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Lincoln County Sketches



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Mrs. James McComas

Feb. 18, 1944

Nicholas Messenger married Mary Williams of Lawrence County, Ohio. He was a wheelwright and built mills in Ohio, and W. Va. He had a brother, William Messenger, and another named Wilson Messenger, both of whom lived somewhere, in the west. He was a Pennsylvanian, and a great talker. Those two brothers were all I ever heard him mention. He built the Dusenberry mill for Sampson Sanders. He died about 1877 or 8, when I was about six or seven years old. He is buried on Fall Creek. I remember his wife well. She died when I was 11 or 12 yrs. old. She is buried beside him.

Their children were Malinda, Emily, Jane, John, and George Messenger. (~~Who was Walter Messenger~~)

Malinda married Jerome Shelton. They had a large family. See Bertha Ray, formerly employed by the Huntington Dry Goods family.

Emily married James ("Baker") McComas
 They lived on Guyan River, about
 the mouth of Ten Mile Creek, across
 from the residence of Dr. Bill Keek,
 a quack

Jane Messinger died single but
 was engaged to Reese Vaughn. She
 was buried, in her wedding clothes.
 Bertha Ray was a daughter of
 Stonewall Shelton.

John Messinger married Nancy
 Jane Adkins, daughter of John C. Adkins,
 who married Nancy Tooley whose
 parents came from ten miles
 below Richmond, on James River. John
 C. Adkins was a son of Rev. Wm.
 Adkins whom I knew. He was very
 old and decrepit.

John Messinger's children were
 Amanda who married Jim McComas
 Waller who married Alice Medkiff,
 Junius married Eliza Medkiff,
 sister of Alice, both daughters of
 John Medkiff son of Lewis.

His(?) wife is at the Idle School.

Agnes Messenger married Michael
J. Ridlett. They lived in Parbours
ville

Anna Messenger died when a
baby five months old

Geo. W. Messenger married Sarah
McComas, sister of Stafford McComas
and daughter of old Jeff McComas
who married Catherine Condon?

They had ten or twelve children:

John, George, Myrtle who
married Harvey Mulliff, now deceased.
Kate, who married Randolph
Fry.

73. Jefferson Township Lincoln Co, 1870

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73 Adam Lambert 42

Elizabeth 41

Rebecca C. 16

Hazelline 15 (H. F.?)

Louisa K. 11

John W. 8

Wm. Adkins 11

1870 - Union Township, Lincoln Co.

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() 69 Mark Adkins 35 b. Va

57. Matthew Adkins 45

69. Mark Adkins 35 b. Va

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Boone Co. Census of 1850

3157. John Lambert 33 All b. Va.

Nancy 35 "

Mary A. 11

Rebecca 10

Charlotte 8

Joseph 6

John W. 5

George F. 2

Floyd F. $\frac{2}{12}$

1870 Census Lincoln Co.
Harts Creek

3 Henry Lambert 21 b. Va.

14. Jeremiah Lambert 65 " ~~Age~~ Va.

Sarah 57 "

Ballard

Caroline

Wade

Marion

Lincoln Co. Census of 1870
Carroll Township

13. John W. Black 23 b. Va.

Lincoln Co. Census of 1860

Jefferson Township

62. Luke Adkins 39

Rebecca 35

Sylvester 16

Clayborne 14

Lafayette 12

Francis 8

Mary S. 8

Virginia B. 5

Isaac $\frac{11}{2}$

Census of 1870

Carroll Township

52. John Adkins 61 b. Va.

Elizabeth 63 b. Va.

David H. 21 b. Va.

Sarah A. 25 "

Joseph 7 "

Census of 1870 - Lincoln Co
Harts Cr. Township

119 Price Lucas 57
& Family

H. W. Lambert 26 Farm hand

Linne 27

William 6

Donald P. 3

Levi 1

Jefferson Township

62 Luke Adkins 39 b. Va

Rebecca 35

Sylvester 16

Clayborne 14

Lafayette 12

Francis 8

Nancy S. 8

Virginia B. 5

Isaac 11/12

Boone Co. Census of 1860

254 Luke Adkins 46 Blacksmith 46 b
Greenbrier Co

703 Mark Adkins 67 b. Va.

707 Matthew Adkins 39 b. ~~Green~~ Cabell
rier

711 John Adkins Esq. 59 b. Giles Co.

725 Luke Adkins 27 b. Cabell Co.

730. Washington Hill 40 b. Kan. Co.

Boone Co. Census of 1870
Crook Township.

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John W. Pearson.

The Teays Family

Letter from J. C. Whithead, Logan W. Va.

Last Will etc., of James Harvey Rice.

The Charles Spurlock Family

Will of Benj. Ray

" " Isiah Ray

" " W. L. Rice

History of the Pearsons

Midkiff History

"
Interview with Almeda Chapman Oral

Slaves by Sampson Simmons.

Murder of Capt. Nollie Felix

Letter from Mrs. Luna Fortner

Letter from Mrs. Maria J. Barker, St. Albans.

Church Celebrates Its 47th Birthday

Poems by N. L.

Notes from Various Sources

Story of Cedar Grove Church Where
Wm. Morris lived.

Garfield Made Reputation in Big
Sandy Campaign.

Letter to Alberta Jenkins.

Notes from Cabell Co. Press

Walnut Grove

Midland Trail Has Colorful, etc.

A. Wilberholt History.

John J. Bills — has been one of the farming residents of Sheridan Dist., Lincoln Co., W. Va., since 1866 and owns 275 acres of land. He was born in Wood Co. (then) Virginia Aug. 23, 1843, son of Alfred N. and Margaret (Jate) Bills, and they came with him to Lincoln Co. His mother died Feb. 13, 1876. John J. enlisted in Federal army in July 1862, 11th U. S. Infantry. He served in battles of Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run, and other smaller engagements, and was at Lees surrender at Appomattox. In 1867 he married Sarah J. Midkiff in Sheridan Dist., Lincoln Co. She was b. in Lincoln Co. in 1842, a daughter of Spencer and Veturly (McComas) Midkiff. Her parents settled in Lincoln Co. in 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Bills have five children: Veturly b. Jan. 7, 1868. Walden Q. b. Feb. 20, 1870. John E. b. May 8, 1873. Odie b. Oct. 2, 1877. Charlotte, b. Oct. 8, 1879. John J. Bills is road overseer in his precinct, and is now school trustee in his dist. His address Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

William F. Dingess — was born in Logan Co., in 1848, a son of William D. and Lanna (Berry) Dingess. He came with his parents to Lincoln Co. in 1862. In this county he was long engaged in business as a lumberman. He married Susan Shelton in Cabell Co., in 1867, and they have seven children: Annie L. b. Jan. 22, 1868; Maggie V. b. Jan. 2, 1870; Geo. E. b. May 18, 1872. died Sept. 12, 1878; Jerome Aug. 19, 1876; Malindia June 28, 1878; Viola, Apr. 8, 1880; Wm. D. July 14, 1874, died March 19, 1875. His wife was born in Cabell Co., W. Va. in 1848, and her parents Major Jerome and Melinda (Messinger) Shelton were born and reside in this county. Mr. Dingess was secretary of board of education in his district. In 1883 he moved to Greenup Co., Ky. His address is Argillite, Greenup Co., Ky.

~~William Sanders~~

William Sanders — son of Jacob and Sarah (Wampler) Sanders, was born in Scott Co. Virginia, Dec. 31, 1833, and settled in Lincoln Co. W. Va. in 1878. His father died in Scott Co., his mother resides in Lincoln Co.

Judy Nicely is a daughter of Samuel & Margaret (Peters) Nicely, who reside in Scott Co, Va. She was born in that county June 14, 1834, and married William Sanders in Sullivan Co. Tennessee, 1855. They had eight children; Samuel P. May 28, 1855, died April 6, 1856. Elizabeth C. Aug. 12, 1856. Patrick Henry, Feb. 3, 1858; Sarah M. Dec. 7, 1859. William H. July 12, 1861, died 11, 1861. Jackson B. July 16, 1862; James M. Sept. 17, 1865. The six are living in Lincoln Co, W. Va. The subject of this sketch enlisted in the war between the states in 1862, serving in the Confederate army, in the battles Chicamauga and Missionary Ridge. He is now a member of the Methodist Church, and his wife belongs to the United Baptist Church. Mr. Sanders is a prosperous farmer of Laurel Hill Dist. owning 100 acres of good farming land at the head of Four Mile Creek. The land has good improvements, large orchard, and is heavily timbered with poplar, pine, oak and walnut. His address is Cove Gap, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

Rev. Eliphus Spurlock —

is a son of Chas. & Lena (Wager) Spurlock who came to Lincoln Co. in 1798. He was born in Cabell Co. May 11, 1824, and in Boone Co. in 1853 he married Selpha, daughter of Elijah & Martha (Elkins) Elkins of Boone Co. W. Va. She was born in Logan Co. in 1834. and is the mother of 3 living children in Lincoln Co. and 1 dead. Martha b. Feb. 14, 1857. Dice b. Sept. 17, 1859. Stephen Apr. 30, 1862. Pattison b. May 8, 1864. died Nov. 29, 1866. Mr. Spurlock enlisted in the war in Sept. 1861, serving in the Federal army, in the battles Boone, Scary, Maryland, and Rocky Camp Gap. He came to Lincoln Co. in 1851, and was overseer of poor and a road surveyor. He is an ordained Methodist minister, was on Hamlin circuit in 1866, but has been a local preacher since. Also he is a farmer, owning 60 acres of land. Has an orchard of apples, pears, peach trees, & timber of oak & chestnut. Address Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

Isham Roberts — Son of Isham and Dicie (Roberts) Collins, was born in Martin Co. Kentucky in 1861, and settled in Lincoln Co., W. Va. in 1877. His mother resides in this county, but his father is in Minnesota. Isham Roberts was married to Martha J. Broomfield in Lincoln Co., in 1883. She was born in Lincoln Co. in 1865, and her parents Paris and Annie (Tony) Broomfield are natives of Lincoln Co., W. Va.

Mr. Roberts is a prosperous young merchant in Hart Creek Dist. Having his business at the mouth of Big Hart Creek, on the Guyan river. His prices reasonable and business extensive. His address Hart, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

David M. Baker, — is by occupation a stone mason, and is also a farmer in Laurel Hill District. He has the right in Lincoln and Logan counties to sell Nickols & Co's new process of preserving vegetables, which has proven a success throughout the country. Mr. Baker is a native of Meigs Co., Ohio, born July 8, 1832, and his parents were Wesley D. and Deborah (Wolf) Baker.

His mother died Oct. 8, 1880, and his father lives in Shelby Co., Illinois. In Meigs Co., in 1859, David M. Baker married Emily D. Moore, and six children have been born to them as follows: Geo. W. Nov. 13, 1859; Deborah F. Aug. 7, 1861; died May 10, 1876; Wm. M. Sept. 8, 1863, died Oct. 9, 1864; Lawrence A. Nov. 27, 1865; Richard H. Sept. 17, 1868; Charles P. Dec. 4, 1871. Mrs. Baker was born in Meigs Co., Oct. 2, 1833 is a daughter Geo. W. and Fannie (Russell) Moore residents of Meigs Co.

David M. Baker came to Lincoln Co., in 1880, and owns 160 acres of land on Laurel Creek; the land has good improvements, an orchard of apple, peach and cherry trees. Part of the land is heavily timbered with oak, poplar and pine. Coal and iron ore in abundance. Address Ten Mile, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

George Thomas Holton,
was born in Cabell Co., (now) W. Va. Feb. 11, 1847.
and came to Lincoln Co., in 1872.

His parents James and Margaret (Cooper) Holton
were here when the County was organized.

In Lincoln Co., Dec. 23, 1878, the Rev. W. A. Snodgrass,
united in marriage Geo. Thomas Holton
and Yantus Elkins. She was born in Logan Co.,
W. Va. June 16, 1860, and her parents Andrew and
Elizabeth (Elkins) Elkins, were residents of Lincoln
Co. at the time of its organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Holton are parents of two children:
Minnie, born Oct. 26, 1879, died Aug. 29, 1882;
Lenville Marion, born July 22, 1881.

George Thomas Holton is a school teacher and
a farmer in Hart Creek District, and receives
his mail at Fourteen, Lincoln Co., West Virginia.

John H. Napier.

Is a son of Robert and Mary (Osburn) Napier,
residents of Wayne Co., W. Va. and was born in that
county Aug. 22, 1843, and came to Lincoln Co., W. Va. in 1879.

He married Julia A. Ross, a native of Wayne Co.,
born March 24, 1850, in that county June 4, 1865.

The birth record of their 6 children: James M.
born April 4, 1867; Robert L. Feb. 11, 1870. Thomas B.
March 4, 1863; Mary, June 14, 1875; Maria J.
Apr. 14, 1878; Tennessee, Jan. 31, 1881.

James M. and Nettie (~~Ross~~) (Adkins) Ross residents
of Wayne Co. are the parents of Mrs. Napier.

John H. Napier was at one time Superintendent
of free schools in Wayne Co.

He was a faithful soldier in the late war, in
the Confederate army. He is a prosperous mer-
chant in Hart Creek district, with headquarters
at mouth of creek. He also owns ~~100~~ acres of land
in Wayne Co. His address is Hart, Lincoln Co.

West Virginia

Rutland, Ohio.

Apr. 9 -- '42

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I rec'd your letter of March 28. I have had pneumonia, and am just able to be up a little each day.

I will not try to give you a history of my family very far back, as I can give you names of some other people that can tell you more than I can.

My father's name is Louis Adkins, and his father was named Jacob Adkins. They came from Virginia. and my grandmother Adkins was a Bradshaw--name Phoebe. My mother was a Hunter before her marriage; and her father, or my grandfather, was John Hunter from Kentucky. My maternal grandmother was a Drake. I will give you reference to preacher Harvey Adkins, of Huntington, who was born and raised among my father's family, on Beach Fork. This Harvey Adkins lives with his son-in-law Edgar Bates, on corner of 18th St. and Underwood Avenue. He knows the whole history.

I have been told that Bales Adkins' wife on Beach Fork, had a full history; and at her death handed it down to either her daughter or granddaughter.

I was talking to a Frazier some time back, and he has a full history of my grand-mother Adkins' side. He lives back of Huntington somewhere. Sons know. But Harvey Adkins could tell you his name, and where he lives. This Rev. William Adkins and "Blackhead" John are not very much relation to our side of Adkins. I have heard of them though. If you can find Harvey Adkins he will get you straightened out. Also I know he would be glad to go with you if you want to go back to Beech Fork. He is a grandson of the generation, some way.

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I was born May 26, 1861. Will be 81 years of age
this may.

Respt.,

(Signed) Richard Adkins.

Mrs. Major Midkiff
Nov. 25, 1946

The Burl Johnson Family

Burl Johnson was living when my father, Peter Jordan came to this place. He had previously lived about four years, on Trace Creek, when he first came here. My father came to Bear Creek. My sister, Patara Frances Jordan was born, in Rockbridge Co., Va.

She died after the last big rise in the Ohio River. She was born March 2, 1857, I was born on March 2, 1860(?), and she lacked exactly two months of being three years older than I. She lacked from Feb. 2 to March 2, of being 80 years old.

My father was here between these two dates. I think Burl Johnson lived several years, and is buried in the old Johnson cemetery, between Bear Creek and Coleman.

His children were Andy, Wesley, Squire, and a son who married Ediza —, who after his death, married Charlay Berkeley.

He married second, Sally Sciles
 They had a son Sciles Johnson
 who had two sons, "Major" Johnson,
 and "Doc" Johnson. Both left here.
 Another son of Sciles Johnson was
 Clyde Johnson, who did live at
 West Hamlin, and a son, Herman
 Johnson who lived on Two Mile
 Creek (in 1946), and a daughter,
 Anzo Johnson, who married a Gillis-
 pe. They probably separated. Another
 son, Roy Johnson was murdered re-
 cently, in Huntington.

Burl Johnson's house stood up
 higher, on the hill than John
 Sidibolton's

Harve ^{Johnson's} Sciles' brothers were
 Perry, James, Will, John, and An-
 dy Johnson.

Harvey Johnson married Mary
 Sciles.

The children of Mary and Lo
 Reynolds were: Margaret who m. a
 Fugate, and "Murt", single. 8th Ave. Oct. 1942

Interview with James Burgess Dial, born December 9, 1879,
at the John W. Dial House on Fall Creek.

The oldest Dial of which I have any knowledge was my great grandfather Dial. His name is possibly on his tombstone in the Dial graveyard across Four Mile from where I live. There is another graveyard called the J.M. Dial graveyard, on the hill to the right of my house. He came from Ireland in 1811 and brought my grandfather, John Moss Dial, who was born in Ireland in 1810, according to a statement of my grandfather.

John Moss Dial was one year old when brought here; and his father settled on the old Dial place, across Four Mile, and at the far end of the graveyard. It was a small log cabin built in 1811. Grandfather told me it was the oldest house in the creek. Another house stood at the mouth of the creek. It was used by one of the McComas and stood where Sanford's store now stands.

My grandfather, J.M. Dial, married a Caroline ^{Wilkinson} ~~Williamson~~. She was raised in Wayne County, near Wayne Court House. He built the old log house, still standing, about fifteen years before the civil war. My father was born April 2, 1850; and he and William Dials and Julia Dials, (still living), were born there. Hence, it must have been built as early as 1845 or 1846. Two others, older still, were born in another cabin about 75 to 100 yards from above, and next to the foot of the hill, where the barn is, and to the right of it. It was a log house of one room, later divided by a partition. The names of these older children were: James M. Dial and Elizabeth, my Uncle

and Aunt. Two younger than my father were, Edward R., and Frances, making seven children in my grand father's family of whom only two are living.

My Uncle James M. Dial first married a Midkiff and reared three children: Harriett Gallie, and Elizabeth. He lived about one quarter of a mile up the Kentuck Fork where Ed Wellman now lives. His first wife died, and he married Betha Lawhorn and reared eleven children, of whom one died when about ten years of age, and ten grew up. Their names were: Ed., Eskaline, Elvera, Randolph, Spencer, Lando, Roxanna, , and Florence, are still living. also Freeland, seven in all.

Harriett still lives on Holley Bush, of Four Mile; Gallie lives in Huntington, and Elizabeth (Mrs. Valentine Watson) lives in Charleston.

Eskaline and Freeland live in Huntington; Florence, Lando and Ed (E.W.) live in Charleston: Randolph lives in Logan, and Roxie lives on Harless ~~Creek~~ Fork of Four Mile.

Elizabeth Dial married Beverly Ray. They are dead, but lived up a hollow called Roy Hollow, on the west side of Guyan, about 3/4 miles above Branchland. They had as children: Charley, Wilda, (girl), Teeny, Jimmy, Henry, Elsie (the herb doctor), Frances, Minnie, Josie and John, ten in all, all whom all but four boys and one girl are dead. Wilda went west and has never been heard from.

~~Julia~~^{Judith} married Sol Midkiff and lives in her old home place, just above the mouth of Fall Creek, in a log house to the right of the hard road as we go towards West Hamlin. She had the following children: Josie, Cora, Andy, Delbert, Gallie,

Arthur, Effie, Ida, and one whose name I cannot remember.

John W. Dial, my father, was born in 1850 and had the following children: Alex. (A.W.), Alice, J.B., Amon, Erwin, by first wife. He first married Kizzie McComas, daughter of Monticue McComas.

By second wife, Almeda V. Chapman, he had ^{two} three daughters: ^{now} Norma, Verlie, Hal H. Dial. Only two of first children are living--myself and Ammon, who lives on Ten Mile.

^{Napoleon Bonaparte}
Frances married Boney Adkins and lives on the waters of Beech Fork, about a mile above where Bowen's Mill stood. She has about eight children.

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Grandfather told me (John M.) that he had often ran from wolves and wild cats to get a good place to shoot.

In his day an old log house stood at the Forks of Four Mile built by one of the old Adkins, possibly Uncle John (Drotty) Adkins.

Later John Riley Harless built a log house at Forks of Harless Creek, still standing, and used as a kitchen by Randolph Adkins. It was probably built about the time of the civil war.

We have a picture of father and mother and my wife's mother enlarged.

- A FAMILY HISTORY -

My maternal grandfather, , George W. Adkins, was born Dec. 17, 1846, on Fall Creek. He lived there with his parents until the civil war, when they moved to Guyandotte. (He was too young to go to war. They stayed at Guyandotte two years, and moved back to Fall Creek. He married Nancy Ross, a daughter of Robert Ross, in 1871. They resided on Fall Creek until her death. He married my grandmother, Mary Midkiff, in 1877. They went to Kansas to live, and lived there four years.. While there three children were born to them:

Nancy Elizabeth, who died in infancy;

Walter, Laverne and Maud.

Walter later married Hettie McComas, and now lives at Glenwood, W.Va. Maud died of fever at the age of twenty years. Grandfather always called them his "Kansas Jayhawkers". They came back to West Virginia and bought a farm on Long Branch on the Lincoln and Cabell line. There he farmed and raised cattle. Here were born six children: Hattie, who married Roy Ross and lives at the home place; Ida, who married Virgil Perry, who died; and she then married Delbert Ros⁶, and now lives on Long Branch. Percy, who stays with his sister, Hattie, Roscoe, who married Edith Johnston, and lives in Huntington, as a member of the Palace Theatre force; Effie, who married Ward Spurlock; and lives in Huntington, and Joseph, who married Mamie McNisly and resides in Charleston, W. Va.

Grandfather put up a store in 1890 and kept it about fifteen years. He traveled very much. He has visited 17 different states. Grandmother died, and grandfather married Mary Booth, a widow, in 1919.

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He moved to Huntington in 1924 and lived there two years. He came to Lower Two Mile, about 1/2 mile above West Hamlin and bought a home. He still resides there, at the age of eighty years. His father was John Adkins, his mother Nancy Tooley; his paternal grandfather, William Adkins, ; his grandmother Elizabeth Elizabeth Meadows, whose mother came direct from Ireland. The Tooleys were of English descent.

His brothers and sister were, Elizabeth, who married Merritt Johnston, Julie Anne, who married Samuel Lucas; Nancy Jane, deceased, who married John Messinger; Maryha, deceased, who married James Midkiff; Mary, who married Hiram Boothe; Sarah who married Cyrus Dillon; John, who married French Lucas; ; Charles, who married Mary Messinger; and David, deceased, who married Alice Winters. His father died in 1877 and his mother died in 1907.

W. Va. History: Irene Perry

Information, G.W.Adkins, W.Va. History.

- MESSINGER FAMILY -

Nicholas, the first Messinger, came from Germany, in the year of 1800. He fought in the war of ~~1800x~~ 1812. He was married to Miss Mary Williams, of Ohio, and they came to West Virginia, to live in 1850. He was a timberman, a farmer, and also ran a flour and corn mill in Lincoln County. To this union were born six children: Jane, Malindy, Emily, John, Wilson, and Nicholas in 1875.

John H. Messinger married Nancy Jane Adkins, of Lincoln County, in 1871. He, also, was a timberman in Lincoln County, West Virginia.

His children were Walter, Jennie C., Mandy Agness, and Anna deceased, while young.. His wife died of tuberculosis at the age of 30, in 1883. He and his eldest son made their home with a brother until the son's marriage, at which time he went to reside with him. Mandy, Agness and Jimmie were ~~reared~~ by their grandfather, Nancy Adkins, of Sheridan District. Mandy was married to J.H. McComas, Postmaster of Barboursville, in 1894. They now reside at Barboursville.

Walter married Miss Alice Midkiff in 1900. They reside at Sheridan, , where Mr. Messinger is a prominent merchant. James C. served three years in the United States army during the Spanish-American war, from 1899 to 1902. He returned to his native state and married Miss Eliza Midkiff in 1903. He was then employed by the Cole & Crane Timber Company at Barboursville, W. Va. Then he was a merchant at Naggatuck, W. Va.. From this he came back to Lincoln County, where he was Assessor for eight years. He then moved to Huntington and went into the contracting business in 1920.

Agness was married to Michael Riblett in 1903. They lived in Williamson for a number of years, but at present reside at Barboursville, Mr. Riblett being a road contractor.

Paul F. Messinger,

W. Va. History

Aug. 1, 1927.

The first settlers on One Mile were Archibald Adkins and Ruff Fry. Archibald Adkins came from _____ and settled in a little log house about half way between the head and the mouth of the creek. He came here with his wife.

Ruff Fry came here and settled in a little log cabin at the foot of the One Mile hill. He came from Four Mile. When they came here the creek was all in woods and they began to clean away the forests and clean up the ground and tend it. The way they cleaned it was with an axe and saw and then the people began to come in and settle with their families and build themselves homes. When they came here there were no bears, and the first roads that were built with ax, mattock and saw. It was built for a wagon to travel over and it was the first road on One Mile. Then the men--all over 21 years old, and they had to work four days out of a year on the road. In a few years it began to increase, and then they built a school house about half a mile above the mouth of the creek, and it was called the Lower One Mile school. It was named after One Mile. Then more settlers came in, ; and then in a few years they built another school house up farther on the creek. It was called the Childer's school and got its name from one of the settlers.

Now One Mile has increased 'till it has about 140 people on it. Now, when Archibald Adkins came here and settled he x had eight children, five boys and three girls.

(Copy)

~~HOW ONE MILE~~ GOT ITS NAME --

It got its name because it was one mile from the falls farm to the mouth of the creek.

Ruff Fry died in 1920 and was buried on One Mile. He owned the same house when he died that he owned when he came here, but not as much. Archibald Adkins owned half of one at one time, but he sold the most of it. He still lives on One Mile.

My father, E.E.Adkins.

Elva Adkins, West Hamlin, W.Va.

(Copy)

-THE HISTORY OF BRANCLAND -

By Silas Gibson.

In 1900 Mr. J.X.Hill opened a store and the mines known as the Rochester. He then opened the mines on the other side of the river. Mr.Hill did not stay here very long. He sold out to another man, by the name of Hadly. Mr.Hill then moved to Atensville and was later killed by a man by the name of Green Porter. While Mr.Hadly was here the Post Office was called "Hadley".

There was so much goods going to Mr.Hadly through a mistake that the station was changed to Hadley.

Mr.Hadly then sold to Mr J.R.Branch, and then the town was changed from Hadley to Branchland, and has went by that name since.

History of Branchland

August 1, 1927.

Silas Gibson.

--SLAVERY ON THE GUYAN RIVER--

Spencer Midkiff, who lived one mile from West Hamlin, where Mr. Covey now lives, bought a negro for a slave in time of slavery. He bought him from Jacob Adkins, of Wayne County, paying \$1,000.00 for him. Jacob Smith had owned this negro's mother and had raised him. His name was Abe.

Abe was a very honest, old negro, and his owner was not afraid in the least, to trust his money with him.

When negroes were freed Abe left Spencer Midkiff's and went to Twelve Pdale, in Wayne County. He became dissatisfied, and longed for his old home; so he left and returned to his old master, Spencer Midkiff. He belonged to the Baptist church for many years. After the death of his master, Spencer Midkiff, he lived with Spencer Midkiff's children. When he got too old and could not work he was taken to the poor house in Lincoln County. He died at about the age of 110.

Maude Messinger

W. Va. History

Slavery on Guyan.

- AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WEST HAMLIN -

The first house in what is now West Hamlin was the home of Jerome Shelton. The house was made of logs and was so constructed as to look like two large boxes, and a rock chimney to join them together. This house stood where the school house now stands. It was torn down in the year of 1922.

Jerome Shelton was born in 1821, and died in 1883. His grandson, Jerome Shelton, is now living in West Hamlin.

The second oldest house was called the "old Robison house. It was situated on the corner lot, by the side of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. R.A.Lewis, my grand father furnished all the lumber with which to build it. This was his donation to help the good work which has been carried on up to this date. He then owned a saw mill at Bradyville and was running a big timber job. Rev. James A.H.Barrett was was the founder of the church and also helped to build it. He was the first pastor of this church. He is now living in Barboursville but is in very poor health. This church building has been kept in fairly good condition. An organization has been formed at this church, which is well known as the Epworth League. It has been doing splendid work, and has interested many of the young folks in church work, which probably otherwise could not have been done. The funds which have been raised by the Epworth League are now being used to paint the church. The town was surveyed and laid off into 66 lots in the year of 1901, by A.C.Hilbert, who is now dead. Several lots have been added to the 66 in recent years, and the town has built up very much.

West Hamlin has two churches, the Methodist and the Ep-

tist. Three stores, a lumber plant, two barber shops, and several restaurants. It has a good, four room school house in the upper end of town.

It is a railway station, and many things are shipped in by carloads, to be delivered to other parts of the country.

The population is estimated at about six or seven hundred people, and it is very busy little town.

Jewel Lewis.

-RAFTING ON THE GUYANDOTTE -

The rafting after the civil war on the Guyandotte was partly from Fall Creek. There was much from Four Mile, Six Mile and several places further up the Guyandotte, also. The kinds of trees cut were poplar and white oak. They had to be cut with an ax. They were cut from forty to fifty feet in length. Larger ones were cut in two or perhaps, three sections if they were unnecessarily large. They had to be hauled to the river with oxen. The front end on the log was fastened on a pair of wheels, but the rest had to drag. Only two or three logs were gotten out in a day, although the bark was left on. One man had to drive the oxen; another one had to follow the team, to help load and unload, and another one stayed in the woods to cut trees: and a path through the woods for the team. Usually, there were thirty or forty logs in a raft. They were fastened together with tier poles. The tier poles had holes in them, and so did the logs, and they were fastened together with wood pins. There were two men on each raft, one at the bow; the other on the rear, to steer it with the oars. They had to run when the water was high to get over the dams; otherwise, they couldn't go. They went to Guyandotte to sell them, but they were often taken to Cincinnati and Louisville without without much more than stopping to exchange men, who were in charge. They could get down there in a half day and could walk back in the other half. If coming back the same day they took lunches; if not, they stayed at a hotel.

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Information, G.W.Adkins.

- SOME HISTORY OF FALL CREEK -

When the civil war began there were probably five families living on Fall Creek. They were as follows: Charles Tooley, Harrison Payne, Abraham Midkiff and John C. Adkins. There were no stores close, the nearest one being about three miles away., near West Hamlin. The people would take a day off out of each month and go to the store. The roads were only a path, and the county road which went up Guyan River was very poor. Each man was to work four days from a year on the county road, free of charge. The merchant got his goods from Guyandotte, which were pulled by a push boat. They were about 8 feet wide and 80 feet long. It took four men to push, and one to steer the oar.

The farmers didn't need many goods from the store, as they raised sheep, cotton and flax, and made their own clothing.

The nearest school was at the mouth of the creek, which was about two or three miles away. This was a one room log cabin having a rock chimney. Wood was the fuel used. The children could get it themselves. There was no floor except the ground and split poles slipped in. The cracks of the house having no backs, served as seats. The parents paid for their children's schooling. Reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic were taught. It was said then that if anyone could work through "divisions" he was an excellent scholar.

There were no church houses. The people held their public worship at people's houses, taking it time about. After the war District school houses were built, and they would hold their meetings in the school houses.

The first district school house was built in 1867, at the mouth of Fall Creek. This was a one room log building with a stove in which wood was burned. The first teacher was Andy Melrose, from Indiana. Perhaps his salary was about \$20.00; and he boarded with his scholars, taking it time about. Later the teachers took to boarding, boarding being \$5.00. The term lasted four months.

Maude Messinger

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Some History of Fall Creek.

- SETTLEMENT OF FALL CREEK -
By Irene Perry.

The first man to enter his claim on Fall Creek was Charles Tooley. His claim consisted of five hundred acres where George Messinger now lives, and above there.

A man by the name of Payne was a very early settler, settling where Pearly Kelley lives. Marin Petrie either bought all of this land, or part of it, and came there to live later.

Jean Midkiff bought the land where his children now live

John Adkins, who was a very early settler, settled at June Messinger's place.

The land now is mostly all owned by Messinger and Midkiffs

Irene Perry, W.Va. History information.

-LAWRENCE COUNTY, O., RECORDS ON LAMBERTS -

Deed Bk 4. Page 300.

Sept. 15, 1800 Josiah Lambert and Joannah, his wife deeded 60 acres to Joseph Kelsa, on Amaziah Davisson's Run deed to Jacob Coplan and John Davisson, son of Joseph Davisson of same county, for \$166.00.

Deed Bk 4. Page 300--

Josiah L. and Joanna deeded to Joseph Kelsa 60 acres on same date as above, and same location.

Deed Bk. 4. Page 349--

Josiah L. and Joanna, Nov. 10, 1800 deeded to Joseph Adams, 150 acres.

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Deed Bk 6. Page 13.

Heirs of Jonathan L. Sept. 2, 1805, Benj. Hodden and Ann, his wife (late Ann L.), William Davis and Hannah, his wife, (late Hannah L.) Robert Parkes and Susana, his wife; John L., Amos L., and Sarah, his wife, Josias Lambert and Aaron, are the children, heirs and representatives of Jonathan Lambert, deceased, and William L., the remaining child, heir of said Jonathan L.

Deed Bk 1. Page 516--

Feb. 1, 1794, John Powers, and Prudence, his wife, of Harrison County, Virginia, &c. deeded for \$152.00 to Josiah Lambert on waters of Ann Moors Run 153 acres.

Deed Bk 4. P. 342.

July 21, 1800 John Powers deeded to Josiah Lambert

154 acres on Ann Moore's Run for \$140.00. Says John Powers and Prudence, his wife, then says, Mary, his wife, but neither side.

March 1, 1803, Daniel Stout and Elizabeth, his wife, for \$400.00 deed to the heirs of Jonathan Lambert, 300 acres on Brushy Fork of Elk Creek.

Deed Bk 7. P. 148.

March 23, 1803, Daniel Stout and Elizabeth, his wife, for \$400.00 deed to Jonathan Lambert's heirs lnd on the Brushy Fork of Elk Creek, 300 acres.

Deed Bk 5. P. 381.

Dec. 1, 1803, John Hull and Christiana, his wife deed to Joseph Lambert 225 acres on on west side of West Fork.

John Hull.

Wife signs, Christianah.

Deed Bk 6. p. 181, Nov. 17, 1806.

Jacob Cozad and Mercey of Grant's County Ohio, his wife, deed to John Lambert 500 acres. Location F. L.H.F. Stone Coal ck \$500.00. Deeds this to John Lambert, Josiah Lambert, Bonham Stout and Aaron Lambert. On left hand Fork of Stone Coal Cr. Aaron L. 200 acres -- others 100 each.

Signed, Jacob Cozad

Macy Cozad.

Deed Bk. 39. P. 10.

May 5, 1853, Hiram Lynch and Nancy, his wife deed to Joseph Lambert and Margaret Ann, his wife 486 acres on Stone Coal Run.

Benjamin France

Benjamin France was born in Cabell County, Oct. 1, 1844; died June 6, 1918. He served as a Rebel soldier, throughout the Civil War, entering the army, at the age of 17 years. He was never married. He was noted as one of the best fiddlers of his time. He ~~was~~ won two or three times, in contests, but his medals do not show when, nor whether they were first class rank.

Henry France, his nephew says he could play all the old fiddle tunes, and could play all night without repeating the same tunes even once.

He learned on a gourd fiddle, and was able to play when he entered the army.

I am disappointed that I can't get any more of this man's life. As soon as I get home I will have his picture struck and will send you one.

Ozzie Phillips

- WILLIAM HENRY STEED -

He is a teacher and farmer in Carroll District, Lincoln County, W. Va. owning 130 acres of good farming land four miles Southeast of Hamlin, Lincoln C., W. Va. The farm has good improvements and is well watered. It is heavily timbered with pine, poplar, oak, ash, beech, and maple. A fine young orchard of apple, pear, peach and plum trees; coal and iron ore in abundance; also a good, medicinal spring He is a native of Noble County Ohio, born July 7, 1845. He is a son of Robert and Sarah Ann (Dement) Steed. Each are eighty years of age, and reside in Noble County, Ohio. W.H.Steed married Margaret Jane Snyder, born in Noble County, April 8, 1848. They were married in Summerfield, Ohio May 23, 1868. The children of this union are at home. Children were born as follows: Charles Franklin, Feb'y 10, 1873; Edward Forest July 2, 1874; Rosa Dell, Feb.19,1877; Robert Dennis, Nov. 12, 1880.

Mrs.Steed is a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann (Prescott) Snyder; the former died in 1851, but the latter is still living--in Noble County, Ohio.

Wm.H.Steed enlisted in the war between the states in 1863, serving in Company "C", 25th Ohio Infantry and had participated in the following battles: Fall of Sumpter, Evacuation of Charleston, and the S.C.Capture of Columbia. He served under General Sherman and was discharged June 20, 1866. Mr.Steed's father and brother served in the Federal Army during the late war, and the brother died from disease contracted while in service.

Mr. and Mrs.Steed joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1869, in Noble County, under the pastorate of Rev.David Cross.

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Wm.H.Steed settled in Lincoln County, West Virginia in
1875, and his Post Office address is Hamlin, Lincoln County,
W. Va.

- JOHN WESLEY PEARSON -

Son of William and Belinda (Holton) Pearson, is a native of Lincoln County, born Dec.5, 1851. He has been a member of the Board of Examiners in Carroll District, Lincoln Co. for two years. An uncle and two cousins of J.W.Pearson served in the Federal army during the civil war, in which William Pearson, father of J.W. was killed. John W. Pearson owns about 203 acres of fine farming land in Carroll District, three miles south of Hamlin. It is heavily timbered, well watered, and abounds in coal.

Mr.Pearson has been teaching free schools in Lincoln County for about thirteen years; and, as a teacher, no one in this locality stands higher in the estimation of the people and as a man. He is respected by all. His Post Office address is Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

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--RUFUS STOWERS --

Son of William Larkin and Rebecca (Lambert) Stowers, was born in Tazewell County, Virginia Jan. 26, 1842 and settled in Lincoln Co., W. Va. in 1872. His father died in Tazewell County, Virginia, in 1857 and his mother in 1856.

Mr. Stowers taught school for thirteen years, but is now a farmer in Carroll District, owning about 127 acres off Scary Creek, seven miles southeast of Hamlin, Lincoln Co. The farm is in good condition, , large orchard of apples, pear and peach trees. A portion of it is heavily timbered with poplar, sugar, maple, beech, hickory and walnut.

In Tazewell County, Aug. 16, 1859, he was united in wedlock with Sarah Elizabeth Lambert, the daughter of Hiram, H. and Priscilla E. (Lambert) Lambert, and she was born in Tazewell County, Virginia Apr. 26, 1844. Oct. 28, 1882.

Mrs. Stowers died, leaving a husband and six children. One child was deceased. They were born as follows: George Washington Sept. 8, 1860; Matilda Jane March 29, 1862; Mary Priscilla Aug. Aug. 14, 1864; Martha Rebecca Alice, Aug. 9, 1871; Emma Eva Christina, Oct. 7, 1875; James Addison, Mar. 8, 1877; died July 5, 1878; Luella Ann Apr. 16, 1879.

Mr. Stowers and wife were members of United Baptist Church His address, Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

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John W. Pearson

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is a native of Lincoln Co., born Dec. 5, 1855.

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of examiners in Carroll district for two
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the Civil War, in which William Pearson,
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William Henry Steed -

Is a teacher and farmer in Carroll district, Lincoln county, owning 130 acres of good farming land, four miles south-east from Hamlin. The farm has good improvements, is well watered, heavily timbered with pine, poplar and oak, ash beech and maple; a fine young orchard of apple, peach, pear, plum; coal and iron ore are in abundance; and a good medicinal spring. William H. Steed is a native of Noble county, Ohio, born July 7th 1845, and is a son of Robert and Sarah Ann (Dement) Steed, both 80 years of age, and residing in Noble county. Wm. H. Steed married Margaret Jane Snyder, born in Noble county, April 8, 1848, the ceremony having taken place in Summerfield, Ohio, May 23, 1868. The children of this union are at home, and were born as follows: - Chas. Franklin Aug. 14, 1869; Ernest Fordice, Feb. 10, 1872; Edward Forest July 2, 1874; Rosa Dell, Feb. 19, 1877; Robert Dennis, Nov. 13, 1880.

Mrs. Steed is a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann (Prescott) Snyder; the father died in 1851, the mother still living in Noble county.

William Henry Steed enlisted in the war between the States in 1863, serving in Co. C. 25th Ohio Infantry, and participated in following battles, Fall of Sumter, Evacuation of Charleston, and the S. C. capture of Columbia.

William Henry Steed, continued.

He served under General Sherman, and was discharged June 20, 1866. Mr. Steed's father and brother served in the Federal army during the war; The brother died from disease contracted while in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Steed joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1869, in Noble county, O. under the pastorate of Rev. David Cross.

They settled in Lincoln county, W. Va. in 1875, and their address is Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

Rufus Stowers,

Rufus Stowers; — son of Larkin and Rebecca (Lambert) Stowers, was born in Fagewell County, Virginia, Jan. 26, 1842, and settled in Lincoln Co. W. Va. in 1872.

His father died in Fagewell County in 1857 and his mother in 1856. Mr. Stowers taught school for 13 years, but is now a farmer in Carroll Co. owning about 127 acres of land on Scary Creek, 7 miles south-east from Hamlin. The farm is in good condition, large orchard of apple, pear and peach trees, and a portion of farm is heavily timbered in poplar, sugar, maple, beech, hickory and walnut. In Fagewell County Virginia, Aug. 16, 1859, Rufus Stowers was united in wedlock with Sarah Elizabeth Lambert. She is the daughter of Hiram H. and Priscilla E. (Lambert) Lambert, and she was born in Fagewell Co. Va. on April 26, 1844. October 28, 1882, Mrs. Stowers died, leaving a husband and six children to mourn her loss. She was mother of 7 children, one deceased. They were born as follows; — Geo. Washington, Sept. 8, 1860; Matilda Jane, March 9, 1862; Mary Priscilla, Aug. 14, 1864; Martha Rebecca Alice, Aug. 9, 1871; Emma Eva Christina Oct. 7, 1875; James Addison, March 8, 1877, died July 5, 1878; Luella Ann, April 16, 1879. Mr. Stowers is a member of the United Baptist Church, and his wife was a member of the same church at time of her death.

William Stowers, father of Rufus, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Rufus Stowers was at one time constable and commissioner of Revenue in Bland Co., Virginia. His address is Hamlin, Lincoln Co., West Virginia.

Isaac Van Meter Sweetland

He was born in Botetourt Co., Virginia Oct. 1821. Came from Cabell Co. W. Va. to Carroll District, Lincoln County, W. Va. in May 1868. In Pattonburg, Virginia June 2, 1844, Isaac V. Sweetland was united in wedlock with Martha Russel, a native of Tyler Co, W. Va. born Dec. 21, 1824, and whose parents John and Rebecca (Simms) Russel, are both deceased.

The genealogical record of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Sweetland is: - John S. born April 30, 1846, resides at home. Mary Hester, June 30, 1847, resides at Oma Station, W. Va. Annie Henry, July 11, 1848, living near her home in Carroll Dist, Elizabeth O. March 21, 1851, Olive Hill, Ky. Maggie Pogue, Oct. 22, 1855, died May 31st. 1878. Carrie Van Meter, June 3, 1857, died Sept. 18, 1871. Louis Roffe, Feb. 14, 1859 at home. Mattie Walker, Jan. 11, 1861, at home. Virginia Watson, Aug. 3, 1862 near home. Sallie Rebecca, July 27, 1867, at home. Mr. Sweetland's parents are dead. His father Eleazer Sweetland died in 1841. His mother Sallie (Van Meter) Sweetland died April 21, 1881.

Isaac V. Sweetland was at one time president of the County Court, and Superintendent of free schools of Lincoln Co, W. Va. His son John S. is Sheriff of Lincoln Co., W. Va. The wife of the subject of this sketch has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for 25 years, and he also is a member. Five daughters, Mary, Lizzie, Maggie, Mattie and Jennie are members of the same church. Annie is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Direct mail to Sweetland and Son, dealers in general merchandise, Hamlin, Lincoln Co, W. Va. will reach them there.

David Emory Wilkinson.

He was admitted to the bar May 12, 1883, and practices in all courts of Lincoln Co., W. Va. and the counties adjoining. He is a native of Lincoln county, W. Va. born March 23, 1856, and is a son of John Samuel and Pamela (Kaysar) Wilkinson. They came to Lincoln county in 1850 from Harrison county (then) Virginia. David E. Wilkinson was teacher in public and private schools for nine years, member of board of examiners (school) two years, and commissioner of circuit court for three years, which office he still holds.

D. E. Wilkinson, attorney at law, is a promising young man, and a brilliant future is before him. His address is Hamlin, Lincoln Co., West Virginia.

William M. Wysonq.

He is the son of Creed and Emeline (Funk) Wysonq is a native of Cabell Co. West Virginia, born Nov. 15, 1845, the year in which his parents settled in Lincoln County, West Virginia. He has been twice married his first wife was Nancy Smith. In Hamlin, W. Va. Nov. 16, 1875, W. M. Wysonq was united in wedlock with Bettie M. daughter of Judge Joseph W. and Nancy (Hanes) Holt. She was born in New Castle, Craig Co., Virginia, Oct. 24, 1859. To Mr. and Mrs. Wysonq three children have been given, viz Willie, Feb. 13, 1876. George, August 12, 1879. Lillie, Dec. 9, 1880. Two brothers of Mr. Wysonq served in the Confederate army during the late war, one of whom was killed at Drury's Bluff, Virginia. Wm. M. Wysonq was assessor of Lincoln County two years. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) in 1879, and is Sabbath school Superintendent. His wife became a member of the Presbyterian Church in 1873. Mr. Wysonq is a merchant, dealing in dry goods, groceries, clothing, notions, boots and shoes, hats and caps. His motto is "Quick sales and small profits". His address is Hamlin, Lincoln County, West Virginia.

David Nelson.

Born in Monroe County, (now) West Virginia, December 16, 1826, is a son of William and Ellen (Cottel) Nelson.

He has been twice wedded. Mary Stickler became his wife Dec. 23, 1851, and she was the mother of seven children, whose record is as follows:

James Floyd born September 10, 1852, resides on Mud River; Martha Ann, Feb. 11, 1854, resides in Cabell Co., W. Va.; Cornelia Angelina, August 13, 1856, resides near home; Elizabeth Catherine, Jan. 27, 1858, resides in Putnam county; Mary Ellen, March 18, 1859, lives near home; Jonathan Newman, March 10, 1860. Sarah Mahala, October 18, 1862; the last two are at home.

Mrs. Nelson died in June 1870.

In Putnam County, W. Va. Oct. 17, 1872, David Nelson was joined in wedlock with Catherine, daughter of George and Jane (Swann) Hatfield. She was born in Cabell County, January 23, 1826, and in 1875 she joined the United Baptist Church, her husband having joined in 1873. David Nelson enlisted in the war between the States in 1862, serving in the Confederate Army, in Co. E. 36th Va. Volunteer Infantry Battalion. He was engaged in the battles of Dry Creek, Tuckwiller's Hill, Salt Pond Mountain, Lynchburg and Droop Mountain (where he was captured in September, 1863) and returned to his home April 14, 1865.

William Nelson, father of David, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

David Nelson is a farmer in Union District, owning 126 acres of land, which is well cultivated, and has upon it a fine orchard of apples, peaches, plums and quinces. A portion of the land is heavily timbered with poplar, oak, sugar, maple and beech; coal and iron ore are in abundance. The farm is located on Big Laurel, six miles southeast from Hamlin. His address is Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

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Thomas Jefferson Grass.

A teacher and farmer in Union District, Lincoln County, was born in this county, Feb. 3, 1856, and his parents, Peter and Melinda (Spurlock) Grass, settled on Trace Fork of Mud River, about 60 years ago, when this part of the country was a wilderness, inhabited principally by wolves, panthers and bears. In Lincoln County, N.C. 27, 1879, Thomas J. Grass and Stella Frances Wington were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, and their home has been brightened by two children: Maggie, born Aug. 13, 1880; Berta, April 4, 1882. Mrs. Grass joined the Missionary Baptist Church in 1880. She was born in Franklin County, Virginia January 27, 1860, and her parents are Tayton Richard and Malinda Jane (Oxley) Wington.

Thomas J. Grass has been a most successful teacher of public schools in Lincoln County for several years, and is respected by all in the community in which he lives. His address is Griffithville, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

Elias H. Fowers Vickers-

Son of John and Lucinda (Pout) Vickers, was born in Kanawha County, Nov. 11, 1822. His first marriage was with Chloa Workman, who was born in Kanawha County March 26, 1817, and died May 20, 1856, and their children were born: Amanda, Nov. 23, 1842.

John Thomas, July 17, 1844. Paulina, Oct. 26, 1846. Martha, Oct. 14, 1848. Valeria, July 19, 1851; Chloa, May 20, 1856, died Sept. 28th following. All these children who are living are married and doing well.

John Thomas was a soldier in the Confederate army, and mortally wounded at Waynesboro, dying the next day.

A few hours before his death he called his comrades around him, and bade them look upon a soldier dying for his country, and in the service of Jesus Christ, the Captain of his salvation.

Lewis Vickers, brother of Elias H. F. was a soldier in that army, and was wounded in the jaw, the ball knocking out four teeth. Mr. Vickers was not himself in the army, but by misinformation, furnished by some meddling person or persons, was made prisoner and confined at Camp Chase 6 months. December 30, 1856 in Boone County, he married Rhoda, a daughter of Archibald B. and Polly (Elice) Woodrum, and widow of Preston Pauley, who died Oct. 25, 1855. They have 4 sons and 1 daughter: Elias

Hamilton, born July 4, 1858; Robert J. Dec. 27, 1860; Lewis Henry, Sept. 5, 1862; George C. Feb. 22, 1864; Lucy Deniser, March 21, 1865. The first marriage of Mrs. Vickers was solemnized May 1st, 1845, the children born were: Mary Ann Sept. 16, 1846; Martha, Apr. 4, 1848, died Oct. 8, 1855. Manderville, June 16, 1849; Letha, March 15, 1851; Clark, Oct. 16, 1852. All are married and doing well.

Mr. Vickers has 200 acres of land on Big Horse Creek in Duval District, over 100 in good cultivation, the rest in fine timber. The land is rich in mineral ore, both coal and iron. Besides tilling the soil, Mr. Vickers has been a minister of the Gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church for 33 years. Address is Griffithsville, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

William Henry McClure.

Is a son of Elijah and Rhoda (Pauley) McClure who were among the first settlers in that part of Kanawha Co., afterwards Logan, and now included in Lincoln county. They were honorably identified with the improvements of both counties, including the building of the court-house at Charleston and that of Lincoln, and died at a good old age, honored by all that knew them. They had a family of 12 sons and 5 daughters, and 14 of their family are living in Lincoln County. Eleven of the sons own farms in the county, and are following their parents example, raising large families and doing well.

The excellent farm of William Henry McClure lies on Sulphur Spring fork of Middle fork of Mud River.

He was born Jan. 11th, 1830 in what was then Logan Co. Virginia, and he first married Mary Ann Vickers.

They were married Dec. 5, 1855, and their seven children were born: John S. Nov. 5, 1856; Wm. A. Aug. 25, 1858; Lucy Ann, Aug. 2, 1861; Mary Bowman, April 23, 1863; Henry Grant, May 15, 1866; George W. July 15, 1868, died Aug. 12, 1871; Nancy Ann, Apr. 1, 1871.

Lucy Ann is the wife of Willis Pauley, and lives in this county. The mother of these children died April 10, 1871. She had been a member of the Baptist Church twelve years before her death. In Lincoln

Co., July 14, 1871, Minerva Jane Clark became the wife of Mr. McClure, and their children are: Levi Watson born Nov. 26, 1873; Cynthia Ellen, Jan. 11, 1878; James A. Oct. 1st, 1879.

Minerva Jane Clark, was born in Kanawha county, March 6, 1847, a daughter of Levi Lewis and Elizabeth (Lacy) Clark. Mr. Clark was for eight years road overseer, four years member of the board of education, and overseer of the poor.

His post office address is Griffithsville, Lincoln Co., West Virginia.

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Washington Pauley.

He was born in Logan Co, West Virginia Apr. 1854 and his parents, Ephraim and Anna (Mullen) Pauley lived in Kanawha Co., before the organization of Lincoln County. Washington Pauley has been twice married.

He was first married to Eliza Ann Pauley, July 4th, 1854. She died in March 1872, leaving seven children: Luvila, born Aug. 12, 1855; Alice, born Feb. 18, 1857; David E. Jan. 1st. 1859; Reese, born Feb. 26, 1861; Marion and Mary Ann (twins) born March 5, 1866; George W. May 19, 1870.

The three oldest are married and reside in Lincoln Co., W. Va. Mr. Pauley's second wife was Eliza (Smith) (Dunlap) Hill. Their marriage was consummated in Lincoln Co, Feb. 15, 1877. by the Rev. A. J. Griffith officiating clergyman.

Mrs. Eliza Smith Pauley was born in Kanawha Co., (now) West Virginia, Jan. 6, 1825. Her parents Jordan and Fernelia Ann (McComie?) Smith are residents of Kanawha county.

Mrs. Pauley was first married to A. J. Dunlap, and six children were born to this union: Wm. J. born Feb. 8, 1842; John, Sept. 4, 1844; died June 9, 1869; Addison, April 24, 1847; Venila, Nov. 23, 1850; Samuel Early, April 25, 1855; Sarah Jane, Feb. 2, 1859; Minerva H. July 17, 1863; Ephraim Pauley, father of Washington, came from Franklin Co., Va. to Charleston Kanawha Co., before the War of 1812, in which he volunteered to serve, but the news of peace came before he went to the field. He was married in 1817, and in 1828 he built his first mill on Fugue's Creek, It was a tub wheel mill. Here he raised a large family and died at an old age. He was a farmer, in Washington district, and receives mail at Griffithsville, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

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(Note by Nannie Lambert)
Mr. Wilkinson married Miss
Holt, dau. of Judge Holt, and taught
in the Hamlin School, about 1880

He was admitted to the bar May 12, 1883, and practices in all the courts of Lincoln Co. and all adjoining counties. He is a native of Lincoln Co., born March 23, 1856 and a son of John Samuel and Pamela (Kaiser) Wilkinson, who came to Lincoln Co. in 1850, from Harrison Co., (then) Virginia. D.E. Wilkinson was a teacher of public and select schools, for nine years, member of the board of examiners for two years, and commissioner of the circuit court three years, which office he still holds.

D.E. Wilkinson, attorney at law, is a promising young man, and a brilliant future is before him. His postoffice address is Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

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Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va. (as I remember it in 1890)

A person enters Hamlin after coming up from Barboursville, Cabell Co., W. Va. in a southeast direction, and have traveled some of the country drained by Mud River, as also by some drained by the Guyandotte.

Mud River flows in a northwest direction, and empties into the Guyandotte at Barboursville. The country is of about the same rugged type as that near B'ville.

Hamlin is on Mud River, and is not many miles from the boundary line separating Lincoln Co. from Cabell Co. Lincoln Co. is a child of the Civil War. It was taken from Cabell and named for the President Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Benj. Franklin Curry lived just out of sight of Hamlin on the road coming in from Cabell Co. on the northwest. He was one of the prominent farmers near Hamlin. He was father of eight; one being Miss Carrie May, a teacher in the Lincoln Co. schools. Another daughter and teacher was Uleria Lula and Frank were school children in 1888-90.

Mr. Curry was a steward in the Methodist Church.

He once was proprietor of the "Campbell House" at Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

After passing his place on our way to Hamlin we looked across the river and saw the home of a Mr. Johnson, then a turn in the road brought us to the end of the street leading into town. This street was very short, and at the corner on our right, where this short street joined Main St. Mr. Isaac Vanmeter Sweetland lived. His children were: John, Mary, Annie, Elizabeth, Maggie, Carrie, Louis R., Mattie, Virginia, and Sallie. He and wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

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In the southern corner where these come together, Mr. Sweetland had lived a long time and kept the largest general merchandise store in Hamlin. He had been Supt. of free schools in Lincoln Co.

His residence faced the Main St. and his store was near; facing same St. and on same side of St. In 1888-90 two grandchildren were living with them Will and Laura Hale. Mattie, now Mrs. Oxley, was one of the teachers in the town school, and an extra good one. She was a widow, and lived with her parents.

Mr. W. W. Baker had a store ^{in Hamlin} about same time, but on opposite side of Street. The Postoffice was on same St. near these stores. I think a Mr. Curry was post-master in 1890.

When coming into Main St. we turn to the left and on the left of St. Mrs. E. W. Brumfield, a widow, lived with her daughters Spicie and Maud. Maud at this time being a small school-girl. Spicie about 20. Mrs. Brumfield had a married daughter Junea Johnson, wife of Simon Johnson, who lived near.

The next family to Mrs. Brumfield, was Mr. & Mrs. John Rusk. Mrs. Rusk was daughter of Judge Joseph W. Holt, and he lived only 2 or 3 doors on same side of same Street from his daughter Mrs. Rusk.

Mr. & Mrs. Rusk's children were: Ed, Nannie, Homer, Pearle, and Mayme. All of them school boys and girls in 1890.

The next family to Mr. & Mrs. Rusk was the Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilkinson family. Their children: Cassia, ^{Romay and} Garnet. I can't recall the names of the other girls. He had no boys. Mr. Floyd Wilkinson was a brother of D. Emory Wilkinson, attorney-at-law at Hamlin. Mr. David Emory Wilkinson married Sallie a daughter of Judge J. W. Holt & sister of Mrs. Rusk.

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When we passed the home of Mr. Floyd ~~Williams~~ we came to the home of Judge Joseph W. Holt. His daughter, Sallie, was a prominent teacher in the Hamlin schools.

The next home was that of Mr. & Mrs. Jones. I think he was a brother to Levi. Perhaps his name was Will. One of the daughters was Media.

Then the next house was the town saloon. I can not recall who was the proprietor.

Then next was a small unused cross street, and then facing the Main Street was the Court House.

It had a large, fenced-in lawn, and was an imposing end to north end of Main Street. Behind the Court House, but in same fenced-in lot, was the substantial brick jail. Behind this large lot was the open country.

Now we start down Main St. from Court House, and first house on opposite side from Judge Holt's residence was a nice white frame that later became the home of Hon. Plug Wilson attorney-at-law. The next to his home was that of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brown. They had two children Charles and Jennie. Jennie later became Mrs. Hal Baker.

Next to Mr. Brown's home was the "Campbell House," a large hotel at this time, 1890, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Scites, but operated by their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Peyton, ^{my father and mother} Next was a vacant lot, and then the "Hamlin House" operated by a Mrs. Long.

Next was the street that entered Hamlin,

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by the side of The Sweetland residence.
We cross this street and continue on down Main Street. Mr. W. W. Baker, a prominent merchant of Hamlin, lived on Main Street.

He had two sons - Hal and John, and two daughters - Maud and Daisy. Maud later became Mrs. Clark May. Hal, as I said, married Jennie Brown.

Very near the end of Main Street, going from toward Court House, lived Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Vest. They had a large family. I can recall only James the son, who was a teacher later, in the Lincoln Co. schools. I think he taught only one school, and it ended on a very cold, winter day. He then started for his home in Hamlin and as he did not reach home that evening nor night, someone was sent to see what the reason was, and he was found frozen to death on the road. The school was several miles back in the country, and he was traveling afoot and alone. Thus ended what should have been a prosperous and happy life.

Two or three of his sisters became teachers in Lincoln Co. Emma Vest was one.

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We have now been down Main Street in Hamlin, on each side its full length, as I recall it, in 1890. Now, we will go back to where we entered it, near Mr. Sweetland's home, and will follow as near as possible the street, or perhaps we should say road, that leads toward Griffithsville. This road went in a northerly direction, back toward the hills in a straight lane, across the width of Hamlin, then turned to the left for about a block in length, then turned to the right and continued past the town school house and on toward Griffithsville.

I can only recall a few families who lived on this street across the town. A Mr. Bowles lived on the right, near first turn, and Mr. James Reynolds lived in a large house on the left, and in the corner of the turn.

Mr. Bowles had only one small girl, but Mr. Reynolds had one small girl and several boys. His oldest boy was Willie a son by the first wife, now long dead.

Boys by the present wife were Shelton, Emory, Froud; and I can't think of the others names. These were all fine people.

The street, after this turn, had the honor of being the site of the printing press operated by a Mr. Workman, a son-in-law of Mr. Ben Swann of Barboursville.

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We now return to where we ~~entered Hamlin~~ left Hamlin on our way to Griffithsville but before getting out of sight of town we will pass the graded school house, where all the children in Hamlin got educated. The building had 3 rooms, and 3 teachers were employed in those days. Mrs. Mattie Oxley taught the upper grades in the one large upper room.

Miss Carrie Curry taught one of the lower grades in a lower room, and I've forgotten the name of the other lower teacher.

This road passed the school house and on out of sight among the hills, toward Griffithsville.

Mr. James Reynolds moved to Hamlin from Griffithsville about 1889 or '90. Many fine people came on visits to Hamlin from that town, and several came from there to attend teacher's institutes, which were held in Hamlin.

Willie, ^{Reynolds} was a member of the Hamlin Band, and a very efficient one. He played tenor music. His brother Shelton, many years later, married a Cabell County girl, Mr. Peter E. Love's daughter Anna.

Across the street from Mr. Reynolds' fine large house, was the Town Church. In fact the only church in town at that time. I think it was an M.E. South congregation.

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There were two doctors in Hamlin - Dr. Bowles and Dr. Holley. No dentists. The doctors pulled teeth and gave drops for tooth ache. Not many false teeth were seen then.

Dr. Holley lived on a short street back of the Church, and I can't recall where Dr. Bowles lived, but not far from the Church.

Dr. Holley had no children, and Dr. Bowles had one little girl - Eva.

I do not recall the pastor's name, but the parsonage was by the side of the Church.

The big Church bell could be heard for a long way out in the country, and many country people came to the town Church.

A prominent family in Hamlin, was Mr. & Mrs. Charley Burgher's family. One boy Emmitt and one girl Lena.

A widow Holley lived near the river at eastern end of town with several boys and girls. I recall only one boy's name Charley ~~one~~ two girls, Maggie and Mollie.

A widow Curry lived back of the Court house on a small road leading into the hills.

She had been a widow a long time, but had raised her family of four girls and one boy.

Two oldest girls became teachers about this time, which now helped the mother's struggle.

Their names Carrie and Minerva. The other girls were Emmer and Anna. The boy was Will. He later married Laura Hale, grand-daughter of J. V. Sweetland.

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Mrs. Curry, the mother, was a dress-maker, and raised her family by the sweat of her brow.

Her children conscientious, and each started helping mother as soon as old enough. She raised a fine family. They were young when left fatherless.

A young man by name Ferd Morris, boarded at my father's in the "Campbell House". He was studying law, To-day Nov. 12, 1953 he is living in H'ton

Another young lawyer was there, Mr. Plug Wilson I believe that Mr. James Holly was a lawyer, living there. If there was a truant officer, we never heard of him it was up to the parents to see that their children went to school, but some of them never did.

Our mother watched that we were in school.

I do not recall any names of preachers while we lived in Hamlin, which was less than 2 yrs.

There was a wedding at my father's while we were living at Hamlin. A girl, by name of Martha Franklin, stayed with my mother, to help with the work, generally, selected a husband from among the regular boarders - a Mr. Lo Reynolds, a watch mender by trade - and they were married at our house. And they lived long, happy years ever after.

A few men came into Hamlin with 2 or 3 teams of horses and covered wagons to hunt up feather beds to clean - they called it feather renovating. Three of these men were regular boarders at my father's. One's name was Mr. Joe Taylor, a man with a wooden leg.

He was a fine, good-looking, young man, and he found a wife in his travels through the country. After we came back to the farm he brought his wife and baby and stayed over night with us, and we were all glad to see him again. One of the men was a Mr. McMan, the other Mr. McNess.

9. Hamlin was the educational center of Lincoln Co.

The teacher's institutes were held in Hamlin each summer, and this brought the teachers in from all parts of the county.

Able instructors came from the larger schools, and faithfully did their work.

Therefore the instructors as well as teachers from out of town must find lodging.

The town's people always welcomed these up-to-date folks in their midst, and Hamlin did its best for them. Opened its doors and its heart to them. Everybody seemed to be happy.

I can only recall the names of a few teachers from out of town: Miss Mollie Griffith, Miss Stella Shelton. I will leave space for others if I think of their names.

Hamlin was also the center of law making, law enforcing, and law punishing bodies.

I recall the crowds of men coming in from the surrounding country, to meet friends, to settle difficulties and to have a good time during these court sessions.

The hotels - two of them - were generally filled to the limit. One morning I counted 75 men who ate their breakfast at my father's tables in the "Campbell House". The cooks, all women, sure were busy people at such times.

Soon as everything was over with one meal, another had to be prepared for.

Some of the men coming in from the country didn't hesitate to stop at the saloon that was up the street near the court-house. No place of entertainment was like it out in the lonesome wilds in those days. As long as these merry men behaved reasonably well, the law left them alone. Only occasionally did men really come to blows. Guns were not used.

(I forgot and wrote on wrong side of paper. Forgive me.)

Andrew Fauley.

Is a son of Mohaney and Lucinda (Jurley) Fauley and was born in Kanawha Co., W. Va. May 3, 1833. and he was married May 29, 1856, to Fernelia Ann Holstein, who was born July 27, 1824, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (McClure) Holstein.

Her parents died in Kanawha Co., after a long residence there. The children of Mr. & Mrs. Fauley were born: Stephen P. June 26, 1849; Lauretta E. March 20, 1857, died Nov. 16 following.

Juliana A. April 5, 1858. Emily J. July 21, 1861.

Andrew E. Feb. 14, 1864. Everett S. June 25, 1865. Roxiline, Nov. 11, 1867. The oldest son married

Paulia Dunlap, Dec. 6, 1870, and they have five children: Lauretta, born July 22, 1871; Cosby, July 23, 1873; Carry, Aug. 16, 1875; Leonard Roscoe Dec. 11, 1877; Maude, Feb. 8, 1880.

Juliana A. married Thos. H. Esque, April 27, 1876 and they have four children: Winfred L. born Jan. 3, 1877. Claud E. May 4, 1878. Ollie, Apr. 13, 1880. Effie E. Sept. 27, 1882.

Emily J. Fauley became the wife of Malone Esque May 4, 1882, and Calbert Nelson and Stella Ann, twins were born to them June 3, 1883. All are living in Duval District, and prospering.

Andrew Fauley, volunteered Oct. 7, 1862, in the Federal force, joining Co. M, 7th W. Va. Cavalry and he received honorable discharge Aug. 5, 1864 at Wheeling, W. Va. He was living here when Lincoln County was organized.

He owns a good farm on Trace Fork of Mud River with a good water-mill. He has building stone some lime stone and iron ore on his farm.

For a number of years, he has been a member of the board of education.

His address Garrett's Bend, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

Overton Elkins.

Is a son of Harvey and Elizabeth D. (May) Elkins who were living here before the organization of Lincoln County. Overton Elkins was born in what was then Logan County, Virginia, Dec. 20, 1831, and in Wayne County, March 31, 1853, he was married to Nancy Estep by Rev. D. K. Elkins.

She was born in Wayne Co., Dec. 25, 1838, and her parents were Corbin and Elizabeth (Davis) Estep.

To Mr. & Mrs. Elkins were born 10 children. Wm. J. born May 2, 1856. Theribe E. May 1, 1858. Clarinda, March 18, 1860. Mary Jane, June 29, 1862. Luanna, May 30, 1864. Nancy E. March 18, 1866. Bethany C., March 9, 1868, died Feb. 26, 1879. Emily, Sept. 23, 1870. Ellery C., June 25, 1872. Susan R. Aug. 10, 1877.

Miles Elkins, brother of Overton, was in the late war, and served from the commencement until the close, and came home without a scar.

Shadrack Estep, brother of Mrs. Elkins, served in the Confederate ranks in the war of 1861, and David J. and William O. also her brothers were in the Federal army, 25th Virginia Regiment. Wm. O. died soon after close of war from illness brought on during service. Richard Elkins, grandfather of Overton, built the first cabin in Hart's Creek District (now) Lincoln Co., about the year 1816, when Harvey Overton's father, was but 15 years of age.

Darby H. brother of Harvey, at the age of 9 years killed a panther with a pocket knife and the assistance of his dogs. The animal measured nearly 8 feet from its nose to the tip of its tail.

Mr. Elkins mother was born Jan. 10, 1800, and at the date of this writing (July 25, 1883) she can walk 20 miles a day. Overton Elkins is a farmer in Hart's Creek district, owning 100 acres of land on Fourteen Mile creek, of Guyandotte River, 30 acres are in cultivation. His farm is rich and very productive, and has coal, some lead and fine building stone. Address Fourteen, Lincoln Co., West Virginia.

Burrell Spurlock.

Son of Eli and Mary (Cummins) Spurlock was born in Boone Co., (now) W. Va. April 14, 1833, and in Lincoln Co., Jan. 7, 1857 he was married to Phebe Jane, daughter of Preston and Elizabeth (Haskins) Spear. The children of this union are twelve in number: Emily b. Dec. 17, 1858, died Feb. 21, 1859. Louisa Jane, Dec. 25, 1859.

Emily Alice, Oct. 10, 1861, died Jan. 19, 1880.

Robert, Sept. 17, 1864. Allen and Wirt, twins Oct. 25, 1867. Everman Green, Feb. 17, 1870.

Sarah Ellen, May 20, 1873, died Sept. 22, 1878.

Victoria, Feb. 19, 1876. Leander Filmore, June 30, 1878, died Dec. 8, 1878. Maria, March 26, 1880.

Mary Elizabeth, July 7, 1883.

Mrs. Spurlock was born in Lawrence Co., Ohio, June 10, 1840. She has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 15 years.

A brother of Mrs. Spurlock, Thomas Preston Spear, served in the late war in the Federal Army, and died a prisoner.

The subject of this sketch was in the Civil War, serving in the Federal Army, in Company K. 7th West Virginia Cavalry. He enlisted Mar. 10, 1864, and participated in the battles of Floyd Mountain, New River Bridge and Lynchburg, fighting continuously from Lynchburg to Kanawha Valley, and was discharged Aug. 5, 1865.

Charles Spurlock, grandfather of Burrell, was one of the earliest settlers on Mud River, in which section of country, Eli Spurlock, father of Burrell was born and raised. The country then was inhabited mostly by Indians.

Burrell Spurlock is a farmer in Union Dist. owning 360 acres of farming land, located on Big Laurel, 9 miles from Hamlin. The timber on this land consists of pine, poplar, locust, sugar, maple, beech, hickory and oak. Good orchard; superior cannel and stone coal, and iron ore. His address is Hamlin, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

David M. Baker.

Is by occupation a stone-mason, and is also engaged in farming in Laurel Hill District.

He has the right of the Counties of Lincoln and Logan to sell Nichols and Company's new process of preserving vegetables, which has proven a success throughout the country.

Mr. Baker is a native of Meigs County, Ohio, born July 8, 1832, and his parents were Wesley D. and Deborah (Wolf) Baker. His mother died Oct. 8, 1880, and his father resides in Shelby Co., Ill.

In Meigs County in 1859, David M. Baker was married to Emily D. Moore, and to them six children have been born, as follows:

George W. Nov. 13, 1859. Deborah F. Aug. 7, 1861, died May 10, 1876. William M. Sept. 8, 1863, died October 9, 1864. Lawrence A. Nov. 27, 1865. Richard H. Sept. 17, 1868. Charles R. Dec. 4, 1871.

Mrs. Baker, born in Meigs Co., Oct. 2, 1838, is a daughter of George W. and Fannie (Russell) Moore, residents of Meigs Co.

David M. Baker came to Lincoln county in 1880, and owns 160 acres of land on Laurel Creek. The land has good improvements, an orchard of apple, peach and cherry trees.

A part of the land is heavily timbered with oak, poplar and pine, coal and iron ore in abundance. His address is Ten Mile, Lincoln Co. W. Va.

Christian J. Fry.

One of the farming population of Hart Creek district, was born in Cabell Co., W. Va. in 1824, and is a son of John and Catherine (Snodgrass) Fry, natives of Giles County, Virginia.

Mr. Fry chose as wife Elizabeth Hunter, and they were married in Boone County, W. Va. in 1849. They have eight children as follows; Julia A. born April 26, 1850. Anthony in 1853. Caroline, Dec., 1856. Mary A., August 1859. John H. in Sept. 1861. Cora A. in Sept. 1864. Hardin in June, 1867. Lurana in July 1871.

Mrs. Fry was born in Kanawha Co., in 1835, and her parents are Robert and Elizabeth (Taylor) Hunter, who reside in Boone County.

Christian J. Fry is a prosperous farmer in Hart Creek district, owning 300 acres of good farming land, situated on Brown's Branch.

The land has good improvements, a fine orchard and a part is heavily timbered with pine, oak and poplar. There is mineral - coal and iron ore in abundance. Address, Hart, Lincoln Co., W. Va.

Isham Roberts.

Son of Isham and Dicie (Collins) Roberts, was born in Martin Co. Kentucky, in 1861, and settled in Lincoln Co. in 1877. His mother resides in this county, but his father is in Minnesota. Isham Roberts was married to Martha J. Broomfield in 1885 and her parents, Paris and Annie (Jony) Broomfield are natives of this county.

Mr. Roberts is a prosperous young merchant in Hart Creek district at the mouth of Hart's Creek on the Guyandotte River. His prices are the most reasonable, and his business very extensive. His address is Hart, Lincoln Co., West Va.