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Barboursville, W. Va. 3/12/1951.

Mr. F. B. Lambert,

Barboursville, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Your letter of March 8, received.

My grandfather Merritt, was Rev. Delaghi Merritt, born Dec. 30, 1810, and died Sept. 8, 1872, and married Mary Reese. She was born was born April 29, 1807 and died ~~Dec. 8~~, 1891.

My father was Joseph A. Merritt, Sr. born Oct. 18, 1835, and died Aug. 19, 1925. He married Edna Blake **Dec. 24**, 1871; and she was born Dec. 14, 1848, and died May 11, 1922.

Fannie Merritt, daughter, was born May 17, 1874 and died May 31st, 1925. She married W.S. Newman.

John W., a son, was born June 14, 1877, and died July 24, 1948. *Single*

W. I., a son, born March 20, 1880, and he married Addie Cox; and Lucy, a daughter, born Sept. 28, 1882, and married Martin Maloney Oct. 17, 1900; and Joseph A. Jr. a son, born Sept. 27, 1887, and married Artie Phipps Aug. 24, 1922.

I don't know where John Merritt, Jr. is, and I don't know who he married. My sister lived in Hinton, W. Va. Mrs. **M.H.** Maloney, No. 517 Temple Street.

My grand father Blake was John W. Blake, born , born April 17, 1825 and died Sept. 3, 1911.

There was a John Merritt, Sr. that lived in Barboursville, many years ago. He had two sons: John, Jr. and George. Also, a Phillip Merritt lived, in Barboursville.

Well, if I can help you out any more let me know.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) J.A. Merritt.

By John Merrill  
March 22, 1941

Melcher Merrill  
b. 12-30-1810 d. 9-8-72

m. Mary Rice b. 4-29-1807 d. 12-8-91

Children:-

1-2. Mahalala Merrill  
b. 1832 d.  
m. Tom H. Douglas

Their home was a two story frame, which stood 100-200 feet west of the new school, at Poor's Hill. The last of their children to die was Mattie Douglas who married I. E. K. Shepherd, of Barboursville.

A son of  
E. K. Shepherd is  
W. W. Shepherd 629-15th St.  
Pa. City..

She  
m. 2. Joseph Hinchman  
who had first  
m. Minnie Adams,

Mahala's children were:

1-3 Mattie Douglas

m. E. K. Shepherd,  
of Barboursville, W. Va.

2-3 Cora Douglas

m. Ed Yates, who  
was living, in 1941, at  
the Major Mc Kendrick farm  
where she died. She  
was a beautiful girl.

3-3 Alberta Douglas  
d. Single

4-3 Roberta Douglas.  
d. Single

2-2. Mary <sup>M</sup>Merritt

m. William Merritt  
son of Jacob Merritt and

They lived up the Blake  
Hollow. They had two sons

1-3. Cassius Merritt 1925

m. l. Jennie Blake  
d. 1885 d. 2-2-22  
dau. of Isaac Blake.

Jennie was b. 1925

Explain  
the — c. 1885  
d. 2-28-97

They had two children:

1. Angre b. 1885  
d. 2-28, 1897

2. Lee b. 1887?  
d. July 3, 1903

2-3 Joseph ~~H.~~ Merritt (Bro. of Cash  
~~b. 10-16-35 d.~~  
m. 1. Hallie Burge.

They were divorced in  
about two years. Several  
years later, she married  
Lycurgus Handley, as  
second wife. No children.

m. 2. Elizabeth Shepherd  
b. in Boyd Co., Ky  
at Rush, Ky.

Children:

Eddie, Beauche,  
Charles, Harry, Mary,  
Eddie and Beauche  
are dead. Harry and  
Laura live at  
Montgomery -  
Charles lives on the  
farm

3-3. Olga Nevitt (Sister of Cash  
m. William Baumgard  
ner, son of John B.  
Baumgardner and Louisa

Their children:

1-4 Florence Baumgardner  
m. Edga Willis  
Live on Charleston  
Avenue.

2-4 Mary Baumgardner  
d. Young

3-4. John Baumgardner  
m.  
Lives in Hunt-  
ington

4-4 Craven Baumgardner  
Lives in Hunt-  
ington

After William Baumgard-  
ner died, Olga

m. 2. Marion Swann,  
son of Ben Swann of  
Barboursville. "May or"  
Swann is a son.



4-3. William R. Merrill ("Witt")  
Died single, at about  
64, in 1927 (Bro of Cash)  
He had no home, and  
died at his brother, Joe  
Merrill's home

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~~Above is all.~~

← 3-2 Joseph Allen Merrill  
m. 12-24-71 Record already on  
cards. b. 10-16-1835  
d. 8-19-1925  
m. Edna Blake, dau. Jno. W  
b. 12-14-48 d. 5-11-22

4-2 Hattie Merrill (Harriet)  
b. 1837  
m. 1. Baxter Anderson  
of Rockbridge Co., Va.  
Two children:  
1-4. Cora Anderson,  
d at about 8 yrs.  
2-4. Winnie Anderson  
b. July 1, 1873  
d. Nov. 4, 1903  
m. James C. Thacker

Two children:

1- Forest Thacker

2- Garnett Thacker

m. Um Sneed.

Both live in Charleston  
James Thacker came here  
from Kentucky.

Hallie Anderson

m. 2. James McClung

They lived in the Fer-  
rell house, on Water  
Street beyond Beum's  
Hotel No children

m. 3. George McComas,

father of James  
McComas, former  
postmaster of  
Barboursville. Both  
are dead.

— m Marshall Stewart

5-2 Nancy J. Merrill

b. 1839  
d.

6-2. Thomas H. Merrill  
b. 1832  
d.

7-2 Emily E. Merrill

b. 1846.

d.

8-2 Martha J. Merrill

b.

1849

d.