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The Sharp Family

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Frost, W. Va.  
Jan. 29, 1949.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I am sending you a copy of  
my old Bible record.

Joseph Sharp Sr. was born  
April 6, 1793. His wife, Elizabeth  
Lightner Sharp was born Jan. 6, 1798.  
Joseph Sharp died April 28,  
1879. Elizabeth Lightner Sharp died  
Dec. 31, 1870.

These were my paternal grand  
parents.

My father Abraham Sharp  
was born June 25, 1837, and died  
May 5, 1915. My mother, Martha  
E. Sharp was born May 14, 1840,  
and died Oct. 8, 1908. They were  
married July 12, 1860.

Before her marriage my  
grandmother, Elizabeth Sharp  
was Elizabeth Lightner, daughter  
of and  
who lived at

My mother before her marriage was Martha Ellen Sharp, daughter of John and Betsy Wade Sharp. This John Sharp was from a different family and was not the John Sharp you were inquiring about. Information pertaining to my mother's side of the family may be gotten by writing to G. M. Sharp, Huntersville, W. Va.

My father Abraham Sharp had an Uncle by the name of Daniel Sharp. Evidently, he was a brother of Joseph Sharp Sr. No doubt this is the man you are tracing. (Yes, both statements are correct - J. B. L.)

Garon Abraham Sharp (myself) was born July 30, 1879. My wife Odessa P (J?) Jordan was born July 24, 1888.

My children:

1. Roland Paul Sharp Sr.  
b. Dec. 30, 1907  
m. Bessie Opal Price



3.

on August 10, 1931

They have one son,

Roland Paul Sharp Jr., b. Sept. 11,  
1932

2. Daniel Gordon Sharp (named by  
my father for his Uncle Daniel)  
b. Feb. 17, 1910

m. Ora Yago, dau. of  
and

of

July 23, 1948.

3. Martha Lou Sharp

b. Nov. 23, 1911

m. Russell Hunter Hoover,  
Oct. 6, 1923.

Their children:

Mary Odessa Hoover

b. March 2, 1934

Agnes Marie Hoover

b. April 9, 1936

Annabelle Hoover

b. Jan. 12, 1938

Frances Ellen Hoover

b. Aug. 18, 1939

Charles Hunter Hoover

b. June 11, 1945.

4. Georgia Lee Sharp  
 b. Jan. 16, 1914  
 m. Neal Osburn Sharp, son  
 of  
 of Oct. 18, 1933.

Their children are:

Helen Jean Sharp  
 b. Jan. 11, 1935.

Ralph Osburn Sharp  
 b. Nov. 5, 1943.

Clara Belle Sharp  
 b. Oct. 4, 1915  
 m. Wilford McElhaneey,  
 Oct. 24, 1936.

5. Richard Abraham Sharp

b. Jan. 21, 1923

m. Frances Lee Orrell,  
 May 5, 1946. They  
 have one child, Joseph  
 Aaron Sharp b. Oct. 3,  
 1948.

The following is a list of my  
 brothers and sisters:

Joseph A. Sharp;  
 Anderson Butler Sharp  
 Julia ——— ? Sharp  
 Cuba J. Sharp

John W. Sharp

Elizabeth R. ? Sharp

Stuart Holmes Sharp

Aaron Abraham Sharp (The writer)

Mary H. Sharp

My father was a Union soldier in the Civil War. During the war, my mother and small son \_\_\_\_\_, went to Lewis County to live.

They moved because the southern army was invading this territory.

She took with her an old blind man which my family referred to as Uncle Billy Sharp. He, Billy, may have been a brother

to my grandfather, Joseph Sharp Sr. It seems to me that they lived on Roaring? Creek while in Lewis County. However, this may be wrong.

There was some connection between Daniel Sharp, or his descendants and my mother's moving to Lewis County. I will do my best to furnish any other information needed. Very truly, A.A. Sharp.

Frost, W. Va.,

Jan. 25, 1949.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Your letter of Jan. 8 to hand. I will say that I will try to help you all I can. My father's name was Abraham Sharp, a son of Joseph. My name is Aaron Abraham. I have six children - three boys and three girls. One girl is dead. The rest are all living. I will give you their names:

Roland Paul Sharp

Daniel Gordon Sharp

Richard Abraham Sharp

Georgie Lee (Lu?) "

Martha Lou Sharp

Clara Belle Sharp

Now, you will note that I have one boy by the name of Daniel Gordon Sharp. My father named him Daniel. He said that he had an Uncle by the name of Daniel.

My father's uncle Daniel must have been his father's brother. That is a brother to Joseph Sharp. So Joseph and Daniel were sons of John Sharp Jr.

Just as soon as I get a little time, I will give further information, and will look up the old Bible records and copy from them. If you have any further, I would be glad to answer if I can.

Yours respectfully,

A. A. Sharp.

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**J. O. BLEIGH**  
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT  
LEWIS COUNTY  
WESTON, W. VA.

December 14th, 1948

F. B. Lambert  
Barboursville, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

In reply to your letter of December 11th, 1948, I wish to give you the following information. There seems to be only one deed to Daniel Sharp which was for 178 acres on Leading Creek and made in 1839. I did, however, find a few deeds made to other grantees and will list them below.

Deed from John Hoult to Aaron Sharp - 185 acres  
Buckhammon Run in 1841.

Deed from Daniel Sharp, Sr. to Sarah Sharp  
for 83 1/3 Acres on Leading Creek in 1863.

Deed from Magdalene Ratliff to Sarah, Richard,  
Mary, Lilly F., Cornelius Sharp for 24 acres  
on Polk Creek in 1866.

Deed from W. G. Bennett to Jennie Sharp for  
61 acres and 24 poles on Sand Fork in 1898.

I also checked in our records for any Wills which might have some connection with the Sharp family but could find none.

Hoping this information will be of some  
help to you, I am

Yours very truly,



JOB:h

Copy

Marlinton, W. Va.,

Dec. 17, 1948

Dear Mr. Lambert:

These are descendants of John Sharp Sr. all over Pocahontas County. Of the many, the ones I think, who would answer your letters are Squire Aaron Sharp of Frost, W. Va., son of Abram Sharp and G. M. Sharp of Huntersville son of W. A. Sharp

Resp'tly,

Calvin Price

(The Pocahontas Times.)

HISTORY OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA.

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P. 213-218

-JOHN SHARP -

Among the persons settling in what is now Pocahontas County early in the century, John Sharp, Senior, a native of Ireland, is richly deserving of more than passing notice. He was the ancestor of the families of that name that constitute such a marked proportion of the Frost community, and have been identified with that vicinity for the past 91 years. Previous to the Revolution he came in with the tide of Scotch-Irish immigration that sprad over Pennsylvania and New York, and thence moved south, and finally located in Rockingham County, Virginia. His wife was Margaret Blaine whose parents resided in the vicinity of Rawley Springs. She was a relative of Rev. John S. Blaine, one of the pioneer Presbyterian pastors in our country.

After a residence of several years in Rockingham County, Mr. Sharp came to Pocahontas to secure land for the use of his large and industrious family; and he succeeded well, and saw them well fixed in life all around him. He reached Frost in 1802, and settled on the place now occupied by Abram Sharp. There were six sons and as many daughters. The daughters were Margaret, Anna, Isabella, Elizabeth, Rosa, and Polly. Margaret became Mrs. Henry Dilley, and lived on Thorny Creek. Anna was married to Daniel McCollam, and finally moved to Ohio. Isabella became Mrs. Alexander Rider, who lived so long on the top of the Alleghany, seven miles east of



Huntersville. Elizabeth was the wife of Rev. James Wanless, a widely known minister, and lived on upper Thorny Creek, where John F. Wanless now resides.

Rosa Sharp was married to the Rev. William J. Ryder, on Back Creek. Her famil mostly went west, to Illinois. Rev. Stewart Ryder, of Bath, is her son. He was, for several years, an itinirant minister in the Baltimore Conference. Aaron Ryder, who lives near Frost, is another son.

Mary Sharp became the wife of William Hartman, and settled in Upshur County. Her children were Joel, Susan, Elizabeth, and Mary. Joel Hartman married Jonathan' Yeager's daughter, Rachel. MaryLHartman becameMrs. Jeter; Susan Hartman became a Mrs.Harper, all of Upshur County.

In reference to the six sons that were of this family, and the brothers of the six sisters whose history is so briefly traced, we learn the following particulars from Mrs.Elizabeth Sharp, the aged relict of the late John Sharp, agrandson of the pioneer John Sharp. This venerable lady has a remarkable history. Left alone during the war, she supported her young and numerous family, paid off mortgages on the land, and came through he great trouble out of debt.

The pioneer's sons were John, Robert, Daniel, William, James, and Joseph.

John Sharp married Rebecca Moore, daughter of Pennsylvania John Moore, and settled on land now occupied by Joseph Moore, who is a Grandson of John Sharp, Senior.

Robert Sharp died in early youth.

Daniel Sharp married Margaret Palmer, of Augusta County, and

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settled on Buffalo Mountain, beyond Greenbank. Daniel finally went to Lewis County and settled on Leading Creek.

James Sharp married Margaret Wanless, and settled on the head of Thorny Creek. There were five sons and two daughters in his family. William, Andrew, Robert, James, and Lindsay were the sons; and Jane, who became Mrs. Nicholas Swadely, and Nancy, who married James Moore, now of Nicholas County, were the daughters. Nicholas Swadely moved to Ritchie County. Lindsay Sharp lives on the old Homestead. Andrew Sharp lives on Back Creek, and was 97 years of age July 3, 1897. He was able at that time to do considerable work with his axe and brush hook.

William Sharp married Margaret Nesbitt, of Rockingham County, and settled near Frost. There was a son and three daughters. Mary Paulina married Stephen Wanless, and lived on Back Creek. Her husband was killed by a vicious horse. Eliza Jane became Mrs. David Hannah, of Fayette County. John Sharp, the only son of this family, married Elizabeth Slaven Wade, of Highland County, and settled on the place near Frost where his widow now lives. There were five sons and four daughters.

The sons were Charles Osborne Wade, William Alexander Gilmer, John Benjamin Franklin, Aaron Uriah Bradford. Little Bradford died at the age of seven years, his mother's darling; and though many years have passed, she weeps at the mention of his name. Matilda Ursula died at sixteen months. Margaret Ann died aged sixteen years. Martha Ellen and Marietta Emeretta Virginia are yet living.

Gilmer Sharp married Nancy Elizabeth Arbogast, and settled a mile from Frost on the west branch of Knapp's Creek in the pine

woods, and opened up a nice home. His family consists of seven sons and two daughters: Upton Porter, William Bradford, Clifton Chalmers, Ernest Gilmer, George Mervin, Charles Letcher, Minnie Ursula, and Nancy Elizabeth Daisy. Minnie is now Mrs. Ellis Busard, near Glade Hill.

J.B.F.Sharp, great grandson of the pioneer, married Mary Alice Gibson, of bath, and now lives near Frost. Henderson Wickline, Carrie, Bessie, Ellen, and Ruth are their children. C.O.W.Sharp, another son of the same family, married Amanda Grimes and settled near Frost. Henderson Wickline, Carrie, Bessie, Ellen and Ruth are their children.

C.O.W.Sharp, another son of the same family, married Amanda Grimes, and settled near Frost. There were six sons and three daughters: Hannibal Hamlin, Charles Hanson, David Franklin, George Winters, Summers Hedrick, Austin John, Trudie Montgomery, Isa Amanda, Esta Medora.

Mary Ellen Sharp, one of the surviving sisters, became the wife of Abram Sharp, near Frost. He was a Union soldier.

Their family consists of six sons and four daughters: Joseph Averill married Sarah Vint, and lives on Brown's Mountain. John Washington married Mary Ann Simmons, of Highland, and lives near Frost. Their sons are Anderson Butler, Stewart Holmes, Aaran Agram, and Lincoln, who died at the age of four years. The daughters are Julia Quebec, who is Mrs. William Shrader, and lives near Frost; and Cuba Truxillo, who died in December, 1895, greatly lamented; Elizabeth Rachel, and Mary Hannah Susan.

The other surviving members of Mrs. Bettie Sharp's family is Marietta Emmeretta Virginia, who married Thomas R. Kellison, and lives near Mountain Grove. Her family of three sons and six daughters are named as follows: John Benjamin Franklin Lightbourne, Charles Hackie, Thomas Bonar, Elizabeth Lugertie Mooman, Anna Amanda Jane, Ella, Marietta Constance, Hattie, and Lucy.

The last of the sons of John, the pioneer is Joseph Sharp, who married Elizabeth Lightner, and settled on the homestead now held by Abram Sharp. The late Peter Sharp, near Frost, was a son of Joseph Sharp. He was a Confederate soldier. His wife was Mary Ann Herron, daughter of Leonard Herron. Three of his sons are Methodist preachers. Oscar is a local preacher: William and Jasper are in the itinerary; Samuel died recently, and Ashby is a Constable of Frost District; Alice is now Mrs. Alexander Kiricofe, and lives in Augusta County, Azelia married Rev. C. M. Anderson.

Another son, Henry Sharp, married Caroline Curry, daughter of the late J. Harvey Curry, of Dunmore, and lives on Douthard's Creek, near Driscoll. Their family numbers seven daughters and two sons: Clara, now Mrs. Henry Overholt; Docia, now Mrs. Warren; Effie, now Mrs. J. E. Campbell, of Covington; Lizzie, Mrs. Mack Ervine; Bertha, Lucy and Pearl. Gilbert Sharp is at home, a well known machinist. Albert Sharp resides at Marlinton, where he is a well known citizen, and has performed an active part in the construction of improvements.

Thus far, we have been able to illustrate to some extent, the history of John Sharp, the settler. As was intimated, the

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great motive that prompted his coming to the head of Knapp's Creek was to get land. In this he was successful. His landed possessions reached from the Gilson farm, near Frost, up the West Branch to Arnnius Bussard's, near Glade Hill. He had property in the hills, on Thorny Creek, and on Buffalo Mountain beyond Greenbank; and the most of these lands are yet in the possession of his descendants.

He was small in person, blue eyes, light hair, and of florid complexion. He was constantly employed. Mrs. Sharp was quiet in all her ways, very diligent in her duties, and patiently met, and endured the toils and inconveniences of living in the woods. These persons were pious, and some of the first religious meetings ever held in the vicinity of Frost were at their house.

WILLIAM SHARP.

Pages 331-335.

It appears, from such information as the compiler has been able to obtain, that this person was the pioneer settler of the Huntersville vicinity, and was the first to open up a permanent residence. Traces of the building he erected are yet visible near the new road around the mountain, a few rods from where the mountain road leaves the Dunmore and Huntersville road. Mr. Sharp located here about 1773, and saw service as a scout and a soldier. It is believed he came here from Augusta County, and probably lived in the vicinity of Staunton. His wife's name was Mary Meeks. She was a very amiable person, living to a great age, and died at the home of her son, James Sharp, many years ago. In reference to their sons and daughters the following particulars have come to hand:

Nancy Sharp was married to Levi Moore, Junior.

Margaret Sharp was married to John Kelley and lived on Michael's Mountain. Her children were William, John, Anthony, Nancy, Polly, Rachel, Jennie, and Margaret.

Nancy Kelley was married to Robert Sharp, son of James Sharp, on Thorny Creek, and went to Iowa.

John Kelley was a Union soldier, and died on the Kanawha during the war.

Rachel Sharp, daughter of William Sharp, was married to Jonathan Griffin, and lived near the head of Stony Creek, on the farm now owned by Levi Gay. Her children were Abraham, Benoni, Jonathan, and Mrs. Charles Ruckman.

Mary Sharp became the wife of Arthur Grimes, and settled in The Hills overlooking the head of Knapp's Creek. In the Grimes Memoirs special mention was made of all her children except one, Sally Grimes. She became the wife of the late Hugh McLaughlin, and lived near Huntersville, at the Bridge. One of her sons was Lieutenant James Hickman McLaughlin, who died in Winchester of a wound during the war, in 1864. He was on picket at the Rapidan River. He was of a very jovial disposition, and was joking the Federal pickets and having his fun with them. By way of sport he stuck out his foot and in an instant his ankle was shattered by a minnie ball. He was taken to Winchester and was doing well until one day the hospital was thronged with ladies bringing all sorts of nice things for the wounded soldiers. The Lieutenant indulged too freely for the good of his health, and died, the victim of well meant sympathy and kindness. He was one of the few Confederate soldiers killed by kindness.

John Sharp, a son of William Sharp, upon his marriage with Sarah McCollam, settled on the farm near Verdant Valley, now occupied by his grandson, John Wesley Irvine.

William Sharp, Jr, was another son of the Huntersville pioneer, and settled Verdant Valley, and a numerous posterity is descended from them. Their children were James, William, Alexander Jacob, Paul, John. Elizabeth, Jane, Mary Rebecca, Anna, Ellen, Nancy and Martha. He and his resolute young wife, Elizabeth Waddell, settled in the woods and built up a fine estate out of a forest noted for the tremendous size of its walnut, redoak, and sugar maple trees, and reared a worthy family, highly respected for their industry and good citizenship.

James Sharp, late of Beaver Creek, was another of the sons of William Sharp, Senior. His wife was Ann Waddell, sister of Mrs. William Sharp, just mentioned. He opened up a home on Cummings Creek, a part of the Huntersville homestead. The property was recently owned by the late Joseph C. Loury. Upon disposing of his property to William Cackley, Mr. Sharp located on Beaver Creek, on property known as the James Sharp place. He opened up an extensive area, prospered in worldly affairs, and reared a worthy family. The names of his children were Mary, Rebecca, Margaret, Martha, Nancy, Ann, Rachel, Lucinda, William, Andrew, and James.

Mary was married to William Pyles.

Rebecca became Mrs. James Lewis, and lived in the Levels. Mrs. Ann Clark, of Hillsboro, is a daughter of Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. R. C. Shrader and the late Mrs. Davis Kinnison are also her daughters.

Margaret Sharp was married to Jacob Civey, on Anthony's Creek. Martha Sharp was also married, to a Mr. Civey, of the same locality. Nancy Sharp was married to Robert Ryder, and lived on Anthony's Creek.

Ann Sharp was married to Levi Cackley, Junior.

Rachel Sharp became Mrs. Robert Gay, and lived on Beaver Creek, at Beaver Creek Mills, lately in the possession of Wallace Beard. Hamilton B. Gay, Upper Elk; Sam Gay, Williams River, and Mrs. William Jordan, on Elk, are her children.



Lucinda Sharp was married to Jonathan Jordan, near Hillsboro; William married Susan, daughter of Solomon Bussard, and settled in the west; Andrew married a Miss Bussard; James Sharp married Mary Byrnsides, on the Greenbrier, east of Hillsboro, and settled at the old homestead. He died during the war, and Mrs. Sharp went to Missouri where some of her family now reside. Mrs. Hanson McLaughlin, of Odessa, is her daughter.

James Sharp was a Member of the Court, under the old arrangement, was High Sheriff of the County; a conscientious member of the Presbyterian Church, and was held in high esteem for his patriotism, and strict, scrupulous integrity. The Members of the Court had much confidence in his judgment, and he had great influence in framing decisions. He was much in the habit of hunting at the proper season--not only for the sport, but as a matter of business, as the proceeds were useful in bartering for family supplies for the comfort and sustenance of his household. While living at his first house on Cumming's Creek he had a very sensational adventure on Buckley Mountain. It was growing late, and it was near the time to set out for home. He was passing leisurely along when a panther suddenly mounted a log but a few yards in front of him. He shot the animal, but when the smoke cleared away, another stood in the same place, on the log. This performance was repeated nine times, when the hunter became panic stricken, and flanked out for home. Some time during the night the remainder of the pack followed his trail and killed a yearling calf. Properly re-inforced, Mr. Sharp went back to the spot where he had fired nine times and there beheld what no hunter had seen before, or since: Nine panthers, but they were good panthers now; every shot had told with fatal effect. It appears

that there were seasons when these animals went in packs of fifteen or twenty--and this happened to be one of the times.

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WILLIAM SHARP, JR.

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One of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of our County in its formative period was the late William Sharp, near Verdant Valley. He was the son of William Sharp, Senior, who settled near Huntersville. He had scarcely attained his majority when he and Elizabeth Waddell were married at Alexander Waddell's. This worthy couple at once settled in the woods and opened up a fine estate out of a forest noted for the tremendous size of its walnut, red oak, and sugar maple trees, and reared a worthy family. In reference to their sons and daughters the following particulars have been mainly learned from his daughter, Mrs. Martha Dilley, near Dilley's Mill.

James Sharp, the eldest son, married Althea Martin and lived on Brown's Creek on the farm now owned by Anos Barlow. His son, William, died at home. Hanson died in Camp Chase, Ohio. George died a prisoner of war. His daughter, Elizabeth, married Thomas Logan, in Randolph County; and Sarah Sharp has her home with her sister.

William Sharp, Junior, married Rachel Dilley, and settled near Linnwood., His sons Harmon, Silas, and Hugh are well known citizens. Bernard fell, mortally wounded, at Duncan's Lane. Henry was wounded near William Gibson's, on Elk, and died of his wounds. Luther was shot near his father's home by a scouting party. All three of these sons were Union soldiers. Mary Ella, the only daughter, died at the age of six years.

Alexander Sharp married Mary Dilley, and settled on a section of the old homestead. His only child is Mrs. Hannah Johnson. A. D. Williams is his grandson.

John Warwick Sharp married Elizabeth McNeel, and lived on the homestead. His son, William, married Julia Moore, and lives at Edray. Their daughter, Lura, is Mrs. Dr. J. W. Price. Paul married Evaline Moore, and lives on the Greenbrier River, at the Bridger place. Isaac lives near Edray. Giles lives on the homestead. Jacon, Junior, died in childhood. Elizabeth married J. R. Poage, and Catherine married Quincy W. Poage. Francis married A. H. Barlow and lives on a section of the homestead. Ann became Mrs. S.<sup>B</sup>. Moore. Jacob W. Sharp died but recently, much lamented by a large circle of friends and relatives.

John Sharp married Sally Johnson, daughter of the late William Johnson on the Greenbrier, and lives near Marlinton. His sons are Henry, Hugg, Ewing, James and David. Mary is Mrs. Frank Dilley. Nancy is Mrs. Ervine Wilfong; Martha is Mrs. James Wilfong; Susan is Mrs. Amzi Ervine.

Elizabeth Sharp married Hugh McLaughlin, at Huntersville, and has recently died, aged almost a hundred years.

Rebecca Sharp married Wm. D. Moore, and settled on the Crooked Branch of Elk, on the place now owned by her son, Jacob S. Moore. {omit here}

Jane Sharp married James Hanson and settled in Gallia County, Ohio. Her children were William, John, Lydia, Elizabeth, and Catherine.

Mary Sharp married David Gibson and settled on Elk, where Robert Gibson now lives.

Rebecca Sharp married Wm. D. Moore, and settled on the Crooked Branch of Elk, on the place now owned by her son, Jacob S. Moore. Her children were Mary Jabe, who married John McLaughlin, son of Major Daniel McLaughlin, and settled beyond Greenbank. Elizabeth married Joseph C. Gay, and lives on Elk Mountain, near the old home. Mr. Gay was a noted Confederate scout and is a prosperous citizen. Matthias Moore married Jennie Mays, and lives in Botetourt County, Virginia. C. L. Moore married Mary Martha McLaughlin. Jacob Moore married Harriett Gay, lately deceased. Nancy Moore married Jonas Simmons, and lived at Mingo, Randolph County.

Anna Sharp married Alexander Syalnaker, and settled in Randolph County. Her daughter, Mary, married Peyson Hamilton, of that County.

Ellen Sharp married Warwick Stalnaker, of Randolph County. Her daughter Elizabeth, became Mrs. Dr. David Gibson, of the same locality.

Nancy Sharp married Jacob Cassell, from Back Alleghany, and living at Woodstock, Illinois.

Martha Sharp, youngest daughter of the pioneer, married Andrew Dilley and settled on Thorny Creek.

Thus far the writer has been able to furnish some historical items that illustrate the family history of two very estimable persons. As related elsewhere, these people were the intimate friends of Jacob Warwick and his wife. Me. Sharp lived to a very advanced age, having survived his wife many years. He lived to see his children married and settled. His appearance was generable and nature had done very much for him in the way of natural

endowments of mind and vigor of body.

He first saw the young person he married at Thomas Drinnon's near Edray, where she spent a week or two spinning flax. While she was there a preacher happened to come along--believed to have been Bishop Asbury. Mr. Drinnon drummed up a congregation, and among those present was a young and bashful youth with a new coon-skin cap that he seemed to set a great deal of "store" by. Miss Waddell seemed to think it was very funny; and when she went home made some remark about the ugly, funny-looking young man she had seen at the meeting. The mother remonstrated, and said: "Oh, Betsy, don't talk so; that young man will be to see you yet, first thing you know."

Sure enough, he did slip in, and found Betsy not exactly "robed and ready" either. She had just finished and hung out a "wash", and by way of a restful change, was performing on her spinning wheel, in short petticoat, chemise, and bare footed. Having shown him a chair, she resumed her performance at the wheel and, as he meant business and time was precious, matters were pretty well arranged by midnight.

These young people thus being all the world to each other and not afraid to work, their cabin home was an earthly paradise. A fine estate was opened up, a worthy family was reared, and the way prepared for many worthy families to have a local habitation and name in a goodly land. The influence of these good people was in the interest of untiring industry, honest dealing, generous hospitality, and patriotic citizen-ship.

Israhm Belcher (Johnson)  
b. Abt. 1767, New River Va. p. 380  
Franklin  
Co. Va.

Marriage Bonds  
of Franklin Co.  
Va. p. 32

m. Jan 3, 1791, Franklin  
Co. Va., Patsy  
Hodges b. Abt.  
1771 in Franklin  
Co.

Children:

Obediah Belcher

b. About 1793 Mercer  
Co. Va. All <sup>children</sup> b. there

Israhm Belcher Jr.

b. About 1795 "

Jesse Belcher

b. Abt. 1797 "

✓ Asa Belcher

b. Abt. 1799 "

Henry D. "

b. " 1801 "

John Belcher

b. Abt. 1803 "

Micajah Belcher

b. About 1801

Jonathan Belcher

b. Abt. 1809 "

Moses Belcher

b. Abt. 1809 "

James Belcher

b. Abt. 1811 "

Robert H. Belcher

b. Abt. 1813

Nancy Belcher

b. Abt. 1815

Miss Belcher

b. Abt. 1817.

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Asa Belcher (

b. Abt. 1799 or 77?

in Pulaski Co. Va.  
at New River. (on)

m. Mrs. Asa Belcher.

A son

Ailey (Alex) Belcher

b. About 1807,

at New River,

Pulaski Co. Va.

m. Margaret Pinson



margaret Matheny

John Sharp

b. 1701, at Dublin Ireland

d. About 1748, at Chester, Pa

m. ~~March~~<sup>Feb</sup> 16, 1726, at  
New Garden, Chester, Pa.

Information obtained from  
'Immigration of the  
Irish Quakers into Penn-  
sylvania. 1682 to 1750,  
p. 333, Pa. 80

m. Ann Bryan,

b. About 1705,

d. About 1782

She m. 2. John  
Nichols, March 20,  
1751.

Children:

✓ I. ~~Elizabeth~~<sup>John</sup> Sharp Jr.

b. May 19, 1730,

at New Garden, Chester,  
Pa.

m. Margaret Blaine

~~May 2, 1754.~~

~~She had m. James  
Nichols~~

~~b. O. b. About~~

II. Elizabeth Sharp

b. April 23, 1732, at  
New Garden, Chester, Pa.

m. James Nichols, May 2  
1754

III. George Sharp

b. Feb. 27, 1735, at  
New Garden, Chester, Pa.

m. 1. Abigail Gregg,  
about 1763

m. 2.

?

IV. Benjamin Sharp

b. July 23, 1738, at  
New Garden, Chester, Pa.

m. Hannah Wiley,  
Feb. 3, 1762.

V. Mary Sharp

b. Aug. 26, 1740

at New Garden, etc.

m. John Woodard.

VI. Thomas Sharp

b. Nov. 12, 1747, at  
New Garden, etc.

d. March, 1768

m. Rachel — ?

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Daniel Sharp

b. About 1770, at  
Frost, Pocahontas Co, Va.

Son of John and  
Margaret Blaine Sharp  
of Highland Co., Va.

~~b. About 1783~~

b. About 1783.  
m. Margaret Palmer, Highland  
Children: Co. Va.

Robert Sharp,

b. July 1, 1811, in  
Highland Co. Va.

d. June 24, 1893.

m. Margaret Matheny

William Sharp

b. About 1813, High-  
land Co. Va.

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John Sharp III

b. About 1816. in  
Highland Co. Va

Joe Sharp

b. About 1818, "

Daniel Sharp Jr.

b. About 1820 "

Cornelius Sharp

b. About 1822

# Robert Sharp's Descendants

James H. Sharp (Records C. H.  
C. 1842 & Cemetery)

d. July 15, 1923 at ~  
New Martinsville, Wyzel Co.  
Son of Robert and  
Margaret Matheney  
Sharp, in Bath Co.,  
Va.

Records from Court  
House & Cemetery.

m. Alcinda Boyer,  
of New Martinsville  
C. About 1846.

d. July 22, 1930, ~  
at New Martins  
ville

Daughter of Josiah  
Boyer and Ellen  
Williams.

## Children:

Mary S. Sharp C. 1869  
at New Martinsville  
d. 1888 "  
m.

Richard H. Sharp  
C. 1871,  
d. June 17, 1933

~~Richard H. Sharp b. 1872 d. 1871~~  
~~June 17, 1935~~

<sup>Leonia</sup>  
Louisa H. Sharp  
b. 1872 d. 1872

Joseph B Sharp  
b. 1873 d. 1920

Nellie M. Sharp b. 1876  
d. 1902

Mary W. Sharp  
b. 1880 d. 1882

The original ancestor <sup>"Peggy"</sup>  
 was Daniel Sharp who m. Margaret  
 Palmer. (Oct. 2, 1804 by H. Blain)  
 He was father of Robert Sharp  
 who m. Margaret Matheny.

Robt. Sharp had brothers  
 William, John, Joe, Daniel  
 and Cornelius Sharps. No  
 sisters.

Tom Sharp had one sister  
 Mollie Sharp, and a brother  
 James H. <sup>very</sup> Sharp

Joe Sharp came to Barboursville and was a hat  
 maker. See R. M. Cackley.

Daniel Sharp II was a wheel  
 maker. Lived in Pocahontas Co.

~~Joe & Cornelius~~

William and John were  
 last heard from in Janesville,  
 Ohio

Henry Sharp of Kenova  
 is a brother to Otto.



Alto had two brothers - Robert  
and Henry

Robert m. 1. Martha Staley

She died young. Left  
two sons - ~~Bob~~ Ed  
and Charley

Ed lives in Huntington  
Charley lives in Ohio?

~~Ed~~ m. 2.

Said to have had a  
daughter named ?

Henry m. Mary Eaves, dau.  
of Frank Eaves of  
Wayne Co

Four children:

Agnes, Ida, Sadie,  
and Eddie (2 living)

Ida m. Jack Jennings  
X has a 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  Store  
in Ashland

Agnes m. J. J. Hutchins  
Live at Kenova  
Rt. 75.

All. ( In Rockbridge Co. :  
Wm. Sharp m. Polly Clark  
June 17, 1813 - S. A. Baxter  
( John Sharpe m. Jane Johnson  
Sept. 8, 1812 - S. A. Ball

Ova Sharp

b. Sept. 30, 1870, at Huntington  
back of Marshall College

m. Anabelle Adkins, b. June 21,  
1870, dau. of Perry Green  
and Lucinda Belcher

Adkins, m. Aug. 28, 1890.

Lucinda Belcher dau. of  
Ali and <sup>Margaret</sup> ~~Sam~~ Pinson Belcher

Married at Branchland,  
by Rev. Lifius Spurlock.

Margaret Pinson's mother was  
a Napier.

Children:

Ova Sharp

b. March 8, 1893

m. Jesse Keyser, 3/22/19

son of "Sam" Keyser  
and Ann McComa

(She lives above  
the 4 H. Camp on  
Davis Cr. with Ova.)

Arthur Sharp b. May 19, 1894

m. Maggie Katherine Swann

Aug. 15, 1917

Vernon Sharp

b. March 28, 1900

m. Velvia Morrison

April 12, 1924.

Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ Waltherholt  
Morrison

Thomas Sharp

b.

m. Edith Hickey,

March 2,

Live in Barboursville

Nellie

b. Oct. 22, 1904

m. James Levi

Beirs of Hooper,  
Utah, June 1,  
1925, Live at  
Hooper, Utah.

6 living children:  
2 boys & 4 girls

Mollie Sharp  
b. Feb. 14, 1898

m. Arnold S. Sharp

Nov. 4, 1926

Temple m. Sept. 13, 1937

One child - Harry Jackson,  
d. at birth

m. 2. John M. Adkins, son  
of Deets Adkins &

Qua Sharp Dgr. son of James Adkins  
bro. to Sarah Adkins  
b. July 1, 1896.

m. Leonard Schroath

They live at 2029,  
5th Ave., Huntington  
He a watchsmith  
at Parker jewelry store  
4th Ave., bet. 8th & 9th  
St.

Glen Sharp

b. Sept. 9, 1911

m. Mildred Moulton,  
dan. of

Three children:

Larry Sharp } Twins  
Lewis " } b.  
12 yrs. old.

Linda Sue 5 yrs. old  
b. Oct. 1, 1943.

Asa Sharp b. Sept. 29, 1916.  
m.

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Thomas Sharp Sr.  
Jan. 15, 1840.

b. ~~Dec 25, 1858~~

July 28, 1922

d. Jan. 14, 1916

m. 1. Frances Petit,  
da. of Hugh  
and ~~Francis Carter~~ Petit

Children:

Henry Sharp of  
Kinova

Robert - dead

Otto

m. 2. Sarah Adkins  
b. Dec. 25, 1858

da. of John  
and \_\_\_\_\_ Plumley  
Adkins

She d. Jan. 14, 1916

Thomas Sharp was a son  
of Robert Sharp who m.  
Margaret Matheney in Bath  
Co. Va, Thos. Sharp b. near Warm  
Springs, Bath Co., Va (3 mi. from it.  
Robert Sharp lived with  
William J. Rider in Pocahontas  
Co., and lived with  
Thomas Sharp a while.  
He died at his son's home  
in New Marlusville - son  
was Jim Sharp.

William and John  
Sharp, brothers of Robert  
Sharp were last heard  
of in Salem, Ohio

Joe Daniel, and  
Cornelius were also brothers.  
to Thomas S.

Thomas Sharp Sr. served  
as a Civil War Union  
soldier. He was in Anderson  
ville prison 18 months, in  
Georgia.

John Adkins

m.

Pennley

Children: Large family.

Mat Adkins,

m. Octavia

Sarah Adkins -

2nd wife of Tom  
Sharp.

Mud River Adkins.

John Adkins m. — Plumley

James W. Adkins (At Hager, on  
m. 1 ————— Big Laurel)

A dau

Belle Adkins m. Mace  
Lawson, Lived on  
Big Laurel and  
had a son, Ernest.

m. 2. Elizabeth Burns  
Sons Walker,  
Ambrose, &  
Moss at Hamlin  
Mathew

Mark

Jean

Sarah

Lillie m. Waller —  
Cooper, Hager

Jerusha m. Laff  
Adkins, Hamlin

Liny m. Freeman  
Plumley?  
Amherstdale,  
Logan Co