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Spurlock    Old settlers  
              on Beech Fl., etc.

Morris Dick.

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(Mrs. George N. Biggs, descended from Col. John Hite).

Du Bois lineage with notes - Prepared by Col John Hite for Mrs. George N. Biggs, of Huntington, W. Va., by S. Gordon Smythe, President Pennsylvania Historical Society, Author of Van Meter Hite - Du Bois families.

The line begins with Guelph, Prince of the Seyrii (AD 476); a descendant of his in the fourteenth generation, Azo Marquis of Liguria (A.D.1030), married Marie, a descendant of the powerful house of Este in Italy. The Esstes were of the Actii of Rome, who settled in Italy and Lombardy 500 B.C.

Guelph: Grandson of Azo and Marie, and Count of Bavaria and Saxe (A.D.1107)  
Married Judith, a descendant of Charlemagne.

Henry V: Duc de Baveria and Saxe (A.D.1195), a great grandson of Guelph and Judith; married Matilda, a descendant of William the Conqueror through Henry I and Henry II, of England.

Henry VI: Son of Henry V and Matilda, and Duc of Bavaria and Saxe; married (A.D.1200) Agnes, Countess of Palatine, a descendant of Alfred the Great.

Claude de Lannoy: (Mademoiselle) a descendant of Henry VI, and Agnes and ~~Chr~~<sup>2</sup> Charles du Bois, Seigneur (Lord) des <sup>2</sup>warder, who was a descendant of Macquire du Bois, Count de Rousey, A.D.1110. NOTE: The surname of "du Bois" was of feudel origin and belonged to an ancient family in Normandy, of whom Geoffroi du Bois, a knight baronet, accompanied William the Conqueror to England in 1066. The name "du Bois" is derived from their office as Grand Masters of the Forests of France."

In the 8th folio (pp 865 to 869) of that grat work by Pire Anselm and du Ferney, entitled "Maison Royale de France," they speak of the family "du Bois" as of the oldest in France, as well as of the Pierrepont family, who were the "Grand Masters of the Waters of France."

(Article given me  
by Geo. Mason  
Cathlettsburg, Ky.)

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These writers ascribe a common origin to these ancient families, in part, to-wit:

Macquaire du Bois, Count de Rousey in 1110, whose ancestor built the Castle de Rousey in 948, and added this patronimic to his title. Macquaire's son was Hugh de Roussey, surnamed "Chalot", whose fourth son, not succeeding to the title, perpetuated the line under the title of "Seigneurie de Bois de Marne" for fifteen generations, when Guillaume du Bois in 1488, took the title de Roussey, the great grandson of Hughes du Bois perpetuated this line of Seigneurs du Pierrepont for twelve generations, when both branches took the name "de Roussay." The castle de Roussey was situated in Artois, France. The line of descent from Charles du Bois and Claude de Lenney was:

- 1st Generation: Eustache, Seigneur des Querder and de Fiennes, married 1st, Gille de Renel. Married second Jeanne St Oi
- 2nd Generation: Guislain des Fiennes, Count de Clarmont, who married Jeanne de Longueville.
- 3rd Generation: Hare de Fiennes Seigneur des Querder; married Madaline d' Ognies.
- 4th Generation: Maximilian de Fiennes Seigneur des Querder, married Catherine Cecil Germane.
- 5th Generation: Maximilian des Fiennes married Louise Charlottes d' Etampes
- 6th Generation: Charles Maximilian des Fiennes, married Henrietta de Reigneir de Boisleau.
- 7th Generation: Chretien Maximilian des Fiennes married \_\_\_\_\_ (Not on record; but a Huguenot, as supposed by M. Le Turcq. of the Genealogic Institute of France--record erased.)

8th Generation: Louis de Bois de Fiennes, born Oct. 21, 1626, married Catherine Blanchan, <sup>dan. of Melly's Blanchan,</sup> a Burgher of Mannheim, Germany, 10th of October, 1655 where their two children, Abraham and Isaac, were born. From Mannheim they emigrated to America 1660, where Jacob, their third and first American child was born 9th of October 1661 at Kingston, N.Y. (Wiltwick on New Platz).

NOTE: The name of the father of Louis du Bois has been ascertained to be Chretien du Bois, as stated in the record of his son's marriage at Mannheim 10th of Oct. 1655, as "son of the deceased Chretien du Bois resident of Vicsres." The registry shown that Chretien had other children born there, but the names are illegible from age and mutilation. The dates were \_\_\_\_\_ 18, June 1622; \_\_\_\_\_ 13 November 1625; \_\_\_\_\_ 21 October 1625. Among Chretien's children there were two daughters: Anna and Francoia. A son was supposed to be Jacques who also came to Ulster County, N.Y. a little later. At Wiltwyck they were called "The Walloons," Louis sometimes being referred to as "Louis de Wall," &c. &c.

NOTE: The original coat armor of the French family du Bois is described as Armes d'or, a l'aigle employe de sable engle becquis de gueules. The one described in the American Heraldica is, Arg. a lion rampant, es armed and Leagued gu. Crest: Between two tree stumps, vert. the lion of the shield. MOTTO: Tiens ta foy; Hold to thy faith.

Sra du Bois, daughter of Louis and Catherine du Bois of Kingston, residing in the Mieu Pals, married in the Paltz to Joest ~~Janse~~ Janse J.M. of Meteran, in Gelderland--residing in Mormur (Marbletown). First publication of the banns 18th of Nov., married 12th December 1682. (See Hoe's Marriage Register, p. 506, Kingston, N. Y.)

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Rebekka Van Meteren, daughter of Joest J. Van Meteren and Sara du Bois, Bp. Kingston 26th of April, 1686. Witness: Gysbert Crom and Catyyn du Bois (Vide \_\_\_\_\_ p 26).

Rebekka Van Meteren J.D. born in Marbletown and rewidling in Kingston. Banns first published 3rd Sept., 1704; married \_\_\_\_\_ to Cornelia Elten J.M. born in Horle (Harley) and residing in Kingston (vide p.521). Probably son of Jan Rolfee and Jacomyntze (sleck) Eltinge; married at Esopus N. Y. 24th November 1672.)

Zara Elten, daughter of Cornelia and Rebecca ( Van Metre) Elten, Bap at Kingston, N.Y. 6th Feb. 1715. Witnesses: Jan Van Meteren and Sara du Bois; Jan Cartyn and \_\_\_\_\_ Sugland (Vide 1091). This data ties on to your Hite line.

(Signed)" S. Gordon Smythe."

Mem. Pa. Hist. Soc'ty, and Author "Van Meter--Hite--Du Bois,&c. families.

Zara Elten or Elting b \_\_\_\_\_; Married Col. John Hite. NOTE: Col. John Hite was long a prominent man in Western Virginia. He was a magistrate, a Colonel of Militia, and a Member of the House of Burgesses for Berkley County at the session of June, 1775. His father was Hans Joest Heydt who came from Strausburg, Germany in 1710 to New York with his wife Anna Maria do Bois Heydt. He was connected largely with the settlement of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, having owned his own fleets of ships, which he sent to Ireland, and was granted his permits by the Crown.

Zara Eltin and Col. John Hite had: John Hite, Jr. born 1751 June 25th. Died 1808. First wife, Susanna Smith, born 1755. Second wife, Cordelia Regan; married in 1772.

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William Hite, 6th child of John Hite, Jr. and Susanna Smith. Born Nov. 30th, 1778; died April 12th, 1853, in Guyandotte, Virginia. Married, first Elizabeth Brown, of Rockingham County, Virginia on the 14th of February, 1804. Died Nov. 26, 1819. William Hite married, secondly, Jane Hoskins, born Dec. 23rd, 1798. Died May 15th, 1839.

S Sarah Elizabeth Hite. (Dau. of William Hite and Jane Hoskins), was born Oct. 10th, 1826, still living in Catlettsburg, Ky. (Died April 19, 1922). married Louis Preston Garrett in 1844. He was born \_\_\_\_; died 1896, in Catlettsburg, Ky.

Fletcher Garrett: (Son of Elizabeth Hite and Louis Preston Garrett). Born July 24th, 1845 in Wayne County, West Virginia. Married Sarah Frances Newman, born in Wayne County, Va. Married December 13, 1866 in Wayne County Va. Died in Catlettsburg, Ky.

Mabel Garrett: (Daughter of Fletcher Garrett and Sarah Frances Newman), married Captain Amos Tyree.

Line of descent from Col. Hite furnished from Bible records of Mrs. Mary Mason, Catlettsburg, Ky. and court records from Lawrence County, Ohio from the family Bible of Fletcher Garrett and statement of Sarah Elizabeth Hite, born October 10, 1826. Died April 19th, 1922.

Prepared by Juliet Hite Gallaher, Genealogist,

Waynesboro, Virginia, June, 1923.

Royal descent of Mrs. Mabel (Garrett) Tyree, wife of Captain Amos Tyree

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James and Martha Johnstone

Children:

Sarah J. Johnstone

Martha H. Johnstone

Elizabeth A. m. John B. Hile  
& 5 others

Elizabeth A. m. John B. Hile  
d. March 9, 1880

She b. Feb. 18, 1818  
m. May 1, 1850

John L. Johnstone  
d. Aug.

Children of John B. Hile

James W. Hile - d. in infancy

John B. Hile, Jr.

Mattie A. Hile m. A. Fisher.

Mrs. Hile joined the Western  
Presbyterian Church at  
Marshall College bldg., &  
was second oldest living  
member.

Funeral Monday Aug. 2nd  
by Rev. Richard Valentine  
She d. July 31, 1894 (Saturday)

Lawrence L. Letulle b. Dec. 14, 1834.

Moved To Texas, Columbus,

Colorado Co.

Second son of Louis P.  
Susan Mc Mahan Letulle

m. in Cabell Co

1830

Mrs. Victoria Hayslip &  
The Misses Letulle, then  
living in Guyandotte,  
were cousins.

A brother, Capt. Victor  
L. Letulle, then lived in  
Bay City, Texas. He was his  
older brother & went on  
the gold rush of 1849.

He left 5 children.

He was in the Civil War  
and at Battle.



John Mc Mahan m. Mary Jane Biggs  
 Aug. 6, 1854 (2-1) He 64. She 21  
 Both widowed. He b. Berkeley  
 Co. Va. She Mason Co. He son  
 of John & Elizabeth Mc Mahan. She  
 dau. Charles & Philip Russell  
 He carpenter Edm. Mc Ginnis  
 Emma Mc Mahan m. C. H. Summerson  
 Dec. 5, 1855 (2-3) He 23. She 20  
 Both single. He b. Charlottesville,  
 Va. She Guyandotte. He  
 son of Wm. Summerson. She dau  
 Wayne & Mary Mc Mahan.  
 Albert Landley m. Vesta Brown  
 at Pt Pleasant, W. Va.,  
 Oct 30, 1845

Robert Osburn

Victor M. Letulle m. Helen Webb.  
 April 27, (2-1) 1854, at Guyandotte  
 He 28; She 22; both single; He  
 b. Guyandotte; She State of Illinois.  
 He son of Susan Wallon; she dau  
 of Henry S. & Mary R. Webb. (Mary C.)  
 Alenora Le Tulle m. Perry Gall,  
 March 15, 1883, Daniel Steel

by  
 Staunton  
 Field.

All Letulle's to 1892.



John T. Mc Keand m. Julia Kelgore<sup>9</sup>  
May 29, 1845. Wm. T. Harrie

John Mc Keand m. America McCoua  
March 23, 1834 Stephen S.

Louis LeLulle m. Susan Mc Mahon

Susan LeLulle later m. Wallon

They had a son Waldo Wallon

Mr. Wallon and Susan later  
lived with John W. Hile at  
Marshall College for a  
while. Later they moved away

Louis LeLulle had only two sons  
so far as I can remember  
Lawrence and Victor

Wayne Mc Mahon

m. Mary

(See Mary Burkes

Children:

Emma m. Charles H. Summeron.

Emizella m. John I. Wilson.

Parents of Mrs. E. A. Northcott.

A Mrs. Biggs of Huntington  
had some information on the  
Mc Mahons.

At one time when the Federals were coming into Guyandotte, Geo. W. Holderby was hid by his family was hidden in a bolster Case, & he was saved.

Federals had their quarters (after the fire), on Guyandotte St., in a frame building about 3 or 4 doors toward the river and on the right. I was a small boy, hence have only a vague recollection

Grandfather John W. Hile was sent to Camp Chase, and my father Geo. W. Mason, had practiced law with Edwin M. Seamton, Sect. of War, in Seabenville, hence secured his release. This was before he was Sect. of War. Father was Mayor of Seabenville and an active mason. He d. with T.B. Had asthma & d. young

Wiley Hatten, an old man when I was young man, lived about 2 miles up Sandy, in W. Va. Has relatives in Kenova, I think.

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See Elmer Smith, Kenova. He was a Ky. man. He is about 50. He is fire chief, I think, at the City Building, probably after 3 P.M.

Malinda Hile is said to have been the first girl born in Catlettsburg. (Look for records in Greenup, Ky.)

My son-in-law, across the street, had some old papers, E. H. records, from the 1937? flood.

Frank Yates lives in Ashland at Summit, Ky. Phone Grand 3113.

William Hile had three sons  
John B. Hile, William Hile, and  
Frank W. Hile.

John B. Hile - lanyard operator.

A son, John B. Hile Jr., b. in  
1855, & served in the Town  
Council. He also had a daughter

\_\_\_\_\_ who m. Alfred A. Fisher.  
John B. Hile m. Elizabeth A. Johnson.

Frank W. Hile b. 1818

d. 1891, m. Mary Branner.

Children 8, Fannie, Gerlie,

Kate, Charles, & young,

Edward (milk min. in

New York)

Henry <sup>son</sup> Hile (Worked C. & O.)  
now-retired, &  
living.

Wm. F. telegraph oper-  
ator, then retired  
as division freight  
agent. He m.  
Anna Ensign, dau.  
of Eli Ensign.

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Hill Records in Spring Hill Cemetery

A. J. Hill  
b.

d. 11-25-1925.

Effie Hill b. 1878

d. 1914

W. A. W. Hill

Elizabeth Hill b. 1818

d. 1897

W. John B. Hill

Ella Hill d. 6-1-1925.  
b.

Jacob Hill b. 4-8-1776

d. 9-24-1857.

James E. Hill b. 1850

d. 1919

John B. Hill b. 1855

d. 1916

John W. Hill b. 6-8-1803

d. 3-28-1879

Josephine S. Hill b. 1835

d. 1906

Kate Hill b. 9-3-1844.

d. 1-2-1884

Malinda Mc Mahon Hile~

b. 1-19-1807 w. John W. Hile~  
d. 2-28-1877

Marion Hile~ b.

d. 9-6-1931.

Mary Scales Hile~ b. 9-6-1801

d. 11-14-1876

w. John Laidley.

Nancy E. Hile~ b. 1852

d. 1912

w. J. E. Hile~

Victoria Hile~ b. 7-7-1838

d. 11-12-1862

w. W. H. Romaine.

William Hile~ b.

d. 1901.

S. W. F. & Anna Ensign Hile

William Francis Hile (Wm. F.)

b. 9-6-1867

d. 8-7-1930

Sarah Scales Hile~

b. 1-5-1782

d. 11-27-1864

w. J. Hile~

(Jacob Hile)

The Hile Family

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52, 765, 782, 784, 802, 970

52,

765 - John W. Hile 47 Merchant \$6000  
Malinda " 43 All G. Va.

Salina C. 18

Josephine 15

Victoria 12

Adelaide C. 8

Kate A. 6

782 - John B. Hile 45 Farmer \$5500 b. l.  
Elizabeth A. 32 b. Canada.

Elizabeth A. 14

Sarah P. 12

William Hile 71

Eliza A. 35

794 - Francis Hile 30 { Farmer \$500 b. l.  
G. Va.

Mary " 22

Francis 5

Isabel V. 1

802

Jacob Hile 74.

Sarah " 65.



970 - Isabella Nile 26 (m. Moore)  
With John Laidley

48 - Priscilla G. Nile 15 b. Va.  
with Madison Collins 22  
Mary A. " 19

52 - Priscilla G. Nile 15  
With Andrew J. Cox 35.

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John W. Hill, Will.

Names grandsons,

John & Geo. Mason. Gives  
this his 400 a. Tract in  
Hickory Co., Mo.

Grand daughters

Mary P. Smith - S.  $\frac{1}{4}$

Mary Mason - N.  $\frac{1}{4}$

Jessie Holderby } middle half  
Susan " }

4 a. in upper end  
of Gayardotte.

Four daughters (rest of estate  
to be made equal, con-  
sidering advancements.)

\$2699.60 Salina Hampton (Late Salina Mason)

3002.71 ~~\$2699.60~~ - Josephine Smith

\$1540.42 Adalade C. Holderby

Kate A. Hill.

free from present or future  
husbands, debts of, etc.

Kate A. Hill, to be executrix.

Date of Will - Aug. 21, 1877

" " Probate - April 28, 1879.

(above is only will to that date)

Jacob Hile purchased 100 a. of  
land on the Ohio River in 1810  
(See Deed Bk. 1 p. 74) of Jeremiah Ward

William Hile purchased 100 a., on  
the Ohio River of Jacob Hile etc.  
Probably same land. (Deed Bk 1 p. 152)

John W. Hile, 1824, purchased  
410 a. on Guy. & Ohio Rivers  
Deed Bk 3 p 731

There were only Hiles in Grantee  
Index till 1834

Wm. Hile Jr. & John B. Hile  
purchased Lot 31,  
Guyandotte in 1834 (Deed Bk 5 p 518)

John & William Hile purchas  
Lot 30, Guyandotte, in 1835,  
from Parلمان Chapman, et al.

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Hile Marriages Cabell County  
William Hile m. Jane Haushin,  
Oct. 5, 1820, Stephen Spurlock.

Matilda Hile (or White)  
m. Overton White, Feb. 1, 1829,  
Bishop Elias Humphrey.

Margaret L. Hile m. Thomas Merrill,  
July 18, 1833  
Ebenegar J. ~~Hill~~  
Webster.

Mary Ann Hile m. Andrew J. Cox,  
Oct. 10, 1839 Stephen S.

John B. Hile m. Elizabeth  
May 18, 1850 J. B. Page.  
Sabrina C. Hile (23) R.R. Contractor  
m. Geo. W. Mason (Age Refused)  
June 8, 1854, (2-1)

Josephine S. Hile m. Edward A. Smith  
March 28, 1856 (2-3) 24 & 21.

~~Victoria~~ Both single. He b. Guyardoke  
The B'ville. He son of  
Perceval & Mary Smith  
The dau. Jno W. & Matilda  
Hile & Matilda Hile.

Sabrina C. Hile 23 m. Geo. W. Mearns.  
Age refused June 8, 1854 (2-1)  
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Victoria Hile m. Wm. H. Romaine  
Nov. 21 1860 (2-8) Both single.  
He b. N. Y. City. He resided there  
He son of Samuel B. & Grace B.  
Romaine. He a clerk  
She dau. John W. & Malinda Hile  
23 & 22 Jno. P. Hoffman

Sarah P. Hile m. Whitcomb Smith  
~~Nov. 21 1860 (2-8) 23 & 22. 28 & 22~~  
Dec. 13, 1860. He b. Lawrence Co., O.  
He son of D. D. & Eleanor Smith  
She dau. J. B. & P. Hile  
Merchant W. Prible.

Addie C. Hile m. Geo. W. Holderby  
Oct. 22, 1865 (2-14), at Marshall  
Academy. He 27. She 24. Both  
single i. b. & residents of Cabell Co.  
He son of Robt. & Susan Holderby  
She dau. Jno W. & Malinda Hile  
Farmer.

J. D. McClintock

U.C. Hile m. W.A. Womeldorf,  
June 22, 1869 (2-20) 24 & 24. He b.  
Gallia Co. She Cabell. He son of  
J.W. & A.E. Womeldorf, She dau.  
W. & Mary Hile. He a carpenter.

Fannie Hile m. John W. Church,  
Aug. 26, 1869 (2-21), at Guyandotte.  
27 & 22. He b. Logan Co. She Cabell  
Jno C. He resided Cabell C. H. She Guy  
Rece. andotte. He son of O. & M. M.  
Church. She dau. J.W. & M. Hile  
Real Estate, N. P., & Dep. Recorder.  
Mattie A. Hile m. Alfred A. Fisher,  
Dec 31, 1879, 28 & 20  
(2-45) A. W. Wightman  
He b. Pittsburgh. She Cabell.  
Reside in Cabell.  
J. W. Wightman

Isabella W. Hile m. J. Wm. H. Moore,  
Jan. 9, 1884 (2-60.)  
(all to 1852) He 75. S. J. Mallory  
She 62. He b.  
Halifax Co., Va. She Cabell? (Hardly)  
He resided Fayette Co. She Cabell  
S. J. Mallory

## Hile Deeds

Deed Bk 1 p. 74

Aug. 28, 1810, Jeremiah & Army  
Ward for \$400, deed Jacob  
Hile, a., "adj. and below a  
tract of land belonging to Henry  
Neff."

Beg. at Henry Neff's Lower corner  
on bank of Ohio, & with Neff's  
line

S. 86 92 To back of  
military line, & with same

N. 82 W. 86 1/2 poles to a stake  
thence leaving sd. back line,

N. 80 W. 68 1/2 poles to bank  
of river, thence up river &  
with (meanderings) thence 26 1/2  
poles to beg. — 100 a.

In case there is "a redivision  
of said land", etc., Ward  
does not warrant.

Deed Bk 1 p. 197

April 27, 1812, Jacob & Sarah ("Sally")  
Hile, for \$450, deed above to  
William Hile, above 100 a.

(Whereas there may be a  
redivision, etc.) not responsible



Deed Bk 1 p. 295.

Oct. 5, 18<sup>13</sup>~~30~~, Manoaah & Jincy  
Bostic, for \$450, quit  
claim, being part of a military  
Survey, etc., part of claim of  
David Gorman, & came to  
Bostic after several transfers,  
about 400 a., 100 a. intended  
to be conveyed

Witnesses

Norvetham Cendwell

John Wesley Hile (Wesley)

Ruth Smith.

Deed Bk. 1 p. 296

Aug. 7, 1813. Manoaah & Jancy  
Bostic, for \$1<sup>00</sup>, deeds to  
Wm. Hile, part of the mil-  
itary Survey to David Gorman  
(400 a.), 200 a. of same,  
quit claim, "to be equal  
<sup>in quality</sup> to the remaining part of the  
tract.

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Deed Bk. 2 p. 112.

April 20, 1816, George Ward  
(and wife Clarinda Ward) for  
\$450, "acting for himself and  
as agent for James & Robert  
Holderby, James Gallaher, Edmund  
Morris, Samuel Short, Robert  
Adam, William Hile, and others,  
deeds to Henry M. & Charles Lewis,  
"the Old Court House, jail, and  
public square", in town of  
Guyandotte, "which was sold  
by commissioners appointed by an  
<sup>act of</sup> the Legislature of this state  
authorizing and directing a sale  
of the same, and the said Ward  
became the purchaser, as will more  
fully appear Reference being had  
to a certificate of the Commis-  
sioners filed in the Clerk's office  
of the County," etc.

## Hill deeds

~~2-112-1816~~~~3-408-1821~~

4-51-1825

4-112-1826

4-146-1826

4-177-1826

4-412-1827

4-474-1828

4-529-1829

4-582-1827

4-587-1830

4-618-1831

5-13-1831

5-32-1831

5-152-1832

5-241-1833

5-317-1833

5-369-1834

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Deed Bk 3 p. 408

July 25, 1821, Jacob Hile, for \$350.  
sell to John Landley, a negro  
Boy Slave Tom of the age of  
sixteen, for the right and title  
and that the said slave Tom,  
is a slave for life, etc, "I  
bind myself, my heirs," etc

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Deed Bk. 3 p. 729

July 29, 1824, Lot 61 Savage  
Grant having been sold for  
taxes of \$20.48, July 26, 1824,  
by William Bowyer of Greenbrier  
Co., Marshall of the Greenbrier  
Superior Court, Wm. Hile  
became the purchaser. 400 a.  
Allotted to Wm. Galewood

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John W. Hile  
~~He~~ also bought Lot 46  
Savage Grant, for taxes,  
on same date as above.  
Both sold at auction at  
the front door of the C.H.  
This for \$20.92

Nile

By Geo. Mason  
350 2<sup>nd</sup> Court SE  
Get off Car at  
34<sup>th</sup> St.

I was b. March 20, 1859, at  
Pecatur, Nebraska, son of Geo. W.  
and Salina C. Nile Mason. She  
was of John W. and Malinda  
McMahon Nile, dau. of Wayne  
McMahon of Guyandotte. (Taylor  
Beard of First Hunt. Nat. Bank  
m. a grand daughter of  
Wayne McMahon Jr. (?) See him.

"John W. Nile, son of  
J<sup>st</sup> Jacob and Sarah, and  
Malinda McMahon, dau. of  
John & Nancy McMahon<sup>(m)</sup>, July 21,  
1825, - From our Bible.

"Geo. W. Mason and S. C. Nile  
were m. June 8, 1854," by Rev. Stanton  
M. Field" (Probably Methodist)

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John W. Hile

b. June 8, 1803 d. March 28, 1877  
in Hampton City, Ky.

m. Malinda Mc Mahon,

b. Jan. 19, 1807

d. Feb. 28, 1877, in  
Hampton City.

Both buried at Spring  
Hill

Jacob and Sarah Hile  
parents of John W. Hile  
are also buried there,  
removals from the  
Laidley Cemetery, (See  
Mary Burkes)

Their children: - 8 daus.  
only. No sons.

Helen A. Hile b. March 4, 1829.

Probably never married.

d. Dec. 20, 1856, aged 7 yrs. 9-20

Saline C. Hile b. April 11, 1832.

in Guy

d. Feb. 18, 1931. Buried  
in Callensburg Cemetery

m. Geo. W. Mason, son of  
Peleg Mason m. ~~Sarah~~ Rachel

Wilson. They lived in Seun-  
ville, Ohio. (Our son, John, has  
much family data. Is now  
in service.) Both d. in —  
Seunville, & were m. there  
See Mr. ...

Saline C. Mason. m. 2 Rev.

Wm. Hampton, a prominent minister of the M. E. Church So. He was for John W. Hampton, also a prominent minister of the So. Meth Ch., a lawyer, later a minister. He m. Ireland, dau. of Judge W. C. Ireland of Ashland. Saline C. Mason m. Wm Hampton July 28, 1875, by Rev S. J. Mallory.

3. Josephine S. Hile b. March 7, 1835 m. Edward A. Smith, son of Percival S. Smith. They had two (maybe 1 died) m. 3/26/56  
Minnie P. Smith - never m. Edward d. Nov. 24, 1914. - Spring Josephine S. Smith d. Dec. 6, 1906 in Guyandotte

buried at Sunset Thanks giving day See Stone

4. Victoria Hile b. July 7, 1838 m. Wm A. Romaine m. Nov 21, 60 lived somewhere in the East. I didn't know them. ~~She~~ had a Vic. Hile Romaine d. Nov. 12, 1862, in Guyandotte.

5. Adalade C. Hile b. Sept. 11, 1841 m. Geo. W. Holderby m. Oct. 22, 1865 Lived at Marshall College also at Guyandotte. They had two daus. - now at Corpus Christi, Texas - Jesse Holderby & m. Allen S. McCaughey Susan never m. but

See Jesse Holderby & Susan McCaughey & Allen S. McCaughey & Susan

6. Kate A. <sup>Tanner</sup> Hill b. Sept. 3, 1844  
m. Judge Ira Mc Ginnis, Sept. 7,  
1881. Lived & d. in  
Guyandotte. One son  
only, d. in childhood.  
Kate Hill Mc Ginnis  
d. Jan. 2, 1884, Guyandotte  
Judge Mc Ginnis  
m. 2 Imogene Hagan  
7-8- Probably d. in infancy.

Nancy Mc Mahon, mother of my  
gr. mother, d. at Marshall College  
Sept. 16, 1866. aged 78 yrs. Probably  
buried in Landley Cem., later Spring  
Hill.

Jesse Mc Caughan, had 3 children  
Constance - Not m.

At home Corpus Christi.

Frank m.

Helen m.

Jessie Holderby was b. at  
Marshall College



Jacob & Sarah Hiles children

Mary m. John Laidley

See Mary Burkes. Peter C.

Buffington was a cousin?  
of John W. Hile - said  
to be.

Isabelle Hile m. Mr (Wm. D.) Moore  
(See Mary Burkes) She  
lived with Helen Burkes  
before her (Isabelle's) m.

We have pictures of several  
old Hiles, etc

Addie C. Holderby mother of  
Jesse Holderby.

Geo. Mason and Sophia A.  
Hutchinson m June 3, 1903

John Hile Mason (bro. to Geo.)

m Emma Wold, June 14,  
1905, in Fresno, Cal.

They lived here. He d  
here. She lives at Walnut  
Cr. P.O. near San Francisco



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Grand children of John W. & M. Hill

John Hill Mason b. son of  
Geo. W. & S. C. Mason,  
b. March 29, 1855  
d. Jan. 12, 1907  
in S. Callettsburg (Hamp  
ton City, Ky.

Mary Mason b.  
d. May 9, 1941.

Not m.

Geo. Mason b. March 20, 1867

Romaine Mason d. in infancy  
b.  
d.

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Children of Geo. & Sophia Mason

John W. Hill was sheriff of  
Cabell Co. including, Logan,  
Wayne, Mingo, etc. Rode over  
county. In his rounds he bought  
land on Mud River, mineral rights,  
etc. - 600 at 1300 mineral rights -  
Sold later for taxes. He built the

Parents' Record  
(From Family Bible of Geo. W. Mason  
of Catlettsburg, Ky)

"My father Peleg Stanton Mason  
was born and died, at Steubenville,  
Ohio."

"My mother Rachel Wilson was  
born and died at Steubenville,  
Ohio 1840"

"Geo. W. Mason was born in  
Steubenville Sept. 22, 1822"

"Salina C. Hill was born  
in Guyandotte, Virginia, April  
11, 1832."

### Births

"Mary Hill Mason born Dec. 29,  
1820, at Steubenville, Ohio.  
Died 1857, at Harlan  
Springs

"Geo. W. Mason (the owner  
of this book) b. Sept. 22, 1822,  
at Steubenville, Ohio."

"John Lunsford Mason, born  
Aug. 21, 1824, at Steubenville  
Ohio"

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My Mo. Mason  
Gen. <sup>Samuel</sup> Stokeley married my  
grandmother Rachel Wilson Mason,  
after the death of my grandfather  
who probably died young. The  
following daus. of his,

Jane Stokeley and William  
R. Lloyd were married Feb. 26,  
1857

Millie Stokeley Lloyd born  
Dec. 9, 1858

Sarah Rals Lloyd born  
April 18, 1859.

Mountford Stokely Lloyd  
born April 1 ?

Elizabeth A. Lloyd born

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"Half Sisters and Brother"

Elizabeth Alicia Stokely born  
Sept. 27, 1831, at Steubenville, O.

Jane Spencer Stokely born  
July 28, 1833, at Steubenville  
Ohio. died Sept. 26, 1911, at  
Cleveland, Ohio

Samuel Mountford Stokely  
born June 26, 1836, at  
Steubenville, Ohio. died Jan. 11, 1903

Elizabeth Stokely and Thomas Wood were married August 1852

Mary Wood born June 1, 1853

Susan Stokely Wood } born  
Thomas Wood Jr. } July 6, 1858

Thomas Wood Sr. died  
March 1862, in Steubenville, O.

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" Mary H. Mason was married  
to Joseph M. Mason, at Steuben-  
ville, Ohio, 1843.

Died at Steubenville, August 1857.

#### Offspring.

Anna Mason born March 20, '45.

George Mason born Sept. 28, 1846.

Elizabeth Mason born Nov. 13, 1848

Mary Ann Mason " June 11, 1857  
Died 1857

Gen. John S. Mason was  
married to Anna Judkins, at  
Steubenville, Ohio, 1847 (Jefferson Co.)

#### Offspring

Catherine Mason born

Charles Winder Mason, San Diego, Cal.,  
1848-1854.

John Mason General Cal. 1856.

Geo. W. Mason married to  
Salma C. Nile, June 8, 1854,  
by Stanton Field. (Father &  
mother were Episcopalians, but  
John W. Nile & family were Meth-  
odists - Geo. Mason)

John H. Mason born  
March 29, 1855,

Mary Mason born March 5, 1857  
Baptized March 28, 1858  
by Stanton Field.

Geo. J. Mason born March  
20, 1859

Romaine Mason born Feb.  
17, 1862. Died July 10, 1862(?)  
at 4 mos. & 22 days

Family pictures at Geo. Mason's.

Josephine S. Hile Smith

Kate A. Hile.

John W. Hile.

John H. Mason. Atty.

Jessie Holderby (Recent)

wife of Mr. Allen C. McCaughan  
Corpus Christi, Tex.

Susan Holderby, sister of Jessie

Percival S. Smith residence.  
(Taken after Civil War. never buried)

Elizabeth Stokely Wood.

Mountford Samuel Stokely.

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Percival S. Smith was a  
northern sympathiser

Col. Fiegler, at one time  
after the Civil War, ran a  
hotel in Catlettsburg, ~~in the~~ at  
old Catlettsburg National Build-  
ing, on site of the Fiegler Hotel.  
This hotel was here in the Fall  
of 1868, when we came here.

Salina C. Mason

m. 1. Geo. W. Mason 6/8/54

m. 2. Rev. Wm Hampton

July 28, 1875 (We  
have a crayon of  
him made by my  
sister, Mary Mason)

John Nile Mason b. 3-29-1855.

d. Jan. 12, 1907

at Catlettsburg

m. June 14, 1905.

in Fresno, Cal.

To Emma Wald.

William Hampton b. June 26, 1808  
near Catlettsburg, Ky.

d. July 25, 1887, in  
Catlettsburg.

James Holderby was either dead  
or gone in 1868, when we  
moved to Marshall College.  
4 or early 1865

His boys were living then - Ed,  
Will, & James. Ed m. Coley Stewart,  
Will m. ? in Ky

James never married.

(See Mary Burkes)

Lewis Burkes was father of <sup>my mother</sup>  
m. Helen Landley

Mary Burkes

Lula m. John Greenwade  
decd. 2687 Collier Ave.

Helen m. Lee Wilson

All three of these sisters  
live near each other in  
Huntington, in Highlawn  
section. -

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Herald Advertiser May 30, 1937  
on Marshall College  
Also Aug. 15, 1943.

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A Buffington <sup>Lovingwell.</sup>  
James Landley & Lovell?

went to Ky - Covington, man-  
ufactured tobacco, got wealthy.

A son of <sup>Buffington Eugene</sup> Landley m. <sup>daughter of Col. Laban J.</sup> Drusy Moore &  
at one time was President of  
U.S. Steel, & lived probably at  
Gary, Indiana. His widow may  
be living.

The boys were Eugene &  
Hal Buffington (son of Henry B.?)  
Laban J. Moore, a good lawyer,  
m. Sarah Everett - sister



Nancy Mc Mahon d. at  
Marshall College Sept. 16, 1866  
at 78. She was mother  
of Malinda Hite (wife  
of John W. Hite &) and  
wife of Mc Mahon.

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Mrs. Mason says:-

We have a picture  
of John W. Hite, as a  
young man. We also had  
a picture given to some  
of our children containing  
genealogy of Hites from your  
Hite.

We also have a picture  
of Isa Hite who m. Moore.  
A fine old lady. No children.

From an Obituary of Malinda  
McMahan Hill. wife of  
John W. Hill was born in  
what is now Callettsburg, Ky.,  
Jan. 1807, & died Feb. 28,  
1877. "She joined the Methodist  
Church, in 1833, <sup>was</sup> lived a  
constant and useful member  
until her death" — short  
illness,

"Her last hours were full  
of triumph. She felt herself  
not far from the kingdom  
of God." Devoted mother.

Her children all but one  
settled. Funeral day after her  
death preached by Rev. S. W.  
Young of M. E. South. (He  
was tall rather ungainly,  
but a good preacher. Her  
husband at that time  
was afflicted — paralyzed  
for several years.

married

"September 1st, at the residence of Mr. William Hampton, in Hampton City, by the Rev. A. P. Shimp, Hon. Ira J. Mc Ginnis, of Guyandotte W. Va., to Miss Kate A. Hile, at Hampton City, this county."

Mrs. Kate Hile Mc Ginnis, wife of Judge Ira Mc Ginnis, and daughter of the late John W. and Malinda Hile, was born at Guyandotte, Va., Sept. 3, 1844, united in marriage with Judge Ira Mc Ginnis, Sept. 1, 1881, d. "at the place of her birth" Jan. 2, 1884.

"During the year 1866 when our beloved church was passing such a fearful ordeal," she joined the Protestant Episcopal Church. Her husband belonged to the M.E. South, "where she had been baptized and taught to worship" but her sympathy was ever with the church of her childhood. She and Judge Mc Ginnis, whose church affluence

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were in harmony with her own, they mutually agreed to come simultaneously into the church of their choice," but death prevented this. A good woman "warm-hearted and affectionate to friends, charitable and kind to enemies;" a good neighbor, devoted Christian, and affectionate wife. Died, after long suffering in child birth.

She requested that "her funeral should be brief and ostentatious without overdrawn pictures of merit and virtue" were conducted by the writer - Rev. S. J. Mallory. Child still born buried with her - with the "casket of her still-born child nestled in her bosom to await the resurrection of the last day," etc.

Marriages (from another Bib.  
of New Mas.  
John W. Hill, Son of Jacob and  
Sarah Hill & Malinda McMahon,  
daur. of John and Nancy McMahon  
married July 21, 1825

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Geo. W. Mason & S. C. Hill  
m. June 8, 1854.

Edward A. Smith and J.  
S. Hill m. March 26, 1856

Wm. H. Romaine and Victoria  
Hill m. Nov. 21, 1860.

Geo. W. Holderby and Constantia  
A. Hill m. Oct. 22, 1865

Wm. Hampton and Salina  
C. Mason m. July 28, 1875.

Kate Hill m. Ira J. McGinnis  
Sept. 1, 1881

John Hill Mason m.  
Emma Wold, at Fresno,  
Cal., June 14, 1905.  
(He d. 1907. She  
lives California)

Geo. Mason and Sophia A.  
Hutchinson m. at Cullisburg, Ky.,  
June 3, 1903.

John W. Nile b. June 8, 1803.  
in Rockingham Co., Va.

Maliuda Nile b. Jan. 19, 1807.

Helen A. Nile daughter of  
John W. & Maliuda Nile  
b. March 1, 1829

Salina C. Nile b. April 11, 1832

Josephine S. Nile b. March 7, 1835

Victoria Nile b. July 7, 1838.

Constantia A. Nile b. Sept. 11, 1841

Kate Antoinette Nile  
b. Sept. 3, 1844

Percival Stone Smith b.  
in Washington Co., O.,  
Oct. 15, 1796.

Mary Lewis (Chapman) Smith  
was born May 23, 1809.  
(Wife of Percival S. Smith)

John Nile Mason, son of  
Geo. W. Mason & Salina  
C. Mason b. March 29, 1855  
at Guyandotte.

Mary Mason b. March 8, 1857,  
at Guyandotte

George Mason b. March 20, 1859,  
at Decatur, Neb.

12 all - ... (illegible)

Romaine Mason was born  
Feb. 17, 1862, at Steubenville  
and (He) died July 10, 1862  
(Buried with Geo. W. Mason  
in Steubenville where he  
was b. & practiced law.  
He lived in Guyandotte  
a while but never in  
Calletsburg)

Geo. W. Mason d. in Steuben-  
ville, Ohio, Feb. 13, 1863.  
Aged 40 yrs.  
He was a good math-  
ematician, was engineer  
on the Guyandotte Sus-  
pension Bridge, He  
probably got the idea  
from a Wheeling Bridge.

Percival Stone Smith b.  
Dec. 19, 1835

Sophia Hutchison Mason  
b. Feb. 15, 1880, dau. of  
Rev. Ira Burton Hutchison &  
wife, Helen Eleanor  
Malinda Hutchison, Calletsburg  
Geo. ~~W.~~ Mason b. ~~May 19, 1862~~  
b. March 20, 1855

Ira B. Hutchison and  
Ellen M. Davis m. Sept. 13,  
1870, at Calletsburg. He  
was a Capt. in Civil War.



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John Burlon b. Oct. 4, 1806 at  
Cattellsburg

Geo. Wilson Mason b. May 10, 1809

Eleanor Salina Mason

b. April 29, 1809. at Cat.

Mary Josephine Mason

b. Dec. 4, 1813.

m. Thos. Windsor

Riley. Live across  
street from father  
who lives at 3502  
Court St. Cat.

Mary Hill Mason (Sister  
of Geo. W.) b. Dec. 20, 1820  
d. Aug. 1887

Geo. W. Mason b. Sept. 22, 1822

Mountford Stokely June 26, 1836

Isa (belle) Nile, (sister to  
John W. Nile m. Moore)  
Lived with Mrs. Geo. Burks.

Minnie Perceval Smith

dan. of Edw. & Josephine  
Smith, b. Feb. 17, 1857.

Sisters { Jesse McCaughey  
b. July 21,  
Susan Holmby b.



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Lizzie Wood (Half sister by  
same mother to Geo. W.  
Mason) b. Sept. 27, 1831  
Her mother by:

m. 1. & Pelig Mason

m. 2. Samuel Stokely

{ Mary Wood dau. of Lizzie Wood  
b. June 1, 1853. Died  
at Cal. Buried at  
Steuernville.

d.

Tom S. Wood, son of Lizzie W.  
b. July 7, 1858. A  
corporation lawyer  
(R. R.) in Duluth  
Minn. His family  
there yet.

Jennie S. Lloyd (Jinnie)  
b. July 28, 1853.

Sister of Lizzie Wood.  
She had 3 sons by  
Col. Wm. Lloyd  
of Steuerville.

Sons - Wm. S. Lloyd,  
Reporter for New  
York Sun, & other  
papers. Noted.

Mountfore Stokely &  
Eliphaz Th. Anderson  
Lloyd - ~~Robert~~  
He is in New York

Mary Perceval Smith

daugh. of E. A. & J. G. Smith  
b. Feb. 19, 1857, at Guy.

Edward A. Smith b. May 14, 1858.

Edward S. Smith (son of  
above) b. Feb. 2, 1860.

Addie Victoria Smith

(daugh. of E. A. & Josephine  
Smith) b. March 6, 1861.

Jessie R. Holderby b. at  
Marshall College,  
July 21, 1866.

Susan Holderby b. at  
Guyandotte, Dec. 15, 1868.

Geo. Hunter Romaine, son  
of Wm. H. and Victoria  
H. Romaine b. in  
N. Y. Oct. 21, 1861,  
died Dec. 20, 1862, in  
New York.

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Helen A. Hile, dau. of Jns. W.  
and Malinda Hile d.  
at Barboursville, Dec. 20,  
1836, Aged 7-9-20

Victoria Roumane d. at  
Guyandotte Va., Nov. 12, 1866.

Nancy McMahan d. at Marshall  
College Sept. 16, 1866,  
Aged 78 yrs. & 7 mos.

Percival Stone Smith died  
at Guyandotte Aug. 7,  
1873 - Aged 77. (He  
had a son "Percy" S.  
and Richard)

Mary L. Smith wife of  
Percival S. Smith died  
at Guyandotte Nov.  
26, 1884. Aged 75.

Edward Augustus Smith d.  
in Guyandotte, Sunday  
Feb. 16, 1896. Aged 65.

Malinda Hile d. at Catlets  
burg, Ky., Feb. 28, 1877  
Aged 76-1-9

John W. Hile died at Hampton  
City, Ky., March 28, 1879.

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William H. Romaine died at  
New York Sept. 7, 1864.

Neddie Smith (son of Edward  
A. & Josephine B.) d.  
at Guyandotte, W. Va.,  
Jan. 30, 1870.

Kate Hile Mc Ginnis, wife  
of Ira J. Mc Ginnis,  
d. at Guyandotte,  
"triumphantly," Jan. 2,  
1884.

Ira J. Mc Ginnis, infant  
son of Ira J. Mc Ginnis  
& Kate Hile Mc Ginnis,  
d. Sunday Dec. 22,  
1883.

A. C. Holderby d. June 23,  
1903, at Pillsburg Pa.,  
Wife of Geo. W. Holderby.

Percival Stone Smith died  
April 25, 1904 at Guy.

Josephine S. Smith d. Dec. 6,  
1906, at her home  
in Guyandotte. (Wife  
of Edw. A. Smith)

Mary Mason d. May 29, 1941,  
at Geo. Mason's. (Single)

Minnie P. Smith d. Nov. 24, 1914

Funeral  
Thanks given  
day

Obituary

Miss Mary Mason 84, d. May 29,  
1941, at Geo. W. Mason's. Gr. Ill 5 mos.  
Sister to Geo. Mason 3512, Court  
St. Dan. of Geo. W. & Saline Hile  
Mason. Attended Steubenville  
Seminary. Graduate of Marshall  
College, late 80's, taught in  
a mission school, at San  
Luis Potosi, Mexico. Member  
M. E. Church South.

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Mrs. Geo. (Sophia) Mason  
postcards from Catlettsburg  
I was interested in your  
article about the Guyandotte  
Suspension Bridge. John W.  
Hile was the gr. father of  
Geo. Mason & Geo. W. Mason.  
His father ~~of~~ was the engineer  
of the suspension bridge. I  
remember Aunt Addie Kolderby  
etc.

161. Willis Mc Keand 62 \$1500 b. Va.  
Sally Mc Keand 58 all b. Va.  
Sandy 39 \$60  
Nelson 21  
Henry C. 24  
Betty C. 29  
Marianna 23  
Sarah J. 19  
Susan 17

168 - James I. Mc Keand 34 \$2300  
Julia A. 24  
Sampson S. 4  
Martha P. 2  
Columbus 7 mos.

210 - Willis Mc Keand 26 Coalman \$1567  
Stone (Which?) b. Va.

In addition to above, a deed mentions John Mc Keand. It looks like James I. and John Mc Keand as well as Willis Mc Keand (jr.?) were all sons of Willis Mc Keand.

A deed (Deed Bk. , p.) indicates that Willis Mc Keand came from Goochland Co., Va.

## Cabeel Co. Census of 1850

407 John Mc Keand 37 Farmer \$4000  
 America 36 All b. Va

William 14

Alex. 13

Sarah A. 6

Eliya 4

Emily 1

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Following are copied from the  
bottom of Marriage Rec. 2, Cabell  
County, as they are already partly  
torn, and in some cases, must  
be partly guessed at (date)

p. 1. - Isaac Ball m. Susan  
J. Wallace Sept. 28, 1854.  
He 51 & widowed. She 20. Single  
He son of John & Nancy A. Ball  
She dau. Benj. & Letta? Wallace  
She b. Lawrence Co. John C. Rice.  
Emsley Beckett m.

Mary Roberts, Sept. 26,  
1854, at Sandy Roberts.  
He 22. She 16.  
He son of Moses &  
Rebecca Beckett. She  
dau. Sandy and  
Susan Roberts. He a  
shoemaker.  
Benj. L. Perry.

Charles J. Riddle m. Mary  
Powell, Sept. 5, 1854. He  
34 & widowed. She single.  
He b. Orange Co., Va. She  
Cabell Albemarle. He son of  
Charles J. & Lucretia Riddle. She

by Miss.  
Harrison Sear.



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n. 1. Addison Reynolds

m. Susan Price, Sept. 19,

1854, He 23. She 17.

She b. Jackson Co. Both  
single.

He son of Simon & Jane  
Reynolds. She dau. of  
Wm. & Susan Price  
Farmer. John M. Jordan.

John Wesley Collins m.

Emily Lucas, at Wayne,

Sept. 26, 1854. He 23

She 17. He b. Cabell Co.

She ~~Jackson Co.~~ <sup>Logan Co.</sup> He son  
of John & Nancy Collins.

She dau. Geo. & Easter  
Lucas. Stephen S.  
He a farmer.

Mordecai A. Summers

m. Caroline Yates.  
Sept. - 30 1854

He 24 b. in Kan. Co.

She 21 b. Cabell Co.

He son of Samuel &

W. ? Summers. She

dau. Wm. P. & Elizabeth

Yates. Farmer.

John C. Rice.

n. 2 Allen Mc? Davis m. Rebecca Nash  
Elkins, Sept. 20, 1855; at  
McCullens, Cabell Co. Va.  
He 26. She 21. Both single  
He b. Cabell Co. She Lawrence  
Co. O. He son of Wm. &  
Elizabeth Davis. She dau.  
James & Frances Nash.

Wm. McComas.

Joeabe Juda m. Susanah Elkins  
Sept. 27, 1855, He <sup>25</sup> She 14  
Both single. He b. Pennsy  
vania. Leno<sup>x</sup> Riv (?)  
She b. Indiana Rush Co.  
He son of John & Barbara  
Juda. She dau. —  
and Anna Elkins  
Edmund McGinnis

n. 3. At Geo. Stonato m. Frances  
Stonato m. Christian  
Smith. He 35. She  
33. Both single He  
b. Germany. She  
Saxony? Germany. He  
son of George & Rosine  
Stonato. She dau. John C.  
Rosine & He a Bal

by Edmund  
G. Cornell

n. 3- George Edwards m.  
Polly Jane Collins, Lee?   
1856. He 26. She 22.  
He divorced. She  
single. He b. Augusta  
Co. She Giles Co. Va.  
He son of Martin &  
Frances Edward  
She dau. Charles &  
Elizabeth Collins. He  
a farmer  
Lemuel B. Cornell.

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Credo

Miss Margaret Kelly  
Dec. 28, 1945.

Our family Bible was left or sent  
to <sup>my</sup> Virginia Steele

Los Angeles California

My father, John Kelley, came from  
near Dublin, Ireland. His father,  
John? Kelley Sr., or James Kelley.  
His mother was

My mother was Nancy Steele b.  
Aug. 11, 1831, died May 4, 1902. She  
was dau. of

My mother came direct from Ireland  
when about 10 yrs. old. Her  
parents came to America first.  
They lived in or near Richmond  
a long time.

Her aunt had lost a  
child & she (aunt) persuaded them  
to let mother stay in Ireland &  
come later with her family.

There were 9 children in the  
family



## References on Ceredo & Kenova.

Mrs. Caroline Johnson lives on Beech St. & 12th on corner. Her husband, Johnston was descended from old Wayne Co. family. She is grandmother of Ray Lambert (son of Roscoe L.) Harry is only son of John G. Lambert. Harry has two sisters, Lou Lambert dead. Her family lives at Parkersburg. She m. <sup>Sammons</sup> Sanders. Her other sister Marietta m. Bibbs

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## Ceredo old citizens

Mrs. Max Wright or Max

Wayne P. Ferguson's father was James Ferguson, both members of the Legislature. Wayne P. was in State Senate.

Wayne P. F. had brothers, Sam, Wm, Wade, & one sister, Mattie Ferguson m. Henry C. Duncan. Their children were Jennie

m. Mr. Richard Hardwick of  
Huntington

Another sister

Molly Duncan m. Wm. Slaughter  
decd. She lives in Va.  
Harry Duncan, Atty, decd.

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On Hoards see

Henry Stark, son-in-law  
m. Julia Hoard, only  
da. of Pitt Hoard

Floyd Hoard never m.

Pitt Hoard had 3 children.

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Charles B. Hoard, father of  
Pitt & Floyd came from Water-  
town?, N.Y.

Eli Thayer was founder  
of the Town Credo.

Wm. L. Mansfield lived on  
Beech St., in property purchased  
or owned formerly by John Kelley  
my father, between here & the  
H.S.

I have the newspaper article  
on Hist. of Credo.

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<sup>Capt.</sup>  
The Ramsdells were an  
old Credo family. A son,  
~~Capt.~~ live in Credo, in the  
old Ramsdell home. A  
gr. dau. is Mrs. May (Wm)  
Cowles, Her husband is dead.  
She lives in a large cream  
colored house, near Jordan  
Branch

Lee Jordan left here &  
went to Ky., probably to Louis-  
ville. Union men made him  
leave during the Civil War.  
His home is still standing in  
Credo, near the Ramsdell place  
or home. It is a large house  
owned recently after many  
changes, by one of the Wrights  
who died a few mos. ago. He  
was a Wright gr. son.

The Stewarts were an  
old family. Wash. Stewart, a  
carpenter lived here during  
the Civil War. He helped build  
the Ferguson house in which I  
live as well my father's house  
now known as

Wash Seeward was married  
twice & had families by both  
Wm. Stewart, & bro. Charles  
Stewart, were sons by 1st  
wife. Both dead. Will Stewart  
m. Kate Allen, & they had  
two children Fay, & Charles  
who is in the service. Fay has  
been teacher in C-K. schools  
for several years, & now teaches  
in H.S.

Lillian <sup>now</sup>  
Lilly Stewart, was a sister  
to Will & Chas. S. & m. Charles  
Hipple. He is dead. They lived  
in Credo. She now lives with  
a dau. Mrs. Clyde <sup>K</sup> Dawson in  
Kenova, on the car line,  
on Oak or Poplar St. — 690 Poplar St.

Mrs. Ferguson died of  
high blood pressure after the  
1937 flood, in July 1937. Mr.  
Ferguson d. March 17, 1917, no  
children. I have a sketch  
of him from the newspaper, pamphlet  
"The Reunion of the West Va. Division  
Confederate Veterans and Sons of

Veterans "

Hinton, W. Va

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 1911

A fine portrait of him  
with this.

"Confederate 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade,  
West Va. Division U.C.V.  
Born in Wayne County, Virginia,  
(now West Va) July 1, 1843.  
Belonged to Wayne Co. militia.  
Captured in battle with Federals.  
Indicted for treason. Released  
May, 1862. Entered Confederate  
service October, 1862. Private  
Co. K. 8<sup>th</sup> Regt., Va. Cav.  
Captured at Moorefield, W. Va.  
Aug. 7, 1864. Confined in  
Camp Chase, Ohio. Exchanged  
March 22, 1865. Member  
Camp Barnett, No. 902, U.C.V.,  
Huntington, W. Va. Residence,  
Kenova, W. Va.

Joseph Miller, a good  
man, a special friend lived  
just west of us, about 3rd house

~~Kenova~~ Kenova

See Charles Thompson, Real Est.  
at office.

On Staleys see,  
James Staley, Kenova - 1203 Oak St.  
Walter Staley on Whites Cr. below  
Hubbardtown

Mrs

On Plymales see.

Mrs. Belle Owens - (Sanders Owens)  
Railroad Ave. back  
of Adams Ave.  
About 1 block below  
Sacred Heart Church.  
Go out from the store  
Cross R.R. & 2-3 houses  
up.

Mrs. Ada Richardson, sister  
to John & Bell Plymale  
m. ?

On Cyrus:

Mrs. Johnson, Cor.

\* Mrs. Geo. Riggs, now in  
hospital at Ken. #

Mrs. Queen, of Lambert & Queen  
1514 Chestnut.

\* Clarence Cyrus. Cyrus, W. Va

Kenove

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See

Mrs J. C. Workman, an old lady  
at Mrs. Adams, 1602 Sycamore (80-90 yrs)  
her dau. for Newmans & Workmans

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See Mrs. Reuben Osburn & her mother,  
Mrs. Dillon.

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Hezekiah Borders m.

Sister To Jenny Wiley.  
Hez. Borders, came to  
the Wiley home, while  
Thos. Wiley & oldest son,  
Hezekiah, were digging  
sand. She was weaving  
a web of cloth & promised  
to go as soon as finished.  
Indians came in the  
meantime & captured her,  
took her across the river  
and murdered the 3 small  
children at no. of Jennings Cr.  
They went with her down  
Sandy to site of Kenova,  
on W. Va. side. Then crossed  
the river, & went to the  
Cherokee Fork of Big Blaine,  
tied her to a stake to  
be burned. A Cherokee Indian  
bought her to teach her his  
squaws to weave. She later  
escaped, rejoined her husband  
& raised a new family, in  
Johnson Co. Ky.



Jenny Wiley

My Longs Blaque Wiley

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Jenny Sellards b. Tazewell Co. Va.,  
m. Thomas Wiley, b. in Ireland.  
He come to Tazewell Co., met &  
married Jenny Sellards.

Children:

Hezekiah m.

Borders?

in Johnson Co., Ky

He had a son, Thomas  
W., my grandfather

He m. Ibba Nelson,  
dau. of Isaac? Nelson

Children: -

Farmer Wiley m. Emma  
Zetta Pack, dau.

Samuel & Elizabeth  
Pack, lived Lawrence  
Co. Ky. on Brushy Fork  
of Blaine Cr., from  
which my middle  
name. Sam. & Eliz.  
Pack lived on Queen's  
Ridge. My brothers  
& sisters - 4 boys &  
3 girls.

William W. m.

Lived Lawrence Co. Ky

Nelson W. m

Lived " Co. Ky

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Vicey Ann Vinson, an old lady, probably wife of Sam Vinson. Matt Smith had the whole story from her 20 years or more ago. Hezekiah Wiley was oldest child. He was only not killed by the Indians, at the mouth of Jenny's Creek, They (Wileys) probably lived in Johnson Co., across from mouth of Jenny's Cr. but was carried across to Jenny's Cr., where children.

Pat Napier, lawyer, of Wayne m. in the Wiley family Senator Wiley of Washington D.C. was also of this family some how.

Andy Wiley lives in Huntington about 18th St., may know something about it.

My grandfather, Thomas Wiley had a brother Hezekiah Wiley. He had a son, Edward and a son Hezekiah, both dead.

Moses Wiley m. Amanda Bolden  
Lived in Lawrence Co., Ky.  
Children - 1 girl, 3 boys

~~Eliza Wiley m. Nancy McCoy~~  
~~in Wayne Co. W. Va.~~  
~~Lived Lawrence Co., Ky.~~

~~Columbus~~

~~Essex~~

~~Fargo~~

Eliza Wiley m. Nancy McCoy  
of Wayne. Lived  
Lawrence Co. Ky.

Children 1 girl &  
3 boys

Lucretia m. Geo. White  
of Lawrence Co. Ky

Elihu m.

His wife d. when I  
was small. He never  
m. again, but went  
to N. H. & died there

All above lived on Blane  
Cr., Lawrence Co., Ky., 15 mi  
from Louisa.

# The Prodigal Son

"I want to see life"

"What man is he that desireth life?"

a. The young woman to a pastor  
"I want to see life."

1. Life for pleasure & self a mockery. a sham.

2. What the Prodigal son saw:  
a. City & city, harlotry, drink, excitement & delirium of gambling.

3. Money gone - then the famine.

4. This man ageless and timeless. - found every where.

5. Note - Husks not human food.

6. The far country. What is it?

7. St. Augustine tried it and says - "Thou hast made us for thy self, and our hearts are restless, until they rest in thee."

8. "Men try to get more out of the world than there is in it."

9. "Thou fool" - Said Christ -  
So is every one that is  
not rich toward God."

10. Paul - "If the dead rise  
not, let us eat and drink  
for tomorrow we die."  
Who right Paul or Huxley?

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A confession - "I perish  
with hunger."

"The most tenderly beautiful  
and the most beautifully tender  
story ever written."

Why did he go into the  
far country? - Not simply to  
wreck himself. No ship, no train  
etc., does that.

His motive not revenge or  
hatred to his father, or any one.

Yet, he did wound his father.  
He wanted to please him-  
self.

The cost he paid

1. His fellowship with his father and all the joys of home
2. It cost him his freedom.
3. It caused him to take a mean & sordid task:— and he, a Jew
4. It caused him to become a moral and spiritual bankrupt.

And his reward?

"I perish with hunger."

III. "He came to himself."

And what did he discover?

"I perish with hunger.

I starve needlessly. "How many of my father's servants (would) have bread enough and to spare?"

And he went.

The meeting.

The result & the tragedy.

# The Letulles of Guyandotte

Victor and Nancy Letulle purchased  
Lot 3 of Robert Holderby in 1819  
(See Deed Bk 3 p. 269) He gave a  
bond of trust for \$300. to secure  
three \$100 notes due Sept. 1,  
1820, Sept. 1, 1821, and Sept. 1, 1822,  
respectively, to John B. Hereford  
Trustee, dated Oct. 28, 1819,  
Lot No 3, fronting on the Ohio  
River

Witnesses

John Mc Mahan.

John Smith.

John Stone.

(Note John Mc Ma<sup>han</sup>)

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In 1821, Lewis Letulle and  
others was one of the purchas-  
ers of 2000 a. on the ridge  
between Ing Fork of Sandy River,  
and Twelve Pole.

Deed Bk. 3 p. 742

1822, Lewis Letulle

for \$

12-13 of Thomas Buffington  
purchased Lot



Deed Bk 4 p. 412.

Aug 26, 1827. Jacob and Sally  
Hile sold him 100 a., on the  
Ohio River, about three and a  
half miles above the mouth of  
the Guyandotte, for \$80, being  
one fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Lot 47, in  
the Savage Grant. assigned  
to David Gorman.

By about 82 poles below  
the upper cor. of sd. lot, and  
lower cor. to sd. lot claimed  
by James Shelton.

He had a son Lewis Letulle  
who m. Susan

Deed Bk 12 p. 23

Nov. 9 1854, Henry L. and  
Mary Ann Webb, Owen and  
F. J. Moore, Victor D. and Helen  
M. Letulle, having previously  
purchased coal mining interest  
of J. L. Baker and wife,  
made a deed to one another  
so as to equalize the rights  
among each other. Henry  
J. Samuels & Thos. C. Bull as law



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Part of these ~~ma~~ mineral lands were purchased of Henderson Drake and James Hatfield. No doubt, these people expected to ship coal down the river after the construction of the dams in the Guyandotte River.

Deed Bk 12 p. 111

April 5, 1812, Victor H. and Helen M. Lettelle, and Lawrence E. Lettelle of Guyandotte, for \$1000, deed to Nathaniel S.

Adam, a lot 55 E. of the E. line of the original town

Reg. at a stake standing S.  $82\frac{1}{2}$  E. 55 feet from the N.E. cor. of Lot 16 in the plans of Guyandotte, and a straight line with the S. line of Middle Street on the E. line of Richmond St.; in the plan of lots laid off on the Eastern side of sd. town,

thence S.  $82\frac{1}{2}$  E. 10 poles on a straight line with the S. of sd. Middle St. To a stake. Thence

thence S.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  W. 4 poles with the  
W. line of middle alley to a stake,  
thence N.  $83\frac{1}{2}$  W. 10 poles to a  
stake on the E. line of sd  
Richmond St. & with it  $6\frac{1}{2}$  E.  
4 poles to Beg. - containing  $\frac{1}{4}$  a.

Deed Bk. 13 p. 193.

Oct. 2, 1893,

L. P. & J. V. Letulle

J. L. Letulle,

Victoria Hayslip

Sarah J. Letulle

Josephine " , heirs

at law of Victor Letulle

deed to Lenora Hall,

another heir, of San  
Marcial, Texas, New

Mexico, for consideration  
of \$100 & the partition

ing of sd estate among the  
heirs, the S. half of

Lot 15, deeded to Victor  
Letulle by Robt. Holderby & wife  
March 2 1850 - E. side

Deed Bk 48 p. 416.

March 2, 1894<sup>annul</sup>

L. P. & F. V. Letulle

J. L. Letulle

Sarah J. Letulle

Josephine "

Victoria Hayslip

Leonora Gall & Perry Gall

deed to S. E. Mc Ginnis Lot  
3 in Guyardotte. for \$125  
+ note for \$75; the sd.  
lot inherited from Victor  
Letulle, etc

Signed also by James  
Letulle.

Lewis P. Letulle made his  
last deed in 1919

Sarah J. made last deed  
in 1920.

Deed Bk. 7 p. 580

1840, Victor Letulle  
gave a J. L. for 100 a., to  
J. S. L. Benhney on Estes  
Creek.

Will Bk 2 p. 133  
1847. Victor Letulle  
Sept. makes his will & leaves  
all to his wife Navey.  
during her life & widowhood  
then equally to his children  
not named.  
Probated March 28, 1853.

Will Bk 4 p 333  
Nov. 2, 1898. Fannie V.  
Letulle made her will. Codicil  
Oct. 18, 1898. Probated Jan. 7, 1901.  
She wills certain lots to  
her husband L. P. Letulle,  
and after his death they  
to go to her daughter  
Lola Simmonds late Lola  
Darling. She wills her hus-  
band, all money bonds, &  $\frac{1}{2}$   
furniture, etc. & her dau.  
Lola, certain lots extra to  
above. on W. side of Gay-  
andott St., "on which I  
now reside", conveyed to  
me by Joseph Price. Lola to  
have half furniture etc. & her  
brothers John Smith & Lewis  
A. Smith & her sisters  
Caroline Walker, Emma Lipe,  
and Josephine Wright 1<sup>st</sup> in marriage.

W. E. Everett  
my friend & etc.

Will Bk 7 p. 90

Will of L. P. Letulle

Sept. 7, 1916 - Probated April 7, 1920

Will dated Huntington

Gives to his sisters

Sarah Jane Letulle

Josephine Letulle, certain  
lots in Huntington. All  
all money, notes, etc.

Also certain real est. to  
Geo. V. Hay slip & to  
Maudette " , his wife,  
certain real est. in Hunt  
ington. In case he sells  
any lots, cash is to  
go to above as per will.

Sarah Jane Letulle, Executrix

Midkiff

I was b. Nov. 13, 1883. m.  
Dennie Carrie Kerr, dau. of  
Mr. W.D. Kerr of Upland, Mason  
Co., practiced at Hurricane,  
Milton, Salt Rock, and Oklahoma  
City. Owns land <sup>and</sup> rated developed  
in oil wells. He is dead.  
Two daughters, 1 son.

Virginia m. Orville Adkins  
Son of Henry & Myrtle  
Adkins, of Four Mile  
Creek. Live 527 - 30th St

Ruby Midkiff - m. Andy  
Sabolfice of Cheeks  
Slovakia. Live in  
Calumet City, Ill

Ezra Austin Midkiff m.  
Joan Gable. Live  
2970 - 6th Ave.

I was son of Roland Midkiff  
b. 1861 d. July 1, 1923.

m. ~~Betsy~~ Agnes Johnson, dau  
of Andrew & Betsy Ann  
Johnson of Bear Creek,  
(nee Shorens, in Va.)

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She was a sister To Pres  
Showens.

Children of Roland Midkiff & wife

Ezra Midkiff

Ollie Midkiff m. Henry Milard  
of Federal, Ohio, They live  
3120 - 5th Ave.

Lena m. Melvin Biddle,  
son of Allen Biddle  
of Guyandotte.

All - 3 only that lived.

Earl } d. in infancy  
Zoe }

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# Solomon Midkiff

m. 1

Children

~~Emma~~ <sup>Adaline</sup> m. Alvin Davis.

Ipha m. Bruce Perry

Cynthia m. Elijah Perry

~~Adaline~~

Emma m. David Perry

Gordon m.

A dau. Kate Walker,  
lives 2nd door below  
Memorial Hosp. on  
right going down.  
Several others.

Blackburn - d. young.

Possibly others - See Kate Walker.

m. 2. America Bias,

Children

Lewis m. Sally Morris,  
sister to B. F. Morris

They lived just  
above the mouth  
of Bear Creek.

Henry m. Iowa Carter,  
sister to Rev. Jno. Carter.



Tom m. Annabelle Ray,  
dan. of Ray  
and Queen Perry Ray  
Lived above the  
school house, on  
Bear Creek. A son  
Horace lives on W.  
11th St. Bet. Madison  
& Monroe Ave.

Roland Midkiff m  
Agnes Johnson

Julia m. Charley McComas,

89  
Guyandotte  
231 Elm Court St.

David C. Gibson

B. Jan 8, 1859, in Pike Co. Ky.  
my father William Gibson m  
Hannah Mawhau? of Virginia  
my father was b. in Pike Co.,  
I don't know who my gr.  
parents were. My father  
came from Pike Co. to South  
Point, later d. in Huntington  
below the market house.

I have lived in Guy  
andotte at least 65 yrs.  
In my younger days here  
I was hol carrier. I helped  
build the trolley line from  
7th to Guyandotte. Judge?  
Hoolittle had the contract,  
and Dennis Dugan was  
foreman. It was built in  
about 18 mos. I think. Cars  
at first turned on a  
turn table & one at the  
Bridge.

Mules were used to haul the<sup>90</sup>  
cars till the electric cars  
came. I knew old man John  
Plymale. I lived on Buffalo  
in neighborhood of Plymale Br.  
on 12 Pole. I knew Hugh  
Plymale, son of Jno. Sr.

Old John Plymale owned  
slaves - 14-16 - when he first  
came here. He had sons:  
Jeff, Hughie, Bud, Marion  
and Mary possibly others.

I knew Backus Bowen.  
Dave Flemmons of Camp Cr.,  
Backus Bowen lived above  
the Buffalo Shoals on 12 Pole  
west side (S. side), Johnnie  
Harmon lived S. side of 12 Pole.  
(My dau. died & will have  
funeral today. Come later)

Abraham Ansell

Mary C. Ansell

Elizabeth Arthur

Philip Banngardner

F. G. L. Benhring

Peter Blake

Isaac Blake

Adam Black (Will & Codicil)

Geo A. Black.

Margaret Blake.

Wm. Bledsoe

Benj. Brown.

Jacob Bryan (copy will if you  
find one)

Lawrence Bryan

Peter Burns Jr.

Francis M. Burns

David Burns

Wm. Buffington

Peter C. Buffington

Nancy "

James Butcher

John Carter

John Campbell

7. . . . .

Beech Fork

By Frank Newman

Noah Adkins lived on Main Beech Fork just above mouth of Price's Cr.

Eldridge Smith lived just about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile up Beech Fork, left side going up. Wm. Bloss lived on the other side a short distance above him.

Sam McGinnis was next. He was just above Eldridge Smith & on adj. farms Dunkle's came next. McGinnis lived on left.

Harve Dunkle was an old one of Dunkles. He was drowned at the dam below the shoals - Buffalo Shoals, below Lavalette (Iverson now.) Dixon is 2 mi above Lavalette on 12 Pole. It was called The Falls of 12 Pole. John Bromley owned the mill. Sam Adkins owned it previously - not kin to other Adkins. He said he came from Va.

John Mays lived on same side of Cr., about 2 mi. up & above Harve Dunkle, on adj. farms.

lick Smith lived on an adjoining farm to lick Smith (mistake)

Cassender Spurlock, came next

Ezekiel Bloss lived about 2 mile  
above Lavalette. See Addie Turner (a  
Bloss) <sup>she</sup> lives about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mi. up 52 from  
Lavalette.

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Beech Fork By Wm. Morris Lick

I was born about 3 miles up Beech Fork but raised about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mi. of Lick - across hill bet. 12 Pole & Beech Fork, on a branch - ~~Walker's~~ Falls Branch of Beech Fork.

Walker's Br. enters 12 Pole 2 miles up from mouth of 12 Pole. My father lived when I was 10-12, on Walker's Br.

Settlers from mouth of Beech Fork up.

Morris Newman owned all land around Lavelette. He m. 1.

m. 2. Mrs. "Cummy" McGinnis Underwood widow of John Underwood He d. & she m. Morris Newman She was sister to Sam, Achilles, William, Joseph, Attorney Benj. McGinnis. He & Will lived in Guyandotte but were raised in the old Morris Newman house. Mr. James McGinnis was father of all of these. He lived & died there, & his son-in-law Morris Newman got it.



Morris Newman's house stood just below the school house - 100 yds toward Beech Fork, Left side of Beech Fork  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile up.

Eldredge Smith was next man-  
lived on road on Left hand  
side of Beech Fork,  $\frac{3}{4}$  mi up

He m. 1

Barbour, dau  
of John Barbour & Ann  
Mc Ginnis Barbour, dau.  
of Mr. James Mc Ginnis

Another sister Betsy  
m. Edward Wright,  
who lived above Guy-  
andotte - I don't know  
which side. I believe  
another sister — m.  
John Gallaher

Eldredge Smith was a  
son of Eldredge Smith Sr.  
of old Va. He was a  
Magistrate in Wayne Co.  
many years. His sons  
were William Hasty Smith.  
Robert, — also a dau.  
— m. Isaiah Ray.  
(Several Isaiahs)



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The next man was Samuel Albert  
Gallatin Mc Ginnis (son of Mr. James  
Mc Ginnis and — Sharp?) They (Sam)  
had a ~~some~~ son James Holliver  
Mc Ginnis, Edward, Achilles Thomas  
Lycurgis Mc Ginnis Jr. (Such names  
given by the old Mr. James Mc G. 'Kil'  
Mc Ginnis) Allen Mc Ginnis (not the  
old Mr. Allen of Guyandotte),  
Albert, Oliver, America (Meek  
who m. Albert Ray), a dau.  
who m. Ed Berry, Elizabeth (m.  
Butler Ray), Kiseah (m. Barbour,  
son of Sam Barbour), and ~~two~~  
daughters that died young.

Harve Dunkle — was next but  
he was drowned & his  
widow, Lucinda Keezer,  
dau. of Christopher Keyser  
lived there & died there.  
Christopher Keyser's farm  
was about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile above  
Dunkles — on left of creek.

Children:

Mary Catherine m. French Berry  
Lived on Millers Fork  
Got indicted over a  
h. s. s. & went to Logan Co

He later returned &  
m. 2. & died.

He was wild. He m.

Mrs. Ike Nelson. She  
was Martha Bloss, dau.  
of William Henry Harrison  
Bloss.

2. Minnie Dunkle m. "Thails" Morrison  
son of "Ras" Morrison (not  
Morriss). They lived  
about the home place.

3. Christopher Dunkle m.  
in Logan Co. where he  
was timbering

4. John Harve Dunkle m. "Beedy" Smith  
dau. of Eddridge Smith Jr.  
Lived at Harve Dunkle  
place.

(All) His widow, a good woman,  
died there.

Christopher Keyser was next. He  
 m. Polly? Bloss, a sister  
 to Ezekiel Bloss,  
 I have seen "Aunt Polly" but  
 he died before I can recollect.  
 He is buried in what is  
 now called the Mays Grave  
 yard. It is  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile up  
 Keyser Branch - may now  
 be called the Mays Br. -  
 on left going up.

John Mays m. a dau. of Christopher  
 Keyser & lived at the home  
 place. Her name was Catherine  
 The old house was made  
 into a barn (log) about  
 50 yrs. ago.

John Mays had m. 1

He came there from  
 some place & brought  
 with him

John, Minnie, & Virginia  
 Minnie m.

on Sandy R.  
 Virginia m. Robert Newman  
 son of Greenville R.

m. 2. <sup>mrs</sup> Catherine Beckner  
 with widow of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beckner, a dau.  
 of Christopher Keyser

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She had James Boyd Beckner,  
Belle Beckner (m. Millard Brown,  
son of America Booth  
by Elias Ray, her  
brother-in-law, but  
raised by George Brown.

Lonnie Beckner

Ida Beckner m. "Bob" Bowen  
son of old French Bowen  
(not son of Jeff)

John Mays had by her  
Robert Mays m. Smith

William Mays m. "June" Adkins  
da. of Theodore &  
Hester

Catherine m. Ed Gallaher  
at Cross Roads.

all.

By Wm. Morris Lick

French Bowen m. America Dunkle,  
Sister to ~~old~~ Harve Dunkle  
who d. in his prime. An oar  
carried him off his raft &  
drowned him.

I don't know who French Bowen's  
father was. This is about  
3 miles from mouth of  
Beech Fork.

Children: ~

Bob, Oakley, Alice, Martha  
(Mat), Kelly, Gallie, Fletcher,  
Fisher, George, Emma.

William Hasty Smith m. Elizabeth Dunkle  
da. of John & Matilda  
Lick Dunkle.

He lived  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile above  
French Bowen.

"Toky" (m. ~~Wm.~~ <sup>B. Jr.</sup> Wm. B. Garrett)

Lucinda m. Robt. Bowen,  
son of Jeff B. Sr.

French Smith m. Ellen Ross  
da. of Robert Ross  
(Little Bob) Lived below  
Bowen near mo. Prices Co.  
Pearly m. ——— Workman  
da. of Alderson W.  
Lived Huntington

Charles Smith m.

Mc Ginnis,

daug. of Lucian Mc Ginnis,  
son of Achilles Mc Ginnis  
lived on father's farm &  
died there.

Bill (~~Call~~ + "Cow" Bill) Smith

m. \_\_\_\_\_ & moved to

Sandy. He is living,  
an ex-teacher & well  
informed. May live  
about mouth of Whites

Creek.

Ira — m.

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Lived<sup>5</sup> in Hunting ton,  
I think

All.

Cassander Spurlock — Lived  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$   
miles above Smith — 4 to  $4\frac{1}{4}$   
mi from mouth of Beech Fork  
on opposite side of Beech Fork.

Richard Adkins

Erasmus, his son lived  
above him

Richard Adkins m. Adaline Muckkiff  
daug. Lewis? Muckkiff.

Very large family.

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Evaline m. Vint Kelley.

Elizabeth m. Oliver Spurlock

Lamech m. Emily Spurlock,  
    dau. Erasmus Spurlock

~~Cassie~~

Lewis (Lou) m.

Ferguson.

    Sim Ferguson

Mat~

Annie

Nellie

There were others. Most living.  
Lewis, I think is in the City.  
We are now about 5 miles up.  
& about 8 miles below Long Br.  
Millers Fork enters Beech Fork  
about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles up & about  $\frac{1}{4}$   
mile below Cassender Spurlock.

Noah Adkins next.

m. Octavia Davis, dau of  
    Marshall Davis.

Children - Bert, Albert, Lucian,  
    Anna, Belle, & others



Probably son of Solomon.  
Patrick Hensley m. Nancy & Adkins,  
sister to Nash Adkins,  
Washington of Wayne C. H., etc  
~~They~~ Patrick Hensley was  
son of \_\_\_\_\_ & brother  
of one Solomon Hensley &  
William Hensley, and a  
sister Lucy who m \_\_\_\_\_  
McComas & others.

Children:

Adelaide m. Lou. Hunter.  
Lived near home place  
Creed m. Georgia Blankenship  
da. of Ben & Mahilda  
Toppings Blankenship

Elizabeth m.

Nancy m.

"Joe" (girl)

Washington - May be living

Sidney " " "

Most of them moved away from there  
Gd Sid Hensley may own a beer garden  
in West end.

Daniel Davis - Lived about  
8 miles from mouth of Beech  
Fork. He lived on left  
going up

Jeff Bowen Sr. lived on Long  
Branch, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi  
up & near Bowen Chapel  
a Southern Meth. Ch.

His children

Fisher m.

\_\_\_\_\_ m. Jesse? Crump

"Black Bob" (Robt. Lee)

m. Luanda Smith,

daug. Wm. Hastings  
Smith.

Others. See Clovis Bowen of  
11th or 12th Ave.

Wm Morris Hick

My great grand father was  
Reuben Boston (no doubt Reuben Sr.)  
m. Bettie? Hick, sister to  
my grandfather David Hick

He lived about 3 miles up  
Beck Fork, left side going  
up. His son Morris later  
owned it. He lived an old  
Bachelor but had some  
children among whom was  
the wife of Wm. Hasty Smith,  
& he gave the farm to  
her. He willed it to her.

Children:

Morris above never m.

Bethia m. Cassender Spurlock

I don't know of any others.

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Millers Fork

"Col." Edwidge Smith Sr. m.

a woman in old Virginia  
He was not in the Civil War.  
Was col. in muster roll days.  
Drilled at Wayne C. H. etc.  
& about where poor farm  
or in bottom above C. H.  
He lived up Millers Fork  
about 500 yds, to right side  
of creek

Children: Bob, Wm, Hasty, etc

Sam Blankenship m. Polly Sloan,  
Lived about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  mi up,  
on left side of cr.

Children:

Augusta m. Aaron Saul,  
of old Va.

Lived on home place

Children: .

Belle

Virginia

Mollie

Emmer

Ann Eliza m. Jacob Blyden,  
Lived her, then  
to Missouri &  
returned to about  
1860

3. Jefferson }  
4. Martha } Twins, named for  
Jeff & Martha Bowen  
Jeff m. 1 Sullivan, dau  
of Lewis S. & had  
about 3 ch. &  
she d.

m. 2 Rose Plybon, dau  
of Jacob Plybon  
by 2nd wife  
Jacob Plybon's first  
wife was Joannah  
Dunkle, dau. of  
old John Dunkle.

5. Emmer m. Tolbert Adkins,  
Lived in Huntington

6. Samuel m.

The mother died &

Sam<sup>\*</sup> Blankenship (at about 50)  
m. 2 Eliza Crockett, dau.  
of John Crockett

Children

Levi. He is living. Did  
live in City.

Hardwick - named for  
Mr. Hardwick

William Childers m. Martha Adkins.

Sister old Laneck & old  
Billy Joe Adkins.

Children:

Rufus

Albert

Enoch

Shem

Alfred

~~Ches~~

Kesner

Daniel

Almeda m. Irvin Newman

Son of old Morris.

Mary m. Vergil Berry

William Childers was a bro  
to Elias Childers, Tilman,  
Ben, Daniel, etc. & Shem, etc.

Elias Childers lived about  $\frac{1}{4}$   
mile above Lem. C. & about  
a mile & a half up.

He m. Lucy Midkiff, sister

Richard Adkins' wife,

Adaline.

Children:

Hester m. Stanford Adkins

Son of old Laneck.

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Leah m. Leander Hick, the  
old school teacher,  
my brother.

Christena m. Thos. E. Adkins,  
son of Benjamin Adkins  
of Bowen's Creek.

Sarah m. Hatten, son  
of Lemuel Hatten.  
Lived at Kenova.

Hylce m. Adkins, dau  
of Richard Adkins.  
Moved to Cely where  
he died.

Thomas never married.

Elizabeth never married  
Living

Anna never married  
Living

Cassie m. A. Reuben Booher  
above Wayne. A son  
was elected sheriff of  
Wayne Co.



Lamech Adkins - Lived about 2 mi up  
& on left side of Miller's Fork.  
The road goes up Millers  
Fork & crosses the hill &  
goes down Newcomb Cr, which  
is above Wayne.

m. Christena Adkins, a  
double cousin.

Lamech Jr. was the baby.

Alex Adkins was not a  
son of Christena, but  
of a Ferguson  
Lamack Sr. took him  
when he was about 2  
yrs. old.

Asa Boolean m. Roxanna Spurlock  
dan. of Burwell Spurlock  
They lived about 4 mi  
up Miller's Fork.

Children:

Burwell Boolean

Hise (Frehlinghagen?)

Asa

Homer

Hester m. Theodore Adkins  
Lived on Asa B. farm

old "Dev", bro to Martha m. 1. Booth  
Feb 1. 10 m. 2. Joe Bowen

The Falls Mill  
at Forks of 12 Pole

Stephen Spurlock was first owner  
that I knew of. He owned it  
William Turner got it next.  
The first mill was an undershot  
mill.

Billy Turner came there from  
Guyandotte & owned the mill.  
He got it about 1860-1870

Then Owen Adams got it  
& Senator Charles W. Ferguson,  
father of Judge Ferguson. He  
deeded to Doc Burgess, John B. P.  
Brunley & A. W. Preston & they  
rebuilt it entirely new, machinery  
& all. Then Preston & Burgess  
sold to Brunley who died,  
& the last owner I knew of  
and Grant McGinnis got it.  
The Government then took it over.  
It was one of best mill site, I  
knew of. I think the 1913 or 37  
flood cleaned it all out.

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## School Teachers

America (Brown) Booth, wife of  
Burwell Booth, was first teacher I  
went to.

I knew an old teacher,  
Erasmus Morrison

My father, ~~He~~ David Hick  
taught school before the Civil War.

I went to school to Washing  
ton Beckley from Pennsylvania  
He m. on Sandy. Had

a son John, and separated  
He was old when I was a boy.  
I went several schools to him &  
later to Andy Melrose from  
Missouri (?). He ran for Co.  
Supt. in Wayne. He m. in  
Wayne & lived about Long  
Branch. Alderson workman beat  
Melrose but was not educated  
sufficiently.

## Laban Walker

Two whiskey boats lay at Virginia Point. They were competitors. One of the owners is said to have hired a boy, Laban Walker, about 17, hired him to kill the other owner. I saw it — the hanging. A large crowd was there.

Rev. Johnson (John T.) made a talk to the crowd & told them the boy had asked him to warn all young men of his condition. The preacher bent over him. Johnson was an old circuit rider of Sandy River.

I never knew Goody n Lyman. I thought Laban Walker should not have been hanged.

## Churches

There was not a church before the civil war from Long Branch down Amazetti's Church, a M.E. Church, built by South, but an M.E. Church, Casender Spurlock, David Lick, Morris Boolean etc. built it

The election of Bishop Andrews whose wife owned slaves. The M.E.'s put him out, elected a Bishop & took all churches, printing presses, book concerns, etc. but courts overruled them, but this brought on the war.

Mays Chapel about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles up - near or rather on the old Christopher Keyser farm. a little above - 100 yds. or so, above where his house stood. It is M.E.

A Baptist? Church, I think, is about mouth of Price's Creek.

Bower Chapel is next. It is on Long Branch.

# Jeff Bowen Suicides

Jeff Bowen, Billy Joe Adkins,

Edw. Ferguson, followed an Irish peddler who came through on road from Bowen to Miller's Fork, and are said to have followed him & murdered him. He & old Billy Joe Adkins went crazy. Adkins is said to have confessed to Hise Booten that they killed him. Hise wouldn't tell what Billy Joe said.

A Davis woman (Single) was riding the same road the same evening of this supposed murder & saw blood in the road & her horse was frightened & threw her.

Some of them hired her to leave the country. She went <sup>west</sup> west & never returned till after Bowen died & Billy Joe died. I saw her at Fisher Bowen's house about 40 yrs. after the murder.

Fisher Bowen was Sheriff 2 terms, in Wayne, hauled timber with <sup>etc</sup> etc. & was elected Magistrate & lived at Wayne P. H. & d. Thomas.



Fisher Bowen lived on Bowen's  
Branch of Miller's Fork, on road  
leading to Bowen from Miller's Fork.  
No mills on Miller's Fork.

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Note - "Rut" Parler told me Today (3/11/45)  
that Alex Peyton m. Paine,

sister to Simon, Ed, Charley, etc.

Also Charley Keyser said his  
grandfather Keyser was John Keyser

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## Soldiers of the Civil War.

Jacob Smith (called Mexico Jake) lived in the old Bowen settlement. He served in the Mexican War. He was an old man. I am not sure I ever saw him, but heard my parents speak of him.

### Union soldiers

Leroy Newman, James Holliver Hunkle, William Spurlock first joined the Rebels with his two half uncles. He was a son of Cassender. Hurston & Sanders, sons of Rev. Burwell Spurlock staid with the Rebels, but William deserted & joined the Union side and fought with them till the end of the war.

Benjamin Ray son of Isaiah Rebel Ray was also in Union Army, also his brother Joseph Ray, Jim Turner (son of old Billy Turner) and Billy Turner himself who was a Captain in the Union Army. An Albert Ray,

### Rebels

William Spurlock (son of Cassander)  
Alex Adkins, son of Ed Lamech,  
Burwell Booten (son of Little  
Asa Booten of Millers Fork)  
Freeland Harris Booten, bro. to  
Burwell Booten, Sanders & Hurston  
Spurlock, sons of Rev. Burwell  
by Nancy? Garrett, Eldredge  
Smith Jr., "Rebel" Bill Smith  
of Bowen settlement, "Clawhammer"  
Witcher came from East Va. &  
was a lawyer at Wayne, or  
"pettifogger", Hursten Spurlock  
(son of Burwell),

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There was no draft law. If a man was caught by either side he was at once conscripted into the army.

### Falls of Twelve Pole

Burwell Booth and "Mate" Booth, sons of Sam & Mero Spurlock Booth of Wilsons Cr. were in Rebel Army.

Bill Wilkinson brother of Beverly & Beverly W. were in Rebels. They were prominent citizens after the war. They lived at Wayne.

### Citizens of Wilson's Creek

Old Sam Osborn lived at mouth of Wilsons on left hand side. ~~He~~ I believe he is a Ferguson.

Sam Booth was next one. Burl & Mate Booth, his sons lived there.

Ezekiel ("Zeke") Bloss lived  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi. below the Falls. Hiram Bloss lived above them.

My father was in the Barboursville fight.



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Dyke Bowen was there. He lived at that time, lived about a mile above Cassender Spurlock, on Beech Fork, during the war.

### William Morris

He was about my age when I was a boy.

Ham Adkins' wife was a Baker, sister to Lerley Baker, Andrew Baker (policeman), Jesse Hixon Baker who owns the old Calvary Adkins farm just below Wayne, on left of 12 Pole (not on 52, but just across 12 Pole on a bridge just below the farm, I think.

Adison Adkins lived at Wayne C. H.

John Bowen, Elba, Dyke, French & David Bowen were brothers.

Old "Doc" Bowen also lived on Beech Fork about  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  mi. above the Bowen Store & was father of Joe, one Jeff B., & some daughters one of whom m. Percival Winkler & lived on "Hensler" Br.

Jim Keyser m. Hester Ann Spurlock  
& lived on the "Jim Keyser  
Branch." This branch was  
about 8 miles above the  
Keyser Br. (now Mays Br.)  
where Christopher Keyser lived.  
Hester Keyser was dau. of  
Stephen Keyser Spurlock.

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I knew John Porter who lived  
on Beech Fork about 2 or 2½  
miles. His brother Sam lived  
near him. Another brother  
Wayne Porter, when west-  
probably to Missouri. Levi Porter  
was also a brother. Their father  
—— Porter lived on Price's  
Creek — ½-¾ mi. up.

Ald man Porter m.

a dau. (illegitimate) of John  
Plymale (Sr.) by Permelia Blanken-  
ship, who m. Levi Blankenship  
afterwards & had a son  
Jesse who lived on Price's Cr. &  
Henry Blankenship, & a dau.  
who m. Roberts.