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Newark, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Lambert:

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These were James Turley's children:

John, born July 12, 1785; Patsy, born September 27,  
<sup>1787</sup>  
~~1790~~: Jonathan, born February 1, ~~1838~~ 1793 *Lavina b. 6/22/1790*

Cornelius Turley was the son of John Turley: born May 8, 1813; married Martha Jane Reece June 10, 1858. He died March 5, 1875 His wife died Feb. 14, 1899. They had ten children. Four daughters died in infancy. One daughter, Harriett born Jan. 24, 1840. She married Charles H. Hall May 13, 1858. One son was born of this Union--William T. Hall.

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So. Sixth Street, Ironton, O.

Kanawha Co. Census of 1870

March 30, 1954

The Hinchmans

By Blaine Hinchman  
1210 Monroe Ave

I was born

See the Carbine News for February  
P.O. Box N, S. Charleston, W. Va

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The Adam Hinchman Family

Adam Hinchman, son of William  
and Elizabeth Hinchman was

b.

d.

He married (3 wives) 1. Elizabeth

b.

d.

She was a daughter of

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Adam Hinchman b. Dec. 3, 1842  
June 7, 1868 - m. Martha Ann Hatfield d. April 15, 1910  
c. Oct 7, 1844 d. 3-9-1908  
sister of James & Bert, & "Sug"  
(Lucinda) Hatfield, children of  
Moses Hatfield & Peninah  
Beckett  
Moses Hatfield, son of  
Adam Hatfield

Children

Jos. Anson Hinchman

b. April 8, 1868

d. Feb. 27, 1907

Hattie Hinchman d. young.

Florence Hinchman

b. April 1, 1872

d. Nov. 27, 1908. Single

Oliver Hinchman d. young

<sup>Susan</sup>  
Mary Hinchman

b. July 15, 1875

d. Oct. 15, 1905

Wm. Moses Hinchman

b. Oct. 8, 1878

d. Jan 2, 1934

Laura Clementine Hinchman

b. Aug 14, 1880

d. Aug. 24, 1952

James G. Blaine Hinchman

b. July 15, 1885

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

O f

G. W. Savage, Sr. dec'd.

Know all men by these presents, that I, George W. Savage, Sr of the County of Cabell and State of West Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind, and body, and knowing ~~that~~ uncertainty of life and the uncertainty of death, and being desirous of disposing of what property God has blessed me with, in a manner that seems right and proper to me, I do hereby make, publich, and declare this to be my true last Will and Testament, hereby revokings all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First, it is my will and desire that at my decease my body shall be decently buried, and that ll my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executor hereinafter named out of my personal estate.

2nd, it is my will, and I hereby direct that beloved wife, Minerva Savage, shall have the free use of all my personal property that I may have at the time of my death, to be held, used, and enjoyed by her, for and during her natural life; and at her death I will and bequeath the same to my son, George W. Savage, Jr. to have and to hold, use and enjoy, and dispose of as to him may seem right and proper.

3rd. It is my will and desire, and I hereby direct that my beloved wife, Minerva Savage shall have and enjoy, use and control all my real estate, consisting of the (80) eighty acre tract and one piece of land containing one-half of an acre. Both pieces of land are situated on Merritt's Creek, McComas



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District, being the same where I now live, for and during her natural life, free of any charge, whatever, and at the death of my said wife, Minerva, it is my will and desire, and I hereby bequeath unto my said son, George W. Savage, all said real estate in fee simple, To have and to hold the same to him, and his heirs & assigns. The land hereby bequeathed to my said son, Geo.W.Savage, Jr. is the same land conveyed to me by W.C.Miller and others.

4th, It is my will and desire, and I hereby will and bequeath unto my daughter, Sarah Jane Carsey the sum of one dollar; to my daughter, Margaret E. Smith, one dollar; to Annie Wolf one dollar; to Edward Savage, my son, one dollar; to my daughter, Judie Price, one dollar, and I direct that said sum of one dollar be paid to each of my sons, and daughters above named by my Executor hereinafter named, out of my personal property. And I do hereby revoke all former wills by me heretofore made. And I do hereby appoint Geo. W. Savage, Jr. Executor of this, my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I, the said testator, George W. Savage, Jr. have to this, my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the 3rd day of April, 1891.

G. W. Savage, Sr. (Seal).

Witnesses:

Geo. E. Thornburg,

W.H.Stowasser.

Recorded 6th day of May, 1895.

JUDGE DAVID McCOMAS.

Following are some facts on the life of Judge David McComas. He was a son of General Elisha McComas. He was born in Giles County, Virginia about 1795, and died there in 1864. He married Cynthia F. French, daughter of Captain David French and his wife Mary Dingess. They had no children. He was a distinguished lawyer and Judge. Was Judge of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, a member of the General Court of Virginia, and State Senator from the Kanawha District. He ran for Congress in 1839, but was defeated.

While Circuit Judge of the Kanawha District he lived in Charleston. His home here was said to be where Guyan Valley High School now stands. He was somewhat negligent in his dress, giving rise to a number of jokes. He was opposed to secession, and is said to have made the first speech against it, at Richmond.

Now, as to proof of the date of his birth: The census of 1850 of the United States and Cabell County lists Judge David McComas as being 56 years old, and his wife Cynthia as 47 years old. This would make his birth 1794, and that of his wife, 1803. I have a good authority which states he was born about 1795, and died in Giles County, Virginia, in 1864. The Cabell County census for 1850 lists him and his wife, only, but does not give any children. This corresponds to what I have been told for years by old citizens who knew him, personally.

He served as Judge of Cabell County from 1843 to 1852, when he was defeated for re-election by George W. Summers of Kanawha County. Later, Judge Summers resigned, after which Judge McComas served--from 1858 to 1862, when he joined the Confederate army. After the war he made his home in Giles County,



Virginia, where he died in 1864. He is also said to have served as a Judge in a Central West Virginia county.

There were several David McComas's, but in most cases they are easy to distinguish. David McComas, Sr. or the first, died about 1821. Others are definitely too young to be confused with the Judge. Little David McComas is the only one that could be easily confused with Judge David McComas. Fortunately, he is also listed in the Cabell County census for 1850. This shows that his wife was Endocia, and that she was born in Tennessee.

In 1850 Thomas McComas, aged 71, and his wife Mary, aged also 71, were living, and reported no children. This was probably Thomas McComas, Sr. and his wife. They could easily have been the parents of Little David, as they were about 22 years old when he was born.

The census shows N. McComas <sup>1</sup>/<sub>6</sub> with neither wife nor children. His wife may have been dead. This may have been Moses McComas, and he could easily have been the father of Little David. He was born in 1774; hence was about 25 years old when Little David was born.

James McComas (Deed Bk D. p.25) during his life deeded 100 acres of land to his son, David F. McComas October 26, 1871 they deeded this land to Peter G. Jordon. James's wife was Sarah. This David, probably David the younger, died about 1875. Godfrey Sites purchased it (200 acres) for \$2300.00. At that time he was 49 and she was 38. Hence, he was born about 1801, and she was born about 1812. They had four children:

Henderson G. 15, born about 1835,

Lewis 10 " " 1840,

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Dyke, 8, born about 1842,

Arminda, 4, " " 1846.

These are all the children Little David and his wife ever had. They lived on, or about McComas Ridge. Dyke was often called "Little Dyke".

Endocia McComas was generally known as "Docia". She was Docia Drake and was probably a sister to Henderson Drake. All accounts agree that the Drakes came from Tennessee, and this is borne out by the record.

Elisha W. McComas was a son of Congressman Rev. William McComas. He served as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia.

It has been stated that Little David McComas married a second time but I do not find such a record. It seems probable that Little David McComas was the son of Thomas McComas, Sr., who was one of the original brothers; hence, a brother to General Elisha McComas. If so, Judge David McComas, being a son of General Elisha, was a nephew of Thomas McComas, Sr.

James McComas, born about 1801, was about the same age as Little David in 1850, both being 49 years old. He had a son David, 16 years old at that time; hence, this David is eliminated. This same David's death is reported as of date April 20, 1874. His age was given as 41 years 9 mos. and 4 das; hence he was born about 1832.

In the death record for 1889 the death of D. McComas, aged 90, was reported by Joseph Burger. Mr. Burger was son-in-law of Little David McComas. This would make D. McComas born in 1799. Little David, according to the census report given above, was born about 1801. The age of old people often varies a few years

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when reported by relatives after their death. I have been told that Little David died much earlier than this; and it is probable that ~~he~~ is correct, but it makes a strange co-incidence. At any rate, Little David McComas is an entirely different person from Judge David McComas, who married Cynthia F. French, and had no children.

David McComas, a son of Thos. J. and Catherine McComas was shown by the census to have been born about 1848. The father was 32 in 1850; hence, was born about 1818. The will of Thomas McComas, Sr. dated Aug. 19, 1854, says "if anything is left, after giving certain other bequests, to go to the heirs of my son, David McComas". If this indicates that David McComas was dead, then this is not David McComas, known as Little David McComas, because it is known that he lived long after this.

The census for 1850 shows that Jerome Shelton was 29 years old at that time; hence he was born about 1821. He married Malinda Messinger April 29, 1843: She was a daughter of Nicholas Messinger. At that time Jerome Shelton was listed as a blacksmith, and had three children:

Suzanna,	6	years	old
Eliza A.	4	"	"
Susan	2	"	"

Several children were born after that date.

There is no question as to who was his father. Hardesty says: "The first marriage was that of John Sjelton and Sallie (Sarah) McComas". The parents of Jerome Shelton for many years a resident here (Lincoln County) but recently deceased" This shows Jerome Shelton died probably in the early 1880s. The first Shelton known to be in this section was Stephen Shelton

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who settled on "Bare" Creek about the close of the year 1811.

John Shelton came the next fall, 1812.

By the same census James McComas, 45, born about 1805, had a son, David, 11; hence, born about 1839.

Another L.S. or J. ? Thomas McComas was listed as being 32 years of age. This places his birth date as 1818. He had a son, David D. who was two years old at that time; hence born in 1848.

One David McComas married Sarah Bias Shelton April 29, 1869.

The marriage record gives his age at 35; her's 26. Both had previously been married. She was the daughter of Roland Bias and married \_\_\_\_\_ Bias. He was the son of J. and E. McComas.

Thomas McComas made a Will Aug. 19, 1854. His wife was Mary Ahn. He had sons, Montesque, David, and James. His Administrator was James McComas, Sr. This must have been Thomas McComas Senior.

## MIDKIFF NOTES.

McComas Branch was probably Peyton Branch.

Solomon Midkiff married, first, Sarah (Cynthia) McComas, daughter of T.J. McComas and \_\_\_\_\_ Condon(?). They had four girls and one boy:

1. Gordon Midkiff married Elizabeth Turner (See Tom Job Also Mrs. Tate Walker).

2. ~~Tha~~ <sup>Lysha</sup>, married Bruce Perry, of Perrytown (See Broad Perry).

3. Adaline married Alvin Davis. (First married <sup>Crosby</sup> Cosby Bias).

4. Emily married, second, David Perry, of ~~Tyler Creek~~ Trace Creek. See Mrs. Jack Johnson, Huntington.

5. Cynthia, married Elijah Perry, of Tyler Creek. See John W. Perry. Solomon Midkiff married America Bias, daughter of "Double Head" Roland Bias. Roland Bias lived, first on Gallie Bias' place; then on the Cas Hutchinson place. Children: four boys and one girl.

1. Henry M. married Iowa Carter, daughter of George Carter and \_\_\_\_\_. (See <sup>Geo Midkiff</sup> George Midkiff, of Madison Creek)

2. Lewis, married Sallie Morris, daughter of Benj. Morris (See Sallie).

3. Roland, married Margaret Johnson, daughter of Andy Johnson, of Bear Creek.

4. Julia Minnie, married Charles McComas, son of William McComas and Sarah McComas. His grandfather was Andy McComas, whose wife was \_\_\_\_\_ Diels. (See Morris Bias).

The Solomon Midkiff house stood on right of G. V. R.R., going down 3/4 miles below Salt Rock; it was built by Roland (Doublehead) Bias, my grandfather. No other house stood

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between here and Walter Swann's.

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Julia McComas, born Aug. 10. 1866; married Charles McComas  
(See Sally Midkiff). Children, eight living and two dead:

1. Maud. married Gallie Midkiff.
2. Claude, " Jesse Davis at Barboursville, W. Va.
3. Hal, married Ruby Callahan; lives at 18th St. road.
4. Callie, married Rob't Swann, (*Not the Nigger Hill man*)
5. Ellis, " Frances Miranda, from Logan, *lives at Salt Rock.*
6. Dallis, " May Midkiff, daughter of Harvey,
7. Carl, " Bessie Becket,
8. Zola, " Earl Mangus,
9. Ruth, " Ernest Dodson,
10. Opal Died young.

Write Ellis, Salt Rock.

WILL of William R. Harless.      Wife, Nancy Harless, to have all her natural life. Then, equally divided among children: Polly J. Harless, John A. Harless, Gasper B. Harless, Joseph M. Harless, Rebecca C. Harless and Cinthia Ann Harless; \_\_\_\_\_ my youngest daughter, not named.

James Harless the tract of land on which he now lives "lying on the upper side of Neck Branch, as you go up the same to my uper on said branch, also his proportional part of my personal property at his mother's decease, &c."

My friend, John Chapman and my son, James Harless, Executors.      April 19, 1860.

Witnesses:

John M. Dial,

James Dial, Jr.

Recorded Nov.5, 1860.

July 29, 1859, Wm.D. and Anne Adkins appoint Wm.R.Harless Power of Attorney.

Aug. 6, 1856 (?) Leroy and Sarah Harless and Elizabeth Douglas, Thos. and Mahala Douglas, of Boone Co. do the same for Estate of W. C. Douglass.



All things come to him who waits long enough. I have my new copy of Phillip Gibbs Street of Adventure. The book a paper back designated as "Everybody's Rebound 21- Came all the way from 156 Charing Cross Road, London, W. C2. It was delivered in person yesterday morning by John F. Hamilton, just home after three years in London with the OWI and the State Department. Miss Marie McGowan, described by Mr. Hamilton as a Brooklyn gal, albelt I under stand she is from Manhattan, found the fugtive volume in a London book shop. I had said here I wanted it. Mr. Hamilton read the paragraph. With his usual generalship, he enlisted operatives to look for it in London. Miss McGowan secured it many weeks ago and Mr. Hamilton wrote he was sending it. I watched the mails in vain. Finally, John came home, bringing the Street of Adventure with him. He explained that he couldn't be bothered to post it. I believe that but I also suspect he kept it him to read. In my opinion, it is the best of stories of newspaper people, of whom Mr. Hamilton, veteran of The Advertiser staff, is one, He gained poundage despite London diet restrictions and complains of the richness of the food Kathleen, his wife, serves him. He also complains of the Huntington heat but so do we all. John says that here was never a day in London when the heat made him peel his coat but that the cold weather las Winter was something else again.

Mr. Hamilton proposes to take a well earned rest anyway a rest, and for the time being he'll do nothing but stay at his Holderby Road home and fan himself. Probably he'll start working again before too long. Yesterday, I couldn't even persuade him to serve as guest columnist. He did oblige with a few remarks about the handiness of the column though which, he remarked I replenished by library, fed myself and perhaps derived other benefits. I'm caught with the goods about the library replenishment as to the rest, I plead nolocontendere. It is a real satisfaction to own the Street of Adventure again and matter of some wonder that no reader on this side of the ocean heeded my appeals for it. Fortunately for me, John F. Hamilton was in London and here is the book inscribed in true Hamiltanian style.

If I sometimes use these columns to help myself, it is also true that they serve others. Currently, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Col wants the exact date of the opening of its Huntington station in 1892, That's too far back in the book for me, or not far enough back. The station originally was that of the Ohio River division. The depot must be just as it was in 1892. I don't recall that it was ever enlarged or altered. Time was when there was duil newspaper-day agitation for a new B & O station, but nothing came of that. To day, the station serves the railroad and the Greyhound buses. The bus company has plans for a new terminal at Fourth Avenue and Thirteenth Street and there's a fresh stirring if the old rumor that the B & O trains will run into the C & O station. Anyway, the B & O wants the date of the station's opening, making its request through Colonel George S. Wallace.

Mrs. Bess Oliver and Miss Maude Day came last night from Wheeling to visit their son and nephew City Editor E. R. Oliver, Mrs. Oliver, and Amy and Russell.



Could the youths, of the present, be carried back to the days before the war, and see how few facilities, their ancestors had for acquiring an education; I think they could look over all their errors of speech.

Prior to the Civil War Schools were scarce, and each pupil was supposed to pay from one to five dollars per month for their tuition. The schools were called Subscription schools. There was usually an article of Agreement which the parents or guardians of the children signed stating how many scholars they would send. These articles, as they were turned, was much more efficacious than two or three Truant Officers, for the tuition had to be paid whether a scholar attended a single day, and everyone wants the worth of his money.

Teachers did not have to pass an Examination but Society demanded the services of ladies and gentlemen and it would have been useless for any other to apply. As an education was an expensive thing it was only those who were of the better classes who could afford one. A teacher in those days, was required to be familiar with classic literature as well as all the leading topics of the day. We had very few regular school buildings. There was one brick building in Guyandotte, (which still stands, but remodeled) and Marshall Academy as it was then called, was another school building, but the Marshall of that day never dreamed of the edifice that is our pride today. Those too with a few log buildings through the country were all I remember. We taught in any room we could secure for a reasonable rent, that was large enough to accommodate our pupils, who were supposed to furnish their own seats and desks.

The books used were varied, I have had as many as three different Grammars in the same school. We used the McGuffey's Reader and Mitchell's Geography, generally we had a good many classes to recite and we tried to have as many use the same text book as possible. There are very few of the old teachers left, almost everyone of Cabell Co's old instructors are gone, but a few are left to tell the tale. Professor Thackston, Mrs. Kate Alberts (Mrs. Jewell) and myself are all that I know who are still living. We all taught, both before and after the war.

We know very little about the management of Four Schools at first and I suppose if our Schools Examiners could see just how teachers are examined they would smile, in fact the teachers themselves smiled at some of the questions asked, but I must say, we were very successful in advancing our pupils, whatever we taught, we were thorough in it, and required perfect lessons and good order. Each teacher had their own rules for governing their schools and but very few had to call on a trustee to reprimand a pupil. We had no school houses at the time of the beginning of our free schools but as fast as the work could be done, houses were built and furnished, not with such nice desks and blackboards as they have now, but still a vast improvement over what we had at first.

I taught my first free school in Mason Co. an old Carpenter's shop ( I think) This was one long desk fêtted up against each side of the room, with a long bench for the pupils to sit on, small ones with their feet dangling in the air. My next school was in Barboursville, I had about the same kind of room but the desks were much better. These were part samples of the houses in use for schools just after the war. I think there were quite a number of teachers that used to come into our County from Ohio, and teachers our school and carry our money into their own state.

All or a great many of our early disadvantages are being overcome and where ignorance used to be the general heritage of the poorer classes, now the children are or can have a fair education if they choose to apply themselves. There has been wonderful progress made in the last thirty years in this county, but still the field is open and in need of much more.

Helen C. Hanna(Nee Jewell)

I wanted to blow the horn and you wanted to blow ~~the~~ it . I won , and took the horn away from you and blew it myself and you cried. It is the only time we ever disagreed and I have always been sorry. Please forgive me." It was a touching sight to see those two dear old people as they recounted their only disagreement in their long lives.

# TEAYS, FOR WHOM VALLEY IS NAMED, ESCAPED DEATH AT STAKE BECAUSE OF HIS GIFT OF SALT TO INDIANS

By Willaim H. Maginnis

When Thomas Teays, for whom Teats Valley was named, was captured by Indains in 1782 and condemned to death be burning at the stake, he little dreamed that by a curicus twist of circumstances the name Teays would become noteworthy in two divergent fields of human interest: West Virginia history and the geology of a region extending from North Carolina to Illinois.

Grazing with horror as another captive, Col. William Crawford, died in flames, Teays, awaiting his own turn, was concerned more about his own life than the 27,000 acres he owned in the present Kanawah Putman, Cabell and Mason counties, through which now runs the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

The land had been granted to him fro his services in the Fench and Indian war. It was part of the vast area that Indians still clamed and to retain whixh they fought so savagely.

## CAPTIVES BURNED

Teays had been captured at the mouth of the Coal river and taken to a Shawneen town in Ohio, where other captives were to die in the fire.

One by one the captives were bound to the stake, dry fagots piled high around them and the torck was applied. One by one with the sickening odor of burning flesh, their faces distorted with agony, they met a blazing death.

Teays, with head erect, was the last one to be led by the executioner to the fateful stake. Then an aged Indain, who had been sitting nearby, rushed between Teays and the tortuers and brushing the braves aside, explained dramatically, "This man Indain's friend! He gave Indain salt."

Cutting the bounds that held prosiner, the old Indain led Teays away and adopted him into his own family. Teays, amazed and relieved, recognized his recuer as an Indain he had befriended some months before when Teays, with a party of surveyors was exploring his land in what is now West Virginia. He and his friends had been seated around a camp fire, while he was preparing the evening meal, when a band of Indains approached. They halted within speaking distance and asked for salt. Holding out a container with the preservative, Teays said, "Take half." An Indain stepped forward, divided the salt, thanked him and then with the other warriors walked away. Teays was to learn that even savages can be grateful and that salt and friendly generosity may be the price for saving life.

## LIVES WITH INDIANS

Teays lived with the Indian several years before escaping and making his way through the Kanawaha and James river valleys to Campbell county, Va. There he lived to an old age, but never returned to the valley that bears his name. He died in Augusta county.

It remained for his eldest son, Stephen Teays, to settle on the land granted to Thomas, which extended westward from the mouth of the Coal river, opposite the present city of St. Albans. Thomas Teays, according to an article by Capehart in the West Virginia Historical Quarterly, was born on Jamew river and had two sisters. One married a Rives and the other a Lewis. In the "Journal of Mrs. Walls" he is described as being "a wealthy gentleman of high birth and an officer in the American Army."

#### TEAYS RIVER

The association of the name Teays with geology was the result of an early interest shown by geologists in Teays Valley, a depression on land extending from Seary on the Kanawha river to a point west of Culloden, where it merges into the Mud river valley, which opens into the Guyandotte valley, a branch of the Ohio valley.

According to Karl Ver Steeg of Wooster college, Ohio, the name Teays was applied by W.C. Right, geologist, to the stream, which, in some prehistoric age, it is declared, had flowed through Teays Valley. The valley is believed to have been the original bed of a lake or of the Kanawha river, the upper part of which, known as the New river, rises in northwestern North Carolina.

Some geologists have presented evidence to link it with a large river that is supposed to have flowed through the present states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and included the bed of the present Illinois river. The name Teays, which had been applied to that whole system of prehistoric waterways has been used also by geologists for the period of erosion in Ohio before glaciation.

# THE THOMPSON FAMILY

William Thompson was the original Thompson here. He died at about 65 when I was (W.E. Thompson) about 5 years old-about 1875. Buried at Porterville graveyard in Lincoln Co. Oscar Curry of Buffalo (Porterville) might have the bible record. He also might have his picture.

He came to Barboursville and lived a while with Ben Swann, married Ben Swann's aunt. Martha (she had two sisters Emily who married Calvary Swann, Rachel married Josiah Swann all Morrisons-Billy? Morrisons were old settlers of Upper Tom's Cr. and Cavit Cr. The Rolfe Bend included the families and the farms below Inez. to Tom's Cr. in Miller Bend, later called Rolfe--Harvey owned it --a very old stooped man when I was 3 or 4 years old. Wm. T. came from Rockbridge Co. Va. about 1845. Wm. Morrison is the oldest I hear of, He was the father of Thompson, Morrison, Emily and 2 sisters, Tyler, Fatty, John(?)--no probably only a cousin. Thompsons were English Elc Morrison just below Salt Rock could help on Morrison history. John Dail was on adjoining farm to William Hunchman father of Adam.

The Hinchmans came on Wagons down Guyan probably through or from Tazewell. They were English. I think the Swann's were English also. Harvey, Joe, and Wm. Hinchman were 3 brothers. The first two settled in Logan. Harvey settled in Mam. Joe settled on river on upper end of what is now the city of Logan. Both have descendants there yet. John Dail was there quite early, across and just above Inez and on opposite side. John Howell raised a family at or near Nigger Hill where Arch Peyton lived on John Yates place.

Alex Porter was the first Porter I knew of Ruel Porter was bro. to Alex. John Lewis Porter came there about 1888 from across Guyan river. Sam Williams and wife separated. He married her second time and said he would marry "Blossom" everytime. He called her Blossom.



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The first time I met "Mamma" ( Agnes Goodrich Ruffner, daughter of Col. Chas Ruffner) she was with the Ruffner girls. They had been to Barboursville to a funeral and I had been in a valley up there and as I was coming home I passed them on the road walking with John Thornberg. I stopped, John introduced me to "Mamma", telling her I was one of the best Confederate Veterans in the Country. I asked him if one of the ladies would like to ride. One of the girls said "Goodie, you have such a headache, you get in and ride." Goodie and Anne Rolfe who was about 15 years old rode with me. After leaving them at their hoase I thought nothing much more about "Mamma". But, later we got very much "mixed up" and in love, and a couple of years later we got married.

#### SOME EXPERIENCES OF SAMPSON SANDERS IN THE CONFEDERATE

Sampson Sanders Simmons, sone of William Simmons (who was born in Baltimore County Maryland, May 7th, 1797.) and his wife Mary Kilgore (born in Cabell Co. Virginia August 27, 1806, Died Nov. 20, 1845) was born Nov. 15, 1843, near Milton, Cabell County, Virginia. He enlisted in the Confederate Arm March 20, 1862 when he was a little over eighteen years and four months of age, in Co. E. Eighth Virginia Cavalry, known as the Border Rangers, Commaned by Gen. Albert J. Jenkins. He was wounded at Morristown, Tenn. Dec. 9th, 1863 and shipped to the hospital at Montgomery White Sulphor Springs in Virginia. He returned to his Reg. April 15, 1864 in Taswell Co. He was captured at Morefield. Hardy Co. on the South Bend of the Potomac, on August 16, 1864, and sent to Camp Chase prison in Ohio, where he remained from August 16, 1864 to March 18, 1865.

In connection with his capture a very unusual incident accured. At that time he was riding a mule and leading his little bay horse, which was suffering with foot-evil, when a Lieut. whose horse had been shot from under him, asked him to let him ride his bay mare. Lieut. Robinson afterwards took the mare to Co. E. ~~saying~~ saying he felt sure its owner had been killed. The horse was sent up to pasture until such time as some trace could be found of her owner. While in prison one of young Simmon's fellow prisoners told him about it and said: "Your horse was sent away up in the valley of Virginia with a man named Fulwiler." This was only the information or address he had. Eight months later when the poor boy, weak and forlorn, was released from prison, and on his way home from Richmond to Christiansburg, the sun was set, darkness was obscuring the landscape and the boy had no idea where he was, the train stopped at a water tank beside a woods pasture field to get water for the engine. The boy crawled out of the car and saw a lone elderly man leaning against a tree in the darkness. He approached him and asked if he knew any on e named Fulwiler. The man replied, "That is my name." The young soldier then told the man about his horse and gave his name. Fulwiler took a note book from his pocket, then said, "Iam the who had your horse. I kept her until my feed ran out then sold her for four hundred and fifty dollars. I'll give you your money." He pulled a leather wallet from his pocket, charged fifty dollars for his care of the horse and gave him four hundred dollars. By the time the engine had taken water the transaction was closed and the soldier got back on the train with the money in his pocket. The money being Confederate currency, it proved to be of no value.

On March 1st, 1865 the subject of this sketch, with seven hundred ~~nighxt~~ eighty four other prisoners were packed into box cars, fifty-six men to a car, to remain for six days and nights, no room to lie or sit down and no water to drink. Thier rations being half a dozen soda crackers each day. They were being taken from prison and one of the prisoners died, Harry Spenser, from Baltimore. Young Simmons had a small piece of blade of a case knife on which he had filed saw teeth, this he had conceikd in his shoe, with this he managed to cut a small hole in the end of the car for ventilation, which helped to keep the men alive. The men fought each other for a breath of fresh air from his hole. While in prison they ate rat, bacon rind and any thing to sustain life. Four cases of smallpox were taken from under his blanket, two of whom died and two returned to prison.

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We will let him tell a part of the story. He said:  
When we left Camp Chase on the 18th, we rode through to Ballaire (Ohio) which is on the Ohio River 10 miles below Wheeling. When we got there the river was over it's banks and we were left on the side tracks. Left in the car for six days with flood waters all around us and not a drop of water to drink. We were given only six soda crackers each day in the afternoon. We would all have suffered terribly if I hadn't been able to cut those holes, through the car. After that six days we rode through to Baltimore and had to walk two miles to Fort McHenry in Baltimore. We took a vessel there and went up the Chesapeake Bay to the mouth of the James River. We boarded the vessel all so hungry, starved, and weak. A keg of salt brine pork was brought on deck and the head knocked out. We were given that terrible, gaummy, pork right out of the brine. We ate it. It was as bad as having nothing since we had not fresh water, the Bay being salt water. Sometimes I think that all those hardships must have been night-mares for how--how!, could any man survive them. We went up the James River to the rear of enemy lines. We walked through that enemy territory and through our lines where we took vessel again, back of the Confederate lines, to Richmond. It took 10 days to make the trip from Camp Chase to Richmond. In Richmond we only received a small piece of corn-pone bread. We left Richmond for Christiansburg for the Patrol Camp. When we got to Christiansburg a guard came and ordered us all up into the street to march to Camp which was about two miles out of town. There were five of us who did not go to the camp. We slept that night in the vestibule of a church, the floor was cement or dressed stone about six feet long.

The next morning I told the boys that over in Monroe County I had some friends that I would stay with, while waiting for my exchange from the camp. They said that they had places to go and stay so we shook hands and all said goodby. I never saw a one of those men again. I started out walking the 33 miles to Wm. Peck's. I was so weak and hungry I could only make 11 miles a day. It took me three days to make the trip. I was received with open arms at Wm. Peck's. While I was there I received word of Gen. Lee's surrender. Then there was no more fighting, no more anything.

As I walked from Christiansburg to Monroe County I was hungry and so tired I could hardly walk. I asked a man along the way where I could get something to eat. He told me, "Now, if you can just hold out to get to the Widow Cummings, she'll give you something to eat, it's about good three miles." I wondered if I could get there. When I finally got there to her hewed log house, I came to her garden first, there by the side of her house. She was just over the pailings taking up her beets. I said, "Is this Mrs. Cummings?" "Yes, and who are you?" "I have been a prisoner of war and am nearly starved to death and a man I met down the road said you might be able to give me a little bit to eat." I can see her now, wiping her hand on her house home-spun apron, directing me to go to the house. She went through the garden to the house. It seemed an age until it was ready, but she had six biscuits, two fried eggs, and a saucer of honey. I ate five of the biscuits. I could have eaten twice as many but it was so long since I'd had much food that I was afraid too many would make me sick.

In our retreat from Morristown about 40 or 50 of us were wounded I was taken back of the lines by Ambulance with two other injured men. It seemed that one was lying on my injured leg all night as we drove, for the ambulance was only supposed to carry two men instead of three. We stopped once during the night and were carried into a farm house, but only stayed about a half hour when orders came for us to go on. We covered 21 miles that night. In the ~~morning~~ morning we stopped at a log cabin, where fifteen wounded men laid on the floor without a matting or any kind not even straw, for fifteen days. The weather opened up and then the boys got together enough for the horses and hitched them to a wheat fan wagon. A wagon that



peddlers used to haul about the county wheat fans, It was about 20 feet long and would hold five of six of these fans. We were hauled on this to Jonesville, Tenn. From there we were taken to White Sulphor Springs, Virginia."

Another very unusual incident occurred when young Simmons was released from the hospital. He had been shot through the thigh. A large minni-ball, as large as his little finger had passed through his little finger on right had and then glanced off the saddle skirt and went on an angle back into the leg above the knee and had to be cut by the doctor. After weeks in the hospital the poor, weak, and emaciated soldier boy was on the train, trying to get back to Washington County, Virginia, to his Aunt Martha Morris and other relatives. His immediate destination was the little railroad station, Glade Springs. Besides his crutches he had a bag and three blankets. It was cold and dark and a snow was falling. The train slowed up and some one called out "Glade Springs". He crawled off the train pulling his baggage with him, just as the train moved off scarcely giving him time to clear himself from the high step. He then discovered that the train had stopped at a siding some distance from the station and that he was alone in the dark and cold with the only visible signs of civilization being a pile of cord wood by the railroad. He was too weak and sick to follow the train into the station. Standing there in his dilemma, wondering what would be his lot in the next few hours, he saw a pale glimmer like star light below the horizon. With his eyes on the little spot of light, he dragged himself and his crutches and bag, and blankets over the snowcovered cordwood, the fallen tree trunks and stumps. Finally, exhausted, nearly frozen, he reached a small house with high, ice covered steps up which he managed to crawl, and knocked on the door with his crutch. When he was admitted he was taken through a long hall to a room in which there was a big log fire burning. In the back of the room there were two beds. As he sat warming himself and talking to the man of the house who was asking him questions, one of the men in the bed, in the rear of the room arose and asked: "Is tha you Sampson?" It was George Hackworth, who his aunt Martha Morris, had sent to look for him. He had searched diligently through all the hospitals and failing to find any trace of him and supposing him to be dead, he was on his way back home without the young soldier, having been take almost direct from Morristown (place of injury) to White Sulphor Springs, he had not entered any of the hospitals between the two points where Hackworth had looked for him.

Of this story he tells us: "When I got off the train at Glade Springs the snow was boot top deep. I had such a terrible time getting over the branches and broken ties they were so hard to see covered with snow. I got in bed with Hackworth that night and in the morning we got on a short line and went down to King's Salt Works. John Clarkson, who was in charge of the Salt Works furnished us with a mule and blanket for a saddle, I was in agony with my bad thigh all the way. I rode the mule all the way but George would get on too when we forded the river. Going up the Holston River those seven miles to Aunt Martha's we had to for the river so, so many times." He always said this was the guidance of Providence.

Of the family of nine children of William Simmons and Mary Kilgore Simmons four lived to ripe old age. When an older sister, Mrs. Linnie Galaher, was past eighty, years of age, she was killed in an automobile accident. Ann Love 77 when she died. Mrs. Fannie Vinson lived past ninty-five and the youngest child, Sampson Sanders is living, now in ~~xx~~ his ninty third year.

When the two youngest, Mrs. Vihson and Mr. Simmons were celebrating their ninetieth and eighty-seventh birthdays, respectively, together (for their anniversaries were only eleven days apart) and he had come all the way from Cal. to W. Va. that they might celebrate toghther, they were sitting before the fire hand in hand, with their children around them when this conversation ensued. "Fannie, I made you cry once and I have felt badly about it efer since, will you forgive me?", "Why Sampson, I didn't know you ever made me cry, when was it?" "When we were little, you and I were sent down in the lower meadow to blow the horn for the farm hands to come to

Q: Tell him I have the muster roll of Co. E of the 8th Va. in or under Jenkins and would like to know whether any other Rebel Co. was organized in Cabell Co.

A: No. Company G was organized up near the present Lincoln Co. Men went out of the County to join other companies.

Q: I have a picture of General Jenkins, shaving him with long whiskers. I would like to know whether he went into battle with those whiskers. It seems it ~~it~~ would have singled him out.

A: Yes he had the long whiskers. All officers and men in that day had them. I had a beard too. Col. Ferguson's whiskers, I remember, were so long that when he ~~x~~ rode his horse fast they would part in the middle and would flow back over his shoulders.

Q: I would like stories of any of the slaves on the home plantation of those of Sampson Sanders. I have a list of 20 of Sander's slaves, and know where the were taken. I wonder if any of the ever were heard of.

A: Uncle Sanders freed 44 of his slaves and sent them to Michigan. Brother Cornwelsey Simmons and my brother-in-law George Calliher took them. Uncle gave the married men \$500.00 each and all the single men \$250.00 each. In B. T. Washington's book he said that these slaves were exploited there and almost starved to death because they didn't have to work. They thought just to be freed was all that was necessary. But that the younger generation adapted themselves and got along much better. A few came back. I remember when they all left. They all cried, those that were going and those who were staying, and begged not have to go. "Kall" came back to Ironton and worked in the iron mills. He took the Sanders name. They went by boat to Cincinnati, Ohio, the by train.

Q: I would like a list of his early neighbors and anything the might remember about them.

A: "We lived up the Guyan River about 4 miles from Barboursville". (He didn't recall or at least did not talk much on this) "John H. Billie Miller was lots younger than me but Had a large hump on hi back. When I was back there he gave me a history he had written but some incorrect material was on it."

Q: An outline of his experiences during the war, the battles in which the men of Co. E. Took part, etc,

A: "It was my Brigade who shoot a President Lincoln while he was veiwing the battle at Fort Stevens, Washington City, killing one of the four men who were his bodyguard."

Q: In making our retreat were all so weak and tire we didn't know what to do. I remember, we stopped a little after dark and like most of them I laid down under a tree, against the trunk, to sleep. And do you know, I didn't know a thing until I was awakened by the braying of a mule. It was one of several mules that had been taken from the Yankees and which were being driven back into the Rebell lines. It was dawn, just light enough to see, and I was on my horse and right with my Company. The man said we had ridden all night. I do not remember getting back on my horse the night before, not a thing until the braying of that mule woke me. I was so tired that I had slept in the saddle all night. Some of the men must have led my horse, for I was with my own ranks.

Q: Perhaps your father remembers old Bloomingdale Church which stood up on the hill near Sander's or Dusenberry's Mill. I would like a list of early members. Also a list of any school like a list of early members. Also a list of any school teachers, and preachers which he may be able to remember.

A: "I was about 12 years old (80 years ago) when the Church was started. This is how it happened. The Dusenberrys that lived there and built the church and school house. They were Yankees from N. Y. that drifted in there. The dusenberry boys had a cousin that played out in N. Y. and came to W. Va. and holed up on them. They built this little church up on a cedar cliff for a school house so this cousin could teach school. We got permission to hold church service in the little clap board (feather edge) building. The boards were set up on edge and end. In that little house the church was orgnized. They named it Blomingdale Church. Isn't that the prettiest name--Bloomingdale? The membership was about ten. There was-- Peter Love and his wife Ann; (my sister), Lizzie Simmons, brother's wife; Mag Shoemaker; Josiah Swann and Aunt Rachell his wife; and I think Martha Morris. They had protracted meeting and the membership was added to a great deal. John C. Reese was the first Pastor and was ther for about 25 years. At the protracted meeting Reese was the pastor and the song leader Morris Reese. Uncle Chas. Morris, Sister Lizzie and Sister Fannie came into the church at those meetings. That was the church in which I was converted nearly 80 years ago.

Other pastor about there were Benj. L. Perry, George Carter, and Ligie Adkins. Martin Moore had a gegro Tom who was a Babtist preacher. Tom officiated at his Master's funeral. Tom was very tall and the blackest negro you ever saw, just as black as coal.

Wm. T. Ball from Wayne County was the next preacher at Bloomingdale Church.

Q: I wonder if he ever heard exactly where old Tom Ward went to.

A: "Tom died right there at home. His whole family died quite close together. They all went right there in a shor time."

Q: One of the Hotels in Barboursville was at one time called the Burnett house. I would like to know which one it was.

A: "Why, you mean that no one there can tell Mr. Lambert? Its hard to discribe to him but if I were ther I could show him. There was a long brick hotel in the other end of town called Merritt Hotel. Burnett house was small from building on a corner right out on the river bank. Across the main street from the Bank--right on the corner."

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Barboursville, W.Va.  
Oct, 27, 1938

Mr. F.B. Lambert  
Barboursville, W.Va.

Dear Sir:

Searching through the old books which I have in my possession I find that I have in part at least some of the names and dates that you desire.

This is written in an old Bible which was published in 1819 and was given to J.W. Roffe by his father. There are no dates or clues as to when this might have been entered except those set forth in the entries.

I am copying this letter for letter as it is written and giving the page and column number.

Trusting this may be what you want, I am

Yours,

L. Cyrus

William W. Wentz  
was bornd December  
the 25, 1846

Mary~~Ann~~ Wentz  
was bornd January  
the 15, 1849

Thomas I. Roffe was  
borned in the year of our  
lord 1938 April  
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William D. Roffe was borned  
in the year of  
our lord 1840 August 21

Charles P. Roffe  
was boned December  
27th 1846

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America V. Swann  
was borned in the year  
of our lord 1831  
March 27

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Thomas R. Swann  
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August " 1856

Isa Swann Deceased  
this life in the year  
1867 Dec 21--Dec. 21, 1881--87 ?  
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Rebecca Roffe Deceased this  
life in the year  
1887

W.D. Roffe Dec. this life  
in the year 1912 Dec.  
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10th June 1877.

Marriages:

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Thomas R. Swann was married  
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Regecca Swann was married on  
June the 19th 1836  
Polly Swann was married the 1st  
1837  
Lucinda Swann & Nancy Swann was  
married Feb. the 6th 1846

Births:

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Reazin Swann was born July the  
2nd 1810

John R. Swann was born in the year  
of our lord God 1812 feb. th 17

Polley Swann was born in the year  
of our lord god 1815 oct. th 24

Rebecca Swann was born in the year  
of our lord god 1817 Jan. 30

Nancy Swann was born in the year  
of our lord god 1819 May th 14

Lucindea Swann was born in the  
year of our lord god 1822 Au. 14

Ezra Swann was born in the year  
of our lord god 18-24 March th 30

-----Swann was born in the year  
of our lord god 1824 Aug. 15

Armilda C. Swann was born in the  
year of lord god 1829 Feb. th 28

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Robert M. Wentz was bornd Oct.  
the 21, 1844.

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Midkiff W. Va.  
March 18, 1954

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I have been very busy since returning from Florida. I am sending what data I have been able to get from different persons. May be I can send more later.

(a) Uncle Jeff Lucas was a son of Bill Lucas.  
" " " mother was Emily Fry.  
" " " brothers Lin Lucas and Gam Lucas. His  
sisters Frances and Caroline.

This information was given me by Mrs. Jamie Seiter of Midkiff  
Uncle Jeff was her great uncle.

(b) My husband Lewis Midkiff was the son of John A. Midkiff  
His mother was Mary Jane Rolfe.

My father-in-law John A. Midkiff was the son of Lewis Midkiff  
and Betsey(Coydon) Midkiff.

His brothers were, Alram, Spencer, Solomn and Jimmie. His sisters  
were Harriett, Lucy, Mary & Adaline, Midkiff,

My husbands grandfather on his mothers side was Harvey Rolfe.  
His grandmother was Mollie Swan.

The Rolfe's in the family were descendents of Thomas Rolfe and  
Pocahantas the Indian Princess.

My father Clay Workman.  
My mother Jerusia (Hager) Workman

Grandparents, Tuncil Workman Alfred Hager, wife Mahala Tony, all  
of Boone Co.

My mother was married twice. My step father was Rush McComas  
of Lincoln Co.

I hope this report will hel you.

Sincerely yours

Eora Midkiff



843 13 St.  
Kenova, W. VA.  
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Mr. F. B. Lambert  
Barboursville, W.Va.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I am slow about getting the Park Family Tree ot you:

Mr. Waltas Pack fo Tulsa, Oklahoma, Box 544, A scholar, has promised to send me his book that will come this summer off the press. Title, "His Memoriws" which will give nuck history about the Pack Family Tree. If the book is worth the price, I will try to buy the second one and send it to you .

I haven't given up the search for the Pack's Activities after they came to the New World.

Yours truly

Charley Pack

Wayne W. Va.  
Dec. 30, 1945

F. B. Lambert  
Barboursville W. Va.  
Dear Mr. Lambert:

I am writting in accord to your letter. I will give to you all information that I know concerning the Smiths of Wayne Co. and where they came from. All this information will be as accurate as I know.

"1" My name is George W. Smith, I was born April 19, 1872. I was married the 16th of May 1892 to Nannie Ward, She was 18 years of age. Nannie parents were James S. Ward, Nannie Died March 9th 1933. After her death I was remarried to Effie Staley daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Staley. The date of my second marriage was Sept. 16, 1933. My father was ~~xxxx~~ Dan Smith. My mother was Sarah ~~xxx~~ Moran, before marrying my father. Thier marriage took place at Gragston in 1867. I began to preach when I was 26 years of age I have preached most of my life in Wayne Co. I have preach in every church of the Missionary Babbtist in District of Wayne Co. In my act of ministry I was pastor of 9 churches Spring Branch and Bathesday I was pastor at Spring Bathesday for 3 years. Also Anterville at Whites Creek W. Va. Centerville Church in the old church on Missonary Babbtist church to my knowledge W. Va. I pastored here for 8 years. Bufflow Valley Church 3 years. Dock's Creek Church for 3 years. Fort Gay church for 3 years. Greenbrier Church for 3 years. Cvangel Church for 1 year. Gragstone Churc for 1 year.

"2" My father was Dan Smith his birth was to bes of my knowledge in the year 1852. There was 5 in our family. 1st child Mahaley Smith she died July 4, 1939. 2nd Tommie Smith died July 6th 1912 3rd child George W. Smith. 4th Jack Smith, Wayne R. F. D. # 1 5th child Ella Smith, Cerado, West Vir. (3) Grandfather and Great Grandfather came from Eastern Virginia. They came down the Ohio river in a cammo. He had 3 sons wth him in the cannoe, my great grandfather was Samuel Smith, his sons were Jack, Sam, Harrison Smith These three sons of Samuel were all ministers of the gospel. Harrison and Jack lived and died in Wayne County, West Vir. Sam left here add went to Mud River when I was just a boy I know nothing of his whereabouts And my great grandfathers wife name was Henry. I don't know here last name. They were a band of Christans workers came to this county and they organized a church and called it the floating church they would have church it each others homes once a month. This county at that time was very unsettled, they went to yearly meetings they had to walk sometimes from Wayne County into Boone county and carried theri guns do keep wild beast of them. Back east when they were found worshipping the Lord they would fine them so many lbs of tabbacco, they could not bare this any longer, so my great grandfather and Old Mont Newman and Paton Staley with his father were among the first settler here in what is now Wayne Co. and they were the one's



that organized the ~~Meeting~~ church and it was then the old Iton  
Clad Babbist to which the State of West Virginia as proud of these ld  
old pioneers, they were the first of bring the gospel to this section

Mr. Lambert I would like very much to have a copy of the information  
which you collect my family tree.  
Thank you.

Very truly ,

George W. Smith

MRS. FRANCIS CHARLES McKENNA  
1606 HAMPDEN BOULEVARD  
READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Feb. 6, 1940

Mr. F. B. Lambert  
Barboursville, W. Va.

Dera Mr. Lambert:

I am eager to learn whether you have as yet published your book concerning the Dick family--or whether you have found any information concerning my grandfather. Andrew J. Dick, who married Mary Virginia Haudley--

I am especially eager to get all the autheutic infromation I can about Andrew J. Dick--his birthdaye, his pareutage, etc. Plaese infrom me as early as possible, Thank you.

Sincerely,

Oukdat McKenna  
(Mrs. F. Charles McKenna)

THE PITT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
Engineers and Contractors  
1235 Washington Boulevard  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

April 6, 1924

Mr. F. B. Lambert  
Barboursville, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I have your letter of April 1st relative to Harshbarger ancent will send you a copy of our direct line from my children directly to Basle Switzenland and this will reach you in about 10 days or after I return from my vacation. I was born in Milton, 1876 also my father, Henry Harshbarger, was born near Milton, 1848. He was a brother of Ira J. Harshbarger(Brud), exsheriff of Cabell County.

Mrs. G.R. Armstrong, whom you menthoned in your letter is a first cousin of mine and was with me when I discovered the stone leaning aganist a tree. The cemetery seemed to be a hog and cattle feeding place, the burial ground being entirely neglected so far as markers were concerned. Mrs. Armstrong will locate the cemetery for you.

My father was a graduate of Barboursville College.

Yours truly,

E.D. Harshbarger

SOUTH DOUGLAS STORAGE  
LUCILE CALBERT  
857 SOUTH DOUGLAS  
SPRINGFIELD 3 , MISSOURI

MARCH 4, 1954

Dear Mr. Lambert:

At long last I am replying to your letter of February 10th, this morning I went thru a box of old pictures and found the old picture of Grandfather and Grandmother Gallaher, which I expected to find, but only one, thought there might be two, also I found one of William Gallaher and his wife Mary, but I have only one of each, and do not know about sending them so far away. I also found some snapshors of Uncle Sampson Simmons, you may have some of him. Our house burned in 1925 and we lost mealy all of our pictures, think these we have belonged to Georgie Gallaher Estes, the daughter of the first wife Naomi.

I wonder if you knew Cousin Charlie Love? It seems to me when he was back here, some time in the 1930's, that I heard talk of a Frank Lambert, I know I heard talk of Barboursville, W. VA.

The above mentioned pictures of the Gallaher brothers and wives, are not too lod, they must have been taken in the 1890's, but we do have a tintype of Malinda which must be much older, as she was married at mimeteen and coam to Missouri, I would assume the picture was made here.

I do not know wxactly what you want of me, would like to know if we sent and pictures, if they would be returned.

Best wishes to you in your hiatory writing.

Lucile Calbert

Charles W. Ferguson  
Judge Twenty Fourth Judicial  
Circuit  
Wayne, W.Va.

July 18, 1949

Mrs. Effie Fraley McGuire  
Louisa, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. McGuire:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 15, 1949, requesting information concerning Samuel Ferguson, who was a soldier of the Revolution, through whose line my family have been enabled to join the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution. I will give you all the information that I can from memory.

Samuel Ferguson took part in the Battle of Kings Mountain and other battles and died in Wayne County, Virginia, about 1826. He is buried near the town of Wayne. He had several children, but I am only familiar with the descendants of Samuel Ferguson through his sons John and William. My mother, who was a Ferguson, came down through John's line. John's son was James Ferguson and his son Samuel Ferguson was my mother's father. My father descended from Samuel Ferguson through William Ferguson and his son Milton Ferguson and his son Charles W. Ferguson.

More complete information as to Mrs. Sisson being related to Samuel Ferguson, soldier of the Revolution, will have to be given to you by Mr. William Daniels, Attorney at Law, Huntington, West Virginia. I am forwarding your letter, with its enclosure, and a copy of this letter of Mr. Daniels with the request that he fill out and return this paper to you if he can trace the relationship/

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Ferguson

CWF:mma

CC: Mr. William Daniels  
Attorney at Law  
Huntington, West Virginia

Kelly Ferguson's will, dated June 12, 1866, probated October 9, 1866, will book #1, page 393, Wayne County.

The last will and testament of Kelly Ferguson of the County of Wayne, State of West Virginia.

I, Kelly Ferguson, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say: First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth Ferguson, the sum of One hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and give and bequeath unto my beloved sons, that is to say, Richard Ferguson, \$1.00 and Samuel Ferguson, \$1.00. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughters, that is to say, Elizabeth Meed, \$1.00 and Martha Meed, \$1.00. I give and bequeath unto my five youngest child, that is to say, Mary Ferguson and Surilda Ferguson and Elisha Ferguson and Frank Ferguson and Jessie Ferguson all the rest and remainder of my estate, both real and personal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 12th day of June, 1866.

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(SEAL)

WITNESSES:

Samuel Damron

James H. Marcum

Benjamin Mead



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Feb. 21, 1936

Mr. B. F. Lambert

Barboursville, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry not to have answered your letter promptly but circumstances over which I have no control prevented it. Please pardon my delay. I am sending you, under separate cover, some pictures which you may be able to use. I do not know just what you want but have put a few incidents covering my Father's war experiences together and am getting it ready to send to you. I wrote to California for more data but my sister who could have gotten it from my Father has been quite sick in a Sanatorium for months. I expect to go to California in June to see my Father if he is spared that long and will get what I can then but that may be too late for your purpose. I have written to my niece to get what she could and send it to me but she, too, seems slow about it. Now, if I knew just what you are writing I may be able to furnish something more. I suppose you are writing this in narrative form and are not concerned with dates of births and deaths and names of children of the past and present generations. I presume your book will not take the form of a genealogical record. I have a list of names of my grand father William Simmons children with date of their births, their marriages and to whom. My mother was Agnes Goodrich Ruffner born in Charleston. Her father Col. Charles Ruffner and his wife Bettie Wilson Ruffner, (Daughter of D. E. Goodrich Wilson and granddaughter of Mr. Beuj Wilson) both died at my father's home in the Horse Shoe Bend in Cabell Co. and are buried in Barboursville. My father now in his 93rd year seems quite well and strong for his age. Is interested in every thing. Sight good but has considerable deafness. He visited my brother in Sierra Madre Cal. recently (he lives at Bell, a suburb of Los Angeles and he hurried home said he hadn't time to stay longer that he had so much to do at home. He keeps busy with his garden and flowers and rabbits. He reads quite a good deal. He told them he was feeling just the same as he did twenty years ago that he could not see any difference. I think he is truly remarkable. He now has five children living, twelve grand children and four great-grand children.

You promised to send me a sketch you had written about Barboursville. Perhaps it had slipped your memory. My father would be so much interested in it. The Love family had some wonderful pictures of their family, father and mother and ten children. They had many family groups made. When do you expect to have your book go to press? Let me know if I can be of further assistance. Cordially yours Mrs. George T. Klipstein

607 Prince Street  
Alexandria, Virginia

May 18, 1936

Mr. F.B. Lambert  
Barboursville, W.Va.

Dear Sir:

The time passes so rapidly and one seems to accomplish so little and now, after such a long silence I must apologise for not writing sooner. I wrote the enclosed story about my father's war experiences and then with a desire for accuracy I sent it to him in Los Angeles for a verification. Also sent the list of questions you sent and my niece wrote his answers just as he gave them. I am going to leave Alex. for Los Angeles the week in June. I sent the history of Barboursville and Lincoln Co. on my father hoping it would not only be interestion to him but would start a train of thought and awaken old memories so that I can get much more material for you. After having read your book on local history he will have a much better idea what you want to know. One of your questions was concerning Tom Ward. As a very small child--perhaps five or six years old--I remember my mother bringing a tiny new baby to our home--possibly ten or two weeks old--and the impression made on my mind was that a Mrs. Ward, whose funeral my parents had attended, had given the tiny, frail bit of humanity to my mother as the mother was dying of tuberculosis, the father was ill at the time of had died previously. One of my two sisters was an infant at the time and I remember hearing the discussion as to how the two babies might be cared for and kept apart--one strong and healthy and the other only a shadow. The tiny babe followed its mother in a very short time, perhaps days or maybe weeks. I think that might have been Tom Ward's child and that both parents died of T.B. I knew there was no one left to care for the babe and the mother gave it, with her dying breath to my mother who was true to her trust to the last breath for the infant. I will verify this when I see my father. When I can be with him for days and can sit and talk, many forgotten things will come to his mind. Will be glad to get all I can.

Hope the enclosed will be of use to you.

Very truly yours,

Naomi Simmons Klipstein

607 Prince Street  
Alexandria, Virginia

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Huntington, W. Va.  
January 13, 1954

Dear Mr. Lambert

Your letter of the Dec. 22, 1953 received in regard to the history of Cabell Co.

My father was born at Harboursville, Nov. 30, 1858. He died in Huntington, July 11, 1940.

He married Clara M Crooks of Bridgeton, Ind. April 5th, 1882. She died on June 6th 1928.

I had one sister, Harriet Harshlarger and ~~one~~ brother Harrison M. Harshbarger. I was Maude L. Harshbarger (Mrs. G. R. Armstrong)

I didn't know Homer Harshbarger, he was not a near relative.

My step-daughter married a Long, no family connection. I will be glad to help you in any other way I can.

Very truly

(Mrs. G. R.)  
Maude H. Armstrong

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Mr s. Sarah Ann Ferguson-Seventy-eight years old, # 232 Springdale Avenue, who died Monday, will be buried in the Martin Cemetery

following funeral services today at 2:30 P.M. at the Walnut Hills Church of the Nazarene, conducted by the Rev. Asa Sparks. The body has been taken to the residence from the Beard-Fisher Funeral Home.

Mrs Virginia Eggers - Eighty-two years old, lifelong resident of Huntington and Cabell County, who died yesterday in a Huntington nursing home where she had been for about a year, will be buried in the Barboursville Cemetery following funeral services tomorrow at 2 P.M. at the Willis Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. C.V. Tate. She was a member of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church. The widow of Hohn Eggers, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Laura Adams of Huntington; a brother, Edward Knight of Huntington, and one granddaughter. The body will be at funeral home.

At. Grover Blackwoods  
R.F.D. Milton, Box 5

Phipps--Joseph Remney.

Born March 4, 1862 so said, uncertain, Mother died where we were small and we scattered among relatives.

Father-Lewis Phipps died about 12 years ago, about 80 years old.

Mother-Frances Daniels. Father said they came from Va. My mother's people were raised about Trap Hill, Raleigh Co. (Bethat Phipps, Mrs. B. Says Mr. Phipps brother said they came from Tazewell Co.)

Mr. Phipps said he had Uncle J.R. Phipps who lived in Giles Co. Va. He died there 8-10 yrs. ago and some of his children are there yet.

Bertha says she thinks from conversation with Uncle James who lives at Fayetteville W. Va. J.S. Phipps.

I married Nora Eliz. Jarrell daughter of Les Jarrell and Mary J.-- who was a Meadows. They came from Petona, Boone Co. in 1888.

We moved from Jarrell's Valley, now Whitesville, Boone Co., direct to Martha Farm which we bought of Ed Love who bought it of Sim. Love. We moved there in Feb. 1907. Left about 1926.

Family: 8

4 boys; 4 girls.

O.M. Phipps (Osar Murl) lives in Huntington.

Squire.

Guy-lives at Guyandotte.

Carl-lives at Portsmouth O.

Cecil-Huntington, 2502, 9th ave.

Bertha Lee- Mrs. Grover Blackwood

Artie Frances-M.1

Will Mallory who died.

M.2-Jos. Merritt brother to John on old Merritt place.

Blance-m- Leonard Rogers. Live at Pittsburg. He is a mattress finisher.

Jean Ester-m-HalWenzl.

Phipps, Milton, West Virginia

Morris Hesloty E.M. Adams

This was written by W.S. Laidley.

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Keyser, W.Va.  
Sept. 18, 1911

Mr. F. B. Lambert  
Barboursville, W.Va.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter this morning. I am very glad that conditions at Milston are so favorable, and that school commences Monday, as I am very anxious to get to work.

I stated in my telegram that I should come Friday, but I find I can not come until Saturday. If you desire I shall be glad to talk with you concerning school matters Saturday evening.

Very respectfully

Pearl Compton

Berkeley Springs, W.Va.  
Aug. 4, 1911

Mr. F.B. Lambert  
Barboursville, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received. As you know I have made no formal application to the Board. Is it necessary for me to do so?

Thank you very much for offering to secure board for me. I agree that a teacher should have a congenial boarding place. Therefore I shall be very glad if you will secure for me a temporary boarding place in order that I may look around before I settle permanently. I am perfectly willing to come a day or two before school commences. Please tell me what connection I should make at Huntington.

Very respectfully

Pearl Compton



George A. Sloan  
Married Nov. 6, 1872  
Only son--Bert R. Sloan Sept, 25 , 1872  
Bert died Jan. 20, 1893  
Geo. A. Sloan 2nd marriage, 2 girls.  
Lizzie Campbell  
Euuna Sloan  
Bessie Sloan  
Geo. A. Sloan died Dec. 5, 1899, there is no record of his first wife death nor birth, if you will write to Bessie How in Aurora, Ills. she can give you these if you care for them.

Gleuda H. Sloan  
Roy or Richard Mercer  
Twins--Mary Lou  
Betty Sue--Born July 31, 1925  
Betty Sue passed away at birth.  
Charles E. Sloan Daughter.

Gladys P. Sloan  
Chester H. Fathing  
I on born Aug. 5, 1932  
Dudley S. Fathing  
Charles E. Sloan Daughter

Charles E. Sloan  
Mimmie Hurd Married Apr. 18, 1894  
Born May 30, 1870  
2 Daughters  
Gladys P. Sloan , Born Jan. 3, 1896  
Gleuda H. Sloan " June 22, 1902

Lawerance Burns  
Charlotte E. Sloan Married Nov. 27, 1912  
No children  
Charlotte E. Slone Burns, Died Sept. 10, 1933

Adison Bryan  
Mary E. Sloan Married Oct. 1, 1879  
1 Son, Clavd A. Bryan  
1727 Gaty Ave. East St. Louis, Ill.

Nathan P. Sloan Died July 15, 1934  
Mimmie Denman  
2 sons and 2 daughters  
You can write to Charles A. Sloan and he can give you his family history, he is a son os Nathan P. Sloan  
Address : Odai, Ill.

Peter P. Sloan

and

Melvina D. Lambert, Born July 6, 1832

Married Sept. 12th, 1850

Peter P. Sloan died June 16, 1876

Melvina D. Sloan died Aug. 25, 1912

9 children as follows:

Geo. Sloan	Birth	Dec. 14, 1851
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Thomas F. Sloan	"	Oct. 3, 1854
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Frank B.	"	Feb. 22, 1857
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Sarha E.	"	May, 10, 1859
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Mary E.	"	May, 30, 1861
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Nathan P.

and (twins)

Charlotte E.	"	Aug. 3, 1863
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Euuna B. Slone	"	March 3, 1867
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Charles E.	"	Nov. 13, 1869
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Thomas F.	Died	Feb. 24, 1873
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Frank B.	"	Feb. 25, 1873
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Sarha E.	"	March 3, 1873
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Euuna B.	"	March 6, 1868
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Pinebluff Ark. Oct. 17th 1950

F. B. Lambert

Barboursville, W. Va.

Dear Fred:

I am now in Harrison Ark. in a revival meeting and will be a week or so until I go home and so will write you from here. I am feeling ver well at present. March 17th I was struck by a car and knocked unconscious and hauled off for dead but I came around at the hospital and the X-ray showed Pelvis bone fractured and a severe concussion over the left eye which was really bad. I was in bed seven weeks and then on cruthhes for one month and then on one crutche for two weeks and from then on and am now going good and in a revival which is a very strenous life. My folks are all doing very well. Hope yours are the same. I suppose that Emory told you about us. The history that you wanted I will write tomorrow and send with this. Have not heard from Jim and Ella for a long time only through Emory and Hannah. Had not seen Emory for 45 years until two years ago. Not seen Alice for 47 years. Neither Chester for same time. Saw Chauncey 25 years ago. And it has been about 22 years since that I saw Jim and Ella. Last time I saw you and John was when Uncle was sick living at Cox, Landing and Jim, Ella and myself and Frank Riggs came down there and found Uncle was unconscious we stayed nearly all night and that was the last time I ever seen any of you. I also remember Goldie

From then on I just lost contact with all my folks but I hope to see Alice and Chauncey and Chester again before I pass on to a new and better world than this. If I live until Feb. 5th 1951 I will be 69 years and am thankful that I am still able to take care of myself.

#### History.

My father and mother were married in 1881 and from this union Five children were born Alonzo, Emory, Alice, Chauncey and Chester. Ella,s mother was a Fawbush. Father and mother seperated and later Father married Myrta Walls. They had two children first born dead next named Hobart who lived. Years after mother married a man named Runyan but no children. Father died about the year 1896 or 97. Myrta died about 1902 and my mother died about 1907 in Cincinnati. Hobart drank himself to death in Huntington now back to us. Ella married J. M. Boster the had one child named Denver who died. Alice married Cecil Cutlip they had on child. They all live in Chicago. Emory married Hannah I do not know her maiden name but no children. They are Nomads Ha Ha. Chauncey married a nice little girl from Indianiana later seperated and he married some girl in Cincinnati and still lives there. Chester never married as I know of and is on the road all the time. Now this brings it down to me I have preached the gospel over 14 States. And pretty well know and stand well in my adopted town and in my church organization which is the CHurch of God. I will send you a paper soon as I get home to verify this. I would like to see all of you before this life passes away but probably won't get to. Time is fleeting and past and the name forgotten as time goes on. Yes its a sad picture but nothing that we can do about it only be prepared to meet God in peace on the other side and Thank God I

May God bless all of you.

Yours as ever,

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T. A. Swartwood

2001 E. Pullen St.

LAW OFFICES

IRA JACOBS  
105 West Adams Street  
CHICAGO

October 27, 1938

Mr. F.B. Lambert  
Guyan Valley High School  
Branchville, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that I represent Mr. Charles Sanders, the son of Calvin Sanders and the grandson of Samson Sanders.

I have been informed that your father was appointed one of the Administrators of the Estate of Samson Sanders.

We are interested in obtaining any information you may have relative to a Will left by the late Samson Sanders so that my client, Mr. Charles Sanders may inherit all that is due him.

Thanking you for any courtesies extended, I am

Yours very truly,

Ira Jacobs

Barboursville, W. Va.,

Sept. 4, 1954.

Dear Mr. Dundas: ~ I received the Dundas book some time ago, and thank you for it. I have been so busy at Charleston and elsewhere, that I have neglected to acknowledge the receipt of it.

I judge that Mr. de Sales Dundas has recovered, but have not heard from him. I trust you are enjoying good health.

Very truly,

F. B. Lambert.



## The Adams Family

Deed Bk. 6 p. 216

Oct. 19, 1835, Robert Hereford, of  
Mason Co., appoints John Laidley,  
his Attorney, to sell 2 negro men  
slaves, Lot and Edmund which  
belonged to my wife, Elizabeth  
late Elizabeth Russell late  
Elizabeth Adam

Abigail Adam

Sarah Adam

Mary Frances, late Mary Adam  
and Nathaniel Adams, in equal  
proportions, the children of  
my said wife before my  
intermarriage with her  
and to divide the money, etc.

To offer said slaves to  
any above, at highest offer, etc.

Robert Hereford then makes a deed  
(same date) to

Richard H. Russell

William Frances,

Abigail S. Adams

Sarah M. Adam

Nathaniel Adam

Robert Adam

Children of  
Elizabeth Adam,  
late Elizabeth Russell

Robert Adam appears to have been  
in Cabell Co., as early as 1812: - See  
Deed Bk. 1 p. 336

Deed Bk 3 p 302

1821, Robert and Elizabeth  
Adam.

Deed Bk. 7 p. 368

Deed Bk. 8 p. 87

## Adams Marriages

Elizabeth Adams,  
m. Richard H. Russell  
March 31, 1835.

Elizabeth Adams,  
m. Robert Herford  
Sept 12, 1834.

Nathaniel Adams  
m. Paulina Mc Mahone  
Dec. 20, 1838.

Wm. Adams  
m. Elizabeth Arthur (Arter)  
Dec. 14, 1836.  
Daniel C. Topping.

Elizabeth Adams  
m. Andrew Taylor  
Aug. 11, 1847.

Songs of Pioneer Days.

Mississippi Sawyer, Arkansas Traveler, Bonapart's Retreat,  
I Love Somebody, Soldier's Joy, Old Dan Tucker, Nellie Gray,  
Little Brown Jug, Old Joe Clark, Cripple Creek, The Girl I Left  
Behind Me, Greely, Shoo Fly, Sourwood Mountain, String Beans,  
City Hotel, Little David, Sugar Hill, Liza Jane, Little Lulu,  
Eighth of January, The Georgia Road.

Mr. F. B. Lambert  
Barbourville  
West Virginia

Feb. 15, 1937

Mr. Lambert:

I have copied my fathers war record and almost copied the autobiography for you and will mail it in a few days. I know there is some data which will be very interesting to you. Have been sick myself this winter and so much pushed for time and strength so the reason for the long delay.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Geo. T. Klipstern

Alexandria, Virginia

Proderville, Ohio  
Feb. 1, 1946

F. B. Lambert  
Barboursville, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

You can get one of my River Books by sending your address to U. R. Bell, Hobson Book Press Cynthiance and he will mail you the book C.O.D. \$5.00.

I knew Capt. Vint Randins very well in the early 80's. My book has a complete history of the Bay Bros. from the time they left Crown City on a shanty boat.

With best wishes,

Capt. Ellis C. Mace  
65 years on the River  
Steam Boat.



West Hamlin, W. Va.  
April, 20, 1954

Mr. F. B. Lambert  
Barbourville, West Virginia  
R.F.D.

Dear Sir:

In this Huntington Advertiser, April -19, I saw where you was asking about the name of the post office at Wewanta. Around near 1925 the people of that community wanted a post office so they wrote the Dept. We-Want-a-Post office, so it was just named that. I worked at the court house at Hamlin at the time, but I may be off just a little on the date, and I can't refer you to any one up there that I know just. Hoping this helps you some.

Yours truly,

Alma Ray McComas

May 18, 1954

Mr. F. B. Lambert

Will answer your letter and give you the girls address. I have been so busy. I never got it until yesterday.

Here is the girls address:

Bertha Gabiree

Pine , Ky.

Yours very truly,

Clifton Caldwell  
Lesage, W. Va.

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FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
J.S.THORNBURG, MINSTER,  
ST. ALBANS, W.VA.

July, 6, 1936

Mr. F.B. Lambert  
Barboursville,  
West Virginia

Dear Mr. Lambert:

In reply to your letter of recent date I will try to grant your request as far as I can. The address of Mrs. Frank M. Thornburg is 106 South Ninth St, Richmond Ind. My father's name was Uriah Miller Thornburg. He came from Berkeley County, West Virginia where he was born Nov. 1842, to Cabell County in the early 60's. He was married to Mary Frances Griffin not long after he came to Cabell County and settled on the home place where he lived the most of his life until after my mother's death which occurred in July 1902. His death occurred July 5, 1919. Mrs. Vick Thornburg Vickers at Huntington is well informed on genealogy and could give you more information than anyone I know of.

Respectfully yours,

J. S. Thornburg