: Dr. Nat, Tip, James, Rachel, Mary, Kate, Evelyn, Logston, John, Hattie

(8) Col. James Buchanan Richmond was born 1842 and died 4-30-1910. He married first 8-24-1864 Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) Duncan, born 1846. She was a daughter of John and Jane (Pendleton) Duncan. (Scott Co. Reg.) J. B. Richmond married second 6-5-1870 Kate H. A. Morison, born 1845, Scott Co.

James B. Richmond attended Emory and Henry College. He volunteered in the Confederate Army, and rose rapidly to the rank of Lt. Col. and served throughout the War. For a time, he and his brother, Marion, were business partners in Lee Co. By 1870, he had retired and was living in the Fulkerson Twp. Scott Co.

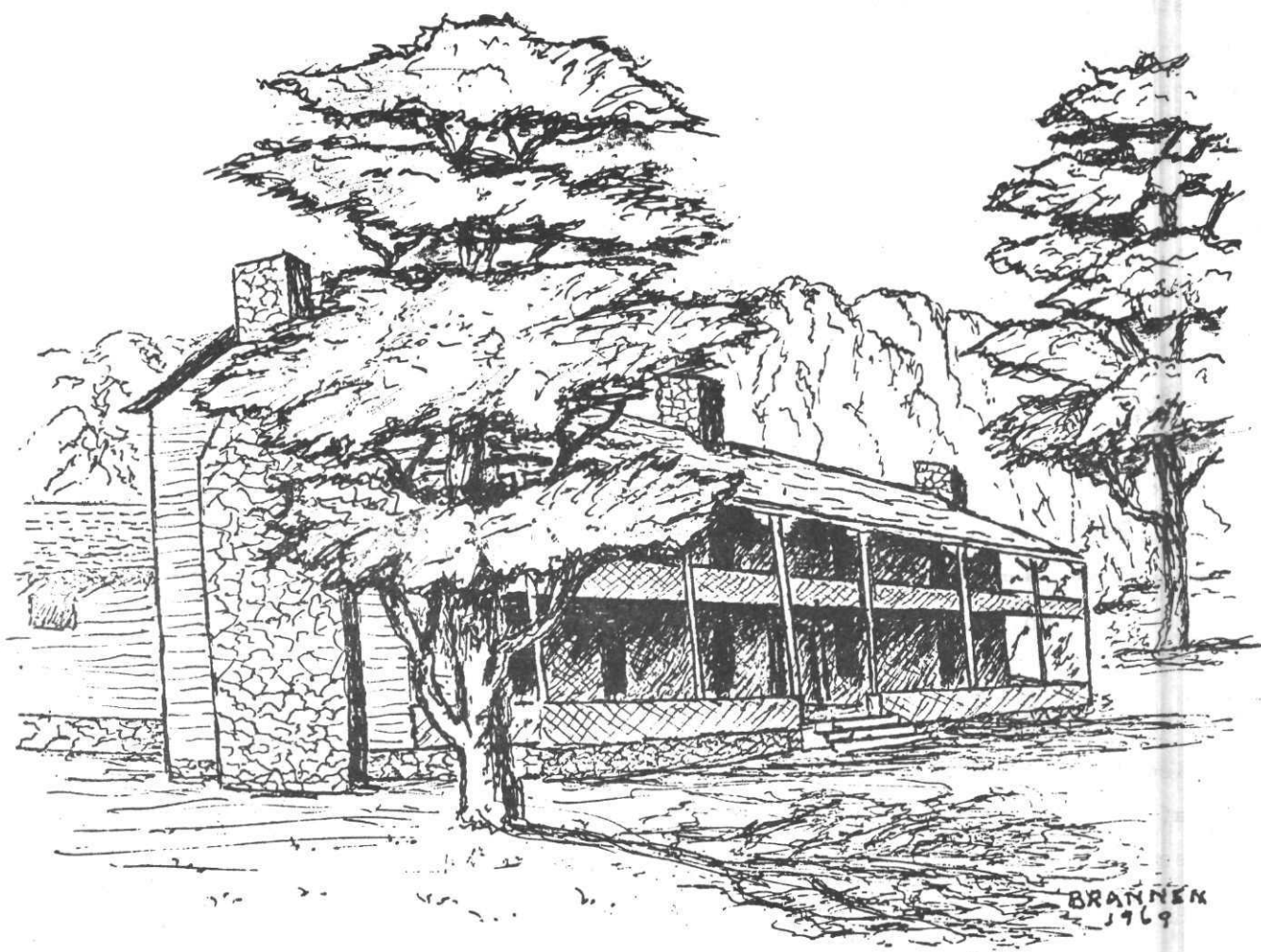
J. B. Richmond decided to study law and entered the University of Virginia. He was elected to the Va. General Assembly in 1873 and was admitted to the bar a year afterward. In 1878, he was elected to the U. S. Congress, where he became a close friend of William McKinley, who was a member at that time.

In 1885, he was appointed Judge of the Scott Co. Court, but retired to become general counsel for the South Atlantic and Ohio Railroad, a project organized by Rufus A. Ayres and Henry Clinton Wood.

Col. Richmond represented Scott Co. in the State Constitutional Convention of 1901-1902. Upon retiring from the bar, he organized and became the first president of the People's National Bank, of Gate City.

While boarding or leaving a train at Speer's Ferry, Col. Richmond had a fall and developed complications which proved fatal.

There were two children of the second marriage: Hagan C. L. Richmond, Commonwealth's Attorney for three terms; and Mary Jane Richmond who married James Cox, Dist. Atty. of Tenn.



HOME OF WILLIAM RICHMOND, BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, ABOUT 1822

(9) Stephen Richmond, 1844 to 1859

(10) Franklin Richmond, born 1846, married Angie Rhodes and moved to Spokane, Washington.

(11) Isaac Richmond, 1850 to 1867

(12) Mary Richmond, twin to Isaac, married Hughes Beaty, and moved to Eldorado, Kansas.

(13) John Richmond, born 1852

(14) Jonathan Richmond, 1853 to 1860

3. William Richmond was born 1808 at Osborne's Ford, and died after 1880. He was married first to Polly Horton. His second wife was Mary Mentore, born 1812. He was married a third time to a young wife, Elizabeth ----.

The house in Big Stone Gap, which he bought from the Huff family, was built about 1822. The original structure was made of logs, with puncheon floors. As the size of his family increased, he doubled the size of the house, making the porch 80 feet long. His parents were living with him in 1850, but his father later made his home with Jonathan.

There was then no bridge across Powell river at that point, so the Richmonds ferried passengers across in a canoe, and made no charge for the service. They landed on a large, flat rock, still known as Canoe Rock.

William Richmond was the first presiding Justice of the Wise Co. Court.

There is a family story that, during the Civil War, Union soldiers fired a cannon ball into the old house, and William would never repair the damage, saying he wanted the hole as a constant reminder of his hatred for the damn-Yankees. The house is still standing. (1972)

William Richmond's store was just west of the house, and it is said that he was the Flitter Bill Richmond of "The Army of the Callahan" one of John Fox, Jr's short stories, the scene of which was laid in the Richmond store.

In 1869, William Richmond and family moved to Floyd Co., Ky. and opened a store in Prestonsburg. A descendant now owns Richmond & Co. which has been in the family more than a hundred years.

Children:

(1) Jonathan Richmond b. 1832 married 10-15-1854 Elizabeth S. Rogers b. 1834. He married second 4-24-1886 Helen Carter. (both from Scott Co. Reg.)

a. William T., b. 1857 m. 12-21-1876 Nancy Ann Speer, b. 1856 in Scott Co. She was a daughter of William and Louisa Speer. (Scott Co. Reg.) This William was

from Letcher Co., Ky. In 1880, they were living in Gate City.

b. Ida	d. Emma	f. Ella
c. Bess	e. Polly	g. Floyd
		h. Myrtle

- (2) Sarah Richmond b. 1836 married Mr. Belt
- (3) Benjamin Richmond b. 1838 m. Miss Gilly; son James
- (4) William Benton Richmond b. 1840, was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg.
- (5) Caroline Richmond b. 1844 m. Col. L. M. Day; daughter Caroline
- (6) Lewis Cass Richmond b. 1850 m. 1872 Arminta Crumb. He was a merchant in Inez, Ky. Children : Eli and Mary Jane
- (7) Isaac Richmond b. 1851 m. 1870 Mary Rhoena Cooley; res. Prestonsburg, Ky. Ch: Ida; Dr. William; Lida m. Fred Cottrell. Their son Fred owns store.
- (8) Michael Richmond b. 1853
- (9) Mary Richmond b. 1858
- (10) Marion Richmond b. 1879, Ky.

4. Elizabeth Richmond was born in Gate City and died at age 14.

5. Jane Richmond, born 1812, married William Horton, born 1812. In 1850, they were living in Lee Co., Va. but moved to Wolfe Co., Ky.

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| (1) Mary Horton b. 1834 | (7) Thomas Horton b. 1845 m. Ann Tyler |
| (2) John Horton b. 1836 m. Mary Shackelford | (8) Sarah Horton m. Newton Vaughn |
| (3) Isaac Horton b. 1839 m. Louise Shoemaker | (9) Nelson Horton b. 1847 |
| (4) Harvey Horton m. Amelia White | (10) Jane Horton |
| (5) Isobel Horton b. 1842 m. Perry Talbert | (11) Martha Horton |
| (6) Frank Horton m. Betsy White | (12) Esther Horton b. 1850 |

6. Fanny Richmond, born 1814, in Gate City, died at the age of one year.

7. Esther Richmond, 1818 to 1865, married Jeremiah Elkins. In 1850, they were living in Lee Co., but moved to Wolfe Co., Ky.

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| (1) Jonathan Elkins, 1834 to 1914, m. 1) Fanny Hollon | 2) Susan Honshul |
| (2) Clarinda Elkins, 1836 to 1914, m. 1) John Moore | 2) John Sweetman |
| (3) Mary C. Elkins b. 1838 m. Isaac Murphy | |
| (4) Esther Elkins b. 1840 m. 1) Jonathan Carroll | 2) Elijah Collins |
| (5) William Elkins b. 1844 m. 1) Minerva Cassidy | 2) Polly Rose |
| (6) Preston Elkins b. 1847 m. Mary Murphy | |
| (7) Andrew Elkins b. 1849 | |
| (8) Isaac Elkins m. Laura Cecil | |

- (9) James Elkins b. 1855 m. Sarah Rose
- (10) Caroline Elkins b. 1857 m. Jesse Hollon
- (11) Louisa Elkins m. J. W. Congleton
- (12) Emma Elkins m. Floyd Byrd

8. Isaac Richmond, born 1819, Winchester, Tenn., died from an accident at the age of ten years.

9. Comfort Richmond, born 1821, Winchester, Tenn., married Anderson Williams, born 1811 in N. C. They lived in Lee Co., Va., then in Wolfe Co., Ky.

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| (1) Louisa Williams b. 1838 | (4) David C. Williams b. 1843 |
| (2) Rebecca Williams b. 1840 | (5) James Williams b. 1845 |
| (3) Isaac Williams b. 1842 | (6) Richmond Williams b. 1850 |

10. Caroline Jemima Richmond was born 1822 in Tenn. and died 8-29-1865 in Idaho. She was married to Francis (Frank) Sturgill, born 1816 in N. C. and died 1877 in Oregon. In 1841, they moved to Sullivan Co., Mo. In 1865, they set out over the Oregon Trail. But, Caroline developed typhoid and died on the way. She was buried at Glenn's Ferry, on the Snake river, Idaho. Her grave is still pointed out as the grave of the pioneer woman.

Her husband and 13 children continued with the train of 60 wagons, in which were 10 of his brothers and sisters, to Baker, Oregon. The brothers and sisters went on to Union, Oregon.

- (1) George Sturgill, 1841 to 1900, m. 1861 Lydia White
- (2) William Richmond Sturgill, 1843 to 1901, m. 1866 Adeline Tally
- (3) Benjamin F. Sturgill, 1845 to 1919, unmarried
- (4) Joel M. Sturgill, 1846 to 1922, unmarried
- (5) Lewis Cass Sturgill, 1848 to 1922, m. Carrie Jones
- (6) Esther Sturgill, 1851 to 1925, unmarried
- (7) John Isaac Sturgill, 1851 to 1931, m. Mary Stephenson
- (8) Mary Elizabeth Sturgill, 1858 to 1938, m. M. D. Abbott
- (9) Stephen D. Sturgill, 1860 to 1933, m. 1) Martha Pierce 2) Rose Whipple

Four of the children, Rachel, Rebecca, Robert, and Henry died in childhood.

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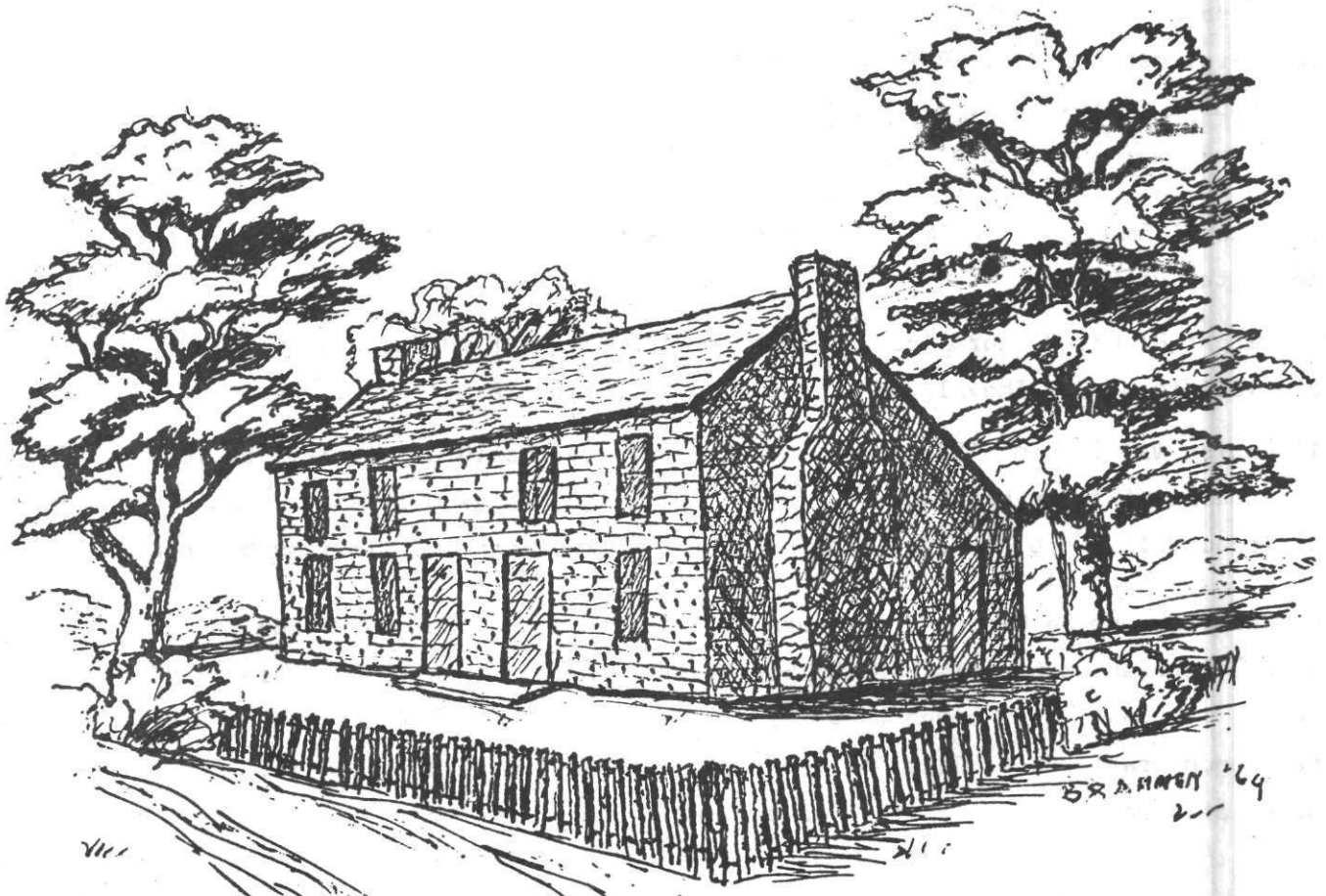
Mrs. Jesse Warren Brannen's family records

Lee Co. Census records of 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880; Marriage Register

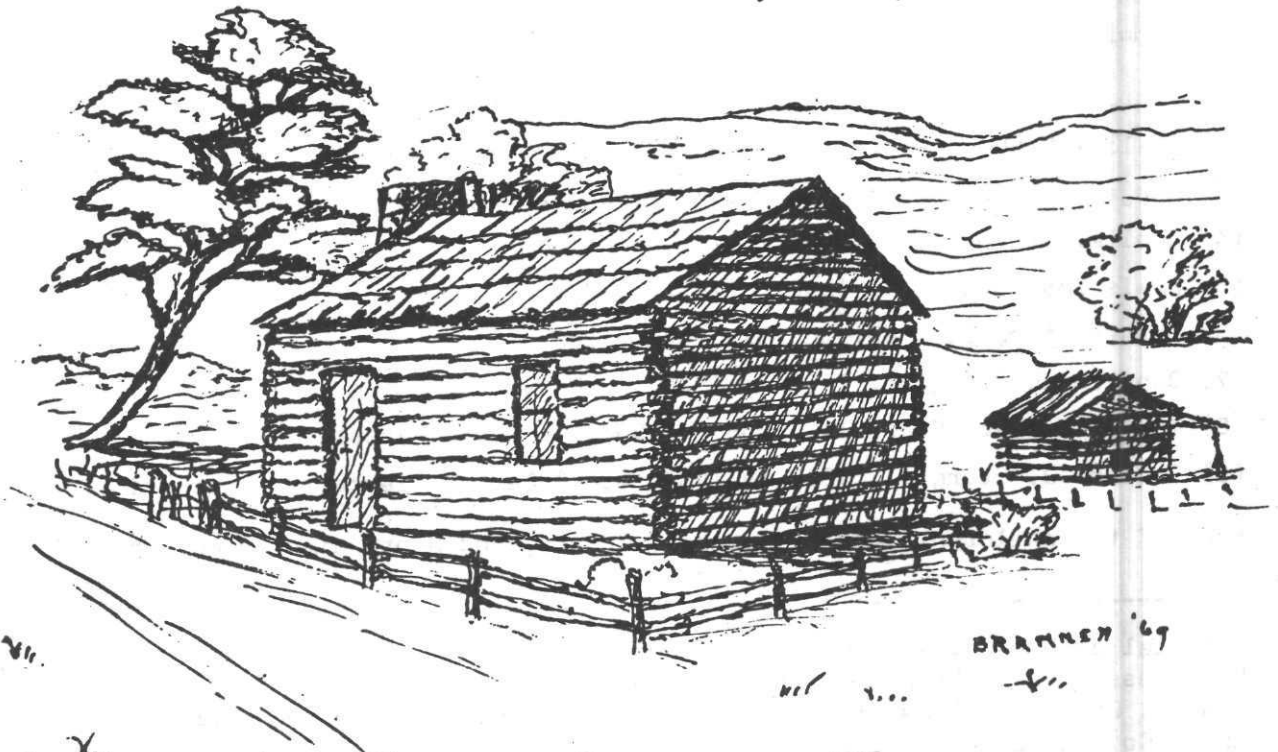
Scott Co. Marriage Register

Jonesville and Its Citizens, by Vastine Stickley, 11-8-1937

Virginia Richmonds Direct Descendants of Aide to William in Norman Conquest, by Virginia Davis and James Taylor Adams



HOME OF PRESTON AND REBECCA COLLIER, CUBA, MISSOURI, 1852



HOME OF REBECCA COLLIER, BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS, 1882

11. Rebecca Sherrill Richmond was born 1822 in Tenn. and died 1907 in Texas. She was married, in 1839, to Preston Collier, 1818 to 1864. They were married in Big Stone Gap. They lived in Letcher Co., Ky., where Preston served in the State Legislature in 1849.

Then, they moved to Gasconade Co., Mo., where Preston was appointed County Judge. In the War Between the States, he served in the Union Army with the rank of captain. They built a large two-story house and owned a store.

Preston was robbed and murdered in a hotel in St. Louis, where he had gone to buy merchandise. Rebecca was left with 15 children, the youngest three months old.

In 1871, Rebecca set out for Texas, to make a home on an Indian frontier. There were still eight children at home. She settled first in Grayson Co., Texas; then moved to Wise Co., Texas.

Children:

(1) Eliza Comfort Collier, 1840 to 1904, was born near Whitesburg, Ky. She married William Miller, 1838 to 1902. They lived in Ozark, Missouri. He served three years in the Confederate Army.

Ch: Rebecca, Sarah, John Preston, Rachel, Mary, Cordelia, Thomas, Amanda, Samuel, Victor, Susan

(2) William Richmond Collier was born 1841 in Letcher Co., Ky. and died 1921 in Texas. He was married to Susan Stubblefield, 1851 to 1935. They lived in Missouri. William served in the Union Army. In 1875, they moved to Grayson Co., Texas; and thence to Johnson Co., Texas.

Ch: Lula, Laura, Charles, Nathaniel, Edward, Maggie

(3) James Carr Gamble Collier, 1843 to 1862, died of typhoid on Christmas Day, while serving in the Union Army.

(4) Minerva Brashear McMullen Collier, 1845 to 1934, married Dr. John M. Clymer who served as a surgeon during the War. After his death, Minerva married William Bradford, in Texas.

Ch: Cora, James, Mollie, Nellie, Lillie

(5) Biva Ann Kathryn Collier, 1846 to 1918, married John Skyles. They reared their family on a ranch in Idaho.

Ch: Ada, Cordelia, William, Alice, Josie, Maggie, Nettie

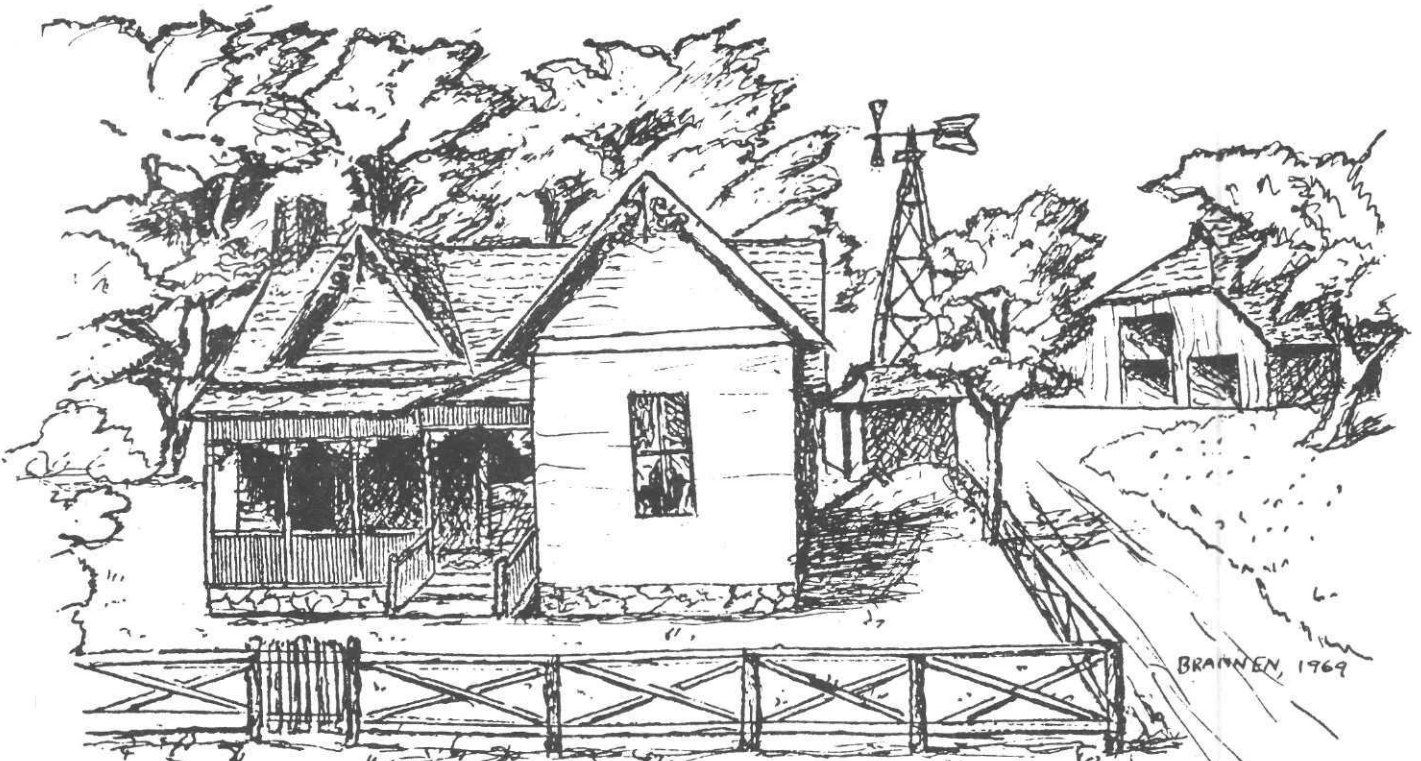
(6) Joseph Bowlin Collier, 1848 to 1915, married Mrs. Louisa Hines, who had already two children, William and Maggie Hines.

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BRANNEN, 1969

HOME OF WILLIAM F. WARREN, DUBLIN, TEXAS, 1884.



BRANNEN, 1969

HOME OF WILLIAM F. WARREN, DUBLIN, TEXAS 1896

Ch: Rhea Allen, Real Preston, Daisy, Grace, Minerva, Joseph, Jessie, Verita, Clifton, Eva

(7) Frances Esther W. Collier, 1849 to 1920, married E. A. Pinnell, an attorney. They reared their family in Florida.

Ch: Grace, Frank, Wesley, Edith, Louisa, Mary Eunice

(8) John Jordon Crittenden Collier, 1851 to 1883, married Ellen Johnson. There was one daughter, Hattie, who married W. F. Scruggs, El Centro, California.

(9) Nathaniel Preston Collier, 1852 to 1909, married Belle Allred, in Illinois.

Ch: Adella Esther, May Belle, Susan Ella, Lou Nettie, Julia Minerva, Ethel

(10) David Aurelaus Rhodeman Fulks (Real) Collier, 1855 to 1898, married Babe Allred, in Missouri. Ch: Harvey, Preston, Wharton, Frank, Hattie, Lofton

(11) Martha E. Collier, born 1857 in Missouri, died in infancy.

(12) Sarah Caroline Collier, 1858 to 1932, married Matthew Hughes.

Ch: Ethan, Dora, Winnie, Annie

(13) Franklin Preston Blair Collier, 1860 to 1914, married 1) Sarah J. Butler.

Franklin married 2) Mattie Blake. Ch: Harvey, Thomas, Myrtle, Linnie, Mildred, Ada, Helen, Delphia, Reba, Maxine, Zoe.

(14) Mary Margaret Collier married Nathaniel Rhea Bowlin.

Ch: James, Richmond, Alice, Rhea, Joseph, William, Nathan

(15) Susan Jane Lincoln Collier, 1864 to 1953, married William F. Warren, in Missouri. Ch: John, Arthur, Jessie, Maggie, Hattie, Stella, Ruth, Paul

12. Richmond infant died at birth in 1824.

13. Polly Ann Sublett Richmond was born 1826 in Jackson Co., Alabama, and died 1902 in Texas. She was married 2-4-1847 to James Bowlin, 1810 to 1878, in Letcher Co., Ky. Polly Ann was then at the home of her sister Rebecca, in Whitesburg. They lived for a while in Lee Co., Va. and then moved to Tarrant Co., Texas, in 1868. James built a sturdy houseboat, and came down from Lee Co. by the Powell, Clinch, and Tennessee rivers, to Paducah, Ky. There, they sold the battered houseboat, and took a steamboat down the Mississippi river, and on to Jefferson, Texas. They settled in Titus Co.; then moved to Tarrant Co.

Three years later, Polly Ann's sister, Rebecca Collier, moved to Texas, and settled only 50 miles distant, neither knowing that the other was there. By chance,

a traveller spent the night at Polly Bowlin's house, and mentioned having stopped at the Widow Collier's. After a few questions, Polly was convinced that he was speaking of her sister, and set out to see her. The day Polly was to arrive, Rebecca could wait no longer, and went to meet her. When they sighted each other, the sisters climbed down from their wagons, and raced toward each other, with arms outstretched. They had not seen each other in 25 years.

Children:

(1) Newton Rhea Bowlin was born 1848 in Whitesburg, Ky. and died 1926 in Bridgeport, Texas. He was married to a cousin, Margaret Collier, daughter of Rebecca and Preston Collier. He studied law at the University of Kentucky, and was elected Commonwealth's Attorney, for Tarrant Co., Texas, in 1898.

Ch: James, Richmond, Alice, Newton Rhea, Joseph, William, Nathan

(2) Richmond Bowlin was born 1848 in Lee Co. and died 1926 in Hedley, Texas. He married 1) Emma Hudgins 2) Sally Ferrell.

Ch: Leslie, Letha, Winn, Beverley

(3) Chadwell Ross Bowlin was born 1851 in Whitesburg, Ky. and died 1925 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was married to Kitty Hudgins, 1857 to 1952. He was an attorney.

Ch: Annie, Virginia, Katy, Lynn, Willie, Rosa

(4) Sarah (Sally) Bowlin, born 1853, was married to Daniel C. (Tuck) Trigg. He leased the million-acre XIT Ranch and ran fifty thousand cattle. He owned the Bell Ranch, Las Vegas, N. M.

a. Margaret Trigg m. John Boyle; res. Western Nebraska

b. Stephen Trigg m. Bess Whittle, Amarillo, Texas. He leased the million-acre XIT Ranch. Daughter Louise m. Robert McKinney, editor and consul to Switzerland; daughter Adeline; son Steve

c. Dr. Henry Trigg b. 1880 m. Nellie Day. She was Director of the Bureau of Child Welfare, during the Coolidge administration.

d. Dr. Ross Trigg b. 1882, practiced medicine with his brother, Henry.

e. Eppa Trigg b. 1884, m. George Robinson

f. Zeta Trigg, twin to Eppa, m. George Ryker, Fort Worth, Texas.

g. Dr. Dan Trigg b. 1888 and d. March 1963. His estate was left largely to U. N. M. and to Trigg Memorial Hospital. His will was contested and the four-million-dollar estate was described in an Amarillo, Texas newspaper, in May 1965. He was owner of the 59,000-acre Bell Ranch, training stables in San Jon, N. M., a ranch in Mexico, mineral rights in Montana, cattle, deposits in various banks in Fort Worth. There were 15 attorneys involved in this sensational case.

h. Mary Trigg b. 1892, lived in Fort Worth.

(5) John Lynn Bowlin, Sr., 1858 to 1937, married 1) Nancy Eveline Glenn; 2) Birdie Pollard. They moved from Wise Co., Texas to Indian Territory in 1898; thence to Imperial Valley, California; thence to Coachilla Valley, California. Ch: Fannie Lee, James Beaumont, William Glenn, John Lynn, Henry Richmond, Mary Catherine, Elizabeth Kee, Rosa C., Daniel Rhea, Robert C., Nellie, Thomas, Ruth Ellen, Birdie.

(6) Mary Harriet (Hattie) Bowlin, 1860-1924, was the second wife of James M. Cochran, Dallas, Texas. He is said to have been imposingly handsome, in hammer-tail coat and stovepipe hat.

Ch: Ann, Katie Lee, James Ross, William Rhea, Hattie Louise, Mae, Bird

(7) Catherine Esther (Katie) Bowlin, 1866 to 1916, married 1) Leander Beaumont Hughes 2) Robert Laws. Ch: Lavinia, Ada, Robert, Nell, George

(8) William Preston Bowlin, 1869 to 1950, was married to Mary Pollard.

Ch: Rhea, John Emmet, James Day, Terrell

14. Louisa Richmond was born 1828, in Alabama, and died 1887, in Kentucky. She was married to Thomas Cassidy. They lived in Letcher Co. and in Wolfe Co., Ky. There were nine children.

Pages 52 through 55 are entirely from the family records of Jessie (Warren) Brannen (Mrs. J. A.), Amarillo, Texas.

IV. William Osborn was born in Rowan Co., North Carolina in 1763¹ and died in Warrick Co., Indiana before May 10th 1841.²

William Osborn was married first ca. 1790. The name of his wife is unknown. He was married second 8-13-1828 to Mrs. Susannah Shrode, in Spencer Co., Indiana.

That he was a son of Caleb Osborn is shown by his obvious kinship to James and Thomas Osborne, and by his pension statement.

On September 11th 1782, William Osborn bought 189 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the Forks of the Yadkin, from James Osborne. The land was bought for the sum of L5, in the settlement of Caleb Osborn's estate. (DB 9-171) Two years later, he sold the same acreage to William Butler, of Rowan Co., for L500. (Rowan Co. DB 10-162)

By January 30th 1786, William Osborn was in Russell Co., Va. He and Thomas Osborn were witnesses to a deed from David Cowan to Charles Bickley. The land adjoined that of James Osborne. (Washington Co., Va. DB 1-35)

On June 9th 1787, William Osborn bought from Alexander Ritchie 360 acres, known as Ritchie's Fort tract, on the south side of Clinch river. (Russell Co. DB 1-13)

On October 20th 1792, William Osborn sold this tract to James Osborne. William's place of residence was then Pendleton Co., South Carolina. The deed was witnessed by Squire Osborn, Hosea Alley, and Austen Bush. (Russell Co. DB 1-246)

That William Osborn was an heir of Thomas Osborne was shown when he gave a receipt to James Osborne, administrator, in January 1793. Witnesses were Squire Osborn and Austen Bush. (Russell Co. LOB 2-52)

As told in his pension statement, William Osborn moved to Pendleton Co., S. C. for a while; thence to Kentucky. By March 10th 1814, he was in Greenup Co., Ky. He deeded to son Squyer Osborn 45 acres on the Ohio river, some livestock, and house furnishings. In return, Squyer was to keep Betsy, William, Manoah, and David Osborn in school for one year and to do a good part by them. The deed was witnessed by James and Sarah Osborn. (Greenup Co., Ky. DB 8-275)

On September 17th 1832, in Warrick Co., Indiana, William Osborn applied for a pension for military service. He stated that he was born 1763, in Rowan Co., North Carolina. He was drafted at the age of 15, and with the consent of his father. He served three months in Col. Phyfer's Regiment. Gen. Greene commanded west from Rowan Co. to Mecklenburg Co. The next tour of three months was as a volunteer

¹William Osborn's pension statement

²William Osborn's will

under the command of Capt. Nighton, Col. Caldwell, and Gen. Rutherford. On their return, they fired at the Tories in Randolph Co. He belonged to the light mounted infantry. The next tour was for 12 months, as a substitute for some person whose name he does not recall. He served under Maj. Langham. He was called out on a number of other occasions, but does not recollect the length of each.

After the Revolutionary War, he moved from North Carolina to Virginia and lived there five or six years. From there, he removed to Pendleton Co., South Carolina where he lived about five years. Then, he came to Bourbon Co., Ky. and was there about 18 years. He moved on to Indiana and, for about 14 years, he has resided in Warrick Co.

William Osborn's will was dated May 5th 1840, and probated May 10th 1841, in Warrick Co., Indiana.

My property, both real and personal, to my beloved wife, Susannah Osborn, during her life, should she so long remain my widow . . .

I give and bequeath to my son James or to his heirs, one dollar; to my son Squire or his heirs, one dollar; to the heirs of my son Morgan, one dollar; to my son Hiram or his heirs, one dollar; to son William S., one dollar; to son Manoah, or his heirs, one dollar; to daughter Sally White, or her heirs, one dollar; to the heirs of daughter Susannah Bradshaw, one dollar; to daughter Betsy Gray, or her heirs, one dollar; to daughter Clementine Goad, one dollar.

After the death or marriage of my wife, Susannah, I give and bequeath unto my two step-sons, Francis P. Shrode and Pannenus C. Shrode, children of my present wife, Susannah, and my two youngest children, Potipher and Azenith, all the land I now own in the county of Warrick, to be divided among them. My personal property unto my two youngest sons, but in case of their deaths without issue, their shares of both real and personal property to descend and be divided among my legal and lawful heirs.

I hereby constitute and appoint my friend, John B. Welty, my executor of this my last will and testament.

Children of William Osborn:

i. James Osborn was born 1791 in Pendleton Co., S. C. and died before December 5th 1871, in Greenup Co., Ky. His will was probated on that date.

He was married three times in Greenup Co. On December 25th 1812, he was married to Abigail Greenslate, who died 1833. She was a daughter of John and Fanny Greenslate.

On January 29th 1834, he was married to Margaret Ann McGlone, who died 1855. She was a daughter of Owen and Mary Ann (Edgar) McGlone.

On January 13th 1856, he was married to Mrs. Sarah (Crosset) Little.

Children:

1. John Greenslate Osborn, born 1813, married 10-21-1835 Lucinda McGlone
2. Mary Osborn, born 10-30-1817, married 1-15-1834 Squire McGlone
3. Squire Osborn, born 5-30-1825, married 4-17-1850 Mary Ellen Piekens
4. Silas Osborn, born 1827
5. Nathan Osborn, born 1-1-1828 and died 12-28-1921; married 3-5-1852 Elizabeth Angeline Olds, in Louisa Co., Iowa. She was born 2-5-1834 and died 1902.
- 6. Moses Osborn, born 1831
7. Manoah Osborn married 1-11-1856 Sarah Thomas
8. Jesse Osborn
9. William Osborn
10. Martha Osborn married Mr. Young
11. Eliza Osborn married 6-26-1840 Augustus Young
12. Linda Osborn married Mr. Ford
13. Jane Osborn
14. Polly Osborn
15. George Osborn
16. David Osborn
17. Lortha Osborn married 5-28-1844 Alphens Stephens
18. Owen Osborn died 7-26-1900
19. Lucinda Osborn, born 1836, married Aaron Covert
20. Malissa Osborn, born 1837, married Samuel Bates
21. Amanda Osborn, born 1838, married Joshua Pearce
22. Ashley Osborn, born 1839, married 2-9-1860 Emily Ruth Hunter
23. Sarepta Osborn, born 1841, married Moses Dixon
24. Thomas Osborn, born 1842
25. America Osborn, born 1844, married Mr. Fleming

26. Charles Osborn, born 1845
27. Ellen Osborn, born 1847, married Reece Dixon
28. Milander Osborn
29. Mariah Osborn, born June 1852 and died of cholera, August 1852
30. Joseph Osborn, born 10-29-1853
31. Simon B. Osborn, 10-7-1855 to 11-29-1938, married 12-24-1875 Euphama Howard

ii. Squire Osborn was born 12-5-1793 in Georgia, and died 1-12-1856 in Spencer Co., Indiana. (In 1791, this area of Pendleton Co., S. C. was made a part of Franklin Co., Ga. In 1799, it was returned to S. C. and became Oconee Co.)

Squire Osborn was married 11-11-1816 to Hester Ann Knox, born 12-31-1797, in Va. They were married in Greenup Co., Ky. By 1823, they moved to Spencer Co., Ind. where the rest of their children were born.

Children:

1. Malinda Osborn, born 12-28-1817, Greenup Co., Ky.
2. James H. Osborn, born 8-24-1820, in Henderson Co., Ky. and died 7-25-1874, married Elizabeth ----
3. Elizabeth Osborn, born 6-8-1823, married 6-2-1844 Henry Barnhart
4. Jonathan Osborn, born 6-14-1826, married Matilda ----
5. Prudence Osborn, born 11-4-1828, married 8-4-1853 Alfred F. Johnson
6. Daniel Osborn, born 4-18-1831, married 3-19-1854 Sarah E. Boyd
7. Lucretia Osborn, born 9-24-1833, married 12-18-1853 Wesley J. Albright
8. Caleb Osborn, born 2-20-1837, married 10-19-1864 Mary Ann Jones
9. David Osborn, born 12-18-1841

iii. Morgan Osborn, whose birth date is unknown, died before 1840. He was married 9-5-1814 to Margaret Gray, who died before 1-18-1839. She was a daughter of Thomas Lloyd and Mary (Bonifant) Gray. They lived in Greenup Co., Ky.

Children:

1. Minerva Osborn married 6-25-1831 Squire M. Lease
(No further record of this family)

iv. Sarah Osborn married 9-22-1814 Daniel White, in Greenup Co., Ky. He was a son of Seth and Sarah Comfort White.

(No further record of this family)

v. Susannah Osborn was married 3-17-1817 to Isaac Bradshaw, in Greenup Co., Ky. She was deceased by 1840, and left heirs, of whom we have no record.

vi. Hiram Osborn was living in 1840. No further record.

vii. Elizabeth (Betsy) Osborn, born 1803 in Ohio, was living in 1840. She was married 9-18-1818 to John Lloyd Gray, in Greenup Co., Ky. He was a son of Thomas Lloyd and Mary (Bonifant) Gray.

Children:

1. John Gray, born Ky.
2. Elizabeth Gray, born Ky.
3. Joseph Gray, born Ky.
4. Lucy Gray, born Ky.
5. Letitia Gray, born Ohio
6. William Lloyd Gray was born 2-21-1825, on Rocky Branch, Greenup Co. and died 2-2-1902. He was married 12-17-1849 to Caroline Elizabeth Lyon.
7. Melissa Gray

viii. William S. Osborn, born 1805 in Ohio, married 1-8-1829 Jane Taylor, in Warrick Co., Indiana

Children:

1. Sally Osborn
2. Marian Osborn
3. Susan Osborn
4. Squire Osborn

ix. Manoah Osborn, born 1-20-1808 in Ohio, died 7-29-1851. (Mortality Schedules of Ind.) He was married 12-17-1826 to Sarah Snook, born 1803 in Ky. and died 7-6-1850. She was a daughter of John Snook. They were married in Spencer Co., Indiana, and continued to live there.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Osborn married 3-24-1850 William H. M. Burdick
2. James M. Osborn
3. Mary A. Osborn
4. Eveline Osborn
5. Nancy J. Osborn
6. Serena Osborn married Mr. Day
7. Columbus Osborn

x. David Osborn was a child in Greenup Co., Ky. in March 1814. He may have died young, as he was not mentioned in his father's will.

xi. Clementine Osborn was born 3-16-1813 in Greenup Co., Ky. She was married 8-4-1831 to Andrew J. Goad, in Warrick Co., Indiana. She was living in 1840.

xii. Potipher Osborn, born 12-13-1829, married Harriet E. Scales. He was a son of the second marriage, and lived in Warrick Co., Indiana.

xiii. Azenith Osborn, son of the second marriage, was born in Warrick Co., Indiana. He was living in 1840.

The entire section on William Osborn and his descendants was researched and compiled by the late Robert Grant Osborn, of Ellsworth, Iowa, and Minneapolis, Minn.

Robert G. Osborn was a great grandson of Nathan Osborn and Elizabeth Angeline Olds. (#5, p. 58)

Their son, Pelessier Briggs Osborn, 11-20-1855 to 7-14-1924, married 10-18-1887 Adela Mariah Stickney, 12-4-1859 to June 1945. Both were buried at Hart, Mich.

Their son, Nathan Osborn was born 12-11-1888 in South Dakota. He was married 6-4-1912 in Ellsworth, Iowa, to Maude Theresse Hanson, born 6-4-1889.

Their son, Robert Grant Osborn was born 3-19-1913 in Ellsworth, Iowa, and died 1968 in Minneapolis, Minn. He was married 5-22-1937 to Pricilla May Morx. There were eight children.

Robert G. Osborn not only researched his own line, but he compiled an extensive set of records as an Osborn dictionary. He willed these records to the Kentucky State Library, but they had not been received there at the time of our last inquiry.

V. Morgan Osborn was of record on Saturday, August 8th 1778, when his name appeared on the list of persons who had not taken the Oath of Allegiance.¹ This was the list for Capt. Lyons' district. (Inferior Court, page 73; from abstracts in the old library, Salisbury, N. C.) Note that Caleb Osborn was Assessor in Capt. Lyons' district.

Morgan Osborn served 18 months in Capt. Lytle's company, Col. Abram Shepherd's 10th Regiment. He was discharged December 31st 1782. (Pierce's Register of Rev. Soldiers in N. C.) This may have been the same Morgan Osborn. Tories were frequently required to serve in the Army of the Revolution - to expiate their sins!

August 1786, in Russell Co. Court, Silas Enyart gave security for Morgan Osborn's appearance at next court, to Samuel Ritchie, to answer his recognizance. Silas Enyart was from the Forks of Yadkin. (LOB 1-25)

In January 1793, in Russell Co., Va., Morgan Osborn gave James Osborn a receipt, as administrator of the estate of Thomas Osborn, decd. It was proven by Squire Osborn and Austen Bush. (LOB 2-51)

The name of Morgan Osborn did not appear again in Russell Co. records. He must have moved on - his destiny now unknown.

VI. Elizabeth Osborn (See page one, last paragraph)

VII. Sarah Dedman (See page one, third and eighth paragraphs) There are Dedmans living in that area of North Carolina. Further research might well add to this record.

There was in Washington Co. (Russell Co.) Va. an unidentified John Osborn. On May 20th 1783, he was appointed Constable in Capt. Cowan's company. He served only six months. On the 19th of November of that year, Samuel Vanhook was made Constable in Capt. Cowan's company. (Washington Co., Va. Min. Bk. 1-199, 228) Whether he was deceased is unknown. That he came early and lived among them suggests kinship to the Caleb Osborn descendants. It is interesting to speculate as to whether he may have been the father of Squire Osborn, among whose progeny there was an unusual number of John Osborns. RKS

¹Rowan Co., N. C.

SQUIRE OSBORN

Squire Osborn was probably born in Rowan Co., North Carolina, and died at the confluence of the Big Sandy and Ohio rivers. His parents names are unknown, but the settlement of Thomas Osborn's estate indicates close kinship. Squire was probably a nephew of Thomas Osborne.

Squire Osborn was married to Elizabeth Alley before 1793.¹ She was born ca. 1772 in Russell Co. and died 1843 in Missouri. She was a daughter of James Alley, senr. Squire Osborn served in Capt. Brevard's company, Col. Abram Shepherd's 10th Reg. He enlisted May 25th 1781 and was discharged April 25th 1782. (N. C. State Records, Clark's, Vol. XVI) He appeared first in Russell Co., Va. records July 7th 1787 (LOB 1-28) and was last recorded there in 1804, when named for jury duty.

In November 1807, Elizabeth Osborn and children John Watts, Hannah, and Sarah; and Doddridge Alley were defendants to a suit in Russell Co. court. (LOB 3-660) In January 1808, they were acquitted. The suit was brought by John Porter, probably the same who witnessed James Alley's will. He must have been the son John mentioned in the will of Samuel Porter of Castlewood, not the grandson of Patrick Porter. One of the witnesses, Jane Porter, was no doubt his wife. Elizabeth's witnesses were Jonathan Alley, Doddridge Alley, Hannah Osborn, Samuel Alley, George Jackson, David Alley. (LOB 3-683) This was the last entry in the name of Elizabeth Osborn in Russell Co. records.

A year or so later, Squire, Elizabeth, John W. and James T. set out on the long journey to Indiana. One of their daughters stated that the other children were left with an aunt² in Russell Co. Squire Osborn is said to have drowned when his raft overturned at the confluence of the Big Sandy and Ohio rivers. Elizabeth went on to Boonesboro and spent the winter. Then she returned to Russell Co. Still undaunted, Elizabeth Osborn set out again for Indiana and, this time, reached her destination. She was there and firmly established by April 16th 1811, for on that date, she was married to Andrew Speer. (Franklin Co. Ind. Reg.)

Andrew Speer owned land just over the hill from Walnut Creek, near Peppertown. Elizabeth is mentioned in the court records of Franklin Co. in 1817 and 1818.

In 1818, Elizabeth Speer filed for divorce. She stated that she was a femme sole and could trade or be traded with, sue or be sued. Also, that her husband, Andrew was a resident of a foreign country, now known by the name of Alabama; that she had no correspondence with him. However, she dropped the divorce suit.

¹Marriage Book One of Russell Co. was destroyed

²We found no record of another daughter of James Alley, senr. unless it was Polly who was captured by the Indians; or, less likely, the Jane Porter, above.

Elizabeth Speer is said to have made a trip to southern Missouri in 1826. However, the tax records show that she was a resident of Franklin Co., Ind. as late as 1841. Yet this remarkable woman still sought adventure. At about three o'clock on a Sunday afternoon, she set out for the state of Oregon, in a prairie schooner drawn by oxen. Members of the Alley family witnessed her departure. She was accompanied by her youngest son, Samuel Speer, and his family.

They reached Cooper Co., Missouri; whether it was there, or whether it was in Mercer Co. that her last journey ended is now unknown. She died in 1843, and efforts to locate her grave have been unsuccessful.

Children:

1. John Watts Alley was born 1787 in Russell Co., Va. and died after 1850, possibly in Madison Co., Indiana.¹ He was married, in 1812, to Catherine McCarty.

(Franklin Co., Ind. Marriage Reg.)

John Watts Alley migrated to Franklin Co. with his mother. In 1816, he is mentioned in a suit against William Vardeman. In 1817, he went bail for James T. Osborn. In 1820, he was in Fayette Co., Indiana; by 1830, he is listed in the census of Madison Co., Indiana.

Kuegman's History of Madison Co. states that he laid out Rockport, a canal town about two miles west of Anderson, Ind. Later, he laid out another canal town in Madison Co.

John W. and Catherine Alley had seven sons and four daughters, only two of whom are known:

(1) Elizabeth Alley, born 1816, was married to Jesse Abrogast, in Madison Co. They moved to southern Missouri.

(2) William D. Alley (See letter)

2. Sarah Osborn was born 1793, in Scott Co. (Russell Co.) Va. (Harvey Family Bible) and died 1833, in Franklin Co., Indiana. (gravestone) She was married January 26th 1811 to Charles Harvey, 1783 to 1868. He was from Laurens Co., S. C. Charles and Sarah Harvey lived near Blooming Grove.

After Sarah's death, Charles Harvey married Mrs. Susanna (Alley) Rhea, daughter of John Alley, senr.

(1) Squire Harvey

(5) Mary Harvey

(2) Elizabeth Harvey

(6) Joseph Harvey

(3) Sarah Harvey

(7) Ruth Harvey

(4) Jane (Jinny) Harvey

(8) James A. Harvey

3. Hannah Osborn was born 179- in Russell Co., Va. and died after November 15th 1853, in Indiana. She was married January 5th 1815 to William Russell, son of William Russell, senr., from N. C., who was a Revolutionary soldier. When he heard that war had broken out, it is said that he left horses and plow in the field and went off to volunteer. See Hannah's letter to her brother, James T. Osborn.

(1) Squire was married 1833 to Mary Nelson, minister Rev. David Alley. (FC Reg.) The Nelson Family Bible records the death of Mary as April 10th 1874; and the

¹He may have moved to Mo.

death of Squire as May 11th 1879. The name of Squire Russell appears on an early muster roll of Franklin Co., There are a number of land entries in his name, in the year of his marriage. There are letters from Squire to James T. Osborn, in the year 1847. They lived in West Liberty, Illinois. Their children were Daniel, Albie, James, and Hannah, none of whom ever married. Daniel died in 1924, and left the Nelson Bible to Birdie Neild Osborn, wife of George Osborn. Both Birdie and George were cousins to Daniel. Their son, Neild Osborn, presented the Bible to a cousin in Sunman, Ind. The Bible is bound in leather, and published 1829 by Loring and Manning, New York. For lack of other heirs, Daniel's property went to Mary Skakel's son.

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| (2) Elizabeth Russell | (5) Bash Russell |
| (3) James Russell | (6) Zenta Russell |
| (4) Charles Russell | (7) Hannah Russell |

4. Jane (Ginsey) Osborn was married October 22nd 1818, to Isaac Jones (FC Reg.) whose sister Rebecca, was married to the Rev. David Alley, son of John Alley. Ginsey and Isaac lived on Pipe Creek, Franklin Co., Indiana.

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| (1) Squire Jones | (6) Isaac M. Jones |
| (2) John B. Jones | (7) Lettie Jones |
| (3) Elizabeth Jones | (8) James Jones |
| (4) William Cregg Jones | (9) Obed Jones |
| (5) Jane Jones | (10) David Jones |

5. James Thomas Osborn was born September 15th 1797, in Russell Co., Va. and died April 5th 1859, in Franklin Co., Indiana. He was married November 9th 1820 to Ruth Nelson (FC Reg.) who was born October 22nd 1799 (Nelson Bible) and died March 20th 1857.

Ruth Nelson was a daughter of Daniel and Ruth Nelson, who moved from Tenn. to the Scott Co. area of Russell Co. Their property adjoined that of Thomas Carter in Rye Cove. They moved on to Franklin Co., Ind. Daniel Nelson was a Revolutionary soldier; and is said to have been a near relative to Thomas Nelson. Ruth is believed to have been a Harrison.

Three couples went together to be married by Elder DeWeese, on Big Cedar Creek. They were: James T. Osborn and Ruth Nelson; William Fowler and Comfort Alley; James Hicks and Mahala Fowler.

James T. Osborn is said to have been a captain in the militia, under Gen. Noble, and his sword was in the Theo Dickerson Museum, in Brookville, Franklin Co., Ind.

James T. Osborn bought his first land from Samuel Alley in 1821. It was near the John Alley farm. The land where the big brick house is located was granted to James T. Osborn, in 1834, by Andrew Jackson. He also had a grant which was up the road from his farm at St. Marys. It was meant as a site for a town named Franklin, and it was laid out by William H. Alley, but the town was never built.

Children:

- (1) Jane Osborn, born 1821, married cousin, Squire Harvey, born 1821
- (2) Washington Osborn, born 1823, died when a boy
- (3) Theodosia Osborn, born 1824, died young and unmarried. She left some beautifully woven coverlets, which have been preserved.
- (4) James A. Osborn, born 1826, died at the age of 22.
- (5) George Riley Osborn, 1828 to 11-20-1909, married Martha F. Sutfin. He was a Union soldier. In 1867, they moved to Richland Co., Ill. There, his wife and six children died. With one son, William, he returned to Franklin Co.
- (6) Henry N. Osborn, born 1830, married Martha Conway; son George m. Birdie Neild
- (7) Mary Osborn, twin, born 1832, married Henry Skakel. Mary outlived all members of her family by a few months.
- (8) Hannah Osborn, twin, born 1832, married James Neild; dau. Birdie (above)
- (9) William Osborn, born 1834, was known as "Uncle Billie" and was beloved by all. He was never married. (See his account of the Osborn family.)
- (10) Squire Osborn, born 1837, married Miranda Loback. Squire was a Union soldier. He took part in the Battle of Fort Donaldson, Nashville, Tenn.; and in the Battle of Mobile, Alabama.
- (11) Ruth Osborn, born 1842, married Henry Coen. (Wm. Osborn's line, Sunman, Ind.)

6. Edy Osborn was born 1798 or 1801 in Va. and died after 1860 in Calloway Co., Mo. She was married April 20th 1824 to William McCafferty, born 1800 in Ky. and died 1850 in Franklin Co., Ind. His marker still stands, at St. Marys. They lived on Pipe Creek and their log house is still there.

On November 15th 1851, Edy McCafferty left for Calloway Co., Mo. She was accompanied by son James. She was still living there in 1860.

(1) Ollie McCafferty b. 1825, m. Ezekiel Parriter b. 1807 Penn. Res. Calloway Co.
Ch: William (son of Ezekiel's first mar.) David, Elizabeth, Isaac, Ezekiel, Margaret.

(2) David McCafferty b. 1827

(3) Margaret McCafferty b. 1831

- (4) James McCafferty, b. 1813, m. Anne ---- b. 1839. Ch: Elizabeth and James
(5) Elizabeth McCafferty

7. Samuel Speer was born 1813 in Franklin Co., Indiana, and died after February 19th 1853, probably in Oregon. He was married, in 1833, to Martha Mourning (FC Reg.) born 1813, in Ohio. Samuel was the only child of Elizabeth's marriage to Andrew Speer.

Samuel Speer's name appeared on the 1821 militia list of Franklin Co., Indiana. He and his family migrated to Cooper Co., Mo. and thence to Mercer Co., Mo. He was somewhere in Mo. by 1839, when daughter Henrietta was born.

Rogers' History of Mercer Co. states that the site of the county seat, Princeton, was purchased from Samuel Speer, who had constructed a dwelling, stable and blacksmith shop, in 1846. The small log house was used as a courthouse until a new log structure was completed in May 1847.

On February 19th 1853, Samuel Speer sold land to Carrington Labull.

By 1860, the Samuel Speer family had removed from Mercer Co., Missouri. They are said to have gone on to Oregon, and to have lost their wagons and possessions when crossing the Platte river.

- (1) Elizabeth Speer, b. 1833, Ind.
(2) Mariah Speer, b. 1836, Ind.
(3) Henrietta Speer, b. 1839, Mo.
(4) Letora Speer, b. 1841, Mo.
(5) Martha Speer, b. 1847, Mo.
(6) Sarah Speer, b. 1847, Mo.

The entire section on Squire and Elizabeth (Alley) Osborn and their descendants is compiled from the family records of Alma Osborn (Mrs. William) of Sunman, Ind. Mrs. Osborn has researched Franklin Co. records and census records, and added to their inherited documents.

WILLIAM OSBURN

This honored and highly respected citizen of Butler Twp., Franklin Co., is a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county, being the son of James T. Osburn, who settled here at an early day and bore an important part in its early development and prosperity.

The father was born in Virginia about 1797, and was a son of Squire Osburn, who died during the childhood of James T. Soon afterward, his mother emigrated to Indiana, accompanied by her five children, one son and four daughters. The family located in Metamora Twp., in Franklin Co., where the son was reared. On attaining man's estate, he married Miss Ruth Nelson, who came from Virginia with her parents, at about the time the Osborn family came.

In February 1834, James T. Osburn settled on the farm in Butler Twp. where his sons now reside, William being at the time but nine years old. He cleared the land where the village of St. Mary's now stands and, from the wild land, developed a good farm, on which he died on April 6th 1859. His wife passed away March 20th 1857, honored and respected by all who knew them.

He was a typical pioneer, and an industrious, hard-working man. The section of the county where he located was new, and wild game abundant. He was a perfect hunter and, on one occasion, while making a short trip across the country, he killed seven bears in one day. He was a man rugged in nature and fearless in character, and was withal an honest and good citizen. A full account of his experiences in pioneer days would fill a much greater space than can be given. Suffice it to say that he lived a useful and upright life, and did his part toward developing the resources of the county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Osburn were born eleven children, of whom the following are still living: George R.; Mary and Hannah, twins; William; and Squire. The last mentioned own and occupy the old homestead. William Osburn, from whom much of the information contained in this sketch was obtained, is one of the most successful and enterprising farmers and stock-raisers in Butler Twp. He has never married, but his brother, Squire has a wife and family.

These gentlemen have spent nearly their entire lives on the old home land, and are widely known and highly respected.

From: History of Wayne, Fayette, Union, and Franklin Co's Indiana,
Vol. 2, page 1039, year 1899.

Family Records - Births

Daniel Nelson born A D 19th November 1755

Ruth Nelson late consort Daniel Nelson was born June 7 A D 1768

Catherin Nelson was born May the second A D 1789

Charity Nelson was born September the 14th A D 1791

Elenor Nelson was born March the fifteenth A D 1796

Ruth Nelson was born October the twenty seven A D 1799

Abba Nelson was born April 13th A D 1802

Mary Nelson was born December 24th A D 1804

Elizabeth Nelson was born February 24th 1807

Margaret Nelson was born October 4th 1809

Daniel N. Alley was born July the 4th A D 1810
son of Catherine Nelson Alley

Deaths

Mary Osburn died Aprile the 8th 1874

Squire Osburn died May the 11th 1879

Abby Osburn died April 12 A D 1870

James Osburn died August 29, 1863

Daniel Osburn died Nov 3, 1921 aged 87 years

Deaths

Daniel Nelson - Nov 29th 1821

Ruth Nelson - Dec 20th 1847

Jeremiah M. Herron was born May the 27, 1842

(Copied from the Nelson Family Bible by Alma Osborn, Sunman, Indiana)

Mr James Osburn
St Franklin Co Ga
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August 14th 1801

I take this opportunity to write unto you
that we air all well at present hoping that
that these lines will find you all in good health
Mother Melson has had two childer recently but
she is on the gain at present and the friends
air all well in hear i think but william
Clarke's wife she has had a fine son a few dayes
ago and she has not got about yet but is
Tollerable smart your old unkel Samuel
Alley deceased on the 12 of this inst he was
Taken with something like the other childer and
Cyearer a few dayes before his death i have
Just received your letter dated the eighteen
Day of July i have bin eighty miles north
since you was in hear to see your
Grands and brethren and country and
Was gone nine dayes we have had fine
Seasons in hear since you was in hear
We have got heverys cropes of corn then
We have every had in this section
of cuntry i want you to write as soon
as you get this letter and tell us about
The health of the friends and the cuntry
In generl i want you to tell us in your
next letter when you air all coming
out to see us give my best respects
to all inquiring friends i remain yours
In hopes of Eternal life James Osburn
John L. Herron
John H. Herron

Feb. 16th 1850

California Sacramento City

Dear Uncle and Aunt It has become my duty to write to you, a happy one it is. I am well and have enjoyed good health ever since I left home for the last two years previous to my California voyage I had very bad health but now I enjoy as good health as I ever did. I had a long and tedious Journey and a very laborious one too. I reached the great and delightful gold mines the 25th of September 1849. The gold mines is not so plentiful as its represented to be yet there is gold here but my advis to every person to stay at home where they can have the Comforts of life for several reasons first you have a long road to travel and you have a great risk of your life for it is unreasonable to tell the deaths which hap- pened on the planes last year. Thousands have laid their feble boddies on the planes and in California. Second you have to be exposed a great deal you have the most of your time to work in the water and lay upon the ground very frequently. From all these exposures is some three or 4 deseases derived which prove fatal. They are as follows Scurvy Typhoid fever Various fever new money (?) I have not received any letters from home since I left there I can account for that Samuel is very neglectful in such matters I am in hopes you will not do so for I am at least 2.000 miles from all my friends I have not made much of any consequence for reasons that I had a partner who inclined to explore the mines too much, and the wet weather to gether but I have dissolved partnership with him and have gone in with Judge Miller a very firm and study man whom I lived with three years in Miss- ouri I shall return to the States when I make 5000 dollars and not before. If I do not make that amount I expect to end my days in California I can make from five to 16 dollars a day when I work I shall give you a description of this Coun- try in the mining it is very mountainous down in the valleys it is one of the most beautiful Countries I ever saw it is not good for Corn but it is good for wheat oats Barley wry Potatoes Cabbage Onions &c I am in Sacramento City at this time but shall leave here tomorrow Sacramento City consists of about 5000 inhabitants and commenced about twelve months ago if () can find any Town city or Villaze that can beat this then I will give up Sacramento River is the most beautiful river I or anybody else ever saw. the gold is found in different size pieces from the size of the point of a pin up to 30 dollars The machine () work with is similar to a childs cradle with two crofs bars then in Sills (?) of

it so as to prevent the () from washing of and riddle on the top of it similar to wind mill riddle I send you about 10 cts worth of gold I want you to write soon as you get this for that is only way that we can hear from each other I have been () with long and wishful eyes. I must come to a close for time will per mit you must excuse me for not writing any more I will give you a better description of things in my next letter No more at present but Remain your Affectionate Nephew untill death

William D. Alley

James T. Osburn
Ruthy Osburn

(Copied from original among family papers of Alma and William Osborn, Sumner, Ind.)

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Dear Unkel and Aunt and Cousins

I received your letter the 16 of this inst and was glad to hear from you that you was getting well or at least getting better we are as well as common at this time and I hope that when these few lines come to your hand they will find you all in good health Your letter never came to Martinville till 15 November I wrote to Henry the same time I wrote to you and I have got illegible yet and I wrote to Squire very shortly after and got answer and I illegible to few times and got those who send no letters I will send to them Health is generally good here this fall James Collier (?) is well at this time I have nothing strange to write I have took a job of clearing 10 acres at 85 per acre I have to have 5 acres ready to plant in corn in the spring and the other 5 in the fall Hogs priced 15 per hundred and wheat is 15 cents per bushel Corn is 20 cents per bushel Peaches 25 cents per bushel dried apples 1.50 per bushel illegible sweet potatoes are priced 1.50 to 2.00 per bushel Irish potatoes from 20 cents to 25 cents per bushel

You wrote that you were coming out here this fall but I would ? earth to see you here if it illegible I would like to see you all once more illegible has been within one foot of illegible The time is short and I much draw my letter to a close so no more for you now dear Unkel and Aunt and cousins and friends goodbye to all

James D. Harvey Morgun Harvey James T. Osborn Ruth Osborn

Dear brother and sister

I take this pleasant opportunity to let you know that we are all in common health at this time and hope these lines find you in the same state of health I would like to see you and converse with you face to face I am looking to come out here I want you to write to me how you are getting and how all of the friends is I have nothing very strange to write at present but remain your brother and sister untill death So no more at this time

Hanna Russell to James Osborn and Ruth Osborn

I want to see you all and talk with you I would like to see you come out here and help me eat some of these big fish I have got illegible

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SOLOMON AND HANNAH OSBORN, OF PIKE CO., KENTUCKY

Solomon Osborn was born 1768 in North Carolina¹ and died after 1850, in Pike Co., Kentucky. He was married to Hannah Bowling, who was born 1766, in Virginia¹ and died after 1850 in Pike Co. She is said to have been a daughter of Jesse Bowling; and may have been a sister to the Revolutionary soldier of that name.

This Solomon Osborn has not been identified. Because he came and lived along the Clinch for a while, and has numerous descendants in the area, he is placed here.

In 1787, a Jesse Bowling was charged with tax in Montgomery Co., Va., but had moved to North Carolina.² In 1790, a Solomon Osborn and a Jesse Bowling were in the Morgan District of Wilkes Co., N. C. Solomon had a wife, two sons under 16, and a daughter of unstated age. By 1800, Solomon Osborn had gone from the area.³ It is POSSIBLE that this was the Solomon Osborn above, but of this there is no proof.

Solomon and Hannah Osborn were in Virginia in 1803, when one of their daughters was born. They must have moved to Kentucky soon afterward. It is said that they made the trip on horseback, by way of Pound Gap. This is the family which settled on Cumberland Mountain, near the Virginia-Kentucky line, and for whom Osborn's Gap was named.

On November 6th 1822, this Solomon Osborn and his sons and sons-in-law were defendants to a land suit in Russell Co., Va. Luke Wheeler, surviving partner of the firm of Wheeler and Campbell vs Austen Bush, Thomas Large, Enos Derefield, Thomas and Francis Jourdon, John Collier, senr., David Carter, James Newman, Nancy Large, John Prince, junr., Solomon, Sherid, Hiram, and Benjamin Osborn, William Blankenship, Joseph England, Edward and Richard Baker, John Hall, senr. and junr., Alexander Hall, William Short, senr. and junr., Benjamin and Jeremiah Bolen.⁴

¹1850 Census Pike Co., Ky.

²Montgomery Co., Va. Circa 1790, by Netti Schreimer-Yantis

³1800 Census Wilkes Co., N. C.

⁴Russell Co., Va. LOB 7-10

Descendants of Solomon and Hannah Osborn:

i. Sherwood (Sherrod) Osborn was born 1788 and died 1837 in Pike Co., Ky. He was married 4-28-1813 to Levisa Collier.¹ She was born 1798 in Tennessee and was living in Pike Co., Ky. in 1850.

Children:

1. Jeremiah Osborn, born 3-1-1814 in Ky, was married 11-17-1836 to Mary Moore, born 1819 in Va. There were two daughters and possibly other children.

(1) Zarilda Osborn, born 1838, Ky.

(2) Huldah Osborn, born 1839, Ky.

2. Levisa Osborn, born 1816, Ky., married 4-17-1853 Moses Tackett.

3. Stephen Osborn was born 1818 and died 1888, in Pike Co., Ky. He was married 7-2-1840 to Nancy Mullins, born 1825, in Ky. She was a daughter of William and Ruth (Foster) Mullins.

Stephen Osborn's second wife was Lucy Osborn, born 1844 and died after 1880. She was a daughter of William and Dorcas Osborn, Coeburn, Wise Co., Virginia.

First children:

(1) Marilda Osborn married 10-28-1855 Alex Mullins. (Pike Co. Reg.)

(2) Sherwood (Sheridan) Osborn, 11-3-1842 to 4-13-1911, married Malaney Hamilton, born 1842. She was a daughter of Jesse Hamilton.

a. Stephen Osborn, b. 7-25-1862 m. February 1885 Palmyra Roberson, b. 1863. She was a daughter of Adam and Eliza Roberson, and widow of Richard Skeen. The late Lee Skeen was a son of her first marriage. (Wise Co. Reg.)

Ch: Vergie, Dr. Adam, Ida, Icy, Etta, Gerty

b. Elizabeth Osborn, b. 11-6-1863, m. King H. Compton, son of John W. Compton.

Ch: Letha, Oscar, Anna Belle, Jennie, Sarah Minnie, Hattie, John Wallace

c. Jesse Osborn, b. 4-13-1865, m. Mary Sword, b. 1-28-1877. Ch: Joseph, John, Emma, Sarah, Milburn, Nancy, Frances, Daniel, Cordelia, Moses, Leona, Adam

d. Ashia Osborn, b. 1-2-1867, m. David Compton. Ch: Stephen, Grover, Harvey, Sherwood, John, Minda, Delania

e. Hamilton Osborn, 2-4-1869 to 5-19-1958, m. Maggie Jane Polly, b. 1877

Ch: Patton, Nellie, Corbit, Crit, Curtis, Ellis, Alvin, Nola, Nobel, Edgar

¹Reg. Ky. State Papers, V. 26, #76, "with consent of Solomon Osborn"

f. Preston Osborn, 3-4-1871 to 7-28-1945, m. Eunice Calhoun. Ch: Syl, Melvin, Minerva, Joseph, Lee, Woodrow, Elma, Vergie

g. Nancy Osborn, b. 1872

h. Phenia Osborn, b. 1-12-1875, m. Esau Hall, 1875 to 2-20-1960. Ch: Cleveland, Charles, Malan, Sherwood, Monroe, Nancy, May

i. William Osborn, b. 1877

j. Monroe Osborn, 3-4-1883 to 1964, m. 6-14-1924 Kate Osborn, b. 1900

(3) Booker Osborn, born 1844, married 1) Mary Lamb 2) Martha or Hannah Greer, b. 1850. They lived in Pike and Clark Counties, Ky. and perhaps elsewhere.

a. Franklin Marion Osborn, 1864 to 1960, m. 3-4-1890 Mary Ramey, b. 1870. The Scott Co., Va. Reg. states that he was a son of Booker and ---- Osborn, of Pike Co., Ky. and that he was a railroader. Ch: Wiley, Abe, Jennings (late of Wise) Mary, Booker, Walden, Woodrow, Pearl, Martha, Roxanne

b. Stephen Osborn m. Miss Newsom

e. America Osborn

c. Nancy Osborn m. Lanford May

f. Montgomery Osborn

d. Emory Osborn

g. Missouri Osborn

h. George Osborn

Second children:

(4) William Thomas Osborn, b. 1-8-1868, m. 3-21-1892, in Johnson Co., Ky., Sarah Meek, 4-12-1876 to 3-5-1927, daughter of Elias and Mary Meek.

a. Walter D. Osborn, b. 2-6-1893, m. 12-24-1918, Lena Fannin, b. 12-18-1891

b. Malissa Osborn

e. Kate Osborn

h. Verlia Osborn

c. Mary Osborn

f. Amanda Osborn

i. Gaynell Osborn

d. Lucy Osborn

g. Mildred Osborn

(5) Charles Osborn was born 12-25-1870 and died 1-26-1958

(6) Patrick Osborn was born 8-15-1876 and died 1-16-1962

(7) James M. Osborn was born 1879

4. Jemima Osborn, born 12-25-1820, married William McCowan

5. Hannah Osborn, born 12-25-1822, married 9-26-1839 John White, Pike Co., Ky. She married second Anderson Powell.

6. John Wesley Osborn, born 1824, married 5-1-1844 Cena J. Moore, born 1826

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(1) Sherwood Osborn, born 1845

(2) Mary Osborn, born 1847

7. Mary Osborn, born 1825, Ky., married John McCowan, born 1822, Va.

(1) James M. McCowan, b. 1845

(2) Thursey A. McCowan, b. 1846

(3) Hugh McCowan, b. 1849

Hannah Osborn, age 84, was a member of this household in 1850.

8. Shadrack (Shade) Osborn, born 1826, Ky. married 2-1-1846 Elizabeth J. Rober-
son, born 1828.

(1) William J. Osborn, b. 1847

(2) Jeremiah Osborn, b. 1848

9. Cornelius (Neal) Osborn, 12-27-1828 to 8-9-1909, married 11-18-1850 Rhoda
Hammond. He married second Mary Martin.

10. Sallie Osborn, 1830 to 1909, married 1-22-1846 William Tackett. She married
second Lindsay McCowan.

11. Candace (Dacie) Osborn, 1832 to 7-18-1853, married 3-4-1852 Moses Little,
son of William Little.

12. Delila (Dilly) Osborn, born 7-18-1833, Ky. married 12-5-1850 James Tackett,
son of William and Sarah (Cardill) Tackett.

ii. Benjamin Osborn, born 1790, married 2-23-1813 Susanna Baker, Floyd Co., Ky.
Children:

1. Anna Osborn

4. Mary Osborn m. 3-10-1836 Caleb Collier

2. Barnett Osborn

5. Candace Osborn m. 10-30-1838 Isham Mullins

3. Hannah Osborn

6. Elizabeth Osborn m. 3-1-1838 Jacob Johnson

iii. Anna Osborn, 1792 to 1835, married William (Buck) Blankenship

iv. Candace (Dacie) Osborn, born 1794, married 8-3-1809 Joseph England, Floyd Co.

v. Hiram Osborn was born 11-17-1798 in Scott Co., Va. and died 1-30-1892 in Pike
Co., Ky. He married 9-16-1819 Nancy Mullins, born 1797 in Tennessee. They lived
on Indian Creek, Pike Co., Ky.

Children:

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| 1. Lewis Osborn b. 1827 | 4. Nancy Osborn b. 1835 |
| 2. Jesse Bowling Osborn b. 1830 | 5. Ruthey Osborn b. 1838 |
| 2. George W. Osborn b. 1833 | 6. Rachel Osborn b. 1841 |

William Harvey Osborn, son of Jesse (2) and Sarah Osborn, was born on Indian Creek 12-9-1869 and died 2-25-1900. William H. Osborn married 1-24-1882 Malinda R. Adkins, 7-17-1861 to 12-25-1935. She was a daughter of Joseph and Phenny Adkins. William H. Osborn was killed at his water mill. There were ten children, including George W., Joseph, Kathryn, and James. (Minutes Union Asso. Reg. Baptist Church)

vi. Hannah Osborn, born 1803 in Va. married 5-11-1823 George Tackett, born 1804 in Tenn. They lived in Pike Co., Ky.

Children:

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| 1. Greenville Tackett b. 1832 | 5. Sarah Tackett b. 1839 |
| 2. Hiram Tackett b. 1833 | 6. Rachel Tackett b. 1841 |
| 3. Benjamin Tackett b. 1835 | 7. George W. Tackett b. 1843 |
| 4. Harvey Tackett b. 1837 | 8. Stephen Tackett b. 1849 |

Solomon Osborn, age 82, born N. C. was a member of this household in 1850

vii. Solomon Osborn was born 1805 or 1810 in N. C. He was married to Rachel Lark. They were living in Scott Co., Va. in 1850 and 1860. No further information.

Although the following has not been included in earlier records of the Solomon Osborn line, these people must belong there:

James Osborn, born 1821 in Scott Co., married Mary (Polly) Mullins, born 1822 in Scott Co. In 1850, they were living in a Mullins neighborhood in Russell Co. This area later became a part of Dickenson Co., and adjoined Kentucky. They lived at the head of Bear Pen Creek, a branch of Pound River. Prior to 1866, they moved to Pike Co., Ky. and settled near Shelby Gap.

On August 24th 1866, James Osborn sold land on George's Fork of Pound River to McElhaney and Aston. This was probably the same James Osborn who sold land to Benjamin Taylor and Joseph Long in 1860; and a tract to Osborn Howell in 1866, both tracts on Pound River and Cumberland Mountain. (Wise Co. DB 1)

Children:

- (1) Sally Osborn b. 1840 m. Tom Anderson
- (2) Preston Osborn b. 1842
- (3) Marshall Osborn b. 1844

- (4) Darcus (Darkie) Osborn b. 1846 m. John W. Belcher
 - (5) Nancy Osborn b. 1847 m. John Vance
 - (6) Dicey Osborn b. 1849 m. William Vanover
 - (7) Eliza Osborn, unmarried
 - (8) Betty Osborn m. Benjamin Potter
 - (9) Polly Osborn m. Jack Moore
- (Marriages from the files of the late Judge E. J. Sutherland, Clintwood, Va.,
by courtesy of Alma (Lee) Miller)

"Osborne's Gap, a gap in Cumberland Mountain, was so-named a long time ago for a small generation of Osbornes then living at and about Shelby Gap, nearby. I remember hearing old people, now long-since deceased, speak of Jerry Osborne who, I think, had a small general store at Shelby Gap; and I think that one of the small steamboats that plied the Big Sandy in early days, from Pikeville to Catlettsburg and return, was called the Jerry Osborne. I remember an old man of that name, probably a son of Jerry Osborne, living around Shelby Gap. But he is now long since deceased and, if he left any descendants, I never heard of them."

"Jerry Osborne was elected County Judge on the Democratic ticket in Pike Co. in 1866. He had a patent for several thousand acres of land, reaching to Osborne's Gap, and thence to Jerry's Gap."

"The Jerry Osborne that I mentioned previously had a little store in ancient days just above Shelby Gap on Elkhorn Creek. Tom Smith lives where old man Osborne had the store. The old Osborne that I remember seeing was named Marshall. His two daughters married John and Wilson Bryant. John lived around Wise, in his late years, until he died a year or so ago."

"Lee Skeen, a former sheriff of Wise Co., was a half-brother to Dr. Adam Osborne of Pikeville. Their mother married Stephen Osborne who lived and died on Shelby Creek, in Pike Co. about the mouth of Beefhide Creek. He had a brother, Josh Osborne. Both are long since dead, I suppose. Their father was Sheridan Osborne and he was Moderator of the Cool Spring Baptist Church in Pike Co. in 1872."

"Mr. Moore says that he remembers hearing his grandfather say that there was a Preston Osborne who was shot and killed by the Union soldiers as he fled through Shelby Gap, and that he was buried there, and that his grave was still visible a few years ago."

(Excerpts from letters of the late Claude F. Beverly)

"It was in the winter of 1889, and the night was bitter cold. He was in search of Dr. Marshall Taylor for one of the younger children who was dying of typhoid. He became lost in the doubles of the Cumberland mountain. Finally he saw a light and made his way toward it. It was the house of Granville Cox. A group of men were seated around a poker table. There was heavy drinking and their guns were laid out on the table. Cox threatened them from time to time. The players were tense and a sense of danger filled the air. But, there was one who never knew the meaning of fear. He was Stephen Osborn from Kentucky." (The late Wade P. Kennedy)

Family records of Walter D. Osborn; 1830 and 1850 Census Records of Pike Co., Ky.
1850 and 1860 Census Records of Russell and Scott Co's Va.

Many records from Josie (Walker) Blakey (Mrs. B. B.)

Certain marriage records and other details from Myrtle (Greer) Johnson (Mrs. Carl)

JESSE BOWLING

On the 22nd day of October 1832, in Clay Co., Ky., Jesse Bowling applied for a pension. He stated that he was seventy-four years and five months old.

He entered the service as a volunteer, in December 1780, in Wilkes Co., N. C. He served a tour of three months, in a company commanded by Capt. William Hall and Maj. Joseph Phelps. They marched to Salisbury, where they were stationed and employed in guarding British prisoners and Tories. From Salisbury, they marched toward Virginia, the British in pursuit. They crossed the Yadkin River and cut loose the boats to prevent the British crossing; at which place he was discharged.

He again entered the service in the spring of the year 1781, and he thinks, the month of March, for a tour of three months. He resided in Wilkes Co., N.C. and was attached to a company commanded by Capt. John Cleveland, and was appointed sergent in the company, which was attached to a battalion commanded by Maj. Benjamin Henderson; and Col. Benjamin Cleveland commanded the regiment. The troops marched from Wilkes Co. down the Yadkin River to a place called the Trading Ford, and were there employed in guarding and reconnoitering the Country against the invasion of the British, until he was regularly discharged.

In the month of July or August 1781, in Grayson Co., Va., he again volunteered as a light horse soldier, under Capt. Stinson, whose company was attached to the command of Col. Arthur Campbell, who was the chief commander of the troops. This expedition was intended to guard against the depredations of the Tories, on the south line of Wilkes Co., under a certain James Roberts. They found that the Tories had dispersed, and then they reconnoitered the Country to that quarter, and then returned to Grayson Co., Virginia, and he was discharged. He stated that he served two months on this expedition and found his own horse.

I have known the Rev. Jesse Bolin many years. No man has a better character for truth, integrity, and uprightness, in this entire region of country.

#514974

Signed: R. P. Letcher

On January 18th 1802, Jesse Bolling was presented to the Stoney Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Fort Blackmore, Scott Co., Va. On May 23rd 1804, Jeremiah Bolling was received.

On January 29th 1805, Jesse Bolling bought land at the fork of Powell River, in Lee Co., Va. (Lee Co. DB 2-9)

On March 31st 1835, Jeremiah Bolling entered a survey of 100 acres, on the waters of Sandy, on the Kentucky boundary. (Lee Co. Survey Book, page 40)

In 1850, Jeremiah Bowlin, age 67, and wife Sarah, age 64, were living in Russell Co., Va. Both were born in South Carolina.

Jesse Bolling reared a large family and has many descendants in Eastern Kentucky.

Note: Members of the Bolling (Bowling, Bowlen, Bolen, etc.) family are direct descendants of the Indian Chief Powhatan.

PART TWO

EARLY OSBORNS

ON

NEW RIVER

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(A partial genealogy)

EPHRAIM OSBORN, SENR.

Ephraim Osborn, senr. is believed to have come from New Jersey¹ to North Carolina. He was in Rowan Co. by 1753 (pension # 58912). He died in Grayson Co., Va. after April 23rd 1794. He was probably a brother to Caleb Osborn.

Ephraim Osborn, senr. is said to have been married to Elizabeth Howard. Though proof of marriage is lacking, his wife may well have been a Howard.²

The name of Ephraim Osborn appeared on the 1759 tax list of Rowan Co. and on the 1761 tax list of Caleb Osborn in the Forks of the Yadkin. That must have been the year that he and his family moved to the Hollow of Surrey, for his name appeared on Elijah Skidmore's list in 1761.

In 1762, he returned to testify for Caleb Osborn in a suit against Frederick Friley. (Rowan Co. Min. Bk. 2-247)

By 1766, Ephraim Osborn, senr. and family were in Fincastle (Montgomery) Co., Va. (#58912) in 1772, his name appeared on William Herbert's tax list in Fincastle Co. On the 14th of December 1774, Ephraim Osborn, senr. obtained a Loyal Land Co. grant of 260 acres, in Fincastle Co., lying on both sides of Saddle Creek, a branch of New River. The grant had been ordered one year earlier.

(Survey Bk. A-123)

It was there that Osborn's Fort was built. In later years, Ephraim Osborn was granted a license to operate an ordinary.

In 1774, William Scott filed suit against Ephraim Osborn; the suit was abated in 1779. (Montgomery Co. Min. Bk. 2-64, 3-22)

Ephraim Osborn, senr. took the Oath of Allegiance in 1777. In 1779, he was paid for patrolling, presumably against Indians and Tories. (Bk. 2-285) On the 1781 militia list, the name of Ephraim Osborn, Lieut., followed immediately after the name of Capt. Enoch Osborn. But, Ephraim Osborn was designated "not fit" for military service.

¹ Israel Clem, grandson of John Osborn, stated that the Osborns came from N. J. The Calendar of New Jersey Wills includes these same names in significant numbers.

² On Feb. 5th 1778, Cornelius Howard was living on the South Fork of the Yadkin River, near Caleb Osborn. (McCubbins' File) How long he had been there is unknown to this compiler. The will of Joshua Howard, Baltimore, was dated 7-3-1738 and proved 9-4-1738. Sons: Francis, Cornelius, Edward; daus: Sarah, Mary, Violetta Gist, Elizabeth Wells. This MAY have been the same Cornelius Howard. In 1790, James and Samuel Howard were in Montgomery Co. Samuel is said to have been the first Howard to settle in Harlan Co., Ky.

On March 4th 1786, Ephraim Osborn, senr's name appeared on the revenue tax list. (Montgomery Co. Wills and Deeds, page 92) On October 28th 1789, he was still living in the same area, with property on both sides of Saddle Creek. (Netti Yantis' Montgomery Co. Circa 1790)

On April 23rd 1794, Ephraim Osborn, senr. was exempted from paying the county levy. (Grayson Co. Va. Order Bk. 1-43) This is the last entry found in his name in the records of Montgomery or Grayson Co. Efforts to trace his children by land descent have failed completely.

Children Of Ephraim Osborn, senr: ¹

- I. Robert Osborn
- II. Solomon Osborn
- III. Enoch Osborn
- IV. Jonathan Osborn
- V. Ephraim Osborn, junr.
- VI. Elender Osborn (probably)

Probably other sons and daughters

¹As Osborn researchers know, Jonathan Osborn's pension statement is the basis for most of the conclusions concerning this branch of the Osborn family. Note that Ephraim is of record early in the Forks of the Yadkin; and that the tax list places him in the Hollow of Surry at about the time mentioned by Jonathan.

Furthermore, Mary (Wood) McMullen, in her account of the hunting trip, placed together the members of the family, as listed above, and not the other early Osborns. It must have been Ephraim, senr. who was with them, because Ephraim, junr. was but ten years of age in 1764. Altogether, this is strong circumstantial evidence that these were indeed the sons of Ephraim Osborn, senr.

Note: For many years, the story has been circulated that a James Osborn, of Warwick Co., England, came to the colonies, bringing son Jonathan, and that this Jonathan was the father of Ephraim Osborn. This story originated in 1945 when the late Will H. Daniel, of Huntington W. Va., employed a researcher to trace his lineage. The authenticity of the story may be checked by writing the Kansas State Historical Society.

I. Robert Osborn's date and place of birth are unknown. He died after 1810, probably in Barren Co., Kentucky. He is believed to have been the eldest son of Ephraim Osborn, senr.

Robert Osborn was married to Ann, whose last name is unknown. In 1763, they were residing in Shenandoah Co., Va., and in 1765, they were in Rowan (Forsythe) Co., North Carolina.¹

By May 3rd 1774, Robert Osborn was in Fincastle (Montgomery) Co., Va. He was defendant to a suit initiated by William Herbert. (2-49) The following month, William Scott brought suit against Robert Osborn. (2-65) After a few years, both suits were abated.

On the militia list of 1781, Robert Osborn was termed "not fit." His name appeared on the tax lists of 1782 and 1786 in Montgomery Co. On October 23rd 1789, Robert Osborn (probably this Robert) was living on the north side of New River, on Fox Creek, or Grassy Creek.²

On May 3rd 1782, Robert Osborn placed a claim for furnishing forage for ten horses, of the Washington Co. Militia, under Gen. Campbell, on their return from King's Mountain. (2-332)

In 1797, Robert Osborn, over 50, John Osborn, and Robert Osborn were on Capt. Weaver's tax list, in Wilkes Co., North Carolina.

In 1799, Ashe Co. was struck off from Wilkes. In 1800, Robert Osborn and wife, both born before 1755, were living in Ashe Co. With them were three grown sons 16-26, and two daughters under 16. Living nearby, were John, Bartholomew, and Jeremiah, all 26-45. Elias was then 16-26. All MAY have been sons of Robert Osborn, senr. By 1810, only Elias and a younger Robert (3rd) were still in Ashe Co.

By 1805, John Osborn was living in Barren Co., Ky. as shown in Bible record of son Stephen's birth. No doubt his father and others were with him at the time. The 1810 Census places Robert and wife there, as well as John, Solomon, Benjamin, and a Robert, all born 1765-1784.

By 1820, some members of this group had migrated to Crawford Co., Indiana. Among these were Robert and wife, both born before 1775, probably the younger Robert mentioned above, because their children's ages ranged from 16-26 down to three under 10. It can hardly have been Robert Osborn, senr. who had been declared unfit for military service 40 years earlier.

¹Register of Infant Baptisms of Wachovia Congregation, Forsythe Co. N. C.

²Montgomery Co. Circa 1790, by Netti Schrainger-Yantis

Sons of Robert and Ann Osborn:

i. John Osborn was born April 16th 1763, in Shenandoah Co., Va. and died 1854 in Linn Co., Iowa, and was buried at Center Point. He was the eldest son of Robert and Ann Osborn, as recorded in the baptismal records of the Moravian Church, in old Salem, North Carolina.

He was married to Sarah Stewart, born ca. 1765, in Rowan Co., N. C. and died during September 1815, in Macon Co., Tenn. (Draper 23C37) She was the eldest daughter of John and Hannah (Boone) Stewart. The reason for her return to Tenn. is now unknown.

Apparently, John Osborn had remarried by 1820, though his wife's name is not recorded. She was born 1775 to 1780. They were living in Crawford Co., Ind. in 1820 and in Montgomery Co., Ind. in 1830.

The name of John Osborn "under 18" appeared on the Montgomery Co., Va. Militia list of 1781. He was last of record in that county when his name was on the 1782 tax list.¹ In 1797, he was in Wilkes Co., N. C. In 1800, he was in Ashe Co. with three sons and three daughters, all under 16. By 1805, they were in Barren Co., Ky. and were still there in 1810. Perhaps he moved on after Sarah died in 1815.

On the 12th of November 1832, in Fountain Co., Indiana, John Osborn filed for a pension. He stated that he entered the service of the United States in Montgomery Co., Va. on the first of May 1780, in a volunteer company commanded by Capt. Enoch Osborn. They marched from New River about the first of May 1780, to Whitton Station, now in Tenn., against the Shawnee and Cherokee nations, because of depredations being committed on the frontier settlements by the Indians and Tories. He served three months.

In the spring of 1781, he was called for a second tour of duty in the company of Capt. Enoch Osborn. They marched from Montgomery Co., Va. through Moccasin Gap, thence to Blackmore Station, thence to Bean Station, near the Cumberland Mountain and were stationed for the purpose of defending the frontier settlements from being destroyed by the Indians. They served three or four months, being relieved by other troops, were permitted to go home for the purpose of procuring winter clothing and winter quarters. They were to be held in readiness and subject to be called into service at any time, if they were needed.

This declarant volunteered on a third tour, to go against the Tories, under the command of Col. William Campbell, of Virginia. Marched from New River, in the

¹ Possibly the same

county of Montgomery, to North Carolina, scouting and searching for Tories.

This declarant volunteered on a fourth tour against the Tories, in the company commanded by Capt. Gambrell, of the Light Dragoons, under Cleveland, a detachment amounting to about three hundred. Marched from the county of Montgomery into North Carolina, Ashe Co. They were stationed no particular place but were employed in ranging the country, back and forth, in quest of Tories.

In Fountain Co. circuit court, September Term 1833, John Osborn appeared and added to his original declaration. He was born AD 1763 in Shenandoah Co., Va. He was living in Montgomery Co., Va. when called into service. Since the War of the Revolution, he had lived in Ashe Co., N. C., Barren Co., Ky., and Harrison Co., Ind. The names of some of his officers were Col. Campbell, Col. Preston, Col. Cleveland, Col. Sevier, and Gen. Robert Lenore. MY UNCLE, CAPT. ENOCH OSBORN, HAD THE CHARGE OF MY PAPERS. IT WAS UNDER HIM I SERVED. I CARED NOTHING ABOUT MY PAPERS. I THOUGHT MY UNCLE WOULD SEE THAT ALL WAS RIGHT WITH ME.

On the first day of July AD 1833, in Vermillion Co., ILLINOIS, Robert Osborn¹ appeared before a Justice of the Peace and made the following deposition: He perfectly recollected the time and place where John Osborn entered the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution. He was LIVING IN MONTGOMERY CO., VA. WHEN HE FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH JOHN OSBORN. HE RECOLLECTS AT A MUSTER OF MILITIA OF SAID COUNTY, AT THE HOUSE OF THE FATHER OF THIS DEPONENT, John Osborn did volunteer in the company of Capt. Enoch Osborn and marched against the Indians to Clynch river. This deponent verily believes that John Osborn was engaged in the War of the Revolution between two and three years, to this deponent's knowledge. He perfectly recollects seeing the companies of Light Horse, commanded by Colonels Campbell and Cleveland, passing through the neighborhood where this deponent then lived in Virginia, searching for Tories.

The application was verified by Joseph King, of Warren Co., Ind., and by Daniel Osborn, a clergyman of Fountain Co., Ind.² The pension (#S32432) was granted and John Osborn was paid 80 dollars per annum.

¹ This Robert Osborn is unidentified. He was in Vermillion Co., Ill. in 1830. He was b. 1760-1770; wife b. 1770-1780; 2 daus. and 3 sons, ages 15-20 to under 10. He was probably the same Robert Osborn who was with this family (above) in Crawford, Barren, Ashe, and even in Wilkes. This Robert was gone from Vermillion Co. by 1850. Note that Solomon Osborn, John Osborn's brother-in-law, was also a close companion throughout these years.

² Daniel Osborn b. 1790-1800; wife the same; 3 sons and 4 daus. Others in Fountain Co. in 1830: Jesse, Uriah, William. In 1850, Uriah was still there. He was b. Va. 1792; widower with ch. Margaret, Jonathan, Uriah.

In later years, John Osborn made his home with son Stephen's family. But they moved in 1851, to Center Point, Iowa. In May 1852, John Osborn went to McDonough Co. Ill. and lived for a while with Sarah's youngest half-brother, John Stewart Pennington. Then, he went on to Center Point, where he lived out his last years with son Stephen's family.

Children:

1. John Osborn; no record
2. Aaron Osborn; res. Platte Purchase, Mo.
3. Hannah Osborn married James Starr; son James, and perhaps others
4. Rachel Osborn married Stephen Cochran; to Ill. and thence to Iowa
5. Mary Osborn married Mr. Ray
6. Nancy Osborn married Mr. Gist
7. Samuel Osborn (See following pages)
8. Ephraim Osborn; no record
9. Stephen Osborn (See following pages)
10. Robert Osborn (See following pages)

7. Samuel Osborn (above) was born 1792 in North Carolina and died 10-21-1851 in McDonough Co., Ill. He was married 12-17-1816 to Lydia Maxwell, in Harrison Co. Indiana. (Marriage Reg.) After Lydia's death, Samuel Osborn was married to Mrs. Sarah Scott, born 1801 in Pa. They were in Linn Co., Iowa in 1850. Charles Scott, age 25, was a member of the household. Israel Clem stated that Samuel died of a hurt he received in trying to catch one of the horses, the morning they left his father's place, starting to Linn Co., Iowa.

(1) Hiram Osborn b. 1817; died in infancy

(2) Sally Osborn b. 1-19-1818 in Ind. and died after 1906 in Ill. She was married to John Anderson Secrest. They moved to Jones Co., Iowa; later to Ill.

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| a. Jennie Secrest | d. Josephine Secrest m. Mr. Shields; to Ill. |
| b. Ella Secrest | e. Douglas Secrest |
| c. Annie Secrest | f. Belle Secrest; to Ill. |

(3) Nancy Osborn was born 2-19-1820 in Ind. and died 3-16-1862 near Shenandoah Iowa. She was married 9-20-1838 in Warren Co., Ind. to Bartlett Clem, born 5-11-1813 in Butler Co., Ohio, and died 2-18-1873 near Shenandoah, Iowa.

Bartlett Clem was a son of Henry and Isabella (Hancock) Clem, and grandson of John and Susanna Clem. John Clem was a Revolutionary soldier. (pension #R2040) Isabella was a daughter of Capt. John and Ann (Graves) Hancock, who removed

from Louisa Co., Virginia to Fayette Co., Kentucky, and thence to Butler Co., Ohio, where both died. Ann was a daughter of Thomas and Isabelle (Bartlett) Graves, from Virginia. John Hancock and Thomas Graves had Revolutionary records.

Bartlett and Nancy (Osborn) Clem moved to Fremont Co., Iowa, in November 1855. There were only three or four families in the area. One day, while Nancy was making soap, the huge kettle tilted. She suffered burns which proved fatal.

a. Hiram Clem was born and died 1839.

b. Henry Clem b. 9-10-1840, Vermillion Co., Ill. and d. 3-29-1918, Ft. Morgan, Colo. He married 9-26-1861 Emily Allen Ripley, in Sydney, Iowa. She was b. 4-19-1839 and d. 12-13-1915. Emily was a daughter of Dr. Samuel Willard and Eunice Amelia (Allen) Ripley. Emily Ripley was a descendant of Gov. William Bradford, Francis Cooke, William Brewster of the Mayflower, Gov. Gurdon Saltonstall of Mass., and other early New England families.

c. Samuel Clem b. 4-17-1842 moved to Montana. He was unmarried.

d. Israel Clem was born 1-12-1844 and died 5-9-1934 in Fresno, California. He was married to Mary Hudson. ISRAEL CLEM RECALLED HAVING SEEN HIS GRANDFATHER, JOHN OSBORN, FOR THE LAST TIME, WHEN HE WAS SEVEN YEARS OF AGE. Israel kept a notebook of family records, now in the possession of great-niece, Eunice (Moore) Anderson. These records are the foundation of her collection.

e. Lydia Ann Clem, 2-17-1847 to 12-2-1865

f. Martha Isabella Clem, 1-1-1849 to 8-21-1895, m. James Moody.

g. Mary Elizabeth Clem b. 7-9-1852, m. Edmund Lowe

h. Aaron D. Clem b. 5-15-1854, m. Sibbie Myers

(4) Rachel Osborn was born 11-17-1822 in Ind. and died 9-20-1865 in Iowa. She was married 6-18-1842 to Aaron Daniel, in Warren Co., Ind. He was born 9-21-1817 and died 8-22-1891, Shenandoah Co., Iowa. They moved to Kansas in 1855.

a. Jasper Daniel, 4-13-1843 to 10-20-1912, m. 11-14-1873 Josephine David

b. Letitia Daniel, 6-15-1844 to 3-18-1921, m. 8-20-1864 Milton Young

c. Elizabeth Daniel, 2-14-1846 to 12-7-1911, m. 1-3-1869 William Wadsworth

d. Jesse Daniel, 11-27-1848 to 7-26-1921, m. 2-11-1879 Mary Katherine Betz

e. Er Daniel, 10-7-1849 to 10-29-1923, m. 11-7-1872 Elizabeth Katherine Mills

- f. Olive Daniel, 12-7-1851 to 2-5-1852
 - g. Albert Daniel, 10-20-1853 to 10-3-1922, m. 11-6-1889 Mary Rooney
 - h. Nancy Daniel, 1-25-1858 to 10-21-1864
 - i. Samuel Daniel, 12-27-1859 to 7-23-1897
 - j. Lydia Daniel, 5-19-1863 to 12-19-1923, m. 7-5-1879 Charles Stillman
- (From Nora Daniel, Emporia, Kansas)

(5) Elizabeth Osborn was born 10-2-1823 in Indiana and died 6-24-1914 in Fremont Co., Iowa. She was married about 1847 to Ephraim High, born 1-5-1823, Licking Co., Ohio. They moved to Iowa in 1856. After the death of her sister, Nancy Clem, Elizabeth High took the Clem children and reared them. The Clem nieces remembered always the kind and gentle ways of Aunt Betsy and Aunt Sally.

- a. Martha High b. 2-20-1848, m. Robert Henderson
- b. Jane High b. 9-24-1850, m. Henry D. Ripley, brother to Emily Allen Ripley
- c. John High
- d. Henry High
- e. Marion High b. 11-4-1856, unmarried
- f. Adeline High
- g. Susannah High b. 4-22-1859, m. Isaac G. Scott
- h. Willis High b. 10-2-1861, unmarried

(6) James Osborn; no record

(7) John Osborn went to California during the gold rush. He died on board ship while returning home.

(8) Hannah Osborn married Joseph Rouse. She died 1854, Linn Co., Iowa.

- a. Lydia Jane Rouse
- b. Sarah Ann Rouse

(9) Jonathan Osborn; no record

(10) Lucinda Osborn married Joseph Berry; to Oregon

9. Stephen Osborn (p. 6) was born 11-14-1805, in Barren Co., Ky. (Bible) and

died 3-12-1883, in Center Point, Iowa. He was married 9-23-1827 to Elizabeth Arthur, in Jackson Co., Ind. She was born 6-20-1812, in Knox Co., Ky. and died 6-26-1843 in Warren Co., Ind.

Stephen Osborn was married second 9-16-1845 to Jerusha Wood, born 11-22-1819, in Butler Co., Ohio; and died 3-5-1901 in Center Point, Iowa. She was a daughter William and Barbara (Clem) Wood. She took care of John Osborn in his last years. Jerusha Osborn was known throughout the county for her hospitality and whole-souled charity.

(1) Margaret Osborn, 9-21-1828 to 10-2-1839

(2) John D. Osborn, 8-2-1832 to 11-11-1865. He was a member of the California Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

(3) Rachel Osborn, b. 4-6-1836, Warren Co., Indiana.

(4) Daniel B. Osborn, b. 4-3-1838, Warren Co., Indiana

(5) Barbara A. Osborn, b. 8-6-1846, Warren Co., Ind., m. 12-25-1869 John L. Merrifield, Marion, Ohio

(6) Aaron Osborn, 5-22-1848 to 6-25-1914, m. 8-26-1884 Annette C. Hefling (Bible)

(7) William J. Osborn, 9-16-1850 Warren Co. to 1927, Center Point, Iowa. He was married to Ina F. ---- 1871 to 1920

(8) Mary E. Osborn, b. 12-19-1854, Linn Co., Iowa, and d. 1935. She was married 12-17-1873 to Homer Holcomb, Linn Co.

(9) James B. Osborn was born 5-11-1856, Linn Co. and died 1-31-1877, at the age of 20 years. He was never married. The romantic and tragic story is told in the History of Linn Co., pub. 1878. Miss Flora Hunt's parents refused their consent to her marriage to James Bartlett Osborn, although he was well-respected and of a good family. On January 5th 1877, at five o'clock in the afternoon, she took strychnine. She then entered the room where her parents were sitting, threw the empty bottle at their feet - and expired. On Wednesday, January 31st 1877, James Bartlett Osborn shot himself through the heart. He left numerous letters to friends, of a surprisingly cool and calm nature, stating the cause of his action to be the death of Miss Hunt, to whom he was devotedly attached.

10. Robert Osborn (p. 6) was born 8-1-1809 and died 3-6-1880. He was married 2-27-1829 to Elizabeth Scott, Montgomery Co., Ind. She was born 7-14-1812 and died 5-28-1864. In 1830, they were living near Stephen Osborn, in Montgomery Co., Indiana. Their children were born after this date.

Children:

- (1) Knotley Osborn
- (2) Rachel Osborn married, ca. 1850, Hosea Aldrich
- (3) Mary Osborn married Mr. Bowman
- (4) John Osborn
- (5) Jackson Osborn
- (6) Lucretia Osborn married William C. Merrill
- (7) Robert Osborn, Jr.
- (8) Samuel Osborn was married and had a daughter, Helena
- (9) Joseph Osborn lived near Stockton, Cal. He was married and had son, Charles.

ii. Ephraim Osborn was born January 15th 1765, in Shenandoah Co., Va. and was baptised in Rowan (Forsythe) Co., N. C. He was the second-born son of Robert and Ann Osborn, as recorded in the baptismal records of the Moravian Church, Salem, N. C.

In 1820, in Ashe Co. there lived an Ephraim Osborn and wife, both born before 1775. With them were two boys and two girls, all under 10, and probably grandchildren. Although proof is lacking, it is PROBABLE that this Ephraim Osborn was the son of Robert and Ann Osborn.

Ashe Co. Census records include other early, but unidentified, Osborns:
1810. E. Osborn b. before 1765; 1820. Elias b. bef. 1775; 1830. Elias b. 1770-1780. He had wife and children.

1830. George Osborn b. 1750-1760; wife b. 1760-1770; son and dau.-in-law, both b. 1790-1800; four grandchildren (prob.)

1800. Jeremiah Osborn b. 1755-1774; wife same; five ch. Moved away by 1810. This MAY have been the family of Abigail Osborn, born 1795 in N. C. She is said to have been the daughter of a Jeremiah Osborn. Abigail married Adam Stidham, born 1790 in Ashe Co., N. C. This family lived and died on Cane Patch, in Wise Co., Va., not many miles from the Harlan Co., Ky. line, and on the headwaters of Powell river. There was a son, Jeremiah Stidham, who married Jane Osborn, who is not identified.

(From Emory L. Hamilton, Wise, Va.)

All material on John Osborn (p. 4) and his descendants is by courtesy of Eunice (Moore) Anderson (Mrs. E. C.) of Richmond, California

Israel Clem's notes

Eunice Anderson's records

Bess L. Hawthorne's Hannah Boone

Notes of Hal L. Veldman, Appleton, Wis.

iii. Robert Osborn, junr. was married October 28th 1784 to Elizabeth Lapan, in Botetourt Co., Virginia. (Summers' Annals, p. 516)

This Robert Osborn is said to have been a son of Robert and Ann Osborn.¹ It is possible that it was this Robert Osborn who entered land in Wilkes Co., N. C. in 1786. The Ashe Co. Census records do not include a Robert Osborn whose probable marriage date was 1784, unless it was a second marriage.

1. Robert Osborn 3rd was born 1785, and died 1860. He was buried in the Three Forks Baptist Church Cemetery, in Ashe Co. He was married to Lydia Cornett, 1795 to 1864. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Hatfield) Cornett.

This was probably the Robert Osborn who entered several surveys on the North Fork of New River in Ashe Co. in the early 1800s. He was listed in the Ashe Co. Census of 1810, married but without children. He was listed in 1830, and again in 1850, when his younger children were still at home.

(1) William Osborn b. 1813 m. Delila ---- b. 1811; res. Ashe Co.

a. Alfred b. 1832	d. David b. 1838	g. Rachel b. 1844
b. Jesse b. 1834	e. Nancy b. 1840	h. Lydia b. 1846
c. Rebecca b. 1836	f. Diannah b. 1842	i. Child b. 1848

(2) Ezekiel Osborn b. 1814 m. Hannah ---- b. 1822; res. Ashe Co.

a. Wiley b. 1839	c. Alex b. 1843	e. Andrew b. 1846
b. Hiram b. 1841	d. Nancy b. 1845	f. Amanda b. 1850

(3) Annie Osborn married Mr. Lewis

(4) Sarah Osborn married William Sturgill

(5) Rachel Osborn married Lewis Perkins; moved to Mo., but returned to N. C.

(6) Betsy Osborn married Joel Brown

(7) David Osborn b. 1820 m. A-ga ---- b. 1820; res. Ashe Co.

a. Sarah b. 1838	c. Jane b. 1842	e. William b. 1846
b. Elizabeth b. 1840	d. Thomas b. 1844	f. Robert b. 1849

¹The late Wade Eller, of Ashe Co., placed this Robert Osborn and listed his children as recorded in this account. Mr. Eller gave a copy of his records to Robert Osborn, of Creston, Ashe Co., who then had them included in the Hackett-Johnson Manuscript, which was circulated some years ago. However, after Mr. Eller's death, his papers were taken to Texas, and his sources are now unavailable to this compiler.

To Mr. Eller's records were added dates from the 1850 census and Mrs. Skeans' family records, which include Robert Osborn, born 1785, but not his parents.

(8) John Osborn b. 1823 m. Peggy ---- b. 1824; res. Ashe Co.

a. Mary b. 1845

b. Henry b. 1848

(9) Phillip Osborn b. 1826; no information

(10) Caleb Osborn b. 1829 in Ashe Co., N. C. and d. 1895, in Carter Co., Ky.

He was married to Letitia Lewis, 1827 to 1922

a. Rachel d. 1874, at the age of 18 or 19, unmarried

b. Reuben d. 1884, at the age of 18 or 19, unmarried

c. Denia m. Tussy Hackworth

d. Melvina m. John Sloan. Melvina died in 1963.

e. Charlotte b. 12-27-1863 m. Elliot Skeans (See account below)

(11) Mary Ann Osborn b. 1832, youngest daughter of Robert and Lydia Osborn

SOUTH SHORE, KY. Mrs. Charlotte Skeans, who came across Cumberland Gap in a covered wagon, had her early-morning words put on tape this morning when she arose to celebrate her one-hundredth birthday.

Mrs. Skeans, born in North Carolina, December 27th 1863, is a daughter of Caleb and Letitia (Lewis) Osborn. She was born just after her father left the farm to join the Union Army.

In fact, his Union sympathies may have been partially responsible for his move to Kentucky. He and a brother started to Missouri, Mrs. Skeans recalled today, but her father turned away, and stopped in Floyd Co.

The trip occurred in 1869, with later moves to Carter and Elliot Counties. Not quite 17, little Charlotte married Elliot Skeans in Floyd Co., Oct. 22, 1880.

Mrs. Skeans maneuvers well up and down stairs alone. She does not care much for television, but reads thoroughly her daily newspaper, and writes letters often.

(From Ashland Daily Independent, December 27th 1963)

2. Abigail Osborn, daughter of Robert, junr., was married to George Brown, senr.

3. Susannah Osborn, daughter of Robert, junr., was married to Isaac Lewis, senr.

4. John Osborn, son of Robert, junr., was born 1796. He was married to Nancy Graybeal, born 1793; res. Ashe Co.

(1) Ephraim Osborn b. 1831

(2) Enoch Osborn b. 1833

(3) John Osborn b. 1836 (possibly John Ander Osborn)

- (4) Calvin Osborn b. 1838, Va.
- (5) Nancy Osborn b. 1841, Va.
- (6) Martha Osborn b. 1844, Va.

5. Jeremiah Osborn, son of Robert, junr., was born 1804 and died before 1880. He was married to Christina Graybeal, born 1805. She was a daughter of Henry and Celia (Henson) Graybeal.

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| (1) Henry Osborn b. 1829 m. Jane Calhoun | |
| (2) John Osborn b. 1832 | |
| (3) Nancy Osborn b. 1833 | |
| (4) Celia Osborn b. 1837 | (10) Jane Osborn |
| (5) Margaret Osborn b. 1840 | (11) Martitia Osborn |
| (6) Alexander Osborn b. 1843 | (12) Elizabeth Osborn |
| (7) Lydia Osborn b. 1844 | (13) Caroline Osborn |
| (8) David Osborn b. 1846 | (14) Sarah Osborn |
| (9) Polly Osborn | (15) Emma Osborn |

Line of Robert Osborn 3rd from the family records of Charlotte (Osborn) Skeans. She gave names of children and certain of the marriages. Ashe Co. Census records of 1850 were added.

SOLOMON AND MARY (STEWART) OSBORN

This Solomon Osborn was born before 1765.¹ He was married to Mary Stewart, born ca. 1767, on the Yadkin River, in North Carolina, and died 1832 in Vermillion Co., Illinois. She was a daughter of John and Hannah (Boone) Stewart.

Solomon Osborn was thus a brother-in-law to John Osborn, Revolutionary soldier. He is said to have been a cousin, as well.

They moved to Barren Co., Kentucky in 1799, and were living there as late as 1810. By 1820, they were living in Crawford Co., Indiana, but moved on to Vermillion Co., Illinois by 1832. This may have been the Solomon Osborn who was listed in a special enumeration in Des Moines Co., Iowa, in 1836.

Children:

1. Richard Osborn was born 1798 in N. C. and died 1876 in Fulton Co., Ill. He was married 12-9-1820 to Mary Shaw, in Crawford Co., Ind. (Marriage Reg.) They moved to Mount Vernon, Ind. and thence to Fulton Co., Ill.

(1) John Osborn died at the age of 20 and was buried in Marietta, Ill.

(2) William T. Osborn, b. 1825, m. Nancy Harris. They lived in Marietta, Ill. and later moved to Oregon.

(3) Mary Osborn, b. 1827, m. Mr. Harlan

(4) Dr. Ely Franklin Osborn, b. 1829, married Josephine Humphries

(5) Wesley Osborn, b. 1831, married Roxy Ann Johnson, Maysville, Ky.

2. Osborn daughter married William McCall, and moved to Western Iowa.

3. Samuel M. Osborn was born 1802, Barren Co., Ky. and died 1849-1850, Louisville, Ky. He was married to Cynthia ---- who died 1881, in Louisville, where they had lived since 1832. (Files of Filson Club)

Samuel Osborn worked in Shadrack Penn's newspaper office in 1832; then in the Bank of Kentucky; then as City Collector; then in the post office. Cynthia Osborn read to her granddaughters any number of biographies. During these years, this branch of the family changed the spelling of the name to Osbourne.

(1) Samuel Osbourne, born 1837, Louisville, Ky., married 12-4-1857 Frances Matilda Van de Grift, in Indianapolis. She was born 1840 and died 2-14-1914, probably in San Francisco. Samuel married ca. 1880 Miss Paul, San Francisco.

At the time of his first marriage, Samuel was 20 and his wife 17. He was then secretary to Gov. Willard, of Indiana. Before he was 21, their first child was born.

After a few years, the Civil War broke out, and Samuel joined the Union Army, serving as Captain of the 46th Division, of Indiana, under Col. Fiske. In one battle, he stumbled while running across a field, and the soldier behind him was shot through the head.

Samuel's friend, George Marshall, contracted tuberculosis while in the army, and decided to see if the milder climate of California would cure him. While going overland across the Isthmus of Panama, Marshall died. After attending to his burial, Samuel went on to California.

¹ 1810 Census of Barren Co., Ky.

He liked the country so well that he wrote Fannie to sell out and join him. This she did and, taking her young daughter, went by way of the Isthmus and visited George Marshall's grave while there.

When she reached California, she found that Samuel had gone on to Nevada, so she followed. It was a hard trip and living conditions were primitive in Austin, situated high on the Toynbee Range. From there, they moved to Virginia City, which was located directly above the Comstock Lode. Fannie was unhappy, and she and Samuel did not get along well.

In 1866, Samuel set off for Montana on a prospecting trip, to the Coeur Mountains, leaving Fannie and Isobel, now about eight, in Virginia City. This venture was a financial failure, and Fannie moved into San Francisco. Later, word came that Samuel had been killed by the Indians. Fannie did sewing to support herself and her child.

One day, Samuel reappeared and, for several years, things went well. During this time, a son was born. Then Fannie learned that Samuel had been unfaithful, so she took her children and returned to her father's home in Indiana, where she stayed almost a year before returning to California. While they were living in Oakland, a second son was born, a beautiful but delicate child. When he was about four, the final break came between Samuel and Fannie, and she left him in 1875. Taking her three children, she went to Europe to study art.

While they were in Paris, Harvey, then about five, died of a lingering illness.

Upon her doctor's advice, Fannie went to the village of Grez, in Fontainebleau Forest, on the River Loire. Here, in 1876, she met Robert Louis Stevenson, who was there because of his health.

That same year, Fannie returned to Indiana. After a short stay, she went on to California, where she found that a reconciliation with Samuel was impossible. She filed for divorce, which was granted without opposition.

In 1879, Robert Louis Stevenson came to the United States, and soon appeared in Monterey, where Fannie was living. He and Fannie were married May 19th 1880.

After Fannie and Stevenson were married, Cynthia Osbourne came to California to make a home for her son, Samuel. About a year later, Samuel was married to a Miss Paul, a slender, black-eyed, curly-haired woman, with a quiet and gentle manner. Samuel bought a vineyard in Sonoma County, put the title in his wife's name, and they lived in an apartment in San Francisco.

One evening, a year or two after his second marriage, Samuel asked his wife to have supper ready at midnight, and went to court for a night session. He left the courthouse a little after 12 o'clock, in his usual good health and good spirits - and disappeared forever. It was rumored that he had gone to South America.

Samuel Osbourne was a man with beautiful manners and great personal charm. He was respected among his professional associates in San Francisco, where he practiced law. He was a member of the Bohemian Club. His business affairs were in order. Large sums were due the firm, but his partner could never collect without Samuel's signature.

a. Isobel Osbourne was born 1859/60 and died 6-26-1953, at her California estate Serena Carpenteria. She was married first to Joseph D. Strong, Jr., a well-known artist. While living in the Samoan Islands, they were divorced. Their son, Austin Strong, wrote Seventh Heaven, an enormously successful play of the 1920s.

Isobel Osbourne was married second to the playwright, Salisbury Fields. About a year after her mother's death, Isobel and her husband sailed for Samoa. They

took Fannie's ashes to be placed in the tomb of Robert Louis Stevenson.

b. Harvey Osbourne died in childhood.

c. Samuel Lloyd Osbourne was about 12 years of age at the time of his mother's second marriage. His step-father was very fond of him, and wrote Treasure Island and other stories and verse for his entertainment. Later, Lloyd, himself, became a writer.

(2) Sallie Osbourne was married to Dr. Reagan. He was probably the same who served in the Union Army.

(3) Cynthia Osbourne was married to William McConathy, a Confederate officer who served under Gen. John Hunt Morgan. They had two daughters living in Louisville a few years ago. (1955)

4. William Osborn was born 1804 in Barren Co., Ky. He was married to Elizabeth Humphrey, said to have been a near relative to Daniel Boone. They had four sons who were in the Civil War.

(1) James Osborn

(3) Christian Osborn

(2) Richard Osborn

(4) John Osborn

5. Sarah Osborn was married to Mr. Pettit. They lived in Mount Vernon, Indiana, and had a large family. Prior to 1835, they moved to Texas, and it is said that they were massacred by the Indians.

6. James Osborn was married to Rutha ---- They lived in Illinois. All of the sons of this family are said to have been Union soldiers.

(1) Robert Osborn

(4) Martha Osborn

(2) Jonathan Osborn, Danville, Ill.

(5) Clarissa Osborn

(3) Noah Osborn

(6) Tabitha Osborn

7. Noah Osborn was living in Vermillion Co., Ill. in 1832. He was unmarried.

8. Tabitha Osborn was born 1806, in Barren Co., Ky. and died 5-13-1862 at Mahomet, Ill. She was married 7-15-1823 to John Stone Robinson, in Crawford Co. Ind. (Marriage Reg.) He was born 5-29-1799 in Va. and died 5-5-1861 at Mahomet. Three sons were in the Union Army.

(1) James Robinson, 6-8-1825 to Sept. 1828

(2) Almira Robinson, b. 5-6-1828, m. Mr. Brown

(3) Mary Robinson, b. 6-7-1830, m. Isaac Wright

(4) Noah Robinson, b. 11-13-1832, m. Love Martin. Served as officer in Union Army

(5) Samuel Robinson, b. 12-25-1834; died in infancy

(6) Elizabeth Robinson, b. 12-13-1835, m. Reuben Slater

(7) Eliza Robinson, b. 3-31-1838, m. William Shannon

(8) William Robinson, b. 9-13-1840; served in the Union Army

(9) Caroline Robinson, b. 2-17-1842, m. Henry Martin

(10) John G. Robinson, b. 1-28-1847; served in Union Army

(11) Verlina Robinson, b. 2-10-1850, m. George E. Evans, a Union soldier

9. John Osborn died at the age of 45, probably in Linn Co., Iowa; unmarried

10. Osborn daughter; no information

Material on this Solomon Osborn line by courtesy of Eunice (Moore) Anderson
(Mrs. E. C.), Richmond, California.

Samuel Osbourn was a first cousin to Verlina (Robinson) Evans, whose daughter,
Lydia Evans Wash, furnished much of the material for the story.

Hannah Boone, by Bess Hawthorne
Marriage Register of Crawford Co., Ind.

JOHN AND HANNAH (BOONE) STEWART

Hannah Boone was born August 24th 1745, in Berks Co., Penn., and died April 9th 1828, at the home of her son, Daniel Pennington, in Monroe Co., Kentucky. She was the youngest child of Squire and Sarah (Morgan) Boone, and sister to Daniel Boone.

Hannah Boone was married February 14th 1765, to John Stewart, in Rowan Co., N.C. He was born ca. 1744/45, probably in Penn. and died in late January or early February 1770, or on the 22nd day of December of that year. He is said to have been the first white man killed by Indians in Kentucky.

Hannah Boone was married second ca. 1777, in Rowan Co., to Richard Pennington, born 1752, in Penn. (Bible record) He died December 21st 1813, near Sparta, White Co., Tenn.

John Stewart was on an exploring and hunting trip to Kentucky, with Daniel Boone, John Findley, and others. After a time, most of the party returned to North Carolina, but Boone and Stewart remained in Kentucky. Supplies were brought to them by settlers from the Yadkin. Younger brother, Squire Boone, stayed on with Daniel and John Stewart.

One day, Stewart went out alone and did not return. Several years later, on Rockcastle river, a skeleton was found in a large, hollow sycamore tree. A saddle, bridle, and powder horn which bore the initials J S, were found with the skeleton. A bone in the upper arm had been broken, so it was thought that John Stewart had been wounded, then escaped from the Indians, only to bleed to death.

Children of Hannah Boone:

1. Sarah Stewart, born 1765, married John Osborn
2. Mary Stewart, born 1768, married Solomon Osborn
3. Rachel Stewart, born 1768, married James King
4. Ann Elizabeth Stewart, born February 25th 1779 (Bible) married James Lewis
5. Joshua Pennington, born Feb. 23rd 1778, m. 1) Mary Gist 2) Sarah Howard
6. Daniel Pennington, born December 3rd 1781, married Esther Frailey
7. John Stewart Pennington, born June 10th 1784, married Jemima Houser
8. Abigail Pennington, born January 24th 1787, married William Gist, Jr.

These notes are from Bess Hawthorne's Hannah Boone, a carefully documented record of the family. Her source was the letters written by Hannah Boone's sons to Dr. Lyman C. Draper, and preserved in the Archives of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

II. Solomon Osborn was born ca. 1743 and died 1764 in Rowan (Watauga) Co., N. C. He was married in March 1764 to Nancy Davidson, born 1746 and died April 17th 1827, in Scott Co., Virginia.¹

Enoch Osborn and brothers, Solomon and Ephraim, went into what is now Watauga Co., N. C. on a hunting trip, deer being plentiful in that section. Getting wet by a shower of rain and wet bushes, they struck camp for the night and lay down to sleep, hanging their clothes by the fire to dry. The Indians surprised them by shooting into camp, and killing Solomon Osborn. An Indian chased Enoch some distance and lost him in the darkness. Ephraim, after fleeing from camp, crept back in the darkness to his horse, which had been fastened with a hickory bark halter, to a tree, loosed him and rode home. Enoch returned home without shoes and in his night clothing.²

A short time after her (Nancy Davidson's) marriage, the Indians made a raid on the settlement where she lived and, in a reenounter with them, her husband was killed, and his lifeless remains were brought home to his young wife, and buried. This terrible circumstance made a great impression on her mind. For half a century afterwards, when age had enfeebled her mind, and her grandchildren and great grandchildren would go to her home to visit, she would ask if they had seen any Indians. And this she would ask in a whisper, as if she were fearful that savages were lurking near the house and would overhear her.¹

Note that this fatal encounter with the Indians occurred about two years before the Osborn family moved to Montgomery Co., Va. It may have been Ephraim, senr. who was involved; Ephraim, junr. was only ten years of age in 1764.

Solomon and Nancy (Davidson) Osborn's only son, James, was born the 4th of January 1765. He never knew his own father.

In 1767, Nancy (Davidson) Osborn was married to Jonathan Wood, born 1745, in Loudon Co., near Leesburg, Va. He died November 13th 1804, in Scott Co., Va.¹

About 1771, Jonathan and Nancy (Davidson) Wood migrated to the far frontier and settled on Big Moccasin Creek, in the area which became Scott Co. On the 15th of December 1774, Jonathan Wood entered a survey of 185 acres, corner to Huston's land, and with his line. The survey was ordered by Council the 16th of December 1773.³

During the early years, Jonathan Wood's house was burned by the Indians. The settlers built Fort Houston on the adjoining land. It was not long till the Shawnees surrounded the fort. But, it was well-defended and, after three days, the Indians disappeared. Risking his life, Jonathan Wood went outside the fort and brought to safety a wounded man, who died during the night. A few years later, Jonathan Wood was at the Battle of King's Mountain.

Jonathan Wood died at the age of sixty, leaving a substantial estate to his widow and their children: John, Henry, Mary, and Jonathan H. Wood.

Nancy (Davidson) Wood survived her husband, Jonathan Wood, by more than twenty years. She lived with the family of her youngest son, Jonathan H. Wood. The family drew up an agreement, recorded March 1823: We, James Osborn, John Wood, Henry Wood, of Scott Co., and George Morison, of Sullivan Co., Tenn., relinquish forever all our claims unto our brother, Jonathan Wood, admr. of Jonathan Wood, decd. and herself and her real and personal estate and all other affairs whatever from the decease of our father, Jonathan W. Wood, decd. (DB 2-433)

Nancy (Davidson) Wood also survived her sons, James Osborn and John Wood: December 24th 1829. HEIRS OF NANCY WOOD, DECD: Heirs of John Wood, decd., heirs of James Osborn, decd., Jonathan Wood, Henry Wood, George Morison. (Scott Co. WB 2-100)

Let us return to James Osborn, son of Solomon and Nancy (Davidson) Osborn. He was born the 4th of January 1765 and died the 29th of November 1822, in Scott Co. He was married ca. 1784 to Nancy ---- who died between 1838 and 1842.

He was about two years of age when his mother remarried and about six when he came to the Scott Co. area with his mother and step-father. He was reared with his three half-brothers and sister. They grew up in constant danger from Indian attacks and endured the hardships of frontier life.

James Osborn may have been a namesake and relative of James Davidson, who entered a survey of 90 acres on Moccasin Creek, "corner to Wood's and with Frazer's line" on the 15th of December 1774.⁴ In September 1793, James Davidson and wife were ordered to pay James Osborn and Nancy his wife and Henry Wood as witnesses. In June 1792, Joseph Davidson, Peggy Frazier, James Osborn, Nancy Osborn, Jonathan Wood, and Nancy Wood testified for Frazier against McDavid. (2-108,18) On August 2nd 1810, Solomon Osborn, David Davidson, and John Davidson witnessed a deed from George Green to Nelson White. (4-356)

On September 27th 1791, Edward Faris, admr. of the estate of Elisha Faris, decd. for L150, paid Elisha Faris in his lifetime, hath sold to James Osborn a tract of 116 acres on Mocqueson Creek, a north branch of Holston river. (Russell Co. DB 1-169) In 1793, Champ and Catharine Faris sold to James Osborn 100 acres on Big Moccasin Creek. (1-283) There were a number of other deeds in the name of this James Osborn.

In August 1791, James Osborn was appointed Constable (1-236) and served 17 years. (3-729) In April 1793, he was recommended Ensign, 1st Battalion, 72nd Regiment State Militia. (2-75) He was recommended Lieutenant in May 1797. (2-554) He produced a commission as Captain of Grenadiers, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Regiment, State Militia, in February 1801. (3-108)

On December 10th 1822, administration of the estate of James Osborn, decd. was granted Solomon Osborn. (Scott Co. MB 2-331) By January 14th 1823, inventory of the estate was completed.

Nancy Osborn survived her husband, James Osborn, by more than 16 years. September 6th 1838. Indenture between NANCY OSBORN, Zedekish Coody and Tabitha his wife, Solomon Osborn and Henrietta his wife, Samuel Osborn and Winnie his wife, Wood Osborn and Catherine his wife, Henry Osborn and Sally his wife, John Osborn and Sally his wife, James Osborn and Nancy his wife to Silas Ratliff, a tract on the north side of Clinch mountain. (DB 6-12)

¹Judge Martin B. Wood's A Brief Account of the Wood Family in Virginia, p. 26
pub. 1894

²Nuchols' Pioneer Settlers in Grayson Co., Virginia, p. 172, pub. 1914

The story of the encounter with the Indians, as told by both writers, was told by Mary (Wood) McMullen, wife of Sen. McMullen. She was a daughter of Jonathan Wood, junr. and GRANDDAUGHTER OF NANCY (DAVIDSON) WOOD, widow of Solomon Osborn. Note that Nancy (Davidson) Wood was a member of the household of Jonathan Wood, junr. during her late years. Mary must have heard the story told by her grandmother.

³Montgomery Co., Va. Survey Book A, page 146

⁴Same, page 144

Children of James and Nancy Osborn:

1. Solomon Osborn was born September 25th 1785 and died April 4th 1877. He was married to Henrietta Livingston, born December 12th 1793 and died January 22nd 1885. Both are buried in marked graves in the family graveyard below Mendota.

Henrietta was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Livingston. She was the infant who was thrust into her sister's arms when Elizabeth was captured by the Indian Chief Benge, on his last raid. Henrietta's own story of that historic event is recorded in Summers' Annals of Southwest Virginia, page.1582.

On August 29th 1812, Solomon Osborn bought land on Big Moccasin Creek, from James Phipps, corner to William Bonham and Solomon Frazier. (Russell Co. DB 4-513) On March 23rd 1819, Solomon Osborn sold a parcel of land to William Sergent. The deed was signed Solomon and Retta Osborn. (Scott Co. DB 2-163) There were any number of land transfers in their names.

When his father's term as Constable expired, Solomon Osborn was appointed in his place. (3-729) Solomon Osborn served as a Justice of the Scott Co. court.

Children:

(1) Frances Osborn died at the age of 17.

(2) Nancy Osborn, born 1818, married 9-16-1841 Sampson Benham, born 1810.

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| a. Sarah Jane Benham b. 1843 | e. John Thomas Benham |
| b. Isaac Polk Benham b. 1845 | f. Samuel Benham |
| c. James Benham b. 1847 | g. Margy Benham |
| d. Joel Benham b. 1849 | h. Katherine Benham |

(3) Tabitha Osborn was born 7-19-1822 and died 2-11-1911. She was married to William C. Dorton, born 4-10-1814 and died 11-9-1900. They lived two and a half miles west of Mendota, and are buried in the family graveyard.

- a. Joseph L. Dorton
- b. John S. Dorton, 7-25-1840 to 5-12-1927
- c. Edward F. Dorton

(4) Susannah Osborn was married 9-3-1844 to Joseph Barker.

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| a. Solomon Barker | d. Nancy Barker |
| b. Henrietta Barker m. Nicholas Weatherly | e. Elvira Barker |
| c. Elizabeth Barker | f. Frances Barker |

(5) James W. Osborn, born 1827, married Lucy I. Page, born 1834.

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| a. Magruder E. Osborn b. 1857 | d. Katherine Osborn |
| b. William T. Osborn b. 1859 | e. Henry Osborn |
| c. Elizabeth Osborn | f. Nancy Osborn |

(6) Polly Osborn, born 1828, married 1-15-2846 Frederick Akard, Jr., born 1820.

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| a. Nancy J. Akard b. 1847 | e. Eldridge Akard |
| b. Marguerite C. Akard b. 1848 | f. Zachariah Akard m. Sally Osborn |
| c. Ritty A. Akard b. 1850 | g. Molly Akard |
| d. James Akard | |

(7) Elizabeth Osborn, born 1829, married 12-31-1867 William Vantramp Miller, born 1813, in Amherst Co., Va. He was a widower.

(8) Sarah Osborn, born 1830, married 5-12-1853 Zachariah Dorton, born 1827.

(9) Katherine Osborn, born 1833, attained great age, and was never married. In 1880, Henrietta Osborn, age 86, was a member of Katherine's household; so was niece, Debra Dorton, age 25.

(10) Solomon L. Osborn, born 1834, married 3-15-1855 Elizabeth Grigsby, born 1835. Solomon was married second to Nancy (Kidd) Wood.

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| a. Nancy K. Osborn b. 1857 | |
| b. Martha Osborn b. 1859 | m. Daniel Kaub Burger, Columbus, Kansas. |
| c. Polkey Osborn | |
| d. John Osborn | g. Solomon Osborn |
| e. George Osborn | h. Van Tramp Osborn |
| f. James Osborn | i. Elvira Osborn |

(11) John S. Osborn was born 1-27-1836 and died 3-2-1854, age 18 years and four months. He was buried in the family graveyard below Mendota.

(12) Delila Osborn died young.

The Solomon and Henrietta Osborn line is based on Maj. Weatherly's records. Dates and certain details added from Scott Co. Marriage Register and 1850 Census of Scott Co., Va.

2. Samuel Osborn was born 10-9-1788 and died 8-25-1870. (Scott Co. Death Reg.) He was married to Winnie Ratliff, who was born 1791 and died after 1870.

On April 10th 1820, Samuel Osborn and Silas Ratliff bought land on the south side of Moccasin Creek, from Reuben and Phoebe Ratliff. (Scott Co. DB 2-153)

In 1833, Samuel and Winnie Osborn joined the Copper Creek Baptist Church. (Reg.) Their only son, Samuel Osborn, Jr. was married 8-25-1847 to Nancy Ratliff.

3. Tabitha Osborn, born ca. 1791, was married to Zedekiah Coody. Both were living 28th January 1850, when they sold land to Thomas Smith. (9-283) Their names do not appear in the census of that year.

(1) James Coody m. 3-9-1829 Eva Saunders

(2) Polly Coody m. 5-8-1831 William Kilgore

(3) Nancy Coody m. 5-18-1834 Emanuel Hutcheson, born 1800, as his second wife. Nancy was deceased by 1840. Their children were Eleanor and John. Emanuel had been married first to Nancy Carter; and was married last to Margaret Davis.

4. Delila Osborn was born ca. 1796 and was deceased by 1830. She was married to Silas Ratliff, who was born 1795 and died after 1852. He was a minister and leader in the Copper Creek Primitive Baptist Church. There are a number of deeds in his name.

(1) Tabitha Ratliff m. 8-21-1833 James Price

(2) Wood Ratliff m. 11-15-1837 Nancy Price

(3) Silas Ratliff, Jr. was born 1822 or 1825. (below)

(4) Nancy Ratliff m. 8-25-1847 Samuel Osborn, Jr.

(5) Winnie Ratliff m. 8-27-1848 Charles Bond

(6) Phoebe Ratliff m. 10-3-1850 John Smith

Silas Ratliff (3) m. 9-3-1844 Matilda Fugate. He m. 2) 6-29-1851 Mary Smith, minister Silas Ratliff, Sr. He m. 3) 11-7-1866 Eliza J. Stidham, age 22. The Register states that Silas Ratliff, Jr. was a widower, age 44, and son of Delila and Silas Ratliff. Children: Drucilla, William, Phoebe, and others.

After Delila (Osborn) Ratliff's death, Silas Ratliff, Sr. was married 3-5-1830 to Winnie Kilgore, born 1802. Children: Hulda, Reuben, Robert, Jane, James.

On the 2nd of March 1852, Silas and Winnie Ratliff deeded to Silas Ratliff, Jr. a tract of land on the north side of Clinch Mountain. (DB 9-498)

5. Wood Osborn, born ca. 1798, was married to Catherine Livingston. They had disappeared from Scott Co. records by 1850.

April 25, 1839. Will of Elizabeth Livingston: To Wood Osborn, my son-in-law, to daughter Catherine, and her two oldest daughters, Nancy and Phoebe, who are unmarried . . . (WB 2-319)

June 1, 1839. James Head to Wood Osborn, in consideration of one dollar, doth sell the following: One sorrel mare, one bay horse, colt, and sorrel filly; one still which holds 60 gallons . . . if James Head or his heirs shall, before December 1839, pay unto Peter Livingston the sum of \$57. Otherwise, the property to be sold and debt paid to Peter Livingston. (Scott Co. DB 6-140)

6. Henry Osborn, born ca. 1801 (1820 Census) married 8-10-1823 Sally Dixon.

7. John Osborn, born 1803, married 1-24-1824 Sally Nolen, born 1807.

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| (1) Elizabeth Osborn b. 1830 | (4) Solomon Osborn b. 1840 |
| (2) Nancy Osborn b. 1833 | (5) Winny Osborn b. 1842 |
| (3) Elias Osborn b. 1837 | (6) Samuel Osborn b. 1844 |
| | (7) John Osborn b. 1846 |

8. James Osborn was married to another Nancy whose last name is unknown. He was probably the youngest son of James and Nancy Osborn. Apparently, he was one of the four sons who were still at home in 1820.

In 1832, James Osborn joined the Copper Creek Primitive Baptist Church, and in 1833, he was granted the right to preach. (Church Reg.)

May 2, 1842. Indenture between James Osborn, Jr. and all the rest of the lawful heirs of James Osborn, decd., a tract of land on Moccasin Creek. Signed: Solomon Osborn, Samuel Osborn, Henry Osborn, Zedekiah Coody, Tabitha Coody, Wood Ratliff, Nancy Ratliff, Phoebe Ratliff, Silas Ratliff, Winnie Ratliff.

(Scott Co. DB 8-134)

In 1844 and 1845, James Osborn entered land patents for tracts on Moccasin Creek. (Scott Co. Survey Book, pages 292, 298) On the 25th of November 1847, James Osborn and Nancy his wife sold land on Big Moccasin Creek to Joshua Redwine. (DB 7-352)

November 24th 1847. Will of James Osborn: Everything to wife Nancy for life; then to be divided among his children, unnamed. (Scott Co. Will Book 3-132)

Sources of material for this section are obvious: Scott Co. Deed Books, Will Books, Survey Book, Marriage Register, 1820 and 1850 Census, Copper Creek Primitive Baptist Church Register.

III. Capt. Enoch Osborn's date and place of birth are unknown. He died before or during September 1818, in Grayson Co., Virginia. He was buried in the family cemetery, in the Osborn Settlement, and his gravestone is still standing.

He was married to Jane Hash, daughter of John Hash.¹ Her birth date is unknown; she died after April 12th 1822. (Grayson Co. WB 1-326)

Enoch Osborn may have moved to Fincastle Co. shortly before his father and family settled there. He stated in Augusta Co. court, in 1809, that Capt. John Cox settled in the Peach Bottom 44 or 45 years ago. (Chalkley's Abstracts, 2-143)

In 1764, Enoch Osborn was on the hunting trip when the Indians attacked and his brother, Solomon, was killed.²

On December 6th 1774, David Ross brought suit against Enoch Osborn and William Hash. They were ordered to pay L35.16.2. (Summers' Annals, p. 638)

The Committee of Safety for Fincastle Co. held a meeting at New Dublin, on the 4th of April 1776. Lieutenants commissioned: Charles Campbell, John Williams, James Maxwell, Enoch Osburn, John Kincaid, John Snoddy. At the same meeting, it was decided to form another company from a part of Capt. Coxe's Company. Enoch Osburn was sworn in as captain.³

In the summer of 1779, there was a Tory plot against the Lead Mines, and the capture of Captains Coxe, Osburn, Henderson. Col. William Campbell awaited reinforcements at the Mines. Col. William Ingles was to take command of the Montgomery Co. Militia and march against the insurgents.⁴

Capt. Enoch Osborn was on the Cherokee Expedition, and other campaigns, as shown in the pension statements of his brother, Jonathan, and his nephew, John Osborn. Capt. Osborn and his volunteers were on a second expedition into Tennessee; and on numerous forays in guarding the frontier.

Capt. Osborn furnished provisions for the Washington Co. Militia on their return from the Battle of King's Mountain. He also provided supplies for Capt. Morgan's Company, of North Carolina, in search of Tories. (Montgomery Co. OB 3-332)

On December 16th 1774, Enoch Osborn entered a survey on New River, in Montgomery (Fincastle) Co. (Survey Bk. B, p. 260) In September 1779, he bought from the

¹Montgomery Co. Wills and Deeds, pages 4 and 5, the will of John Hash

²See pages 19 and 25

³Va. State Library Publication #1, pages 85, 87; Montgomery Co. OB 3-15

⁴Draper's Preston Papers, Vol. 1-217, #32219

state of N. C. 100 acres in the Wilkes Co. area. In 1790, he bought another tract of 180 acres on New River, in the Wilkes Co. area. In the same year, he bought a 100-acre tract on the Yadkin. Then, he bought 200 acres on Lewis Creek. He purchased numerous tracts of land on Elk Creek, in present Alleghany Co., N. C.

March 7th 1787. Enoch Osborn, Gentleman, hath taken the oath of Magistrate of Montgomery Co. (DB 1-183) On December 18th 1790, he took the oath of Justice in the new county of Wythe. (Wythe Co. DB 1-42) In 1793, Enoch Osborn once more took the oath of Justice, in the newly-formed county of Grayson. (DB 1-1)

Bishop Francis Asbury made the following entry in his journal, on Thursday, the 22nd of March 1792. "We made an early start for friend Enoch Osborn's on New River, 15 miles distant. Here, we were generously entertained. After talking and praying together, we were guided across the river, for which I was thankful. Arriving at Fox Creek, we crossed it eleven times and tarried the night with C--- a nominal member of the Society of Friends, who used us very well." (Vol. 1-710)

On August 27th 1805, Enoch Osborn, senr. and Jane his wife deeded to Enoch Osborn, junr. 211 acres on the west side of New River "where the said Enoch Osborn, junr. is now living." (DB 2-133)

In March 1809, Enoch Osborn resigned as captain of militia. On the same date, Enoch Osborn, Esq. came into court and resigned his office as Justice of the county. (Grayson Co. DB 1806-1811, pages unnumbered)

In September 1818, letters of administration were granted Enoch Osborn and Zachariah Osborn on the estate of Enoch Osborn, senr., decd. Securities: David Cox John Cox, Abner Jones. Bond was in the amount of \$6000. Appointed to appraise the personal estate and slaves of Enoch Osborn, decd. were: Matthew Deckey, William Bowen, Joseph Fields, and Joseph Phipps. (Grayson Co. DB 1811-1819, page 338)

On November 16th 1818, the 1774 survey was sold to Alexander Cox, for the sum of one thousand dollars. Between George Howell and his wife Polly, Charles Copeland and wife (unnamed), Joshua Cox and his wife Ruth, Samuel Robinette and his wife Ann, David Edwards and his wife Jane, John Goss and his wife Abigail, Samuel Cox and his wife Rebecca, John Reeves and his wife Phoebe, Moses Dixon and his wife Sarah, Enoch Osborn and his wife Polly, Zachariah Osborn and his wife Charity, of the one part . . . the above named heirs of Enoch Osborn, decd. (DB 4-105)

On November 24th 1818, there was an appraisal of the personal estate and slaves of Enoch Osborn, decd. (Grayson Co. WB 1-177)

On November 25th 1818, there was a sale of the late Enoch Osborn's property. Among those who bought: Samuel Robinette, Polly Howell, John Howell, Jane Phipps, Zac Osborn, Jane Osborn, Eliza Osborn, Wells Blevens, David Edwards, Samuel Cox, et al. (WB 1-180)

On April 12th 1822, there was a second sale. Buyers: John Goss, Zac Goss, Alex Cox, Samuel Osborn, Benjamin Phipps, Benjamin Ward, Moses Dixon, Ruth Dixon, John Osborn, John Reeves, William Wyeth, John Cox, Phoebe Reeves, Rebecca Cox, et al. Jane Osborn bought a Negro, Mell, and Shine, her child, and a Negro boy. (WB 1-180)

Children and grandchildren of Capt. Enoch and Jane (Hash) Osborn:

i. Mary (Polly) Osborn, born ca. 1764, was married to George Howell. His name appeared on the 1786 tax list of Montgomery Co. He was appointed Capt. of Grayson Co. Militia in 1793. (OB 1-3) On August 9th 1821, the heirs of James Howell, decd. signed a deed to Alexander Howell. George Howell was one of the heirs. The deed was witnessed by Mary and George Howell, junr. (OB 4-442)

Children:

1. George Howell bought land from Andrew Osborn's estate in 1844. (9-225) He was probably a son of George and Polly Howell.¹
2. Drucilla Howell married Thomas Hash; daughter Susan m. Wilburn Thaxton.

ii. Hannah Osborn was born ca. 1765. She was probably deceased by September 1818. She was married to Charles Copeland. He was appointed Constable in Capt. Osborn's Militia Company on the 28th of December 1790. (Wythe Co. OB 1-43)

Children:

1. Zachariah Copeland, b. 1780 Tenn.
2. Jefferson Copeland, b. 1782 Tenn., m. Louisa Johnson
3. Jesse Copeland, b. 1784, m. Orrita Keith
4. Anna Copeland, b. 1786 Va., m. William Hall
5. Jane Copeland, b. 1789 Tenn., m. 1804 James Howell
6. Elizabeth Copeland, b. 1791
7. Ruth Copeland, b. 1793
8. Mary Copeland, b. 1797 Tenn., m. Isaac Dail
9. Lydia Copeland, b. 1801, m. Joseph Osborn
10. Renah Copeland, b. 1803, m. John Sloan
11. Margaret Copeland, b. 1805 Ill., m. Jesse Magee
(From Mrs. Carl Cyril Hoskens, Jacksonville, Oregon)

iii. Ruth Osborn was born 26th December 1770 and died after 1850 in Grayson Co. She was married ca. 1787 to Joshua Cox, son of David Cox. They lived in Grayson Co. and left many descendants.

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Note: One George Howell married 9-4-1825 Ruth Cooley (Grayson Co. Reg.) On April 18th 1887, Matilda Hutchinson, age 52, died in Wise Co., Va. She was born in Grayson Co., parents George W. and Rutha Howell, husband Francis K. Hutchinson. (Death Reg.) Ch: Charles C., Henry C., Ruth Howell, Peter F., Emanuel G., George A. (Census 1860, 1880) Francis was a son of Emanuel Hutchinson. (See p. 23) Also, in Wise Co., was Osborn Howell, born 1829 in Grayson Co. He had wife Sarah and children Matilda, Christopher, Ruth. He lived in Russell (Wise) Co. near a James Osborn, and both later moved to Ky. (See Part One, p. 83)

Children:

1. John Cox, b. 1788, m. Eleanor (Nellie) Ward
 2. David Cox, b. 1790, m. Jane Doughton
 3. Hardin Cox, b. 1796, m. 10-5-1819 Jane Osborn (Reg.)
 4. Margaret Cox, b. 1801, m. Charles H. Doughton; res. Alleghaney Co., N. C.
 5. Hannah Cox, b. 1803, m. Solomon Osborn, son of Enoch Osborn, Jr.
 6. Jane Cox, 1803-1845, m. Benjamin Ward
 7. Joshua Cox, b. 2-17-1808, m. Susannah Bowlin
 8. Samuel B. Cox, b. 1810, m. Elizabeth Thomas
 9. Isom Cox, b. 1812, m. Jane (Jincy) Phipps
- (From Mrs. George B. Reeves, who lived on original Reeves farm, Grayson Co.)

iv. Ann Osborn was born 1773 and died 8-10-1857, in Scott Co., Va. She was married to Samuel H. Robinette, born 1764, Ashe Co., N. C. and died 1850, in Scott Co., Va. Both are buried in the Flag Pond Cemetery, near the Scott- Lee County line. This was probably the same Samuel Robinette who qualified as Lieutenant of Militia, in Wythe Co., Va. 1797. (Summers' Annals, p. 1364) He was in Lee Co., Va. by August 28th 1806, when he bought 240 acres of land. (DB 2-211) In 1850, Anna Robinette, age 77, was living in Scott Co. as a member of the household of Samuel Robinette, age 36,¹ and wife Jane, daughter of Zachariah and Charity Osborn. (Scott Co. Death Reg.)

Children: ²

1. Mary (Polly) Robinette, b. 1793, m. George Osborn, b. 1790. (See page 34.)
2. Samuel Robinette, b. 1794, m. Rebecca ---- b. 1809
3. Jesse A. Robinette, b. 1797, m. Susan (Sookie) Roberts, who died 1858
4. Anna Robinette, b. 1799, m. 1) Isaac T. Crumley 2) Kesterson Osborn, son of Zachariah and Charity Osborn
5. Zachariah Robinette, b. 1800, m. Elizabeth Fletcher, who died 1849
6. Isaac H. Robinette, b. 11-14-1802, m. Martha Stapleton, who died 4-16-1876
7. Rebecca Robinette, b. 10-18-1805, m. John Osborn, b. 1794 (See page 37.)
8. Solomon Robinette, b. 1811, m. 1) Jane Joyner, b. 1812 2) Betty Wallen (1850 Census of Scott Co., Va.)

v. Enoch Osborn, Jr. was born 12-22-1774 and died 1853 in Grayson Co., Va. He was married ca. 1797 to Mary Livesay. The heirs are named in a deed.

(Deed Bk. 10-412)

¹Grandson?
²Unverified

Children:

1. Andrew Osborn, 1799 to 1844, m. Nancy Sturgill. On January 17th 1845, David Cox and Zachariah Osborn laid off Nancy Osborn's dower out of lands of Andrew Osborn, decd. (WB 2-263)
2. Solomon Osborn, b. 1802, m. 2-14-1822 Hannah Cox, b. 1803; res. Old Fort
3. Zachariah Osborn, Sr., b. 1-5-1805, m. Jincy Burton; res. Old Fort
4. Felix Osborn, b. 1807, m. Lydia ----
5. Sarah Evaline Osborn, b. 1809, m. Thomas Hash
6. Peggy Ann Osborn, b. 1811, m. Troy Cox
7. Rebecca Osborn, b. 1813, m. Osborn Reeves (p.33)

(From Mrs. H. C. Osborn, daughter-in-law of Munsey Carl Osborn, who was born 22 Feb. 1884, Independence, Va.)

vi. Jane Osborn was born 8-18-1777 and died 1-21-1851 in Ashe Co., N. C. She was married first to George Reeves, Jr., 1776 to 1810. He was a son of George and Jane (Burton) Reeves. On December 10th 1810, a certificate of administration was granted Jane Reeves, widow of George Reeves, Jr., decd. (OB 1806- pages unnumbered) May 24th 1811, inventory of George Reeves, Jr. decd. at the dwelling house of Mrs. Jane Reeves, widow. Appraisal of personal estate and several slaves. (WB 1-70, 83) In a few years, George Reeves, Sr. died and son Jesse was appointed administrator of his estate. In April 1817, Jane Reeves brought suit against Jesse Reeves, naming the infant children of George Reeves, Jr. decd. (OB 1811-,14) Mrs. Jane (Osborn) Reeves was married ca. 1818 to David Edwards. They resided in the Alleghany Co. N. C. area.

Children:

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| 1. Polly Reeves | 5. Lucinda Reeves |
| 2. Enoch Reeves | 6. George T. Reeves b. 1811 m. Nancy Fields |
| 3. Nancy Reeves | 7. Solomon O. Edwards m. Amazie McMillan |
| 4. Rebecca Reeves | 8. Phoebe Edwards b. 1825 m. Dr. Aras B. Cox |
- (From Mrs. N. B. Hunt, Crumpler, N. C., granddaughter of N. B. Cox)

vii. Rebecca Osborn was born 1780 and died after 1850. She was married to Samuel Cox, Sr. They lived in Grayson Co. where three sons married daughters of Zachariah and Jincy Osborn.

Children:

1. Haywood Cox
2. Calloway Cox m. Nancy Osborn
3. Alexander Cox, 1-12-1820 to 3-31-1902 m. Polly Osborn
4. Adeline Cox

5. Nancy Cox

6. Samuel Cox m. Phoebe Osborn

(From Mrs. H. C. Osborn, above; and from Cox Genealogy, by Verle Wright)

viii. Zachariah Osborn was born 7-15-1781 in Montgomery Co. and died 11-2-1877. He was married ca. 1803 to Charity Reeves, sister to George Reeves, Jr. They were living in Ashe Co., N. C. as early as 1807. They owned some 1500 acres in Grayson Co. and continued to sell parcels of land from 1812 till 1833. By 1850, they were residents of Tazewell Co. and were listed there in 1860. They are said to have lived in Burke's Garden. The date of Charity's death is unknown. She is believed to have died at the home of her son, Enoch, at Helton, Ashe Co., while visiting there. It is said, further, that she was buried in Zion Hill Cemetery her grave marked with a stone which is not engraved.

That Zachariah Osborn was married, late in life, to Polly Hoppers is not certain. Children:

1. Caleb Osborn, b. 1804 N. C., m. Barbara Goodman. Caleb was in Grayson Co., Va. 6-16-1829 (OB 1826- p. 210) but back in Ashe Co. in 1850.
2. Jesse Osborn, b. 1806, m. Polly ----
3. Enoch Osborn, b. 1807, N. C. m. Ruth Perkins, b. 1812; res. Ashe Co.
4. Jefferson Osborn, b. 1809, m. Nancy (Taylor?); res. Tazewell Co. 1851
5. Reeves Osborn, b. 1811, m. 12-20-1835 Mary Young. (Grayson Co. Reg.)
6. Charlotte Osborn, b. 1815 N. C.
7. Jane Osborn, b. 1817 N. C. and d. 10-18-1857 Scott Co., Va. The Death Reg. states that she was a daughter of Zachariah and Charity Osborn. She was married to Samuel Robinette, b. 1814. (p.30)
8. Mary Osborn, b. 1818 N. C. m. Isaac Osborn
9. John Osborn, b. 1820 N. C.
10. Casterson (Kesterson) Osborn, b. 1822 N. C. became the second husband of Ann Robinette, daughter of Ann and Samuel H. Robinette, Sr.; res. Scott Co., Va. (30)
11. Helen Osborn, b. 1824 N. C.; res. 1850, 1860 with parents in Tazewell Co., Va.

(From Family Bible of Zachariah Osborn, in possession of Miss Maxine Parsons, Alleghany Co., N. C.)

ix. Sarah Osborn was born ca. 1783 and died after 1870. She was married to Moses Dixon. They lived on Piney Creek, Alleghany Co., N. C. They are not of record in Montgomery Co. after the settlement of Capt. Osborn's estate.

Children:

1. Zachariah Dixon

2. Moses Dixon and Ruth Dixon present at sale in 1822; prob. a son of Moses, Sr.

x. Phebe Osborn was born 12-12-1785 and died 1-27-1863 in Grayson Co. She was married to John Reeves, 1785 to 1863. He was a brother to Charity and George Reeves, Jr. They lived at the mouth of Peach Bottom Creek, on land granted to George Reeves, Sr. and never deeded out of the family. They were buried in the Reeves Cemetery, overlooking New River.

Children:

1. Jane (Jennie) Reeves m. Taliferro Witcher

2. Mahala Reeves m. Samuel Plummer

3. Osborn Reeves m. Rebecca Osborn, b. 1813, daughter of Enoch Osborn, Jr. Osborn Reeves was a Methodist minister. They lived near Cave Springs, Ga. and, later moved West.

4. George W. Reeves m. Caroline Thomas

5. Jesse N. Reeves m. Charity Reeves, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Bower) Reeves.

6. Lucy Reeves m. James Gambill

7. Lydia Reeves m. Alexander Reeves, son of Jesse and Mary (Bower) Reeves

8. Polly Reeves m. Marshall Calloway

9. John Reeves, Jr. m. Mary Reeves, daughter of Rev. Enoch and Mary (McMillan) Reeves.

(From Mrs. Jesse Reeves, West Jefferson, Ashe Co., N. C.)

xi. Abigail Osborn was married to John Goss. They were in neither Grayson nor Ashe Co. in 1850. John and Zac Goss bought at 1822 sale.

Children:

1. Zachariah Goss

Perhaps others

xii. Lydia Osborn m. Alexander Cox

(From Floyd Cox, Topeka, Kansas, year 1915)

This may be true. Lydia would not have signed the deed of 1818, because her husband was the grantee.

Most of Mrs. Myrtle (Greer) Johnson's records of this section are from the Family Bibles of descendants. Each of the present owners is named. All of the children and grandchildren's records are by courtesy of Mrs. Johnson, Joppa, Md.

POLLY AND GEORGE OSBORN, LEE CO., VA.

Polly Robinette, eldest daughter of Samuel H. and Ann (Osborn) Robinette (p.30) was born 1793, in Grayson Co., Va. and died before 9-9-1869, in Lee Co., Va. She was married to George Osborn who was born 12-19-1790 in Jefferson Co., Tenn.¹ and died between 9-9-1869 and 3-21-1870, in Lee Co., Va.

This George Osborn is believed to have been a son of Solomon and Margaret (Denton) Osborn. Solomon Osborn was born March 16th 1776² and was living, as late as 1830, in Martin Co., Indiana. Margaret (Denton) Osborn was born December 16th 1771 and died after 1850 in Davies Co., Indiana.

In 1800, Solomon Osborn was on Capt. Copeland's tax list in Jefferson Co., Tenn. as the owner of 50 acres.³ Jacob Denton, junr. and senr. were on the same list. In 1802, Solomon Osborn sold land in Jefferson Co. In 1833, Jacob Denton's property was divided, one share going to Margaret Osborn.

About 1816, the family migrated to Mitcheltree Twp., Martin Co., Indiana. There was also a Nicholas Osborn in that area. George and John Osborn stopped in Lee Co., Va. The known descendants of Solomon and Margaret (Denton) Osborn are recorded in the following pages, especially those who resided in Lee Co.

On March 28th 1816, George Osborn bought land, from John Williams, on the West Fork of Blackwater, Lee Co., Va. (DB 3-227) This was in the area granted Thomas Osborn, and inherited by James and Stephen Osborn, and sold by them.

Children of George and Polly (Robinette) Osborn:

1. Margaret Osborn, born 1811, married Philip Roller, born 1801. By 1850, Margaret (Peggy) was a member of her brother Enoch's household, and Phillip was living alone, in the house next to Andrew J. and Julia Ann Roller.
2. Enoch Osborn was born 1812 and died after 1870. He was married to Ann Alder, born 1813, Tazewell Co., Va. Enoch Osborn is said to have been a Confederate soldier and to have served throughout the War. He brought back a fork-spoon combination, of Confederate use, now in the possession of a relative, Hampton Osborn.
 - (1) Samuel R. Osborn, 1841 to 2-4-1871
 - (2) Andrew J. Osborn, b. 1844, m. Sarah E. Oxford.
 - a. John D., b. 1871
 - b. Flora, b. 1875
 - c. Arm., b. 8-6-1875
 - d. Mary E., b. 1878, m. 11-21-1897 J.H. Maness

¹ Lee Co. Census of 1860 lists county of birth

² Note discrepancy between birth dates of Solomon and George Osborn.

³ East Tenn. Hist. Soc. Pub. #28, page 160

(3) James R. Osborn, b. 1845, m. Elizabeth ----

a. Martha, b. 1866

c. Samuel, b. 8-11-1875

b. Ellen J., b. 7-16-1871

d. Enoch, b. 8-11-1877

(4) Margaret Osborn, b. 1848

(5) Mary Jane Osborn, b. 1852, m. 10-12-1880 H. W. Wallen, b. Hancock Co., Tenn.

(6) Martha Osborn, b. 1856

3. Rebecca Osborn married James Berry; gone from Lee Co. by 1850

4. Isaac Osborn was born 1815 in Tenn. and died after 1850, in Kensee, Whitley Co., Ky. He married Mary Osborn, born 1820,¹ daughter of Zachariah and Charity.

(1) Charity Osborn, b. 1837

(4) Kesterson Osborn, b. 1846

(2) Margaret Osborn, b. 1842

(5) Rebecca Osborn, b. 1848

(3) Ann Osborn, b. 1844

5. Solomon R. Osborn, born 1825, married 7-11-1851 Jerusha Jane Steele, born 1830. (Scott Co. Reg.) She was a daughter of the Rev. Reuben Steele, well-known Methodist circuit-rider. Solomon Osborn was a Confederate soldier and served throughout the War.

(1) Jesse W. Osborn, 1852 to 1875, married Sarah Elizabeth ----; dau. Lucinda d. in childhood; son Charles d. in infancy 1875.

(2) Mary Elizabeth Osborn, born 1856, married 4-15-1880 Winfield S. Osborn, born 1856, Hancock Co., Tenn. (Lee Co. Mar. Reg.) He was a son of Enoch and Catherine Osborn.

a. Ettie

c. Stella

e. Essie

g. Bertie

b. Hammie

d. Victoria

f. Hattie

h. Samuel d.i.

(3) Louisa Osborn d. in childhood 3-25-1858

(4) Julia A. Osborn, born 9-5-1859, married 12-14-1880 Jefferson Chandler, born 1861. (Lee Co. Reg.)

a. Lewis

b. Ballard

c. Ollie

d. Pearl

(5) James Morgan Osborn, 1-9-1863 to 11-14-1922, married Frances Wallen, 6-20-1869 to 6-9-1919. She was a daughter of Greenberry Wallen, Jr. who was a Confederate soldier, and served under the command of Gen. Wade Hampton.

a. Saphrona m. Arthur Fleenor; res. Big Stone Gap, Va.

b. Bonnie m. Lofton Maness; living on original land, at Blackwater. Two of the old homes are standing, but have been remodelled.

c. Hampton m. Lillie Munsie; res. Clintwood, Va.

d. Olin m. Audrey Vicars; res. Dayton, Ohio

e. Otis, 1905 to 12-27-1926

(Courtesy of Hampton Osborn)

(5) Rebecca J. Osborn, 3-19-1866 to 2-17-1937, m. 1) John Eastridge, 1-16-1870 to 1-21-1897 m. 2) J. R. Burchette, d. 1965; res. Big Stone Gap, Va.

a. Morgan Eastridge

c. Anna Burchette

b. Stella Eastridge (from the late J. R. Burchette)¹ d. Eugene Burchette

6. John Osborn, born 1828 to 1830, married 2-26-1857 Louiza Joiner, born 1839, Washington Co., Va. (Scott Co. Reg.) or Surry Co., N. C. John Osborn was a Confederate soldier. He was at Chancellorsville when Gen. Stonewall Jackson was killed. He brought back an original Currier and Ives of Gen. Jackson, after his arm had been amputated. It is presently in the possession of a granddaughter, Mrs. Gene Wallen, Blackwater, Va.

(1) Eleanor Osborn, born 1858

(2) Francis M. Osborn, born 3-23-1860

(4) Mary A. C. Osborn, born 1864

(3) Narcissus M. Osborn, born 1861

(5) Nancy M. E. Osborn, born 1869

7. Jesse F. Osborn was born 1828 to 1832 in Hawkins Co., Tenn. He was married to Sarah A. ---- born 1830, Hawkins Co., Tenn., where they were living in 1855. They were in Lee Co. in 1860 and 1870.

(1) Mary Jane Osborn, born 1844

(4) William J. Osborn, born 1852

(2) George Osborn, born 1847

(5) Lilly Rosella Osborn, born 1855

(3) Nancy E. Osborn, born 1849

(6) Lucinda Osborn, 1861 to 1868

8. George Osborn was born 1834 or 1838. There were two men of this name, and of about the same age. This compiler is unable to identify them. RS

9. Allen Osborn was born 1840 and died 3-20-1865, at Camp Merton, Indiana. He was a Confederate soldier.

ii. Jacob Osborn, born 5-11-1792, married Eliza ----. His estate was settled in December 1847, Davies Co., Indiana, with James Hammersley serving as administrator. They were residents of that county in 1830 and 1850.

iii. Solomon Osborn, born 11-10-1800, married, in 1822, Rebecca Feltner, Lawrence Co., Indiana.

¹ -----
Reared on McKinney farm,
Lee Co. (See p. 25)

iv. Catherine Osborn was born 1800, in Tenn. and died 1875, in Oregon. She was married, in 1819, to James Hammersley, Lawrence Co., Indiana. Margaret Osborn, age 80, was a member of this household in 1850, in Davies Co., Ind. They had moved from Davies Co. by 1860. Several of their sons migrated to northern California, and thence to Lake Co., Oregon. James Hammersley died in Missouri. Afterward, Catherine joined her sons in Oregon.

v. James Osborn was born 1801 to 1805, in Tenn. He was married, in 1826, to Rachel Feltner, Lawrence Co., Ind. They moved to DeKalb Co., Missouri, and thence to Greenwood Co., Kansas. Their grandchildren moved West.

vi. John Osborn was born 8-4-1803, in Jefferson Co., Tenn. (Lee Co. Census 1860) and died 1-18-1874, in Lee Co., Va. He was married to Rebecca Robinette, born 1805, in Va. She was a daughter of Samuel H. and Ann Robinette. They lived in Lee Co., near Jesse Robinette. John Osborn was a miller.

Children of John and Rebecca:

1. George W. Osborn, born 1820 to 1826, was married to Mary ---- born 1826 or 1836, in Washington Co., Va.

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| (1) Minerva J. E. Osborn, b. 1855 | (4) Sarah A. Osborn, b. 2-28-1862 |
| (2) Margaret E. M. Osborn, b. 1857 | (5) Johnson C. C. Osborn, b. 1866 |
| (3) John M. J. C. Osborn, b. 6-13-1859 | (6) Mary Osborn d. infancy 1868 |
| | (7) Julia A. J. Osborn, b. 1869 |

2. Mary Osborn, born 1833; no information

3. Zachariah R. Osborn, born 1834, married 1) Mary ---- 2) Nancy A. -----
born 1842, Scott Co., Va.

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| (1) Amanda Osborn, b. 1860 | (5) Samuel F. Osborn, b. 1-15-1870
married L. M. Livingston |
| (2) Maude J. Osborn, b. 1-28-1861 | (6) J. W. Osborn, b. 6-27-1872 |
| (3) Rebecca A. Osborn, b. 1865 | (7) Stephen Osborn, b. 2-10-1877 |
| (4) Mary C. Osborn, b. 11-20-1866 | (8) John Osborn, 1874 to 2-18-1879 |

4. John A. Osborn, born 1836, married Mary C. Joyner, born 1843

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| (1) R. J. Osborn, b. 1867 | (5) Levisa P. Osborn, b. 8-18-1874 |
| (2) Wm. C. Osborn, b. 12-6-1870 | (6) Jesse Z. Osborn, b. 7-5-1877 |
| (3) L. O. Osborn, b. 1871 | (7) Allen M. Osborn, age 3 years
d. 6-16-1887 |
| (4) Ruey L. Osborn, b. 1871 | |

5. Nancy Osborn, born 1839; no information

6. Louisa Osborn, age 36, died 1872. (Probably belongs here.)
7. Jane Osborn, born 1842; no information
8. Margaret Osborn, born 1844, married Louderback Johnson
9. Rebecca Osborn, born 1847, married Greenberry Wallen, senr.

vii. Zadock Osborn, born 1-31-1809, was married, in 1833, to Sally Sorrels, in Lawrence Co., Indiana.

viii. William Denton Osborn was born 3-10-1814; no information

The following is the family into which Mary Elizabeth Osborn, daughter of Solomon and Jane, was married. They appear in the 1870 Census of Lee Co., Va. The census lists Catherine as having been born in Ashe Co., N. C. and all of her children as born in Hancock Co., Tenn.

Catherine Osborn, b. 1826		Winfield S., b. 1854
Enoch F. " 1843		David H. 1859
Calvin " 1844		John W. 1862
Margaret " 1848		Martha C. 1864
Sarah A. " 1849		Rebecca A. 1864
Mary " 1853		Jane 1867

Lee Co. Birth Reg: David H. Osborn b. 9-11-1859, son of Catherine and Enoch.

Lee Co. Mar. Reg: Elizabeth Osbourn, 23, m. 4-15-1880 W. S. Ausburn, son of Enoch and Catherine.

John Wesley Osborn, b. 1862, m. Nancy Jane Burchett, according to one of their descendants, U. B. Osborn, of Birmingham, Ala. He said further that John Wesley was a brother to a Winfield and to a David Osborn. Mr. Osborn stated that his ancestor was called Tip, and that he was a Confederate soldier. This must have been Enoch, possibly deceased by 1870.

The George and Polly Osborn line from the files of the late Sen. Robinette, unless otherwise stated. The records are by courtesy of Myrtle Greer Johnson (Mrs. Carl), Joppa, Md. Also Lee Co. Marriage, Birth, and Death Registers; gravestone inscriptions; Lee Co. Census records of 1850, 1860, 1870 - all conflicting!

A letter from Mrs. J. Reed Howard, Mesa, Arizona, stated that her clue came from the late Martin Hammersley, New Pine Creek, Oregon. He had two old pieces of paper which had belonged to a cousin. On one, there the names and birth dates as recorded here, of Solomon and Margaret (Denton) Osborn; on the other were the names of George, Jacob, Solomon, John, Zadock, and William D. Osborn, and their dates. All Indiana records in this section are from Mrs. Howard.

Note: Edmund and Mary Osborn moved from Knox Co., Ky. to Lee Co., Va. by 1798 and lived there till 1816, when they moved to Cabell Co., Va. (Wayne Co., W. Va.) Some of their descendants were in Lawrence Co., Ky., where Mary died. It is said that Edmund was a near relative of Thomas and Minnie Osborne, of Russell Co. This compiler has failed to find evidence of this kinship. This is the line of the late Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson. according to unverified tradition. RS

In the Name of God amen. I, George Osborne of the County of Lee and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say my first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and personal, I give, bequeath, and dispose of as follows, to wit: To my Son Jesse Osborne my homeplace with its appurtenances, with an additional tract of 59 acres with its appurtenances, also a Boundary in my big survey, beginning on the head of the dry spring & running strait to the top of the mountain & top of the ridge square across by the Sulphur Spring. I direct my son Jesse shall pay my daughter Peggy Roller fifty dollars for the same Boundary of land. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Berry a tract of land in my Big Survey. Beginning on the top of the mountain on Jesse H. Osborne's line, thence westwardly with, and running strait to the top of the mountain opposite the Sulphur Spring to the top of the ridge, thence from the top of the ridge to the top of the mountain, with its appurtenances. I give and bequeath to my Sons Enoch Osborne and Isaac Osborne a tract of land in my Big Survey & running down the side of the mountain to John Osborne Jr's spring thence a strait line to the top of the mountain with the top to Jesse F Osborne's line & with his line to the Sulphur Spring with all its appurtenances. I give and bequeath to my Son Solomon R. Osborne and John Osborne a tract or parcel in my Big Survey. Beginning at John Osborne's Spring and thence to Zachariah Osborne's Spring and then strait to the top of the mountain to Enoch and Isaac Osborne's line and with their line to the beginning with its appurtenances.

Likewise, I make, constitute and appoint my Son Jesse F. Osborne executor of this my last will and Testament. Lastly, revoking all other wills by me made. In witness whereof, I have hereunto Subscribed my name & appended my Seal the 9th day of September 1869.

I further add to my will to my Son George Osborne one cow, three sheep and one bead Stid and bead and bead clothes, one little wheel, one Shay, one baker and lead.

Witnesses: Isaac Robinette
Freelon Robinette

George Osborne

Filed for probate on Monday, the 21st day of March 1870.

IV. Jonathan Osborn was born February 13th 1753, in the Forks of the Yadkin, Rowan Co., N. C. and died April 11th 1834, in Ashe Co., N. C.

Jonathan Osborn's first wife may have been a daughter of James Howell.¹

On September 24th 1796, Jonathan Osborn was married to Agnes Wells. (Grayson Co. Reg. p. 1)

By 1802, Jonathan Osborn was married to Mary ---- b. before 1775, and died after the 23rd day of April 1835 (or 38) when her will was dated in Ashe Co.

Jonathan Osborn lived on the Old Mill Road, between the furnace and Capt. Osborn's place. (DB 4-403) This was on New River, near Fox Creek, as shown on the 1789 tax list.

The 1820 Census of Grayson Co., Va. includes Jonathan Osborn and wife, both 45 or over; one daughter 16-26; another 10-16; one son 10-16. At that time, Jonathan would have been 67 years of age, and most of his children gone from home.² In 1829, Jonathan and Mary Osborn moved to Ashe Co., N. C.

On the 15th of December 1774, Jonathan Osborn obtained a Loyal Land Co. grant of 132 acres, on the west side of New River, in Fincastle Co. (Survey Bk. A-125)

On the 15th of December 1782, Jonathan Osborn entered a treasury warrant survey of 200 acres on New River, and up the several courses, corner to Robert Baker. This was part of a larger tract assigned to him by Enoch Osborn, assignee of Walter Crockett. (Survey Bk. B-260) On the 28th of April 1791, James Ward assigned to Jonathan Osborn 150 acres, on the waters of New River, corner to Wells Ward and Jesse Robinette. (Wythe Co. Survey Bk. 1-80)

On February 5th 1802, Jonathan and Mary Osborn sold to Nathan Ward 40 acres, part of the 1791 survey. (DB 1-470) On September 29th 1809, they sold 100 acres on Helton and Horse Creek, to Simeon Taylor. Witnessed by: Enoch, Zachariah, and Lydia Osborn. (DB 2-564) On the 14th of July 1828, Jonathan Osborn sold 110 acres of the 150-acre tract to Benjamin Ward for only \$100. Witnesses: Andrew Osborn, George Osborn, Alex Cox. Proved March 26th 1832 by George Osborn. (DB 7-293)

¹ August 9th 1821. The heirs of James Howell, deceased, sold to Alexander Howell a 100-acre tract, on New River. Those who signed the deed: George Howell, John Toliver, Tabitha Toliver, JONATHAN OSBORN, James Howell. Witnesses: Harden Cox, Andrew Osborn, Solomon Osborn, Mary Howell, George Howell, Jr. (DB 4-442)

² Jonathan Osborn's son, George, had a grandson, Joseph H. Osborn, b. 10-31-1862, who lived on Shell Creek, Carter Co., Tenn. In a letter dated October 11th 1947. Joseph H. Osborn stated that his great grandfather, Jonathan Osborn was married three times, and raised 18 boys and some girls. He stated that his grandfather, George Osborn had a half-brother, Stephen; and that Jonathan Osborn had sons Enoch, Caleb, and Josiah.

On the 12th of November 1832, Jonathan Osborn, age 80 years on the 13th of February next, and a resident of Ashe Co., N. C. applied for a pension for Revolutionary service.

He was living in Montgomery (now Grayson) Co., Va. in the same year that our independence was declared.

When the Cherokee Indians broke out, HIS BROTHER, ENOCH OSBORN, was a Captain of Militia. His company of volunteers was stationed for three months at the fort on New River, which his brother commanded. At the expiration of three months, they marched to meet the forces of Col. Christie and Maj. Shelby, at the Long Island of Holston. The North Carolina Militia was commanded by Col. Williams and Major Winston. They marched into Indian country, and burned some towns, and others capitulated. They returned three months afterward. He was on many expeditions against the Tories, and was engaged a short time in each.

He was born in the Forks of the Yadkin, in Rowan Co. HE REMOVED FROM THERE TO THE HOLLOW OF SURREY IN HIS YOUTH. IN THE HOLLOW, HE RESIDED A FEW YEARS, WHEN HIS FATHER REMOVED TO MONTGOMERY, NOW GRAYSON CO., VIRGINIA, WHERE HE LIVED 63 YEARS IN ONE PLACE, until three years since, when he moved to Ashe Co., where he has resided ever since.

He referred to his neighbors, Rev. Joseph Plummer, Wells Blevins, and Joshua Cox as character witnesses. Nathan Blevins certified that he well remembered that Jonathan Osborn was out with an uncle of his, on the expedition against the Cherokees.

Pension # 58912 was granted and he was paid 20 dollars per annum.

Children of Jonathan Osborn:

i. William Osborn, born 1784, married Mary ---- born 1784 in N. C. Both died after 1862.

On April 21st 1820, Jonathan Osborn sold to William Osborn 40 acres, on New River . . . corner to Alex Coxe's land, formerly Robert Baker's . . . to the top of a hill at the Old Mill Road that leads from Jonathan Osborn's up toward the mountain . . . thence to a ford of Saddle Creek. (DB 4-403)

January 3rd 1862. William Osborn, Sr. to William B. Osborn, for the love and affection and services rendered by the said William B. Osborn to me, I have given, granted and sold all my land where I now live, unto the said William B. Osborn; which contains 53 acres, on a south fork of Saddle Creek, corner to Alexander Cox, Solomon Osborn, Jacob Osborn, Isom Cox, Richard Poe . . . I reserve my house and home and any part of the boundary during my life and also my wife's lifetime . . . then the said William Osborn to have free and unmolested possession. (DB 11-808)

In 1820, William and Mary Osborn had three sons, born 1794-1820; and two daughters born 1810-1820. Of these, only Enoch and William B. are known.

Sons:

1. Enoch Osborn, born 1804, married Jane ---- born 1806. Enoch was probably the eldest son of William and Mary Osborn.

October 20th 1860. Enoch Osborn, WILLIAM'S SON, (so-written between the lines in recorder's handwriting) and Jane his wife to Jonathan Osborn (their son) for \$30 70 acres on Jordon Branch, corner to Robert Porter and Jackson Hagga. (DB 11-731)

In 1850, Enoch and Jane Osborn were in Grayson Co. and their children were: Jonathan b. 1832, Sarah b. 1833, Polly b. 1837, Nancy b. 1839, William b. 1842, Enoch b. 1844, Jackson b. 1847, Peggy J., b. 1850

2. William B. Osborn, born 1817, was married to Polly ---- born 1818. In 1850, they were members of William and Mary's household, in Grayson Co. At that time, there were no children. As shown above, William Osborn made a deed of gift to his son, William B. Osborn. This was land belonging first to Jonathan Osborn, and deeded by him to William Osborn.

ii. Jacob Osborn, born 1780-1790. was married to a wife of the same age. He was probably a son of Jonathan Osborn.

On April 15th 1822, Jonathan Osborn sold to Jacob Osborn 40 acres . . . beginning at the Old Mill Road . . . corner to Jonathan and to William Osborn's land. (4-404)

Witnesses: Andrew Osborn, Alex Cox, Solomon Osborn

In 1820, Jacob Osborn and family were living in Grayson Co., with two sons and four daughters, born 1804-1820. In 1830, they were living in Ashe Co., N. C. Nearby lived a young Jonathan Osborn, age 20-30, wife 15-20, with no children. This was probably Jacob's eldest son.

The land in Grayson Co. was referred to as Jacob Osborn's place, as late as 1862. (Grayson Co. DB 11-898)

iii. Osborn daughter, born 1796-1804; living at home in 1820; no further record.

iv. Stephen Osborn was born 2-21-1801 in Va. and died 12-21-1892 in Ashe Co., N.C. He was married 12-6-1819 to Mary Vanover, born 1801 in Ashe Co. They lived in Green Valley. Jonathan Osborn is said to have made his home there from 1829..

On March 26th 1827, Jonathan Osborn sold to Stephen Osborn, of Ashe Co., 200 acres on Big Helton and Horse Creek, for a mere \$100. This was all of the 1782 survey. The deed was witnessed by Jacob, Enoch, and George Osborn (DB 5-289)

On May 16th 1854, Stephen Osborn sold the entire tract to Joseph Caldwell. (10-544)
Children:

1. Alvin Osborn, 1821 to 1850, m. Sarah Thomas
2. Jonathan Osborn, 1823 to 1835
3. Richard Osborn, b. 1826, m. Delphia Cox, b. 1827; dau. Elizabeth, b. 1848
4. Isobel Osborn illegible m. John Castle
5. James Osborn " d. 1843
6. William Osborn, 1830 to 1873, m. Elizabeth Cole
7. Rebecca Osborn, 1834 to 1922, m. 1) James Cole 2) Nathan Ward
8. Mary Osborn, b. 1832, m. Wilburn Cole
9. Hannah Osborn, b. 1836, m. John Wilson
10. Alfred Osborn, 1838 to 1874, m. Mary Roark
11. George Osborn, 1840 to 1901, m. Mary Ann Wilson
12. Aris Osborn, 1843 to 1860, m. Elizabeth Osborn, dau. David and Abigail (Price) Osborn.

(From Stephen Osborn's Family Bible, copied 1961 by Robert J. Osborn, Creston, N. C.)

v. George Osborn was born 1803. He was married to Mary Baldwin, born 1803. Both died after 1880.

George Osborn was living in Grayson Co. in 1829, when he gave bond for Andrew Osborn; and also served on a jury. (DB 1811-, pages 219, 221)

On December 21st 1824, Jonathan Osborn sold to George Osborn, for \$40, a tract of 120 acres, on Helton and Horse Creek, beginning at the first Station of the said Jonathan's survey . . with original line to the river etc. (DB 5-335)

On April 7th 1830, George Osborn sold this tract to Solomon Osborn, for \$700. This was the parcel on which Jonathan Osborn lived. (DB 10-279)

George Osborn and family were living in Ashe Co. in 1838 and in 1850.

Children:

1. Alexander Osborn, b. 1827, m. Sarah (Thomas) Osborn
2. Clemons W. Osborn, b. 1832, m. 1) Nancy Caroline Brown 2) Elizabeth Greer
3. Jonathan Osborn, b. 1836, m. Nancy Brown
4. Noah Osborn, b. 1838, m. Celia Graybeal
5. Tabitha Osborn, b. 1840, m. John Graybeal
6. Andrew Osborn, b. 1842, m. Mary Eastridge
7. George Osborn, b. 1845, m. Frankie Wilson
(Hackett-Johnson Ms.; Ashe Co. Census 1850)

vi. Tabitha Osborn was born 1805 and died after 1850. She was married to Joshua Cole. They were living in Ashe Co. in 1835. Apparently, her mother was a member of the Cole household, and Tabitha her only heir. By 1850, Tabitha and family were residents of Grayson Co., Va.

Children:

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| 1. Elizabeth Cole, b. 1829 Va. | 4. Joshua Cole, b. 1837 |
| 2. William Cole, b. 1831 | 5. David F. Cole, b. 1839 |
| 3. James Cole, b. 1833 | 6. Lorenzo D. Cole, b. 1842 |
| | 7. Ann Cole, b. 1846 |

vii. Enoch Osborn (Joseph H. Osborn's letter)

viii. Caleb Osborn " " "

ix. Josiah Osborn " " "

(Note: We found none of the three in census records of Grayson or Ashe Co. If they were once in Grayson Co., they migrated early. RS)

Mary Osborn Sr. Will

In the name of God Amen I Mary Osborn Sr. of rishe County & state of North Carolina being sick & weak of body, but sound and in Memory and Judgment and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men and women once to die, do this 23rd day of April A D 1835 make this my last Will and Testament as follows. In the first and last place it is my will that all my Just debts be paid, if any rising & my son in law Joshua Cole & my daughter Tabitha Cole I give all my household furniture of every description. Bedding & bed clothing & all my wearing clothes bed steads together with every other species of property that I own & I do hereby constitute and appoint Joshua Cole to see this my last Will & Testament executed according to the letter & meaning thereof & I hereby publish & direct that this be my last Will and Testament replacing all other wills heretofore by me made. Signed, published and delivered in presence of the undersigned - day and date above written.

(Signed)

The above words struck out before assigned.

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Mary Osborn, Sr.

mark

Test

Er W Baldwin

George Osborn

v. Ephraim Osborn, junr.¹ was born 1754² in Rowan Co., North Carolina, and died 1852³ in Harlan Co., Kentucky.

He was married to Mary (Polly) Brock, who was born before 1774, and died between 1820 and 1830, in Harlan Co. She is believed to have been a sister to Jesse Brock. (See pages 50, 51)

Ephraim Osborn, junr. was among those who took the Oath of Allegiance in 1777, in Montgomery Co., Va. His name appeared on the militia list there in 1781.

In 1785, he was residing in North Carolina, where son Ephraim was born. He may have returned to Va. for a time, as Rebecca Howard was born there. In 1799, his name appeared, along with those of Solomon Osborn, senr. and Solomon Osborn, on a list of petitioners who lived on the northwest side of Clinch mountain, in Hawkins Co., Tenn.

In 1802, the names of Ephraim and Solomon Osborn appeared on the tax lists of Knox Co., Kentucky. Each owned 100 acres on the Cumberland river. There were other land entries in the name of Ephraim Osborn, but it is difficult to know which belonged to this Ephraim and which belonged to Ephraim Osborn, born 1785. The tax lists through 1852 are equally confusing because of the appearance of grandson Ephraim Osborn. All were in Harlan Co. which was struck off from Knox Co. in 1819.

In 1850, Ephraim Osborn and daughter, Rebecca Howard, were members of the household of George Howard. In 1860, Rebecca was a member of the George Howard family but Ephraim Osborn was gone.

On the 8th of September 1834, Ephraim Osborn filed for a pension in Perry Co., Kentucky. He stated that he was 80 years of age. He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Capt. Enoch Osborn and Lieut. James Ward and first met at Osborn's Fort in Montgomery Co., but does not recollect the year. He then stayed in the service six months. They were engaged in guarding the frontier against the Indians. The time of service was perhaps a year or two before the expedition against the Cherokees. He afterwards went as a volunteer under Capt. Frederick Edwards, for one month on Clinch river, after the Tories and caught a deserter.

He then went as a volunteer under Capt. Abram Bletcher to the Cherokee Nation. First met at Long Island of Holston and went by the bend of Nolichucky and expected an attack, but did not have one. There were a good many troops from North Carolina and Virginia who went on from the Island. He recollects an officer from the North Carolina troops by the name of Williams. His own colonel was Christy. Before they got to the French Broad river, a flag was sent in by

¹ He was listed sometimes as Ephraim and sometimes as Ephraim, senr. on Harlan Co. tax lists. Ephraim, b. 1785, was later listed as Ephraim, senr.

² See pension statement above.

³ Bureau of Vital Statistics, Frankfort, Ky.

the Indians for peace, but it was understood that there were others who would not make peace. The Army proceeded on to the French Broad river and halted, expecting an attack. A detachment was ordered out to cross the river in the night and he was one who went. There were no Indians, but there were signs the next day. They went on to the Dragging Canoe Town and all were gone but one old blind Indian. The Army destroyed all they could find.

He again went with Capt. Brummitt as a guard of ammunition from the Lead Mines, across the Flower Gap, into North Carolina and delivered the ammunition to Capt. McGraw. They stayed several days at the Lead Mines, waiting for the lead. He was several times in scouting parties after the Tories.

He is old and infirm and states what he remembers, and might state much more; that is what he thinks, but wants to state nothing but what he remembers. He has made application in Perry Co. because he has acquaintances there.

Jeremiah Smith, 74 years of age, resident of Harlan Co., certified that he was well acquainted with Ephraim Osborn, of Harlan Co., who has signed the declaration. He has known him since the time of the Revolution; and known, to his own knowledge, that he served under Capt. Enoch Osborn, at Osborn's Fort, and that he was a frequent scout from the fort. He also certified that his brother Joshua Pennington, was on the expedition against the Cherokees, and understood that Ephraim Osborn was with him.

Certificate signed by Edmund Jones, Micajah Napier, and Daniel Duff, a clergyman.

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Known descendants of Mary (Polly) and Ephraim Osborn, Junr. (Rev. soldier):

- i. Jesse Osborn married 1807, Knox Co., Ky., Elizabeth Lemaster.¹
- ii. Ephraim Osborn, 3rd, born 1785, N. C., and died between 1860 and 1870 in Harlan Co., Ky. He was married to Lucy Saylor, born 1798 or 1800, and died after 1870. In 1860, Ephraim Osborn, age 75, and Lucy, age 60, were living next to Martin Saylor. In 1870, Lucy Osborn, age 72, was living alone, next to Hiram Osborn, Elisha Howard, and John Saylor, age 80.

Children:

1. James Osborn, born 1820, Ky., married 1838, Malinda Saylor. James Osborn was a Baptist minister, and conducted his father's funeral.²

- (1) Levi Osborn, b. 1840, m. Polly Simpson (Reg.)
- (2) Lucinda Osborn, b. 1842, m. 1861, Henry Saylor (Reg.)
- (3) Hiram Osborn, b. 1844, m. Martha Belcher (Reg.)
- (4) Mary J. Osborn, b. 1845
- (5) Lucretia Osborn, b. 1845
- (6) John Osborn, b. 1849
- (7) Sarah Osborn, b. 1852
- (8) Angeline Osborn, b. 1855, m. 1872, Calvin Blanton (Reg.)
- (9) Nancy Osborn, b. 1857
- (10) Matilda Osborn, b. 1861

2. Ephraim Osborn, 4th, born 1822 (or 1828) and died 3-25-1865, married Lucretia Saylor, born 1829. She was a daughter of John Saylor. This Ephraim Osborn enlisted September 19th 1864, and served in Company C, 26th Reg. Kentucky Infantry.³ He died during the Civil War, and was buried in New Albany National Cemetery, Ind.

- (1) Livie Jane Osborn, b. 1845, m. 1865, James Saylor (Reg.)
- (2) Malinda Osborn, b. 1847, m. Calvin Howard (m. 2nd Luke Long)²
- (3) Elizabeth Osborn, b. 1850, m. Samuel Saylor
- (4) Serena Osborn, b. 1854, m. 1875, Hiram Helton (Reg.)
- (5) John Levi Osborn, 5-22-1855 to 8-12-1956, m. 1) 4-22-1875 Rose Howard 2) 7-22-1880 Nancy Howard, 5-30-1864 to 1-25-1946.² John L. Osborn was chosen National Father of the Year. (continued)

¹Josie (Walker) Blakey has recorded this line in An Osborn Family, pub. 1972. She has "mountains of tradition" to prove that the Jesse Osborn who m. Elizabeth Lemaster was a son of William and Matilda (Buchanan) Osborn. This William Osborn has not yet been identified in any of the established lines. Perhaps Ephraim Osborn had a son Jesse who married someone else.

²The late John A. McGinnis

³Mrs. Ellen Steele

Children: Lucretia, 1877 to 1956, m. Landon Hopkins; Lucy b. 1879 m. Jonathan Hensley; Sarah, 1881 to 1959, m. John Coldiron; Versilla, 1883 to 1957, m. Wm. Russell; Samuel, b. 1885 m. Sarah Asher; Ephraim b. 1887 m. Betty Noe; Hampton, 1889 to 1949, m. Camille Helton; William, b. 1891 m. Bertha Saylor; Dora b. 1893 m. Newberry Saylor; Catherine, 1895 to 1961, m. Charles McGinnis; Henry, b. 1897 m. Martha Burdine; Ellen, b. 1900 m. Olin W. Steele, Sr.; Auburn and Otis, b. 1903.¹

(6) Lucy Osborn, b. 1858, m. Stephen Howard (m. 2nd Ance Noe)²

(7) Ephraim Osborn, b. 1861, m. Sarah Howard (?)

(8) Versilla Osborn, b. 1864, m. Green Long

(9) Matilda Osborn, b. 1872, m. 1892 Isaac Metcalf (Reg.)

3. Jesse Osborn, born 1824, married Elizabeth Osborn, born 1821; res. Perry Co.

(1) Barbara Osborn, b. 1837

(3) Ephraim Osborn, b. 1845

(2) Jemima Osborn, b. 1843

(4) Lucy Osborn, b. 1845

(5) Mahala Osborn, b. 1854

4. David Osborn, born 1826 in Ky., married Sarah (Sally) ----

(1) Sylvania Osborn, b. 1845

(5) William Osborn, b. 1855

(2) Ephraim Osborn, b. 1848

(6) Daniel Osborn, b. 1857

(3) Deborah Osborn, b. 1851

(7) James Osborn, b. 1860

(4) Malinda Osborn, b. 1854

(8) Elijah Osborn, b. 1862

(9) Sarah Osborn, b. 1865

5. Martha Osborn, born 1827 in Ky., married William Saylor

(1) Elijah Saylor, b. 1866

(2) Nancy Saylor, b. 1868

(3) Delia Saylor, b. 1872

6. Hiram Osborn, born 1828 in Ky., married Nancy Brummitt, daughter of John and Mahala (Brock) Brummitt.

(1) Lucy Ann Osborn, b. 1850

(6) John A. Osborn, b. 1862

(2) Mahala C. Osborn, b. 1852

(7) Caroline Osborn, b. 1865

(3) Ephraim Osborn, b. 1855

(8) Hiram Osborn, b. 1869

(4) Mary Osborn, b. 1858

(9) Josephine Osborn, b. 1875

(5) Lavina Osborn, b. 1859

(10) Armada Osborn, b. 1875

(11) Sarah Osborn, b. 1878

7. Lucy Osborn, born 1830, married James Helton, 1821 to 1905, son of John and Barbara Helton, early settlers on Wallins Creek, Harlan Co., Ky.

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Letter from Mrs. Ellen Steele

²John A. McGinnis

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- (1) Barbara Helton, b. 1847, m. Brittain Helton
- (2) Child died in infancy
- (3) Nancy Helton, b. 1853, m. Chappell Brummitt, son of John Brummitt
- (4) Perlina Helton, b. 1854, m. James Brummitt, son of John Brummitt
- (5) James Helton, b. 1858, m. 1) Rachel Scott 2) Angeline Profitt
- (6) Ephraim Helton, b. 1860, m. Julia Blanton, daughter of James Blanton
- (7) Sylvania Helton, b. 1862, m. Green Daniel
- (8) George W. Helton, b. 1865, m. Matilda Vaughn, daughter of Elisha Vaughn

8. Mary Osborn, born 1833, married Elijah Saylor

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| (1) Jane Saylor, b. 1851 | (4) Lucy Saylor, b. 1857 |
| (2) Michael Saylor, b. 1853 | (5) James A. Saylor, b. 1859 |
| (3) Matilda Saylor, b. 1853, m. Alex Helton, son of Robert Helton | |

Other children unlisted

9. Nancy Osborn, born 1835, married Martin P. Saylor

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| (1) Lucy Saylor, b. 1851 | (3) Perlina Saylor, b. 1856 |
| (2) Hetty Ann Saylor, b. 1853 | (4) Ephraim Saylor, b. 1858 |
| Others unlisted | |

10. Mahala Osborn, born 1837, married Thomas Nixon Saylor

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| (1) Ephraim Saylor, b. 1857 | (3) Carlo Saylor, b. 1861 |
| (2) Lucy Saylor, b. 1858 | (4) Hiram Saylor, b. 1863 |

11. Esther Osborn, born 1839, married 9-21-1854 Elisha Helton, born 1829 on Wallins Creek. He was killed during the Civil War. He was a son of John and Barbara Helton. Esther was called "Aunt Hetty" by the family.

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| (1) Carter Helton, b. 1856, m. 1) Elizabeth Vaughn 2) Polly Simpson 3) Elizabeth Smith 4) Polly Hoskins |
| (2) Elijah Helton, b. 1861, m. 1) Agga J. Vaughn 2) Louisa Simpson |
| (3) Mahala Helton, b. 1863, unmarried; known as "Hett's Hale" |

iii. Molly Osborn was born 1793 and deceased by 1848. She was married, in 1811, in Knox Co., Ky., to Amon Brock, born 1788. After Molly's death, he was married to Charity Rose. Amon Brock was a son of Jesse and Rebecca Brock.¹ Jesse Brock, born 1751, Cumberland Co., Va., lived in Guilford Co., N. C. and

¹Mr. Helton stated that she was Rebecca Howard; Mr. McGinnis stated that she was Rebecca Osborn.

served as a Revolutionary soldier. Afterward, he moved to Franklin Co., Va. and thence to Russell Co., Va., where he was living in 1794. About 1798, he moved to Wallins Creek, Harlan Co., Ky.¹

1. Ephraim Brock, born 1815, married Nancy Shepherd, Clay Co., Ky. They lived in the area which became Leslie Co., Ky.

2. Mahala Brock, born 1817, married John Brummitt

3. Gemima Brock, born 1819, married Calson Caldwell

4. Solomon Brock, born 1826, married Betty Simpson

5. Amon Brock, born 1828, married Mahala Patrick

6. Enoch Brock, born 1829, married Lucy Helton

7. Mary Brock, born 1833, married Elisha North

8. Rebecca Brock, born 1834, married Robert Saylor

9. Hetty Ann Brock, born 1836, married Leonard Saylor

10. Aaron Brock, born 1844, married Barbara Shepherd

iv. Rebecca Osborn, born 1790 and died after 1860, married Benjamin Howard, who was deceased by 1850. Rebecca Howard and Ephraim Osborn (the eldest) were then members of the George Howard household. In 1860, only Rebecca Howard, age 60, was living with them.

George Howard, b. 1818, Ky.

Rhoda Howard, b. 1821, N. C.

(1) Calvin Howard, b. 1842

(2) Stephen Howard, b. 1844

(3) Dudley Howard, b. 1847

(4) Mary Howard, b. 1851

(5) Rebecca Howard, b. 1852

(6) Benjamin Howard, b. 1856

(7) Rosa Howard, b. 1858

v. Rhoda Osborn; no information

vi. Hiram Osborn; no information

Note: George Osborn was probably another son of Ephraim Osborn. George was born 1775/1794, married and had one child by 1820, disappeared from Harlan Co. tax lists after 1833.

¹L. F. Addington's The Brocks, pub. 1972

Note: The preceding records of the descendants of Ephraim and Mary Osborn were compiled by Robert W. Helton, Milwaukee, Wisc. His manuscript, The Osborns of Harlan Co., Ky., appeared in Henry Scalf's The East Kentuckian, in June 1969. Changes and additions made by this compiler are so-noted.

The article was contributed by Mrs. Eunice Anderson, Richmond, Cal.

STEPHEN OSBORN, SENR. AND STEPHEN OSBORN, JUNR.

Stephen Osborn, senr's date and place of birth are unknown. He is believed to have been a brother of Ephraim Osborn, senr.

His name appeared next to that of Ephraim Osborn, senr. on Elijah Skidmore's list of 1761, in the Yadkin-Surry area. He was in Montgomery (Fincastle) Co. in 1772, and living near Ephraim, senr. and family.

On the 14th day of December 1774, Stephen Osborn entered a survey of 170 acres in Fincastle Co., on the waters of Saddle Creek, and with the line of Ephraim Osborn and Ward. (Survey Book A-123)

On June 27th 1774, Stephen and Ephraim Osborn were defendants to a suit initiated by William Scott. The suit was abated January 5th 1779. (OB 2-64, 3-22) This may have been a land suit.

On September 29th 1777, both Stephen, senr. and Stephen, junr. took the Oath of Allegiance. Neither was on the militia list of 1781.

Both names appeared on the Montgomery Co. tax lists of 1782 and 1786.

On October 26th 1789, only one Stephen Osborn was living on Saddle Creek, near Enoch Osborn.¹

On March 7th 1787, Stephen Osborn was exempted from paying poll tax in Montgomery Co. (OB 1-283) On December 17th 1793, Stephen Osborn was exempt from paying county levies in Grayson Co. (OB 1-29)

There were no further entries in his name in Grayson Co. He was probably deceased soon afterward. No record was found of the disposition of his land.

Stephen Osborn, junr. was of sufficient age for his name to appear on the 1772 tax list. He must have been a son of Stephen Osborn, senr., so close was the association between them, as shown above. Apparently, the younger Stephen Osborn had gone from the area by 1789, his destiny still unknown.

¹ Montgomery Co., Va., Circa 1790, by Netti Schreiner-Yantis

JEREMIAH OSBORN

Jeremiah Osborn's name appeared first in Montgomery Co. records on September 29th 1777, when he took the Oath of Allegiance. He is believed to have been a brother to Ephraim Osborn, senr.

In 1781, his name appeared on the militia list, and he was termed "not fit" suggesting that he was then beyond the age for military service.

On November 7th 1789, he was in Montgomery Co. and living near Solomon Osborn, senr. and Solomon Osborn, junr. This was the last entry in his name in Montgomery Co. records.

Jeremiah Osborn is said to have moved to North Carolina, but we failed to find an early Jeremiah Osborn in Rowan Co. or in the counties struck off from Rowan. However, there was an early Jeremiah Osborn living on the North Fork of Powell river. He married a Miss Newman. They removed to Buncomb Co., N. C., and thence to Kentucky, where he died. Their sons were Jonathan, Reuben, Josiah, John, b. 12-27-1770, and Jeremiah b. 12-24-1772. They migrated to Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Georgia. That this was the Montgomery Co. family is doubtful, to say the least.

(From a Family Bible in possession of Osborn and Hefner families, Weatherford, Texas; and from a Family Bible owned by a Mr. Osborn, of Roberts Town, Georgia)

SOLOMON OSBORN, SENR. AND SOLOMON OSBORN, JUNR.

In 1761, the name of Solomon Orsburn appeared next to those of Stephen and Ephraim Orsburn, on Elijah Skidmore's list, in the Surry Co. area. In 1781, Solomon Osborn, under 18, was listed in the Montgomery Co. militia. In 1782, the name of Solomon Osborn appeared on the list of Montgomery Co. tax payers. This must have been the older Solomon Osborn. On November 7th 1789, Solomon Osborn and Solomon Osborn, Jr. were on the tax list, with the notation that they were in Grayson Co. in 1793. They lived near Jeremiah Osborn.

It is possible that these are the same persons who appeared in this manuscript at a later date, and have not been identified.

SAMUEL AUSBURN

Samuel Ausburn's name appeared first in Grayson Co. records in 1804, when he served as a Justice of the county. He served, at intervals, as late as August 1823. (OB 1811-1819, page 263) In May 1819, he presented a claim for surveying. (OB 1819-1825, page 4) In the same month, he was appointed to view the road from Doe Run Gap to Ward's Gap, near Samuel Ausburn's. (OB 1811-1819, 232)

In July 1823, a certain Richardson initiated a suit against Samuel Ausburn and Menitree Jones, another Justice. Motion was made for a bond taken for delivery of property on the day of sale. Judgment for \$521.38 the penalty of the bond. (OB 1819-1825, page 256)

In May 1825, Samuel Ausburn gave a deed of trust to John Anderson. (OB 1819-1825, page 473)

Note: We found nothing which would help to identify this Samuel Ausburn.

JOHN OSBORN

John Osborn was living near Jonathan Osborn, on Fox Creek, a branch of New river on November 6th 1789.¹ It is unlikely that Jonathan Osborn would have had a son of sufficient age to be listed as a tax payer as early as 1789. It is POSSIBLE that this is the John Osborn whose name appeared on the 1782 tax list of Montgomery Co. and/or the 1771 list of the Hollow District of Rowan Co. (p.56) However, this is mere speculation.

In August 1813, John Osborn served on a jury in Grayson Co. (OB 1811-1819, p. 115) This was probably the same John Osborn who was among the buyers at the sale of Capt. Osborn's property, on April 12th 1822.

Note: We have been unable to identify further this John Osborn.

¹ Montgomery Co., Va. Circa 1790, by Netti Schreiner-Yantis

Fincastle and Montgomery Counties

Revolutionary War Records

1775 - 1788

List of Persons Who Hath Sworn Allegiance to the State 1777
Copy of the Muster Roll of Capt. Ozburn's Company - Sept. 29th

Ezekiel (x) Young
Francis (x) Stogil
Jeremiah Ozburn
William Landreth

Capt. Enoch Ozburn (Oct. 6th)
Robert Baker
John Medley
Isaac Weaver
William Hash
Stephen Ozburn, Jr.
Jonathan Ozburn
Wells Ward
John Hash
James Ward
Ephraim Ozburn, Jr.
Timothy Roark

Ephraim Pennington
Joshua Pennington
Ephraim Ozburn, Sr.
Stephen Ozburn, Sr.
George Ewing, Jr. (of
Thompson's Company, Nov. 12
1777)
John Fluty, of Robert
Buchanan's Company
Henry Long, of McCorkle's
Company
James Thompson
Josiah Ramsey
Samuel Newberry

The above was sworn before me. Jas. McCorkle, 5th December 1777. (Page 135)

List of Enoch Ozbourne's Company of Militia in Montgomery County 1781

Enoch Ozburn, Capt.
Ephraim Ozburn, Lieut., not fit
William Hash, not fit
Robert Ozburn, not fit
Jeremiah Ozborn, not fit
Nathan Taylor, not fit
James Wallen, not fit
John Ozborn, under 18
Robert Pennington, under 18
Solomon Ozbern, under 18
John Taylor, ---- fit
Ezekiel Young
Wills Ward
Ephraim Ozburn
Jonathan Ozburn
Charles Roark
Michael Cortnic
Stephen Terrill
John Flennerly
James Boggs

William Adkins
Stephen Jones
Richard Pennington
Jno. Colwell
Thomas Bedford
Nathaniel Landerith
William Howell
John Anderson

Jacob Anderson
Francis Storgel
Abram Storgel
Thomas Vaughan
Robert Davis
Thomas Hash
William Landerith
Moses McDonald
Jesse Lynch
Jos. Simons
Wm. Dodd
Thomas Greer
Hughey Greer
Thomas Douglas
Christopher Hughey
Blissy Wood ----
Isham Lyles ----
Joshua Pennington +
Timothy Pennington + 38
for Duty

(Copied from original records, in Christiansburg, by Mrs. Myrtle Johnson)

List of Taxable Persons in Rowan Co., N. C. in the year 1759:

Osborn: Alexander, Matthew, Samuel, John, William, Ephraim, Caleb, Joseph

Taxables returned by Constable Elijah Scidmore in 1761:

William Priest	William Dorton	Stephen Orsburn
Edward Jones	Gideon Lewis	Ephraim Orsburn
Edward King	James Lewis	Solomon Orsburn
John Stewart	Benjamin Petit	Henry Skidmore
Joseph Harrison	Abraham Winscut	John McColm
Isaiah Harrison	Thomas Harrison ?	Thomas Douten
John Potter	John Douter, Sr. (Douthit)	John Douten, Jr.
James Willson	Phillip Howard	Edward Pool, Sr.
Evan Davis	John Harmon	Abraham Wilson
William Johnson	Evan Ellis	John Tidwell
Patrick Coyel	Jehu ? Ceoly ?	
George Sprinkel	George Lash	

(From original in old library, Salisbury, N. C. This was the Surry-Yadkin area.)

Hollow District:

1768 Jonathan Osborn, Stephen Osborn
1771 John Osburn, Stephen Osburn, Jonathan Osburn
1772 Stephen Osburn
1775 1777 1779 1780 1783 1800 No Osborns

Fincastle Co., Va. William Herbert's List of Tithables:

1772 Osborns: Enoch, Ephraim, Jonathan, Stephen, Sr., Stephen, Jr.

Montgomery Co., Va. Taxpayers 1782: (Fothergill)

Azburn: John, Robert, Stephen, Sr., Stephen, Jr., Solomon

Washington Co., Va. Taxpayers 1782: (Fothergill)

Osburn: James, Stephen, Thomas

Montgomery Co. Revenue Tax, dated after March 4th 1786 (Deeds and Wills, p. 92)

Ozburn: Robert, Ephraim, Enoch, Jonathan, Stephen, Sr., Stephen, Jr.

Wilkes Co. (Morgan Dist.) N. C. 1790: Solomon Osborn 1 m 16+, 2 m -16, 2 f

Rowan Co. (Salisbury Dist.) N. C. 1790: Stephen Osborn 1 m 16+, 4 m -16, 1 f
Nathaniel Osborn 1 m 16+, 2 m -16, 3 f

Wilkes Co., N. C. 1797: (Capt. Weaver's Dist.)

Osborn: Robert, Sr. (over 50) John, Robert

Note: The Stephen Osborn who was listed in Salisbury Dist. in 1790 MAY be the same who was listed in 1784 with 100 acres on Abbot's Creek and Mirey Branch. Will of Wm. Smith says dau. Keziah is wife of Stephen Orsburn, 1795. (9-69)

In the name of God amen. I, John Hash, being sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, and therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament and first I give my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my (body) to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors and as concerning such worldly Estate as God hath given me, I give and bequeath in the manner following. Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife my manshon house and ye sole benefit of all land on ye south side of ye Creek as long as she lives, with one black horse and a black mare and two white cows, one yew and a lamb and a wheather, a bed and all ye furniture thereunto belongz, one large pot and a frying pan, one pewter dish one Beason (sic) and six spoons with two spinning wheels and two pairs of cards and a Sicckle, one ridding saddle with two bas more? and heators? and pleats? Item I give and bequeath to my son John who I had by my first wife five shillings Item I give and bequeath to my son William a full and equal share with all my children, of all the remaining part of my Estate except one cow to Enoch Osburn and one to Francis Stroger on the price of a cow to each of them. Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas all my land lyinz on the upper side of the Creek so fur as to a small run that empties into the Creek above the ford. Item I give and bequeath to my son John who I had by my second wife, all my land on the lower side of the above Creek, after the decease of his Mother, Whom I leave the sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. I give to Richard Hall my grandson a 2 year old heifer.

John Hash

Signed, sealed, ratified and confirmed in the year of our Lord 1784 and in the presence of Enoch Osburn, Thomas T. Vaughan, Robert Baker

Proved May 27th 1784

Inventory June 26th 1784 (p. 66)

(Montgomery Co. Deeds and Wills 1773-1797, pages 63, 64)

Known children of John Hash:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. John (by first wife) | 4. Thomas m. Ruth Sturgeon |
| 2. Nancy m. Richard Eli Hall | 5. William (no record) |
| 3. Jane m. Capt. Enoch Osborn | 6. Rebecca m. Francis Sturgill |
| | 7. John m. Doshia Sturgill |

(All I have on his children. Emory L. Hamilton, Wise, Va.)

Note: William Hash (5 above) is believed to have married a daughter of Ephraim Osborn, senr. If there is proof of this, it is unknown to this compiler. RS

A few Grayson Co. deeds:

5 January 1830. William Taylor to David Cox all my rights, or title, or claims to the lands of Simeon Taylor, decd. Wit: Alex Cox, John Cox, Joseph Fields. (DB 9-38)

7 January 1837. Benjamin Taylor to Troy Cox, land on south side of New River, it being part of the land my father, Simeon Taylor, decd. willed to me. Wit: David Cox, George Howell, Ruth Howell (DB 9-231, 232)

25 June 1845. Drucilla Howell and Pegga Howell, of Tazewell Co., to Enoch Osborn, Jr., for \$50 all the land belonging to Alex Howell, decd., their father, which was laid off as a dower to Elender Howell, their mother, and wife of said Alex Howell, on the south side of New River and known as the Roark Place. (10-135)

21 January 1847. George Howell to Joshua D. Cox, 30 acres on the south side of New River, corner to Willis Pruitt, to David Cox, to Troy Cox. (9-846)

6 June 1848. Richard Billings to Jesse Osborn, both of Grayson Co., for \$100 1/16th share in the mine and minerals, in the silver mine at the mouth of Brush Creek, on the north side of New River, up a clift . . . to a path that leads from Allen Gentry's old place . . . below the Christopher old fields . . . to the line of George Reeves' old survey . . . Wit: Jesse Austin, Caleb Osborn, Charles Billings (10-698)

27 November 1851. Jefferson and Nancy Osborn to Caleb Osborn, their undivided interest in four tracts belonging to William Taylor, decd., one of the tracts in Grayson Co., the other three in Ashe Co., on Elk Creek. (10-632)

27 December 1851. Wm. T. Moore and Wm. N. Dorl, Justices in Tazewell Co., certify that Jefferson Osborn, a party to a deed, acknowledged . . . (10-633)

15 June 1854. Jesse Osborn to John Reeves, one-half of all mines and metals that may be found on the land that Jesse Osborn now lives on. (10-506)

4 January 1855. David Cox to Troy Cox, part of two tracts on the west side of New River, beginning on bank of river, corner to John Taylor, Sr., to Stephen Taylor. (9-331)

24 December 1855. Willis and Elizabeth Pruitt to Enoch B. Osborn, land on south side of New River, adjoining E. B. Osborn, Solomon Osborn, Joshua Cox. (11-52)

28 July 1856. Isom Cox, Samuel B. Cox, David Cox, Solomon Osborn and Hannah his wife, Charles Doughton and Margaret his wife, and Benjamin Ward of Grayson Co. to Harden Cox, a tract on upper Brush Creek, a branch of New River, 400 acres granted to Joshua Cox, patent dated 24 October 1825. (11-160)

10 November 1857. Enoch L. Osborn to Zachariah Osborn, his interest in three tracts of land, formerly belonging to Enoch Osborn, Sr., decd., and containing 322 acres. Wit: Harden Cox, Solomon Osborn (11-692)

24 September 1860. Haney Hash and Ruthy his wife, Joshua B. Cox and Peggy his wife, Joseph B. Cox and Phoebe Jane his wife, Harold Pugh and Hannah his wife, of Grayson Co., Va. and Nathan Weaver and Nelly his wife of Alleghany Co., N. C. to Richard Rose of Grayson Co., for \$2000, a tract of 134 acres in Grayson Co., on Saddle Creek, it being the place where Benjamin Ward, decd. formerly lived, corner to Alex Cox, to Isom Cox, to Silas Ward, to Benjamin Cox. Wit: Landers Ward, Silas Ward (12-84, 85)

SOLOMON OSBORN

This Solomon Osborn was born 1770/1775, place unknown. He died before the first day of June 1846, in Harlan Co., Ky. He was twice married. His first wife was deceased by 1820; by 1830, he was remarried to wife born 1790/1800.

In 1799, Solomon Osborn, Sr. and Solomon Osborn, as well as Ephraim Osborn, were among the citizens living on the northwest side of Clinch mountain, in Hawkins Co., Tenn., who were signers of a petition.

Whether the two were father and son, or whether the younger was a son of Ephraim Osborn, is unknown.

In 1802, Solomon and Ephraim Osborn each owned 100 acres on Cumberland river in Knox Co., Ky. By 1816, they owned smaller tracts on Martin's Fork of Cumberland river.

In 1819, Harlan Co. was struck off from Knox Co. The name of Solomon Osborn continued to appear on Harlan Co. tax lists through 1846.

In 1820, Solomon Osborn had two sons and four daughters, five of whom were under 10, and the eldest daughter was 10/16. He did not have a wife.

By 1830, the eldest daughter was gone, and there were six young children, born after 1820.

One of the daughters MAY have been Mary (Polly) Osborn, born 1813, married 8-5-1836 to Jeremiah Forrester, born 1809. (Reg.)

Children:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Louisa Forrester, b. 1839 | 5. Thomas Forrester, b. 1848 |
| 2. Solomon Forrester, b. 1842 | 6. Enoch Forrester, b. 1850 |
| 3. Mary Forrester, b. 1843 | 7. William Forrester, b. 1851 |
| 4. Nancy Forrester, b. 1846 | Levina Pace, b. 1841 |
- (Harlan Co. Census 1860, 1870)

Harlan Co., Ky. Court Under Book Extract

(GS #839,234 pg. 121)

June Term 1846

"This day Thomas Forrester produced to the court the last will and Testament of Solomon Osborn, decd. which was proven by oath of George Brittain & Jeremiah Forrester two of the subscribing witnesses thereto which is ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Thomas Forrester the executor named therein entered into bond in the sum of one hundred dollars with George Brittain Samuel Howard Henry Farlar & Moses Cawood his securities conditioned as the law directs and had the oath administered to him."

A search in the Ky. State Library, Ky. Historical Society, and Salt Lake City failed to produce a copy of Solomon Osborn's will. RS

Knox Co., Ky. tax lists from Sudie Spillman (Mrs. Carl), Harlan, Ky.
Harlan Co. Census records 1820 through 1850 from Mrs. Spillman
Knox Co., Ky. land grants from Josie (Walker) Blakey (Mrs. B. B.) Little Falls,
Minn.

SAMUEL HOWARD, SENR.

In 1964, the late John A. McGinnis sent to Mrs. Myrtle (Greer) Johnson, Joppa, Md. his notes on Samuel Howard, senr. and a list (unverified) of his children.

Samuel Howard, senr., born 1762, Buckingham Co., Va., died 1840, Harlan Co., Ky. and was buried in Gross Cemetery, Wilhoit, Ky. He married Cloey Osborn.

- i. Samuel Howard, junr. m. 1) Kate Banks 2) Aka Farley
- ii. Jesse Howard
- iii. George Howard
- iv. James Howard
- v. Milton Howard
- vi. Wilkerson (Wix) Howard
- vii. Eliza Howard m. Abshear Bailey
- viii. Narcissus Howard m. William Middleton
- ix. Minerva (Nerve) Howard m. Mr. Ellis

Harlan Co. Census 1860:

Samuel Howard, age 67, b. Va.
Elizabeth 57 "

Aaron Howard, age 77, b. Va.
Hanrah 77 "

Samuel Howard, age 51, b. Ky.
Sarah 47 "
Jane 18
Sarah 16
Calvin 14
Martha 11
Hampton 8
Araminta 5

Wilkerson Howard, age 62, b. Ky.
Mary 57 "
Samuel L. 32
Wilkerson A. 24
Elizabeth 20
Calvin 18
Green 16
Gerusha 14

William Middleton, age 30
Narcissus 33
Samuel 11
James 10
William 9
George 6
Elizabeth Ann 4
David 3
Sarah 6 mo.

Jacob Howard, age 50
Mahala 45
Hiram 23
Phebe 19
John 13
Mahala 10
Sabra 7
Nancy 5

Early Records of Lee Co., Va., by Ada Grace Catron:

9 May 1796. Samuel Howard and Cloey his wife to Nathaniel Brittain, for 180, 230 acres on the head of Shaver's Creek. (DB 1-42)

21 September 1796. John Lewis and Sarah his wife to John Neil, 100 acres on the south side of Powell river. Wit: Chas. Carter, John Noe, Samuel Howard. (1-31)

9 October 1799. Samuel Howard, Lincoln Co., Ky., to son John Howard, Lee Co., Va. for love and affection and one dollar, all horses, cattle, hogs, sheep. (1-150)

11 October 1803. Samuel Howard and Cloe his wife, Knox Co., Ky., to John Anglin (England?) Lee Co., Va., 100 acres on south side of Powell river, corner to Prosper's land, to Hignight's . . . to a white oak opposite John Hoover. (1-322)

Note: Samuel and James Howard were in the Little River area of Montgomery Co., Va. ca. 1790, and James was of record there later. RS

PART THREE

EARLY ALLEYS

ON

CLINCH RIVER

Compiled 1963-1973

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(A partial genealogy)

JAMES ALLEY, SENR.

James Alley, senr. was born ca. 1728 (being of legal age by 1749), probably in Henrico Co., Va. He died in Russell Co., Va. between November 1798 and March 26th 1799. (LOB 2-521, 538) He was a son of Thomas A. Alley. (p.4)

James Alley's wife was called Christian or Christiana by an earlier researcher whose source was said to have been a Family Bible. She was evidently deceased by April 10th 1798, when a deed was made to son David. (DB 3-6) There is only one reference to her. When her daughter Fanny and children were slain, in 1777, their grandmother asked if their little brother had been seen.

That the Alley family was of English ancestry was stated by a great grandson, Peter H. Alley, in his family records. Christiana was probably of Dutch origin.¹

On February 6th 1765, James Alley sold to David Hall the 100-acre tract on Stoney Run, "and is the same tract of land whereon the said James Alley now lives " and which he had bought from his father in July 1749.²

Where this family was in the intervening years is unknown, but they were on the Clinch by 1771 or 1772.³ On August 23rd 1781, the Commissioners certified to James Alley 400 acres on Clinch river, at the mouth of Shoal Creek, actual settlement having been made in 1776.⁴ The land adjoined that of son, Thomas Alley. Shoal Creek flows into Clinch river from the south, a short distance below the present bridge at Osborn's Ford (Dungannon).

In May 1777, James Alley was on the pay-roll of soldiers at Moore's Fort, on the frontiers of (then) Washington Co., Va. (Draper 1XX24)

He served on the jury in August 1779. On June 20th 1780, he was appointed Constable in the room of Jeremiah Able.⁵

On May 20th 1783, James Alley placed a claim for 20 diets for Greenbrier Militia, on the march from Kentucky. On the same date, he placed a claim for himself and four horses, 20 days, carrying flour from Holstein to Clinch river, for the use of Washington Co. Militia on duty on the frontier.⁶

When the new county of Russell was formed from Washington Co., it was ordered that James Alley be Constable in Castlewood, May 8th 1786. But, one year later, it was ordered that he be discontinued. (LOB 1-2,100)

¹ See p. 43
² Henrico Co. Deeds, Wills, p. 908
³ John Alley's pension statement

⁴ Washington Co. Survey Bk. 1-82
⁵ " " Min. Bk. 1-76,80
⁶ " " " " 1-194

Through the years. James Alley, senr. served on numerous juries, gave bond for friends, helped to appraise an estate. Such were his activities.

In July 1790, James Alley, senr. was exempt from paying poll tax and county levies because of age and infirmity. (LOB 1-206)

In September 1795, the court ordered John Watts Alley bound to James Alley, senr.

On June 10th 1795, James Alley, senr. sold to Peter Alley, for only L10, 100 acres of the 1781 survey, beginning on the south bank of Clinch river, and down the river to an old fish trap . . . with all houses, orchards, gardens, fences, woods, waters. The deed was witnessed by William Kilgore, John Porter, David, Hosea, Thomas, and Samuel Alley. (Russell Co. DB 2-27)

On April 10th 1798, James Alley, senr. deeded to David Alley, for a nominal sum, 150 acres of the 1781 survey, the entire tract to go to David, after the decease of James Alley, senr. David bound himself to maintain his father in comfort, peace, and plenty. Witnessed by Thomas, Samuel, and Hosea Alley. (DB 3-6)

On March 26th 1799, the Last Will and Testament of James Alley, decd. was proved by the oaths of Patrick Porter and John Porter, two of the witnesses. (LOB 2-521)

In August 1799, Patrick Porter, Simon Cockrell, Stephen Osborn, and John Montgomery were appointed to appraise the estate of James Alley, senr. decd. (3-17)

Peter H. Alley, grandson of Peter Alley, senr., left a written record in which he stated that his father, Paul Alley, had six uncles, namely: James, Thomas, David, Samuel, Hosea, and Jonathan (John).¹

Children of James Alley, senr:

- I. Thomas Alley, born 1741/1750
- II. Fanny Napper (Napier)
- III. James Alley, junr., born 1753
- IV. Peter Alley, born 1757
- V. Polly Alley (possibly)
- VI. Samuel Alley, born 1761
- VII. John Alley, born 1764
- VIII. David K. Alley, born 1768/1770
- IX. Elizabeth Alley Osborn, born ca. 1772
- X. Hosea Alley, born before 1775

¹A copy of his records was sent this compiler by Joseph W. Alley, Prichard, Ky.
Note: Russell Co. WB I and Marriage Bk. I were destroyed by fire. RS

Herrico Parish and Old St. John's Church,
Richmond, Virginia, 1611-1904 -Moore
Vestry Book 1730-1773 -Dr. R. A. Brock

We, the Subscribers, have processioned all the Land within our precinct; . . .
Thomas Alley, Thos. Jennett's, John Shoemaker, present . . .
May ye 3, 1736 (p. 33)

Holy Freeman, John Do, Thomas Alley, Thomas Jennet, Thomas Ellus, William Ellis,
Edward Reves, Wm. Ellis (bought of Edward Reves, Thomas Alley, Thomas Cottrell . . .
1739. (p. 57)

All between Gilly's Creek and Connellyfes, from the river, back as far as Seven
Pines Road, and as low as the Southern Branch Bridge. Thomas Aldy, Nicholas Giles,
junn., Matthew Herbert, Nicholas Malon. Out (Oct?) 1755 (p. 101)

On pet. Thos Alley, he is Set Parifh Levy free 1767 (p. 130)

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Thomas Alley	"	(p. 149)

(Processions: Every 4th year, the bounds of every person's land were required to
be "gone around" and the land-marks renewed, such marks being by the chopping of
trees.)

Herrico Co., Va. Deed Books, 1748-1750

Monday in November 1748

Come Greeting. Know ye that I Thomas Alley . . . in consideration of the Love,
Good will for my beloved Son Thomas Alley, junr. do grant and confirm . . .
a certain tract of land being in the Parish and County of Herrico, part of a tract
of 400 acres of land is bounded as followeth . . . running south 83 degrees . .
to Charles Christian's line . . .

Signed: Tho' A. Alley, serr. (p. 49)

To all men to whom these presents . . . of the Parish and County of Herrico, for
my well-beloved son, James Alley . . . a tract of 100 acres on the south side of
Stoney Run, corner to Thos Alley's line, northward along David Sta---, thence along
the line of Mary Allen's ward, running along Thomas Ginnett's line . . . one acre
excepted at the old mill . . . within the Gardens, fences, Woods, Waters and advant-
ages unto my son, James Alley.

Witnesses: Edmond Alley, Nathaniel Dennis

Signed: Thomas A. Alley

First Monday in July 1749

(p. 116)

Deeds, Wills etc. 1750-1767

Part One

Thomas Alley of the Parish and County of Herrico, for the love, good will and
affection toward my well beloved son, Edmund Alley, a parcel of land containing
200 acres in Herrico Co. . . to Wm. Ellis's . . . to Thomas Alley, junr.

2nd day December 1754

In the presence of Thos Alley and David Alley, serr.

Deed of Gift

Signed: Thos. A. Alley

(p. 379)

Dec. 3, 1757. Thos. Alley, serr. of Herrico, to David Hall of the same Parish, for
L7 current money, 50 acres, being part of the same tract on which the said Alley
now lives, on a branch of Deed Run, called Stoney Run . . . to Alexander Patterson
. . . to John Blackburn's . . .

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of Wm. Street,
Edmund Alley, John Ealer, junr.

Signed: Thomas A. Alley

(p. 534)

Herrico Co., Va. Court Minutes Books

(not numbered; not indexed)

Dec. Court 1752. Thos. Alley summoned to appear to answer the Grand Jury presentment against him for not keeping the road of which he is surveyor in good repair. p. 27

Feb. Court 1753. James Alley, Thomas Alley, jury duty. p. 32

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June Court 1753. Thomas Alley allowed for attending court one day as witness for Thomas Jennett vs John Juda. Ordered that Jennett pay him. p. 85

Oct. Court 1753. Thomas Alley, jury; same; p. 143, 149

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Feb. Court 1757. Richard Johnson and John Boswell vs Thomas Alley; on motion of the Petitioners, it is Considered they recover against the said Thomas Alley their costs in this Behalf Expended. p. 91

(Order Book 1763-1767)

First day of June 1767. On the petition of Thomas Alley, he is exempted from Paying the County Levies. p. 785

(Herrico Co. Court Order Books missing 1770-1780)

LEFT

Home's
Ford

1 inch = 1320 feet
1/4 inch = 330 feet
SCALE → 4 inches = 1 mile

To
Fort
Blackmore

DOWNSTREAM
RIVER

CLINCH

JAMES ALLEY
330 ACRES Page 82
Settled 1776
Surveyed 16 Nov 1782
"at mouth of Shobin's Creek (Falling Creek?)"

THOMAS ALLEY
245 ACRES P. 87
Settled 1776
"Along the Snake Hole Spring"
Surveyed 18 Nov 1782

SAMUEL PORTER
200 AC. P. 95
Settled 1776
Surveyed 27 March 1783

POTOMAC

SCALE
1" = 1320 FEET
1/4" = 1 MILE

RIVER

Map by
Gordon Aronhime
Bristol, Virginia

I. Thomas Alley was born 1740/1750 in Henrico Co., Va., and died before May 27th 1834, in Scott Co., Va. He was the eldest son of James Alley, senr.

Thomas Alley was married first ca. 1780, to Sarah ---- who died 1804/1810.¹ Sarah was the mother of his children.

Thomas Alley was married, by 1811, to Mary ---- Tradition has it that one of his wives was Molly Green. This marriage was of short duration. By 1820, he was alone, except for a young girl, probably his youngest daughter.

Thomas Alley was married, December 10th 1821, to Ann Ritchie. (Reg.) She was born 1760/1770 and died between 1830 and the settlement of the estate, as there is no record of a widow's dower. She was probably Ann Porter, whose marriage to Samuel Ritchie was annuled in 1793.

Thomas Alley was on the Clinch by 1771/1772. Settlement was made in 1776 on the 400-acre tract to which he obtained title, August 23rd 1781. His land adjoined that of James Alley, senr., above the Sink Hole Spring² and both entered their surveys on the same day. It was upon this land that Thomas Alley lived for many years. By August 1786, the first Alley Mill had been built for, on that date, James Davidson was appointed overseer of the road from the hunter's ford (Osborn's Ford) to the Big Spring above Alley's Mill.³ It is said that Thomas Alley brought his Negroes from Eastern Virginia, and that they did the work of building the mill.

The Alley Mill must have been on Shoal Creek, which was probably the stream known later as Benges's Creek. It flows into the Clinch at the only spot shallow enough for a ford, near the head of the island where the fish trap must have been placed. This was the landmark mentioned by Elizabeth Livingston, in her account of her capture by the Indian Chief Benges, on his last raid on the Clinch river settlements.⁴

On March 18th 1783, Thomas Alley and Christopher Cooper gave bond for James Alley, senr.⁵ On June 20th 1787, Benjamin Fugate brought suit against Thomas Alley. James Alley, senr. gave bond for Thomas.⁶

The Minutes of the Stoney Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Fort Blackmore, Va. mention Thomas Alley, on November 25th 1802. About two years later, he was excluded from membership "for denying the name of a Baptist, and the final perseverance of the saints in grace."

¹ Dau. b. 1804; deeds signed Thomas and Mary 1811; Death Reg. lists Abijah's parents as Thomas and Sarah. ² Washington Co. Survey Bk. 4-57 ³ Russell Co. LOB 1-19
⁴ Emory Hamilton, Wise, Va. ⁵ Washington Co. MB 1-17 ⁶ " " " 1-49

Between 1782 and 1792, Thomas Alley entered four surveys on Copper Creek and the waters thereof; and one survey on Fall Creek.¹ On January 23rd 1789, he bought a tract on the south side of Copper Creek, from Charles Kilgore, of Green Co., N.C.² There were numerous land transfers in the name of Thomas Alley.

In February 1809, Thomas Alley, senr. was living on the Clinch, when he was appointed surveyor of the road from the ford of Clinch to the top of Copper ridge, John Montgomery to furnish a list of tithables.³ But, by January 2nd 1810, he had evidently moved to Copper Creek, when he applied for an alteration of the road to Russell Courthouse, from below the ford of Copper Creek, near Thomas Alley's.⁴ This move must have been made near the time of his second marriage, for there were four deeds, which were obviously written by the old gentleman himself, each ending with the phrase, "I, Thomas Alley and Mary my wife." The first was dated May 11th 1811 (4-463) and the three others were dated January 14th 1813. (DB 4-583, 4, 5) All of these tract were on Copper Creek, and all mentioned the cliffs (sic) as a landmark; one was nigh to the big cave.

Thomas Alley had built another mill for, in 1814, there was mentioned Alley's Mill Creek, a branch of Copper Creek. (DB 5-91)

At the point where Grassy Creek flows into Copper Creek, the cliffs rise sheer from the water's edge, and seem to reach the sky. Shadows fall on the land below, darkening the brightness of a summer's day. This must have been part of the Battleground Tract.⁵

Having moved some distance away, Thomas Alley began disposing of his land near Osborn's Ford. On September 9th 1814, he sold to Charles Bickley 100 acres of the 1781 patent. (5-248) On December 5th 1816, he sold two tracts, one to son David, the other to Thomas, junr.⁶ Each included part of the 1781 patent. On September 9th 1817, he sold to James Alley 100 acres of the 1781 patent, the part "on which Thomas Alley formerly lived."⁷ On June 1st 1821, Thomas Alley, senr. sold to Thomas Alley, junr. the 45-acre survey on both sides of Fall Creek.⁸

The last entry in the name of Thomas Alley, senr. was dated the 7th of November 1825, when he witnessed the will of James Ramey.

The inventory of Thomas Alley's estate was dated the 27th day of May 1834, with son Abijah Alley, administrator. At that time, Thomas Alley still owned some 600 acres of land and eight Negroes. His heirs are named in the various deeds disposing of their inheritance.

¹ Washington Co. Survey Bk. 1-142, 330, Russell Co. Survey Bk. 1-83, 114, 154
² Russell Co. DB 1-52 ³ Russell Co. LOB 4-24 ⁴ LOB 4-118 ⁵ Scott Co. Surveys, 146
⁶ DB 1-217, 221 ⁷ DB 2-100 ⁸ DB 2-258

The inventory included the usual livestock, farm implements, household furniture and personal effects, among which were: Three flax wheels, a rifle, a musket, a chest a trunk, a coffee pot, set of cups and saucers, a copper still, andirons, a mill horn, an English shovel, weeding hoes, saddle, saddlebags, a collar, cotton handkerchiefs, silk handkerchiefs, two Bibles, one man's cloak, one dress coat, a set of pewter plates, a pewter dish, a basin and spoons, candle moulds, a candle stand, two pairs of spectacles, a silver watch, one piece of gold, tea canister, honey keg, some coverlets, and books. (WB 2-157)

Among those who bought at the sale were Abijah, Thomas, David, and William Alley, and Forrest Powers. The settlement showed that there were 31 notes due the estate of Thomas Alley, from son David, from son-in-law Forrest Powers - and from friends!

At the time of his death, Thomas Alley, senr. had five sons and six daughters living. That he had one child, and possible two deceased, is shown when Mary Mullins and Mary Collins, both of Pike Co., Ky., were named as legal heirs of Thomas Alley, decd. (DB 5-177,200) It MAY be that Walter Alley was his son. He is mentioned only once in Scott Co. records, when he, Samuel, and Jonathan Alley placed a claim for a bounty payment, in October 1804.

Children of Thomas and Sarah Alley:

- i. Peter Alley, born 1782
- ii. James Alley, born 1783
- iii. Millie Alley Cottrell, born ca. 1784
- iv. Nancy Alley Kenner, born 1786
- v. Thomas Alley, junr., born 1788
- vi. David Alley, born 1791
- vii. Abijah Alley, born 1794
- viii. Mary Alley Powers, born 1796
- ix. Fannie Alley Gray, born 1797
- x. Rachel Alley Hobbs, born 1802
- xi. Jane Alley Hobbs, born 1804

i. Peter Alley was born 1782, in (then) Washington Co., Va., and died 1858, in Chariton Co., Missouri. He was the eldest son of Thomas and Sarah Alley. He was married to Martha ---- who was born 1785, in Va., and died 1859, in Mercer Co., Missouri.

In September 1805, Peter Alley, Jr. was appointed surveyor of the road from Big Spring to the top of Copper ridge.¹ He was evidently living near his father at that time.

Peter Alley, Jr. is said to have been a soldier in the War of 1812.

He was in Franklin Co., Indiana, by 1814. He and William Rhea were defendants to a suit filed by Elizabeth Speer, in 1818.

Peter Alley was included in the 1820 and 1830 Census records of Franklin Co., Ind. and in the tax lists of 1817, 1822, 1828, 1831, and 1834.

However, there was a Peter Alley in Campbell Co., Ky. in 1830. There was no wife. There were two men who might have been sons; and four children, ages 5 to 15, older than his known grandchildren. Even so, this may have been Peter Alley, of Franklin Co., brother to James and Abijah Alley, also in Campbell Co., Ky. at the same time.

Peter Alley and family lived on Pipe Creek, in Franklin Co., near Cyrus, John, and Samuel Alley, and the Cragun family.

On October 21st 1835, Peter Alley sold his interest in his father's estate to Abijah Alley, for \$750.² In 1837, he sold his land in Franklin Co. to son-in-law, William H. Jones.

Peter and Martha Alley were in Mercer Co., Missouri, by 1838. Martha lived out her life there, and Peter spent his last years with daughter, Rachel Fuller, in Chariton Co., Missouri.

William Alley applied for letters of administration on the estate of Martha Alley, decd., in Mercer Co., Missouri, on the 5th of September 1859. He stated that the names and places of residence of the heirs were as follows: Sarah Alley, resident of Hancock Co., Ind., James Alley, William Alley, Thomas Alley, and Martha Jones, all residents of Mercer Co., Missouri; Rachel Fuller, resident of Chariton Co., Missouri; the heirs of Andrew Alley and Mary Squins who reside in the state of Indiana and the Territory of Kansas.

¹Russell Co., Va. Law Order Bk. 3-442
²Scott Co., Va. DB 5-218

Children of Peter and Martha Alley:

1. Sarah Alley was born ca.1804, in Va., and died 1885, in Oregon. She was married 3-30-1822 to John Alley, Jr., in Franklin Co., Ind.(Reg.) He was a son of John and Mary Alley. His name appeared on Franklin Co. tax lists in 1822 only, so he may have been the John Alley who entered land in Rush Co., Ind. in that year.¹ There was a Justice of that name in Rush Co., in 1825.² John Alley, Jr. is said to have predicted the advent of flying machines. John and Sarah Alley were in adjoining Hancock Co. in 1859, and moved on to Oregon. There were 13 children.

2. James Alley was born 1806, in Va. and died after 1859. He was married 7-2-1825 to Ann Alley (Reg.) She was born 1805, in Va., a daughter of John and Mary Alley. They were still in Franklin Co., Ind. in 1850, but in Mercer Co., Missouri, in 1859.

(1) William Alley, b. 1828

(5) Thomas Alley, b. 1836

(2) Nancy Alley, 1830 to 1896, m. David Bell

(6) Mary Alley, b. 1838

(3) Napoleon Alley, b. 1832

(7) Martha Alley, b. 1842

(4) James Alley, b. 1834

(8) John Alley, b. 1847

3. William H. Alley was born 1808, in Russell Co., Va., and died 1873, in Mercer Co., Missouri. He was married 8-22-1830 to Mary Jones (Reg.) who died 1882. She was a sister to William H. Jones (below). They were in Franklin Co., Ind. in 1841, when their children were in school. There are a number of land transfers in their names in Franklin Co. By 1859, they were in Mercer Co., Missouri.

(1) Capt. Hadley J. Alley, 1833 to 1903, m. Margaret Ellen Brewer. He served as 2nd Lieut. in the 5th Kansas Cavalry. He was later elected Commonwealth's Attorney.

(2) Sarah J. Alley, 1836 to 1901, m. Mr. Snyder

(3) Abijah A. Alley, 1838 to 1898, m. Rachel Talbot. He served in Company B. 5th Kansas Volunteers, during the War Between the States. He was active in the Methodist Church.

Ada Jones, Boulder, Colo., grew up at his homestead. After the Rock Island Railroad was double-tracked, the trains passed very near the house, and a spark from an engine set it on fire and burned it to the ground.

(4) William H. Alley, 1842 to 1863, enlisted at the age of 19, in the First Kansas Cavalry. He was wounded and captured near Helena, Arkansas, and died of his wounds. He was buried at Helena.

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Rush Co. Atlas

²Washington Co., Va. DB 9-33

(5) Caroline M. Alley, 1845 to 1848

(6) John H. Alley was born 1853. He was a merchant in the town of Mercer.

4. Abijah Alley fell from a saw mill in Franklin Co. and died at the age of 14/17.

5. Martha Caroline Alley was born 1814, and died after 1859. She was married 12-4-1831 to William Houston Jones, born 1811. (FC Reg.) They moved to Mercer Co., Missouri.

(1) Martin Jones

(4) Thomas Jefferson Jones

(2) John Jones

(5) James Peter Jones

(3) Isaac Jones

6. Thomas Alley was born 1820 and died after 1859. He was married 6-30-1836 to Jedida Gloschen. (FC Reg.) They were in Mercer Co., Missouri, in 1859, and later moved to Salina, Kansas. There were five sons.

7. Rachel Alley was married first 4-6-1838 to Daniel Fuller. (FC Reg.) Rachel was married second to David Barnes.

Rachel's son, Peter Fuller, was killed in Mercer Co., Missouri. By 1859, she was living in Chariton Co., Missouri. Her father spent his last years with Rachel and family.

8. Andrew Alley was married and had four sons. He was deceased by 1859.¹

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This compiler was unable to distinguish between Andrew Alley (above) and Andrew Alley, son of Jonathan. (p. 58) Nothing was found of Mary Squins. Franklin Co. records from Alma Osborn, Sunman, Ind. The William H. Alley notes from Rogers' History of Mercer Co., Mo. Certain family records from Ada Jones, Boulder, Colo.

ii. James Alley was born December 8th 1783, in (then) Washington Co., Va. and died February 29th 1856, in Marion Co., Texas. He was a son of Thomas and Sarah Alley.

James Alley was married to Catherine Nelson, who was born May 2nd 1789, in Tenn. and died February 26th 1860, in Marion Co., Texas. She was a daughter of Daniel and Ruth Nelson.

On July 12th 1815, James Alley and the children of Samuel Porter were defendants to a suit in Scott Co. court. (MB 1-27) In 1821, the case was tried again, but with Mary Porter, widow of the decedent, also a defendant. (2-198)

In September 1817, James Alley bought from Thomas Alley, senr., 100 acres of the original patent, the part on which Thomas Alley, senr. had formerly lived. The deed was witnessed by Forrest Powers, Rachel Alley, and David Alley. (DB 2-100)

In 1820, James Alley and wife, both 26-45, son 10-16, were living in Scott Co.

By Septmeber 6th 1830, James Alley was a resident of Campbell Co., Ky. On that date, he sold the tract on Clinch river, formerly belonging to Thomas Alley, to Forrest M. Powers. The deed was signed by James and Catron Alley. It was recorded in Scott Co., Va., on September 25th 1835. (DB 5-147)

In 1830, James Alley and family were listed in the census of Campbell Co., Ky. In addition to the family, there were six unidentified persons in the household.

On September 34th 1835, James Alley and family were in Jefferson Co., Indiana. It was on that day that James and Kettron Alley, legal heirs of Thomas Alley, senr., decd., sold their interest in his estate to Abijah Alley. (DB 5-148)

There were three grandchildren born in Indiana, showing that this Alley family lived there till about 1839. But, in 1840, the names of James and Daniel Alley appeared on a tax list of Red River Co., Texas.

In 1850, James and Catherine, with Daniel Alley and family were in Cass Co., Texas.

James and Catherine Alley had only one child, so far as is now known. He was a son, Daniel Nelson Alley, born July 4th 1810, in Russell Co., Va., and died August 10th 1868, in Marion Co., Texas. He was married to Lucy Owens, who was born November 16th 1812, in Madison Co., Indiana, and died January 17th 1891, in Marion Co., Texas.

For more on the Nelson family, turn to page 64; also, to Part 1, pages 66 and 70. Cass Co., Texas was from Bowie Co.; and Bowie from Red River Co.

Children of Lucy and Daniel Nelson Alley:

1. James Walter Alley, 3-26-1834 to 2-17-1868, m. 6-28-1858 Mary Ann Nash
2. Thomas Owens Alley, 1-18-1836 to 4-10-1860; unmarried
3. Mary D. Alley, 4-4-1838 to 6-11-1863; unmarried
4. Daniel N. Alley, 11-3-1840 to 7-6-1903, m. 2-16-1868 Mary Hannah Moore Rembert;
3-28-1843 to 9-18-1932
5. Catherine (Love) Alley, 1844 to 2-9-1873, m. 1-3-1867 W. L. Crawford
6. William W. Alley, 9-16-1846 to 11-12-1879
7. Victoria K. Alley, 1848 to 6-25-1874, m. M. L. Crawford
8. Nancy Jane Alley, 8-2-1849 to 9-1-1882, m. Wm. J. Sedberry, 3-24-1839 to
4-19-1923

Probate Court and Marion Co. Cemetery records

Avinger, Texas
8 June 1970

"In answer to your letter of May 17, I will attempt to write what I remember about the Alley family in East Texas. Although I am fairly well acquainted with same, I had a quick look at the deed books in Jefferson, the County Seat of Marion County, Texas. The north part of Marion County was originally the south part of Cass County and that was where the James and Catherine home was. A long time ago the old timers told of the fine house the James Alleys had and how the building material and furniture were shipped by water from New Orleans to Jefferson and hauled out the 25 miles to the headwaters of Alley's Creek. I have been to the place, but there is nothing there to indicate that it was once a fine home and plantation. James must have been pretty well loaded when he came to Texas, because he bought thousands of acres of land, and built the home and probably had a large plantation and had slaves, although I find no indication of such in the records.

Anyway, as far as I know, Daniel Nelson Alley was the only child of James and Catherine Alley, and they probably lived together until after the death of James and Catherine. Subsequently, D. N. and wife Lucy (Owens, I think) moved to Jefferson and laid out a subdivision which appears to be the origination of Jefferson. Later, Jefferson became a river port, and the business section moved East along the Cypress Bayou and another addition called the Urquhart Addition was added. This is still the business part of the town.

I have never heard of Mark or Nancy Kenner, but there is probably something on them in Linden, the County Seat of Cass County.

The first time James Alley appears in the deed records in a deed from Levi Jordan to James Alley, dated March 11, 1841 (Texas was a republic at that time, having become a state in 1845) conveying land which was to become their home on Alley Creek.

On April 13, 1847, Daniel N. Alley deeded to the County Commissioners a City Block, in Jefferson, to be used as a court house and a court house was built on the land and used for several years as such. He had a reverter clause in the deed, that the land was to revert to his heirs in case it ceased to be used as a court house. It stood idle for a long time, and then was turned into a Negro school, which it is now. The County took quitclaim deeds from the heirs of Daniel L. Alley, the son of D. N. Alley, that gave the deed and ignored the other heirs of the original D. N. Alley.

On November 9, 1848, James Alley executed a deed to Lucy Ann Alley and the children of my son Daniel Alley, namely Catherine, William W., James, Thomas, Mary D., Dan, and Nancy Jane, to a tract of land in Cass County. It seems to me that there was another daughter named Victoria. Anyway, two of the daughters (I think Catherine and Victoria) married M. L. and W. L. Crawford, lawyers, and D. N. and Lucy gave them fine homes in Jefferson on Broadway. I don't know much about the W. L. Crawford family, but M. L. Crawford and Victoria had three children: Mutt and Jeff and Lucy - Mutt and Jeff never married. Lucy married Hunter A. Craycroft. Both the Crawford brothers moved to Dallas and won great names for themselves as attorneys. Lucy and H. A. Craycroft had three children: Love, Billy, and Dorothy. H. A. Craycroft had a large insurance business in Oklahoma City, but moved to Dallas when he retired. Love married a man named Harrison - they divorced - she had three children: Orrie, Hunter, and Lucy Love, all living.

Billy never married. He and Love are both dead. Dorothy is now married to Sidney Hecht and they have a home in Dallas and one here on the lake, where they spend the summers. I do not know what became of William W. Alley. Thomas O. Alley seems to have been an invalid and the pet of D. A. & Lucy. Anyway, he died young and quite rich. He willed everything he had to his mother.

James Alley was my grandfather. He married Mary Nash, the daughter of Dr. Jim Nash who owned lots of land and had the Nash Furnaces that made cannon balls for the Civil War. James and Mary had four children: Dan (again), Walter, Tom, and Lucy. Dan was a railroad man. He married Maggie Ferrell and they moved to Little Rock, Ark. where they both died. They had three children: William, Ethel, and Halline. William and Ethel are dead and Halline lived in California. Walter married Mary Rebecca Pegram (my mother and father) and they had three children: Henry (me), Mary Louise, and John Walter. Walter lives in Marble Falls, Texas. Mary Louise lives in Pensacola, Florida. Tom never married and is dead. Lucy married Dr. B. J. Taylor, her cousin on the Nash side. They had no children and are both dead.

Daniel N. Alley #2 went off to the Civil War and brought back a bride from Mississippi. Her name was Mary Rembert, sister of my grandmother on my mother's side. D. N. #2 and Mary had four children: Dan, Perl, Mary, and Nione. D. N. #3 married Perl Taylor and they had two boys: Dan T. and Rembert, both living.

Perl Alley married Adam Hope, both dead, and they had no children, but adopted a boy and named him Alley Hope.

Nione Alley married Hunter Parsons. They are both dead and left a daughter named Margaret.

Mary Alley married Charles Carlson, a traveling salesman. Both are dead. They had three girls: Adeline, Nyma Perl, and Nione. Adeline is dead. Nyma Perl is married to a man named Pierson and lives in Tyler, Texas. Nione is an old maid and lives in Houston.

Going back to the children of D. N. #1, Nancy Jane Alley married W. J. Sedberry a druggist in Jefferson, and had two sons, John and Hervey. John died single. Hervey married a girl from St. Louis and they had a girl named Ruth who is now living in the old Sedberry home in Jefferson.

This is all that I can think of at this time, but I'll keep on trying. This seems to be a garbled account, but this is the first time I have had experience as a historian.

Sincerely,

Henry P. Alley
Rt. 1 Box 213-A
Avinger, Texas

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The Carlson cottage portrays notable furnishings of a century ago, among the outstanding examples is the handsome half tester bed, the one in which the late Mrs. Carlson and all her brothers and sisters were born. Typical of the furnishings of the bedroom is the marble top dresser with gilded carving. Matching tables are marble topped. Arrayed on the mantle in the parlor, are a pair of fine candlesticks, old glass, prints and a wax figurine in a glass capsule which is the work of a French artist. The figure was given to Mrs. Carlson's mother, as a child, during a visit to Paris. An oil painting of Mrs. Alley at the age of three hangs over the mantle. A rosewood table in the dining room displays porcelain china objects and a corn pitcher.

The home will be shown by members of the family of the late Mrs. Carlson. The Alley-Carlson home, home of the late Mrs. Mary Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Alley, Jr. is a treasure of family heirlooms. No combination of the traditional and modern or the present and the past, in the way of furnishings, has been attempted; nor has there been a succession of changes made by new owners, to mar the pleasing appearance or to alter the combination of mellowed woods and finishings of the last century.

Dan Nelson, Sr. presented the cottage to his son, Dan Nelson Alley, Jr. and his bride, Mary Rembert Alley, over 96 years ago, soon after their marriage in Port Gibson, Miss. The couple, on their way to Jefferson, stopped off in New Orleans and purchased the furniture for their new home, much of which is still in use in the home.

The Alley Addition in Jefferson was built by Mr. Alley, Sr. At the marriage of his 10 children, Mr. Alley presented each with a gift of \$10,000 and a house or the materials for building one. Thus, the history of many of Jefferson's old homes, including at least three of those being shown at the Pilgrimage, can be traced back to being occupied by a member of the Alley family when it was first constructed.

At one time following the Civil War, Mr. Alley tore down 48 good houses and burned the lumber as rebellion against the element of people moving into the city.

(Clipping from local newspaper, sent by museum in Jefferson, Texas, 1970)



Alley-Carlson Home

iii. Millie Alley was born ca. 1784, in Scott Co., Va. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Alley.

She was married to John Cochrell (Cottrell), born 1771/1780. He was a son of Simon Cockrell, senr., and wife, Magdalene Vardiman.

They were living in Perry Co., Ky. in 1830. They had a son, age 20/29, and three daughters, 15/19.

Thomas Cockrell, age 20/29, was probably their son. He lived near them in 1830 with wife, age 15/19, and son under five years of age.

On April 8th 1835, John and Millie Cottrell, of Perry Co., Ky., sold their interest in the estate of Thomas Alley, senr. decd., to Abijah Alley.¹

By 1850, the Cottrell family had gone from Perry Co. We have no further records of them.

¹Scott Co., Va. DB 5-94

iv. Nancy Alley was born 1786, in Scott (Russell) Co., Va., and died after 1850 in Fayette Co., Texas. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Alley.

She was married to Markham Kenner, who died between 1834 and 1848, place unknown. He was probably a son of Housen Kenner.

In November 1811, Markham Kenner was commissioned Lieut. in the 72nd Reg. of Militia, in Russell Co.¹

By 1814, they were living in Tenn., where a daughter was born.

On September 14th 1834, Mark and Nancy Kenner sold to Abijah Alley their right and claim to the estate of their father, Thomas Alley, senr. decd.²

When Nancy moved to Texas is unknown. She was probably a widow by that time. On April 1st 1848, she was living in Fayette Co., Texas. On that date, Nancy Kenner sold to Abijah Alley her claim to real and personal estate of Thomas Alley, senr. decd.³

In 1850, Nancy Kenner was living with her daughter, Lucinda, in Fayette Co., Texas.

Known children of Nancy and Markham Kenner:

1. Lucinda Kenner (See below)
2. Housen Kenner; no information
3. Son who died about 1849; no information

Lucinda Kenner was born 1814, in Tenn. and died after 1850, probably in Fayette Co., Texas.

She was married first to William Berry; two sons⁴

Lucinda was married second to Joel A. Daniels; one son

She was married third, by 1849, to William Gorham, born 1798, in Connecticut. He is said to have been a veteran of San Jacinto.

When the Mexican Army invaded Texas in February 1836, Lucinda was among those who fled toward the border. She was then a young widow.⁴

Children of Lucinda (Kenner) Berry (Daniels, Gorham)

- (1) William Berry, b. 1834, Tenn.
- (2) Thomas Berry, b. 1835, Tenn.
- (3) Joel A. Daniels, b. 1839, Tenn.

¹LOB 4-313 ²DB 5-156 ³DB 9-97

⁴Walter P. Freytag, of La Grange, Tex., sent the bit of information above. He stated that Wm. Berry d. 1836, in Tex. and that she m. Josiah O'Daniel. But, the 1850 Census of Fayette Co. shows that all three sons were b. in Tenn. The Daniels son probably bore his father's name.

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Letter

Post marked

to Mr. James - Alley
Jefferson, Cass County Texas

Lagrange Tex

Aug 27

Black Jack Springs, Fayette County
Texas Aug 23, 49

Dear Uncle + Aunt.

Mother's letter of July 3 is now before me. We were happy to receive it. We had been looking to hear from you a long while. We do in feelings sympathize with Mother in the loss of her son and of our Brother.

It is hoped she will bear up under her afflictions with Christian fortitude, relying upon God through Christ our Mediator for help and support in this her hour of trouble and afflictions.

We have not seen nor heard any thing of Housen as yet, we was in hopes to have heard of his having arrived at your house. We continue in good health as well as our neighbourhood generally, & we hope and trust you and all of our relatives are in the enjoyment of God's health.

We are hourly looking for Mother's return. Lucinda is quite melancholly at times, on account of Mother's long absence, but we are in hopes she will soon return in the full enjoyment of health as well as the hope of heavenly enjoyment hereafter. The Boys often enquired for their Grand mother, wanting to know when will she return, They are at this time going to school and are making some improvement in learning. Remember us to Aunt Fanny and family and to Nancy Clark and all others of our relatives.

We learn from Mother's letter that crops with you are tolerably good. They are good on the Colorado and its tributaries. Corn and pork will be very low. The ensuing

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Letter contd
To James Alley from
Wm + Lucinda Graham.

winter. I do not think corn will bring over
20 cents per bushel. Pork \$1.50 per hundred,
cotton is advancing and now worth 9 cents
per pound.

There has been a Mur[?] set (or Murrel)
class of land pirates, lately detected and
a disclosure made by one of the parties
for stealing negroes, horses etc. This man
short + one McLaughlin was hung. This
clan are numerous and extends from Texas
to Missouri.

There has been a society formed in this
County, called The Fayette Association toward
of Conservators. They act and do all things
toward criminals in Moderation. If possible
to bring all that shall or may hereafter
be detected to the Civil Law. and let the
law of the land have its course.

We hope ere this reaches you, mother
may have returned

We are most Respectfully

yours, William + Lucinda Graham*

To James Alley.

Gorham*

Letter by courtesy of
Rembert Alley, Sr.
Erie, Penn.

v. Thomas Alley, junr. was born January 20th 1788, in Scott (then Russell) Co. Va. and died May 18th 1864, in Scott Co.

He was married ca. 1825, to Amelia (Emelia) Hubbard, who was born 1806, in N. C. and died after 1864, in Scott Co., Va. She was part Cherokee Indian.

When Emelia (Millie) was a little girl, her hair was a mass of golden curls. She came often to the Alley Mill with her father. Thomas Alley told her that he wanted to marry her, and that he would wait for her to grow up - and so he did.

On December 5th 1816, Thomas Alley, junr. bought from his father part of the 1781 survey, and part of a tract which his father had bought from Samuel Porter, known as the Big Cane Brake. (1-221) In 1820, he was living alone, probably on this land.

On June 12th 1821, Thomas Alley, junr. bought 45 acres on both sides of Fall Creek from his father, who had obtained the patent in 1790.¹

On October 10th 1840, Thomas Alley bought a tract on the north side of Copper ridge, from William and Hannah Roberson, WHERE THE SAID ALLEY NOW RESIDES. (6-250)

Thomas Alley's daughter, Ellen, told her grandchildren of the mill which her father had on Fall Creek. His daughter, Emily lived on part of the Alley land, the farm called Locust Lane, which is a few miles above Fall Creek, on the Dunganon-Nicklesville road. The farm is on the north side of Copper ridge. It is now owned by strangers and the house is occupied.

On February 17th 1844, Thomas and Emelia Alley sold the Fall Creek land to William Hash. (7-309) On March 2nd 1847, Thomas Alley bought a tract on the south side of Clinch river, of Charles Kilgore. The following May, he sold the same land to William and W. Hiram Gray. (8-254, 282)

On May 15th 1856, Thomas and Amelia Alley sold to Forrest M. Powers the land which he had bought from his father, including part of the 1781 patent, and part of the Big Cane Brake. (11-260)

On June 14th 1864, the will of Thomas Alley, junr. was probated. To my wife Emelia my Negro girl, Queen. It is my desire that the said Negro girl shall be free, if the laws of the state authorize it; if not, to choose amongst the children with whom she shall live. Daughters: Nancy K. Roberson, Ellen V. Alley, Sarah J. Dotson, Mary E. Harris, and their heirs. (Scott Co. Will Book 5-400)

¹ Russell Co. Land Survey Book 1, p. 83
and Scott Co. DB 2-258

Children of Thomas and Emelia Alley:

1. Nancy K. Alley, born 1826, was married to John Roberson. In 1850, they were living in the house next to William and Hannah Roberson, who lived on the outskirts of Gladeville (Wise), near the present campus of Clinch Valley College. Later, they moved to Pound, and lived on Mill Creek.

Children: Ora, Belle, Josie, Abijah, Clifton, Thomas Marion

2. Ellen V. Alley, born 1832, was married 11-6-1853 to Peter M. Alley, (Reg.) who was born 1829, in Scott Co. and died 7-8-1889 in Wise Co. He was a resident of Wise Co. by 1861. On December 25th 1871, he bought a 750-acre tract on Mill Creek and Pound river. (2-291) He was elected Commissioner of the Revenue for Wise Co. in 1888. But, the following year, he suffered a stroke, which proved to be fatal.

Children:

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| (1) Lafayette Alley, 1855 to 1878 | (6) Peter Alley, 1870 to 1872 |
| (2) Robert Alley, 1866 to 1889 | (7) Thomas Alley |
| (3) Paul Alley, 1866 to 1888 | (8) Sarah Alley |
| (4) Nancy Alley, 1867 to 1888 | (9) Ellen Alley |
| (5) Mary Emily Alley, b. 1869 | (10) James E. Alley |
| | (11) John Fleetwood Alley |

Mary Emily Alley (5) was married to Lee Greer. The family owns and lives on the homeplace on Mill Creek. The late Lee Greer was active in politics and well-known throughout the area. His birthday celebrations became memorable occasions. During the hours of open-house, friends called from far and near, including numerous Washington dignitaries. Mr. Greer passed away in December 1972, at the age of 102 years.

Thomas Alley (7) was never married. He farmed, and enjoyed painting. His journal includes bits or verse, and notes on daily activities.

James E. Alley (10) had been a student in Milligan College, for about a year when his father died. He was then a lad of 15. About 1912, James E. Alley sold his farm at Pound, and moved to Florida. From there, he moved to Jenkins, Ky. at the time the big coal mines were opening in Ky. After some years, the family moved to Harrogate, Tenn., in order for the children to attend college there. Later, he went to Lexington, Ky. where he was associated with the University of Kentucky. He is presently living in Lexington. He wrote a note on his Christmas card (1972) saying that he will be 100 years of age next May.

John Fleetwood Alley (11) was in his fourth year at Milligan College when his father died. He was married to Florence Ross, whose father had moved from Bristol to Clintwood, Va., where he was in charge of the academy. John F. Alley studied law, set up practice in Norton, where he was elected mayor. He served as one of the campaign managers for the Hon. C. Bascom Slemp. Later, he moved to Ohio, where he was associated with the Cincinnati Post.

3. Sarah J. Alley, born 1834, was married 4-25-1854 to Simon Dotson, born 1833. He was a son of Daniel and Nancy Dotson. (Reg.) During the Civil War, Simon Dotson came home and Col. Menifee came searching for him. Simon saw him approaching the house. He picked up the baby and kissed him, then took a bite from an apple. The Colonel shot him in the back. Sarah was at the kitchen stove. A kettle was boiling and she hurled it on Col. Menifee. He was enraged and turned on her with threats and abusive language.

On December 13th 1864, there was a sale of Simon Dotson's estate. Sarah bought most of the items. (Scott Co. WB 5-417)

Children:

(1) William Patton Dotson, b. 1856 m. 1) Elizabeth Alley¹ who died and was buried in Norton. He m. 2) Verda Ramey, sister to Alice. Ch: Orville, Edwin, Lloyd, Jane

(2) Florence V. Dotson, b. 1857, m. Rev. John Miller

(3) Lepton Dotson, died in Roanoke

(4) Emily D. Dotson (Dee) m. 1) Benjamin Alley, Jr.² 2) James Ireson Ch: Clayton and Herbert Ireson

(5) Lloyd S. Dotson, 1864 to 1894, m. Alice Ramey. Lloyd was drowned in Clinch R.

Sarah J. Alley Dotson was married second 9-18-1882 to Benjamin W. Alley, son of Paul and Rebecca Alley, Pike Co., Ky. (Wise Co. Reg.) Benjamin's first wife was deceased. Benjamin and Sarah J. lived on Mill Creek, Wise Co. Note that Sarah's son married Benjamin's daughter; and that Sarah's daughter married Benjamin's son.

On June 2nd 1885, Benjamin and Sarah Alley sold 300 acres on Mill Creek to William P. Dotson. On March 27th 1888, they sold 316 acres on Mill Creek, to Emily D. Alley. (6-484; 11-102)

Benjamin and Sarah Alley were buried in the Peter M. Alley Cemetery, on Mill Creek.

^{1,2} Both Elizabeth and Benjamin Alley, Jr. were children of Benjamin Alley, Sr.
See p. 51

4. Mary Emily Alley, born 1844, was married 10-29-1858 to Martin L. Harris, born 1833.¹

They lived at Locust Lane, on the Thomas Alley property.² It was a beautiful place, with trees, flowers, and shrubs.

At her request, Emily was buried there, but she was moved, years later, by one of her daughters.

The Negro girl, Queenie, chose to remain with the Harris family. Long afterward, Ellen V. Greer received a black-bordered note, telling of Queenie's passing. Ellen's grief, at the sad news, is recalled by her granddaughter.

There were 10 Harris children, only three of whom lived to maturity:

(1) John M. Harris

(2) Cosby L. Harris m. Capt. Thomas Dickenson, Castlewood, Va.

(3) Lula V. Harris m. Otto Pippin.

The Pippin family inherited one of the Family Bibles of Thomas Alley. Efforts to locate it have failed.

¹Scott Co. Register

²James E. Alley (p. 23) stated that Emily (Alley) Harris heired the farm, Locust Lane, from her father.

vi. David Alley was born 1791¹ and died between October 15th 1834 and January 14th 1835. He was married to Nancy Kilgore, born 1799 and died 1891. She was a daughter of the Rev. Robert and Jane (Porter) Kilgore.

On December 5th 1816, David bought from his father, part of the 1781 survey. This tract adjoined that of James Alley and Thomas Alley, Jr. (1-217) On January 10th 1830, David entered two state surveys: One on top of Stone mountain, including the hollow rock at the head of Dry Creek; the other on Stoney Creek, passing Kitching's rock.² On September 1st 1834, he bought a tract of John Gibson, on Plank Creek, a branch of Copper Creek. (4-394)

On November 16th 1822, Nancy Alley became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church on Copper Creek. (Church Min., p.13)

That David Alley was a merchant is shown by the many notes, accounts, and receipts included in his inventory and sale. There were five pages in the listing.

David Alley's will was dated October 15th 1834, and filed for probate on January 14th 1835. It was brief. "This being the last will and testament of David Alley it is his full desire that nothing of the estate of said Alley shall be withheld from his widow during her widowhood, nor none of his heirs."³ Witnesses were Martin B. Quillen and William Hammons.

On April 14th 1835, Abijah Alley, administrator of the estate of Thomas Alley, senr. brought suit against Peter Alley and the other heirs at law. "Since the filing of the original bill, David Alley, one of the defendants therein named, has departed this life. Suit is brought against Charles Kilgore and James Bevins his administrators . . . and Robert, Thomas, James, John, Mary, and David Jesse Alley, his children and heirs at law . . . John Preston, junr. appointed guardian ad litem for the said heirs at law, who are infants under 21 years of age."⁴

On January 2nd 1838, Nancy Alley was married to Samuel Strong. (Reg.) Two months later, a second appraisement was made of David Alley's estate, but Nancy refused to sign.⁵ A year later, the administrators brought suit against Samuel and Nancy Strong.⁶ By September 11th 1844, James Alley and Peter C. Johnston were guardians for the children.⁷ There are numerous entries concerning the litigation in this case. Finally, on April 12th 1848, the matter of controversy settled by compromise, in compliance with commissioner's report. Complainants to recover \$220 with interest, from the defendants.⁸

¹Date from gravestone; 1820 census 1796 to 1802. ²Jonathan Bk., p. 96
³Scott Co. WB 2-176 ⁴Scott Co. Chancery OB 1-35 ⁵WB 2-234 ⁶Chancery 1-83
⁷Chancery 1-162 ⁸Chancery 1-221

We found no record of the disposition of the Stone Mountain land, but the other boundaries were sold by the heirs.

August 9th 1850. Nancy Alley, wife of Sameul Strong, Thomas Alley and Rebecca his wife, Robert Alley, James Alley, John Alley, David J. Alley, and Mary Alley of Scott Co., to Forrest M. Powers . . . all the rights, claims, etc. which they have (as heirs at law of David Alley) unto a certain tract, on the south side of Clinch river . . . for a more full description, reference is made to a deed from Thomas Alley to David Alley, dated December 25th 1816. Signed: James Alley, Nancy Strong, David J. Alley, Mary Ann J. Alley, Robert Alley, Thomas Alley, John Alley, Rebecca Alley.

November 10th 1852. Robert Alley, James Alley and Sally his wife, John Alley and Jane his wife, John D. Templeton and Mary Ann J. his wife, and David J. Alley, heirs of David Alley, decd., to Thomas Alley, for \$500, a tract on the waters of Copper Creek.

The two deeds above were recorded in Scott Co. DB 10-212, 213. Deeds were not recorded promptly!

Children of David and Nancy (Kilgore) Alley:

1. Robert Alley was born 1817, in Scott Co., Va. and died about 1890, in Johnson Co., Ky. Nothing is known of his first marriage.

Robert Alley, widower, was married 3-11-1858, in Wise Co., to Rebecca Bush, b. 1818 in Russell Co., Va., dau. of Austen and Nancy Bush. (Reg.)

On January 25th 1858, Robert Alley, of Johnson Co., Ky., sold a parcel of land on Copper ridge, in Scott Co., though the name of the grantee was omitted.¹

The name of Robert Alley was listed in the Johnson Co., Ky. Census of 1870, but not in 1860. He and Rebecca were living in the Paintsville precinct. There may have been children of the first marriage who were not at home. There was Nancy A. Alley, age 16; and there were two who were probably grandchildren: Nancy J. Preston, 12, and Patrick F. Preston, 10. All were born in Ky.

See excerpts from Connelley and Coulter's History of Kentucky.

2. Thomas Alley was born 1820 and died 1896 in Scott Co. He married 1) Rebecca Quillen, b. 1828; 2) 11-5-1885 Mrs. Malinda Quillen, b. 1827, dau. of James and Nancy Addington.

(1) James Elbert Alley, b. 1845, m. 2-3-1865 Amanda Salling, b. 1844; dau. Joseph and Dicy Salling. Ch: Christopher, Monroe, Robert, Bart, Walker, Lloyd, Clayton, William, Lakie.

(2) Thomas B. Alley, b. 1849, m. 12-30-1868 Sarah R. Davidson, b. 1850; dau. of Jehell and H. Davidson; dau. Emma R. Alley m. William H. Nash.

(3) Caroline Alley, b. 1851, m. 3-1-1869 James T. Lane, b. 1849; dau. Mary Lane

(4) Mary Alley, b. 1853, m. 8-26-1872 Amos Templeton, b. 1854; son of Thomas C. and Mary (Williams) Templeton. (p. 30) Ch: Emily, Lydia, Ida, Hiram, Thomas

(5) Helen Alley, b. 1855, m. 2-11-1873 William E. Taylor, son of Nelson H. Taylor
Ch: Marinda, Mary, Thomas, Columbus, William E., James, daughter

(6) Lydia Alley, b. 1858, m. 12-14-1876 James Salling, b. 1853; son of Joseph and Dicy Salling. Ch: P. F., C. Benton, J. Clayton, Helen Elizabeth, Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Ava Salling.

3. James Alley was born 1822 and died 1911 in Scott Co. He married 1) 7-12-1843 Sallie Quillen, b. 1825; 2) 2-22-1883 S. J. Williams; 3) 4-7-1892 Eliza Lane, b. 1846.

(1) Nancy J. Alley, b. 1844 m. 2-14-1865 William Fred Greear, b. 1814, Grayson Co. Va. Ch: Amanda, Emma, Sarah, Flora, Roie

(2) Robert M. Alley, b. 1846, m. Sallie Roberts, Abingdon, Va.; no ch.

- (3) Polly Alley, b. 1848, m. 9-10-1866 John M. Addington, b. 1843; son of Joseph and Nancy Addington. Ch: Nancy, Sarah, James Robert
- (4) James S. Alley, b. 1850, m. 10-12-1876 Eliza Taylor, b. 1859; dau. of John C. and Catherine Taylor. Ch: Robert, Elizabeth, Kate, Hiram, Hugh
- (5) Emma Retta Alley, b. 1852, m. 2-25-1871 Joseph J. Addington, b. 1848; son of William and Elizabeth; son Hugh and others
- (6) Clayton Alley, b. 1854, m. Miss Bradshaw
- (7) Cosby Alley, b. 1859, m. 2-1-1876 Albert M. Davidson, b. 1858; son of James H. and Sarah Davidson. Ch: Walker, Dora, Clara, Massie, Lillian, Lucien, Cecil, Estella, Otis, Clifford, Broadway.
- (8) Amanda E. Alley, b. 1864, m. 10-31-1878 Nathan D. McConnell, b. 1860; son of A. B. and Lucy McConnell. Ch: James Hopkins, Robert, Mozelle, Worley, Ezra, Kate, Beechard, Clifford, Maxie, Dewey, Nellie. (res. Alley Valley)
- (9) Hiram L. Alley, b. 1867, m. 1) 1-12-1892 Eliza J. Addington, b. 1871; 2) Hiley Smith. First ch: Everette Lee and Rosa Second ch: Three daughters
- (10) Hettie A. Alley, b. 1869, m. 1-29-1885 W. Canary Hartsock, b. 1863.
Ch: Flora, James, Roy
- (11) Louvena Alley, b. 1878, m. Charles Parker, Indiana
- (12) Eliza Alley, b. 1881
- (13) Almedia Alley, b. 1884, m. Bart B. Harris; son James Alley Harris
- (14) W. C. R. Alley, b. 1886, m. Norma Cook; moved West
- (15) Virginia Alley, b. 1888, m. Floyd Quillen; moved West

4. John S. Alley was born 1827 and died 1898, in Scott Co. He married 3-19-1850 Maria Jane Quillen, b. 1832.

- (1) Abijah Alley, b. 1851, m. 1) 5-6-1884 Maggie Addington, b. 1857; dau. of William and Elizabeth Addington. 2) 4-6-1888 Elizabeth E. Addington; dau. of G. W. Addington. Ch: Pearl, Joseph, P., Molly, Clara, Maude m. Ezra Cox, Rhea
- (2) Sarah Alley, b. 1853, m. 5-6-1875 Berry C. Owens. Ch: Emma, Samuel, Clara, Dovie, Maggie
- (3) John J. Alley, b. 1856, m. Clara Carter. Ch: Jane m. Dr. Ben Cochran; Ethel m. Jack Hardin; Rufus; John (res. Bristol)
- (4) Emily Alley, b. 1856, m. 3-23-1876 Sylvester Lafayette Brickey. Ch: John L. m. Salena Horne; Robert m. Mattie J. Boyle; Etta m. Dr. A. M. Wallace; Orpha m. William A. Harris; Warner died young; Everette m. Emily E. Craft

(5) Ira Alley, b. 1861, m. 1) 10-2-1883 Margaret A. Bond, b. 1867; 2) Clara Hammond. Sons Robert and Dale

(6) Polly Alley, b. 1866, m. 4-26-1883 J. Hopkins McConhelli, b. 1853. Ch: Riley F. (Navy Commander), Clara m. W. A. Broadwater, Imogene m. Joseph Hartsock, Leland.

(7) Nancy Alley, b. 1866, m. 1-2-1884 W. T. Wolfe, b. 1861. Ch: Vernon, Emmet C. Vira, Allen F.

5. Mary Ann Jane Alley was born 1831, in Scott Co. She married 3-18-1851 John T. Templeton.

(1) Nancy Mary Templeton m. Daniel Pendleton

(2) John Floyd Templeton, b. 1856, m. 1) 3-9-1876 Martha Lane 2) Rena Hilton 3) Cora Ison

(3) Virginia G. A. Templeton, b. 1858, m. 1-13-1875 Thomas Patton Williams, b. 1851

(4) Hannah Templeton, b. 1860, m. 9-21-1881 James L. Culbertson, b. 1856

(5) Thomas J. Templeton, b. 1864, m. 2-12-1889 Mary A. Bellamy, b. 1867 (2nd wife)

(6) Napoleon B. Templeton, 1866 to 1887

6. David Jesse Alley was born 1834 in Scott Co. He married 11-3-1857 Mrs. Mary (Williams) Templeton, b. 1835; widow of Thomas C. Templeton

(1) Emily Margaret Alley, b. 1858, m. 8-7-1893 James W. Templeton, b. 1863, in Ky.; son of J. E. Templeton

(2) Nancy J. Alley, b. 1861, m. 5-4-1882 William Benton Pendleton, b. 1860; son of William B. and Julia Pendleton

(3) Isaac P. Alley, b. 1862, m. 11-27-1889 Martha S. Lane, b. 1873

(4) David B. Alley, b. 1865, m. 9-6-1886 Mary A. Pendleton, b. 1870; dau. of Joseph and Eliza Pendleton

(5) Sarah E. Alley, b. 1869, m. 1) 8-12-1886 Hampton Pendleton, b. 1867, Owsley Co., Ky.; son of Joseph D. and Eliza Pendleton. Sarah E. m. 2) 11-7-1891 Dr. J. E. Templeton, b. 1846, Ky.

(6) Abijah Alley; no information

(7) Lloyd C. Alley m. Callie Quillen

In 1870, Amos Templeton, age 16, was a member of this household. He married first Mary Alley (p.28) He married second Sallie Pendleton, dau. of Jack and Mary Pendleton. The Amos Templeton family lived at Manville, on Copper Creek, Scott Co.

Material on David and Nancy Alley's descendants from: The late Hugh M. Addington's records; Scott Co. Marriage Books #1 and #2; 1860 and 1870 Census records of Scott Co., in the name of Alley, only.

Connelley, William
+
Coulter, E. M.

A better form of Swift's Journal was preserved by Judge Richard Apperson, of Mount Sterling, Kentucky. Immediately after the Civil war he was judge of the Circuit Court of some district which included Magoffin County. While holding court at Salyersville, Judge Apperson stopped at the tavern conducted by William Adams, Esq., the founder of the town and a pioneer settler in that region.¹¹

In the year 1878, a North Carolinian named James McLeMoore, came to Kentucky to search for Swift's Silver Mines and the hidden treasure left by Swift and his companions. He had some knowledge of geology and minerology and had spent some considerable time in mining in the gold-fields of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. He was a man of easy and careless disposition and fond of roaming about the world. He was a minister of the Gospel, and belonged to the Baptist Church.

McLeMoore had in his possession a number of copies of John Swift's *Manuscript Journal* of different forms. Some were very short and others quite long. He had also some maps and was certain that these indicated that much of Swift's treasure was hidden in Johnson County, Kentucky. A number of the residents of Johnson and Magoffin counties, joined with him in a search for the mines and Swift's hidden silver. He said he had secured the maps in North Carolina, on the Upper Yadkin, where Swift had lived; that Swift had died there, and was buried in that country.¹²

Robert Alley was a resident of Johnson County from 1859 to his death—about 1890. He came there from East Tennessee to search for Swift's mines, which he and some associates had sought unsuccessfully in the region of the Cumberland Gap. Among these associates was one William Turlington, sometimes known as William Spurlock. He was a very eccentric character. He tramped the roads of East Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky for half a century, and undoubtedly discovered some hidden treasure. He had in his possession a document which, he asserted, was the original journal of John Swift. In the fall of 1873 he was at the house of Mr. Alley.¹³ At that time

¹¹ Judge Apperson was a student of pioneer times in Kentucky and could relate many stories of the adventures of the early settlers. At the end of one of his terms of Court one of the sons of Adams and William E. Connelley were assisting him to gather up his books, papers, and a few articles of clothing. He was stuffing these into a pair of saddle-bags preparatory to his departure for the next county in his circuit. When he was leaving the room with his saddle-bags on his arm the boys found this copy of Swift's Journal. Either he did not wish to reopen his crowded bags to store it away, or he did not care to preserve the paper. He may have had other copies of it. He looked it over and then handed it to Connelley telling him to be careful to preserve it. The form of this Journal is of a much better type, from a literary standpoint, than the one generally known, and is at least twice its length. In substance the two are much the same.

¹² William E. Connelley made a copy of what he considered the best form of Swift's Journal owned by McLeMoore. It is of much greater extent than either of the copies already mentioned. It makes sixteen typewritten pages, and contains nearly six thousand words.

¹³ Mr. Alley believed that it was the original Journal, and he believed that Spurlock had discovered a considerable amount of the treasure hidden by Swift and his companions. He carried always on his shoulders a pair of immense saddle-bags supposed to contain money. He had a large sum of money with him, and Mr. Alley paid him at that time quite a large amount of money which he had borrowed some years before.

William E. Connelley was teaching school in the Alley district that year. He desired very much to make a copy of Swift's Journal owned by Spurlock. Mr. Alley took up the matter with him, and he finally consented that a copy of some portions of the Journal might be made. Spurlock kept this Journal between two thin cedar boards and securely wrapped in a sort of sheet made of bladders to protect it from rain or dampness. It had every appearance of an original document. The book had been worn to pieces, and if it had ever been bound the board covers were gone and many of the sheets or leaves had been worn through at the back. The edges and corners were worn, and in some instances the writing was

copies of portions of this journal were made. According to this document, Hazlitt, Ireland, Blackburn, McClintock, Staley and Swift made a preliminary journey into what is now Eastern Kentucky in the spring of 1760. This trip was for the purpose of making arrangements to work the silver mines supposed to be in that region. They built a furnace and burned a pit of charcoal somewhere about the breaks of the Big Sandy River. From that point they went southwesterly along the base of the mountains a considerable distance, where they found other mines. There, also, a furnace was erected and charcoal burned for use the next year. They then departed from these mountains and arrived at Alexandria, Virginia, December 10, 1760. They there set about preparations for taking up the work in the wilderness the next year. In this connection the following, taken from the journal, is of interest:

"Montgomery bought two additional vessels to sail to the Spanish Seas and return with cargoes suited to our enterprise, and he began the work of engraving and cutting the dies with which the silver and gold was to be coined, he being in that matter very expert, having labored long in the Royal Mint in the Tower of London."

A reorganization of the company was effected during the winter. This company seems to have been a partnership, although the common fund was divided into shares of which there were fifteen. They took out a large number of pack horses, when they set out for the mines, leaving Alexandria on the 25th day of June, 1761. At the forks of the Big Sandy the company was divided into two parties, one party going to work at each of the locations selected the previous year. Much progress seems to have been made in the development of their mines during the summer. A large force was left to work during the winter, but the managers arrived at Alexandria, December 2, 1761. They found their vessels returned from the Spanish seas after profitable cruises, which gave them so much encouragement for this branch of their business, that they bought five more vessels for this service the next year.

Swift and his company left Alexandria in the last week of March, 1762, and, as in the previous trips, they went by the way of Fort Pitt. A large pack-train was taken out. Two horses were drowned in the Kanawha. At the forks of the Big Sandy they cast lots to see who should go to the different points and work these mines. They found that the men who had been left all winter were dissatisfied and homesick, although much work had been done. Swift and others set out on their return to Virginia on the 1st day of September, 1762, and arrived at Alexandria on the 12th day of October. They found that their shipping interests had prospered much. In the preparations for the work for the coming year, they more than doubled their number of pack-horses.

In 1763, Swift and his train left Alexandria on the 21st day of April. They arrived at the mines on the head waters of the Big Sandy on the 17th day of May. Much progress had been made in their mining operations. Swift set out for Alexandria on the 16th day of September and arrived there the last day of October, and records that they had a successful year.

In 1764 the operations of the company were hindered by wars in the wilderness, and it was deemed unsafe to go out by the way of Fort

dim and scarcely legible. It agrees largely with other forms of the Journal, although it is much more complete and preserves many more incidents of the transactions of Swift and his companions. It recites that Swift and his associates were engaged in some sort of commercial ventures by sea and from what was written there, it is evident that they preyed on the Spanish shipping and that these men carried precious metals, secured in this manner, into the wilderness back of the Virginia settlements to be coined into English money.

vii. Abijah Alley was born 1794, in (then) Russell Co., Va. and died March 24th 1866, in Scott Co., Va. He was a son of Thomas and Sarah Alley.¹

Abijah Alley was married to Mrs. Maria (Butcher) Johnston, who was born 1803, in Penn. and died after 1880, in Osage Co., Kansas.² She had already one son, Jacob Johnston (Johnson) who was born 1820, in Penn.

Our earliest record of Abijah Alley is in the year 1830, when his name appeared on the census records of Campbell Co., Ky. This was his family's place of residence as late as 1835.³ He was in neither Campbell nor Scott Co. in 1820, so his earlier years remain a mystery.

Not only was Abijah Alley in Campbell Co. in 1830, but so were his brothers, James and Peter Alley.⁴ The probable reason for their going there was that industry was beginning to move in. The Covington Cotton Manufacturing Company came into existence in 1828. Abijah seems to have been the head of a large household in 1830, which suggests that he may have been operating a hostelry or rooming house. He seems to have attained a certain affluence, shown in his life style after his return to Scott Co.

By September 14th 1834, Abijah Alley was serving as administrator of his father's estate. On July 8th 1834, he entered three state grants for land on Copper Creek. As shown throughout these records, he bought the interests of most of the heirs of Thomas Alley, senr. decd.

It is said that his was the largest and most expensive hewn-log house ever built in Scott Co.⁵ James E. Alley (p. 23) saw the house when he was a lad of 12 or 13, and going, with two brothers, to Mendota to make a trip on an excursion train. The house was on the creek, across from Locust Lane, that runs down toward Nicklesville. There were four rooms upstairs and four downstairs, with a fireplace in the corner of each room.

"In his more mature years, Abijah Alley became a man of many eccentricities. He wore a full beard, which extended to his waist. Many stories are told of his absent minded ways. Often, he went to mill, but forgot to take the grain; or returned home, only to discover that he had left the meal.

He was the founder of a religious sect called "the little band" which has a small following, after 150 years (1941) of precarious existence. Abijah was the principal contributor to the construction of a church in the Long Hollow Community of

¹ Scott Co. Death Register ² 1880 Census of Osage Co. ³ Dau. Sarah b. there
⁴ With positive proof that James and Abijah were there, 1835
Peter Alley must have been their brother. ⁵ Wade P. Kennedy

Scott Co. This strange preacher frequently began his services at midnight or several hours before dawn; and large congregations did attend these services." ¹

The Minutes of the Primitive Baptist Church on Copper Creek, record that, on January 15th 1853, Abijah Alley was invited to preach. His text was from Matthew 24th chapter, 12th verse; and he closed by repeating some poetry.

We found this deed interesting. March 14th 1843. Goldman Davidson and Elizabeth his wife to Henry A. Morison . . . Davidson being indebted in the sum of \$550 to Lewis B. Dulaney, and Davidson being willing that the same be secured, do grant bargain, and sell the following tracts: One of the tracts on both sides of Copper Creek, part of a tract of 276 acres, granted Charles Kilgore, patent bearing date 26th June 1786, and conveyed by Kilgore to Thomas Alley by deed dated 23rd January 1787; and also contains a tract of 74 acres, patented to Thomas Alley; and also a tract of 9 3/4 acres which Samuel Ewing, atty. for Francis Preston, conveyed to Thomas Alley . . . the tracts, being consolidated, were conveyed to Abijah Alley (description of various tracts) . . . in a deed of trust to Henry Kane (land commissioner) by Abijah Alley, for benefit of Thomas Horton, and assigned by Horton to Goldman Davidson, to secure title of the undivided parts of the heirs of Thomas Alley, decd.; that is to say, the title of David Alley and his heirs; and Nancy Kenner and her heirs; and all others who have not conveyed their shares.²

Here are Abijah Alley's heirs. November 27th 1865. Between Thomas G. Alley, James P. Alley, Abijah D. Alley, Thomas M. Moore and Mary R. his wife, of Scott Co., Va. and Joseph H. Alley and Jane J. his wife, Joseph D. Powers and Sarah J. V. his wife, and Jacob A. Johnson, of Lawrence Co., Ohio, of the one part; and David Ramey of Scott Co., of the other part . . . all of their several interests which they now hold in a certain tract of land containing 10 acres on the south side of Clinch river, adjoining the lands of Forrest M. Powers and the said Ramey.³

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³W. P. Kennedy's Kennedy-Powers Family
Scott Co. DB 13-690

²Scott Co. DB 7-194

Children of Abijah and Maria Alley:

1. Sarah Alley was born 1835, in Campbell Co., Ky.¹ and died after 1870, probably in Lawrence Co., Ohio. She was married 9-21-1854 to Joseph Draper Powers, born 1834. He was a son of Forrest and Mary Powers.

Joseph D. Powers was a merchant in Scott Co., Va. He served in the 39th Kentucky Regiment during the Civil War. By 1865, they were in Lawrence Co., Ohio.² In 1870, they were living in Windsor Twp. They had lived in West Virginia for about five years before moving to Ohio.

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| (1) Maria Powers, b. 1856, W. Va. | (4) Laura Powers, b. 1862, Ohio |
| (2) Pythias Powers, b. 1858, W. Va. | (5) Ida Powers, b. 1865, Ohio |
| (3) Mary Powers, b. 1861, W. Va. | (6) Edward Powers, b. 1869, Ohio |

2. Mary Rebecca Alley was born 1837, in Scott Co., Va. She was married 8-29-1854 to Thomas M. Moore, born 1829. He was a son of John and Margaret Moore. They are said to have migrated to Kansas and thence, to Texas. However, they are not listed in the 1870, nor 1880 Census records of Osage Co., Kansas, nor in those of Cass Co., Texas. They were not in Lawrence Co., Ohio, in 1870.

3. Joseph H. Alley was born 4-4-1838, in Scott Co., Va., and died 1942, at the age of 104 years, in Afton, Iowa. He was married 9-23-1858 to Jane J. Harris, born 1840. In 1860, they were in Scott Co. and in 1865, in Lawrence Co., Ohio. In 1870 and 1880, they were in Osage Co., Kansas. About 1909, he made a trip to New Mexico with brother, Abijah D. Alley, and went on to Eugene, Oregon. In 1939 Joseph H. Alley was interviewed there by WPA workers. He mentioned brothers James P., T. G., Abijah D., and cousin Jim Alley. His final move was to Afton, Iowa.³

- (1) Benjamin Benton Alley, b. 1860, Scott Co.
- (2) William B. Alley, b. 1864, Va.
- (3) Emma Alley, b. 1866, Ohio
- (4) Nettie Alley, b. 1876, Kansas

4. Thomas G. Alley was born 1840, in Scott Co., and died after 1883, in Kansas. He was married 7-11-1875 to Sarah E. Horn, born 1853, in Russell Co., Va.⁴ She was a daughter of William and Nancy Horn.

On January 4th 1868, Thomas G. Alley bought from Wade Powers, 200 acres on Tom's Creek and Guest river, for \$1000. On July 27th 1870, he sold the tract back to Wade Powers for \$659.⁵ Later, coal operators made a fortune from this land.

1 Scott Co. Reg.

2 Scott Co. MB 2

3 Oregon State Library

4 Wise Co. Mar. Reg.

5 Wise Co. DB 2-92, 164

1 Sarah J. V. Alley

Thomas G. Alley was in Osage Co., Kansas, in 1870 and 1871, but returned to Wise Co., to be married. They were living in Kansas in 1880 and 1883.

In 1880, Thomas G. Alley made a deed to John F. Greear for 97 acres on Pine Camp Creek, for \$217.50 but the deed was left unsigned. On February 14th 1883, he made a deed for the same tract to Madison Greear, for only \$35. (DB 5-440, 6-112)

Children:

- (1) Robert Alley, b. 1876, Va.
- (2) Carey Alley, b. 1880, Kansas

Perhaps others

5. James Piper Alley was born 1842, in Scott Co., and died after 1880, in Kansas. He was married 2-21-1865 to Sarah Helen Pendleton, who was born 1843 in Scott Co. and died before 1875, in Kansas. She was a daughter of Hiram K. and Eliza J. (Richmond) Pendleton. (Part One, p. 38)

James P. Alley was married again, by 1875, to Martha ---- born 1858, in Ill.

In 1870, Sarah Helen and her two young children were in Scott Co. with Mariah Alley, but all were in Osage Co., Kansas by 1871.

In 1880, James P. and Martha Alley were in Osage Co., with the two children of his first marriage, and four of the second. Maria Alley and her son, Jacob Johnson, were also members of this household in 1880.

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| (1) Minerva C. Alley, b. 1868, Va. | (4) Abijah Alley, b. 1877, Kansas |
| (2) Ida Alley, b. 1870, Va. | (5) Clayton Alley, b. 1879, Kansas |
| (3) Cora Alley, b. 1876, Kansas | (6) Lincoln Alley, b. 1880, Kansas |

6. Abijah David Alley was born 1-11-1843, in Scott Co. and died 11-28-1937, in Dickenson Co., Va. He was married 2-25-1867 to Mary Elizabeth Kennedy, born 2-12-1848 and died 4-13-1932. She was a daughter of Pleasant H. and Rachel Jane (Powers) Kennedy.

Abijah D. Alley went to Kentucky and volunteered for service in the Union Army, Company K, 39th Reg. Infantry, Corporal and Musician.

Abijah D. and Mary Elizabeth lived in the area of Wise Co. which became Dickenson Co. He was the only member of Abijah and Maria Alley's family who remained in the area. All of the others, including Maria and her son, had migrated West, after the death of Abijah Alley. There are numerous deeds in the name of Abijah D. Alley.

About 1909, Abijah D. Alley made a western trip, to visit his relatives. He and his brother, Joseph H. went to San Juan, New Mexico. Abijah D. returned home, and Joseph H. went on to Oregon.

Daughters of Abijah D. and Mary Elizabeth Alley:

- (1) Maria Victoria Alley m. Charles Cleveland Hutcheson
- (2) Helen Alley m. John A. Robinson

Most of this section is from Alma Miller (Mrs. Ray), Eau Claire, Mich. The records are from Scott and Wise Co. Marriage Registers; Scott Co. Census 1870; Lawrence Co., Ohio Census 1870; Osage Co. Kansas and Cass Co. Texas Censuses of 1870 and 1880.

viii. Mary Alley was born 1796, in (then) Russell Co., Va., and died before 1885, in Scott Co., Va. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Alley.

Mary Alley was married, ca. 1817, to Forrest M. Powers, born 1794 and died 1885. He was a son of Jonas H. and Lucy (Sperry) Powers, both born 1778; Jonas in New Hampshire, and Lucy in Connecticut.¹ The family moved from Botetourt Co., Va. to Sciottville, Ohio; thence to Louisa, Ky., and by 1807, to Russell Co., Va.

Forrest M. Powers speculated in land. He and Mary sold their share of the estate of Thomas Alley, senr. to Abijah Alley. (5-72) Forrest Powers bought from James Alley, of Campbell Co., Ky., the tract upon which Thomas Alley, senr. had resided. (5-147) David Alley's heirs sold Forrest Powers the land which had belonged to Thomas Alley, senr. (10-212) He purchased from Thomas Alley, Jr. the land which was formerly a part of his father's patent. (11-260) Finally, he bought from the heirs of William Bickley, the first parcel sold by Thomas Alley, senr. from his original survey. (13-498) Thus, Forrest and Mary Powers acquired all of the boundary patented by Thomas Alley, senr. and settled in 1776. There were numerous other deeds in his name.

Little is now remembered of Forrest or Mary Powers. He is said to have been a man of fine judgment, whose advice was sought by many.

Children of Forrest and Mary Alley Powers:

1. Frances (Fanny) Powers was born 1818, in Scott Co. She was married 1-11-1837 to Travis Sargent.

- (1) Mary Eliza Sargent
- (2) Forrest Sargent
- (3) Rachel Sargent

Forrest Sargent's son, J. Frank Sargent, served six terms, of four years each, as Commonwealth's Attorney for Scott Co.

2. Jonas Powers, born 1821, married Sally Reynolds, born 1833.

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| (1) Ellen Powers | (3) Henry S. Powers |
| (2) Wade H. Powers | (4) Harrison Powers |

3. Sally Powers married Henderson Porter. No information.

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| (1) George Porter | (3) Thomas Porter |
| (2) William Porter | (4) James Porter |

¹ Scott Co. Census 1850

- (5) Nancy Porter
- (6) Martha Porter
- (7) Jane Porter

4. Rachel Jane Powers was born 2-28-1828, in Scott Co., and died 10-15-1881, in Dickenson Co., Va. She was married, in April 1847, to Pleasant H. Kennedy, who was born 3-4-1831, and died 2-17-1916, in Dickenson Co. He was a son of John F. and Mary (Horne) Kennedy. (Part One, page 9)

Rachel (Powers) Kennedy was beloved by all. Rachel's Chapel stands on land which was once owned by Rachel and P. H. Kennedy, and is now owned by their descendants.

- (1) Mary Elizabeth Kennedy m. Abijah D. Alley. He was a Union soldier.
- (2) Forrest T. Kennedy m. Sarah Jane Adkins
- (3) Sallie Ann Kennedy m. John Henderson. He was a Confederate soldier.
- (4) John G. Kennedy m. Sally Horne
- (5) Abijah A. Kennedy m. Sarah Robinson
- (6) Nancy Kennedy m. Joseph Dotson

5. George W. Powers, born 1828, married 9-22-1854, Catherine Kennedy, born 1830 in Grayson Co., Va. She was a daughter of James Kennedy, who settled in Russell Co. much later than David Kennedy, progenitor of the other Kennedys recorded here. George W. Powers went to Painstville, Ky., and joined the Union Army.

- (1) Reuben Powers became a Methodist minister
- (2) Jane Powers
- (3) Henry Powers
- (4) Fannie Powers
- (5) Rachel Powers
- (6) Jack Powers
- (7) Robert Powers

6. Nancy Powers, born 1831, married David R. Ramsey, born 1821. They lived in Russell Co., Va.

- (1) George W. Ramsey, b. 1848
- (2) William Ramsey, b. 1849
- (3) Patton Ramsey
- (4) Donna Ramsey

7. Oliver Powers married Judia Horne. No information

- (1) Jonas Powers
- (2) Wayne Powers
- (3) Washington Powers
- (4) HulDAH Powers

HulDAH Powers was to be married, but her fiance was drowned. Sick with grier, she wandered from place to place. One night, in the Ozark mountains, she was lying under a tree, when a huge animal came and sniffed about. When morning came, she found a farm house, and was told that there were bears in the woods.

8. Joseph Draper Powers, born 1834, married 9-26-1854, Sarah J. W. Alley, born 1835. She was a daughter of Abijah and Maria Alley. (See page 35)

9. Wade Harman Powers, born 1837, married Mary Reynolds.

He, too, served in the 39th Kentucky Reg. during the Civil War. Afterward, they lived in Wise Co., Va. (See page 35) Sometime later, the Wade Powers family moved to Huntington, West Virginia.

The Forrest and Mary Powers line is almost entirely from the late Wade Powers Kennedy's record, The Name and Family of Kennedy and Powers, printed 1941.

ix. Fanny Alley was born 1797, in Scott Co., Va., and died after 1850, probably in Cass Co., Texas. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Alley.

Fanny Alley was married the 21st day of August 1830, to Jonathan H. Gray, born 1770/1780, and died before 1850. They were married in Campbell Co., Ky., with John Hall as bondsman. Fanny was a second wife.

On March 19th 1835, they were living in Jefferson Co., Indiana. On that date, Jonathan H. Gray and Fanny his wife, legal heirs of Thomas Alley, senr. decd., who lately departed this life in the county of Scott, sold their interest to Abijah Alley. (5-89)

In 1840, they were still living in Hanover Twp., Jefferson Co., Indiana. There were no Alleys there at that time.

When Fanny (Alley) Gray reached Texas is unknown. In her letter, dated August 23rd 1849, to James and Catherine Alley, Lucinda Gorham asked to be remembered to her Aunt Fanny and family, and to Nancy Clark, and to all other of her relatives.

In 1850, Fanny Gray and family were living near James and Catherine Alley, in Cass Co., Texas. There were no children of her own at home at that time. However, Fanny had at least one son, born 1830/1835, as shown in the Jefferson Co. Indiana Census of 1830.

Children of Jonathan H. Gray:

1. Sarenia C. Gray, born 1821, Tenn.
2. Napoleon Gray, born 1823, Tenn.
3. Victoria Gray, born 1823, Tenn.

C. A. and Sarah Mox, probably relatives, were members of Fanny's household in 1850.

x. Rachel Alley was born 1802, in Scott Co., Va. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Alley.

Rachel Alley was married, July 22nd 1824, to Robert Hobbs, in Franklin Co., Ind. In 1820, she was living alone in Scott Co. She went to Indiana within the next few years.

Robert Hobbs, Jr. bought land from William Alley, in Franklin Co. The names of Robert Hobbs (over 60) and Robert Hobbs, Jr. appeared on the tax list of Franklin Co. in 1834.

On March 13th 1835, Robert and Rachel Hobbs, of Franklin Co., legal heirs-at-law of Thomas Alley, senr., decd., sold their interest in his estate to Abijah Alley.¹

Robert and Rachel (Alley) Hobbs are said to have moved to Missouri. Of this we have no record, but Rachel is remembered through countless namesakes among Alley descendants.

xi. Jane Alley was born 1804, in Scott Co., Va. She was the youngest child of Thomas and Sarah Alley.

Jane Alley was married December 25th 1828, to John Hobbs, in Franklin Co., Ind. In 1820, she was still living at home with her father, Thomas Alley, senr. She went on to Franklin Co., Ind., probably with her sister, Rachel.

On March 13th 1835, John and Jane Hobbs, of Franklin Co., legal heirs-at-law of Thomas Alley, senr., decd., sold their interest in his estate to Abijah Alley.²

John and Jane (Alley) Hobbs are said to have moved to Missouri.

^{1,2}Scott Co., Va. DB 5-91, 94

II. Fanny Alley was born ca. 1750, and died 1777, in (then) Washington Co., Va. Her husband's name was Napier (Napper), but is otherwise unidentified. Fanny was probably the eldest daughter of James Alley, senr.

Nothing is known of Fanny Napper except the story of her slaying, as told in the records which follow. The name of her husband does not appear in early records Washington Co. Apparently, he did not have a land grant.

"The morning before we came to the ford of Clinch (Blackmore's Station was ten miles beyond that) these murders were committed. A mother and four children were killed in sight of the Fort. The husband was in the field, but escaped. A girl, about half grown, and three little boys, tomahawked and scalped, who were talking while their brains were boiling out. The grandmother asked them if they saw their little brother; what became of him; said they didn't know. These were Dutch people."

"We stayed a good part of the day. Their Aunt sat on a stump in sight of the Fort and cried all day. (We) went to Blackmore's Station next day and didn't see the smoke of a chimney after that until we got to Boonesboro. The pretty springs of water and the woods rendered Powell Valley exceedingly beautiful. I could have stopped over freely in it. A rock road all the way down the mountain to one side of us. Just before we got to the foot of Cumberland Mountain, the company three-fourths of a mile ahead of us had all their horses stolen. They could do nothing better than just turn their feather beds loose. They could do nothing about their cattle. We never saw any Indians and were not interrupted. I was most afraid coming down Cumberland Mountain. The place was narrow and rocky; stood up on either side not broader than a house. Woods were more beautiful in Cumberland Valley than any other place."¹

Jesse Graddy reached the Crab Orchard on September 3, 1777; he reached Lexington, Kentucky, in October 1777.

Metamora, Indiana April 28th 1884

"My father's sister, Fannie Napper, and her five children were killed and scalped by Indians near Ft. Blackmore. I was born in a few yards of the Fort in 1801 and have just returned from a visit to my old birth place. The ground where the fort stood was being cultivated. A large apple tree stands near the fort that my father set out. It is called to this day the "John Alley apple tree."

¹The Rev. John Shane's interview with Jesse Graddy (Draper Ms. CC 130)

"My Aunt and family were killed, I think, in 1777. My father was born at Petersburg, Va., in 1760, settled on the Clinch when a young boy; died on Pipe Creek, Franklin Co., Indiana in 1842, where I now live, aged 82 years."

"At one time, when the Indians attacked the fort (Blackmore's) they killed a Negro in the fort, and the Indians, supposing it was a bear skin set up to fool them, said "Set up your bear skin again." At that time, it was considered that Boone understood Indian warfare better than any man living. He (Boone) was born in North Carolina. Boone's son was killed on Wallen's Ridge." ¹

Rebecca (Richmond) Collier, granddaughter of Stephen Osborn, remembered having visited the graves of Fanny Napper and her children. The burial ground was destroyed when the railroad was built. ²

¹Letter from Samuel Alley, son of John Alley, senr., to Dr. Draper. (Ms. 5C470)
²Rebecca (Richmond) Collier was the grandmother of Mrs. J. A. Brannen, Amarillo
All of the above by courtesy of Emory Hamilton, Wise, Va.

III. James Alley, junr. was born 1753, in Henrico Co., Va., and died August 2nd 1832, in Roane Co., Tenn. He was the second son of James Alley, senr.

James Alley, junr. was married, in April or May 1781, to Massie Saunders, at Telico block house. She was born 1759, and died after April 6th 1844, probably in Morgan Co., Tenn.

In 1776, James Alley, junr. was one of the militiamen employed in building the road over Cumberland mountain to Kentucky. Each was entitled to a land grant for this service.¹

On February 13th 1786, James Alley received a grant of 150 acres on both sides of Stanton Creek,² which flows into Clinch river between Osborn's Ford and Fort Blackmore. The land was later assigned to another settler.

James Alley, junr. is mentioned briefly in Russell Co. records. In April 1789, both he and his father served on a jury. (1-139) From 1805 to 1810, he was involved in a land suit. It was settled in September 1810, against the plaintiff (James Alley, junr.) and for the Culbertson administrators. (4-180)

The pension statement of James Alley, junr. appears on the next few pages.

Children of James and Massie Alley:

- i. William Alley, decd. by 1839
- ii. Betsy Alley, b. 1784, married before 1810 to Jeremiah Hatfield
- iii. James Alley, b. 1790
- iv. Fanny Alley, b. 1791
- v. Sally Alley, b. 1792 or 1793
- vi. David Alley, b. 1794
- vii. Doshea Alley, b. 1794
- viii. Leah Alley, b. 1798
- ix. Joseph Alley, b. 1800

¹The list of militiamen was found among some miscellaneous papers in the Va. Land Office. 2 Washington Co. Survey Bk., p. 317

Note: Some of the birth dates (above) are estimated.

On this 29th day of October in the Year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open court . . . James Alley, 80 years . . . made the following declaration:

In the year 1777, volunteered in Capt. Culpoper's Company in the regiment commanded by Col. Love. Went from Tryon Co., N. C. Marched to the head of the Catawba where applicant was transferred to Capt. Roberson, in the same regiment and was attached to the Brigade commanded by Genl. Rutherford. Marched through various parts of the County to the Hywassee on a tour after hostile Indians. Applicant was discharged after having served seven months. Applicant then went back to Tryon where he remained about 12 months; in 1779, he again volunteered in Capt. Snoddy's Company, in the regiment commanded by Col. Smith. Marched to Boonesborough in Kentucky to defend the place at the time. An Indian called Black Fish besieged it. Applicant was discharged after serving three months. He went thence to what is now Lee County, Va. where he remained about 12 months, when he again volunteered in defense of his country, in the company commanded by Capt. Snoddy (his former Captain) Col's name not recollected. Marched to a place called the Blockhouse on the N F of Holstein; from there to the Crab Orchard in Kentucky after the Indians. Discharged after serving three months. This was 1780. He did not return home immediately, but substituted for a man by the name of McKinney, in Capt. Martin's company, on an expedition against the hostile Indians. Marched out of the Settlement to Lees Town. After serving two months, he was discharged. This was in 1781. He went back to the Crab Orchard where he remained a short time when he returned from service & went TO HIS FATHER'S HOUSE ON CLINCH RIVER now Lea Co., Va. after serving 15 months as above stated. Applicant was born in Henrico Co., Va. in the year 1753. He had a record of his age, but it is lost. He names the following persons who can certify as to his veracity: The Rev. Mr. Sellers, John Forester, Esq., Jacob L. Smith, and Abner Cody. He now resides in Roane Co. Tenn. & has ever since 1821. Prior thereto he lived some part of his time in Morgan, Tenn. & Kentucky etc.

State of Tennessee
Morgan County

March 18th 1839. Massey Alley, aged about 80 years, made the following declaration: That she is the widow of James Alley - that in the year 1777 or 8 he volunteered in Guilford Co, N. C. . . and served in a campaign against the Cherokee Indians and marched to big valley in N. C. and marched back after serving three months. In 1779, he again volunteered in the service in the Brigade commanded by Gen. Davidson. Marched from Guilford to the edge of S. C. Passed Hills works, thence to Warfeds works. Had a little skirmish with the Tories near the latter place; then to Gilbert Town in N. C. Had another skirmish with the Tories there; then back to Hill's works, thence to Cherokee ford on Broad River & was discharged. He again volunteered in 1780, in the winter, in Guilford Co. and served six months. It was during this service that this affiant and said James were married, sometime in April or May 1781. He again volunteered and went, perhaps in 81 or 82, to the western frontier against the Indians & she has often heard him speak of being on the Cumberland where Nashville now is . . . that her husband, James Alley died on the 2nd day of August 1832.

Morgan Co., Tennessee

March 10th 1839. This day appeared David Alley (whose statements are entitled to credit) a citizen of Morgan Co., Tennessee, age 45 years, son of James and Massey Alley . . . has heard his father speak of . . . being at the Battle of Guilford Court House, and that a short time after said Battle was fought, his father and mother were married at a place called Telico block house, by a Justice of the Peace named Love . . . and that they have had nine children, one of which is dead, to wit, Betsy, aged about fifty or over. James aged 49 years, Fanny aged about 48 years, Sally about 46 or 7 & this affiant 45, Doshea aged 45 years, Leah about 41 years & Joseph about 39, Wm who is dead, being the only children of James and Massey Alley.

James and his wife and family moved from Guilford Co., N. C. to the head of Powell's Valley over forty five years since and remained there about 10 years & moved down the Valley to a place called the Old Town; remained there four or five years; then moved to Wayne Co., Ky., staid ten or twelve years; moved to Morgan Co., Tenn. and remained there three or four years, then moved to Monroe Co., Tenn & staid there one year & moved to Roane Co. where he resided until his death.

Morgan Co., Tennessee

April 6th 1844. Elizabeth Hatfield, sixty years of age, made oath that she has been acquainted with James and Massey Alley from infancy. . . . Affiant was raised under the guardian ship of the said James and Massey Alley. She now resides near the said Massey . . .etc.

Morgan Courthouse, Tennessee

April 24th 1841. . . . I have known her (Massey) and her husband since the latter part of the year 1810. One of their daughters was married when I was first acquainted with them in 1810. . . . the daughter has been married to Jeremiah Hatfield 35 years. I think the son of said soldier, to wit, David Alley, is more than fifty years old . . . as I know they had a child or two older than said daughter. Mrs. Alley is not present at this time, living six miles from me .

Robert A. Dabney

IV. Peter Alley, senr. was born February 9th 1757, in Henrico Co., Va., and died between January 9th 1831 and February 9th 1831, in Scott Co., Va. He was the third son of James Alley, senr.

Peter Alley, senr. was married February 7th 1788, to Jane Hundley, born March 7th 1767 and died ca. 1810, in Scott Co. Jane was the mother of his children.

Peter Alley, senr. was married second to Elizabeth Davis. There were no children.

He was six feet and one inch tall and weighed 180 pounds. He was a silver smith, but also made spinning wheels, and built water mills. He was a minister in the New Light or Christian Church. He owned two farms, one on the bank of Clinch river and the other on Copper Creek.

On February 14th 1786, Peter Alley entered a survey of 140 acres on Copper Creek.¹

On June 10th 1795, James Alley, senr. deeded to Peter Alley 100 acres for only L10. This was part of the original patent, on the south side of Clinch river, down the river to an old fish trap . . . with all houses, orchards, gardens, fences, woods, waters. Witnessed by William Kilgore, John Porter, Hosea, Thomas and Samuel Alley.²

Peter Alley is mentioned many times in Russell and Scott Co. records. He was called for jury duty, or appointed road surveyor. On July 4th 1809, Peter Alley, senr., surveyor of the Sinking Creek road from the lick of the said creek to its intersection with the main county road near Alley's Mill. On June 11th 1816, he was appointed overseer of the road from the west end of Stephen Osborn's plantation to the Coal-pits on Stoney Creek.³

His will was dated January 9th 1831 and filed for probate February 9th 1831. At that time, they were living north of Nicklesville, at the head springs of Amos' Branch.

Children of Jane and Peter Alley, senr:

i. Millie Alley was married to James Porter and lived in Pike Co., Ky. She was buried on Big Creek, near the upper end of the apple orchard, above Dallas Bevins' house.

ii. Fannie Alley was born August 7th 1792, and died in childhood.

¹Washington Co., Va. Survey Bk. 1-330

²Russell Co. DB 2-27

³Russell Co. LOB 4-70; Scott Co. Min. Bk. 1-100

iii. Elizabeth Alley was born October 12th 1794 and died after 1860. She was married December 24th 1828, to Andrew Tolbert. (Reg.)

On May 9th 1811, Peter Alley made a deed of gift "in consideration of the love, affection, and good will which I have and do bear towards my loving daughter, Betsy Alley, all my goods and chattels now in my possession." Witnessed by James and Hosea Alley.¹

On December 6th 1841, Elizabeth Tolby bought from Elizabeth Alley (widow) 100 acres in Scott Co.²

Children:

1. Daughter Jane seems to have been an only child. Jane married 3-2-1843 John H. Bond. (Reg.) In 1860, they were living in Wise Co. and Elizabeth Alley was a member of the Bond household, and so was Stacy Green, age 65.

(1) Elisha W. Bond

(2) Sarah E. Bond

(3) Phoebe Bond

In 1850, in Russell Co., were James Green, 65, and Stacy Green, 60. With them was William Kilgore, age 50.

iv. Sarah Alley was born April 14th 1796. She was married September 26th 1818 to John Blevens. There were two children: Ruth and Peter.

v. Paul Alley

vi. Jane Alley died in childhood

vii. Polly Alley was born May 22nd 1804; no information.

Paul Alley (v. above) was born October 25th 1796 and died after 1865 in Johnson (now Martin) Co., Ky. He was Jane and Peter Alley's only son.

Paul Alley was married March 27th 1820 to Rebecca Williamson, born October 1805 and died June 1st 1863. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson, and granddaughter of Aulden and Isobel (Thompson) Williamson, who came to the Louisa Fork of the Big Sandy river between 1776 and 1790. Aulden Williamson is said to have been a Revolutionary soldier.

¹Russell Co. Will Book 2-257

²Scott Co. DB 6-477

"My father, Paul Alley, was raised on the bank of the Clinch river, and came to the Sandy about the year 1817 to 1818, when the country was thinly settled, and when these hills were full of wild animals, and the waters full of fish, and the woods full of bees. Then, my great grandfather, Benjamin Williamson, lived where Dallas Bevins now lives, and my father's sister, Millie Porter, lived below there on Big Creek. My father came out to see his sister, the first time he came to Sandy. My father, Paul Alley, was married when Big Creek was in Floyd Co. My father was a preacher for many years before he died. He first joined the Baptist Church, and afterward, the Church of Christ, and remained there until he died. He lived on Big Creek for a few years, then on Tug river till the Civil War; then went to Rockcastle Co., in what was then Johnson Co., now Martin Co. My father was a wheelwright and reed maker. My Mother was buried on the point below the mouth of Hurricane Creek, Pike Co., Kentucky." ¹

September 9th 1837. Paul Alley of Pike Co., Ky., Elizabeth Tolby, of Scott Co., Sarah Blevens, of Pike Co., Ky., for \$250 paid by William Bickley and Hiram Cowden, our interest in a tract on the south side of Clinch river, being a tract that Peter Alley, decd., formerly lived on . . . down the river, opposite an old fish trap, then on an east course, crossing an island . . . ²

Children of Paul and Rebecca Alley:

1. Polly Alley, born 12-4-1822, married John Farley.

- (1) William Farley m. Letitia Brewer
- (2) Rebecca Farley m. Aaron Runyon
- (3) John Henry Farley m. Melvina Hearal
- (4) Martha Farley m. Reburn Luntsford
- (5) Mary Jane Farley died in childhood
- (6) Paul Farley m. America Reed
- (7) Charity Farley m. Samuel Brewer
- (8) Anderson Farley m. Allis Luntsford
- (9) Peter Farley died in childhood
- (10) Floyd Farley
- (11) Sophia Farley died in childhood

2. Peter H. Alley, born 4-14-1826, married 12-21-1854 Sarah E. Stanley

- (1) John Alley m. Polly Slater
- (2) Rebecca Alley m. Thomas Slater
- (3) Paul Alley m. Lydia Farley

¹Records of Peter H. Alley (above)

²Scott Co. DB 5-443

- (4) Peter Alley m. Martha V. Pauley
- (5) Moses G. Alley m. Mary Ferrel
- (6) Benjamin T. Alley m. Sarah Jane Pinson
- (7) Thomas K. Alley married not
- (8) George W. Alley m. Sophia Slater
- (9) Sarah M. Alley m. L. D. Deskins
- (10) Nancy A. Alley m. James Low
- (11) Esther Alley died at age 18
- (12) Luke S. Alley m. Angeline Smith
- (13) Hosea B. Alley m. Sarah A. Pinson

3. Benjamin W. Alley, born 4-1-1829, was married first, ca. 1850, to Elizabeth Thornbury, step-daughter of Allen Taylor, and lived on John's Creek, in Pike Co.

B. W. Alley was married second 9-18-1882, to Mrs. Sarah J. (Alley) Dotson, in Wise Co., Va. She was a daughter of Thomas and Millie Alley, and widow of Simon Dotson. They lived on Mill Creek, Pound, Va. (p. 24)

Children of Benjamin and Elizabeth Alley:

- (1) Paul Alley, b. 1850 m. Malinda Runnels
- (2) Jemima Alley, b. 1852, m. William Sherman
- (3) Martin Alley, b. 1854, m. Sarah A. Maynard
- (4) Noah Alley, b. 1856, died in childhood; buried M. F. Rockcastle Cr., Johnson Co
- (5) William Alley, b. 1858. m. Mary Meadows
- (6) Lucretia Alley died in childhood
- (7) Benjamin Alley, Jr. m. Emily D. (Dee) Dotson, daughter of Sarah and Simon
They lived and died on Mill Creek, Wise Co.
- (8) Thomas Alley
- (9) Elizabeth Alley m. Patton Dotson, son of Sarah and Simon
- (10) Rebecca Alley m. Alexander Rutherford
- (11) Nancy Alley died at age 15, in Wise Co. (Reg.)

4. Nancy Alley was born 8-4-1831 and died 7-9-1894. She was married to William Maynard. They migrated to Texas.

- (1) Judia Maynard m. George Runyon
- (2) Paul Maynard
- (3) Hereford Maynard m. Josie Jones
- (4) John Maynard m. Mary Owens
- (5) Benjamin Maynard
- (6) Peter Maynard

- (7) Rebecca Maynard m. John Anderson
- (8) Isobel Maynard m. George Wharton

5. Elizabeth Alley was born 1-1-1834 and died in 1900. She was married to William Blankenship. They lived on Wolf Creek, Ky.

- (1) Rebecca Blankenship m. William Sword
- (2) Alice Blankenship
- (3) Elizabeth Blankenship
- (4) Thomas Blankenship
- (5) Ellen Blankenship

6. Paul Alley was born 6-23-1836, and died in childhood. He was buried in Pike Co.

7. Thomas C. Alley was born 2-1-1839, on Tug river, Pike Co., and died 12-4-1895 in Mingo Co., West Virginia. He was married 8-12-1858 to Cozbie H. Thompson who died 8-16-1887. She was a granddaughter of Benjamin Williamson, and thus a cousin to the Alleys.

- (1) Elizabeth Ellen V. Alley, b. 10-23-1859, m. Wayne Scott
- (2) Benjamin W. Alley, b. Jan. 1861, m. 11-11-1886 Pricy Hatfield
- (3) Thomas M. Alley, 7-2-1862 to 7-7-1894, m. 3-20-1889 Mary Ellen Pauley
- (4) John T. Alley, b. 8-25-1864, m. 12-3-1887 Louisa E. Lowe
- (5) Sarah J. Alley, 6-4-1866 to 12-20-1898; unmarried; res. Mingo Co.
- (6) Rebecca Alley, b. 5-25-1868
- (7) Melvin B. Alley, 3-8-1870 to 8-27-1894
- (8) Cozbie H. Alley, b. June 1872
- (9) Malissa Q. Alley, b. 3-4-1874, m. Anderson Hatfield
- (10) Lydia E. Alley, b. 6-18-1878, m. Robert Hatfield
- (11) David P. Alley, b. 5-3-1876, m. Sarah Ann Farley
- (12) Mary Z. Alley, b. 11-1-1880, died in childhood; Mingo Co.

8. Sarah Alley was born 9-1-1842 and died 1863. She was married to John Webb, and had one child. She was buried on Tug river, Pike Co.

9. Rebecca Alley was born 12-3-1845. She married William Delong; 13 children

This entire section is from the records of Peter H. Alley. They are included here by courtesy of Joseph W. Alley, Prichard, West Va.

In the name of God amen, I Peter Alley of Scott County
and State of Virginia, being weak in body, but ^{but} of sound and
perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last
will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to
say, first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth
Alley during her life and widowhood a certain parcel or tract
tract of land lying and being in the County of Scott in the
State of Virginia on the south side of Clinch River, begin-
ning at a Hickamond near Wickley landing running thence
down the meander of the river to an old fish trap to a
large birch, thence across the Island to a beech, thence up the
gut to a beech on the bank of the gut, thence up the hill
along a line of marked trees to the top of of the hill to a
white oak from thence to the beginning, containing one hundred
acres more or less, also I give and bequeath unto my wife
Elizabeth Alley all my right and claim to the plantation where
I live lying at the head Spring of Amos branch, also one
brown horse branded with a small heart on the shoulder
one bay mare with a large star and a snip and one bay colt
with a blue jaw, also all my cattle of every description marked
with a crop and half crop in the left ear, and an under but in
the right ear also all my hogs of every description marked with
the aforesaid mark, likewise all my sheep of every description
marked in the aforesaid mark with all my moveable property
of every description with all notes and debts due to the said
Peter Alley during the time of her life and widowhood
and after her death a debt to be paid which is justly
due to my daughter Wilkey Tolbe of one hundred and fifty
dollars, also a debt due to my daughter Sally Wlvens of
one hundred and fifty dollars then what remains to be
equally divided amongst all the legatees thus I acknowledge
to be my last will and testament - Given under my hand
and seal this 9th day of January in the year of our Lord

1801.

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Witness

Peter Alley (Seal)

V. Polly Alley's capture and escape from the Indians is one of the best-known stories of frontier days. There are some who have never doubted its authenticity, and others who believe it to be a folk tale.

If, indeed, Polly Alley was real, she was undoubtedly a daughter of James Alley, senr. She was of the age to have been, and there were no other Alleys in the immediate area.

Jane Whittaker is said to have been captured in the Castlewood Settlement. Note that James Osborne's wife was Mary Whitaker and living there, at the time.

Some researchers believe Polly Alley to have been the wife of Samuel Porter, whose wife, Mary, is otherwise unidentified. Here are a few straws in the wind.

On April 19th 1787, Thomas Alley sat on the jury which acquitted Samuel Porter of a murder charge. (LOB 1-32) This was in the Allerd affair.

Thomas Alley's land adjoined that of Samuel Porter. (map) On February 29th 1796, Samuel and Mary Porter sold to Thomas Alley 80 acres, part of Samuel Porter's 1783 patent, and known as the Big Cane Brake. (2-79)

On March 26th 1799, the will of James Alley, senr. decd., was proved by Patrick and John Porter. (LOB 2-521) The following August, Patrick Porter was appointed an appraiser of the estate. (LOB 3-17)

Samuel Porter died prior to February 1803. (LOB 3-238) On September 5th 1811, John Alley was appointed administrator of his estate. (LOB 4-299) This would be expected, because John Alley was Samuel Porter's brother-in-law, having married Mary Porter. In September 1812, John Alley was released, and Dale Carter appointed, with John Alley as his surity. (LOB 4-388) This was shortly before the Alley migration to Indiana.

By July 1815, James Alley was a defendant, along with the Porter children, to a suit filed by Henry Smith et al. (MB 1-27) In July 1821, the case was called again, with the same defendants, and also, Mary Porter, widow of the decedent.

(MB 2-198)

Elizabeth Alley, youngest daughter of James Alley, senr., with her husband and two sons, set out for Indiana, sometime after 1808. Her daughter Sarah Osborn, stated later that she and the younger children were left in Russell Co. with an AUNT. Who else but Polly Alley?

. . The Indians, however, captured two women on the way - Polly Alley at Osborn's Ford, as they went up the river, and Jane Whitaker near Castle's Woods.

Finding the fort at Castle's Woods fully prepared for their reception, the band had to abandon their murderous purpose and pass on with their captives, without permitting themselves to be seen. Reaching Guess Station, they remained part of the night, but finding it well prepared for defense, they continued their journey to the Breaks, where the Russell and Pound forks of Big Sandy pass through the Cumberland mountain. Here, tradition says, they tarried half a day and loaded themselves with silver ore . . .

After this, they traveled every day, resting at night, until they reached the Ohio, at the mouth of Sandy. Crossing the river on a raft of logs, with their prisoners, who suffered more than can be described on the long march, they reached their destination at Sandusky.

The two young women were closely confined for some time after their arrival, though they were eventually stripped and painted and allowed the liberty of the village, closely watched for a month or more, but seeing they made no attempt to escape, the Indians abated their vigilance. Observing this, the girls determined to make an effort to escape. Having been permitted to wander about at pleasure from time to time, and punctually returning at night, the Indians were thrown off their guard.

Having wandered one day farther from the village than usual, and being in a dense forest, they started out on the long journey toward home. After traveling all night, they found themselves only about eight miles from the village, and finding a hollow log, they crept into it, with the determination of remaining concealed during the day. They had been in it but a few minutes before Hargus and two or three Indians came along in pursuit and sat down upon it, and the girls heard them form their plans for the next day's search.

Returning late in the afternoon, having lost the trail, the Indians sat down upon the same log to rest, and again the occupants beneath them heard their plans for pursuit. These were that a party should pass down each of two rivers which had their sources near their village and emptied into the Ohio. They became enraged at having been baffled by two inexperienced girls, and threatened their victims with torture should they be recaptured. Hargus, more furious than the Indians themselves, striking his tomahawk into the log to emphasize his threats, and finding it return a hollow sound, declared the girls might be in it, as they had been traced thus far, where the trail was lost; and sent one of the savages to the end of the log to see. The savage went and looked, but seeing that a spider had stretched its web across the aperture, he made no further examination. This web, which had probably not been there an hour, saved them from recapture, and it may be, from a cruel death.

After the Indians left, the girls left the log, and resumed their weary journey, taking a leading ridge which ran at right angles to the Ohio, and led them to it nearly opposite the mouth of Sandy. They could hear the yells of the Indians in pursuit each day and night until they reached the river, when, from a high promontory, they had the satisfaction of seeing their pursuers give up the chase and turn back towards their village. They had nothing to eat for three long days and nights, but a partially devoured squirrel from which they had frightened a hawk. On the night of the third day after the Indians had relinquished the pursuit, they ventured to the river, where they were fortunate enough, the next day, to

see a flat-boat, with white men in it, descending the stream, who on being hailed took them aboard, set them across, at the mouth of Sandy, and furnished them with a sufficiency of bread and dried venison to last them two weeks, and a blanket each, in which time they expected to make their way back to one of the settlements on the Clinch. They took their course up Sandy, on the same trail they had gone down some months before, but in one of the rapid and dangerous crossings, of that stream, they lost all their provisions, as well as blankets. This, though a great calamity, did not discourage them, but pushing on, with the blessings of kindred, friends, and home in view, they found their way through Pound Gap and reached Guess Station about the middle of September, having been on the journey about a month, after encountering hardships and dangers, under which many of the sterner sex of the present day, would give way. (Year: Spring of 1777)

Samuel Porter was born ca. 1757, in Guilford Co., N. C. and died before 1803, in Russell Co., Va. He was married to Mary ----.

Children of Samuel and Mary Porter:

i. Elizabeth Porter was born August 2nd 1789. She was married November 19th 1807 to Thomas Bevins, born August 22nd 1788, son of Joseph and Ann (Noblett) Bevins. Their son, Joseph married Mary (Polly) Williamson, and they had daughter Rebecca who married May 8th 1861 William Alexander Walker, in Pike Co., Ky.

ii. Jane Porter married Sampson Moore

iii. Samuel Porter married December 19th 1815 Susannah Moore, in Scott Co.

iv. Joseph Porter married December 28th 1817, Mary Williamson, in Floyd Co., Ky.

v. Susanna Porter married William Cole

vi. Alexander Porter

vii. James Porter

(Emory Hamilton, Wise, Va.)

¹ Summers' Annals of Southwest Virginia, pp. 1591, 1592. This is from Coale's History, included in the Summers' collection. The story was related by Wilburn Waters, a hunter and trapper who lived on Whitetop mountain in the latter part of the 1800's. There are numerous family versions.

VI. Samuel Alley was born June 25th 1761, in Henrico Co., Va., and died August 12th 1847, in Shelby Co., Indiana, and was buried in Decatur Co. He was a son of James Alley, senr.

Samuel Alley was married in the summer of 1786, to Mary Osborne.¹ Mary was born 1768, in N. C. and died October 18th 1856, in Decatur Co., Indiana. She was the eldest daughter of Stephen and Comfort Osborne, of Osborne's Ford, Scott Co., Virginia.

On February 15th 1786, Samuel Alley entered his first survey of 140 acres, on both sides of the Big Spring Branch, waters of Copper Creek.² On October 5th 1798, he entered a survey of 331 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, adjoining Stephen Osborne.³ On September 3rd 1810, he sold both tracts.⁴ This date of recording was probably somewhat later than the actual date of sale.

In 1810, Samuel and Mary Alley, with family and friends, set out for the Territory of Indiana. The trip is described in the letter written by Samuel's grandson, Stephen Alley.

In 1812, Samuel Alley entered a grant in Franklin Co., Indiana. Later he bought more land. In 1823, the family moved into Decatur Co., Indiana.

Mary's father, Stephen Osborne, passed away, and apparently, Samuel and Mary were among those who returned to Scott Co. for the final settlement of his estate, on March 9th 1825.⁵ Most of the heirs sold their inheritance to Mary's brother, Jonathan Osborne, who lived in Scott Co.⁶

In the fall of 1833, Samuel Alley was laid up with an injured leg. It was during this time that he had a vision, which he considered a divine revelation. His account is remarkable. As the years passed, his interest turned more and more to things of the spirit. He recorded his own explanation of the origin of the Devil. It affords interesting reading. Furthermore, he gave some thought to posterity, and on February 17th 1844, he recorded the names of his children, their husbands and wives; and the number of grandchildren and great grandchildren, living and dead. This was filed with his pension statement, in the National Archives, in Washington, D. C.

¹ Mary Alley's application for BLWT
² Washington Co., Va. Survey Bk. 1-330
³ Russell Co. Survey Bk. 1-357

⁴ Russell Co. DB 4-359, 360
⁵ Scott Co. Min. Bk. 3-122
⁶ Scott Co. Chancery Bk. 1-276

Children of Samuel and Mary (Osborne) Alley:

i. Jonathan Alley was born April 17th 1787, in Russell Co., Va., and died after 1854, probably in Franklin Co., Indiana.

Jonathan Alley was married to Catherine Harvey. He is said to have been married a second time, to Emily Meek Monehon.

Jonathan Alley was of record in Russell Co., Va. in 1804, 1808, and 1810.¹ By 1811, he was a resident of Franklin Co., Indiana, and included in the first enumeration of that county.

He acquired several boundaries of land, including the Skakel farm; and the land owned by Jonathan and Betsy Osborne (his mother's sister). He became a clergyman, as shown when he certified to his father's pension claim.

The known children of Jonathan and Catherine Alley:

1. Valena Alley, b. 1820, married James Dillard

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| (1) Lucinda Dillard | (4) Andrew J. Dillard |
| (2) Angeline Dillard | (5) Jonathan Dillard |
| (3) Catherine Dillard | |

2. Sarah Alley was born 8-9-1822. She was married 12-3-1835 to John Blades, a prominent minister. (FC Reg.)

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| (1) Jonathan Blades | (5) Lucinda Blades |
| (2) Sarah Blades | (6) Evelina Blades |
| (3) Elizabeth Blades | (7) Hester Blades |
| (4) Mary Blades | (8) Lewis Blades |

3. Lucinda Alley was born 10-26-1823, and died 3-27-1902, in Franklin Co. She was married 11-25-1841 to Oliver Halstead. (Reg.) He was a son of Robert, grandson of John, and great grandson of Caleb and Rebecca Halstead.

4. Andrew Alley married 12-10-1838 Jane A. (Jemima?) Manford

- (1) Andrew Alley
- (2) John Alley
- (3) Velene Alley

Jemima Alley (above) married 7-14-1850 Peter Pilson

5. Harvey Alley; no information

Children of Jonathan Alley's second marriage are said to have been:

6. Thersa Alley

7. George W. Alley, born 1854, married Minnie Winona May, who died 1888.

¹ LOB 3-349,683; 4-141

ii. Doddridge Alley was born the first day of November 1788, in Russell Co., Va. and died December 31st 1868, in Decatur Co., Indiana.

He was married ca. 1809, to Jane Phillips, who was born October 19th 1789, and died April 12th 1874.

Doddridge Alley is of record in Russell Co., Va. in January 1808. By 1811, he was a resident of Franklin Co., Indiana. By 1812, there had been established Doddridge's Methodist Episcopal Meeting House, later known as Alley's Chapel, or the Widow Alley's.¹

In 1814, Zachariah Collins brought suit against Doddridge Alley, because Zachariah's good name had been ruined when Doddridge accused him of taking an otter out of his trap! Even so, Doddridge was found not guilty!²

From 1821 to 1823, Doddridge Alley sold six tracts of land in Franklin Co. In 1821, he was a resident of Decatur Co, Indiana. He had moved from Salt Creek, Franklin Co. and located at Clifty, about a mile north of present-day Melford. In the same year, he made his first splash in politics, and was elected Commissioner. The following year, he was elected Sheriff. He served two terms in the State Legislature, 1826-27 and 1831-32. But, in his campaign for the Senate, he was defeated.

About 1825, the first school house in Clay Twp. was built on his farm. As late as 1915, the ruins of the Doddridge Alley Mill were standing near the town of Adams, Indiana.

Some of Doddridge and Jane Alley's children:³

1. Hiram Alley, b.11-1-1810, married Emily ----
2. Jonathan Alley
3. Cynthia Alley married John Wright
4. Rachel Alley
5. Stephen Alley (See his letter to Mr. English.)

¹Franklin Co. Atlas, pages 72, 73

²Franklin Co. Order Bk. A-163

³Maude Bliss Allen's manuscript

Doddridge Alley the subject of this sketch was born first day of Nov 1788 in Scott Co Virginia and remained in his native land untill he was 21 years of age and married Miss Jane Philips In the course of a year Mr Alley his wife Father and Mother Brothers Sisters and some other friends thought they would emigrate to Indiana and grow up with the country. After harvest in the year 1810 commenced preparation to start west 2 large canoes 50 feet long was lashed together for a boat the women and children with what few household goods they possessed was towed away on the rude boat they had constructed started for their new home in the west some of the more feeble of the Males accompanied the women on the water craft the ballance of the men with a few horses and cows started by land with provisions and some clothing lashed on pack saddles rode through arriving on the banks of the Ohio where Cincinnati now stands Mrs Alley was taken sick and brought forth their first born son the first day of Nov 1810 After remaining there for two weeks started for Franklin Co and arrived in safety and stopped 8 miles west of Brookville where they settled The snow had fallen 10 inches deep the last of Nov.

The party was without shelter. D Alley and one of his brothers cut and packed logs or poles and built a cabin moved in 3 or 4 days from the time they arrived

took a preemption cleared a snug little farm and lived on it till the year 1822 moved west to Decatur Co and settled on Clifty Creek one mile north east of where Milford now stands bought 80 acres of land being industrious soon accumulated considerable property reared a family of 8 children 3 boys and 5 girls and was the first Sheriff and collector of the County coonskins and other furs was the common currency in them days to pay taxes with in the year 1827 After he had become in tolerable good shape for them times concluded to erect a brick dwelling Sawed the lumber by hand with a whip saw the log was rolled upon a scaffold on hand hooks on top the log the other on the ground in that mode obtained all the lumber for a large (two) story house was elected 2 terms in the State Legislature traveling to and from Indianapolis horseback received 3 dollars per day salary which was considered good wages those days

Later on in life he was a candidate for Senator but was defeated by Joseph Robison in the Campaign He made a barbecue of considerable importance Slaughtered 6 beeves 10 hogs 20 sheep and furnished all the provisions bore all the

expense The Me--mean (?) was going on at the time there was a large crowd on the ground there was plenty for all that was present this was the last act of his public life was growing in years He began preparing for the final wind up of his earthly career built a valut and monument over his last resting place on his farm in the edge of a beautiful walnut grove a short distance from the dwelling he occupied had the inscription placed on the monument all but the date of his death. lived several years after the completion of the burial place He never united with a church He was a very benevolent man in aiding He had read the Bible for some years was of the Christian faith when the time of his departure came he called a Christian Minister had a basin and water prepared was immersed died reconciled and in his right mind on the 31st day of Dec 1868

This is a copy of a letter from Doddridge's Alley's youngest son, Stephen, to a Mr. English, who collected material on early Indiana legislators. The letter is in the Archives of the Indiana Historical Society. AS

was very perceptive then in advising to keep the bible for some years more of the Christian faith when the time of his departure had come he called a Christian Minister had a box and water prepared was immersed died reconciled and in his right mind on the 31st day of Dec 1868.

Recorded by Samuel Alley himself and filed, with pension statement, in National Archives

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SECTION X.

I, Samuel Alley, the agent, was born June the 25th, in the year of our Lord 1761; and we have 11 children.

Jonathan Alley, his eldest son, was born April the 17th, in the year of our Lord 1787, and of his wife Catharine has 8 children, and 3 dead, and eleven grand children and one dead.

Doddridge Alley, his second son, was born November the 1st, in the year of our Lord 1788, and of his wife Jane, they have nine children living and three dead, and sixteen grand children, and five dead.

Cyrus Alley, his third son, was born April the 17th, in the year of our Lord 1791, and of his wife Charity they have ten children living and two dead, and have nine grand children, and three dead.

Thursey McCarty, his eldest daughter, was born March the 17th, in the year of

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bur Lord 1793, and of her husband they have six children living, and seven grand children and two dead.

Joydey Gant, his second daughter, was born May the 2nd, in the year of our Lord 1795, and of her husband they have five children living and two dead, and 4 grand children.

Sampson Alley, his fourth son, was born August the 20th, in the year of our Lord 1797, and of his wife Creecy they have thirteen children, and one dead, and have three grand children.

Lanzel Fowler, his third daughter, was born July the 26th, in the year of our Lord 1800, and of her husband they have eight children living and two dead.

Elihu Alley, his fifth son, was born February the 28th, in the year of our Lord 1803, and of his wife Catharine they have five children living and one dead.

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Azby C. Hobbs, his fourth daughter, was born February the 20th, in the year of our Lord 1806, and of her husband they have two children.

Samuel Alley, his sixth son, was born May the 1st, in the year of our Lord 1808, and of his wife Nancy they have six children living.

Solomon Alley, his seventh son, was born October the 25th, in the year of our Lord 1810, and of his wife Catharine they have four children living and one dead.

The children of Samuel Alley the agent, are in number eleven, and they have children in number sixty eight living; besides fifteen dead; and they have forty-eight grand children living, besides eleven dead.

How merciful has God been to him in preserving his children and great grand children, and multiplying their number till this present date, February 17, 1844.

iii. Cyrus Alley was born April 17th 1791, in Russell Co., Va. and died March 19th 1861, in Decatur Co., Indiana.

Cyrus Alley was married to Charity Nelson, born September 14th 1791, in Tenn. and died September 14th 1871, in Decatur Co., Indiana. She was a daughter of Daniel and Ruth Nelson.

The Nelson family was in Franklin Co., Indiana, by 1814, and living on Walnut Creek. They had moved from Washington Co., Tenn. to present Scott Co. and thence to Indiana. Daniel Nelson was a Revolutionary soldier and is said to have lost a leg during the War. There were eight daughters, six of whom were married to husbands mentioned in this manuscript, namely: James T. Osborn, John Herron, James Alley, William Clark, Squire Osborn, and Cyrus Alley. Daniel Nelson's will is recorded in Franklin Co., Cyrus Alley and Ruth Nelson, administrators.

In 1825, Cyrus Alley bought land on the east side of Pipe Creek, from his Uncle John Alley.¹ His name appeared on Franklin Co. tax lists from 1817 through 1828. At that time, he moved into Decatur Co., and settled in Clay Twp. Here, Cyrus and Charity Alley reared their children and lived out their lives.

After her husband's death, Charity (Nelson) Alley often visited her son, Samuel. Grandson Jonathan recalled those visits, made during his childhood. His grandmother was a Bible student, and would quote lengthy passages. She had her bed placed to face a west window, overlooking the cemetery where her husband was interred. She was proud of her family and often told the children that her uncle, Thomas Nelson, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.²

Children of Cyrus and Charity Alley: (There were 12)

1. Joab W. Alley, b. 1813, married Amanda ----; res. Iowa; 16 children
2. Logan Alley, probably died young
3. Daniel N. Alley, b. 1817, married Peggy Wines
4. Samuel Boyd Alley, b. 1-6-1819, married Nancy Selby
5. Henry S. Alley, b. 1820, probably died young.
6. Thursia Alley, b. 1822, married Druysh Pumphrey, who died in the Civil War.
7. Phebe Alley, b. 1823, married Joel Smith
8. Jonathan Alley, b. ca. 1829 married 1) Rebecca Adkins 2) Esther Barclay
9. Ruth Alley, b. 1831, married Henry Keith, who died in the Civil War
10. Mary Alley, b. ca. 1833, married George Daugherty
11. Lorenzo Dow Alley, b. 3-18-1835, married Eliza Pumphrey

¹Franklin Co. DB G-19

²Hester Alley, in Maude Bliss Allen's ms. Children and marriages from MBA ms. and Alma Osborn, Sunman, Ind.
For more on Nelson family, turn to Part I, pages 66 and 70

iv. Thursa Alley was born March 17th 1793 in Russell Co., Va. She was married March 21st 1812, to William McCarty. They lived in Brookville Twp., Franklin Co., Indiana. (FC Reg.)

Children of William and Thursa McCarty:¹

1. James McCarty, b. 1813, m. Mary ----
2. William McCarty, b. 1816, m. Ayrelia ----
3. Lawrence McCarty, b. 1818, m. Eliza ---- b. Ky.
4. Jonathan McCarty, b. 1820, m. Nancy ----
5. Patrick McCarty, b. 1825
6. Henry McCarty
7. Washington McCarty, b. 1830, m. Elizabeth ----

v. Joydey Alley was born May 2nd 1795, in Russell Co., Va. She married first December 25th 1816, Allen Ramsey, Jr. who was born December 25th 1792, and died March 23rd 1827. She married second December 27th 1829 James C. Gant. (FC Reg.)

1. Thursia Ramsey m. John Henderson
2. Allen Ramsey, b. 1822 or 1826
3. Caroline Ramsey, b. 8-15-1825, m. 1) Moses Fowler 2) Christian Henry Bliss
4. Mary Ramsey, died at the age of 23 or 25; said to have had a promising career in music, had she lived.
5. Jonathan Gant m. Mary A. Jones
6. James Gant, Jr. (?)

vi. Sampson Alley was born August 20th 1797, in Russell Co., Va., and died March 7th 1874 in Davies Co., Missouri, and was buried at Galatin.

He was married November 28th 1816 to Lucretia Hobbs. (FC Reg.) They were living in Harrison Co., Mo. before 1850.

1. Didama Alley
2. Carlisle Alley
3. Delilah Alley m. 12-24-1840 James Henry Hall, in Decatur Co., Ind.
 - (1) Lucretia Hall m. B. H. Hamilton
 - (2) Martha Jane Hall m. Leonidas Powers
 - (3) Euphama Hall m. 1862 Daniel Walls; Ch: Mary Ann, Norris, Oliver, Theodore, Victoria, Clara
4. Emaline Alley
5. Sidney Alley

iv. and v. from Maude Bliss Allen's ms.

vi. from Bernice (Canady) Lynch, Galt, Missouri

6. Martha Alley, b. 1828
7. John Wesley Alley, b. 1829; to Iowa
8. Mary Jane Alley; to Harrison, Mo.
9. Rachel Alley, b. 1834, m. John Spencer
10. Francis M. Alley m. Minerva Bartlett; to Harrison, Mo.
11. Ansel Alley
12. Comfort Alley; to Harrison, Mo.
13. David Alley

vii. Comfort Lancel Alley was born July 26th 1800, in Russell Co., Va. She was married November 9th 1820. to William Fowler (Reg.) in Franklin Co., Indiana. He died 1880, in St. Joseph, Missouri.

They were married in a joint ceremony, with James T. Osborn and Ruth Nelson; and James Hicks and Mahala Fowler. They were married in Little Cedar Baptist Church, with the Rev. Lewis de Wesse officiating.

In 1832, William Fowler represented Decatur Co. in the House of Representatives; in 1834, he was elected to the State Senate. After serving six years in the Ind. Legislature, William Fowler and family moved to Buchanan Co., Missouri, and lived at present Wallene. In 1839, he was elected Circuit and County Clerk. In 1846, he moved to St. Joseph, Missouri. He served as Captain in the Union Army. In 1865 he was appointed postmaster in St. Joseph, by President Lincoln.

Children of Comfort and William Fowler:¹

1. Fowler daughter, name unknown, 1821 to 1880, married by 1840
2. Emaline Eleanor Fowler, b. 1823, m. 1848 Sen. Benjamin L. Loman; no children
3. John Fowler, 1824 to 1880
4. Mary A. Fowler, b. 1829, married in October 1850, James M. Gardenshire, b. 1821, in Tenn. He lived only three months after their marriage. He was an attorney. He had been married before and had two children, Erasmus and Alice.
5. Theodore A. Fowler, b. 1832, married 1854, Martha D. Hopkins, who died the next year.
6. Gilbert Fowler, b. 1835
7. William B. Fowler, 1838 to 1880. He was an attorney and had extensive real estate holdings in the St. Joseph area, including the Commercial Hotel, which he built. Some of his property is still owned by the Guthrie heirs of Atchison.
8. Julia C. Fowler, b. 1841, married W. W. Guthrie; res. Atchison, Kansas
9. Louisa C. Fowler, b. 1844, unmarried. She, Emaline, and Theodore lived together in St. Joseph, Missouri.

¹ From Alma Osborn, Sunman, Ind.

viii. Elihu Alley was born February 28th 1803, in Russell Co., Va., and died February 18th 1871, in Red Rock, Iowa. He was married June 29th 1826 to Catherine Carr (Reg.) in Franklin Co., Indiana, who was born January 25th 1801, and died July 4th 1881.

Children of Elihu and Catherine Alley:

1. Cyrus Alley married Martha Jane Miklsel
2. Doddridge Alley

3. Matthew Alley was born 3-4-1831, in Bartholomew Co., Ind. and died 1918, in Greensburg, Kansas. He married 8-30-1861 Rowena Mullins.

(1) William Jackson Alley, b. 1865, in Red Rock, Iowa, and died 10-1-1936, in Eugene, Oregon. He was married 1902 to Lula Ann LaFever. Their son, James Matthew Alley, is pastor of the First Christian Church, Gladstone, Oregon
Elihu Alley had three other unknown children

ix. Azby Christian Alley was born February 10th 1806, in Russell Co., Va., and died after 1844. She was married December 15th 1825 to Noah R. Hobbs. (Reg.) in Franklin Co., Indiana. Apparently, they moved early from Franklin Co. There were two children. One of them may have been Andrew F. Hobbs, who lived in Greensburg, Decatur Co., Indiana.

x. Samuel Alley, junr. was born May 1st 1808, in Russell Co., Va. and died November 12th 1875, in Rock Bluff, Nebraska.

He was married August 27th 1829 to Nancy Bunyard (Reg.) in Franklin Co., Indiana. She was born October 21st 1805, in Ohio, and died November 21st 1879, in Dorchester, Nebraska.

They lived for a while in Decatur Co., Indiana, then moved to Missouri, and Westward.

1. Albert Alley, b. 1830
2. Elanson Alley, 1832 to 1922, married ---- McCarty
3. Solomon Alley was born 8-3-1836 in Ind. and died 10-27-1914, Madera, Cal. He married Mary Jane Adams, b. 10-27-1834, Bethany, Mo. and d. 5-6-1914, Madera, Cal.
4. Shannon Alley, b. 3-5-1840, m. Josephine S. Burger, 1841 to 1930
5. Mary Ann Alley, 7-3-1842 to 7-4-1918, Fowler, Cal. m. John L. Flint, 7-10-1840 to 3-15-1922
6. Noah Brady Alley was born 11-27-1844, Harrison Co., Ind. and died 10-13-1903 in Eugene, Oregon. He married Esther Smith.
7. Zadoc (Doc) Alley, b. 1845, married Catherine Rooney, who was born 1847, in Ireland, and died 11-2-1905, Watsonville, Cal.

8. Samuel Jay Alley was born 10-10-1846, in Mo., and died 2-24-1929, Healdsburg, Cal. He married Mary Ellen Shriver, born Galatin, Mo. and died 12-9-1935, Cal.

9. Mordecai (Mort) Alley was born 12-13-1854, Bethany, Mo. and died 10-9-1933, Fowler, Cal. He married Harriet Maria Roberts, born 11-18-1860, and died 1959, in Omaha, Nebraska.

xi. Solomon Alley was born October 25th 1810, in Franklin Co., Indiana, and died after 1850, probably in Decatur Co. He was married September 13th 1833, to Catherine Gant (Reg.) in Franklin Co., Ind. She was born 1812 and died after 1850.

Children of Solomon and Catherine Alley:

1. Mary Alley, b. 1836
2. Emeline Alley, b. 1838
3. Enoch Alley, b. 1840
4. Susan Alley, b. 1843
5. John Alley, b. 1845
6. Nancy Alley, b. 1847
7. Martha Alley, b. 1848

The line of Samuel Alley, junr. was compiled by John A. Dougherty,
265 So. Exchange, St. Paul, Minn.

August 12th 1833 Brookville Twp., Franklin Co., Indiana

Samuel Alley, age seventy two years, made the following declaration. He was born in 1761, on the 25th of June, in Henrico Co., Va. He enlisted in May 1777 in Washington Co., Va., in the Company of Capt. McClanahan, and served under him and Capt. Snoddy till the first of October of the same year; that he served during all this time guarding Moore's Fort and ranging near it; the Cherokee, Shawnee, and Delaware Indians being feared by the fort; that he was in no engagement during the period - that his services here amounted to four months.

On the first of June 1779, he was drafted in the Company of Capt. Alexander Ritchie to guard Rocky Station, in Powell's Valley, and served till the first of July; was in no engagement this term of service - the Indians once came to the fort to attack it, and we sallied out and pursued them, but they were not overtaken.

He removed from Virginia to Kentucky Station, in Kentucky in September 1782, that in seven days after his arrival, he was notified to rendezvous at Bryant's Station that he arrived at Bryant's Station about the first of October 1782, and there he was placed under the command of Col. Benjamin Logan and Capt. Adams. From Bryant's Station, he marched to the Ohio river, at the mouth of Licking, where he met Genl. Clark from Louisville, with three hundred regulars - that we built a block house opposite the mouth of Licking, and Capt. Adams was left to guard it - that this applicant was then placed under the command of Capt. Wood and marched to the Shawnee towns, now Pi---, Ohio; that the Indians at the Shawnee towns had mostly fled before our arrival. From here, we marched back to the Block House opposite Licking and was discharged on the Kentucky shore - that this expedition lasted five weeks.

He lived in Virginia when called into service, moved into Kentucky in 1782 and lived there for two or three years, alternately in Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. After which time, he settled in Russell Co., Va. and lived there till 1818 when he moved to Franklin Co., Indiana, where he now lives . . .

Verified by Jacob McCarty, Nathan Gallion, John Jones, Ricard Tyner

Jonathan Alley, a clergyman, and John Alley certified that he was a Revolutionary soldier.

June 1st 1853. Decatur Co., Indiana. Mary Alley, age about 85 years, stated that her husband Samuel Alley, died in Shelby Co., Ind., on or about the 12th of Aug. 1847, and was buried in Decatur Co., Ind. She stated that she was married to Samuel Alley, near Abingdon, Washington Co., Va., by one Frost, a Baptist minister, and that her name, before marriage, was Mary Osborne. Her marriage occurred in the summer season, in or about the Year of our Lord 1786.

Witnesses: Margaret Alley, Isaac Fugit

On the same date, Joel Smith and John F. Herron appeared and verified the above statement. They further stated that they lived in the same neighborhood with Samuel Alley; that both saw him frequently during his last illness, and that they were present at his burial.

November 6th 1885. Decatur Co., Indiana. Mary Alley, age 87 years, applied for a bounty land warrant. Verified by Joel Smith, John Edwards, and John P. Piper

May 1st 1858. Clifty Post Office, Indiana. Doddridge Alley wrote the Commissioner of Pensions that there had been issued a bounty land warrant, but that it was not received; that Mary Alley died in October 1856; and that he had been requested by the heirs to ascertain how another could be procured.

May 17th 1859. Decatur Co., Ind. Doddridge Alley appeared and made a similar statement, saying that Mary Alley died on the 18th of October 1856; and that she had lived with him from the time of the application till a few days before her death.

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VII. John Alley was born July 8th 1764, in Henrico Co., Va.,¹ and died 1842, in Franklin Co., Indiana. He was a son of James Alley, senr.

John Alley was married April 29th 1790, to Mary Porter, at the house of James Ausban (Osborne) in Russell Co., Va., with Bishop Whatcoat officiating.² Mary B. Porter was born February 25th 1771, and died before 1842, in Franklin Co., Ind. She was a daughter of Patrick and Ann (Walker) Porter.

John Alley appeared first in (then) Washington Co. records, in 1777, as a soldier at Moore's Fort. His pension declaration tells of other frontier service.

From 1787, John Alley is mentioned many times in the court records of Russell Co. He was, perhaps, the most outstanding member of his family.

In 1791, John Alley brought suit against James Alley; James Osborne testified for John Alley.³ There is nothing which explains the nature of the case, nor whether it meant estrangemant between father and son.

On March 27th 1792, Henry Hamlin sold to John Alley and Samuel Porter part of a tract called Blackmore's Old Fort. (1-214) On September 30th 1798, John Alley entered a survey of 325 acres, including part of Blackmore's Old Fort. (Survey Bk. 1-306) On March 27th 1804, Joseph and Fanny Blackmore sold to John Alley 240 acres of the 1782 patent to Joseph Blackmore. (3-485) On October 7th 1812, John Alley, William Rhea, and David Cocke brought suit against the Blackmore heirs and others, for title (4-414) and on August 3rd 1813, the court ordered the lands conveyed to William Rhea and John Alley. (5-35) Thus, John Alley owned and lived upon a large boundary of the finest land in the area.

In February 1810, Gov. Tyler appointed John Alley a Justice of the Russell Co., Va. Court. (4-120) He was then entitled John Alley, Gentleman.

On September 5th 1811, John Alley was appointed administrator of the estate of Samuel Porter, decd. A year later, he was released. (4-299) Appraisers were: John Alley, William Rhea, William Jones, John Carter. (4-388)

The deeds in his name were too numerous to be listed here, for John Alley was a land speculator. Then, on August 4th 1815, John and Mary Alley, OF SCOTT CO. sold part of the Blackmore land to James Albert, for \$1000. (1-133) The following July, John and Mary Alley, OF FRANKLIN CO., INDIANA INDEPENDENT TERRITORY, sold another parcel of their homeplace to Jesse Law. (1-317) On November 22nd 1817, John and Mary Alley sold to James Albert, for \$1200, the last of the land known as Blackmore's Old Fort. (2-82)

²Journal of Francis Asbury, Vol. 1, p. 643

1 Pension statement

2 Russell Co. LOB 1-247

Many years later, John Alley's son, Samuel, was to return to the land of his birth. His letter (p. 43) tells of his visit, and holds a note of sadness.

That the younger and less affluent should migrate to new and untried territory was typical of the age. That John Alley, now more than 50 years of age, should leave behind the attainments of a lifetime, and set out into the wilderness, is strange indeed.

But John and Mary Alley and family did migrate from Russell Co. to the Indiana Territory about 1814. They made the trip on horseback. It is said that one of the children died on the way, and that the slave girl, Millie, overtook them at that time. Millie had been given her freedom in January 1802.¹ But she loved the children dearly, and could not bear to be left behind.

The family settled on Pipe Creek, in Franklin Co., living in a sod hut till a log house could be built. Afterward, a barn was built of great black walnut logs. The barn was standing a few years ago, more than 150 years later.

Indiana was not kind to Millie, and she died after two years there. John Alley buried her in the family graveyard, just above the barn. He placed a creek rock at her head, and the children carved her name thereon; and they planted a pine tree on each side of her grave, which is still marked by the trees. John Alley himself, was buried there, but nothing marks his grave.²

The place has had many owners since John Alley's day, among them, Frank and Minnie (Osborn) White, who built a bungalow around the log house.

There are a number of land transfers in the name of John Alley in Franklin Co. Shortly before his death, he sold a tract on the east side of Pipe Creek to son Samuel. Afterward, son Joseph bought the homeplace.³

Samuel Alley stated in his letter to Dr. Draper that his father died in 1842. (p. 44) Another son, Thomas Wilkerson Alley was appointed administrator of the estate of John Alley, senr. decd., with Samuel Alley, surity.⁴

1842. Thomas W. Alley vs the heirs of John Alley, decd. Defendants: Margaret Hawkins; Ann Alley; David Alley and Rebecca; Sarah Cragun, late Sarah Jones, late Sarah Alley; Samuel and Margaret Alley; Frances Lakin, late Frances Webb, late Frances Stacey; John and Sarah Alley; Mary Jones and William Jones her husband; Joseph W. Alley; Susannah Harvey Rhea Alley.⁵

¹Russell Co. LOB 3-101

²Margaret Foster, Elwood Place, Ohio

³Vol. Y-48, 550

⁴Book D-55

⁵Estate #447, pp. 308,411

Children of John and Mary (Porter) Alley:

i. Sarah Alley was born 1790 in Russell Co., Va. and died after 1850, in Franklin Co., Ind. Sarah was married first to ---- Jones, who died before 1820. There were two children, a son and a daughter.

Sarah (Alley) Jones was married second March 9th 1820 to Caleb Cragun. (Reg.) He was born 1796 and died 1838, in Franklin Co. In the settlement of his estate, William R. Jones served as administrator; Elisha B. Jones and William Alley, security. In 1850, Sarah Cragun was a member of the Margaret and Cornelius Harrison household.

1. Jones son
2. Jones daughter
3. Elizabeth Cragun, b. 1820, m. 3-5-1837 James Payne (Reg.)
4. John Cragun, b. 1820 (twin)
5. Nancy Ann Cragun, b. 1828, m. 9-15-1847 Newton Gant
 - (1) Jasper Gant m. Angeline Cupp
 - (2) Emma Gant
6. Margaret Cragun, b. 1830, m. 1-3-1850 Cornelius F. Harrison (Reg.)

ii. Susannah (Hannah) Alley was born December 13th 1792, in Russell Co., Va. She was married first to James Rhea. Susannah was married second, in 1834, to Charles Harvey, whose first wife had been Susannah's cousin, Sarah Osborn, daughter of Squire and Elizabeth Osborne. (Harvey Family Bible)
Susannah and Charles had only one child, Philemon Harvey.

iii. Mary (Polly) Alley was married to William Jones

1. Mary Jones m. 8-22-1830 William H. Alley (Reg.) b. 1808, Russell Co. He was a son of Peter Alley. (p. 11)
2. William Huston Jones, b. 1811, m. 12-4-1831 Martha Alley (Reg.) b. 1814. She was a daughter of Peter Alley. (p. 11)

iv. Frances Alley was born 1800 in Russell Co. and died 1855, probably in Rush Co. She was married first February 4th 1816 to George Stacy (Reg.) who lived about two years. Frances was married second to Jonathan Webb, Jr., Rush Co., Indiana. He lived about a year, and died shortly before the birth of their daughter. Thus, Frances was twice a widow before the age of twenty. Frances was married third to Thomas Lakin, who died 1874, in Rush Co., Indiana. He was a son of Joseph Lakin from Penn. Thomas had been married to Sarah Simmons and their children were: Adam, Joseph, Benjamin, John, Mary, and Eliza Ann.

Children of Frances (Alley) Stacy - Webb - Lakin:

1. Mary Stacy, b. ca. 1817
2. Ruth Webb, b. 1819, m. 1836 Holman Eastes, b. 1817, son of Obediah Eastes from S. C. They moved to Summitville, Madison Co., Ind. and were buried in Marion Co., Ind.¹
3. James Lakin, b. 1828, m. 1856 Catherine Carr. Ch: Frank, Emma, Edward, Leah, Frances, infant
4. Thomas F. Lakin, d. 1858
5. Sarah Lakin
6. Caroline Lakin, d. 1881²

v. Samuel Alley was born 1801, at Fort Blackmore, Scott Co., Va. and died after 1884, in Franklin Co., Indiana. He was married first to ---- Riley. Samuel was married second to Margaret Stevens, born 1809. (Excerpts from Samuel's letter to Dr. Draper, p. 43, 44)

The children were of the second marriage:

1. Leonidas Alley m. Elizabeth Locke
 - (1) Alonzo Alley (4) Jenny Alley
 - (2) Annie Alley m. Ed Ferris; to S. Dakota (5) Son died young
 - (3) Edgar Alley (6) Alley daughter
2. Hester Alley married 2-22-1849 Andrew Roberts
 - (1) Hattie Roberts m. Ab Weldredge; to Dakota
 - (2) Lee Roberts
 - (3) Annie Roberts; to Dakota
 - (4) Cora Roberts m. Elisha Smith; to Dakota
 - (5) Margaret Roberts m. Aaron Nutt; in Indianapolis 1940
 - (6) John Roberts; Louisville, Ky. 1940
 - (7) Edna Roberts; in Indianapolis 1940
 - (8) Kate Roberts m. Ira Pete Tressler
3. Mary Jane Alley married William Blacklidge
 - (1) Lt. Col. Harvey Blacklidge d. 1936; photographer for Smithsonian Institute
 - (2) Rollin H. Blacklidge m. Parvay Ann Thomas; res. Fallbrook, Cal.
 - (3) Eula Blacklidge died years ago, in Franklin Co., Ind.
4. Nancy Alley, b. 1833; unmarried
5. James Alley, b. 1835; unmarried

6. Mary Alley, b. 1835 (twin)

7. Francis Asbury Alley, 1838 to 1889, married 1858 Mary Ann Jones, who died 1887. She was a daughter of Obed Jones. They removed to Olney, Ill. with son, Henry Beecher Alley, in 1903.

(1) Henry Beecher Alley m. Anna Hill. He wrote notes on family at age 78, in Seattle, Washington.

(2) Dr. Edward Alley m. Fannie Simmons; res. Potosi, Mo. 1940. Daughters: Ruth, Kathleen and Alpha who died on Walnut Fork, Franklin Co., October 30th 1968.

(3) Ora Alley m. Dr. Joseph Wright; res. St. Louis, Mo. 1932

8. Henry Alley, b. 1841; unmarried

9. Lettie Alley, b. 1843, m. 1891 Samuel Jones

10. Margaret Alley, b. 1845, m. 1865 William Alyew

11. Bodie Hamelin Alley m. 1879 Donna Williams

(1) Katie Williams

(2) Margaret Williams

(3) Robert Williams

12. Newton Alley, b. 1849

vi. John Alley, Jr. was married 3-30-1822 to Sarah Alley. (FC Reg.) She was a daughter of Peter Alley. (p.11)

vii. Ann Alley was born 1804, in Russell Co., Va. She was married 7-2-1825 to James Alley, 1805 to 1875. He was a son of Peter Alley. (p.11)

viii. Thomas Wilkerson Alley was born 1806 in Russell Co., Va. and died before 7-17-1889, in Franklin Co. He married first 9-25-1834 Mary Alley (Reg.) who lived only five years, and died 1839. She was a daughter of David K. Alley.

Thomas W. Alley married second 4-20-1847 Sarah S. Cooley (Reg.) born 1828, dau. of Isaac and Fanny (Alley) Cooley. Sarah was the niece of Thomas W's first wife.

Thomas W. Alley was an active member of the Methodist Church, and assisted in building the Elm Grove Church. He served as clerk of the court in the late 1840's.

The will of Thomas W. Alley was dated 2-16-1878, and probated 7-17-1889.

"All of my estate to Sarah S. Alley. If any left at her death, then to the children of my wife, or if she dies before I do, then to the said children of my wife or their children, as sole legatees of my estate." ¹

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Children of first marriage:

1. Addison Alley died in infancy
2. James Alley, born 1837, died young. He married Julia Martindale, Metamora Twp. Julia Alley and daughters, Lelia and Ethel, live in Indianapolis.

3. Omer Alley, born 1848, married Indiana Pelsor, daughter of Jemima (Alley) and Peter Pelsor. The Omer Alley family lived in Muncie, Indiana.

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| (1) Leona Alley | (3) Alice Alley | (5) Maida Alley | (7) Fanny Alley |
| (2) Lettie Alley | (4) Nera Alley | (6) Mary Alley | (8) Agnes Alley |

Jemima Alley Pelsor had been married first to Andrew Alley, son of Jonathan, eldest son of Samuel Alley, senr.

4. Lyman Alley, deceased

5. Cassius Alley married Sarah Bunyard, Indianapolis.

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| (1) Clifton Alley | (3) Frank Alley | (5) Kenneth Alley |
| (2) Nellie Alley | (4) Thomas W. Alley | |

6. Elsie Alley was married 1918, to Charles Wolfe. She continued to live at home with her widowed mother. In 1960, Elsie passed away, leaving no descendants. Her will provided for the upkeep of the Alley Cemetery.

ix. Rev. David Alley was married 8-1-1829 to Rebecca Jones, (Reg.) daughter of William Jones. They lived in Franklin Co.

Children of David and Rebecca Alley:

1. William Arrington Alley, 1832 to 1906, married 1853 Elizabeth Ertal.
 - (1) Henry Clarence Alley
 - (2) George Riley Alley m. 1883 Sadie Mummert
 - (3) Mary Florence Alley m. 1888 A. Lincoln Osborn, gr. grandson of James T. Osborn
 - (4) Hester Ann Alley
 - (5) Ella Jane Alley m. Mr. Bennett
 - (6) Bertha Delia Alley m. 1858 David Foster
 - (7) Estella Alley m. 1893 Louis Reifel, historian
 - (8) William David Alley m. Beatrice ----
 - (9) Christian Alley
2. Elizabeth J. Alley married 1854 William Meeker
3. Letty Alley married Edward Vance
4. Rev. John S. Alley married 1853 Margaret Kyle

5. James M. Alley, senr. married Nancy Jane Hall, b. 1845

(1) James M. Alley, Jr.

(2) Ella Gertrude Alley m. George Anson Clark

(3) Ann Alley m. William Ceiner

(4) Olive Alley m. Isaac Worman; son Charles was a Lutheran minister

6. Mary Alley; no information

x. Margaret Alley was married 10-1-1831 to David Hawkins. (FC Reg.)

xi. Joseph W. Alley was married, in 1852, to Sarah Foster. Joseph bought the homeplace from the executors of his father's estate, and resided in Franklin Co.

Children of Joseph and Sarah Alley:

1. Elnora Alley

2. Ellis Alley

3. Mattie Alley

4. Pearl Alley

5. Ada Alley

Note: Abbot's Chapel M. E., sec. 24, Butler Twp. Among the members were the following Alleys: Samuel, Rev. David, Thomas, Joseph (F. C. Churches, 1882)

Records of the descendants of John Alley, Revolutionary soldier, by courtesy of Alma Osborne (Mrs. William), Sunman, Indiana

*or before the first day of March next I promise
to pay William C. Barber the sum of two hundred
& fifty cents or to buy my share of land
the 1st day of December 1874*

John Alley

August 25th 1841

Franklin Co., Indiana

John Alley, senr., personally appeared in open court and made the following declaration:

That he was living in Russell Co., Va. during the whole time of the Revolutionary War. He moved with his father, James Alley, into the said county (then called Washington) when he was about seven or eight years of age.

Sometime during the Revolutionary War, Col. Alexander Barnett called upon Samuel Porter, the brother-in-law of this applicant, a resident of Russell Co., and required him to select an able and efficient individual to serve with him as an Indian Spy. That, accordingly, the said Porter called upon this applicant, and the said applicant and the said Porter armed and equipped themselves for the service, and entered upon their duties as Indian Spies the first day of March, but what year he does not recollect, and this applicant served constantly as such spy until the last day of September, in the same year, making seven months.

He would go out from the settlements on the frontier, and examine and spy for Indians, and remain for about two weeks (unless trails or signs of Indians were discovered sooner) and then report under the directions of Col. Barnett, under oath. That, during this time, we had to carry our provisions in our knapsacks and sleep on the ground at night, and this applicant received five shillings Virginia currency per day for this service.

That, about the same time, he served another four months in the Revolutionary War. There was a call for soldiers, and I enlisted in the service under Capt. James Gibson. He had orders to draft or call out part of the militia to guard and protect a place called Rye Cove in the said county of Russell. It was during the warm season of the year, but he does not recollect the year. He recollects that the following named soldiers served with him this year: William Hull, Thomas Gray, John Porter, Joseph Blackmore. He was in no engagement, but guarded Rye Cove, ranged about, scouted for Indians and Indian signs, and at the end of three months, was discharged.

In reply to questions by the court, he stated that he was born July 8th 1764. He was living in Russell Co. when called into service, and the county was afterwards divided, and the part where he lived called Scott, where he continued to reside until about the year 1814, and then removed to where he now resides.

Jonathan Alley, a clergyman, and David Alley verified John Alley's statement.

Aprile the 26th 1836

Claiborne County, Tennessee

Sometime in the month of January 1786, this applicant received an appointment as one of the Indian Spies, from Col. Henry Smith, of Russell Co., Va. and he spied through the Kentucky and Cumberland mountains and also in the Sandy mountains, which are situated in the State of Kentucky . . . and this applicant states that John Alley, who was likewise a Spy, spied with him. He and Alley left Dunkin's Fort on every Monday and returned to it again on the Sunday next ensuing. And this we continued to do for the term of nine months, commencing on the first day of February 1786, and then his term of service expired and he states most positively that he did serve as an Indian Spy on the Frontiers of Virginia for the aforesaid term of nine months.

Signed: Alexr. Ritchie, junr.

John Alley's
File #R152

VIII. David K. Alley was born 1768/1770, probably in Henrico Co., Va., and died before November 14th 1838, in Franklin Co., Indiana. He was a son of James Alley, senr.

He was married, ca. 1795, to Jane ---- who was born 1777, and died before October 26th 1874, in Franklin Co., Indiana.

Jane Alley's will was dated February 14th 1851, and probated October 26th 1874. Her estate was to be equally divided among daughters Sarah, Elizabeth, and Jane. It was witnessed by Thomas W. Alley, Squire Osborn, and Sarah S. Alley.¹

David Alley was mentioned first in Russell Co. records in July 1793.² In November 1798, he was called for jury duty.³ In 1802, he was a surveyor, and in January 1810 he surveyed the road from Stoney Creek to Stanton Creek.⁴

On April 10th 1798, James Alley, senr., deeded to David Alley, for a nominal sum, 150 acres of the 1781 patent. David bound himself "to maintain the said James Alley, his father, in comfort, peace, and plenty." After the death of James Alley the entire tract was to go to David Alley.⁵

On September 4th 1810, David and Jane Alley sold this boundary to Samuel Ewing.⁶

David and Jane Alley were included in the first enumeration of Franklin Co., Indiana, in 1811. The following year, David entered land in Metamora Twp., Franklin Co., Indiana. David Alley and his family were members of the Methodist Church.⁷

David Alley's name appeared on Franklin Co. tax lists from 1817 through 1836. He and his family were listed in 1820 and 1830 census records of that county.

David Alley's will was dated February 24th 1838 and filed for probate November 14th 1838. He mentioned wife Jane; and children James, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Jane. All real estate and personal property to be equally divided. The will was witnessed by Jonathan Alley, John C. Blades, and William H. H. Alley.⁸

¹Franklin Co. Will Bk. 1-508

²Russell Co. LOB 2-90

³LOB 3-214, 4-118

⁵Russell Co. DB 3-6,7

⁶Russell Co. DB 4-363

⁷T. W. Alley's Biography, p.676

⁸Franklin Co. Probate Bk. C, p.259

Note: David Alley was over 60 in 1831, but not in 1828 tax list. In 1830 Census, his age was 60-69. Thus, he was born 1768-1770.

Children of David K. and Jane Alley:

i. Elizabeth Alley was born 1796, in Russell Co., Va., and died before October 25th 1876, in Franklin Co., Ind. In 1850, she was a member of the Thomas W. Alley household. Elizabeth was unmarried. Her will was dated November 27th 1867, and filed for probate on the date above. All of her estate was left to Thomas W.¹ Alley.

ii. Sarah Alley was born 1798, in Russell Co., Va., and died before October 24th 1879, in Franklin Co., Ind. In 1850, she was a member of the Thomas W. Alley household. Sarah was unmarried. Her will was dated November 27th 1867, and filed for probate on the date above. All of her estate was left to Thomas W. Alley.²

iii. John Alley was born ca. 1800, in Russell Co., Va. His name did not appear on Franklin Co. tax lists.

iv. Hosea Alley was born ca. 1802-1804. He was married 2-19-1829 to Seneca Halsey, in Franklin Co. (Reg) This is probably the same Hosea Alley whose name appeared on the 1831 and 1834 lists of Franklin Co.

v. David Alley was born ca. 1804-1806, in Russell Co., Va. Whether this was David Alley, 20-29, in 1830, with wife the same age, and no children, is uncertain. The name of David Alley, Jr. appeared on the Franklin Co. tax list in 1834, next to that of Hosea Alley and again, in 1836. Possibly it was this David, though it may have been his cousin, the Rev. David Alley.

vi. Fanny Alley was born ca. 1810. She was married 12-2-1827 to Isaac Cooley, in Franklin Co. (Reg.) They had one daughter.

1. Sarah S. Cooley, born 1828, became the second wife 4-20-1847 of Thomas Wilkerson Alley, widowed husband of her Aunt Mary Alley. They lived in Metamora Twp. (pp. 74, 75) In 1850, this was indeed an unusual household.

Thomas Alley, age 44

Sarah	22	Jane Alley, age 73
James	13	Elizabeth 54
Sarah	6	Sarah 52
Omer	2	Jane 34

All may have been living at the late David K. Alley's homeplace.

vii. Mary Alley was born ca. 1812 and died 9-22-1839. She was married 9-25-1834 to Thomas Wilkerson Alley, 1806 to 1889, son of John and Mary Alley.

There were only two children. Note that Mary died at about age 27.

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WB 2-353, 555

viii. Nancy Alley was born 1814; no information.

ix. Jane Alley was born 1816, and died before February 18th 1879, in Franklin Co. In 1850, she was a member of the Thomas W. Alley household. Like her two older sisters, Jane was unmarried. Her will was dated November 27th 1867, and filed for probate on the date above. All of her estate was left to Thomas W. Alley.¹ Note that the wills of the three sisters were drawn on the same day, and that Thomas W. Alley was the sole heir of the three.

x. James M. Alley was born ca. 1818 and died in 1844, in Franklin Co. He was married 2-16-1843 to Martha Ann Hammond (Reg.) There was one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Ann Alley, born 1843 or 1844.

James M. Alley's will was probated in 1844. His wife received her dower rights of \$75. James M. Alley's land and personal property were sold, and the following books were nine cents each: An Atlas, Wesley's Notes, Christian Theology, and Treatise on Eloquence.

Administrator: James T. Osborn, with William Russell, security. Clerk of the court was Thomas Wilkerson Alley.

Martha Ann (Hammond) Alley married second 6-15-1847 William Potts (Reg.)

¹Franklin Co. WB 2-447

Most of the David K. Alley line from Alma Osborn, Sunman, Indiana

Sale of Real Estate

The undersigned Administrator of the estate of James M. Alley deceased, will sell at public outcry, on Saturday, the 19th day of October 1844, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. of said day, on the premises on Pipe creek in Brookville township Franklin County, Pa., the following described real estate situated in said County, of which the said Jas. M. Alley died seized and possessed in fee simple, to-wit: The east half of the North west quarter of section 18, township 11 Range 13, supposed to contain about 68 acres more or less - Also the undivided fifth part of all of the North east quarter of said section 18 in the township and range aforesaid except the following tract sold by David Alley the father of said decedent, to Cyrus Volney to-wit: "beginning on the east and west lines of said North east quarter on the east bank of Pipe creek, thence up the creek 44 poles, to two blue ash trees on the bank of Pipe creek, thence an easterly course to the top of the ridge, to a white hazel and buckhorn, thence along the top of the ridge a south east course to a white oak marked with four chops, thence along the top of the ridge to a Sugar tree on the section line thence along the line North to the corner, thence west along the line to the beginning" of which said Jas. M. Alley died seized and possessed in fee simple all subject to the widow dower -

From One half of the purchase money to be
paid at the time of sale, and the balance in one year
thereafter, to be secured by note and approved security,
Deed to be made when last payment is paid. By
order of the Probate Court of Granddun Co. Dec 14
the August Term 1844
September 14 1844

James M. Alley

Mr. Baly Petty sir please pay two dollars to James
Cole the remainder of which you and Livig Pain
own and this order shall be your receipt.
I have lost your note and obliged your friend
this 14th day of February 1842 James M. Alley

IX. Elizabeth Alley, born ca. 1772, probably in Russell Co., Va., died 1843, in Missouri. She was married, before 1793, to Squire Osborn.

See Part One, pages 63 through 78.

X. Hosea Alley was born before 1775, possibly in Washington (Russell) Co., Va. and died before July 11th 1824, in Scott Co., Va. He was probably the youngest son of James Alley, senr.

Hosea Alley was married ca. 1800, to Abigail ---- born 1775/1780.¹

On October 8th 1792, Hosea Alley, Squire Osborn, and Austen Bush witnessed the deed from William Osborne to James Osborne (Castlewood) for the Ritchie's Fort tract, on the south side of Clinch river.²

Hosea Alley was a witness to the two deeds from James Alley, senr., the first to Peter Alley, in 1795; the second, to David Alley, in 1798.

Two Land Office Warrants were issued to Hosea Alley, corners to Samuel Alley and Stephen Osborn, dated October 5th 1798.³

James and Matilda Osborne deeded a tract to the Methodist Episcopal Church, on June 4th 1805. The trustees were Hosea Alley, Samuel Stallard, and Dale Carter.⁴

There were other deeds in the name of Hosea Alley. On December 15th 1815, he made a motion that a new road be viewed from the west end of Stephen Osborne's place, to the source of Guess's river, for the purpose of travelling from this place to the head of Kentucky.⁵ On June 11th 1816, he was appointed overseer of the road from Stoney Creek to the Coal-bank on the Tavern Branch.⁶

On December 11th 1821, Thomas Alley, Hosea Alley, and Tom Alley were among those who bought at the sale of Stephen Osborne's estate.⁷

On July 11th 1824, an appraisement was ordered of the estate of Hosea Alley, decd.⁸ William H. Alley was appointed administrator. Appraisers were: William Bickley, Oliver Powers, and Jacob Ramey.

In 1830, Abigail Alley, age 50/60, was head of a family, which included several adults. On July 15th 1831, she was married to James Ramey, with Robert Kilgore officiating minister.⁹

On October 16th 1833, James and Abigail Ramey, and Sarah Alley sold 257 acres, corner to Thomas Alley, to William H. Alley.¹⁰

1 1820 and 1830 Census

2 Russell Co. DB 1-246

3 " " Survey Bk. 1-357

4 " " DB 3-6,7

5 Scott Co. Min. Bk. 2-67

6 Scott Co. Min. Bk. 1-100

7 " " WB 1-220

8 " " WB 2-46,47

9 " " Mar. Reg. 1

10 " " DB 4-248

September 10th 1835. Between Thomas McClure and Ruth his wife, James H. Alley and Jane Alley, all of the county of Clinton, Indiana, of the first part, and William H. Alley, of the county and state aforesaid, witnesseth that Hosey, late of the county of Scott, lately deceased about the 8th of May 1826¹ died intestate, leaving the following heirs at law: Ruth Alley, since married to Thomas McClure; the aforesaid James H. Alley, Jane Alley, William H. Alley, Sarah Alley, Abigail Alley since married to James Ramey; and Mary A. Alley.²

Hosey Alley, at the time of his decease, was owner of tracts of land: One on the south side of Clinch river, purchased from Henry Smith and adjoining Thomas Alley; also, part of a survey by Samuel Alley; and part of a survey by John Alley, dated 1786, the other dated 1798, on both sides of Clinch river; also 30 acres on the south side of Clinch river where Henry Smith lived in 1811 . . .³

Children of Hosea and Abigail Alley:

i. Rutha Alley was born 1802, in Russell Co., Va. and died after 1850, probably in Indiana. She was married first, in 1819, to Philip H. C. Pendleton. Rutha was married second, August 13th 1829, to Thomas McClure, with the Rev. John Pendleton officiating. (Reg.) Thomas McClure was born 1795, in Va. By September 10th 1835, they were residents of Clinton Co., Indiana. In 1850, they in Harrison Twp., Howard Co., Indiana.

Children of Rutha and Thomas McClure:

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| 1. Abigail McClure, b. 1831 | 4. Francis McClure, b. 1839 |
| 2. Thomas McClure, b. 1835 | 5. Sarah McClure, b. 1842 |
| 3. Amos McClure, b. 1837 | 6. Hosea McClure, b. 1848 |

ii. William H. Alley was born 1804, in Russell Co. and was of record in Scott Co. as late as June 6th 1836.

In March 1827, he was commissioned Lieut. in the 126th Regiment of State Militia. On June 9th 1829, he was referred to as Capt. Alley. Apparently, he was a member of his mother's household in 1830. He was among those who bought at Thomas Alley's sale in 1834.

As shown in the foregoing deeds, he bought out the heirs to his father's estate. Then, on June 6th 1836, he executed two deeds, disposing of all the land. One was to William H. Bickley; the other to Michael Robinette and George Francisco.⁵ There are no further records in his name in Scott Co., Va.

¹See p. 84

²DB 5-228

³DB 5-230

⁴WB 2-303

⁵DB 5-241

iii. Sarah Alley must have been of legal age by 1833, as she joined her mother in signing the deed to William H. Alley. Apparently, she was still a member of her mother's household in 1830.

iv. Jane Alley seems to have been a member of her mother's household in 1830. She was a resident of Clinton Co., Indiana by September 10th 1835.

v. Mary A. Alley was also a member of her mother's household in 1830. She was a signer of the deed to William H. Alley on September 10th 1835.

vi. James H. Alley was born 1811, in Scott Co., Va. and died after 1850, probably in Indiana. He was married to Frances ---- born 1824, in Kentucky.

James H. Alley was in Clinton Co., Indiana by September 10th 1835. In 1850, he was living in Kirklín Twp., Clinton Co., Indiana.

Children:

1. James A. Alley, b. 1839, Ind.
2. Nancy Alley, b. 1848, Ind.

Living with the Thomas Low family, in 1850, was Elmer Alley, age 27, b. Va. He was probably a relative. Ruth Alley, age four months, was evidently his child.

The 1820 Census of Scott Co., Va. for the entire Alley family is from Gordon Aronhime, Bristol, Virginia

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

IN THE

NAME OF ALLEY

*Proceedings of the Commissioners Respecting the Records
of Henrico County destroyed by the British, 1774-1782*

Samuel Alley appeared before the Commissioners and gave them to understand that, about the year 1779, he obtained a Deed from David Alley for fifty acres of land lying in this County and bounded by the lands of Joseph Duval, Nathaniel Dennis and Joseph Brocon (?) being the land on which he now lives, which deed together with the Record thereof, have been destroyed by the Enemy, whereupon Peter Cottrell being sworn, deposed that he was present in Court when the said Deed was acknowledged by the said David Alley and ordered to be Recorded, which is ordered to be Certified.

Ordered that the meeting be adjourned till Thursday the 10th of April next.

The Minutes of the proceedings were signed:

Richard Adams

(page 20)

Nat Wilkinson

Turner Southall

(not dated)

There are records in the name of Samuel Alley, junr. in Henrico Co. Virginia, as early as 1755. RS

In the name of God amen; I, William Alley of Henrico Co. being sick & weak in body but of sound mind & memory do make and ordain this instrument of writing as my last Will & Testament in the manner & form following Viz. First I commit my soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned. And I also wish all my Just debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John Alley forty five acres of land whereon he now lives and hath a deed for the same to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give & bequeath unto my son Reuben Alley ten acres of land adjoining my son William Alley's line and next to William Ellis, serv. to him & his heirs forever. Item. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Genny Ginnett five dollars in cash to her & her heirs forever. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Smoot five dollars in cash to her & her heirs forever. Item. I give & bequeath unto my son William Alley, Jr. 50 acres of land adjoining the land of Vincent Olever & is divided from the land whereon I now live by a new line lately run by Peter Cottrell, Junr. I also give to my said son W. Alley my sorrel horse, one bed and furniture to him & his heirs forever. Item. I give & bequeath to my three daughters Elizabeth Alley, Patsy Harper Alley and Salley Alley the place whereon I now live as long as they live single, but if Ither of them dies or marries, it is to go to the other two and so to the last, and if they should all die or marry, then my desire is that the place be sold & the money arising be equally divided amongst all my children; also I give to my three daughters Elizabeth Alley, Patsey Alley and Salley Alley one side saddle, one feather bed and furniture apiece; also I give them one Cow which they may choose to them & their heirs forever, and I desire my son William Alley to furnish my above mentioned three daughters with a good pony of a horse if they should want one. Item. My desire is that all the balance of my property shall be sold & all my Just debts be paid therefrom & if there should be any surplus money arising therefrom, I wish it to go equally to John Alley, William Alley & Elizabeth Alley, Patsey and Salley Alley who hope me in my old age. And I hereby appoint Samuel Cottrell, and Peter Cottrell and William Alley as Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of this thirtieth day of October 1815.

William Alley

At a monthly court for Henrico County, on the first day of January 1816, there being no subscribing witnesses, Samuel Cottrell & Royall F. Shepherd testified that the handwiting of the will was that of William Alley, decsd.

30th January 1816. Appraisement of the estate of William Alley, decsd.

Signed: William Cottrell, Royal F. Shepherd, William Ellis, Jr.

(WB 5-39)

Montgomery (Botetourt, Fincastle) Co., Virginia

January 6th 1773. Thomas Alley, Constable on New River; same 1777, 1782¹
April 4th 1774. Thomas Alley, survey in Fincastle Co., south side Little River, waters of New River, opposite Jeremiah Pate²
May 31st 1774. Nicholas Alley, 546 acres on Little River, branch of New River.³
November 7th 1775. Jeremiah Pate vs Thomas Alley. Thomas required to give security for good behavior for one year. Bond: Harry Innes, Stephen Trigg, for L50⁴
April 5th 1776. Ordered that Jeremiah Pate be summoned to appear at Samuel Thompson's on Wednesday, the 19th of this month, to answer the following charge, that he offered four half Joes to Thomas Alley to enlist in the King's Service. Ordered that Thomas Alley be summoned to appear as a witness on the 19th June against said Pate. 5
April 5th 1787. Jane Alley entitled to pay of Thomas Alley, her husband, who dyed of wounds received at Buford's Retreat.⁶
List of Surveys from July 1793 till July 1794⁷
Nicholas Allee 38 acres
David Allee 122 "

¹Summers' Annals of Southwest Virginia, p. 594
²Montgomery Co. Record of Plats, Bk. B-201
³Summers, p. 485
⁴Montgomery Co. Order Bk. 1-147
⁵Va. State Library Pub. #1-90
⁶Montgomery Co. Order Bk. 1-286
⁷Montgomery Co. Deeds and Wills, Bk. B-200

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Campbell Co., Kentucky

November 14th 1800. Samuel Alley from John Fowler, 150 acres on waters of Bank Lick Creek, for \$300. (B-239)
December 8th 1800. Samuel Ally permitted to keep a Tavern in his house; George Hume, security. (DB A-251) February 1st 1802. Same; Squire Grant, security. (A-280) June 20th 1803. Same; George Scott, security. (A-313) May 20th 1805. Same; Elijah Sparks, security. (A-361)
December 25th 1806. Land on Bank Lick Creek sold to James Birdwhistle. (DB C-171)
October 1st 1803. Samuel Alley, Lieut. 48th Reg. The Cornstalk Militia of Kentucky 1792-1811, by Glenn Clift
December 15th 1807. Inventory of the personal estate of Capt. Samuel Alley, decd. as appraisement taken by John Coleman, Ran Bobbitt and Thomas Kennedy. (WB A-106)
December 14th 1807. William Massey appointed guardian to William Ally, Catherine Ally, Robert Ally, James Ally, and Betsey Ally, orphan children of Samuel Ally. (From back of book labeled "Administrator Bonds")
Settlement Drawer 1821. I do hereby certify I have received of William Massie the sum of Eight pound and thirteen shillings & three pence for tuition of William, Catherine & Nelson Alley from January 15th 1808 until the present date Decr 21st 1809

ALLEY SPRINGS, SHANNON CO., MISSOURI

David Alley was born 1813, in Tenn. and moved to Shannon Co., Mo. before 1832. He was married to Delilah ---- b. 1819, in Mo. All of their children were born in Missouri.

Children of David and Delilah Alley:

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| 1. John Alley, b. 1832 | 4. Araminta Alley, b. 1840 |
| 2. Mary Ann Alley, b. 1834 | 5. Elizabeth Alley, b. 1846 |
| 3. Walter Alley, b. 1836 | 6. Silas Alley, b. 1848 |

John Alley (above) was born 1832 and died ca. 1900, and was buried at Alley Springs, Mo. His wife's name is unknown to this compiler.

John Alley had built the Old Red Mill about 1870. The work is said to have been done by Daughertys. Research is being done by the National Park Service toward future restoration. The community has a post office, state park, and formerly, a rural school named Alley.

Children of John Alley:

- (1) Alex Alley; son Gilbert and a daughter in Tulsa, Okla.
- (2) David Alley
- (3) Lee Alley
- (4) Sarah Ann Alley m. John Smith; son Albert died young.
- (5) Silas Alley, twin, b. 1860, m. Margaret Snider. One son, Lee, b. 9-9-1883 in Low Wassie, Mo. m. Cora Belle Snider.
- (6) Zimri Alley, twin to Silas, b. 1860, m. Sarah (Sally) Snider, sister to Margaret. One son Jack m. Alice Burrows, in Van Buren, Mo. One daughter, Polly Randle had a son Wade, and perhaps others.
- (7) Adeline Alley probably the daughter who married Robert (Bob) Jones, and lived at Low Wassie, Mo. They had twin sons, Silas and Zimri Jones, one of whom lives in Shannon Co. They had a daughter, Polly Jones, who married Carlos Reed, and lived at Fremont, Mo. There may have been other Jones children.
- (8) Melita Alley married and had a child who is now deceased.

Walter Alley (above) third child of David and Delilah Alley, moved to Siloam Springs, Arkansas. His wife's name is unknown.

Children:

- (1) George Alley; no information
- (2) Amanda Alley m. 1) Mr. Lancaster. Ch: David, William, Joseph, daughter
----- 2) Mr. Carr, Son David Carr

Alma Osborn
Sunman, Indiana

Christine M. Alley
Medford, Oregon

On the 6th of September 1832, in Warren Co., Ky., Isaiah Alley, a resident of this county, age about 82 years, made the following declaration:

He volunteered into the Revolutionary service from the County of Hanover, State of Virginia. He was under the command of Capt. Dabney (he thinks) and in the Regiment of Col. William Boyce for a six months tour. He rendezvoused at Richmond where he remained some days. He was then detached into the Light Infantry, and marched and counter-marched in the service between the enemy, then stationed in three ships in the James River, and our Army.

He was engaged in this description of service about one-third of his time, or two months. He then joined the main Army, commanded by Gen. LaFayette, and marched thro various counties of the state, and up as high as the "Point of the Fork" on James River, guarding the county against the ravages of Cornwallis' Army.

From the "Point of the Fork" he marched down again to Richmond, the enemy having just passed through the town. He pushed on after them (toward) James Town. He being then under the command of Gen. Wayne, he was in the engagement that took place then. the battle commenced in the after noon and continued till night. He saw Wayne have two horses shot under him. In this engagement, Col. Boyce behaved disgracefully and cowardly. He lay down behind a big tree and begged his men to do so too. Your applicant informed on him. Boyce was tried by a court martial and your applicant a witness of the fact above stated. He thinks Boyce was broke for misconduct.

Your applicant was on the right wing of the Army and the regulars on the left. In this engagement, a circumstance occurred which is thought worthy of mention and was seen by your applicant. A British Light Horseman had, for some time, been engaged in endeavoring to ascertain the numbers situation of the American forces, and for that purpose, would ride rapidly, both in front around the extremity of our lines, and in the rear of our Army. Some of our officers, observing this, sent for a couple of rifle-men. They were asked if they could shoot while flying or running. They answered they could and asked for their object. They were shown the Dragoon, then moving at the height of his horse's speed. They fired and brought both him and his horse to the ground.

After the battle, we crossed the river and remained stationed a few miles from the river till the expiration of the tour (of duty). This was, however, not immediately after the battle. Your applicant was likewise before the battle of James Town, in a battle at a place called "Hot Water." Just after he had passed through Richmond, moving on from the upper to the lower part of the state, the news arrived that the enemy had detached a body of men from their ships for the purpose of collecting provisions. About 300 of our men were sent out to prevent the execution of their purpose. Your applicant was one of them. We came upon the British who had halted and were eating. A great number of cattle which they had collected, were being confined in a field. We attacked them in this situation. They retreated for a while, fired their cannon for the purpose of invoking assistance from their ships - which was afforded. When their reenforcement was received, they formed and beat us back. We succeeded, however, in our object, and set at liberty all the cattle they had taken.

The object, he thinks, of a portion of the American Army crossing the river after the battle of James Town, was to confine the enemy to the river.

His discharge was signed by his Captain, whose name he is utterly unable positively to remember. He believes, however, that it was Dabney. Age and bodily infirmity have gathered upon him, and he finds his memory has almost entirely become a prey to their joint influence.

The service just mentioned was performed in the year 1781. He joined the Army in the spring (say May) of that year and he was discharged just before the capture of York Town. He feels a perfect confidence that he served a longer period than six months.

He remembers that he was an overseer for Col. William Dandridge and that two crops were made during his absence in the Army. He also remembers to have gone out under Col. Dandridge on some service below Richmond, but he cannot remember the particulars. He feels free to swear that he served longer, but will not swear to it. To many, nearly all, of the events of his service and campaigns, he is as one dead, for his recollection is so much impaired that often he cannot remember for an hour the events of the present time. He hopes his age and infirmities may not prejudice his application, for it seems to him they should rather entitle him to additional indulgence from his government.

His discharge has been lost. From Virginia, he moved to the State of Tennessee and, from there, to Kentucky. He has no record of his age.

Isaiah Alley

Warren Co., Kentucky. 27th day of November 1832. Isaiah Alley offered the following amendments to his declaration:

First, that he was born in the County of Henrico, State of Virginia, sometime in the year of 1750, but the record of his age having been burned in his father's house that was consumed, he now states from recollection.

He states that he is known in his present neighborhood to John Chapman, Thomas Rogers, Peter Downey, Samuel Smith etc. all of whom can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Isaiah Alley

Davidson Co., Tennessee. 21st day of September 1835. Isaiah Alley appeared before a Justice of the Peace and stated that he had recently removed from the State of Kentucky, and that he resided in Tennessee, where he intended to remain, and wished his pension to be payable there.

Names of members of family were not mentioned in application, but the Roster of Pensioners states that Isaiah Alley was living with son, Thomas Alley.

The final payment voucher was dated March 1841.

Pension # 51939