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A Lambert from Ky.

Priestley
Mourning Williams Desc.

Steamboating, etc. by Ellis Mace

Dietz Jacks

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Seattle 99, Wash

3617- 22 Ave W

Aug 7, 1960

Dear Mr Lambert:

Your information concerning my father is correct. His mother's name was, I believe, Rebecca Virginia Reynolds. My father is now 90 years old and lives in South Dakota.

I am a registered nurse, tho I have not been active in my profession for several years. I was born on Jan. 29, 1908 and have no children of my own. I have a very fine young man of 14 who was adopted when he was 6 days old. My husband is a machinist who works for a company making lumber mill machinery.

We have a small home in what is called the Magnolia District of Seattle. We live near the Lake Washington Ship Canal.

My mother's maiden name was
Maggie Pembroke and my
youngest sister also lives here
in Seattle. My mother is my
father's second wife. My father
is still very active for his age
and seems very sharp mentally
and is also well physically.
He planted a garden this
summer but had little produce
from it because of dry, hot weather.
My mother is 20 years his junior
and they maintain their own
home.

I find it difficult to write
to someone I've never seen
who lives in such a different
part of the country but hope
I have told you some of the
things that are of interest

Yours truly,

Mrs Mae Smith

Aug. 10, 1960

3617 22nd Ave. W.

Seattle

Washington

See copy if necessary
II, Stella Merrill, Single
b. 1878
Lives in City

III, Fred Merrill, - 9 gr. ch.
b. Aug. 6, 1880.
m. Lenna Bertha Thacker
✓ dau. of John S. Thacker
of 7 mile
b. Jan 20, 1884
Children: 4 Children

3 ch.
Susan b. Aug. 7, 1935
Nancy b. 5-7, 1943
Linnie Martha 3-9, 1950

1, Paul Frederick Merrill
Logan W. Va.
b. Aug. 26, 1909
m. Catharine Kelly
b. 3-31-1889.
of Chesapeake. dau.
of Leroy Kelley and
Edith Willis Kelley, died

Call 39949 - Mrs. Bullington

2. Elizabeth Merrill
b. 4-5-1912
m. Jim Bullington
b. 4-7-1907
Two boys & 1 girl
Paul Frederick B. 21
b. 10-19-1931
m. Jim Bullington
b. Sept. 12, 1938
b. Kaganne
Jan. 27, 1943

4 Carolyn Rose M.
b. July 13, 1925
m. Win. K. Williams
b. 4-8-1915
No children
a dau. Larry Allen
Sue on Whittiger Hill

Ph. 33153

3. Frances Merrill
b. Aug. 29, 1915
m. John Kelley
b. 8-14-1915
Son of John K. Kelley
Chesapeake. 3 daughters
Patsy b. May 24, 1939
Carolyn C. b. 5-28-33
Marque b. Jan. 7 47
Patsy, Caroline Sue, Marie

Will of A. B. Palmer

Huntington

June 19, 1885

Along Benjamin Palmer &

To dau. Luella May Gabler, the
only living child of my first
wife \$1000, for her own or her
children's benefit. Balance to
my (second) wife, Nancy Jane
Palmer — my executrix

Probated Jan. 2, 1897.

Deed Bk. 18 p. 518

1875, shows that Nancy
Jane was wife of A. B. Palmer,
hence, first wife must have
died very early

The last deed made by A. B.
& Nancy J. Palmer was in 1896.

In 1906, J. A. Palmer & Mary
E. Palmer, and H. A. & Virgie
Palmer appear — Deed Bk 86 p. 180.

Later we have

Ettie Palmer

H. C. & Lola Palmer

Thos C. & Virgie Lee P. &

Thos A. Palmer — 1911

H. E. & James H. Palmer (218-228-1924)

Ida M & W.S. " (225-528-1925)

Lucella A. to Howard A Palmer
288-180-1935

J. A. & Mary E. 1944

M. G. & Lula M 382-377-1947

Eveland R. Palmer 1949

1935- Howard A. & Lucella A Palmer

Grace P. et al - 1925 ~~2-8~~ 281-276

Fred R. & Helen S. - 1943

Wm H. & Dorothy P.

Eveland

Charles R. & Margaret P.

H. C. & Lily Blanche 1949.

Will of Thomas C. Palmer 623-7th
Dec. 27, 1919, being now ^{Street.}

74 years of age

"I here state that I only have
one living child - Hiram A. Palmer,
Ronceverte, W. Va. - all my estate

Thomas Clowine Palmer

Probed June 8, 1921

Palmer Marriages

Hiram

H. A. Palmer - son of J. C. (Bro. W. A. B.)

m. V. L. Hickey 1900 2-164

23 & 18 March 21, 1900

She B. Gallen Co. O.

now in Gr. Petersburg
Fla.

Thos. A. Palmer - not sure - now in Gr. Petersburg
m. Mary E. Altizer 2-213

Dec. 19, 1905, at Guyandotte

37 & 26. He B. Brooke Co. W. Va

She Logan

Howard E. Palmer

m. Jessie H. Henley

Aug. 18, 1911 (3-43)

35 & 23. He B. Cabell. She Kanawha
Co.

Clarence J. Palmer

(Colored)

m. Ellen Corner

1915 (3-87)

Thomas C. Palmer

m. Carrie B. Williams

Sept. 27, 1916 (3-95)

70 & 56. He B. Brown Co. O.

She Roane Co. W. Va,

Geo. Palmer
m. Mrs. Jessie Sebree 138
1923 (3^a - 138)

Pearl Palmer
m. Cora Saunders
1926 (4-250)

Leonard Palmer
m. Goldie May Sowars
1931 (4-257)

Carl A. Palmer
m. Eloise E. Vaughn
1931 4-257

Homer Palmer
m. Eveland Robert
1931 4-257

All to 1936 - Males.

Edna E. Palmer

m Royce M. Kibler

1928 (4-128)

Benlah Palmer

m. Eldon M. Kryder "

Frances Palmer

m. Andrew Sward 4-303

1931

A B. Palmer

m.

at Ripley

Brown Co. O. She d. shortly
after Civil War

2 Children by 1st wife

William Palmer d.

about 21,

3 by second:

Howard Edward

Mary Hayes

d. Single at about 24.

James Harvey

Howards wife lives at 1019-6th

Will of Joseph R. Galleck,

Jan. 12, 1922

Wife - All - Hattie B. Gallick
then to his beloved adopted
daughter Mrs. Inez G. Kisher.

Recorded Jan. 26, 1926

Took his first deed 1888. Last one 1915

Heirs of F. M. Sturm ^{Wife (Amanda R.)} of Grant District
Deed Bk. 100 p. 385

Jan. 14, 1909,

J. L. and Emma Sturm

Phone 7529 - F. M. and Laura Sturm

1619-6th Ave - C. M. and Mary Sturm
Phone 26842

to James Howell - 11 a. 16800

Rev H. M. Sturm - B'ville

George Lewis Davis (miner 53 years)

b. Jan. 2/1876, at Redwood,
Franklin Co., Va.

Son of John Peter Davis

m. Elizabeth (Betty) Perdue

~~Oct. 1900, at Hingress,~~

~~W. Va.~~

m. ("Betty") - Elizabeth Perdue
in Franklin Co. Va.

Daughter of Ransom
and Angelle Perdue,
who m. there

Oct. 27, 1835.

My father, John Peter Davis
was born in Franklin Co.,
at Redwood, a small town,
6 miles from the county
seat, Rocky Mount.

He was son of Moses and
Serena Hodges Davis, who
were m. Oct. 6, 1838

Moses Davis had the follow-
ing children:

- I. John Peter Davis
m. Elizabeth Perdue. Lived
on a farm near Redwood.
Seven boys & two girls.

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II. Melissa? ("Lishia") Davis

m. Landon Hodges.

They lived at Redwood,
about 3 miles out on a
farm on Foul Ground Creek.

No children.

III. Mary Davis,

m. George Cundiff.

They lived on a farm
about 6 miles from Red
wood. Two girls & 5 boys.

IV. Lucinda Davis

Never married. Died
at 93. Died at Redwood

She died at father's
rather grandfather's res-
idence, took care of
her mother until she
died at 103 years.

V. Lewis Davis,

m. Bettie Dillon. Her

father, Thos. ? D., was
killed in the Civil War.

They lived in Indiana,
then to Green Grass, Monta-
na, & bought land, lived
and died there.

Both dead. 2 boys & ^{Mose & Lewis} ~~girls~~

VI. Malberry^{erry} Davis

m.

Perdue, dau. of
of near Radford, Va.

They moved to or near
Radford, Pulaski Co., Va.,
where they lived and died.
They had two or three boys,
and a girl or two.

VII. Sarah m. Mack Allick

Lived on Black water
River in Franklin Co.

He was a very successful
farmer, at Boone's Mill P.O.

A son, Mack (oldest)

A dau., "Vick" m.

A son "Malberry"

VIII. Victoria m. Letcher Hodges,

No children. Lived at

Snow P.O., Franklin Co.

Both dead,

IX. Joe Abner Davis

Never married. Died a bachelor.

John Peter Davis's family
m. "Betty" Perdue, in Franklin Co.

Children:

I Lula Frances Davis
m. Luck Foster.

Lived at Bramwell W. Va.
where he was a miner.
They live on the road
from Bramwell to
Pinacle Rock. He
was superintendent of
of one mine for 46 yrs.
(Blue field or Bramwell)
Rather Rt. Simmons P.C.

Children

Annie Foster
Kate Foster
a dau? "
Robert "

II John Albert Davis
m. Ella ~~Perdue~~ Foster, dau. of
Sam Foster & Perdue

Lived

Children: - Ethel (Nurse in
Roanoke hospital)
Ezra, Lee, Lora (Nurse)
Waller, Raymond

III. George Lewis Davis, d.
m.1 Genoa Moore, dau.
of Eliza &
of Johnson Co., Ky.

Children - 3 girls & 1 boy.

~~Anna m.~~ Coburn
He was killed in mines
a. Okey m. Roxey Beasley - James & Ann.
Twins
b. Anna m. Sigmond Coburn
Killed by a car.
No children

c. Lula m. Jesse D. Pultz,
from Lexington, Va.

They live at
Omar, W. Va.
Logan Co.

Children: 7 d. infant
Belly-born dead
Charlotte Christens
18.

Jean } Twin
Janette } girls
Carl - d. } 14,
died of infantile
paralysis in hospital
at Beckley - 2 yrs. old.

m.2 - Blanche Stanley
dau. of Will & Edna Porter
Stanley, sister to Lying
Bill Porter.
No children

~~HB~~

IV. James Davis m. ^{Mr} Ann Price —
Lived at Bramwell, &
now at Matoaka, W. Va.
Mrs. Ann Price —,
was a widow with
two children
They had no children.

V. ~~Thom~~ Davis
m. Blanche ~~Shrader~~ Shrader

Children:

Seven girls & 1 boy.

They live at Rocky
Mount, on Black Water
River, about 2 miles out.
Will Davis died early
in 1945 of pneumonia.

VI. Lee Davis + killed in
mines at 19, by slate
falling on him.

VII. Solomon m. (~~the youngest~~)
at Chatteroy, W. Va. Mingo Co.
Four sons in the army &
safe.
Also 3 daus.
Sol. was killed in the
mines in 1926.

VIII Josie was born just
after James. & died
at 6 mos.

IX. Shadrick - d. at about
5-6 mos. & was
youngest of the family.

Wm. G. ("Wib") Whited.
my father Thos. C. Whited
d. Sept. 6, 1946.
b. Nov. 25, 1854
92 if lived
till above date

I was b. Aug. 17, 1884.

I was in Logan and saw the first
train come into Logan - the first reg-
ular scheduled train. in 1904. It had
no freight cars. The train which came
into Logan was a "make believe" engine
with fairly modern cars - the oldest
they had.

"Roscoe" Williams (decd) working
out of Huntington said he was the
fireman on this first engine.

I first worked for the C. & O. R.R.
from Dec. 1905 to Aug. 17, 1949.

1. I was a brakeman 1905-1911
2. Freight conductor 1911-1921
3. Yard master 1921-1942 (Aug. 17)

Then I retired at a pension of
\$122.58.

Conductors: ~ All worked on
main line, as well as on the
S. Valley division.

Passenger trains -

Albert Rittlebarger 1905.

George Wade was an old man when I lived. He was conductor ^{— about} 1907-8 — 1912-13.

Wyatt Crawford now about 90 yrs. old. Lives in Huntington served 1905-1910.

Jim E. McComas was a later man.

Engineers:

George Sampson, Huntington began in 1905 or before to about 1910.

"Bob" (R. L.) Snedegar — Huntington 8th Ave. A dau. runs ~~Wm. Co.~~ a dress shop — Miss Pearle Snedegar — runs a dress shop next the Keith Albe Theater

Stewart Wilcox — Working in early days — died about 1920.

Alex. Turley — Huntington 1905 or before — 1915.

Tom Bishop - early - 1930-35
 A dau. in Huntington -

W.E. Burlingame
 Irwin Merrill 1902? - 1953 Widow of W.A. Kidman.

"Hope" Harbour - Huntington -
 Lives there yet.

"Blue" Ray - now on morning
~~Bascant~~ train (50 - evening 51)

The odd numbers go
west.

Bill Donahoe bought right of way

To Survey route

—— Wilson of Barboursville.

Tom Miller.

Herb King bought ties, etc.

Capt. Spencer, Supervisor of Trucks.

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West Virginia Penitentiary

Moundsville

M. E. KETCHUM
WARDEN

April 8, 1943

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the information you desire concerning the Adkins and Ketchum families--

My Great Grandfather's name was Phillip Ketchum, and my Grandfather was Alonzo Ketchum. Phillip came into the Guyan River section years before the Civil War, as my Grandfather Alonzo was a soldier in the War.

Phillip Ketchum married a McComas and they only had one child, Alonzo Ketchum. Phillip died practically a young man, as I understand, and after his death his wife married a Kennison--Grif Kennison of near Midkiff was a half-brother to my Grandfather Alonzo Ketchum. Alonzo Ketchum married Peggy Henry Hunter, and they reared six Children; three boys and three girls, who are all now dead.

The eldest of Alonzo Ketchum's children, Jane Ketchum, married Jack McComas, the next child, Hugh Ketchum, married a Payne, sister to Ballard Payne who still lives at Midkiff, Nila Ketchum married Rufus Hatfield and he died a young man, then she married Jeff McComas who lives at Midkiff and is 80 some years of age. My father was John Wesley Ketchum who married Alice Adkins, and there are eight of us children. Next was William Ketchum who married Alice Fry, next Mary Ketchum who married Bud Keyser of Cabell County.

I am not positive whether my Great Grandfather Phillip Ketchum came from Ireland or Germany. He had two brothers who came from the Old Country along with him, one brother stayed in the State of New York and there is still quite a generation of Ketchums in that State. Phillip and the one brother came to Virginia and later the brother of Phillip's went down south, I think, to Arkansas. I think you must be correct about the old Adkinses stopping with Phillip instead of Alonzo, because Phillip was one of the old settlers of the Guyan River section.

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West Virginia Penitentiary

Moundsville

M. E. KETCHUM
WARDEN

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Mr. F. B. Lambert, Cont'd

As to the Matilda Meehling matter--I am sorry, this kind of information we do not give from the Penitentiary even if we had it, and I doubt if our records date that far back.

My name is Mines E. Ketchum and I am the eldest child of our family. My Father and Mother were both raised in Lincoln County at Midkiff, and my Father moved to Wayne County when I was 12 years of age and I am now 60.

Yours very truly,


M. E. Ketchum

MEK/BM

Notes Addresses, etc

Kenneth Callicott - 829 Spring Road
Charleston, W. Va.

Mr. E. O. Barnhouse,
Bible Study Hour
Box 2000,
Philadelphia 3
Pa.

Ohio Philosophical Society
Cincinnati, Ohio

On G. V. R. R.
Wm. H. Gilder
Ashland, Kentucky

I wrote
G. B. Pauley on Pauleys
Allen Cr., W. Va.

Mr. Pauley, Jeffrey, W. Va.

1035 N Park Ave
Springfield
Missouri.

County Clerk,

Cabell Co., W. Va.

Great Gr. Father Smith Cyrus who
lived in Wayne Co. (or may be
Cabell since it was cut off),
in the year 1842. Will you
please send me the information
about my mother's people. My
mother is Frances Cyrus. She
married Lafe Smith, came to
Missouri, in their youth. I
don't know anything about my
parents' people. Smith's Cyrus
dates of birth, death, where &
whom he married. If you
will please give me this in-
formation, you will be helping
more than you will ever know.
I am building my family tree
I enclose \$1.00

Very truly,

Mrs. Virginia Brown

21 John Hurlow
52 Harrison "
56 Wm. Hurlow.

McComas

2 21, 735, 739, 740, 754, 796,
805, 840, 916, 917, 1289

References to Newspapers:

p. 1, Herald May 4, 1904

Detective shot on G.V.
Train.

p. — , Nov. 19, 1903, Guyan-
dote Bridge condemned
or closed.

Editor's Note: The judges did not find any of the week's letter contributions suitable for a prize. Next week's winner will be awarded \$5.

THEN AND NOW

Editor, The Herald-Advertiser:

I wish to narrate some of the events of the last three-quarters of a century in West Virginia, more especially in Mason county.

I was born in Mason county near Point Pleasant and lived the first six years of my life on the south bank of the Ohio river on the present site of the Marietta Manufacturing Co. Then my father moved to a small farm three miles east of Point Pleasant in Robinson district.

The greater portion of the people at that time were farmers, and most of the farms were small and the people owning them did most of the work and hired very little help. In that way they made their living without having to spend very much money. They raised corn and wheat for their bread and also hay to provide feed for their live stock. They raised their own vegetables and fruit. They kept cows and had their own milk and butter. In the fall they butchered hogs which furnished meat and lard for the winter.

The most money they had to spend was for farm implements, clothing and taxes. Of course they had to buy sugar and coffee along with some other articles, but the chickens they raised produced eggs to trade in at the store. The price of eggs would average about eight and one-half cents per dozen.

The extensive farmers who owned most of the river bottom farms had to hire a great deal of help. The salary for a steady worker was \$18 a month, plus board.

Regarding the school system, the county would build one-room schools in appropriate places according to population and the teachers would have to take a test on the subjects they would teach. If they made a passing grade, which in Mason county was an average of 90 per cent, they would be given a first grade or No. 1 certificate. If they were lucky enough to get a school, their salary would be \$1 dollars per month and in most cases, just for four months. Compare this to the salaries paid now which are inadequate in comparison to living conditions.

There have been many great inventions in recent years. Work-

Manners and Customs.

(Copy)

MOURNING WILLIAMS	51 Yrs old.	Born in Virginia.
NANCY	35	"
LOUISA	7	"

Nancy, daughter of Mourning, married James Bias October 12, 1850.

Louisa Williams, 14, married May 8, 1856 Miles Bledsoe, 19, son of Wm. and Rachel Bledsoe at Mourning Williams'. All of Cabell County.

April 12, 1856:

George Williams, 24, married Elizabeth Killgore, 15. He was from Amherst County, Va., son of Nancy Williams. She was daughter of Geo. Killgore.

April 28, 1856:

Elizabeth Ann Willizma, 21, of Kanawha County
(sis a above). married

Andrew Johnson, 21, Cabell County. *She daughter of Sarah and Andrew Showans (Step father). He was a son of Perry and Rena Johnson - Cabell Co.*

Hugh P. Harshbarger
1432 North Dakota Avenue,
Arlington Heights, Illinois.

11/25/53

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I am sending you a brief of the Harshbarger Borchure which I prepared in an effort to trace my family down to my immediate family. I have sent over 500 copies to Harshbargers in thirtysseven states, and the response has brought me much additional data. In October my wife and I spent some time visiting Harshbargers in Virginia & W. Va. and I visited the Shenandoah Valley at Luray, where the original family settled.

Any information which you might be able to furnish will be appreciated, so long as it costs nothing. I have already spent considerable on printing and postage.

I am a school Superintendent (Trade School) in Chicago. Thanks for your inquiry.

Cordially yours,

Hugh P. Harshbarger.

(Copy)

Samuel Priestley came to America about the year 1800, from England. He settled in Rockbridge County, Virginia, and then came to West Virginia, and resided in Kanawha County, neat the Forks of Coal, about where the Forks of Coal Baptist church stands now) He, at one time, lived on what is now known as Mannings Branch on Little Coal rter, just below McCorkle. He later moved to Missouri and lived for awhile but came back to West Virginia and lived for a time. Then he went to Missouri for a second time, but in 1848 he came back to West Virginia and located jist across the hill from what was Priestleys Post Office (from 1897 to 1927) on Fudge's Creek. He lived here until his desth, about k870. He was married twice: One of his daughters was named Polly Bowman.

His sons were Marshall, Daniel, Georbe B., and Zachariah. He had cildren by his first wife, who married in Missouri, viz. k James, John and Williams; and a daughter who married a man by the name of Cathey.

(copy)
PROCTORVILLE, OHIO.

I was employed on the tow boat, Sea Lion from late in 1905, until she was sold, in ~~1911~~ 1917. ^{We} Done harbor work in the Big Sandy and Guyandotte Rivers, and towed timber to Cincinnati, Madison, and Louisville. When ^{the} Big Sandy would have a raise caused from the heavy rains up the Valley, the current would be very swift and the river would run full of logs this made it lively for for these harbor tow boats that worked around the mouth of ~~the~~ this river landing the *bunches of rafts* ^{were} that was floated out of this river. Each raft ~~carried~~ carried a crew of two men, and an oar was placed on each end of the raft, and ~~and~~ these ^{were} ~~was~~ used to pilot the rafts. These men rode down this river when the current was bad they would sing, dance, and pick their banjos, but when the mouth of the river was near, they expected a towboat to catch their raft and land it for them. If the boats were all busy, ~~they~~ and they saw the big Ohio, they were scared after running out of the Big Sandy, like being shot out of a gun, they would not risk going out into the Ohio, on a raft; so they would jump into the river and swim to the shore, and let the raft go. But after the raft ran out into the Ohio, one of the towboats would land them. We got five dollars for every one we landed. After the run-out was over, the ~~the timber was~~ the timber was landed, made up into fleets of 10 or 11 strings long, ~~four rafts~~, four rafts wide, and this was towed to the saw mills down the river. Before the railroad came into the Sandy Valley, things ^{were} ~~was~~ lively and words cannot explain the immense business done at Catlettsburg, ^{when} ~~the~~ this river was at steam-boat stage. The bat wig boats were as thick as flies, and the Ohio river Packet boats immense cargoes of merchandise that ^{re-loaded} was rerouted on the small boats, to be delivered

as far up as Pikeville.

The railroad has stopped the boats. Reason: Boats could only run when the river was up; and the trains did not have to lay up for low water, ^{but} and only a few towns have this advantage over the railroad, while every farm landing ^{was} cared for, by the boats. Captain Robert Owens, one of the old ^{line} time pilots on the Big Sandy, cast his lot on this river in 1878, on the steam boat Favorite, bat wing ^{packet} pilot boat. She was owned by Captain Marian Spurlock. He shipped as cabin boy, in this year 1878.

Bat wing boats, on the Big Sandy, was Steamer Favorite, Jerry Osborn, Sandy Valley, , stern wheel Fleetwing, Fannie, Freese, Tom Hackney, Double decked boats, Robert Price, owned by the L.T. Moore. Paintsville Packet Co., built the Frank Preston and bought the Senoma, ^{Senoma} Captain John Hopkins built the Andy Hatcher, stern wheel boat; and the Virgie Ratcliff, Bat wing, and he built the Lightwood, Captain Meeks built the Sis; Bays, , Alka, and "Jodie Hoskins", ^{John} ^{stern wheel boat of 90 tons.} They bought the Virgie Ratcliff, and chartered the Argand. Captain Frank Freese owned the Fleetwing and Fannie Freese

Captain John Davis, who lives at Fullerton, Ky. and is now the only living pilot that I know of to be living that piloted steamboats, on a river where your nerves was tried on run-outs with Sandy River, full of logs and staves. I have seen these boats coming out of this, like they had been shot out of a cannon, turning short bends, missing great limbs hanging over the river from huge trees, and finally, shooting out into the Ohio River, so fast they would be a half mile below the wharf, before they could stop. There was great prosperity in these times at the mouth of Sandy.

Towboats that worked in Sandy were Katherine Davis, Sea
* Capt Rackard, ^{& Bill Vaughan} built the J.C. Hopkins

Katie

Lion, Crown Hill, Jr. O. Cole, Enquirer, Lena Leota, ~~Katie~~ Mc,
Mountain State, Buckeye Boy. It was a common sight to see Capt.
Bill Smiley, Captain Robert Owens, Captain Carl Mace, Jim Rose,
John McGuire, Sandy Suiter, John Davis, Jim Kenedy, Sam Nigh,
and Bill Ritchie on the streets of Catlettsburg looking after tim-
ber tows for their boats. Captain Carl Mace, and Mont Goebel
owned the M.B. Gobel, ^{at the mouth of Sandy,} ~~that turned over~~ and
~~downed~~ two of the crew.

One packet boat built at Catlettsburg was ^{the} Joe New-
man There ^{were} ~~was~~ many other steam and gas boats on the Big Sandy
But today, many who live in that valley have never seen a steam
boat, on this beautiful river. We hope for the locks, so packet
boats can run the year round; then they will return again. Rail-
roads will fight this improvement.

(Signed) Ellis C. Mace.

P. S. I believe you can pick out something good out of this piece about Guyan.

This river was just as rough as the Sandy. The old suspension bridge was built in 1852, and was removed, and a new bridge built in its place in 1909.

While building the new bridge, a big log run in the Guyandotte River broke the C.C. Crane log boom, and the logs knocked down the bridge. The bridge men could have hung the span in a few hours, were told of the ^{danger} ~~damage~~ by the timber men, but refused their advice and dropped the \$75,000.00 span into the river.

Hope you can get something worth while out of what I have told you. I could give you the names of more steam boats if you need them.

Ellis Mace.

By Wyatt Smith

Fred B. Lambert, Capen county educator and historian, extra-ordinary, tells me numerous copies of the Guyandotte Herald of 1854 are on file in the state department of archives and history. . . . Dr. Oscar B. Biern complains because nothing has been said of the apples which used to grow in Brown's orchard, Twelfth avenue and Sixth street, when he was a boyish fruit raider. . . . But that was long after the Browns had moved away. . . . Passing of Colonel C. C. Beeber has made another large gap in the ranks of the Every Evening Club. . . . Prof. Juan Fors will visit his native land of Spain during his vacation. . . . Wylie D. Bryan, former Huntingdonian, now in hotel work at Winchester, Ky., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bryan, of Merrill avenue.

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK

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EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY AGENT WORK
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK
4-H CLUB WORK

August 31, 1953

Mr. F. B. Lambert
Barboursville, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I received the specimens which you sent in and found them in good condition.

The arbor vitae which you sent is perfectly normal. In fact, the color of the foliage indicates a very thrifty type of growth. There are numerous cones present in which are produced the seeds of this plant. Some years there are large numbers of these cones formed, while in other years they may be quite sparse.

The "corn fly" is, in reality, the angoumois (pronounced an - goo/-maw) moth. These are very common feeders on stored corn. If you have the corn in a slatted crib, there is little to do except to remove it, place it in tight-fitting containers and fumigate with carbon bisulphide. If this is not practical, then it should be shelled and used quickly. Before putting in this year's corn, sweep out the crib thoroughly and spray the walls and floor, using 7/8 cup of 50% wettable DDT powder in 1 gallon of water. One gallon should cover 500 square feet of surface.

The "wiggle tails" are mosquito larvae and may be killed by the addition of some kerosene or old motor oil. A 5 percent solution of DDT in oil is also very effective. Such solutions are available at hardware stores.

Sincerely,

C. F. Bishop

C. F. Bishop, Extension Plant
Pathologist and Entomologist

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J. WALTER COPLEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
WILLIAMSON, WEST VIRGINIA
SECOND AVENUE-OPPOSITE MOUNTAINEER HOTEL

August 13, 1953.

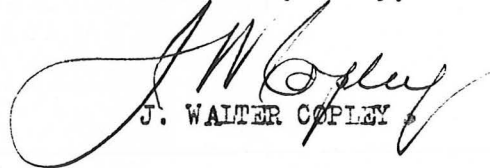
Mr. F. B. Lambert
Barboursville, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

In going through some old letters that have accumulated in my office during the last two or three years, I found one from you asking for information concerning the Copley family. You state that you were working on the Copley history. This letter was written in August, 1951. I am wondering if I could still be of help to you.

I have considerable data on the Copley family which would be useful in case you have not completed this history. If you are still interested, please write me a letter and I will answer you without delay.

Yours very truly,


J. WALTER COPLEY

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Palestine, Texas,
March 15, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I received your very interesting and inquiring letter in due course of mail, and if you were here in Palestine, I could talk to you and I think I could supply you with several hundred pages of your genealogical history.

Yes, I was raised from a very interesting family, and have a very interesting family; myself, HUGO ROLAND DIETZ, my wife, MATILDA DIETZ, and three children:

HAROLD HUGO DIETZ - married.
FARRINGTON F. DIETZ - married.
MISS HUTH DIETZ - single.

My wife and I were married in 1891 in Palestine and have lived here ever since.

I was born in Guyandotte, W. Va., April 18, 1863, in the heat of the Civil War, in the Hugo Dietz home place on Main Street, first house across the alley south from the Southern Methodist Church, one house north of Julius Preutles' home, and not close to the C. & O. Railroad. That was my Uncle Rudolf, my father's oldest brother, who lived there. He had two sons and two daughters, of whom all are dead.

Uncle Rudolf Dietz was a ship carpenter and served the Confederacy during the Civil War on the Ohio, Mississippi & Red River. He came back home from the war and lived to about 1911.

My father had three brothers - will tell you more about them later. My father was a very valuable and devoted Christian man. He built the first sawmill in West Virginia. He owned and ran a flour mill and bakery shop in Guyandotte on the Ohio River bank just east of the old Bukey & Hilbruner Tavern, and close to Irving Smith's residence. The old big square brick smoke-stack stands there yet on the River Bank. This is likely why he used so much flour - he baked bread for the Union soldiers. In my next letter I will tell you what became of his mill.

Father also built the Dusenberry Dam a short way from Carbonsville. This dam was built of logs pinned together with chestnut pins, in square pens filled with rock, no bolts or nails, and it stayed there for 50 years of my knowledge, and then was cut out. The dam was built for a water mill and they ground corn and flour for the soldiers during the Civil War. It took Father two years to build this dam and mill and the hard work and exposure broke him down in health. He died in 1874,

at the age of 49, and is buried in the Hill Graveyard close to the Dietz Famous Hollow beside his wife Minerva Clark Dietz. They had two sons and two daughters. One of his sons, George W. Dietz, died and was buried in San Antonio, Texas.

Father never was married but the one time. His wife was a daughter of Liman Clark and Sara Clark, and a full sister to George and Roland Clark. Roland Clark married Susan Dusenberry. They had three boys: FRANK - HARRY - AND EDWARD CLARK. I suppose the boys are still living in Guyandotte.

I have the passport of my grandfather, CHRISTIAN DIETZ, when he came from Germany. He is buried in the old cemetery about the center of the City of Guyandotte.

I have a lot of ages and births and other data that I will hunt up and write you again. Will close for this time.

Hoping to hear from you soon, with regards,

H. R. DIETZ,
309 W. Main St.,
Palestine, Texas.

1. What is your full name?

Victoria Jacks Chapman

2. When and where were you born?

Nov. 2, 1864 — Vinton Co. Ohio

3. Your father's name? His birth date and death?

Levi Jacks — b. Jan. 22, 1835, d. Aug. 17, 1897

4. Your mother's name? Her birth and death?

Nancy Angeline Folden — b. April 27, 1837, d. Aug. 19, 1922

5. Your father's father and mother's name, and their birth days, and death dates?

Ivin Jacks — and Alethiana Macomber
m. Sept. 24, 1829 at Gallia Co. Ohio.

6. Your mother's parents with same information, if you have it?

Robert Folden and Mary Folden

b. June 27, 1814

d. Dec. 7, 1893

b. Feb. 3, 1810

d. Dec. 26, 1893

7. Your husband's full name, with dates of his birth and death.

Charles Kenley Chapman

b. Nov. 19, 1864 — d. Sept. 1, 1945

Tell me what you remember about your brothers and sisters, who they married, where they lived, etc.

I came from a family of 11 children, but two of them died in infancy. My sisters were: ① Annie, m. Louis Nelson - ② Virginia, m. W^m F. Sanders, ③ Isabelle, m. Marion Morrison ④ Letha Ann m. Charles Newman ⑤ Clara m. Lemuel Thomas.

My brothers were: ① Ewell Smith Jacks. m. Annie Chapman ② ~~Ewell Smith~~ Levi Carly Jacks m. Virginia Morrison ③ Robert Ewing Jacks m. Lula Chapman.

Who has the old Chapman family Bible, and also who has the family Bible and records of your own People?

The Bible probably is in the hands of some of Lewis Chapman's family. I believe that Lewis got the Bible when his parents died.

I hope you are able to write, if not may be you can get a neighbor to fill this out for you.