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TELEPHONE 571

P. O. BOX 7

February 8, 1953

Prof. F. B. Lambert  
Barbourville  
West Virginia

Dear Cousin:

I am glad to have your letter of January 23, together with a part of our family tree. I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the 1949 Annual of the Hager Reunion Association, which contains history of the Hager family starting on page 16. Also a history of the Kentucky branch of the family on page 28, with notes of the Hager family on pages 24 and 26.

I think this will clarify the records you have or probably will show the origin of our Plan. I think you have correct records as far as you went.

My fathers name was Rylan Hager. You do not have his name on your list. I think probably his name appeared illegible on the census ledger and that was the name you could not make out, because he was a brother of Catherine, Charles, William, Fernandes and Sarah. My grandfather's name was Hiram Hager and my grandmother's name was Catherine Spurlock. My great grandfather's name was Michael; Michael and James Hager were brothers and both served in the war of 1812. (see page 20 of the Annual). My great great grandfather's name was Phillip. He bought a bounty <sup>of</sup> land on Crawleys Creek, now Logan County, (then Cabell County), at an age so early that there <sup>were</sup> plenty of Buffalo grazing on the hills and in the <sup>village</sup> ~~villages~~. He and his sons, <sup>one</sup> of whom was my great grandfather, built a bon fire and set a brass kettle on it and had some water boiling preliminary to boiling some buffalo steak. They knew they would get a buffalo because a herd was grazing just above the house at the creek. They got their buffalo, but when they disturbed the herd, they stampeded, passing on both sides of the cabin home and turned the brass kettle over. Some of the buffalo were scalded and created quite a commotion.

This Phillip Hager's father's name was Phillip and so was his ~~grandfather's~~ grandfather's. There were three Phillip Hagers of the older members of the plan, and the first one of them came to this country about the same time that Johnathan Hager appeared. Johnathan was a Captain in the French and Indian War, and his son was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War. His son was

*The account at Logan*

*was Raptured*

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captured and held as a prisoner for a long time on the Canadian Coast. He tried to escape and was placed upon a British Ship and kept until the close of the war as a prisoner. The ill treatment he received caused him to die some time soon after the war. He died in the ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> early 40's.

I have never been able to determine what relation the original Phillip Hager was to Johnathan Hager, but I have always believed that they were brothers. I am seriously considering a trip to Germany this summer, and if I can, I shall try to find some old records in Westphalia on the Rhine River which will clear this matter up.

Catherine Hager, my grandmother, was the daughter of Dr. Charles Spurlock, who was an outspoken eccentric character, but highly educated, having received his training in Scotland. He was also the son of a Scotch doctor who settled in Virginia on the frontier. Dr. Charles Spurlock was a Daniel Boone sort of fellow who loved the wilderness. One of his sons who was my great uncle, Seth Spurlock, told me that Dr. Charles Spurlock had a hunting lodge on an island at so early a time that the Indians came one night and stole his fish hooks and lines which he had been so careless as to leave at the fishing hole.

My great grandmother had a loom and went <sup>up</sup> to Island Creek to get some willows and was frightened to see three Indians. They saw her just about the same time as she had seen them and ran into the woods. *They were probably warriors, travelling through the Valley.*  
Charles Spurlock later settled at the mouth of Harts Creek, and his sons tell of him killing a panther which the dogs treed. A family living several miles from him came to his home and asked for meat and my great grandmother informed them that she had no meat. They looked in the smoke-house and discovered part of the panther which had been saved for making soap. They took one ham with them and kept returning for more meat until they had eaten it all.

This is a true story. It came to me personally by my great uncle who can remember this incident.

Yours very truly,

*Ira P. Hager*  
Ira P. Hager

IPH:et

I was b. Nov. 22, 1862.

I began logging in 1900. Cole & Crane took the logs after we put it in the river for ourselves and Crane & Cole. They then rafted ~~it~~ I had timber below Gilbert previous to this time (before 1900)

I was on Rum Creek 1895-1898.

The first train was a mixed train.

From 1900-1907, I was at the head of Guyan River.

At the Rum Creek job, we hauled with a steam engine, on a tram road - it was 9 miles long & we had tram road up the different branches. I timbered, on a light scale before 1895 & later on a heavier scale. I quit in May 1907.

My wife is Fannie (Fanny) Humphrey. We had two boys & 1 dau.

1. Dr. Joseph Randolph Buskirk  
Louisville Ky.  
m. Dorothy Jansen  
of Cincinnati, 1329 Story Ave  
" He was b. July 30, 1900

2. Dr. James Humphrey Busheep  
b. Jan. 12, 1912

m.

Located at ~~Boston, Mass.~~

Mount Auburn Hosp  
330 Mt. Auburn St  
Cambridge Mass.

8.

3. Doheis Buskirk

b. Jan 2, 1899

m. ——— Macmad, divorced

One dau. 24 No just cause

Muriel Macmad

By ~~John~~ Ira J. Hager  
Jan. 9, 1957

Charles Spurlock

m. Parthena Hager, dau. of  
Michael & ~~Thomas~~ Hager  
(Dutch)  
Children:

Elias Spurlock

m. Cummings,  
dau. of

Elephus Spurlock a Free Will  
Bapt. preacher & Civil War  
Chaplain

John Spurlock m. Judy Smith  
(crazy)

Robinson Spurlock, blacksmith &  
doctor

m. Cummings?

(See Eliza Hager, widow  
of Willie Hager 2  
mi up 9 mile.

(Write P.A. Spurlock  
c/o P. M.  
Logan, W. Va.)

Seth Spurlock, Surveyor, Soldier  
in Civil War  
m. Jane Hart

Annie Spurlock  
m. Zedie Miller

~~Catherine~~ m. Hiram Hager, my gr.  
mother.

Robinson Spurlock  
m

Children:  
Cassander

Melvin

Clinton — father of Lou  
Evermont

— son  
— daughter



Chesapeake  
Ohio

Isaac Taylor,  
m.l.

Lawrence.

Children:

Ruena Taylor d. Feb. , 1937.  
b.

at Huntington.

m. John Moran, from  
Rockbridge Co. Va.

4 Children (Sons.)

A dau. illegitimate  
Ada m. Hey Mays,  
of Fudge Cr. He  
was ~~raised~~ a  
nephew of Nick  
& Harve Mays.

1. Geo. Henry Moran

b. on Nine Mile,  
Sept. 15, 1877,  
yrs last Sept.

m. Mattie Hanske  
dau. of Hlave  
of ~~Lawson~~  
lived with  
about 12 yrs.

1953  
1877  

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76

2. Ed Moran,

b. Dec. 12,

Lives about 7th Ave  
& 20th St

~~m. 1~~

m. 2.

No children.

4 B. Alf Moran,

Lives about 1/2 mi  
up Sanders Cr.

Has family Bible

m. Ethel Meadows of  
Mud River, Ind. has  
one son & one girl

Janita

m

A. dau.?

Los Angeles  
Cal

Jack

m

Smith

Sanders Cr.

3 Pres Moran

Single. Lives

on 7th Ave &

20th St?

2. Mary Taylor  
m. Will Nicholas

3. George Taylor  
d. in the south. He was  
a lumber man

Isaac Taylor

m. 2 Rhoda Jefferson

Children:  
"Bub" Taylor

m. 1

Chapman of  
Judges Cr.

Jule Taylor

Nella Taylor

— Taylor

— Taylor

Corr. — — — — —

By Frank Enslow 10

I was b. Sept. 24, 1882. Son of Frank B. Enslow, and Julia Garland, sister of Thomas S. Garland, My gr. father Enslow was Andrew J. Enslow and

The Enslows came from near Richmond, Va. now part of Richmond. They were England.

The G. V. R. R.

See Mr. Fitzpatrick.

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The G. V. R. R.

~~Yes~~ I worked on a survey, under French Brothers, under W. W. Miller, and he under Major Mc Kendree.

Major Mc Kendree was the chief engineer, and construction

When I got out of school, Spring of 1902, about June, and the R. R. had reached Midkiff. See Mr. <sup>Wyatt J.</sup> Crawford.

Phone. 9741. (Capt. W. C. Allen)  
Used dum carts & mules.

See <sup>Edmund</sup> Fitzpatrick at Fitzpatrick's.

By Robert Lee Kilgore.

I began work on the C. & O. as a  
foreman Nov. 1, 1898, and worked 48  
yrs. Foreman 5 yrs. & Engineer 43 yrs.

The G. V. train first ran to Midkiff  
then to Sill, then to Big Cr. & then  
to Logan. The N. & W. extends up the  
river, about miles above Gilbert.

Mrs. Clara Shepherd<sup>ard</sup>  
Dec. 31, 1952.

I was b. April 28, 1892, dau. of Charles and Elizabeth Woodard of Little Cabell Creek my gr. father Woodard was Amos Woodard and "Sis" Kyle of Lawrence Co. Ohio.

My husband was Charles Lonnie Shepherd, son of Ballard and ~~Rachel~~ Hattie Clark Sheptard, dau. of Rachel Clark first wife of Ballard Shepard. Brothers and sisters of Bal Shepard were: Lewis, Wilson, Jack, John, George, Ella Clark, and Sarah Wentz, wife of Lewis Wentz.

Lewis ~~Ballard~~ <sup>Shepard</sup>

m.

A son Jack may be living.

Wilson m.

and had about 7 children.

A son Cate d. at State Hosp

Jack m

John - single } lived about  
Bl Pleasant

15  
George S. m. Goldie Black,  
da. of Wm. Black of  
Little Cabell Creek. Who  
m, Lillie Woodard, sister  
of my father Charles Woodard  
They lived on Wild Cat  
Creek

Ella m. Wm. Clark of 7  
mile

Sarah Woodard m. Lewis Wenzly  
Their children were:  
Albert, Pete, "Boas",  
John, Ed, Jeanette m  
— Carter. Nettie m  
— Carter, bro. of 1st  
one

Elizabeth Wenzly m. Henry  
Warden. He m. 2 Nettie  
Wenzly Carter after she  
separated from Carter  
Maggie Wenzly m —  
Shepherd of Newport  
News. He is dead. One  
da.

Odie Wenzly — Single  
One da. She &  
her bro. John Wenzly  
live on home place

By Clara Shepard  
Dec. 31, 1952

My brothers & sisters: 11 - 4 boys &  
7 girls.

1. Edward <sup>Woodard</sup> Shepard Sciota<sup>ville</sup>, O.  
He is 65 <sup>or</sup> 66 yrs. old  
m. Lillian McVey of Logan Co  
3 boys & 1 girl

2. Addie <sup>Woodard</sup> Shepard, Single  
d. Dec. 1907, at 20.

3. Gusta Shepard  
m. John Lewis of Little  
Cabell Co. Bro. of Griff Lewis  
2 boys & 1 girl. He d.  
& she m. 2  
She lives with a son,  
Orville Lewis, at Ona



4. ~~Clarah Shepard~~ Woodard  
2355 - 8th Ave  
m. Charles Shepard  
Had 11 children. Raised  
nine. All ~~2~~ m. but one  
son, Bradley Shepard,  
now in the U.S. Navy.

5. Eva ~~Shepard~~ <sup>Woodard</sup> Single  
d. in 1910, at 21.

6. Amy ~~Shepard~~ <sup>Woodard</sup>, d.  
m. Walter Kausten of  
Peoria, Ill.  
No ch.

7. Vennie ~~Shepard~~ Woodard  
m. Lowell Smith of  
Cyrus Creek.  
They live at Charleston  
3 daughters & 1 son

8. Eugene Woodard

m. Clarissa Davis, dau  
of Frank Davis of Big Cabell  
5 girls & 3 boys.

R. F. D. One. Lives on  
Rush Hollow of Big Cabell

9. Medford Woodard

m. Catherine ——— of  
North Carolina.

Marion, N. C.

Two daus.

10. Melvin Woodard

m. Mimmie Shepard, dau  
of "Cute" Shepard now dead.  
They live at Blue Sulphur  
across Mud River Bridge  
R. F. D. One. One dau.

11 Thelma Woodard.  
m. Chester Cardwell,  
They live about Milton  
5-6 children.

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John Meehling's ~~wife~~

m. Julia Bishop, dau. of  
William and Rebecca Bishop  
of Grace Branch.

They had about 10 children:

Verdie m. Crameaus. Live  
in Logan Co

Homer m. and  
lives on Short St., above  
his mother. He is now in  
C. & O. hosp. He worked  
at C. & O. shops. Injured  
& expected to die.

Rosie Meehling m.

Ethel Meehling m.

Ethel " m.

Bessie " m. Hall  
of Proctorville. Live  
there back of town.

George

Lester m.

Lives in town about 3rd  
St. East

Two boys died in infaney

By Ira Hager  
Logan, W. Va.  
Jan - 9, 1953

I was b. at Spurlockville.  
Lincoln Co. Charles Spurlock was  
b. in Montgomery Co. Va. Son of  
Charles S. Both were doctors.

My father was Ryland Hager  
my mother was Louise Lambert  
daughter of Adam and Elizabeth  
(Garver) Lambert. Her bro. James  
Garver was a Capt. in the  
Confederate army

My gr. father was Hiram  
Hager, bro to Robert Hager  
a member of the Const. Con-  
vention of W. Va. & in the  
State Senate & several terms  
in the Legislature

Hirman Hager's wife was  
Catherine Spurlock, sister of  
Lifino & Seth, daughter of Mr.  
Charley Spurlock.

My gr. grandfather Michael  
Hager m.

293 Lewis Beckett 31  
Susan " 25  
Charles 5  
Francis M 3  
William L 1

1055 William Beckett 58  
Martha 55  
Eliza 12

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1172 James Garrett 62  
Margaret 40  
John H. 23  
Robert ~~23~~ 21  
Albert ~~21~~ 19  
Alex 17  
Benjamin Virginia 15  
Jeremiah 14  
Andrew 6

1291 Geo. W. Carter

1291 Geo. W. Carter 44

\$ 500.

Nancy 43

William 18

John D. 15

Salem 11

Albert 9

Matilda 7

Leonidas 3 1/2

The Harshbargers

6, 1228

1228 - Jacob Harshbarger 46

Elizabeth 41

Peter 18

Henry 14

Eliza 12

Joseph 10

Charles 5

William 3

6 David Harshbarger 48

Mary Jane 41

Hotel  
Proprietor

Peter 19

Ellen 13

Henry 4

George 8

Alice 1

Magie 4 ?

John 3 ?

bra for Mc Ginnis (lawyer)



The Wentzes.  
173, 184,

# The Mc Comases

221, 735, 739, 740, 754, 796, 805,  
840, 916, 917, 1289

221 Benjamin Mc Comas 34 Carpenter \$150  
Sarah 34

Julia 10

John 8

Frank 6

Charles 4

Lucinda? 3

Benjamin  $\frac{1}{2}$

Harnet Keeton 30  
Domestic

John Mather? 17, Car-  
penter.

735 Harrison Mc Comas

Catherine 11

Benjamin 20

Nancy 18

Blackburn 16

Elisha 12

Alonso 8

Rush 3

Jefferson 2

Martha  $\frac{5}{12}$

739 David McComas 59  
      Ivora 47

      Lyke 19

      Armeda 15

      James Hall 57 Stone  
                  Mason

740 Lewis McComas 21  
      Minerva 18

      George 1.

754 Jesse McComas 36 Shoemaker  
      Mary 36 \$2.00

      Cynthia 10

      Mary 9

      Frances 5

      H.A.W. 2

796 James Mc Comas Jr? 31 or 21?  
Elizabeth 21

Amanda 24

David 22

Cynthia 21

805 James Mc Comas 58 \$800 & \$75

Emily 21

Walt 18

846 Thomas Mc Comas Sr. 57

Elizabeth 31?

John 11

Elisha 1

916 James M. Mc Comas 25  
Emily 21

Victoria 2

Mary 1

Samuel Baker 47

Elizabeth Drake 14

Agulla Mc Comas 25 (F) \$ 50.

Thomas 9

James 5

Moses 4

Mary 1

Millon (McC) 36 Farmer

918 Elizabeth Mc Comas 56

Emberson 34

Wm. P. 21

Sarah 18

Valina & Valeria?

Mero? Harrison 28?

Ellen? 17

Guy? 46 Day Labourer

1289 John Mc Cormas 37  
 Lucinda 34  
 Benjamin 13  
 Mary 11  
 Wm. H. 7  
 Job ? 5  
 Julia 2