

After the massacre of St. Bartholomew some of the Durets crossed the Channel, and settled in England. In 1644, Christopher Duret was prominently connected with the Baptists in London, and his name appears subscribed to articles of Faith put forth that year.

Early in the eighteenth century John, Richard and Bartholomew Durrett came from England to Spotsylvania County, Va. where they purchased lands and permanently settled. From these three Virginia ancestors all the Durretts in the United States have descended.

(National Encyclopedia of Amer. Bio. Vol. 2.)

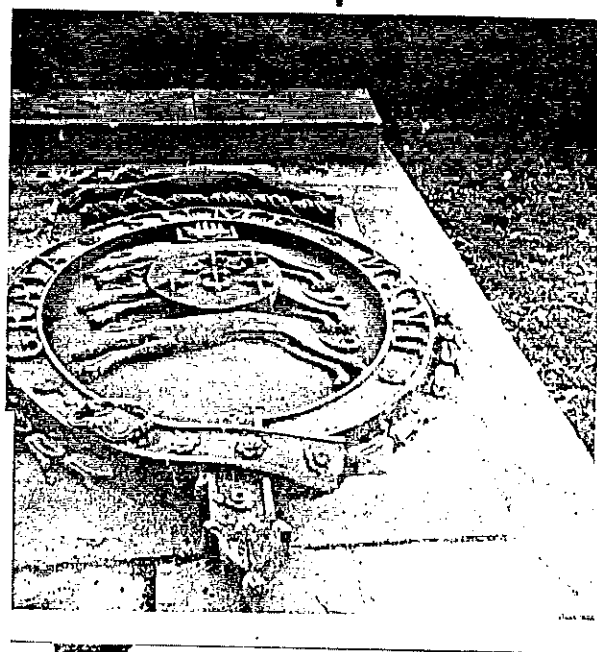
The American Branch descends from Louis Duret, Professor of Medicine in the Royal College of France and physician to Henry III of that country (1527-1586).



Briscoe crest from castle in Scotland when being demolished now at Briscoe Cem. Richmond, Texas. See page 81



John, Elizabeth and Noses Andrews New Hope Cem. Howard County, Mo. --- see page 89 and 97.



This is the Briscoe one which was shipped from the castle in Scotland when it was being demolished at the Briscoe cemetery at Rice Gap by R.C. Todd as Briscoe descendant. (19

at the entrance to Briscoe Cemetery 20 mi. south of town, Texas. (1974)

Briscoe Chest from the castle when it was being demolished - now at Briscoe Cem. south of Austro, Texas. Richmond, Texas (1974)

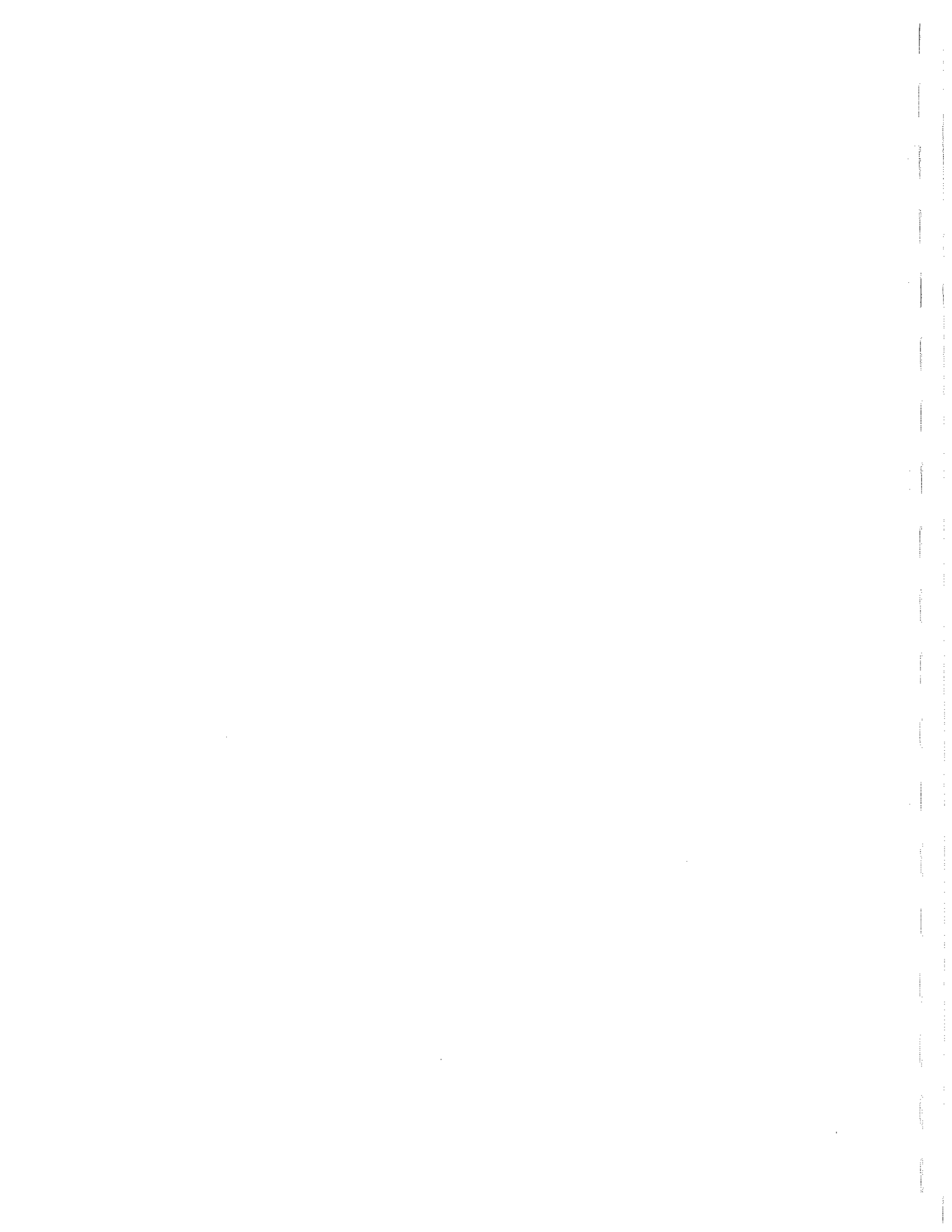
gr-gr-gr-grandfather and grandmother of Hazel Reynolds Sanders

John Andrews - b. 1785 - N.C. d. 30 May 1852, Howard Co. Md. Elizabeth Meredith 14 Au Jackson Co. Tenn. Buried New Hope Cem. Howard Co. Stone was broken & lying on the ground. Was repaired by Jno. L. Andrews (1965) (See Reynolds Fam. Hist.)

Mrses Andrews - daughter of John Andrews d. 11 Sept. 1876 in New Hope Cem. Howard Co. Md. His mother is Mary BRISCOE Andrews is buried by the side of him. See Reynolds family History.

New Hope Cem. Howard Co. (1974)

Mary Elizabeth Reynolds wife of b. 18 Aug. 1851 d. Jan. 2, 1888 M. Reynolds dau. of J.S. + Winn



## OBITUARY: A SALINE COUNTY NEWSPAPER

IKE W. REYNOLDS

PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

Long Time Resident of Slater Succumbs After a Very Long Illness.

Isaac Walker Reynolds, son of Lindsay and Lisa Walker Reynolds, was born March 17, 1866 at Bunker Hill in Howard County, and passed away July 4, 1954 at the age of 88 years 3 months and 17 days. His early childhood was spent on a farm in Howard County and in 1912 moved to Slater and started to work for Chicago and Alton Railroad, from whose employment he retired 23 years ago.

February 1, 1886 he was married to Artie M. Griffith who died March 24, 1932. Four children: Roy Willard, Claude B., Etta Pearl and George Harry.

March 14 1932 he married Armina Montgomery who survives. Belonged to Good Hope Christian Church.

Surviving one son, Claude B. Reynolds and Etta Pearl Sennett. eight ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ grand-daughters and one grandson.

3. Helen Bernice Sennett - b. 26 Oct. 1919, Slater, Mo.  
Died 1920.

4. Thelma Jean Sennett -- b. 25 Aug. 1921, Slater, Mo.,  
- m. 16 Dec. 1944, Lawrence T. Riscoe, at Kansas City,  
Mo. His parents are Cyril Mark Riscoe and Nell Conroy.  
Lawrence Thomas and Thelma Jean Sennett Riscoe had  
two children:  
Lawrence Thomas Riscoe, Jr. - b. 11 Oct. 1945, Kansas  
City, Mo. -- m. July 1967, Kathryn Hake.

James Michael Riscoe - b. 13 June 1949, Kansas City, Mo.

4. George Harry Rennolds - b. 29 May 1900, Saline Co., Mo.  
- d. April 1931, Slater, Mo. - m. 1921 Adah Hall and  
had one son Clifton Hall Reynolds b. 1923. He never married.  
George H. Rennolds m. 2nd 18 Oct. 1927, Olatha, Kas. Martha  
E. Ellerman - b. 24 Oct. 1909, Kansas City, Mo. They had  
three children:

1. Georgia Dean Reynolds - b. 28 Sept. 1928, Slater, Mo.  
- m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 1949, Roger Jagow. He died June 1965.

2. Valda Elaine Rennolds - b. 5 Sept. 1929, Slater, Mo.  
- m. 13 June 1953, Irvin Anderson. See pg. child  
No. 2 of Dorothy and Wiley Windmeier.

3. Bonnie Lou (Karlene) Reynolds - b. 11 Dec. 1930, Slater,  
Mo. - m. Charles Strahl 2 Feb. 1952. They had eight  
children:

1. Cathy Ann Strahl - b. 27 Jan. 1953
2. Dennis Charles Strahl - b. 14 March 1954
3. Sharla Kay Strahl - b. 23 April 1956
4. Gary Lee Strahl - b. 27 June 1957
5. Paul Edward Strahl - b. 20 Dec. 1958
6. Linda Sue Strahl - b. 21 June 1960
7. Karen Elizabeth Strahl - b. 27 July 1961
8. Mark Allen Strahl -- b. 12 May 1968

Information on the family on Isaac Walker and Artie Missie  
Griffith Rennolds was given by Mrs. Etta Pearl Sennett 3524  
Central St., Kansas City, Mo. and her daughter Thelma Jean  
Sennett Riscoe, Kansas City, Mo. (1971).

10. Sophia Jenkins Rennolds - b. 16 May 1869, Howard County, Mo. - d. 30 March 1936, Harrisburg, Mo. - m. 17 August 1892, Charles Brooks Long - b. 28 November 1866, Boone County, Mo. - d. 23 October 1927. His father was Thomas Long and mother Martha J. Roselle. They are both buried in the cemetery at Harrisburg, Mo.

NOTE: Information on Sophia Jenkins Rennolds Long is from her son, Thomas Ray Long, Harrisburg, Mo.

The following photostatic record was made from the Long Family Bible. The Bible is now in the possession of Ray Long's family, Harrisburg, Mo. (The record confirms the death date of Richard Lindsey and wife Eliza Jane Walker Rennolds.)

A copy of this Bible record, and also the John Thomas Rennolds' Bible record are on file at National Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

*The daughters of the American Revolution  
and  
Daughters of the American Colonist  
charts for your use + membership  
are at DAR Headquarters + Library  
Washington D.C.  
If you want to  
be member*

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THE

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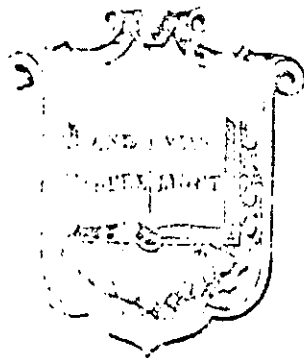
BETTER TRANSLATIONS DELIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED;

WITH

### COMPLETE CONCORDANCE,

CONTAINING THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE IN THE LARGEST EDITIONS

APOCRYPHA AND PSALMS.



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St. Louis

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WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER LET MAN PUT ASUNDER.

**THIS CERTIFIES**

That

*Charles B. Long*

*Sophia J. Reynolds*

were solemnly united by me in the

**Word**



at *17* day  
of *August* in the year of our Lord One Thousand

*Eight Hundred and Twenty* conformably to the

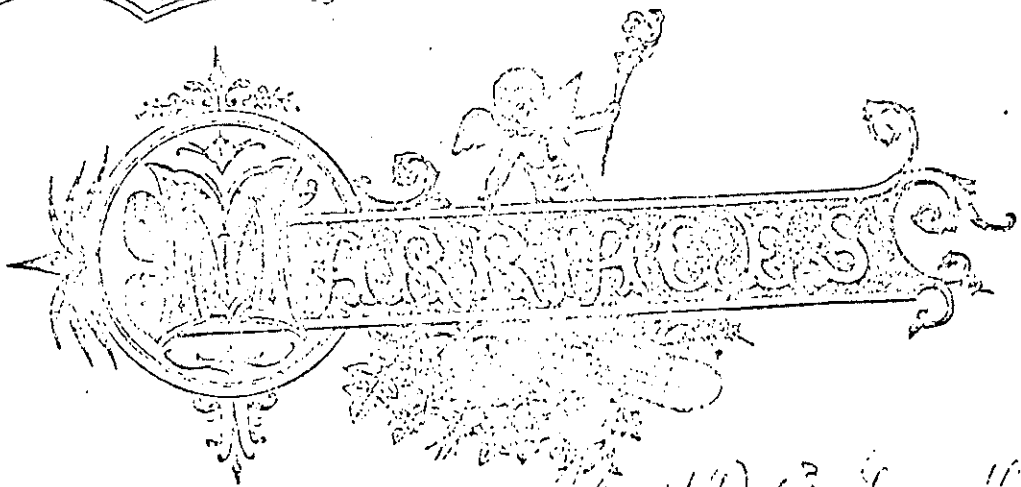
**ORDINANCES OF GOD**

AND THE LAWS OF THE STATES

In Presence of

*J. S. Roselle*

Signed



John H. Petty & Lura Long

Dec. 13 - 1877.

Edward Long & Mary D. Elliott

Sept. 14 - 1882.

William Jackson & Maggie Long

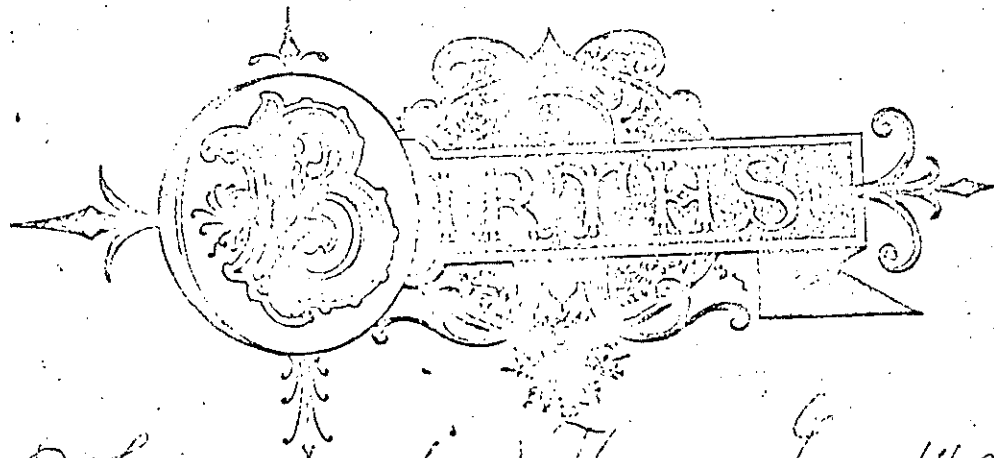
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Thomas Long & Susan Rimoldi

Aug. 3 - 1896



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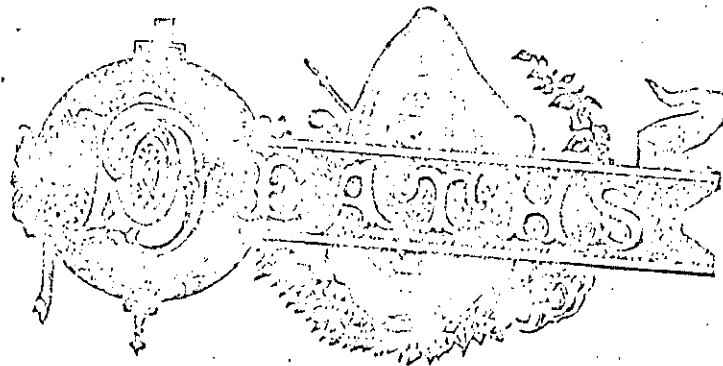
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was born Aug 5 — 1894 Feb. 27 1862

Mary D. Elliott was  
born Aug 11 — 1863

Charles B. Long 11/28 1866

Musella Long 6/29 1875 Maggie Long 5/21 1869



Mattie Long died	Charley Brooks
July 3 - 1895	Long
Thomas Long died	Died Oct. 23, 1927
March 13 - 1901	Sophia Jenkins
Richard Long	Reynolds Long
Reynolds died Apr. 22	Died Mar 29, 1936
Eliza Reynolds	
Died Jan. 22, 1917	

Charles Brooks and Sophia Jenkins Rennolds Long had three children:

1. Roy Lindsey Long (twin) - b. 2 May 1893, Boone County, Mo. - d. 9 April 1935 - m. 24 December 1918, Golda Powell.
2. Thomas Ray Long (twin) - b. 2 May 1893, Boone County, Mo. - d. 3 August 1963, Harrisburg, Boone County, Mo. - m. Harrisburg, Mo. 13 February 1919, Lucy Idras Taylor - b. 8 January 1899, Boone County, Mo. Her father was Ellis Taylor and mother Sarah Sims.

Thomas Ray and Idras Taylor Long had three children:

1. Thomas Ray Long, Jr. - b. 13 December 1919, Harrisburg, Mo. - m. 8 October \_\_\_\_\_, Madelyn Blatchford. Three children:
  1. Linda Joy Long
  2. Karen Lynne Long
  3. Robin Rae Long
2. Joyce Fay Long - b. 22 March 1926, Harrisburg, Mo. - m. 17 May 1947, Fred Lynes Arnold. Four children:
  1. Julia Ann Arnold
  2. Nancy Ruth Arnold
  3. Kenneth Eugene Arnold
  4. Mary Beth Arnold
3. Kenneth Loren Long - b. 2 December 1929, Harrisburg, Mo. - m. 11 March 1955, Marilyn Stam. Three children:
  1. Billy Ray Long
  2. Kathy Lorene Long
  3. Susan Joyce Long

## OBITUARY

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN TRIBUNE - August 5, 1963

### THOMAS RAY LONG

Thomas Ray Long 70, who retired two months ago as postmaster here, died at 10:15 P. M. Saturday at Boone County Hospital, where

he had been a patient since July 1. He was hospitalized after suffering severe burns in a fire at his home. He was trying to ignite a pile of leaves, and poured gasoline on the leaves when it suddenly flared up and ignited his clothing. He had tried to burn the leaves earlier, and apparently embers ignited the gasoline.

On May 31, Harrisburg residents had held a retirement dinner honoring Long, who served as postmaster here longer than any other person, almost 23 years.

A life long resident of Boone Co., Long was born May 2, 1893 to Charles B. and Sophia Reynolds Long. On February 13, 1919, he married the former Idras Taylor, who survives. He was appointed postmaster at Harrisburg in November 1940.

He was a veteran of World War I, an active member of Harrisburg Christian Church since 1905, and a member of American Legion Post 202, Harrisburg Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 356 and Harrisburg Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Fred Arnold of Hallsville; two sons; T. Ray Long Jr. of Lewisburg, Kansas and Kenneth Long of Liberal, Kansas; a brother C. Aubrey Long of Columbia; 11 grandchildren, 2 nieces, a nephew and several great-nieces and great-nephews. A twin brother Roy Long, died in 1935 and a daughter died in infancy.

Funeral services will be at two o'clock tomorrow at Harrisburg Christian Church with Rev. Jake Stidham and Rev. John Thompson officiating. Burial will be in the Harrisburg Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Hurschell Price, Carl G. Mueller, Keller Street, O. B. Lynch, George Potter and Jodie Buckler. A Masonic service will be held at the grave.

The body will be at the Parker's Chapel in Columbia until time for the services.

3. Charley Aubrey Long - b. 5 August 1894, Boone County, Mo. - m. 24 December 1915, Cecil South. (No record.)
11. George William Rennolds - b. 17 November 1870, Howard County, Mo. - d. 5 June 1936 - m. 26 December 1893, Annie Eliza Palmatory - b. 3 December 1868 - d. 25 January 1953. Her parents were Daniel Mason Palmatory and Mary Daugherty. They are both buried in New Hope Cemetery, Howard County, Mo.

He is the 11th child of  
Eliza Jane Walker + Richard Lindsey Rennolds

NOTE: The information on the family of George William and Annie Eliza Palmatory Rennolds from Bertha Rennolds Frazier, 1962.

George William and Annie Eliza Palmatory Rennolds had three children:

1. Ada Lee Rennolds - b. 22 November 1894, Howard County, Mo. - d. 19 January 1913.
2. Ula Mason Rennolds - b. 5 June 1897, Howard County, Mo. - d. 2 February 1914.
3. Bertha C. Rennolds - b. 29 August 1899, Howard County, Mo. - m. 25 April 1917, Noah Frazier - b. 2 December 1892 - d. 25 August 1949. He is buried in New Hope Cemetery, Howard County, Mo.

Noah and Bertha Rennolds Frazier had one child:

1. Lillie Lee Frazier - b. 17 January 1921 - m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Roush. Two children:
  1. Karen Lynn Roush - b. 31 December 1947.
  2. Carol Denise Roush - b. 7 September 1956.
12. Edward B. Rennolds (the youngest child of Richard Lindsey and Eliza Walker Rennolds) - b. 29 February 1873, Howard County, Mo. - d. 16 May 1926, Rock Island, Ill. - m. 1903, Moline, Ill., Mrs. Mary (Barker) Hightower - b. 16 April 1863, Shelbina, Mo. - d. 7 August 1950, Moline, Ill. Her parents were James Barker and Emily Utz.

Edward B. and Mary (Barker) Hightower Rennolds had no children of their own. She had three children by a previous marriage:

1. Mrs. Frank (Iva) Baker, Moline, Ill.
2. Mr. Lloyd Hightower, Rock Island, Ill.
3. Mrs. Eval Hendricks (Sylvia) Moline, Ill. She died 14 June 1961.

## OBITUARY

MOLINE DISPATCH - Monday, May 17, 1926

### EDWARD B. REYNOLDS

Edward B. Reynolds, 53 years old of 621 41st Street, Rock Island, was killed instantly at 2:30 yesterday afternoon when he was mangled

under the wheels of a freight car in the Selvis yards of the R. I. lines. He was an inspector for the railroad and was repairing an air hose coupling when the accident occurred.

Mr. Reynolds was born in Saline Co. Mo. Feb. 29, 1873. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reynolds were pioneers of the state. In 1903, shortly after the death of his parents, Mr. Reynolds came to Rock Island and was employed as one of the first street car conductors on the newly built line between Moline and Watertown.

He was married to Mrs. Mary Hightower in 1903. In 1918 after 15 years service with the street car company he was employed by the Rock Island lines as car inspector. He is survived by the widow and three step-children. Also survived by two sisters; Mrs. Susan Long of Slater, Mo. and a sister in Harrisburg. Two brothers G. W. Reynolds of Higbee and I. W. Reynolds of Slater.

Funeral services were held in the home. Rev. M. A. Hollingsworth officiating. Mrs. W. G. Edwards sang. The pall bearers were Ross Wilson, C. E. Nelson, George Barrett and Glenn Sawyer. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery (office) at 2703 6th Ave., Moline, Ill.

## OBITUARY

Monday, Aug. 7, 1950

### MRS. MARY REYNOLDS

Mrs. Mary Reynolds 87, died at 7 this morning in the home of a son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Evil Hendricks, 353 15th Avenue, Moline, where she had made her home the last eleven months. For the last several years Mrs. Reynolds had spent the summer at Lakenan, Mo. and the rest of the time in the home of two daughters, Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Iva Baker of East Moline. Mary Baker was born 16 April 1863 in Shelbina, Mo. and attended school in Hunnewell, Mo. She was married to Edward Reynolds May 1903 in Moline. He died May 16, 1926.

She came from Missouri to Rock Island in 1902 and lived in Rock Island and Moline until 1930 when she returned to Lakenan, Mo. She was of Methodist faith. Surviving are the two daughters, Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Baker; three grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Two brothers and a son preceded her in death. The body was taken to the De Roo funeral home where friends may call afternoon tomorrow.



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I really did not do any research on Sarah Ellen Rennolds Lesley. I just fell heir to her family from Rosa Lee Wells research. I made a trip in 1962 to Glasgow, Mo to see if I could get info. on the Rennolds family as that seemed to be the center of the family. Rosa Lee Wells a granddaughter of Sarah ~~XXX~~ Ellenshad done some research on her family. Rosa Lee was in a rest home at Fayette, Mo and her mind was confused and I could not see her so I visited with Carrie Wells Ballew, Rosa Lees sister, at Glasgow, Mo. She didn't let me see the records then but about two weeks later a big box came through the mail, which contained all of Rosa Lees records. I copied all of them and when I wrote the book I included her research. I wanted to preserve them. I was afraid they would be lost. I have no idea where they are now. You said you had records on the Lessleys.

Just some extra information you might like to know.

DID YOU KNOW:

That you have three grandfathers who fought in the Revolutionary War.

That you are related to Mark Twain, Lady Astor, Thomas Rennolds a Governor of Missouri, Senator Strom Thurmon, N. Carolina, The Reynolds ~~xxxxxxx~~ tobacco Group and more that I cannot recall unless I look in my Reynolds Book by Mr Tillman on the Reynolds Family 1530-1959. It is out of print now). These people are not in my book as they are on other family lines of our Christophe Reynolds.

That your grandfather Rev. David Mossom married George Washington and Martha.

We have a rich Reynolds-Rennolds heritage to be proud of.

We have a cousin Tom Wills who lives in Anderson, Indiana who is compiling OUR WILLS FAMILY. He must have over a thousand WILLS descendants by now. I have sent him all of the records I have on Thomas C. Rennolds and wife Mariah Wills Rennolds. I have sent three or four hundred of our family. As soon as I get your Elizabeth Ellen Rennolds family I would like to send to him to include in his book. He is a Retired Army Colonel.

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## SARAH ELLEN RENNOLDS LESSLEY

All the information on the descendants of Sarah Ellen Rennolds Lessley is from records compiled by a granddaughter, Rosa Lee Wells. I visited with Carrie Ann Wells Ballew, a sister of Rosa Lee, Glasgow, Mo. in 1962, and copied the following information from the records which were in storage at her home. Rosa Lee was ill and at that time in Rhodes Nursing Home at Fayette, Mo.

SARAH ELLEN RENNOLDS - (the second child of Thomas C. and Mariah Wills Rennolds) - b. 10 April 1823, probably Clark Co., Ky. - d. 27 April 1914, Howard Co., Mo. - m. 29 January 1842, James Harvey Lessley - b. 1 October 1819, Ky. - d. 29 August 1872, Howard Co., Mo.

James Harvey Lessley died as a result of a back injury he received during the Civil War, when his horse threw him. He married Sarah Ellen Rennolds of Missouri, 29 January 1842. Years after his death she received a pension from the government until she died 27 April 1914. He died 29 August 1872, and funeral was preached by Rev. L. M. White of Fayette, Mo.

They are both buried in Richland Cemetery, Howard Co., Mo.

## LAND ENTRY

Book 12 - page 227                      A Warranty Deed                      Howard Co., Mo.

Old homeplace of Sarah E. Lessley

Abstract of Title

Walnut stump 30 in. diameter center of Ravine.

Head of ravine north so many degrees lying in and situated in

Howard Co.

Certificate of land patent.

Certain land entered by Jas. Leggett.

Records of General Land Office---cash certificate of \$642. Sept.

21, 1821.

112. 78 acres more or less in farm

dated	11-1-1867
filed	4-27-1868
Consideration	\$1225.00
James H. Lessley	
Sarah E. Lessley	
Dated 2-27-1867	

Newspaper clipping from "Glasgow Missourian" - April 10, 1909

### A notable Family Reunion and Birthday Celebration

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Mrs. Ellen Lessley pleasantly surprised her last Sunday by gathering at her home to celebrate the 86th anniversary of her birth.

Mrs. Lessley is a pioneer settler in Howard County, and is in full enjoyment of health, strength and mental activity. Although so advanced in age, Mrs. Lessley is still able to attend to her household duties, and is surprisingly active and energetic for one of her years. Mrs. Lessley's numerous descendants, relatives and host of friends here and elsewhere will unite in expressing the hope that this good woman may live to celebrate many more such delightful occasions, and in this wish the Missourian heartily joins.

A bountiful dinner was spread and enjoyed by the sixty or more guests, all of whom except three or four were relatives of the guest of honor. The table was attractively decorated, one of the chief features being a magnificent birthday cake, surrounded by 86 little candles, symbolic of the number of years in the life of this honored lady.

Many valuable and useful gifts were presented to Mrs. Lessley, as souvenirs of a memorable occasion, and in token of the love and esteem of those near and dear to her.

After dinner, Miss Minnie Clarkson arranged all in a group and took their pictures, that each might bear away to their homes a memento of this auspicious event.

The names of the relatives present are given below:

J. T. Lessley and daughter, Miss Lena, and son, Roy of Parksville, Mo.; Mr. & Mrs. John Lessley, Vinita, Okla.; Wm. T. Lessley and daughters, Misses Viola, Nadine, Grace and Nola, of this city, and Mrs. M. L. McQuitty, of Fayette, and sons Monte, Forest, Ronnie, Frank, Emmitt and George; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lessley and daughter, Miss Mable, and sons Birch and Estill; Mrs. Lucy Wells and daughters, Misses Rose, Ethel, Carrie, Mary, Mattie and Willie, and sons Clifton, Oliver and Odie; Mrs. H. B. Simmons; Mr. & Mrs. Everett Stanley; Braxton Lessley and son Raymond; William Lessley and daughters, Misses Rue and Opal, and son Gordon of Burton, Mo.; Sarah E. Robb of near Armstrong; Mrs. Ida Noland of Parkville, Mo.; M. L. McQuitty of Fayette; Mrs. Oliver Wells of near Glasgow; Wm. Amick and family; William Kimmage and family.

James Andrews  
Phoenix, Arizona

10/2/60

April 29 - 1980

Hazel.

The attached obituary you sent me belonged to the James Madison Andrews family. His mother was Susan Agnes Lesley. He was the second child and he and his brother Winchester were both made blind by some medicine an ointment we put in their eyes. Both were excellent fiddlers. Harvey was the best and both died. Since you said for me to keep it, I am sending it to our cousin Mildred Andrews Confield as Harvey was her uncle. Mildred is Susan Agnes' granddaughter - her father was Lesley Andrews. She lives in Tucson and is the last one of her family - ?

I mean her generation. She has two daughters - no sons. We have always been very closely associated all our lives. She seems more like a sister to me rather than a cousin.

With love  
Jim

P.S. I thought that since you now know he was, you would probably want to keep a copy of his obituary.

**AT REST**

(In memory of Harvey Andrews, who died November 26, 1924.)

Our schoolmate has departed,  
His soul has gone to rest;  
His spirit has flown to heaven above,  
And is numbered among the blest.  
We gathered in the chapel  
When they gently laid the dead—  
Presently he was sleeping—  
His spirit that mora had fled.  
As we listened to the word of God,  
Our hearts were filled with pain;  
We offered up a fervent prayer,  
We sang a sacred strain,  
We will miss him in the classroom,  
We will never hear that name  
It will be dropped from the roll call,  
For it we will listen all in vain.

"Harvey was a faithful christian."  
We heard the minister say,  
"His soul shall live forever,  
The body shall return to clay.  
Life is a fragrant flower,  
It blooms only to decay—  
It is so with mortal man."

"Death is sure and certain,  
The pathway lone and sad;  
No one can escape it,  
No power, God or man,  
Oh, never God or man,  
God meant it for us when  
Which of us can tell how soon  
We'll pass from these silent walls."

The sad and loving father  
Who was ever at his side,  
Watched his boy's life ebb away,  
He could not stay the tide.  
A faithful one waits for him,  
Who died four years ago,  
Two loving boys have passed away  
From this weary world of woe.

While on earth they feared the Lord,  
Now they have entered heaven's door.  
God has freed them from their task,  
Their mission on earth is o'er.  
Loving parents and sisters  
For them you must not mourn—  
One by one we must follow them  
Across the everlasting form.

How many loving schoolmates  
Have likewise passed away.  
They have passed from out the darkness  
Into a brighter day.  
Forever we are not parted,  
With our schoolmates we shall meet.  
At Judgment Day when the trumpet sounds,  
We shall gather at Jesus' feet.  
—Katie S. McCormick.

## COPY OF A FUNERAL NOTICE

MRS. SARAH E. LESSLEY

Born, April 10, 1823

Died, April 27, 1914

Funeral services will be held at the  
Richland Christian Church, at 3 o'clock P. M.  
Tuesday, April 28, 1914  
Conducted by Rev. L. M. White  
Friends of the family invited.  
Burial in Richland Cemetery

## OBITUARY

Glasgow Missourian - April, 1914.

Mrs. Ellen Lessley aged 91 years, died at her home in Glasgow on the 27th from general debility. She was the widow of the late James Lessley, half brother of Uncle Joe Lessley of this place and an Uncle of the late Shelton Lessley. She was also a cousin of G. R. Rennolds.

James Harvey and Sarah Ellen Rennolds Lessley had eleven children:

1. Susan Agnes Lessley - b. 23 November 1842, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 1 July 1884 - m. 20 February 1862, James Madison Andrews - b. 8 November 1838 - d. 26 June 1915. He was a veteran of the Civil War.

James Madison and Susan Agnes Lessley<sup>Andrews</sup> had six children:

1. James Oren Andrews - b. 20 November 1863 - d. July July 1865.
2. John Harvey Andrews - b. 14 June 1866 - d. 26 November 1892.
3. Elizabeth E. "Sis" Andrews - b. 1 October 1868 - d. 18 January 1893.
4. Winchester Andrews - b. 25 December 1870 - d. 26 December 1888.
5. Mary Agnes "Mollie" Andrews - b. 24 September 1873 - d. 1 May 1953 - m. 14 October 1896, Ado Judson Rose - b. 24 December 1874 - d. 22 May 1927.
6. Lessley Andrews - b. 9 November 1877 - d. June 26, 1959  
~~b. 5 May 1895~~  
~~d. 6 Sept 1962~~ - m. 8 November 1905, Elma Geneva Yeager. They had two children: *Both are buried in Fairmount Cem. Denver, Colorado*

1. Mildred Virginia Andrews - b. 17 September 1907
2. Lessley Andrews, Jr. - b. 3 December 1921 -

d. 21 November 1943.

2. James Thomas Lessley - b. 22 May 1844, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 14 April 1921 - m. 25 September 1873, Mary Elizabeth Fleming - b. 4 January 1850 - d. 28 January 1948.

## OBITUARY

PLATTE COUNTY, MO. (Newspaper unknown)

Mrs. Mary E. Lessley

Mrs. Mary E. Lessley died on Tuesday evening, January 28, following a stroke, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Shields, where she had resided for a number of years.

Mrs. Lessley was one of the pioneers of Platte County, having been born and reared here. On January 4, 1941, she observed her ninety-first birthday.

Surviving are her three children, Mrs. Lena Shields, J. E. Lessley of this city, and Roy Lessley of St. Joseph. Several grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, besides a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock in Parkville. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery. The Noland Undertaking Co., of this city, was in charge.

James Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Flemming Lessley had nine children:

1. Ira Everett Lessley - b. 6 January 1875 - d. 1 August 1931 - m. 14 June 1899, Kathleen Richardson. - m. second 3 November 1907, Ruby Rowland Riley.
2. Rose May Lessley - b. 29 March 1877 - d. 1 April 1939 - m. 12 July 1905, Owen L. Buney - d. 27 September 1932.
3. Jared Earnest Lessley - b. 13 March 1879 - m. 29 November 1899, Quinnie Dearing. They had three children:
  1. James B. Lessley - b. 9 December 1900 - d. at birth.
  2. Floyd Dearing Lessley - b. 23 February 1903.
  3. Ernestine Elizabeth Lessley - b. 6 January 1911.
4. Iva Myrtle Lessley - b. 3 August 1881 - d. 24 May 1884.

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HARVEY B. LESSLEY.

A citizen to whose unaided individual efforts the people of Burton, Howard county, owe the fact they are able to enjoy the advantages and conveniences of a postoffice, Harvey B. Lessley present postmaster and successful merchant, holds prestige not only for the signal services he has rendered his community, but as a member of an old and honored family whose members have always been identified with the movements that have benefited their several communities. He was born near Glasgow, Howard county, Missouri, January 2, 1870, and is a son of John K. and Mary W. Lessley. His father, a native of the county, removed his family in 1898 to Oklahoma, and there they now reside. The parents of Mr. Lessley had seven children, viz: Harvey B., J.W., Thomas K., George H., Carlisle S., Susy J., and Joseph C. The father was engaged in farming throughout his active years, and his politics were those of the Republican party, the principals and candidates of which he always supported.

Harvey B. Lessley received his education in the public schools and at Prichett College, Glasgow, and at age of twenty-two was united in marriage with Miss Ann B. Smith, who was born and reared in Howard county, daughter of Warren Smith, and in 1898 they accompanied the family to Oklahoma. Not long thereafter, however, Mr. and Mrs. Lessley returned to Missouri and settled at Lamar, six years later went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he spent two years in the street car service and one year with the Bell Telephone Company, and then came to Burton, where for five years he was engaged in business as a merchant. He then entered the live stock business, but soon purchased a large live stock business, but soon purchased a large stock of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes and notions, in addition to which he carries fresh eggs and butter. Anxious to please his customers, giving to all a fair deal, and with the best goods at the lowest prices, Mr Lessley has built up an excellent business, and his trade extends over a wide expanse of country adjacent to Burton. His establishment is 90x21 feet, the stock is well arranged in modern style, and the whole appearance of the store gives evidence of the presence of thrift, industry and able management.

While Mr. Lessley is well known in the business world of Howard county, however, it has been his public service that has brought him more prominently before his fellow citizens. Through his untiring efforts, the postoffice at Burton, which had been discontinued, was re-established, and he was appointed to the position of postmaster, in which he has proven one of the most popular officials Howard county has known. His unfailing courtesy and pleasant personality have gained friends for him among those who have transacted business at the postoffice, and both he and Mrs. Lessley are general favorites in social circles. They have two children: Raymond N., who was born October 25, 1902; and Carlisle H. Lessley, who died at the age of four years. Mr. Lessley, like his father is a staunch Republican, and is known as one of the wheel-



5. Ora Maude Lessley - b. 21 November 1883 - d. 26 May 1884.
6. Guy Ellis Lessley - b. 26 May 1885 - d. 28 February 1889.
7. Alma Ellen Lessley - b. 23 January 1888 - d. 6 March 1889.
8. Lena Lenora Lessley - b. 29 April 1891 - m. Arthur Jackson Shields, 29 January 1913. They had two children:

1. Arthur Lesslie Shields - b. 15 January 1914 - d. 8 October 1948.
2. Lowell Lee Shields - b. 14 May 1921.

9. William Roy Lessley - b. 13 March 1893 - m. 14 April 1915, Rosalee Pearl Chenoweth. They had three children:

1. Lorene Ruth Lessley - b. 8 March 1916.
2. Dorothy May Lessley - b. 11 August 1923.
3. Kenneth Lessley - b. 6 March 1925.

William Roy Lessley - m. second Margaret \_\_\_\_\_,  
and m. third Jennie \_\_\_\_\_.

3. John Marcus Lessley - b. 21 November 1846, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 2 April 1935 at Big Cabin, Craig, Okla. - m. 17 December 1868, Mary William Cason - b. 10 April 1851 - d. 18 August 1936, Big Cabin, Craig, Okla. Her parents were Carter B. and Thirza Woods Cason. They are both buried in Big Cabin Cemetery.

John Marcus and Mary Cason Lessley had ten children:

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1. Harvey Braxton Lessley - b. 2 January 1870, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 21 March 1938 - m. 16 December 1891, Annie Bell Smith. Harvey was a farmer, but moved to Burton, Mo. where he operated a grocery store until 1922. He then moved to Moberly, Mo. Two children:

1. Carla Hume Lessley - b. 13 November 1892 - d. 17 January 1897.
2. Raymond Melvin Lessley - b. 25 October 1902 - m. 24 August 1920, Bessie Lena Williams. He attended High School at Fayette, Mo. then moved to Moberly where he worked for the Wabash Railroad. Two children:

1. Melvin Jewell Lessley - b. 14 June 1921.
2. William Laughlan Lessley - b. 26 January 1923.

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 for this family  
 connected by  
 Wilma Lee  
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2. John William Lessley - b. 16 March 1872, Howard County, Mo. - d. 27 November 1934 - m. 14 March 1894, Fannie Smith. She died 6 March 1946. Three children:

1. Madellener Rhue Lessley - b. 23 December 1894 - d. 15 December 1934 - m. first 8 November 1916, Charles E. Brown. - m. second 17 March 1920, Thomas W. Wright.
2. Martha Opal Lessley - b. 20 January 1902 - m. Leslie Verne Wharton, 29 December 1921.
3. William Clyde Lessley - b. 17 August 1908 - m. 23 May 1910, Maude Ellen Reynolds.

3. James Richard Lessley - b. 5 February 1874, Howard County, Mo. - d. 2 August 1880.

4. Thomas Morgan Lessley - b. 5 April 1876, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 7 April 1961 - m. 24 October 1907, Flora Blount. She died 6 May 1949.

Thomas Morgan and Flora Blount Lessley had four children:

1. Sarah Ellen Lessley - b. 2 August 1908 - m. 2 September 1928, George C. Knight. They had four children:

1. Joan Knight - b. 23 October 1929 - m. 23 October 1948, Leroy Hipsher.
2. Wayne Lee Knight - b. 23 August 1931.
3. John Warren Knight - b. 7 December 1932.
4. Margurete Nadine Knight - b. 31 January 1943.

2. John Webster Lessley - b. 26 September 1909 - m. 4 June 1950, Ann \_\_\_\_\_. They had two children:

1. Kathyleene Lynn Lessley - b. 26 June 1951.
2. Phyllis Jean Lessley - b. 27 January 1953.

3. Mary Anise Lessley - b. 6 April 1914 - m. 28 February \_\_\_\_\_, Edward Shively. They had one child:

1. Marvin Dean Shively - b. 23 December 1939.

4. Lillian Frances Lessley - b. 27 March 1919 - m. 4 December 1938, Clay Clinton Crow. They had two children:

1. Robert Larry Crow - b. 25 February 1939.
2. Norma Jean Crow - b. 3 October 1940.

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2. John William Lessley - b. 16 March 1872, Glasgow, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 27 November 1934, Howard Co., Mo. - m. 14 March 1894, Howard Co., Mo. Fannie Smith - b. 1 April 1871, Fayette, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 6 March 1946, Sedalia, Pettis Co., Mo. They are both buried at Fayette, Mo. City Cemetery. Members of Baptist Church.

John William and Fannie Smith Lessley had three children:

1. Madellener Rhue Lessley - b. 23 December 1894 Glasgow, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 15 November 1934, Sedalia, Pettis Co., Mo. - m. 1st. 8 November 1916, Charles E. Bowen. He died 1918. She married 2nd. 17 March 1920, Fayette Howard Co., Mo. Thomas Withers Wright - b. 9 January 1894 Howard Co., Mo. - d. 6 March 1967, Kansas City, Mo. He married 2nd 1937, Edna Frances (Long) Estes. Divorced in 1943. His parents were James Lee Wright and Mary Hill Taylor. They had two children:
  1. Mary Frances Wright - b. 16 March 1922, Fayette, Howard Co., Mo. - m. 20 August 1949, Sedalia, Pettis Co., Mo. Rudolph Thomas Rouchka - b. 18 May 1919, Plattsmouth, Cass Neb. They are members of the Catholic Church. His parents were Joseph Frank Rouchka and Mary Anna Yelick.  
One child:  
Sandra Kathryn Rouchka - b. 6 February 1954, Sedalia, Pettis Co., Mo.
  2. Wilma Lee Wright - b. 14 October 1924, Howard Co., Mo. - m. 20 June 1948, Sedalia, Pettis Co., Mo. Jack LeRoy Lobaugh - b. 12 June 1915, Sedalia, Mo. His parents were Ira Fred Lobaugh and Emma Lou Sorter.  
One child:  
Ronald Allen Lobaugh - b. 30 December 1949, Sedalia, Mo
2. Martha Opal Lessley - b. 20 January 1902, Bushnell, Barton Co., Mo. - m. 29 December 1921, Fayette Co., Mo. Leslie Vern Wharton - b. 15 August 1899, Greenridge, Pettis Co., Mo. - d. 20 January 1966, Sedalia, Mo. He is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery Sedalia, Mo. His parents were Edward Lane Wharton and Addie Brown. No children.
3. William Clyde Lessley - b. 17 August 1908, Fayette, Howard Co., Mo. - m. Maude "Mandy" Ellen Reynolds - b. 23 May 1910. They were married at Lowery City, St. Clair Co. Mo. Members of Baptist Church. No children.

This information on John William and Fannie Smith Lessley family from Wilma Lobaugh, Sedalia, Mo. 1972.

5. Lucy Ellen Lessley - b. 23 February 1879, Howard Co., Mo.  
- d. 11 July 1882.

6. Susan Agness Lessley - b. 24 May 1881, Howard Co., Mo. -  
m. 25 September 1900, Willis Richard Littleford - b.  
7 October 1875, Bristol, Tenn. (area) - d. 29 September  
1951, Adair, Mayes, Okla. His parents were George Wil-  
liam and Mary A. Frances Wheeler Littleford.

Willis Richard and Susan A. Lessley Littleford had five  
children:

1. Willie May Littleford - b. 14 July 1901 - m. 5 May 1929,  
Silvester G. Strain. He died 7 July 1947.
2. Earl Richard Littleford - b. 14 September 1902.
3. George Cleo Littleford - b. 2 April 1905.
4. John Clyde Littleford - b. 25 December 1907. Had  
sons Arthur and Jerry.
5. Charley Harvey Littleford - b. 1 August 1910, Big Cabin,  
Craig, Okla. - m. 26 March 1930, Vanice Bradley -  
b. 29 November 1913, Formosa, VanBuren, Ark.  
They had a daughter:

1. Willa Marie Littleford - b. 17 June 1932, Adair,  
Mayes, Okla. - m. 28 September 1955, Richard  
Thomas Hawkins. They had three children:

1. Vance Lyle Hawkins - b. 25 April 1958.
2. Alice Hawkins - b. 25 August 1960.
3. Nancy Hawkins - b. 1 April 1967.

7. George Harrison Lessley - b. 11 March 1884, Howard Co.,  
Mo. - d. 1 September 1944 at Talihina, Okla. from  
tuberculosis. - m. first 20 September 1905, Elizabeth  
Taylor (Indian blood). She died 13 November 1920.  
They had one child:

1. Georgia Elizabeth Lessley - b. 3 August 1906.

George Harrison Lessley - m. second 10 October 1921,  
Emma Price.

8. Carlyle Shackerford Lessley - b. 2 June 1886, Howard Co.,  
Mo. - m. near Big Cabin, Okla. 9 October 1910, Myrtle  
Richey. They had three children.

1. Ernest Carlyle Lessley - b. 2 September 1911 - m. Fort  
Morgan, Colo. 27 March 1932, Anna Irene Burchfield.  
They had three children:

1. George Ernest Lessley - b. 19 August 1938.
2. Dean Ray Lessley - b. 23 January 1943.
3. Martha Ann Lessley - b. 13 May 1947.

2. Dorleska Jewell Lessley - b. 14 November 1914 - m. 14 November 1937, Walter LaVerne Brady. Lived in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. They had two children:

1. James Carlyle Brady - b. 28 September 1941 (adopted when three months of age).
2. Carol Lynn Brady - b. 18 May 1953.

3. Billie Louise Lessley - b. 2 February 1922 - m. 4 April 1943, Ray Alfred Price. They had three children:

1. Ray Lessley Price - b. 7 January 1947.
2. Caroline Louise Price - b. 7 January 1951.
3. Carl Ferrell Price - b. 26 March 1954.

9. Joe Clyde Lessley - b. 29 March 1889, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 18 August 1952 - m. first 27 October 1909, Bertha Fore (divorced).

Joe Clyde and Bertha Fore Lessley had four children:

1. James Marcus Lessley, went to Washington, D. C., and worked in the Congressional Library.
2. Joe Clyde Lessley, Jr., went to California. Later lived at Muskogee, Okla.
3. Patricia Ann Lessley, went to California.
4. "Baby" Lessley, boy, died at birth.

Joe Clyde Lessley married second 15 October 1925, Susie Reed. Twins were born to this marriage:

1. Nona Lessley - b. 1 November 1925.
2. Mona Lessley - b. 1 November 1925 - d. 27 July 1927.

10. "Child" Lessley - b. 21 November 1891, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 21 November 1891.

4. William Taylor Lessley - b. 17 April 1849, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 21 September 1935, Glasgow, Howard Co., Mo. - m. 25 November 1875, Laura Stanley - b. 23 October 1857 - d. 9 May 1928. Both are buried in Richland Cemetery.

## OBITUARY

LAURA STANLEY LESSLEY wife of William Taylor Lessley died at her home of pneumonia in Glasgow, May 9, 1928, after only a few days illness. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Stanley near Glasgow. She was born Oct. 23, 1857 south of town. Married Nov. 25, 1875 to William Taylor Lessley. Aunt Laura united with the Richland church early in life. She had many beautiful traits of character. Funeral services were held in Richland Christian Church with Dr. J. P. Jesse of Fayette Christian Church officiating. Interment in the Richland Cemetery.

William Taylor and Laura Stanley Lessley had fifteen children:

1. Leona W. Lessley - b. 8 October 1876 - d. 30 August 1879.
2. Herbert Lessley - b. 8 September 1878 - m. Annie Austin Waters. They had three children:

1. William Waters Lessley - b. 27 May 1907 - m. 23 June 1942, Eula Mac Walton.
2. Viola Belle Lessley, died when about one year old.
3. Herbert (Burt) Lessley - b. 16 August 1913 - m. 22 March 1935, Edith Rose Fisher. They had two children:

1. Judith Lee Lessley - b. 22 December 1935.
2. Herbert William Lessley - b. 23 March 1937.

Herbert Lessley, Sr. - m. second 5 June 1917, Iva Lee Stanton. Three children by the second marriage:

1. Jeanne Lessley - b. 30 April 1918 - m. 19 June 1943, Frank Helm Jarrell.
  2. Lois Lessley - m. 31 December 1944, Merle Maurice Irvin.
  3. Floyd Eugene Lessley - b. 29 December 1927 - d. 1 January 1928.
3. Ida Wilma Lessley - b. 16 August 1880 - d. 12 December 1953, - m. 16 June 1908, Leintz McQuilty - d. 17 December 1930.

Leintz and Ida McQuilty had two children:

1. Ida Fay McQuilty - b. 23 February 1918 - m. 31 December 1936, Floyd Shipe. They lived at Hawthorne, Calif. Three children:

1. Dale Shipe - b. 3 July 1938.
  2. John David Shipe - b. 27 July 1943.
  3. Barbara Shipe - b. June 1946.
2. Montgomery Lessley McQuilty - b. 7 June 1921 - m. 9 May 1942, Willie Jane Pannell. (Their address, 1954, Sedalia, Mo.) Two children:
1. Montie Gene McQuilty - b. 4 November 1946.
  2. Richard "Dickey" Phillip McQuilty - b. 25 May 1953.
4. Viola Belle Lessley - b. 26 January 1882 - m. 10 October 1910, Joe Giger - b. 13 January 1882 - d. 20 November 1954 at Boonville, Mo. He is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery. His parents were George and Barbara Englert Giger. (Worked for the Metropolitan Insurance Co.)
5. William Monte Lessley - b. 21 September 1883, Glasgow, Mo. - d. 10 November 1956 - m. first 25 October 1911, Eunice Duren - b. 1 February 1893 - d. 13 January 1916. Buried in Richland Cemetery, Richland, Mo.

William Monte and Eunice Duren Lessley had two children:

1. Harold Kemper Lessley - b. 7 October 1912 - d. 24 May 1930.
2. Mervin Winston Lessley - b. 29 November 1913, Glasgow, Mo.

William Monte Lessley - m. second Fayette, Mo., 27 November 1918, Mary Willa Huber. One child:

1. Jimmie Lessley - b. 13 March 1920, Arrow Rock, Mo. - m. 15 February 1941, Balboa Canal Zone, Vadna Willard.
6. Marvin Rosewell Lessley - b. 24 March 1885. No record.
7. Nealie Nadine Lessley - b. 16 November 1886, Glasgow, Mo. - m. at the home of her parents on farm, Glasgow, Mo. 17 October 1914, Winfield Arthur Hepburn - b. 7 November 1880, Dodge City, Kansas. Two children:
1. Lessley Hepburn - b. 28 August 1915, El Reno, Okla.
  2. Marion Arthur Hepburn - b. 19 December 1919 (on old farm) Glasgow, Mo.

8. Grace Alma Lessley - b. 29 August 1889 - m. 1 October 1912, Romeo Jones (divorced). They had three children:
  1. William Sanford Jones - b. 28 October 1915 - m. 2 February 1942, Lizzie Dora Annire. Two children:
    1. Billy Jean Jones - b. 4 December 1942, St. Louis, Mo.
    2. Don Lee Jones - b. 6 May 1950, St. Louis, Mo.
  2. Joseph Dixon Jones - b. 1 November 1918 - m. 26 April 1944, Mrs. Catherine Turney.
  3. Elliott Romie Jones - b. 5 December 1922 - m. 13 December 1942, Geneva Earsel Cooper. One child:
    1. James Elliott Jones - b. 9 August 1950, Wichita, Kansas.
9. Romie Cooper Lessley (twin) - b. 3 March 1890 - m. 25 June 1925, Viola Jacobson. Three children:
  1. Virginia Ruth Lessley - b. 26 March 1926 - m. 27 December 1946, John R. Ward, Jr.
  2. Romie Floyd Lessley - b. 27 November 1929. Unmarried.
  3. Warren Thomas Lessley - b. 11 February 1931 - m. 27 July 1950, Helen Parry. One child:
    1. Pauline Ruth Lessley - b. 8 March 1951.
10. Forest Harrison Lessley (twin) - b. 3 March 1890 - m. Murlene Mott of New Mexico.

Forest Harrison and Murlene Mott Lessley had two children:

  1. Norma about 40 years. (1955)
  2. Howard near 55 years. (1955)

Murlene - m. second time and children's names changed to Peterson.

Forest Harrison Lessley - m. second Thelma Anderson of Elko, Nevada. Two children:

  1. Sandra
  2. Elsie
11. James Floyd Lessley - b. 4 March 1892 - d. 26 May 1908.



12. Nola Orene Lessley - b. 17 February 1894 - m. 28 October 1916, Uriel Vincent Manion.

Uriel Vincent and Nola Orene Manion had three children:

1. Doris Lessley Manion - b. 6 April 1916 - m. 30 July 1938, Harold V. Terrill.
2. Uriel V. Manion - m. 9 April 1950, Donna L. Payton.
3. Emmett Lionel Manion - b. 28 February 1932.

13. Emmett Stanford Lessley - b. 20 March 1896, Glasgow, Mo. - m. 25 December 1920, Katherine May Hines.

14. Frank Thomas Lessley - b. 29 May 1898 - m. first Emily \_\_\_\_\_ (Indian blood.)

Frank Thomas and Emily Lessley had two children:

1. Laura Lessley.
2. Agnes Lessley, died in 1930 when about three years of age.

Frank Thomas Lessley - m. second Irene Williams. Two children by this marriage:

1. Frank Lessley, Jr.
2. Emmett Lessley.

15. George Washington Lessley - b. May 1901 - m. 27 December 1923, Etheleen Potter.

George Washington and Etheleen Potter Lessley had one child:

1. Johnnie Bob Lessley - b. 20 December 1923 - m. Betty Rose Wortman - b. 4 February 1926.

5. Sarah F. Lessley (fifth child of James Harvey and Sarah Ellen Lessley) - b. 24 April 1852, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 12 March 1853.

6. Mary Eliza Lessley (sixth child of James Harvey and Sarah Ellen Lessley) - b. 19 October 1854, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 22 April 1932 - m. 2 November 1877, Herman B. Simmons - b. 1847 - d. 10 April 1916.

Herman B. and Mary E. Lessley Simmons had no children of their own. Reared two orphans:

1. Nealie Gheens known as Nealie Simmons. She married two times. The first marriage ended in divorce.
2. Herman Way (a nephew). His mother was a sister of H. B. Simmons. After her death he came to live with his Uncle and Aunt.
7. Harrison Lessley (seventh child of James Harvey and Sarah Ellen Rennolds Lessley) - b. 2 September 1857, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 29 January 1941 - m. 16 February 1898, Sallie Lee Estill - b. 9 September 1866 - d. 12 January 1936.

Harrison and Sallie Lee Estill had four children:

1. Birch Harrison Lessley - b. 22 January 1899.
2. Mable Lee Lessley (twin) - b. 10 February 1900 - m. first 3 September 1924, Tony Hillen. He died 4 May 1934. She m. second 27 September 1937, Charles Jasper Davis.
3. James Morris Lessley (twin) - b. 10 February 1900 - d. 8 November 1900.
4. Daniel Estill Lessley - b. 21 July 1902 - m. 1 March 1936, Gladys Harrelson. Two children:
  1. Daniel Estill Lessley - b. 21 January 1937.
  2. Elma Louise Lessley - b. 2 July 1938.
8. Lucy Ann Lessley (eighth child of James Harvey and Sarah Ellen Lessley) - b. 10 January 1860, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 29 August 1949 - m. 14 May 1879 at farmhome of mother, Sarah Lessley, five miles south of Glasgow, John Greenville Wells - b. 21 October 1854 - d. 19 February 1897.

John G. and Lucy Ann Lessley Wells had ten children:

1. Willard Almond Wells - b. 1 March 1880 - d. 30 May 1883.
2. Rosa Lee Wells - b. 12 September 1881, Howard Co., Mo. - d. 9 May 1963, Fayette, Howard Co., Mo. She never married.

## OBITUARY

Miss Rosa Lee Wells  
 Passed away Thursday, May 9th, 1963  
 Funeral services Thursday at Glasgow (Mo.) Baptist Church  
 For Well Known Teacher.

Miss Rosa Lee Wells, 81, died at Keller Memorial Hospital in Fayette Thursday, May 9 following long illness. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Glasgow, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock,

conducted by the Rev. Charles Coker, and interment in Washington Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were nephews: Delgar Wells, Dwight Ballew, Ellis Wells, Maynard Upton, Sidney Hock and Bob Welch. Honorary pallbearers were Jack Denny, Tom Denny, Frank Rose, Henry Rose, Sidney Shackelford and W. B. Nivert, Jr. The choir sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "The Old Rugged Cross" with Mrs. Morrison Wells at the organ.

Rosa Lee, eldest daughter of the family of four boys and six girls of the late John G. and Lucy Ann Lessley Wells, was born near Glasgow September 12, 1881. In her early teens and upon the death of her Father, she courageously shared extra responsibilities in helping her Mother manage and care for the family. She stressed a good education as foundation for improvement and encouraged and assisted her sisters thru high school, yet all the while she had for her own goal: A college education.

Following her graduation from Glasgow Public School in 1900 and attending Pritchett College she taught her first 20 years of grades 1 and 2 in this public school. During this time she helped her sisters until they, too, graduated from this same school.

Many of the native Glasgow businessmen and other residents of the town received their first two years of instruction at the hands of this devoted teacher. Thus working towards her goal of higher education, she entered Warrensburg State Teachers College in the fall of 1921 for completion of her BS degree two years later. The following four years as a member of Centralia High School faculty she taught history. Still seeking higher-learning she spent a full year at George Peabody Teachers College, Nashville, Tenn. where, in 1928 she received her MA degree.

Miss Wells then joined the faculty of the Montevallo Alabama College as Supervisor of teachers training in elementary education. Here she spent the last 24 years of her teaching experience with a total of 47 years in the teaching field. Upon retirement in 1951 she returned to her home in Glasgow. After 6 years she sold her property on Fifth Street and took residence in Rhodes Nursing Home until September 1962 when she moved to the Jones' Resthaven Home, conducted by her niece, Mrs. Mildred Jones.

Miss Wells enjoyed reading, owning a library of historical value, all of which she gave to the city, Lewis Library, prior to her move to Fayette. Other hobbies included working with flowers, collecting Madonna pictures and traveling. She held membership with the National Geographic Society, National Education Association, and

the Alabama Association as well as an active and devoted member of the Baptist Church where she taught a Sunday School class and served on various committees while teaching in Glasgow and giving her services wherever she lived. So dedicated and faithful to the activities of her church together with two companions that the late Dr. J. W. Southworth of Glasgow termed Miss Wilmoth Lakey-Kain, Miss Dora Henry-Collins and Miss Wells as "Faith, Hope and Charity".

One of the highlights of her travels came in 1934 when she joined a 7-week organized tour group for a cruise across the Atlantic to visit 12 European countries. The Holy Land, London, Paris, Venice, Athens and other historic locations and Egypt were visited and all tour members attended the great Passion Play at Oberammergau Germany, the last performance given until after World War II.

In 1935 Miss Wells won first prize in the Travel Abroad contest, sponsored by a classroom magazine, Instructor, titled "The Gift of the Nile" and published in the March issue of the 1935 Instructor. The contest attracted entries from foreign countries and the United States.

During Miss Wells' travels by car back and forth to Alabama each year, she was accompanied by some member of her family for company and to assist in the driving. Yet, they always visited various and famous historical sites, many shrines and museums noting their sheer beauty and significance, all treasured remnants of the South.

Our Nation's Capitol in Washington, D. C., The City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, New York, our First Capitol of U. S. A., and Boston also Plymouth Rock were frequently visited because each city is quite full of History - too much to grasp in one visit.

On one such visit to Virginia, Miss Wells gained further information of the Wells' ancestry. Her father was born there and came to Missouri as a small boy with his parents; yet because of a fire of the Henry County Courthouse during the war, records were destroyed. Thoughts turned to information on General Robert E. Lee for whom she was named. Seven years of study and research went into various phases of the life of this man. And in 1951 her book "General Lee, A Great Friend of Youth" was published by the Vantage Press. This book is a full length biography for grades 3, 4 and 5, full of human interest stories, the like of which has been little emphasized before, and which stressed the great love the General had for children and young people because he was their good friend.

Truly it can be said of this self-sacrificing woman: "She lit many fires in cold rooms - fires of cheer and hope and faith in cold hearts."

Surviving are four sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Carrie Ballew of Glasgow; Mrs. Mary Ellen McCrary of Bloomington, Illinois; Misses Martha and Billie Wells of Kansas City; J. Oliver Wells of Glasgow; I. Clifton Wells of Fayette and Odie E. Wells of Raton, New Mexico together with many nieces and nephews. Little brother, Willard passed away in early life, as did sister, Mrs. Ethel Duncan of Keytesville on May 3rd, 1957.

3. John Oliver Wells - b. 3 February 1883 on the Bennett Brown farm not far from the Rock Springs schoolhouse in Howard County, Mo. - m. Glasgow, Mo. - 7 December 1907, Susie Eddins Waters - b. 20 May 1881, Howard County, Mo. - d. 7 June 1963, Fayette, Mo. She is buried in Washington Cemetery, Glasgow, Mo. Her parents were Isaach and Sally Jones Waters.

John Oliver m. Susie Eddins Waters, December 7, 1907, in the afternoon at the Baptist Parsonage in Glasgow, Mo. by Rev. J. L. Presser. They lived on a farm five miles south of Glasgow. In 1924 he ran for sheriff of Howard County. Ran again in 1928 and served until 31 December 1932. Bought his farm in the fall of 1915 (115 acres) and continued to farm until 1948. Sold it and bought home in Glasgow.

While in office as sheriff, duties took him to a number of different states, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Illinois, to get prisoners. This was during the time when national prohibition was in force. The largest still was one of 110 gallon capacity. Sheriff's office was then a fee office and no salary. Duties of sheriff during court session were to open and close the county and circuit court and serve summons, subpoenas, act as witness, and perform any other duty that came up. He became Judge of Police Court of Glasgow, April 1950.

Oliver with two other young friends about 21 years old entered the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana and over-stayed their leave. They were south of Billings, Mont. The Indians gave a warhoop and started after them. They hid in a briarpatch along railroad track in swampy land. They flagged a train just as the sun arose and bought tickets to Billings. Harvest fields' prices had lured them there.

They then went to North Dakota and Minnesota to work after the Indian episode. At this time, 1904, harvest wages were high, \$4.00 per day.

Oliver started home with \$27.00 in his pocket.

John Oliver and Susie E. Waters Wells had two children:

1. Virginia Evelyn Wells - b. 10 August 1912, Howard County, Mo. - m. 3 November 1934, William Cass. Two children:
  1. Nancy Lee Cass - b. 8 January 1946.
  2. Connie Lynn Cass - b. 21 October 1947.
2. John Ellis Wells - b. 4 November 1916, Howard County, Mo. - m. June 1936, Mildred Downing. One child:
  1. Elwood Gordon Wells - b. 8 October 1938.

John Ellis Wells m. second 12 March 1951, Brejetta Quinlin.

4. Ira Clifton Wells - b. 10 September 1884 - m. 23 January 1919, Emma Taylor Pulliam - b. 21 February 1891 - d. 21 October 1940.

Ira C. and Emma Pulliam Wells had six children:

1. Emma Lucille Wells - b. 21 July 1919 - m. 23 January 1945, Howard Stout. One child:
  1. Ralph Lesslie Stout - b. 2 June 1953.
2. Ibert Wells - b. 12 April 1921 - m. 7 August 1948, Joanne Haerle. Three children:
  1. Mary Jeanne Wells - b. 16 September 1949.
  2. Kevin Clifton Wells - b. 21 November 1951.
  3. Bruce Anthony Wells - b. 6 May 1953.
3. Iva Dell Wells - b. 8 August 1923 - m. 24 May 1942, Robert Lee Welch. One child:
  1. Robert Lee Welch, Jr. - b. 9 June 1943.
4. Delgar Wells - b. 1 July 1926 - m. 1 June 1947, Nadine Viola Bane. Two children:
  1. Diane Sue Wells - b. 13 November 1948.
  2. Rickey Dale Wells - b. 1 September 1952.
5. Hugh E. Wells - b. 11 August 1928 - d. 17 January 1929.

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ROLLIE BALLEW

AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Glasgow Man Had Been Injured in Car Wreck Friday, April 5.

Rollie M. Ballew, 78, died at St. Joseph Hospital, Boonville Saturday, April 13 where he had been hospitalized for treatment of injuries sustained in a car wreck Friday, April 5.

Funeral services were held in the Friemont Chapel at 1:30 on Monday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Vane Miller and interment was at Washington cemetery. Mrs. Henry R. Rose played organ selection including "Rock of Ages" and "In the Garden".

Fallbearers were Ruben Hume, Elmer Chrisman, Charles Jones, Paul Hull, Herbert Erdle and Cecil Campbell.

Mr Ballew was born at Triplett, September 2, 1889, son of Walker and Gable (Shipp) Ballew. He moved to Howard County with the family when he was 13 years old and had spent the greater part of his life in Glasgow. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and a past master of Livingston Lodge No. 51 A.F. & A.M. and was a retired employ of the Kansas City Power and Light Company..

He is survived by his wife, the former Carrie Wells, and by three children, Dwight Ballew of Columbia, Mrs. Sidney Hock (KaY) of Kansas City and Willis Ballew of Cleveland, Ohio. There are also eight grandchildren. One sister Mrs. Fred Ferguson of Glasgow, and one brother, Weldon Ballew of Fayette, also survive.

*Carrie-She gave me the old Bible copy - 1819  
now restored by Jane Sanders Morris 1990.*

*Then gave me the OLD BIBLE that belonged  
to Thomas C. Reynolds. copy w - 1819  
It is saved and restored from its water soaked  
condition. See <sup>6</sup>pg. 7 for more about this Bible.  
Hazel S.*

SIDNEY HOCK  
8900 HOLLY STREET  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI ~~64114~~ 64114

February 14, 1969

Dear Mrs. Sanders,

Your Christmas card and note were forwarded to me from Glasgow--I am Kathryn Ballew Hock, the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Rollie Ballew. I am truly sorry I have been so long in letting you know what has happened to my wonderful parents.

Mother had been ill with leukemia for several years but with medication it was kept pretty well under control until this past year. A year ago last Dec. 9th, she came to K.C. to be here with us so that I could take care of her and get all the medical help we could. She did have some surgery for a large growth under one arm but seemed there was no real help by this time. The only thing that I can think of to be thankful for is that Mother did not suffer the pain so many do when this disease gets into the critical stages. She just gradually got weaker and weaker and was in the hospital from time to time--she never complained and it was a joy to do things for her and she was bright and alert right up to the last. She passed away August 4th and I'm afraid I still can't seem to accept it as I miss her so terribly.

We so wanted Daddy to come up and stay here with us but he was very dissatisfied away from home so he insisted on keeping the house open and just driving up now and then to stay for a few days at a time. He had been up here for Mothers' birthday last April 4th and on his way home the 5th had an accident--only his car and no other involved--we don't know what happened but perhaps he dozed--he was taken to the hospital in Boonville and passed away April 13th. It was a great shock and losing both parents within 4 months has been hard for me to accept.

I am sorry to relate all of this bad news but feel you would want to know what has happened.

I also am sorry that I can be of no help on the forms you referred to in your note to Mother--

Sincerely,

*Kathryn*



6. Glynda Wells - b. 15 December 1932 - m. 6 October 1950,  
Aubrey Irving Naylor, Jr. One child:

1. Irving Scott Naylor - b. 15 December 1950.

5. Odie Elery Wells - b. 28 December 1885 - m. 17 March  
1927; Mollie Windham Wyberg. No children.

6. Ethel Montague Wells - b. 23 November 1887 - d. 3 May  
1957 - m. 24 December 1921, Harry West Duncan.

Harry West and Ethel M. Wells Duncan had one child:

1. Betty Rose Duncan - b. 3 March 1924 - m. 7 July  
1945, Leland Enyeart. One child:

1. Janet Elaine Enyeart - b. 12 April 1946.

7. Carrie Ann Wells - b. 4 April 1890, Howard County, Mo. -  
m. Fayette, Howard County, Mo. 16 February 1910,  
Rollie M. Ballew - b. 2 September 1889, Chariton  
County, Mo. ~~His~~ His parents were C. W. and Abigale  
Shipp Ballew.

\* died  
April 13, 1968  
from injuries of  
car wreck.  
Buried in Washington  
Cem: Glasgow, Mo.

Rollie M. and Carrie Ann Wells Ballew had three children:

1. Rollie Dwight Ballew - b. 2 March 1916, Howard County,  
Mo. - m. 18 April 1942, Lillian Allen. Two children:

1. Delores Jean Ballew - b. 3 August 1945.

2. Randall Dwight Ballew - b. 6 September 1952.

2. Ruby Kathryn Ballew - b. 21 November 1918, Howard  
County, Mo. - m. first 26 November 1938, Wilbur  
Carl Glaze. No children.

Ruby Kathryn Ballew Glaze - m. second 14 October 1944,  
Sidney Hock. Two children:

1. Terry Ann Hock - b. 21 June 1947.

2. Barbara June Hock - b. 30 October 1951.

3. Willis L. Ballew - b. 25 February 1927, Howard County,  
Mo. - m. 6 February 1954, Catherine Ann Stearns of  
Cleveland, Ohio. Four children:

1. Pauline

2. Nancy

3. Scott

4. Elizabeth Ann

Carrie Ann (Wells) Ballew

d. 4 Aug. 1968 Kansas City, Mo

Buried Glasgo, Mo in Washington Cem.

Rollie Ballew d 13 April 1968 from injuries  
— car wreck. Buried in Washington  
Cem. Glasgow, Mo.

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8. Mary Ellen Wells - b. 21 August 1893, Howard County, Mo.  
- m. 4 June 1921, James William McCrary - b. 7 May 1885,  
Chillicothe, Mo. - d. 24 March 1949, Litchfield, Illinois.  
James William McCrary - m. first Lincoln, Calif., June  
1907, Florence Mariner. She died 1920.

James William and Mary Ellen Wells McCrary had one child:

1. Charlotte Marie McCrary - b. 25 October 1923, Hornsby,  
Ill. - m. 26 March 1944, Maynard Thomas Upton.
9. Martha Virginia Wells - b. 3 February 1895, Howard County,  
Mo.
10. Billy Wright Wells (male) - b. 18 September 1897, Howard  
County, Mo.
9. Martha Bainton Lessley - b. 5 March 1862, Howard County, Mo. -  
d. 5 November 1864.
10. Materson M. Lessley - b. 17 October 1865, Howard County, Mo. -  
d. 21 October 1867.
11. Ida Rennolds Lessley - b. 13 April 1868, Howard County, Mo. -  
d. 8 January 1953 - m. 25 October 1899, Everett Stanley - b.  
30 May 1872 - d. 26 March \_\_\_\_\_ at Shields Nursing Home,  
Fayette, Mo. Buried in Washington Cemetery, Glasgow, Mo.  
His parents were Aaron and Cynthia Ann Stanley. They had  
no children.

(NOTE:---George R. Rennolds was a cousin to Richard Lindsey Rennolds. Their fathers were brothers---John Calhoun Rennolds and Thomas C. Rennolds.)

## OBITUARY

George Richard Rennolds

Higbee Newspaper - July 19, 1934

G. R. Rennolds passes away.

Higbee's most widely known citizen called to His Reward Monday morning at a Ripe Age of 83. Funeral from the Christian Church yesterday and Interment made in Oakland Cemetery, Moberly.

G. R. Rennolds, Higbee's most widely known resident, who had been in failing health for two years or more from infirmities, and who was stricken with paralysis Friday morning passed peacefully away at his home in this place at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning never regained consciousness.

George Richard Rennolds was a son of John C. and Delilah Ann Quissenberry-Rennolds, who moved to this state from Kentucky in 1826, locating in Boone Co., and moving to the old home place in Randolph three miles southeast of Higbee in 1834, where deceased was born on Dec. 23, 1850.

As there were few luxuries in those days, his boyhood was made up of hard work and deprivation, but which proved a solid foundation for a future successful career. As school houses were few and far between and the terms short, his education was limited to subscription schools to which he had to walk several miles and the rudiments of an education thus gained he added to his knowledge by extensive reading, which, with his natural business ability, caused him to outstrip many who had the advantage of a college education. At the age of 12, as he told us many times, he earned his first money--25 cents a day--by planting corn for Wm. Fore, a relative and a few years later operated a farm on his account. His health not being the best, he went to Texas in 1876 where he remained a year, and on his return, with a brother John M. Rennolds erected the first store in Higbee; which stood on the present site of Edwards Grocery, and where they operated a General Store for several years, investing his earnings in land. In 1878 he organized the Rennolds-Moss Tie Co. which also operated a store in Higbee and one at McMullen. The Tie Co. was in its heyday then and the company was successful from the first, one of its first

contracts being furnishing of thousand of ties for the Chicago and Alton, then being built from Louisiana to Kansas City. It also furnished other thousands for the Katy. The business of the concern grew of such an extent that the main office was moved from Higbee to St. Louis, where it is still located and is now known as the T. J. Moss Tie Co.

He retired from the company in 1884 and devoted his time to farming, and at one time owned 15,000 acres in Mo. and Texas. Selling his Texas holdings, he devoted all of his time to his farms in the locality and became one of the best known and most successful breeders of saddle horses and cattle in this section, not giving up the latter until a few years ago.

He organized the Higbee Saving Bank in 1889 and with the exception of a year or so was its president until some two years ago. During all the years he never drew a salary for his guiding of the affairs of the bank which was his particular pride, and which stood like a rock through good times and bad. It was a source of great satisfaction to him that the bank, during every day of the depression was able to meet every demand made upon it, and is generally looked upon as one of the most substantial institutions of its kind in the state.

He also took a very prominent part in politics, local, state and national, and until his years became too great a burden, always attended the Democratic state conventions, and but for illness at the time would have attended the National convention in Houston, Texas in 1928. He wanted to go, not only because of the convention, but because he never lost his love for that state. With his mustache and goatee and light hat, such as is worn by all true Texans he looked the part of the True Southern Gentleman and Colonel and was always given that title, which he lived up to as well as any man we ever knew. Among his intimates, however, he was affectionately known as "Old Hoss" and which he enjoyed as much as any title that could have been bestowed. Kind hearted and jovial, he will long be remembered. Funeral services were conducted Wed. morning from the Christian Church, of which he had long been a member, by the Rev. E. M. Richmond, assisted by the Rev. E. Y. Keiter, both former pastors and old intimate friends, the crowd being twice the capacity of the church. The flowers, sent from far and near, were more profuse and beautiful than had been seen here in many a day.

Following the services at the church the body was conveyed to Moberly and laid to rest by the side of his wife, who passed away in 1918, with full honors of the Masonic fraternity, of which he had been a member for many years.

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All business houses in town were closed during the hour of the funeral, and the bank, his pride, was closed for the day, in honor of his memory. The honorary pallbearers were J. Edgar Smith, T. H. Walton, Dr. J. W. Winn, C. H. Cleaton, Evan Jones, and J. T. Bowen and active pallbearers were E. E. Newman, J. T. Randolph, Ernest Bryant, H. C. Eubanks, Ben Wright, Caleb Dougherty, Dr. C. F. Burkhalter and Wisdom Burton.

Deceased was married to Miss Kizzie Elizabeth Dysert on Oct. 2, 1883 and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. C. A. Odell and a large number of nephews and nieces besides a legion of acquaintances and friends.

While he had faults like the rest of us, he was a good man at heart, and when he became interested in a thing he carried it through if he had to do it alone. He was of the old fashioned kind, and while he believed in progress, he wasn't thoroughly satisfied that we were traveling the road these days of speed that leads to better and more substantial things, and of late years looked on the future with much foreboding.

We shall always greatly remember him for one thing if nothing else. When the News plant was destroyed by fire in Jan. 1933, he hobbled to the telephone in his home and called us up expressing his deepest sympathy, and not knowing at the time that the entire plant had been destroyed, stated that the town and vicinity simply couldn't do without "The News", and that he had several buildings, and for us to move right in and go ahead, rent free, if we had been hit to that extent.

In passing the daughter has lost as loving a father as ever lived among us, and the community a most substantial and courtly gentleman whose like we will not soon see again.

Requiescat in peace!

Briscoe Research. See pg. 81

Rennolds/Reynolds Family History by Hazel Rennolds Sanders for documented information on Nancy Briscoe Andrews.

I believe her ancestry is connected with some of the Briscoe research in this folder. (I didn't get to finish it) Also in my Rennolds Family History Book is some pictures of the Briscoe Crest from the Old Castle, in Scotland when it was being demolished.

Mr R. C. Todd, Richmond, Texas a Briscoe descendant visited the Old Castle in Scotland about this time and asked for the crest as it was to be destroyed and I remember him telling me they didn't want it. He had it sent to the U.S. Houston Sea port. The duty was too high so he refused to accept it. They didn't want to return it to Scotland so the fee was reduced.

And now 1975 000 Thanks to Mr Todd the 6+ foot crest is in the Briscoe Cemetery Richmond, Texas - south of Houston.

Hazel Sanders

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Feb. 2, 1961.

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Dear Mrs. Charles, Fiehlman,

Today Mrs. H. Lufcy the genealogist for the Nancy Hunter chapter of S.A.R. here in Cape Gir. came across your name as a descendant of Revolutionary War John Andrews - North Carolina.

I am a descendant of his and I have my papers filled out ready to send in to the National Soc. S.A.R. at least, by the 15th of this month. If you are a descendant of his, will you please let me know right away. I would appreciate it if you would exchange and check data with me on this ancestor if you are a descendant.

My line is as follows:

Rev. War. John Andrews - Nancy Briscoe  
John Andrews (their son) - Elizabeth Meredith  
Martha (Patsy) Andrews - Thomas Meredith

I won't send any more information until you let me know whether this is your ancestor too.

Very Sincerely

Mrs. Norman Sanders. (over)



Fannie Wicks  
Lottie Wicks  
and others.

Bessie Andrews  
m. Geo. Shaffer

Margaret Andrews { Fannie Walker  
m. Geo. Wicks

John Andrews  
Rev - War

Grace Bisco Andrews { John Wm Andrews  
m. Elizabeth Walker m. Geo. Brown

Anna Andrews { Nancy Douglas { Ida Miller  
m. Harden Douglas m. Geo. Cook m. J. W. Bell

This is all I know,

Mrs. Charles Pochlman  
515 Missouri  
Macon, Mo.

## JOHN ANDREWS

John Andrews - b. 1758, is the great grandfather of Elizabeth Ann Meredith who married Howard County, Mo. , 23 January 1862, John Thomas Rennolds. See p. 14.

He died 6 May 1814, Surry County, North Carolina. No information on parentage or place of birth. A descendant, Mrs. Bessie Andrews Derfler, Kansas City, Mo. said: "John was Scotch English of Edinburgh, Scotland, and settled near Ashland, North Carolina". (This is probably true, but I have no proof of it.)

There is record that John had a brother, Joseph Andrews, who lived in Surry County, North Carolina. Joseph moved to the state of Tennessee in 1812, then to Howard County, Mo. in 1830. Joseph Andrews had a son, James Andrews, - b. 17 April 1787 in Rowan County, North Carolina. James lived in Chariton County, Mo.

John Andrews married Rowan County, North Carolina - ca. 1781, Nancy Briscoe - b. 1757 in Maryland, and died 1861, Howard County, Mo. She is listed in 1850 census Howard County as living with a son, Mose Andrews. Her age 93 years and born in Maryland.

Mrs. Leona Andrews Dougherty, Washington, D. C. said: "Nancy lived with Mose Andrews until her death 1861. She is buried in New Hope Cemetery, Howard County, Mo. by the side of her son, Mose Andrews". There is no stone on her grave.

John Andrews was a Revolutionary War Soldier. He served as a private in Captain-Elijah Lyons' Company with the North Carolina Troops.

The record which follows is from the National Archives, Washington, D. C. when his wife, Nancy Briscoe Andrews, applied for a widow's pension in 1844.

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 NANCY ANDREWS

Widow of JOHN ANDREWS  
 who was a pensioner under the Act of ---  
 and who died on the 6th May, 1814  
 of Howard Co. in the State of Mo.  
 who was a Private in the company  
 commanded by Captain ----- of the  
 Regt. commanded by ----- in  
 the Revolution for

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Inscribed on the Roll of Missouri  
at the rate of 119 Dollars 77  
Cents per annum, to commence on the  
4th day of March, 1836.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 12th day  
of May, 1846 and sent (blur)

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D. R. Atchison  
Senate U. S.

Total amount \$348. 85

ACT JULY 7, 1838.

Recorded by Wm. Rumflin, Clerk,  
Book D. Vol. 1 Page 411

State of Missouri )  
County of Howard )

On this seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four personally appeared before me William Buster one of the Justices of the County Court of Howard County in the State of Missouri Nancy Andrews a resident of said county and state above mentioned who cannot from bodily infirmity appear in person before the court, aged about eighty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Congress, passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of John Andrews who was a private soldier in the revolutionary army, that soon after the declaration of war he the said John Andrews volunteered and entered the army of the United States, then Colonies, as a volunteer that to the best of her recollection he served more than one year and she is of the impression that he did not return from the war, nor quit the army, till about the close of the war but of the latter she can not state with certainty - she said John Andrews died on the sixth day of May in the year of our Lord 1814 in Surry County in the State of North Carolina. Captain Elijah Lyons was captain of the company in which he the said John Andrews served for a part of his tour of

service, but how long he served in said company or whether he served a part of his tour under other Captains she cannot state. She has heard her late husband John Andrews speak of one Major Lewis, perhaps William Lewis, as one of the superior officers but cannot state to what Division, Brigade, Regiment or Battalion he was attached. She states that a regular discharge was given to her husband, which she frequently saw in his possession during his life, and during the time they lived together as husband and wife but the said discharge is now lost or mislaid and she has no documentary evidence of his service as a soldier in said war and although she is of the impression that he was a volunteer, she may be mistaken as to that fact. She cannot state with certainty the day, month or year at which he entered the service. That at the time he entered the service he was a resident of the county of Ro-Ann in the state of North Carolina, that she has heard him speak of being in the battle of Charleston, also in the battle of Stono as he then called it - that he also stated that he was in the division or troops who made a press or forced march to relieve Charleston in South Carolina. She cannot state the day nor year in which she and the said John Andrews were married but can state that they were married immediately after the close of the war but not before he left the service and that it was legally done as she now recollects by a minister of the Gospel and that the marriage took place in the County of Ro-Ann in the State of North Carolina previous to the 1st of January 1794 and she has never been married since the death of the said John Andrews and is yet a widow - that she has no record or documentary evidence of her marriage or the exact date of the same, that she is of the impression that a record of their marriage the births, deaths etc. was kept at one time by her husband, but the same is lost or mislaid and she knows not what has become of it - She states that they resided together as man and wife up to the time of his death as above stated, and that they raised nine children to the years of manhood, that after the death of her said husband she immigrated to the State of Tennessee, which was in the same year and after the death of her husband, and that, from Tennessee she immigrated to this state and county in the year 1818.

Nancy Andrews - signed

Affidavit of Mose Andrews in regard to the widows pension of his mother, Nancy Andrews.

County of Howard )  
State of Missouri ) 23 Oct. A. D. 1844.

I, Mose Andrews do make oath and state that I am the son of deceased John Andrews and that Nancy Andrews the widow of

John Andrews Deceased who is my mother now resides in the county of Howard and state of Missouri. John Andrews my father departed this life on or about the sixth day of May in the year 1814 in county of Surry in the state of North Carolina. I saw him die. My Mother Nancy Andrews is now residing with me and she is yet a widow and has never been married since the death of my father. At the time of the death of my father, my brother John Andrews, who was the only son of my father older than I, had gone to the state of Tennessee and was in General Jacksons army; the business of my father therefore fell into my hands, and amongst his papers there was a discharge or discharges given to him as a private at the close of the revolutionary war discharging him from the service in said war. These papers are now lost or have been destroyed, and I do not recollect to have seen them for a space of some fifteen years last past. My recollection is that there were several of them and it is my best impression that one of them was dated as early as the fall of the year 1777, and the circumstance of their being three figures of service in the date made an impression on my mind. But I cannot state as to the contents of said papers nor in whose name they were given. I recollect to have heard my father state that he was in what he called the prep march to the relief of Charleston and that the army marched three days and nights without rest at one time, that he was in one or more engagements there. I have heard him also often speak of the battle of "Stono" as he called it, meaning probably that was called Stony Point - and that he was in that battle. He also spoke frequently of Major Lewis as one of his superior officers, stating that his valor as an officer was not surpassed by any officer in the revolutionary army. In the fall of 1814 my mother, Nancy Andrews, imigrated to the state of Tennessee where she resided until the fall of the year 1818 when she imigrated to the county of Howard and state of Missouri where she now resides and has ever since resided. I have no means of knowing what length of time my father served as a soldier in the revolutionary war except from his statements and those of others and impressions left upon my mind from a faulty recollection of the discharges, before spoken of, and from these several sources I entertain no doubt that he served more than one year. He mentioned, that at the time of his final discharge, he on his way home was entail, and that being detained a short time when he reached home his money being "Continental" in which he was paid off was all dead. This affiant states that he is now fifty years of age and further sayeth (blur)

Mose Andrews - Signed

Affidavit for widow's pension (Nancy Briscoe Andrews) by Joseph Andrews.

19th Sept. A. D. 1844.

I, Joseph Andrews of (now) the county of Howard and state of Missouri being first duly sworn to make oath and say that I am the brother of John Andrews, now deceased; in the year 1812 I removed to the state of Tennessee from the county of Surry in the state of North Carolina, and my brother John Andrews was then residing in the county of Surry in North Carolina. I did not see him die, but from all the information which I have ever had on the subject he died in said County of Surry in or about the month of May in the year 1814. About the commencement of the revolutionary war the said John Andrews was a resident of Ro-Ann county in the state of North Carolina, and there was about that time a company or companies raised there to go against the indians, that the said John Andrews went in the company of Captain Lyons as a private, he thinks his name was Elijah Lyons, cannot now recollect what tribe of indians they went against nor exactly how long they were gone, but he recollects that immediately after their return home, they were called into service to march to Charleston in South Carolina to defend that place against the British Army, that the said John Andrews again went under Captain Lyons, and states that one of the Superior officers under whom his brother John Andrews marched was Major Lewis, but cannot state what was the Christian name of Major Lewis, but states that the said John Andrews was gone in said expedition to Charleston more than one year and even more than two years for he did not come home till the close of the war - this affiant does not recollect to have seen the discharge of his brother John Andrews; but knows he was regularly discharged and that he served out all the tours for which he was engaged in the revolution. He also states that his brother John Andrews was married to Nancy Briscoe in the county of Ro-Ann soon after the close of the war, that this affiant was at the wedding and saw them married, that the day or year he cannot now state, but knows that it was but a short time after the war. This affiant's eldest son is now fifty-seven years old, and his brother John had two or three children older than his this affiant, that said John Andrews never had any wife except Nancy Andrews who is now residing in the county and has never been married since the death of her husband, John Andrews - this affiant will be eighty one years of age on the 15th of next month and his brother John Andrews was about five years older than him, this affiant. This affiant imigrated to Tennessee from North Carolina in the year 1812 and in 1830 moved to the State of Missouri from Tennessee.

Joseph Andrews - signed

18 day April A. D. 1846

In the matter of the application of Mrs. Nancy Andrews for a pension.

Benjamin Cook of lawful age resident in the county of Randolph in the State of Missouri being first duly sworn deposeseth and saith

I, Benjamin Cook became acquainted with the late John Andrews, his wife Nancy and their children then living when I was a small boy. My first acquaintance with them was in the county of Surry in the state of North Carolina. Mr. Andrews moved to that county from Rowan county and became the owner of a tubmill to which I was sent when a small boy to get meal ground.

I know nothing of the marriage of Mr. John Andrews to his wife (now his widow Nancy Andrews) but I only know that they had two or three children older than myself---at the time I first became acquainted with the family Mr. Andrews resided about one and a half miles from my father and afterwards they resided for one or two years within one half mile of each other and I went to school with the children, and was a frequent playmate with the boys for many years in fact we all moved to the state of Tennessee together and I have known the family all my life. John and Nancy Andrews must have been married before the year 1790 for I was born in the year 1787 and as before stated they had two or three children older than myself. Their oldest child was called by the name of Sally, she married a man by the name of Spencer--- the second child was called John who now resides in this (Howard) county and both these I know were older than I am for they were larger than I when we first saw each other.

Mr. John Andrews and Nancy his wife always lived together as husband and wife, were respected as husband and wife up to the time of his death which took place about the year 1814 in Surry County North Carolina and the widow and family as above stated about that time moved to Tennessee.

Benjamin Cook - Signed

Howard Co., Mo.

18 day April A. D. 1846

In the matter of the Application for a Pension of Mrs. Nancy Andrews.

James Andrews of Chariton County of lawful age being produced and sworn and examined deposeseth and saith

I, James Andrews was on yesterday fifty nine years old. I am well acquainted with the children of Mrs. Nancy Andrews---her husband John Andrews was the brother of my father---whose name is Joseph Andrews.

The eldest child of John and Nancy Andrews went by the name of Sally, the second John and the third was called Rebecca, all these were older than myself perhaps the youngest Rebecca but a few days. I knew the family as early as I knew anything and have been intimately acquainted with them ever since. I have during all of my life from my earliest recollection been on the most intimate terms with the family and the second child of my aunt (John) was older and larger than I was for when I was a small boy he was larger and in going to mill together he was able to correct and properly balance my bag---on the horse.

My uncle and aunt were always respected and considered husband and wife and as such raised a family of which four sons and three daughters are now living. I was born in the County of Rowan in the state of North Carolina and from there my father moved to the county of Surry near where my uncle John settled. My uncle John Andrews and his wife Nancy resided together as husband and wife from my earliest recollection up to the time of his death and she is still a widow having never been married since his death.

James Andrews - Signed

State of Missouri )  
County of Howard )

On the second day of April in the year A. D. 1850 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the justices of the peace within and for said county Nancy Andrews a resident of the county of Howard and state of Missouri - aged about 93 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by acts of congress passed on the second February 1848, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war. That she is the widow of John Andrews who was a private in the war of the Revolution as now recollected belonged to the North Carolina militia but the particular Regiment or Corps to which he belonged is not now known, that under the act of Congress of 17th June A. D. 1844 she as a widow of the said John Andrews received as her pension the sum of sixty nine dollars and seventy seven cents per annum - that her pension com-



menced on the 4th March 1843 and terminated the 4th of March A. D. 1848. And she further declares that she is still a widow.

Nancy Andrews - Signed

John and Nancy Briscoe Andrews had nine children. (Only five names are known to me.)

1. Sally Andrews - b. ca. 1783, - m. \_\_\_\_\_ Spencer. No record. She did not come to Missouri with the rest of the family but remained in North Carolina.
2. JOHN ANDREWS, JR. - (This is my line) - b. 1785, North Carolina - d. 30 May 1852, Howard County, Mo. - m. Jackson County, Tenn. - 14 August 1816, Elizabeth Meredith - b. 1788, Virginia - d. 20 November 1865, Howard County, Mo. They are both buried in New Hope Cemetery, Howard County, Mo.

NOTE: When I last visited this cemetery the stones marking their graves were broken and laying on the ground. At my request, John L. Andrews, R#2 Higbee, Mo. repaired the two broken stones (John Andrews 1785-1852 and Elizabeth Andrews 1788-1865).

The following is a letter regarding this transaction.

June 29, 1965

Dear Mrs. Sanders,

I was sorry I didn't get to see you when you were at my sons house and New Hope Church.

I had the tombstones fixed today. I got four cement blocks, bought three, I had one and countersunk in the ground. Slipped the stones between them and filled with cement. You need not worry as they will be there as long as there is a cemetery. I also got four pieces of steel 2 1/2 ft. long and inch wide and slipped two on each side of the broken rock. They are placed at the edges where it will not cover the name or date and will hold the broked rock in place.

Mrs. Sanders the cement cost	1. 50
Four blocks	1. 00
Four pieces of steel	1. 00
	<hr/>
I got a hand to help labor	3. 50
Total	\$7. 00

Respectfully

Jno. L. Andrews

John Andrews II served in the War of 1812, with Captain John Chitwood, from Tennessee, against the Creek Indians in 1813 and 1814, and was honorably discharged at Fayetteville, Tenn., April 1814.

In 1851 he applied for a land bounty he was entitled to by an Act approved September 28, 1850, granting land bounty to soldiers who had been engaged in Military Service of U. S.

The record that follows is from the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

Pension application: 1812 War of John Andrews II

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Jno Andrews -- pri.  
Cap Jno. Chitwood  
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    to May 10  
    Captain I. Chitwood

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    March 30/52  
    A. J. Herndon  
    Fayette, Mo.  
    Vol 60 -- 3

State of Missouri

County of Howard

On this 20th day of May 1851 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the county and State aforesaid John Andrews aged about Sixty six years a resident of Howard County in the state of Missouri who being duly sworn according to law declare that he is the identicle John Andrews who was a private in the company commanded by Captain John Chitwood in the Regiment of Tennessee militia commanded by Col. Steele in the war against the Creek Indians in the year 1813 and 1814.

That he substituted in place of a man who was drafted at County (blank) Tennessee on or about the last of December 1813 for three months and continued in actual service in thus war three months and was honorably discharged soon after the battle of the horse shoe, and as he now recollect and sometime in April 1814 at Fayetteville Tennessee--he received a certificate of discharge but has not the same in his possession now but refers to the muster roles of his said company.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States passed September 28, 1850.

John Andrews - Signed

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year aforesaid.

And I hereby certify that I believe the said John Andrews to be the identical man who served as aforesaid and that he is of the age as one stated.

Hosea Hickeson

J. P.

Following is application for 1812 War pension of Elizabeth Meredith Andrews, wife of John Andrews.

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Elizabeth Andrews  
widow of John Andrews

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Adam Hendrese  
Fayette, Mo.

State of Missouri

County of Howard

On this 14th day of June A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace, within and for the county aforesaid Elizabeth Andrews aged fifty five years a resident of Howard County in the State of Missouri who being duly sworn according to Law declare that she is the widow of John Andrews deceased who was in the war Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th of June 1812. She cannot state the officers names of the company in which her husband served--She states he was in the battle at the "Horse shoe, baseeh" and refers to his declaration on file under the Act of Sept. 28, 1850.

She cannot state the time at which he entered the service, or the time or place, he was discharged and again refers to his declaration on file under the act of September 28th 1850.

She further states she was married to the said John Andrews in the State of Tenisee, Jackson County on the 14th day of August A. D. 1816. She has no record of it, by one Jacob Bennit Justice of the peace and that her name before marriage was Elizabeth Meredith. That her said husband died at Howard Co. Mo. on the 30th day of May A. D. 1852 and that she is now a widow. She further states, that she is not aware of any Public or private record of their said marriage, and this point offers proof.

She further declares that her said husband in his lifetime had hereto fore made application for bounty land under the act approved Sept. 28, 1850 (to which she now refers for particulars of his service) and obtained a land warrant for Forty acres.

No. 48315 which has been legally disposed of, and it cannot now be returned. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the "act approved March 3, 1855".

Elizabeth Andrews - Signed

We, James R. Myers and Paris Dougherty residents of Howard County in the State of Missouri upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Elizabeth Andrews in our presence, and that we believe, from the appearance and statements of the applicant, that she is the identical person she represents her self to be. We further state, that we were well acquainted with John Andrews the husband of the applicant, and Elizabeth Andrews, in the lifetime of her said husband, and knew them of live together as husband and wife, and to be so reputed --- that her husband, John Andrews died in Howard County Missouri during the month of May A. D. 1852 and that the said Elizabeth Andrews is still a widow.

James R. Meyers  
Paris Dougherty

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person she represents herself to be and that I have no interest in this claim.

John T. Andrews J. P.

Howard County, Mo.

Will Book No. 4 - pg. 239-240

WILL - JOHN ANDREWS

I, John Andrews, Sr. of the County of Howard and State of Missouri being of sound mind and lawful age, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

First, it is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully paid.

Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Andrews, in addition to her dower, a certain sorrol horse called Trumpeter.

Third, it is my will that my farm on which I now reside shall not be sold until the death of my said wife, unless she shall marry after my death, in that event it is my desire that my Executor or any other person or persons interested or authorized shall cause said real estate to be sold subject however to the provisions made and provided by statute in such cases.

Fourth, it is my will that my personal property be sold as soon as may be after my death on such terms as my Executor shall think best.

Fifth, it is my will that the proceeds arising from the sale of my estate, real and personal, shall be divided in manner as follows, vis: To my beloved son, Aaron Andrews I give, Bequeath one eleventh part of the proceeds of the sale of my said estate (real and personal). For my daughter, Jane, now Jane Douglas, I hereby make a similar provision and also for my daughters, Malinda, Sarah, and Ann, and my sons, Elijah, John T., Marrow, Samuel and James Andrews, giving to them respectfully, share and share alike of the proceeds of the sale of my said estate. To my son, Aaron Andrews, I give also one eleventh part of the proceeds of the sale of my said estate for the use and benefit however of my beloved daughter, Patsey, now Patsey Meriday and the legitimate heirs of her body. This my will that said Aaron Andrews shall hold the property or effects which shall accrue to my said daughter, Patsey, in trust, first giving security for all sums of money or property which shall come into his hands, in a fiduciary capacity. And if he shall fail or refuse to act as truster, it shall be in accordance with my will for any other person to act as such trustee subject to the same restrictions as said Aaron Andrews in relation to said trusteeship.

Lastly I make and appoint my beloved wife and my son Aaron and Elijah Andrews, my executors, to carry into effect this my last will and testament.

In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of April, A. D. 1852.

John Andrews

SEAL

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Signed, published and declared by the foregoing named John Andrews as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at his request, have signed as witnesses to the same.

William H. Guerri	Witness
Joel H. McBride	Witness
X	
his mark	

### CODICIL

I, John Andrews, Sr. of the County of Howard and State of Missouri, do make the following codicil to the foregoing last will and testament.

First, all substantial and necessary improvement made upon the land upon which I now reside from the day of my death until said land shall be sold by my children, those of my children performing and making such improvements shall be compensated reasonably for the same out of the preceeds of the sale of my said land.

In testimony where of, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 19 day of April, A. D. 1852.

John Andrews                      SEAL

William H. Guerri	Witness
Joel H. McBride	Witness
X	
his mark	

John and Elizabeth Meredith Andrews had eleven children:

1. Aaron Andrews - b. 1817 in Tennessee.
2. Jane Andrews - b. 1819 - m. 3 January 1814, John M. Douglas.
3. Elijah "Lige" Andrews - m. 1848, Sarah Ann Hudson. They had sons Joe Andrews, Pete Andrews, Napoleon "Pole" Andrews, and Leona Andrews (called Big Leona).
4. MARTHA "PATSY" ANDREWS - (This is my line) - b. 1823 Howard County, Mo. - d. ca. 1856, Howard

County - m. 4 February 1841, Thomas Meredith - b. 1822, Tennessee - d. 1852, Howard County, Mo. He was a wagoner and farmer.

Howard County, Mo.

Marriage Book 2 - pg. 169--

Thomas Meredith and Patsy Andrews Feb. 4, 1841.

Information on Thomas Meredith is meager. I do not know the name of his parents. In the 1850 census Howard County, Mo., Letty Meredith age 46 is listed in the household with Thomas and Patsy. (I assume she was his mother.)

In a letter from Anna Chapman, Hunnewell, Mo., dated 21 March 1931, she said: "Luther's grandmother was named Martha and they called her 'Patsy'. Yes, cousins have married, Uncle Tom and Aunt Patsy were own cousins. Aunt Patsy was a very pretty woman. Her father seriously objected to their marriage and I have been told that he never had anything to do with them."

Thomas and Martha "Patsy" Andrews Meredith had seven children:

1. Elizabeth Ann Meredith - (This is my line.) See pg. 14.
2. William Meredith - b. 1844, Howard County, Mo. Died when a small child.
3. Chancy "Chinese" Meredith - b. 1846, Howard County, Mo. - m. Jim Sumpter. They had four girls and three boys.

The following is copied from a letter of Andrew Meredith's dated Feb. 2, 1946. He said: "I got to looking through old letters and found one that Aunt Chinese Sumpter wrote to my father in 1898 and she told him the names of all her children. The boys names were Jim, Charley, and John Sumpter and the girls Fannie, Ella, Lizzie and Maggie."

(This refers to Charlie Meredith - see below.)

He also said two of the girls and two of the boys were deceased. One of the boys was Jim Sumpter.



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Lakenan Mo

3-3-1931

Dear Hazel

I will try and answer your  
Letter received several days ago

Pa says he does not know the date of either  
his father or mother Birth or the date of there  
death, or the date of there marriage, he does not  
the names of his grandfather or grandmother  
on his fathers side or anything about them

On his mothers side his Grandmother name  
was Elizabeth Andrews, and Grandfather name  
was John Andrews, dont know the date of Birth  
or death of either or date of marriage

His Grandmother and Grandfather on his  
mothers side lived in Howard county Missouri  
They come from north Carolina to Tenn, and  
from there to Missouri

He is not shure but he thinks his fathers people  
came from Maryland

I am sorry that I can tell you so little about  
this But pa, father and mother both died  
when he was a baby he does not remember  
either of them and that is the reason he  
knows so little about them, I want you when  
you get the record finished or if you dont get  
it finished to be shure and send me a copy of it.

Yours Respect.

Andrew H Merideth  
Lakenan Mo.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

Feb. 28, 1931.

Dear Andrew and Uncle Charlie,

I'm working on my family record. Through Miss Anna Chapman I have gotten almost all of the material necessary but still lack some. I've listed a few questions here that I'd like for you to answer if possible. If you haven't a record of them and can't answer them, just tell me anything about them you can because the least little thing you may know will probably help me trace them down.

I'll send you a record of this if I ever get it finished.

Mother and Dad gave me your address and said I'd probably get the information I need from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Hazel Reynolds Sanders,  
(Luther Reynolds' daughter)

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

P.S. - I've enclosed a self addressed envelope to return the questions on

4. Mary Thomas "Polly" Meredith - b. 4 September 1848, Howard County, Mo. - d. 5 March 1902, Lakenan, Mo. - m. 16 October 1869, John Chapman in Illinois. See pg. 21.
5. John "Jack" Meredith - b. 1850, Howard County, Mo. Died in Civil War Union Army at Columbia, Mo.
6. Sarah Meredith - b. Howard County, Mo. - d. in Iowa - m. Charley Heskins. They had one child, a son.
7. Charlie Meredith - b. 14 March 1855, Howard County, Mo. - d. 25 March 1940 - m. Howard County, Mo., Lucy Ann Dennis - b. 10 April 1863 - d. 28 May 1928.

Charlie and Lucy Ann Dennis Meredith had two children:

1. John Thomas Meredith - b. 7 March 1884 - d. September 1893.
2. Andrew Harrison Meredith - b. 20 August 1890 - d. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. John T. Andrews - b. 1829 - d. Howard County, Mo. No record.
6. Marinda Andrews - b. 1832, Howard County, Mo. No record.
7. Malinda Andrews - b. 6 March 1820, Howard County, Mo. - m. 6 October 1858, Isham Walker - b. 19 March 1815, Wayne County, Ky. - d. 26 February 1877, Macon County, Mo. His father was Johnson Walker and mother Fannie Burnett. He came to Missouri when he was about three years old. He homesteaded in Macon County between years 1833 and 1840. When he first came to that county he lived in a log hut on the land he later owned. His first marriage was to Mahetable Murphy. By this marriage he had seven children. After Mahetable Murphy Walker died, he went down to Howard County, Mo. and brought back, in a covered wagon, his second wife, Malinda Andrews daughter of John Andrews II--- a surprise to his children.

Information on Malinda Andrews Walker from Miss Anna Chapman, Hunnewell, Mo. in 1946, and from Walker family genealogy sent to me by Hattie Love Thomas, Macon, Mo.

Isham and Malinda Andrews Walker had two children:

1. Anna D. Walker - b. 12 July 1859 - m. Geogge Wisdom.
2. Susan Mary Walker - b. 4 December 1860 - m. first  
\_\_\_\_\_ E. Smith - m. second A. J. Marsh.

8. Sarah Andrews - b. 1835 - d. 1869 - m. 1854, Hardin  
Madison Douglas - b. 1854 - d. 1915.

Hardin Madison and Sarah Andrews Douglas had a daughter,  
Rhoda Ellen Douglas - b. 1856 - m. Peter Parker Chap-  
man - b. 1854 - d. 1919.

They had a daughter, Anna Chapman - b. 1882, Brown Coun-  
ty, Ill. - d. \_\_\_\_\_, at Hunnewell, Mo.

9. Samuel Andrews - b. 1836 - d. Howard County, Mo.
10. James Andrews - b. 1838.
11. Elizabeth Andrews - b. 1840.
3. Rebecca Andrews (third child of John and Nancy Briscoe Andrews).  
Born 1787. No record.
4. Isaac Briscoe Andrews (child of John and Nancy Briscoe Andrews)  
- m. Nancy Elizabeth Walker.
5. Mose Andrews (child of John and Nancy Briscoe Andrews) - b.  
15 October 1791, North Carolina - d. 17 September 1876,  
Howard County, Mo. - m. Howard County, Mo., 9 April  
1828, Mary "Polly" Fields - b. 1811, Kentucky - d. 1889,  
Howard County. They are both buried in New Hope Ceme-  
tery, Howard County. A large, well preserved stone mark  
their grave.

Mose and Mary Fields Andrews had eleven children:

1. Susan Andrews - b. 1830, Missouri - m. William Fore.
2. Thomas F. Andrews - b. 1833, Missouri.
3. Joseph Burton Andrews - b. 17 May 1835, Howard County,  
Mo. - d. 1 October 1921, Howard County - m. 31 July  
1860, Mary Bainton Rennolds - b. 12 November 1842,  
Howard County - d. 21 September 1895. Her father  
was John Calhoun Rennolds who married 20 September  
1828, Deliah Ann Quissinberry.

Joseph Burton and Mary Bainton Rennolds Andrews had two sons:

1. John Franklin Andrews - b. 10 March 1861, Howard County, Mo. - d. 26 September 1938, and is buried in New Hope Cemetery - m. 26 May 1881, Howard County, Eliza Jane Atkins - b. 15 March 1863 - d. 14 June 1929 at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, N. Y. Her parents were August and Anna Dougherty Atkins

John Franklin and Eliza Jane Atkins Andrews had four children:

1. Leona Andrews - b. 16 April 1882, Howard County, Mo. (December 1967 was living in Washington, D. C. with a daughter, Lucille). - m. 2 February 1903, Fayette, Mo., William Birch Dougherty. He was - b. 18 March 1879, Howard County, Mo. - d. 26 July 1949, Washington, D. C. Buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery. His parents were James Linley and Nancy Jane Kirby Dougherty. *Leona d. 29 March 1969 in California*

William Birch and Leona Andrews Dougherty had seven children:

1. Lindley Franklin Dougherty - b. 3 December 1903, Howard County, Mo.
2. Lucille Dougherty - b. 9 December 1905, Howard County, Mo. - m. 1929, Archie Wood. He died 1935. After his death she went to Washington, D. C. and worked for the Government - m. second Watson Garrard Caudill - b. 8 May 1905, Witesburg, Ky. They were married 3 October 1937, Forestville, Md. His parents were William Riley Caudill and Mary Gibson. They had two children:
  1. Watson Garrard Caudill - b. 10 August 1940, Washington, D. C. - m. 20 June 1964, Sarah Ellen Homer. He is a graduate of West Point.
  2. William Riley Caudill - b. 18 August 1944, Washington, D. C. A graduate of North Carolina State College (1966).
3. Lorene Dougherty - b. 17 February 1907 - d. 24 July 1907.

4. William Birch Dougherty, Jr. - b. 11 September 1908, Moberly, Mo. - m. 29 March 1941, Mildred Ruth Stinnett.
  5. Merrell Chester Dougherty - b. 24 March 1910, Howard County, Mo. - m. 16 December 1936, Mary Jeanette Fauntleroy.
  6. John Andrews Dougherty - b. 4 September 1916, Howard County, Mo. - m. 12 July 1941, Margaret Anne Gardella.
  7. Leona Dell Dougherty - b. 22 September 1919, Howard County, Mo. - m. 30 May 1941, Bob Healy.
2. Gertrude Andrews - b. August 1885 - m. Merrell Horn.
  3. Bertha V. Andrews - b. 3 August 1888, Howard County, Mo. - d. 9 June 1964 - m. 1919, W. Vird Tullous.
  4. John Linsey Andrews - b. 12 December 1898 - m. 1922, Gussie Mae Newman.
2. Joe Lindsey Andrews - (son of Joseph Burton and Mary Bainton Rennolds Andrews) - b. 1872 - m. Eula Hawks. Children were:
    1. J. B. Andrews
    2. Blessing Andrews
    3. Fannie Andrews
  4. Alax "Ailsie" Andrews - b. 1838, Missouri.
  5. Martha F. Andrews - b. 1840, Missouri.
  6. Jonathan Andrews - b. 1841, Missouri. Died in Kansas.
  7. Sarah "Sallie" Andrews - b. 1844, Missouri - m. 6 December 1861, Sam Medcalf.
  8. Mary Arthusa Andrews - b. 1847, Missouri - d. 1935 - m. 1874, Kimber Martin Andrews.
  9. William Woods Andrews - b. 1849. Died in infancy.
  10. Nancy Andrews - m. 28 February 1850, James Patterson.

11. Benjamin Franklin Andrews - b. 26 January 1852, Howard County, Mo. - d. 5 November 1951, Howard County, Mo. - m. 15 February 1882, Susan Ann Atkins. Their children were:
1. Eugene H. Andrews (dec.)
  2. Annetta Andrews - m. Wisdom Burton
  3. Gladys Andrews - m. Elwyn Bevan
  4. Alberta Andrews - m. \_\_\_\_\_ Morris
  5. Inez Andrews - m. Cark Benson

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# FAMILY HISTORY

DEAR FAMILY,

A FAMILY HISTORY IS NEVER FINISHED SO AUGUST 15, 1975  
I SENT A SUPPLEMENT ON THIS 1968 RENNOLDS FAMILY HISTORY  
TO THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL LIBRARY AT COLUMBIA, MO.

IT MOSTLY EXTENDS OUR RICHARD AND ELEANOR PATTON WILLS  
LINES AND OUR RICHARD DURRETT FAMILY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE LINES SEE THE SUPPLEMENT. \*

WITH LOVE,

*Hazel (Rennolds) Sanders (Gibbs Norman)*  
*Feb. 3, 1976.*

\* It is Book # 2. (Black Book)  
and the only copy I made for us  
I made a copy for Historical Library  
Columbia, Mo.



## FREDERICK WILLIAM WILLS

Frederick William Wills is the grandfather of Mariah Wills who married Clark County, Ky. - 11 January 1821, Thomas C. Reynolds. See pg. 6.

NOTE: The following information is from the records of O. T. Wills, Major, U. S. Army Retired 1966. See pg. 117. He is now compiling a listing of the lineal descendants of Frederick William Wills and hopes to publish a Wills' genealogy in the future.

FREDERICK WILLIAM WILLS - b. ca. 1740-45 - d. between 17 December 1795 and 26 January 1796, Winchester, Clark County, Ky. - m. ca. 1764 Frances Durrett - b. Virginia - d. 3 June 1831, Winchester, Clark County, Ky. at the home of a son, Thornton Wills. Her father was Richard Durrett - d. 1784 Albemarle County, Va. See pg. 120 for his record.

Frederick William Wills parentage has not been established. He was in Albermarle County, Va. in April 1765 when his oldest son William Wills, who married Polly Ballard was born on April 16 of that year according to a pension claim he filed in Montgomery County, Ky. - 1823. He appeared in the first published tax list ca. 1785 Albemarle County, Va. with 12 whites, no blacks, 1 dwelling and four other buildings. Fayette County, Ky. personal tax list 1787 does not list him, but the 1788 list shows Fred Wills. This plus the property sale in Albemarle County, 1787, indicates that he removed after 13 September 1787 to what is now Clark County, Ky. (Clark County was formed from Fayette and Bourbon Counties in 1792.)

He served in the Revolutionary War - Albemarle County, Va.

Rev. E. Woods "Hist. of Albemarle Co., Va." - pg. 29 gives this account:

"As the war of the Revolution drew near, the people of Albermarle were deeply aroused. Their opposition to the obnoxious measures of the British government was prompt and strong. Upon the first mutterings of the storm, an independent company of volunteers was formed, and by spirited resolves they devoted themselves to the public welfare. When the election of officers was entered upon, the choice fell upon Charles Lewis, of North Garden, as Captain, Dr. George Gilmer and John Marks, as Lieutenants, John Harvie, as Ensign, William Simms, William Wood, William T. Lewis, and John Martin,

as Sergeants, and Frederick W. Wills, Thomas Martin, Jr., Patrick Napier and David Allen, as Corporals. As soon as the news was received of the removal of the powder by Lord Dunmore, without waiting for a call, eighteen men at once marched to Williamsburg. How long they remained under arms, does not appear. They returned home shortly after, in the midst of the prevailing uncertainty. But their eagerness to sustain "the cause of America" was unabated."

Page 364 (same book) there are 44 names including Frederick William Wills, a Corporal marked with an asterisk, who marched to Williamsburg, May 2nd, 1775, to demand satisfaction of Lord Dunmore for the removal of the powder.

The earliest record in Virginia is 17 July 1771 when Frederick William Wills witnessed a deed of Ketura Wills and John Thomas, Jr. both of Albemarle County, Va.

Deed Book 5 - pg. 361

He was witness again there in 1777 and 13 February 1777, he paid 230 pounds current money of Virginia to William Sumpter and his wife, Judah, for a certain parcel of land containing by estimate 288 acres, lying on the North Branch of James River near Piney Mountains.

Deed Book 9 - pg. 60

Indenture dated 22 December 1784 between Frederick Wills and Frances, his wife, and Leonard Davis and Mary, his wife, in county of Albemarle of one part and Thomas Ballard of Orange of other part for 45 pounds, 100 acres at foot of Piney Mountain. Also, 13 September 1787, an independent indenture between Frederick William Wills and Frances, his wife, of Albermarle County, and Richard Sanford and Ruebin Sanford of the county of Orange, 100 pounds, 300 acres of land on North Fork of James River.

This is the last record we have of him in Virginia, therefore, we deduce that he moved with his family from Albermarle County, Va. to what is now Clark County, Ky. during the spring of 1788.

Deed Book No. 1 - pg. 669

Clark County, Ky.

Indenture of 29 December 1795 between Frederick William Wills and Frances, his wife, where for 15 pounds they sold to John Hasty 20 acres. This indenture was proven in court 26 July 1796.

Will Book No. 1 - pg. 47

Clark County, Ky. 20 day of December 1795

In the name of God, Amen. I, Frederick William Wills of the County of Clarke and State of Kentucky, being sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memory therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do think it proper to dispose of such worldly goods as it has pleased God to bless me with in the following manner, to wit:

First, it is my desire that all my just debts be paid out of my estate by my executor hereby named. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Frances Wills all my household furniture and stock and all of my negroes. Except two young negroes one of them to be given to my daughter Sarah when she shall arrive at the age of 20 years or marry. The other to my daughter Nancy when she shall arrive to 20 years of age or marry during her natural life. Except she shall marry in such case that the household furniture, stock and negroes shall be equally divided between the whole of my children or in case of her death before my youngest child comes of age it is my desire that my Executor shall help keep my wife's part of the estate together until my youngest child shall be of age. That the estate shall then be equally divided, that is by my sons, William, John and Richard, giving a due credit for what they have already received in that the youngest children may receive as great a portion of my estate as they have and may receive by such credit being given. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my son Durrett Wills the Tract of Land I now live on after the decease of my wife Frances Wills, she having full benefits of it during her natural life, to be possessed by him.

Lastly, constitute and appoint my son John Wills and my son-in-law, Lucas Hood and my son Richard Wills my executors to this my last will and testament. Testifying and confirming this and no other, in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of December 1795.

sgn/ Frederick William Wills

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of  
James Harris  
W. Sudduth

(Will was probated January 26, 1796)

Order Book 2 - pg. 2

Court held 27 September 1796. It was ordered that John Young, Robert McKenney, William Craig and William Suddeth or any three of them do allot and assign unto Fanny Wills her dower in the lands and personal estate of her husband, late Frederick W. Wills, and return this allotment to the next court.

Frances Durrett Wills - m. second Original Young in Clark County, Ky., 11 February 1800. She gave her own consent in writing. Surety was Richard Wills.

There was litigation in which the children were involved with their mother and her second husband over the estate settlement.

NOTE: Kathryn Owens, 423 Broadway, Winchester, Ky., a g. g. g. g. granddaughter of Frederick William Wills, sent me this information.

The Clark County Historical Society which published some stories on early settlements of the county called "Clark County Chronicals," in one publication of which, in describing the Big Stoner Settlement, there was mention of Frederick William Wills. The article said he was a man of unusual intelligence, that he was a Jeffersonian Democrat and that he had more descendants who fought for the Confederacy than any man in Clark County. He was the great grandfather of General John Bell Hood of Civil War fame. The Chronicals stated that one of the first marriages in the Big Stoner Settlement was that of Mr. Wills' daughter, Fanny, to Lucas Hood.

Clark County, Kentucky

Will Book No. 2 - pgs. 454-456

The Estate of Frederick W. Wills to Fanny Wills, guardian to Durrett, Nancy, and Issac and Thorn ton Wills.

To balance due from settlement made 22 day of July 1800

	Cash paid Halley Crump for Levy	o 12 0
1800	Cash paid D. Bellock for fee bills	\$5. 94
1799	To cash paid John Hood it being the defency of the hire Negro Winney while she was sick	12-10 1/2

Interest on the above 1800 be this date Aug. 30; 1809 814-0

Continued

By amount of sales purchased by Frances Wills from the estate of Frederick Wills, deceased

	Sorrel mare	6	
2	wedges	8	
1	chisel	0.9	
1	plow and irons and handsaw		13-0
2	flat irons	6-6	
1	cow and calf	211-0	
1	steer and heifer, 1 hoe		2-3.0

By Luke Hoods bond vs. W. Wills for 12-7-3

Property bought at sale 7-13-2

		1900	-5
Interest on the above amount	1500		9-2-4 1/2

Till this date August 30, 1809

L 25	2-3 1/2
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The above credit is placed agreeable to the acknowledgment of said Frances Wills and Original Young, her husband

August 30, 1809

This day we settled all accounts to us produced between Frances Wills, now Frances Young and Isaac, Durette, Nancy and Thornton Wills, infant heirs of Frederick W. Wills for which heirs she acted as guardian for and we find the account to be as here stated and find the estate due said Fanny Wills guardian the sum of L 25-6-1. This settlement was made in obedience to an order of the county court of Clark County which is filed herewith.

James Sympson  
 Thomas Pickett  
 Thomas Scott

John Hood attended one day as witness.

At a court held for Clark County November 27, 1809 this settlement with Fanny Wills now Fanny Young, guardian

to Thornton, Isaac, Nancy and Durette infant orphans of Frederick W. Wills, deceased was produced, approved and ordered to be recorded.

Teste  
James Bullock  
David Bullock

Frederick William and Frances Durrett Wills had eleven children: *see pg. 107 Richard my line.*

1. William Wills - b. 16 April 1765, Albermarle Co., Va. - d. 10 August 1834, Menfree County, Ky. (then Montgomery). He is buried in "Old Wills Graveyard" near Mt. Sterling, Ky. - m. 2 May 1787, Albemarle County, Va., Mary "Polly" Ballard. She died 8 March 1837.

He was a Revolutionary War Soldier, having served as a private for 18 months in Major Muckelwains Regiment as a substitute for his father who had been drafter for that period. He was enrolled on the Kentucky Pension Roll at the rate of \$60.00 per annum under the act of June 1832.

William and Polly Ballard Wills had nine children:

1. Frederick Wills - m. Clark County, Ky. - 11 August 1807, Malinda Riley.
  2. Fannie Wills - m. 20 November 1809, Martin Smith.
  3. Thomas Wills - b. 1791 - d. 1872 - m. Mariah Swango.
  4. John Wills - b. 1796 - m. first Sophia Swango - m. second Annie Conley.
  5. Nancy Wills - b. ca. 1798 - m. James Reffitt.
  6. James Wills - b. 15 February 1801 - d. 13 February 1879 - m. 8 December 1819, Aletha Anderson.
  7. William J. Wills - b. ca. 1804 - m. 27 November 1823, Charlotte Benson.
  8. Elizabeth Wills - b. ca. 1805 - m. Daniel Downs.
  9. Polly Wills - b. ca. 1807 - m. first \_\_\_\_\_ Blevins, - m. second Robert Hedger.
2. John Wills - b. ca. 1767, Albermarle County, Va. - d. 1837, Scott County, Ky. - m. Frances Snell. He was in Scott County, Ky. by 20 April 1799, at which time his deposition was recorded in Fayette County, Ky.

Deed Book B - pg. 105, to the effect that he made trips to a salt lick on Beaver Creek, a branch of Sandy, and to a lick at head of Licking River where he worked as a salt boiler. They dug

holes 2 feet and 230 to 250 gallons of water ran into the holes in 12 hours. In the same Deed Book on page 12 there is the deposition of Abraham Beavers taken at William Ellis' in Montgomery County, 30 July 1801, who states he was with James Young, John Green and John Wills in the fall of 1795, being the year the state road was cleared from the waters of Slate to the headwaters of Sandy River.

The Will of John Wills was dated 3 March 1832 and proven at November Court in Scott County, Ky. 1837.

John and Frances Snell Wills had five children:

1. Lucy Wills - m. James Hunter in Scott County, Ky. Moved to Mississippi. Five children listed.
  2. Wyatt Snell Wills - b. 18 May 1805 - m. before 1853, Agnes \_\_\_\_\_, born ca. 1827. Listed in 1860 Gellatin Township, Clay County, Mo. census. Eight children listed.
  3. John Durrett Wills - m. prior to 1851, Mary Ellen Fisher. Removed to Hannibal, Mo.
  4. Sally Ann Wills - m. John M. Moore, removed to Smithville, Mo. Three children listed.
  5. Garrett S. Wills.
3. RICHARD WILLS (is my line) - b. ca. 1769, Albemarle County, Va. - d. 25 May 1850, Boone County, Mo. - m. Clark County, Ky. - 18 October 1796, Eleanor Patton. She died Boone County, Mo. ca. 1836.

#### Marriage Bond

Clark County, Kentucky

Richard Wills and Eleanor Patton: surety Owen Dolly, Original Young made oath that Eleanor Patton is of full age. October 18, 1796.

After the death of Eleanor Patton Wills ca. 1836, Richard m. Mrs. Lydia Cox.

Marriage Record of Boone County, Mo. by Evans and Thompson, 1933 shows:

*26 March 1841*  
~~27 November 1828~~ Richard Wills and Lydia Cox married by M. P. Wills. *She was a widow of David Clark.*

Richard Wills is listed as one of the earliest constables of Clark County, Ky. in 1793 according to records copied in 1935 by Miss Marie Beckner.

Clark County, Ky. Order Book 2 - pg. 383 --- Fanny Wills appointed guardian to Thornton Wills, infant orphan of Frederick W. Wills, dec'd. who gave bond with Richard Wills and William Clark. . . . . 1,000 pounds. . . . . whereupon Luke Hood, former guardian, is dismissed.

Order Book 2 - pg. 476: John Wills appointed guardian to Derrett Wills, orphan of Frederick W. Wills, dec'd., who gave bond with Thomas Wills and Richard Wills, his securities, in penalty of 200 pounds. Court held 24 March 1801.

Deed Book 4 - pg. 386---Indenture 2 Feb. 1802 between James Harris and Mary, his wife, of Clark Co. and Richard Wills of same Co. . . . . 120 pounds. . . . . 30 acres, 8 3/4 poles. . . . . to corner of Benjamin Alderson. . . . . tract of 1,000 acres, treasury warrant for John Harrison and conveyed to James Young.

Witnesses---Joseph Forbis, Robert Wood, Fielding Watts.

Clark Co. Circuit Court 1 Nov. 1806---To sheriff. . . . . summons. . . . . Lucas Hood, Fielding Watts, Washington Wills, Isaac Wills, Richard Wills to appear 7th day of October term in behalf of William Wills etc. . . . . between Original Young plaintiff, and Wills and C defendants.

Clark Co. Circuit Court 1 Nov. 1806---To sheriff. . . . . summons Richard Wills and Isaac Wills in behalf of William Wills and C between Original Young and Frances, his wife.

Deed Book 10 - pg. 440 ---31 Dec. 1814. Richard Wills and Eleanor, his wife, of Clark Co. to Durrett Wills of Scott Co. Land on Stoner's Fork. 35 acres.

Deed Book 8 - pg. 168. Article of Agreement 14 Aug. 1811 between Richard Wills and Henry Knapp. . . . . where as Richard Wills holds by deed a certain tract of land containing 100 acres conveyed to him by Alexander McClure and Nancy, his wife, late Nancy Dupy which deed bears date 24 March 1807 it being part of a tract of 950 acres entered surveyed and patented in the name of Bartholomew Dupy. . . . .

Deed Book 12 - pg. 315---Indenture 31 Aug. 1816 between Richard Wills and Ellen, his wife, and Joseph Gilpin. . . . . \$194. 33 acres and 13 square poles being the land the said Gilpin now lives on and where John Harper formerly lived being a tract of the survey of Bartholomew Dupy of 950 acres on Stoner's Fork.



Deed Book 23 - pg. 469---Indenture 28 March 1829. Cornelius Skinner and Jane, his wife, to Richard Wills, Clark Co. .... 56 acres. .... \$670.

Deed Book 23 - pg. 505---Indenture 29 Apr. 1829, Richard Wills and Elender, his wife, Clark Co. to Daniel Sphar, \$1686. .... a certain tract of land with the appurtenances where said Wills now lives on the waters of Little Stoner, containing 140 acres.

Deed Book 23 - pg. 607---Know all men by these presents that I, Richard Wills of Clark Co. and State of Kentucky having full faith and confidence in the ability and integrity of John Flynn of said county and state do here by constitute said Flynn my true and lawful Attorney in my name to transact all my business in relation to a negro man named Andrew now the property of Franky Young, my mother, during her natural life being held by her as a dower share out of the estate of Frederick W. Wills, my deceased father. She being (her widow) and in said slave after her death reversionary estate belonged to the heirs at law of said Frederick W. Wills of whom I am one and (no) said negro I hold 9 1/2 shares out of 11 shares by purchase from the others of said heirs including my own interest and my estate in (P?) negro I hereby authorize said Flynn in my name and for any use to sell at such price as he thinks right when the said Franky dies or if he cannot sell my said estate in said negro for such price as he shall deem right then he is hereby authorized to hire out said negro for me if he can get him in his possession as my agent and portion of the proceeds of the hire of said negro collect for me and I hereby authorize said Flynn in my name to execute any bill of sale, release, receipt or acquittance for me if said negro should be sold I hereby authorize said Flynn to bid for and purchase for me the other shares in said negro being the residue of the estate in him not now belonging to me hereby ratifying whatever my said attorney may do in the premises as though I were personally present transacting the same. As witness my hand and seal this 7th day of August 1829. Teste: Samuel Harrison.

SEAL

sgn/ Richard Wills

Major O. T. Wills commented that to him---the above indenture, or rather power of attorney is very important for three reasons. First, it confirms that there were 11 children of Frederick William and Frances Wills. You will have noted that all were not mentioned in his will. Secondly, it confirms that Frances was

living as late as 1829 and tends to corroborate the entry in one of the old Bibles in the Watts family. It is supposed to have been Revolutionary Jacob Watts' family Bible. He was b. 9 July 1730 and d. 14 April 1824. His wife was Elizabeth Durrett, oldest daughter of Richard Durrett, and sister of Frances Durrett who married Frederick W. Wills. The entry in the Bible states:

"Mistris Wills departed this life the 3d day of June in the year 1831."

Jacob and Elizabeth (Durrett) Watts were also parents of Fielding Watts who married Elizabeth Wills, daughter of Frederick W. and Frances (Durrett) Wills. The third significant factor in the power of attorney is that it fairly closely establishes the date around when Richard Wills left Clark County, Ky. for Boone County, Mo. He would have in all probability left this type of document just prior to his departure.

In the 1830 census of Boone County, Mo., Columbia Township, Richard Wills is listed Richard Wills.

Males 1, 50-60  
Females 1, 50-60

Richard Wills bought land in Boone County, Mo. 12 October 1831 from Ellen B. Phillips.

COLUMBIA, BOONE COUNTY, MO.

Will of Richard Wills 29th day of May A. D. 1850

I, Richard Wills of the county of Boone and state of Missouri, do on this 8th day of June 1848 make, ordain and establish this to be my last will and testament, in form following:

1st That all my just and lawful debts be first paid should there be any.

2nd That my son James Wills have three hundred dollars so soon as it can be held, as I will herein after direct, for all moneys to be made out of my effects.

3rd I give to Thos. C. Reynolds nothing more, except one dollar.

4th I give to Richard L. Reynolds, my grandson, twenty dollars.

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5th I give to Elleanor Lesley, thirty one dollars.

6th I give to John M. Reynolds seventy-five dollars. These grandchildren are to receive these amounts, in addition to what I have given them, and their mother.

7th I will and direct that the remaining portion of my estate as yet not disposed of, be divided as follows, Marcus P. Wills have one third part, George W. Wills one third part, and Nancy Barger the other remaining one third part.

8th As to my slaves I have disposed, and executed bills of sale for them.

9th I order and direct, that the farm on which I am now living, be sold to the highest bidder on the premises, on such credits, as my executors may see proper. My executors may sell the land in different parcels, if they know it will bring more money, but if this is not certain, I direct that the whole be sold together.

10th I will that all my stock, farming tools of every description, household and kitchen furniture be sold to the highest bidder, at public auction as soon as may be convenient, after my decease. This sale of stock, farming tools is to be for cash in hand, for five dollars and under, but all seems over five dollars, a credit of 12 months is to be given.

11th I wish and will that Nancy Barger's first children, which she had before her second marriage, have no more of my estate, as I have given them more than I can give to the last children; and I give the said Nancy Barger her one third part, as mentioned in the 7th article of this will, and she can will and dispose of the same as she may see proper.

12th I will and direct that George W. Wills and Nancy Barger pay to Marcus P. Wills, the sum of four hundred dollars, Washington to pay two hundred dollars, and Nancy Barger two hundred dollars, so as to make him up even with them in slaves.

13th and lastly I appoint M. P. Wills and G. W. Wills my lawful executors, to carry this my last will into effect. Done and signed the day and year before written.

sgn/ Richard Wills

SEAL

Witnesses

D. W. Crump

Hiram Phillips

John G.

Proven 29th day of May A. D. 1850

## OBITUARY

WEEKLY MISSOURI STATESMAN  
BOONE COUNTY, MO.

Friday morning May 31, 1850

Death---At his residence in the county on Saturday last Mr. Richard Wills, aged about 80 years.

Richard and Eleanor Patton Wills had five children:

1. James Wills - b. ca. 1798, Clark County, Ky. - d. 11 April 1868, Greene County, Ala. - m. Clark County, Ky. - 14 February 1821, Constance W. Hampton - b. 1798. She was the daughter of John and Judith (Woodson) Hampton. John and Judith were m. 9 June 1795. Judith Woodson was daughter of David Woodson who was oldest brother of Lieut. Obadiah Woodson of the Revolutionary War. They were from Roane County, North Carolina. James Wills moved to Green County, Ala. prior to 1834 and was residing there when the 1850 census was taken.

James and Constance Hampton Wills had ten children:

1. Woodson D. Wills, unmarried.
  2. Mariah J. Wills - m. 1845, Robert F. Scott.
  3. Dr. Willis Wills - b. ca. 1824 - m. Damarias A. Maxwell.
  4. Harriett A. Wills - b. 7 August 1826 - m. Rev. John Laney.
  5. John Hampton Wills - b. ca. 1828 - m. Martha Ann Burpo.
  6. Nancy Jane Wills - b. ca. 1831 - m. James Alexander Steele.
  7. Ellen Judith Wills - b. ca. 1833 - m. Thomas Henry Bennett.
  8. Mary Wills - b. ca. 1837 - d. 30 September 1853
  9. Richard Wills - b. ca. 1838 - d. 30 August 1856.
  10. James Wills - b. ca. 1840 - d. 20 November 1852.
2. Rev. Marcus P. Wills - b. 1801, Clark County, Ky. - m. Sarah Smith - b. ca. 1800 Kentucky. They came to Missouri ca. 1827. He was a Christian Church Preacher and quite prominent in pioneer Missouri religious circles.

See Pg. 112 A.

## ELDER MARCUS P. WILLS

The subject of this biographical sketch, was born in Clark county, Kentucky, on the 20th day of June, 1801. In very early life, deep religious impressions were made on his mind, and in his youth he embraced the Savior. At the age of nineteen, he commenced exhorting sinners to turn to God, and in a short time he entered the ministerial field, and continued until his last sickness, a faithful and successful Minister of Jesus. He often referred to the influence of his mother over his infantile mind. She moulded his character in early life. Her prayers, and her instructions, turned his young and tender heart to the Savior. He was always melted into tenderness, when a mother's love, and a mother's influence over her child was referred to. I have often seen the tears burst from his eyes, and run down his manly cheek, while he was entreating young people to "remember their Creator, in the days of their youth.

The opposition from the sects in Kentucky, at this early day, was very bitter and malignant, against the views which he and others were promulgating. They planted themselves firmly against the Bible, and the Bible alone, as the only book of Christ's Church- the only directory Heaven has ever given to the world. Elder Wills took his position on the Bible alone, contending that nothing taught by conventions, or ecclesiastical organizations, should be received by Christians. He also contended for the name CHRISTIAN, as the only divinely appointed name ever given to the family of Christ. He repudiated all other names, as necessarily schismatic in their tendency. He also contended against divisions in the body of Christ, and through life, labored to unite His scattered fold.

Although but a youth, he had to contend with fierce opposition.

But he never faltered. His heart was warmed by the love of God, and his arm made strong by the Savior who said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." In the strength of Heaven's King, he stood firm and fearless, armed for the conflict, with "the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God," and "contended earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints." Often penniless, and far from home, yet he chose to suffer with Christ, that he might reign with him in glory, rather than seek the ease and wealth of this world.

He married Sarah G., daughter of Col. Charles Smith, of Christian county, Kentucky. Col Smith was a Virginian, who emigrated at an early day, and was one of the pillars of the Christian Church. In the fall of 1827, he and his family left the scenes of early life to seek new fields of usefulness in the "wilds of the West," and landed in Boone county, Missouri. At this early day, there were but few members of the Church to be found. A small congregation was organized at "Bear Creek" about three miles North of Columbia. With these Elder Wills and his companion united. They only numbered some five or six members. This, I believe, was the first congregation organized in the county on the Bible, and the Bible alone, with the name Christian as their only family name. Elded Wills soon increased their numbers, and extended his labors into other counties, and commenced organizing congregations. He preached for the Bear Creek congregation more than twenty years, and it was here that the lamented Barton W. Stone preached his last sermon.

Elder Wills, and Elded Stephen Bedford, both of whom now quietly sleep in their graves, with a few other bretheren, organized the Church in Columbia. To this congergation he ministered, and greatly increased its numbers. He removed from Boone county to Callaway

and to Monroe, but staid only a short time, and again returned to Boone, where the greater part of his life was spent. He traveled very extensively through the State of Missouri, and there are hundreds who still live to regard him as their father in the Gospel. I have often labored with him, and I cherish his memory as one of the excellent of this earth. He was a man of strong, vigorous, native power of thought. He was an original thinker. He aped no one. He was modest, retoring, and devotional. While fond of the society of his friends, yet, he loved to be alone and commune with his own heart. At times, he was disposed to melancholy. This I think grew out of his supreme devotion to the teaching of the Word of God. When contrasting the purity of a Christian's character, as presented in the Bible, with the manifestations of his bretheren and sisters, and marking the difference, he was often led to say, "Who then can be saved?" This caused him to be melancholy at times. He sought not the applause of this world, but was content to be regarded a humble follower of the "meek and lowly Jesus."

In the month of September, 1851, he made his last visit among his old bretheren and sisters in Monroe county. He and Elder Henry Thomas labored together for a few days, but sickness drove him from the field and he returned to his family. I shall never forger his sickness. I was laboring at another point in Calloway county and taken with a violent chill while preaching. We both left the field at the same time, and both were confined with an attack of fever. My attack was not so violent, and I soon recovered. He still lingered. So soon as I was able to ride, I visted him, and found him, much debilitated. He continued for several weeks quiet ill indeed: but ultimately, was able to remove with his family to a newly pur-

chased farm in Calloway county, his chosen future home. He relapsed, and continued to grow worse and worse, until death ended his sufferings on the 28th day of January, 1852. He was calm and patient during his sickness, and remained conscious till the last moment. He died as he had lived- a Christian. Mysterious are the ways of Our Heavenly Father. At this particular period his services as a preacher seemed almost more important than at any former time. His loss, therefore, was deeply felt by the Churches. But while we mourn his absence from the Churches, how great the loss to his aged companion, and his large family of children! They will hear his footsteps no more. No more will he return from his meetings to embrace his family. They will hear that voice no more on earth, which was music to their joyful hearts. It is stilled in death.

I visited the family, recently, and as I approached the house, I felt a gloom gathering over my spirits. I had visited the family during his life-time, and enjoyed their Christian hospitality. Often he and sister Wills, and their children, met me, as I approached their house, with a hearty Christian welcome. But he came not. He was quietly sleeping in his grave, and lamentation and weeping were still around that habitation. I met him nor heard the joyous ring of his well known voice making me welcome. I met his companion robed in the weeds of mourning; She pressed my hand and bade me welcome, while her eyes filled with tears. The meeting was solemn, and painful to my heart. I met the children, all of whom were nearly grown, and that family, once smiling and happy in the presence of the Father, was now over spread with gloom. I tried to hide the feelings of my heart as much as possible. After we had dined, I enquired for his grave, and accompanied by his oldest son, and Bro. L. B.



Wilkes, I visited the sacred spot. There I stood, musing upon the past, and anticipating the future, as I gazed upon the mound of earth that covers his remains. Memory called up the scenes of former days, when Bro. Wills and myself were standing side by side, laboring for the cause of Christ, and intreating sinners to obey the Gospel. I could hear the deep tones of his voice, see the vigor and strength to his manner, and the pearly tear running down his manly cheek. But no more shall these things be seen or heard. That voice is stilled in death-that from is food for worms, and those tears are dried. But his spirit, freed from its house of clay, lives in the presence of God. I left the solemn spot and returned to the house, where with sister Wills and her eldest son, I sat and listened to a recital of his last moments. We mingled our tears together, and found relief. A smile played on the countenance of sister Wills, as she spoke of his calm composure and willingness to meet death. He said to her, "Weep not for me. Our Separation will be but short, and soon we will join, where parting will be no more." Although she mourns his loss, yet she calmly and patiently bears the affliction. I saw two miniature likenesses of the corpse, which were taken by a skillful artist. A smile played on the palid features-the hollow cheek, and sunken eye. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

"Sweet is the scene when Christians die,  
 When holy souls retire to rest;  
 How mildly beams the closing eye;  
 How gently heaves the expiring breast.  
 So fades a summer cloud away;  
 So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;  
 So gently shuts the eye of day;  
 So dies a wave along the shore.  
 Triumphant smiles the victor's brow  
 Fanned by some guardian angel's wing;  
 O Grave! O Death! where is thy sting!"

D.P.H.

Marcus P. Will came to Missouri at a very early day and settled on a farm in Boone county. He came from Southern Kentucky, where he had preached successfully among the people called "NEW LIGHTS." He was about five feet nine inches in height, heavy set, and weighed about one hundred and seventy-five pounds. He had light hair, blue or grey eyes and florid complexion. He was a clear, forcible speaker, had a fine voice; his sermons were scriptural and logical and he had great power as an exhorter, and moved the people with his pathos and tenderness.

He preached for the churches in Boone, Calloway counties, in school-houses and in barns, in private homes and in groves; and prepared the way for the organization of many churches which have since come into prominence. The congregations at Red Top, Columbia, Friendship, and others, enjoyed his labors and loved him tenderly. Great numbers were baptised under his ministry. He visited the church at Huntsville, Missouri, while the writer was attending school there and preparing himself for the study of the law. On one occasion he said to me: "My son, if you have the ability to plead the law you have the ability to preach the gospel." His remark had as much to do in turning my attention towards the ministry as anything else, and the more I thought about it the more I felt it to be my duty to preach the gospel, till the decision was finally made. Subsequently I visited him at his home, and he confirmed my decision and gave me much wholesome advice. He afterwards wrote me, and he and Brother Henderson induced me to attend the University under the presidency of the prince of men, James Shannon. I thank God that he showed me "the more excellent way."

About this time he removed with his family to Calloway county and settled near Fulton, where in the year 1853, I think, he passed away in the blessed hope of immortality. His family consists, I think, of two sons and several daughters, some of whom still reside in that section of country. His son, Elijah Allen, began to preach some when quiet young, but afterwards studied medicine, and is now practicing physician somewhere in the southern part of the State.

<sup>from</sup>  
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Departed this life on the 27th of January 1852, Elder MARCUS WILLS in the 51st year of his age. He was born and raised in Kentucky, embraced Christianity early in life, and commenced preaching when quiet a youth. He encountered many difficulties and privations for the truth, for at that time, those who advocated the fullness and sufficiency of the Scriptures, had to run against the apathy, that it requires a youth of strong nerve to take and maintain that stand. And such truly was Bro. Wills. He emigrated to Missouri and in the year 1827. He was one of the early pioneers of the Bible cause in Missouri, and here a large field opened before him for labor and usefulness, and although in every form presented itself, his valiant and undaunted heart shrunk not from the unequal contest. But, like a soldier, he buckled in the heavy armour, and marched into the field of battle. He traveled extensively, and was untiring in his zeal for the truth, and uncompromising also. And the Lord

has abundantly blessed his labors.

He was taken ill in the latter part of the summer, but he continued to preach as long as he was able. But the disease was such, that about October he became confined at home. Since which time he continued to decline till the 27th of January, when he fell asleep in Christ. He has left an almost heart broken wife and eight children, with a large circle of bretheren and numerous friends, to mourn his loss. I visited him twice during his illness, and although suffering in body, his soul seemed in the contemplation of the goodness and mercy of God. It would seem to me almost impossible for any one to know him, and not admire and love him. I became acquainted with him nearly twenty years ago. I have traveled with him, preached with him, and I can truly say of him, that he was a good man. and one whose soul was engaged in the work of the Lord. But he has gone to reap his reward. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, from henceforth, saith the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Bear Creek Church---Christian  
Section 23-24 Township 28, R 12  
Organized June 6, 1824, by Thomas McBride, Wm. McBride  
and Jno. M. Thomas.

First members were Asa Stone, Cumberland Snell, William Lewis, William Cave, Derrett Wills, Richard Cave, Frances Cave, Bennett Tilly, John Cave, Marcus Wills, Elizabeth Stone and Nancy Harris, Stephen Bedford and Elizabeth Bedford from Columbia. In 1853 the church was moved and named Antioch.

Rev. Marcus P. and Sarah Smith Wills had nine children:

1. Dr. Elijah Allen Wills - b. ca. 1826, Kentucky - m. Boone County, Mo. - 24 August 1854, Eliza Ann Ridgway, daughter of John D. Ridgway of Callaway County, Mo.
  2. Ann M. Wills - b. ca. 1828, Missouri - m. first 19 September 1850, George G. Keith son of John and Catherine Keith. Married second - 13 January 1871, Boone County, Mo. as his second wife, Samuel Brown Spence - b. ca. 1819, son of Anderson and Rebecca Spence.
  3. S. B. Wills (female) - b. ca. 1830, Missouri.
  4. C. M. Wills (male) - b. ca. 1831, Missouri.
  5. C. L. Wills (female) - b. ca. 1833, Missouri.
  6. E. J. Wills (female) - b. ca. 1835, Missouri.
  7. W. S. Wills (male) - b. ca. 1838, Missouri.
  8. E. R. Wills (female) - b. ca. 1842, Missouri.
  9. James M. Wills - b. ca. 1843, Missouri.
3. MARIAH WILLS (is my line). See pg. 6.
4. Nancy Wills - m. Clark Court y, Ky. - 29 May 1822, Squire J. Redman. He died 12 November 1836, Boone County, Mo. His parents were William and Patsy Redman. Squire Redman was living in Boone County, Mo. as early as 1826.

Evans---"Wills and Administrations Boone Co., Mo. 1821-1870".

Squire J. Redman Will No. 148  
Adm. Peter Wright. Adm. gr. Nov. 7, 1832.  
F. S. Nov. 1836. Heirs Nancy Redman, wid., Wm., Martha, Richard, Ellen and Dosie Redman all minor children.

Their son, Wm. Redman married 19 November 1856, Nancy E. Copher.

Nancy Wills Redman m. second 29 July 1841, Boone County, Mo., Abraham Barger. Married by Rev. M.P. Wills.  
Nancy Wills Redman Barger & 4 July 1883 Manteau Co. Mo. + is buried at Tipton in IOOP Cem.  
Abraham B. Barger. d. 1866 Marysville De Kalb Co. Mo.

5. George Washington Wills - b. ca. 1806, Clark County, Ky. - d. ca. 1 May 1851, Boone County, Mo. - m. Boone County, Mo. - 18 May 1828, Theodosia Winn Hicks, daughter of Elijah and Mary Winn. She married first Boone County, Mo. 2- December 1821, Absolom Hicks. He died ca. 1823. They had one child:

1. Marcus P. Wills - b. 1829, Missouri.

George Washington Wills - m. second Boone County, Mo. - 24 November 1836, Mary Jane Nelson - b. ca. 1815. She was the daughter of Robert Nelson.

George W. and Mary Jane Nelson Wills had five children:

1. Martha E. Wills - b. ca. 1837 in Missouri - m. 11 December 1856, C. V. Bicknell.
2. Oliver P. Wills - b. ca. 1841 in Missouri.
3. Isabella Wills - b. ca. 1843 in Missouri.
4. Mary Ann T. Wills - b. ca. 1845 in Missouri.
5. Sarah E. Wills - b. ca. 1848 in Missouri.

Evans---"Wills and Administrations Boone Co., Mo. - 1821-1870"

George Washington Wills---No. 1004 Adm.  
Price R. Parke Admin. Gr. May 8, 1851

Heirs---Mary Jane Wills, Marcus P. Wills Jr., Martha E. Wills, Oliver P. Wills, Isabella Wills, Mary Ann Wills, Sarah E. Wills.

4. Elizabeth Wills - b. 3 March 1770, Albemarle County, Va. - d. 27 September 1826, Clark County, Ky. - m. 12 May 1787, Fielding Watts - b. 11 March 1766 - d. 15 May 1838. His father was Rev. Jacob Watts and mother Elizabeth Durrett.
5. Frances Winston Wills - b. 24 January 1774, Albemarle County, Va. - d. 21 December 1841, Winchester, Clark County, Ky. - m. Clark County, Ky. - ca. 1790, Lucas Hood - b. 4 July 1770, Berkley County, Va. - d. 30 September 1843. His mother was Massa Suddeth and father Major Andrew Hood. Frances and Lucas Hood were living in Mason County, Ky. in 1810, but had returned to Clark County, Ky. by 1830.



ELMER W. WAGNER  
GRAND SECRETARY  
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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
November 5, 1969

Dr. Harold O. Grauel, PGM  
Box 389  
Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701

Dear Dr. Grauel:

Replying to your letter of October 23, 1969, we append herewith the membership record of M. (Marcus) P. Wills according to our files.

Trusting this bit of information will be of some help to you, we are

Sincerely and fraternally,

Elmer W. Wagner  
Grand Secretary

EWV:me

M. P. WILLS

Bethany Lodge #97 (Harrison County) - Bethany, Mo.

Affiliated as C.M. 5-25-1854

Served as Secretary 1855 through 1858

Died in year 1865

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE

MARK SCULLY, PRESIDENT

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI 63701

November 11, 1969

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Mrs. Norman Sanders  
1615 Perryville Road  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 63701

Dear Mrs. Sanders,

Yesterday I received the enclosed letter from the Grand Secretary. It does show that Brother M. P. Wills affiliated with Bethany Lodge # 97 on May 25, 1854. The C. M. means Charter Member; he must have moved from some other state because there is no record of his having been a member of another lodge in Missouri.

I hope that this information will be of some value to you. I regret that we were so long getting a response from the Grand Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

*H. O. Grauel*  
H. O. Grauel

HOG/kcm

Enc. (1)



Lucas and Frances Winston Wills Hood had five children:

1. Dr. William Andrew Hood - b. 31 March 1796, Virginia - d. 16 November 1859, Winchester, Clark County, Ky. - m. first Madison County, Ky. - 3 June 1819, Miriam White - b. November 1801 - d. 30 November 1830. There were eleven children born to this marriage.  
  
Dr. William Andrew Hood - m. second 12 May 1832, Hannah Kerley. He married third - 9 April 1850, Mrs. Ella McAdams.
2. Dr. John W. Hood - b. 1 June 1798 - d. 30 November 1857 - m. Theodosia French - b. 16 June 1801 - d. 12 January 1866. They had five children.
3. Frances Hood - b. 1800 - d. 9 December 1852 - m. 13 November 1817, Alexander Ramsey - b. 8 July 1784 - d. 5 June 1845. Eight children listed.
4. Dr. William S. Hood - m. Mary Ann Smith.
5. Elizabeth Hood (probably a daughter) - m. Mr. Winn
6. Washington Wills - b. 29 October 1775, Albermarle County, Va. - d. 16 February 1851, Clark County, Ky. - m. 14 January 1800, Mary Piersall - b. 28 October 1780 - d. 12 April 1855, Clark County, Ky. Her father was John Piersall and mother Eliza \_\_\_\_\_.

*6th child of  
Frederick and  
Frances Darnell  
Wills.*

Washington and Mary Piersall Wills had nine children:

1. Fielding Watts Wills - b. 1801 - m. 28 February 1822, Mary Ellsberry.
2. John Piersall Wills - b. 1803 - d. 1869 - m. 11 June 1822, Nancy Ellsberry.
3. Sarah Wilson Wills - b. 1805 - m. 18 July 1822, John R. Ellsberry.
4. Richard K. Wills - b. 1808 - m. 15 December 1828, Elvina Owens.
5. Nancy D. Wills - b. 1813 - m. 21 December 1830, John J. Garner Jr.
6. Cyrus S. Wills - b. 1815 - m. 29 August 1837, Mary Jane Ecton. He married second Ann \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Elizabeth Ann Wills - b. 1818 - m. 26 October 1835, Abner Baxter.
8. Mary Ann Wills - b. 1820 - m. 19 September 1838, Richard S. Baxter

9. George Washington Wills - b. 1824 - d. 1903 - m. Sarah Ann Wade. Married second 26 December 1848, Rebecca Wade. Married third 1 June 1865, Mary Jane Cooper.
7. Sarah Wills - b. ca. 1778, Albemarle County, Va. - m. 6 August 1798, Clark County, Ky., Robert Woods - (consent of her mother was required). In the 1810 census of Clark County there was a Robert Woods with one son and four daughters in the household. It is stated that they went to the Big Sandy Country in Kentucky.
8. Thornton Wills - (This is Major O. T. Wills line) - b. July 1781, Albemarle County, Va. - d. May 1864, Clark County, Ky. - m. Clark County, 13 March 1803, Nancy Bruce - b. 6 April 1784 - d. 23 January 1869. Her father was Benjamin Bruce and mother Mildred Watts. Mildred Watts was a daughter of Rev. Jacob and Elizabeth Durrett Watts. Thornton Wills served as a private in the War of 1812 in Captain Thomas Wornalls' Company of Kentucky, Mounted Volunteers, 5th Regiment.

Thornton and Nancy Bruce Wills had thirteen children:

1. Nancy Wills - b. 29 October 1804 - m. 29 October 1824, Caleb Masterson.
2. Elijah Wills - b. 1806 - d. 3 August 1889 - m. first 1 June 1826, Ruth Beall - m. second 26 June 1868, Lucy R. Twyman. Married third 3 February 1881, Margaret Huls.
3. Leroy Wills - m. 20 July 1831, Polly Bledsoe. Married second 8 February 1847, Amanda Cooper.
4. Agnes Wills - b. ca. 1809 - d. 1909. - m. 30 August 1825, William McGowan. Married second Pleasant Clawson.
5. Eli B. Wills - b. ca. 1812 - m. 3 July 1845, Polly Piersall. (They were first cousins.)
6. Catherine Wills - b. 1814 - d. 1906 - m. 1 February 1838, John Paris - m. second 7 August 1884, Arthur Everman.
7. Elizabeth Wills - b. 1815 - d. 1900 - m. 13 October 1831, William Battershell.
8. Simpson Wills - b. 1817 - d. 1909 - m. 22 July 1850, Margaret Fox. Married second 4 March 1858, Frances Twyman. Married third 3 September 1881, Martha R. Elkins.
9. Caroline Dorcas Wills - b. 1819 - d. 1906 - m. 18 September 1838, Richard Johnson.
10. Lucy Wills - b. 1820 - d. 1878 - m. 10 June 1841, Jesse Wade.

11. Green Berry Wills - (This is Major O. T. Wills line) - b. 24 September 1824, Clark County, Ky. - d. 11 June 1898, Pomeroyton, Ky. - m. Clark County, 17 November 1846, Rebecca Jane Rout - b. 24 March 1826, Clark County - d. 9 March 1898, Powell County, Ky. (She was first cousin to the first Governor of the State of Colorado.) They had a son:

1. Leroy Thomas Will - b. 17 March 1865, Powell County, Ky. - d. 23 November 1923, Mt. Sterling, Ky. - m. Nicholas County, Ky., 18 October 1888, Nannie Margaret Duncan - b. 12 November 1865 - d. 14 March 1913, Nicholas County. Her parents were Joseph Wilson and Sarah Frances (Johnson) Duncan. They had a son:

\* 1. Oliver Thomas Wills, Major, Finance Corps United States Army, Retired (1966) - b. 30 September 1922, Montgomery County, Ky.

12. William R. Wills - b. ca. 1823 - d. 1905 - m. Amanda Arnel. Married second 1 August 1861, Mrs. Mary C. Boaz (widow). Married third 28 August 1891, A. R. Bozely (her second marriage). Married fourth Mary Moore.

13. Permelia Wills - b. ca. 1820 - d. ca. 1854 - m. 11 August 1847, Daniel Rupert.

9. Isaac Wills - b. 2 March 1785, Albermarle County, Va. - d. 29 October 1866, Clark County, Ky. - m. 31 July 1809, Agnes Bruce - b. 15 October 1793 - d. 25 November 1879. Her father was Benjamin Bruce and mother Mildred Watts.

*9th child of  
Frederick and  
Frances Durrat  
Wills*

Isaac and Agnes Bruce Wills had three children:

1. Rev. Thornton Isaac Wills - b. 1810 - d. 1872 - m. 25 June 1832 or 1834, Mariah Watkins.
2. Dr. Tillman T. Wills - b. ca. 1812 - d. before November 1852 - m. 20 June 1836, Polly Watts.
3. Austin B. Wills - b. 1813 - d. 1866 - m. Mary Jane Gordon.

10. Nancy Wills - b. ca. 1786 - m. 29 March 1805, Clark County, Ky., John Piersall - (consent of her guardian, Original Young, was required).

John and Nancy Wills Piersall had six children:

1. Isaac Piersall - b. 1806 - d. 1896 - m. 26 November 1827, Melissa Bruce.
2. John Piersall.

3. Phoebe Piersall - m. William Allen.
4. Polly Piersall - b. ca. 1812 - m. 3 July 1845, Eli B. Willis.
5. Cynthia Ann Piersall - b. 23 February 1815 - d. 22 April 1856 - unmarried.
6. Nancy Piersall - b. ca. 1816 - d. 12 April 1857 - m. \_\_\_\_\_ Jones.

ii. Durrett Willis - b. ca. 1792, Kentucky - d. 1862 Monroe County, Mo. He was the youngest child of Frederick William and Frances Durrett Willis and the only one to be born in Kentucky. He was named in the will of his father and on 27 September 1796, 74 acres of land on Stoner Creek was transferred to him by James and Elizabeth Young which Frederick Willis had bought in 1793, but which no deed had been made. John Willis, brother of Durrett, was the guardian in 1802 and 1804, having been appointed by the Clark County Court 24 March 1801. Until this time the guardian seems to have been the mother, Frances Willis. The older children seem to have fallen out with their mother and her second husband, Original Young, and there was a long drawn-out law suit in Clark County. With the guardianship passing to John Willis, who lived on Eagle Creek in Scott County, Ky., it seems that that county is where Durrett Willis grew to manhood and probably married. His wife was Mary "Polly" \_\_\_\_\_, b. ca. 1795 in Kentucky. Durrett and Polly Willis left Scott County, Ky. for Boone County, Mo. about 1825.

He is listed in the 1830 Boone County, Mo. census.

2 males between	5-10
2 males between	10-15
1 male between	30-40
3 females under	5
1 female between	10-15
1 female between	15-20
1 female between	30-40

By the year 1850 he was living in Monroe County, Mo. where he is listed in the census.

According to pension claims submitted in 1850-1855 from Monroe County, Mo. he served as a private in Captain Lynn West's Company, Kentucky Militia from 15 August 1812 to 4 March 1813, in the War of 1812. Honorably discharged at Urbana, Ohio.

Note: Boone Co. Mo. Deed Bk. B: pg 406  
 Indenture: Durrett Willis from  
 Willis West Jan 19, 1828

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He owned at least 320 acres of land in Monroe County, and left no will, but two sons, James W. and Clifton C. Wills were administrators of his estate settlement. Four of his daughters pre-deceased him.

Durrett and Mary "Polly" Wills had nine children:

1. Elizabeth F. Wills - b. ca. 1813 - m. Boone County, Mo., 3 February 1831, Samuel McConnell (spelled as McConnald in 1850).

There were six children listed in the 1850 census as living with their grandfather, Durrett Wills.

2. James William Wills - b. 5 November 1815, Kentucky - d. 14 November 1869, buried in Wills Cemetery - m. 1 February 1849, Elizabeth B. Jones - b. 29 May 1829 in Missouri. There were four children. *d. 21 Jan 1891*
3. Matilda Emeline Wills - b. ca. 1818 - m. Monroe County, Mo., 22 December 1833, Walker P. Wallace. Four children.
4. Richard D. Wills - b. 20 March 1820 - d. 24 June 1861 - m. 14 August 1845, Josephine Carter - b. 24 October 1824, Monroe County, Mo. - d. 27 October 1894. Her father was Elisha Carter. They are both buried in City Cemetery at Centralia, Mo. Three children listed.
5. Clifton E. Wills - b. 1822 in Kentucky - m. Monroe County, Mo., 24 November 1843, Nancy Young - b. ca. 1822, Virginia. Nine children listed.
6. John Marcus Wills - b. 2 April 1824 - d. 14 March 1886 - m. 29 December 1850, Mary Jane Fowke - b. 27 March 1821 in Kentucky - d. 21 January 1906. Her parents were Gerard and Nancy Rogers Fowke. One daughter listed.
7. Isabelle Ann Wills - b. 1826 - m. Monroe County, Mo., 23 July 1848, John N. (or H.) Hawkins. One child listed.
8. Mary Jane Wills - b. ca. 1828 - m. Monroe County, Mo., 9 February 1845, Matthew Vanlandingham. One child listed.
9. Sarah E. Wills - b. 1832 - m. 3 February 1853, Dr. J. T. Dixon. One child listed.

For <sup>Our</sup> the Durrett Family - See Black Book #2  
A Rennolds Family Supplement by H.S.  
RICHARD DURRETT

The progenitor of our Durrett line is Richard Durrett, a French Huguenot - b. ca. 1715 - d. ca. December 1784, Albemarle County, Va. The name of his parents are not positively known nor the maiden name of his wife, Sarah \_\_\_\_\_. She was not mentioned in his will, therefore, she must have predeceased him. Some researchers say she was the daughter of John Hampton, Caroline County, Va.

Richard's daughter, Frances Durrett married Frederick William Wills ca. 1764. This is my line. See page 101.

Rev. Edgar Woods in his "History of Albemarle County, Virginia" pg. 183 gives this account of the family.

DURRETTS

The name of Durrett was connected with the territory of Albermarle, while it was yet a part of Hanover. In 1737 Bartholomew Durrett patented nearly three hundred acres on Priddy's Creek, and the next year Richard Durrett patented three hundred in the same section. A genealogical chart of the Terrells in the possession of Gen. W. H. Terrell, of Indianapolis, states that Abigale, daughter of Henry Terrell and Ann Chiles, of Caroline, was married to Colonel Durrett, of Albermarle. If this refers to Colonel Richard, she must have been a first wife. According to the records, the name of Richard's wife was Sarah. He passed his days on Priddy's Creek, and died in 1784. His children were Richard, Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob Watts, Ann, the wife of Robert Sanford, Frances, the wife of Frederick William Wills, Agatha, the wife of William Flint, Mildred, the wife of a Williams, the wife of Stephen K. Smith, and the wife of a Burrus.

Richard, the younger, James Douglas and others bought parts of a large tract of land on Priddy's Creek, which had belonged to Roger Dixon. Dixon in 1766 had encumbered it with a deed of trust for the benefit of James Hartford, an English merchant, and when the purchasers bought, they perhaps regarded themselves safe under the acts of the Legislature barring the debt of British creditors. But Hartford brought suit against the claimants in the United States Court, and about 1809 recovered judgment, so they were obliged to pay again for their shares. Durrett's share amounted to five hundred and fifty acres. In 1772 he began purchasing the tract adjoining Earlysville, on which he resided the remainder of his life. He died in 1820. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Davis, and his children John D., Isaac W., Thomas, Davis,

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Robert D., Mildred, the wife of James Simms, Susan, the wife of Thomas Garth, Elizabeth, the wife of James Watts, Sarah, the wife of John Early, and Frances, the wife of Archibald Buckner. John D. married Frances Davis, and his children were Matilda, the wife of William Catterton, Thomas, who married Emily Woods, Frances, Elizabeth, the wife of Daniel P. Key, Sarah, Isaac and Richard W. who married Lucy Twyman. Thomas married Frances Simms, and his son, Thomas, married Mary, daughter of James Early, and was the father of Dr. James T. and Frank. Robert D. married Elizabeth Price.

Two brothers of this name became residents of the Batesville district the latter part of the last century. They came from Caroline, and were no doubt of the same stock with those just mentioned, though it seems impossible now to trace the relationship.

Many of the descendants of these brothers removed to Kentucky and Missouri.

WILL OF RICHARD DURRETT

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA - 1784

WILL BOOK NO. 2, PG. 423

In the name of God, Amen, I, Richard Durrett of the parish of Frederickville in the county of Albemarle being in perfect health and sound memory but calling to mind the uncertainty of human life do make this my last will and testament and first I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it trusting in his mercies and in the merits of my Redeemer for all my sins past and first I commit my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors here-after mentioned and as to my temporal estate I bequeath and dispose of it in the following manner

Imprimis (?) Item. I give to my son Richard Durrett all my wearing clothes. Item. whereas I have made a deed of gift of my land to my son Richard and hath gived him a certain sum of money in my life time I do exclude him from claiming any other part of my estate.

Item. whereas I and William Flynn is justly indebted to Stephen K. Smith's estate thirty-two pounds in lieu of which money I leave two negroes a boy and girl in the hands of my executors for his two children if they are satisfied with them the boy by the name of Will I let my grandson Austin Smith have and a negro girl by the name of Jude I let my granddaughter Mary Smith have if they are not satisfied with the two said negroes my executors shall sell the said negroes and pay the debt and divide the balance between the two said grandchildren. I also give to my grandson Austin Smith one

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mare and saddle one cow and calf one ewe and lamb one small trundle bed and furniture and five pounds to school him and the work of his negro to maintain him which I desire may be left in the hands of my son-in-law Robert Sanford till he comes to the age of eighteen and if my two said grandchildren Austin Smith and Mary Smith should both die before they come of age or have an heir lawfully begotten of their body that what I have given them shall return to my estate and be divided between my five daughters, Elizabeth Watts, Ann Sanford, Francis Wills, Agatha Flynt, Mildred Williams. Item, I give to my grandson Austin Smith my family prayer book. If my grandson Elijah Watts doth pay into my estate twenty shillings for every year he has had my Black Smith's tools he may have them if not they shall return into my estate. Item, whereas I have given my two granddaughters Sarah Flynt and Susanna Burras one negro woman and increase I do exclude them from claiming any other part of my estate. Item, whereas I have given my Daughter Sarah Flynt deceased one tract of land I exclude her son Richard from claiming any other part of my estate. Item, I give to my daughter Ann Sanford my riding gear (or cheer) and harness and my sorel horse and looking glass and ten pounds to be raised out of my estate. Item, I give to my Daughter Francis Wills ten pounds to be raised out of my estate. Item, I give to my Daughter Agatha Flint two negro boys named Samson and Humphrey and my sermon book set forth by William Edwards (????) to dispose of as she thinks fit. Item, I give to my grand daughter Nansee Sanford five pounds. Item, I give to my grandson Rubin Sanford all my corn and fadder and provisions of every kind I have on the plantation when I die I give it to my grandson Rubin Sanford and he shall keep the negroes and tools to finish the crop he my said grandson cloathing my negroes and paying their taxes if I should die shortly what crop I have got by me I give to my grandson Rubin Sanford He paying my taxes and cloathing my negroes and paying my debts. Item, it is my desire that my whole estate stock household furniture and tools and all that I have not yet given away may be equally divided amongst my five daughters namely Elizabeth Watts, Ann Sanford, Frances Wills, Agatha Flynt, & Mildred Williams and I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Richard Durrett and my son-in-law Robert Sanford joint Executors of this my last will and testament utterly revoking all other previously and heretofore made declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witnesseth whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of October 1784.

s/ Richard Durrett.

Teste: Richard Sanford  
Joseph Snell  
John Snell Jr.  
John Snell Senr.



## DEED BOOK 7 - PG. 1

To all Christian people unto whom the present writing shall come, I Richard Durrett Sr of Albemarle Co., sendeth greetings know ye that I the said Richard Durrett Senr for divers causes and valuable considerations hereunto moving but more especially for love and goodwill I bear unto my Five daughters Elizabeth Watts, Ann Sanfore, Frances Wills, Agatha Flynt, & Mildred Williams have given and granted & by these presents do give and confirm unto the said five daughters three negroes Cyrus, Bess and her increase, and Ben, after my death to be equally divided amongst my five daughters. . . . . 11 Aug. 1784

sgn/ Richard Durrett

Wit: Jason Brock, William Sims  
Richard Durrett Jr,  
Henry Shelton  
Reuben Durrett

The following is a copy of a land grant signed by William Gooch, Governor of Virginia, granting from George 2nd to Richard Durrett a tract of land containing 300 acres. It was in counties of Orange and Hanover and in a section which was later cut off to make Albermarle County on Priddy's Creek. We allude this to the Richard who died 1784 since his land was on Priddy's Creek.

RICHARD DURRETT

SPOTSYLVANIA  
ORANGE  
HANOVER

GEORGE, 2nd. . . . . bearing seal dated 23 July 1722, there was a grant of land to Edward Ripping, Richard Rickman and Ralph Gough of land containing 10,000 acres in the County of Spotsylvania, now in Orange and Hanover and on the south side of the Rapidanne. . . . . conditions of grant. . . . . in order to improve and settle the land . . . . . and that they having failed to do so. . . . . Samuel Cobbs obtained a grant for the same from the Lt. Governor and hath

relinquished his right and interest in 300 acres which is part of the said tract unto RICHARD DURRETT. Therefore, in consideration of the sum of 30 shillings. . . . . the land lying and being in the said counties of Orange and Hanover as followeth: To wit: on the south side of the great branch of Pritty's Creek. . . . . fishing rights. . . . . trowling. . . . . etc.

WILLIAM GOOCH. . . . . at Williamsburg. . . . . the 20th day of July 1738.

WILLIAM GOOCH

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The children of RICHARD AND SARAH DURRETT are:

1. Elizabeth Durrett - b. ca. 1737 - d. 11 January 1819 - m. Rev. Jacob Watts - b. 9 July 1730 - d. 14 April 1821.

Ref: Woods "Hist. of Albermarle County, Va." pg. 340.

2. Lt. Col. Richard Durrett - b. 1738, Goochland County, Va. - d. 30 November 1820, Albermarle County, Va. - m. Elizabeth Davis - b. November 1735 - d. 15 July 1815. She was the daughter of Isaac Davis and Elizabeth Winston.

Richard Durrett was one of the "Gentlemen Volunteers" who, on July 11, 1775 rode to Williamsburg under Lieut. George Gilmer, at the time that Lord Dunmore removed the powder. His wife was Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Isaac Davis Sr. Gent., a prominent citizen of Albermarle County, she was sister of Capt. Isaac Davis, Jr. of the Revolution. She died 15 July 1815 (Garth Bible Record), and is buried at the place of her husband, later that of her son-in-law, John Early, near Earlyville, Albermarle County, with a monument. John Early bought the land from executors of Richard Durrett after his death. He died 30 November 1820. The original will is well written and apparently by the hand of the signer, not by an attorney. It conveys a great deal of land, and mentions by name his sons, and daughters. He bequeaths tracts of land amounting to nearly 3000 acres, to his sons, negroes and

other personal property to his daughters, and direct that the tract on which he lived should be sold, with exception of the family graveyard which he desired his executors to have enclosed with a stone wall. It was 1000 acres of this land that was purchased by his son-in-law, John Early, and the stone wall is still there. The money derived from the sale was bequeathed to his daughters, and some grandchildren. Susan Garth's portion, however, was not given to her outright, but was to go to her five children. His negroes, except these mentioned by name in will, were to be sold to highest bidder amongst his children, (excepting Susan Garth), on a credit of twelve months. His will further mentions specially, his violin, his large looking-glass, his walnut cupboard, his silver snuffbox, and silver spoons, ladel and cream cup, glass and "chany ware" and the family chair. His inventory mentions bonds and cash amounting to over \$3000, and a total personal estate valued at \$15, 785. 81.

Richard and Elizabeth Davis Durrett had ten children:

1. John Davis Durrett - b. 19 June 1773 - d. 16 July 1816 - m. Frances Davis.
  2. Susan Durrett - m. 10 December 1787, Thomas Garth - d. 1834.
  3. Isaac Winston Durrett.
  4. Thomas Durrett - m. Frances Simms.
  5. Davis Durrett.
  6. Robert D. Durrett - m. Elizabeth Price.
  7. Mildred Durrett - m. James Simms.
  8. Sarah Durrett - m. John Early (1795-1883)
  9. Elizabeth Durrett - m. James Watts.
  10. Frances D. Durrett - m. Archibald Buckner.
- sure* 3. FRANCES DURRETT - (this is my line) - b. in Virginia - d. 3 June 1831, Clark County, Ky. - m. Frederick William Wills. See pg. 101.
4. Ann Durrett - m. Robert Sanford.

Some of the descendants of Robert and Ann Durrett Sanford settled in Cape Girardeau County, Mo. in the early 1800's and established a home "Rodney Acres" which is still well preserved and a part of the history of the city of Cape Girardeau. One known descendant is Rodney Whitelaw Carmack - b. 13 February 1912, St. Louis, Mo. Married Cape Girardeau, Mo. 7 September 1928, Frederick Reade Juneman. Her parents were John Franklin and Iska Louise Whitelaw Carmack.

5. Sarah Durrett - m. \_\_\_\_\_ Flynt. She died before her father's will was written.
6. Agatha Durrett - m. William Flynt.
7. Mildred Durrett - m. first \_\_\_\_\_ Williams  
second Stephen K. Smith  
third Thomas Burrus of Fauquier  
County, Va.

Thomas died in Fauquier County ca. 1800, leaving a widow, his second wife, Mildred.

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"The Order Book of the county (Albermarle), 1744-1748, is preserved in the Clerks Office in Charlottesville, but the records from 1748 to 1783 were lost or destroyed during the Revolution."

Due to the fact that many records were lost there is a break that prevents tracing most Durrett lines straight through to Louis Duret our direct ancestor in France. However, research which has been gathered from fragmentary and incomplete court records and family sources has been pieced together by many interested descendants.

Research of Major O. T. Wills.

Albermarle Co., Va.

Deed Book 4 - pg. 112 - Aug. 7, 1765.

Richard Durrett to Stephen Jones Jr. 200 Acres for £ X 5 20. on Preties Creek beginning at John Majors line to Rober Dickson's line - to Roger Quarles patent line - which land is a tract granted Roger Quarles in 1741.

Sgn/ Richard Durrett, Sarah Durrett

Witnesses were Net Jackson, Richard Durrett Jr. and May Wilson. (This transaction I figure involved our Richard (d. 1784) the land was on Priddy's Creek and Richard Jr. was a witness. He would be old enough by this time.)

Deed Book 4 - pg. 234 - dated 1766.

Know all men by these presents that we John Durrett of Spots Co., and Richard Durrett of Albermarle Co. divers and good cause do hereby give to George Martin of the County Albermarle, one negro girl named Dalphine and after his decease to Sally and Susannah Martin, daughters of George Martin by his last wife Molly.

Witnesses were Mary Wilson, William Wilson and Sarah Durrett.

NOTE: This George Martin I place as one of the sons of Capt. Joseph Martin (b. 1761) who Rev. Woods says obtained more than 1,400 acres on Albemarle County on Priddy's Creek and 800 acres on Piney Run. Thus this tends to firm up the theory that both of the transactions in Deed Book No. 4 pertain to the same Richard Durrett, i. e., ours w/d 1784 as he is the only one we have put in Albermarle County so far. It also ties John Durrett of Spots County as having jointly owned a negro girl. (Possibly a father - son relationship.)

From Mr. Chadd Durrett  
Pine Grove Farm  
Strong, Arkansas

(State Representative about 1958)

The durrett family is of remote French descent. The original spelling was du Rette, pronounced du Ray, changed to Duret. It had numerous distinguished members in France in the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries. Louis Duret (1527-1586) was Professor of Medicine at Royal College of France, was physician to Henry III and wrote various Latin books noted for their eloquence. His son Jean Duret (1563-1629) also a professor at the College of France, was ostracized by Henry IV, but was the first physician to Catherine de Medici.

Excerpts from the Publications of Huguenot Society of London Vol. XXII - page 28 1703 - 04 Naturalization Act 2 and 3 Anne (Queen) where it lists Francis Parrain de Durett, son of Paul Parrain de Durett, by Antonia his wife born at Bourges in Berry, in France.

Page 28, Francis Parrain de Durette, clerk, 1702 - 03.

Feb. 25 - C. J. XIV - (pg. 207) (C. J.) - "Commons Journal" in English Parliament.

These are Acts by which Foreign Protestants were naturalized in Great Britain. You had to be a naturalized citizen in order to get land grants in America. The de means "The House". It is my understanding that the name "Durrett" is the Angelicized name.

According to the Woods-McAfee Memorial, the Durrett family descends from Louis Duret, the physician of Henry III. After the massacre of St. Bartholomew the Huguenot Durets fled to England where gradually the name was spelled as it was pronounced and written Durrett. Phillip Duret or Durette was a subscriber to and Treasurer of the Virginia Company, May 23, 1609, died in Virginia in 1665, as stated by Brown's Genesis of the United States, and by Hennings Statutes of Virginia (1-84).

One Richard Durrett was living in James City, Virginia, in 1635. There were several other Durrettts mentioned as living or being in Virginia during the latter part of the 17th century. One Francis Durrett married Rebecca Winn in Virginia, during 1724. However, the first direct line of Records of the Durrett family in the United States are to be found in Spotsylvania, Hanover and Albemarle Counties.

Early in the 18th century three brothers, John, Richard and Bartholomew Durrett, came from England and settled in Spotsylvania County.

From Mr. A. P. Bankhead and Mrs. Judy Porter, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

"The Durrettts are of French origin, and the family tradition dates back to Louis Duret, an eminent French physician and author, who flourished about the middle of the sixteenth century. He was the author of several learned books and especially of a commentary in Greek, Latin and French upon the works of Hippocrates, which was first published in Paris in 1588."

Mr. Reubin T. Durrett, a lawyer, jurist and historical writer - b. Henry County, Ky., 22 January 1824, has venerable volumes of which different members of the family were authors, and which are quaint specimens of the arts of printing and binding in early times. Among these may be mentioned a "Commentary of the Customs of the Dutch" by Jean Duret, "A Treatise on the Cause and Affect of the Tides" by Claude Duret, "History of the Languages of the East" by Claude Duret, and a "Quarto" published at Cologne in 1613.