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Children of Abia Reec and Elizabeth Harmon

~~1-3~~ 1-3 Thomas H. Reec b. 1810 d. 1810 buried at Mud  
River Church near Blue Sulphur, W. Va.

2-3 Edmund Clymer Reec b. 11-28-1810 d. 6-14-1885 (24)  
m. 12-28-1836 Sophia P. Love b. 10-16-183  
d. 3-5-1895

Sophia Love was the seventh child of  
Wm. Love and Susanna Braine Love

Seven children were born to them

Chas. A. b. 10-27-1837 d. 5-21-1929  
m. Mary Pulley 9-7-1869

Orrons E. b. 1841 d. 1843

Alice L. b. 5-24-1845 d. 1927

m. Jas. Reec (son of Harvey Reec)

T. Heber b. 5-6-1847 d. 5-30-1887

m. Edna E. Morris

Edgar L. b. 8-6-1851 d. 8-7-1851

Wm. Albert b. 1-6-1852 d. 12-31-1852

Jennie L. b. 7-9-1860 d. 9-5-1913

m. Wm. T. Gitt

2<sup>nd</sup> son of Edmund C. B. 201

2.

Chas. H. Reece was born on the Reece Homestead near Barboursville, W. Va. 10-27-1837. He died at the home of Mrs. S. T. Byers, 1300 Jackson, Ave., Huntington, West Va. 5-21-1929 aged 91 years and 7 months. Death came from old age complicated by influenza. As a very young man he helped build Union Baptist Church which still stands near Milton, W. Va. He fought in the southern side during the War Between the States and rose to a lieutenancy. For some years prior to his death he was Commander of Camp Garnett U. C. V.

(4)  
7 Children of T. Heber Reece

(1) Wm. Love Reece m. Norma Keenan  
no children

(2) Edward Chas. Reece b. 12-2-1873 (living 1953)  
m. Katherine Ellis 5-24-1899 (living 1953)

Columbian  
5/2/53

2 children

1. Anna Louise Reece m. Dr. J. D. Petty

2. Ellis Heber Reece b. 1900 (living 1953)

m. 1st Elizabeth Jenkins 10-2-48

" 2nd Marie Hilmer McGrew widow  
of Brown McGrew

2 children by 1st marriage

1. Ellis Reece

2. Don Reece

(3) Ashley Reece unmarried

(4) Ellen Reece b. 1879 d. 2-27-1952 73

m. Wm. Wilson Stevens b. 1871 d. 7-25-1937

Children

1. Wm. W. Stevens Jr. U.S.N.P. (Chaplain)

m. 10-31-1944 Dorothy Leslie Powell widow

Mrs. Hilda Powell, New Castle, Ky.

They have 1 son W. W. Stevens 3rd

2. Jack Stevens

3.

(5) John Reece b. 1880

(6) Lena Reece b. 1885 d. 10-19-1949 unmarried  
buried Spring Hill Cemetery

(7) Clyde Reece (died young)  
Spring Hill Cemetery

3-4 Alice L. Reece b. 5-24-18<sup>45</sup> d. 1927

m. Jas. A. Reece ~~b. 10-17-1843~~

James Reece b. d.

James A. Reece was son of Harvey Reece  
3 children

4  
1-5 Susie Reece b. d.  
unmarried

2-5 Clarence Reece b. d.

m. Miss Peaco

Peaco b. d.

no children

3-5 Virginia Reece b. d.

m. first

m. second

no children

Jennie L. Reece b. 7-9-1860 d. 9-5-1913

m. Wm. T. Gitt no children

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4. John Pierson (Jno. Wesley)  
not married. Died at 40  
Buried at Hamlin

5. William Asbury Pierson Jr.  
m. Annetta Vance, <sup>gr</sup> dau.  
of Abner Vance and  
Susan Vance of Harlin  
Co. m. in Logan Co?  
Children - 14 - 1 b. <sup>son</sup> dead

Charley Holley dead. -6.

Maggie Holley  
m. Farley of  
Big Hart.

David Holley (Hamlin)

Ed Mason Holley dead  
single

Lavina Bots dead  
m. Gilbert Dewill  
(See Mollie)

3. Frances Pierson (Both dead)  
m. Harrison Holt (Smith)  
A son Charley Smith,  
Huntington  
Several children  
Mary, ~~Smith~~  
m. Jim Stanley  
A dau. <sup>See</sup> Nina  
Crech lives in  
West Hamlin.  
Tennessee Smith



# The Pearsons

By Lena Pierson Adkins  
West Hamlin

They came to Alexandria Va., from  
England.

Lewis and Simon, and William  
A. Pierson <sup>brothers</sup> fought in the Civil  
War from Virginia. One was  
killed, I think, on Gauley River.

William A. Pierson Sr lived  
in Boone County.

He m. Malinda Hurtle  
probably of Boone or Kanawha Co  
Children:

1. Sarah Pierson lived at  
Brownstown, above Charleston  
m. Shepherd, related  
to E. K. Shepherd, B'ville  
Several children.

2. Nannie Pierson

m. Dave Holley, Holly  
Children

Hamlin { Mollie m. Jerry Lambert  
now. { Dave  
Walter dead

8.

Mrs. Pearl Curry  
From the Huntington Advertiser  
Monday May 17, 1954.

MRS. PEARL CURRY - Sixty-nine years old, of Hamlin, who died at 10:15 P. M. Sunday at her home following an illness of two weeks, will be buried tomorrow in Fairview Cemetery following funeral services at 2 P. M. at the Central Methodist Church at Hamlin. The Rev. Jack Shy, pastor, will officiate. She was the widow of Frank Curry and the daughter of the late John and Lou Holt Rusk. Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Bill Brown, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Jimmy Smith, all of Hamlin; Mrs. Mill Hughes of Fayetteville and Mrs. Truman Hooton of Huntington; four sons, Harry at home, Jack and Calvin of Hamlin, Paul Day Curry of Richmond, Ind.; one brother, Homer Rusk of Hamlin; two sisters, Mrs. Nim Taylor of Rosch and Mrs. Alex Adkinson of Huntington; and six grandchildren. The body will be removed to the residence this afternoon from the funeral home at Hamlin.

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On Doll Cummings see  
Teely in Gallie Keyser  
Living in the section  
house in Ranger, at  
left before crossing R. R.  
She lives with Dave  
Vance.

By Frank Yeager. (Christopher Frank)

My gr. father was John F. Yeager  
x Rebecca Smith of Mud River up  
dan. of Jesse and ——— Smith,

Buffington

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f W 52 s  
seems to be  
5 volumes

"Early Records  
Hampshire Co. Va.  
now W. Va  
By Sage & Jones

1. p. 110 - will of Richard Buffington  
5-23-1811 pr. 6-14-1819.  
no wife. Father, William, deca.  
farm left to Richard and  
William adjoining David  
Parsons. Sister Mary's seven  
children, Catherine, Richard,  
William, Edward, Eliza,  
Thomas and Mary (aka  
Fitzgerald). Brother  
David's 3 ch., Richard  
Mary, and William.  
Executor, etc. & etc.

William Buffington Sr.,  
3-13-1784 pr. 3-23-1784 and  
3-25-1784 (codicil) W. Mary.  
9 ch., Thomas, William, Joel,  
David, Jonathan, Richard, Ruth  
Collins, Susannah Sullivan,  
Mary. (m. Jonathan Black)  
Gr. S., Richard and William,  
sons of William. Mentions  
William Sullivan, orphans  
of Christopher Smith

11  
Captain John Savage and Bryan  
Brim.

Executor - Wife and sons,  
Thomas and William. See  
Isaac Miller, John Decker, Thos.  
Collins, John Campbell.

Wit. Samuel Dew, Joseph  
Hall, William Carder, Christena  
Andrews. Widow re-married  
Mc Cartney.

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Buffington - William

6-2-1824. pr. 6-20-1825.

No wife named. Br. David, has  
sons John, Peter, William, and  
daus. Rebecca Fitzgerald,  
and Susannah Mousser.

Sister, Mary Black (Husband,  
Jonathau - First husband  
Thomas Fitzgerald; she had  
7 children by Fitzgerald; 2 by  
Black! Rebecca and Sarah Black,  
Brother Thomas's sons and  
daughters, \$1<sup>00</sup> each. Brother  
Joel's five children William,  
Joseph, Abraham, Philip, and  
a daughter whose name he  
does not recall. Exec. - etc  
Land in Hampshire & Hardy Co.

Same volume

John Savage Will (no doubt, Capt. John Savage)

4-24-1787 (Codical 4-28-1788)  
pr. 10-13-1791. W. Lydia.

6 children:

- 1. John, land
- 2. Nicholas, land
- 3. Ann
- 4. Jean
- 5. Ester
- 6. Sary

Exec. - Wife & Edw.

Mc Carty, Wilk, Nicholas  
Savage, John Daton, Henry  
Githers, Hutson Hammon,  
William Daton.

Other records, land titles of Buffingtons,  
etc. in this & other volumes

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Also a will of Patrick Savage, 1819.

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p. Opposite p. 138

Smith, Christopher est., 1787. In  
account with Mary Mc Cartney,  
late Mary Smith. Geo. Smith, an  
heir. Indication here that the  
widow of William Buffington was  
this Mary Mc Cartney.

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John Goff in Hampshire Co. 1795  
Had son John - p. 22 &

On Buffingtons, the first  
Census of the U. S. for Hamp-  
shire Co., shows:

~~Abraham n. 110 (concerning will)~~

Buffington David (not in 1782) -  
(MgC) ~~8-1-1~~ 2-1

Joel (W.B.) 7 - (MgC.) 8-1-1

Mary (not in '82) (MgC.) 9-1-5

Peter - (J & W) 6-1

Thomas (A.J.) 4-1-5

William - (J & W) 6-1

Thomas (A.J.) 4-1-5

William (W.B.) 12 - (gone in '84.)  
(see Mary)

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n. 66 Above shows early land  
grants

Buffington, William, from  
Thomas Lord Fairfax  
1763.

Buffington Thomas 1782 & 1794

" William 1794 & 1799

Savage-Elizabeth 1789 (no J)

17  
Mrs. Ferguson says: - I have  
heard my mother say that  
Nathaniel Yungling was never m.  
I thought he must have been  
a brother to Christian Yungling  
possibly Andrew Y.



Crown City Ohio<sup>B</sup>  
Feb 23 1851

Mr Fred Lambert

Dear Sir.

I have been informed that you  
could make me a Family Tree of The Lewises  
if so, how much would the charge be, I was  
at Milton yesterday & talked with

Cleveland Hutcherson, and he gave me quite a  
lot I also went to George Clark's residence & he  
said you could make book of it so I am writing  
to find out your price, I have quite a lot and  
them just yesterday learned my Great Grand  
Father lived to be over a hundred yrs old  
you see my Father was a Lewis & my Mother  
was a Lewis too. My Mother through the  
Foushona tribe of my Father through the  
Jessie Lewis tribe adding all together they  
were both children of John Lewis from  
England who married a Welch Lady by the  
name of Rebecca Gouards

hoping to hear from you  
at an early date.

Yours Dear Day

Crown City Ohio

MAIN OFFICE STAFF, 1933-34

W. Va Department of Education

- F. Ray Power, Now Director of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Alva J. Gibson, Exedctive Sec'y Secondary Division/ of  
North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary  
School, Office in Charleston. (Gibson was H S. Supervisor)  
H R. Baer. State Supervisor of Elementary Schools, now  
Secretary W Va. Board of Education.  
H. Cliff Hamilton, Assistant Supt. Elementary Schools-still  
working for Department of Education.  
O. J. Rife, Chief Accountant- Deceased.  
James Allen, Jr., Statistical and State Aid Clerk, now Commis-  
siner of Education, state of New York.  
L. V. Cavins, Director of Information and Statistics- deceased  
I.J.K Wells (Negro), State Supervisor of Negro High School-  
Do not know where he is)  
Genevieve Starcher, Director of Teacher Training- still holds  
that position.  
Emma Annis Thayer, Receptionist,, now employed by the  
Kanawha County Board of Education  
R. E. Hyde, Educational Statistics- now Executive Sec'y State  
Retirement Board.  
David Kirby, Sec'y State Board-now member faculty Concord  
State College.  
John M. Lowe, State Supervisor Vocational Agriculture-Retired.  
Living in Charleston.  
Lena Charter, State Supervisor Vocational Home Economics=  
(Believe she is deceased but do not know.) Home in  
Ravenswood  
John E Nelson, State Supervisor of Trade and Industrial  
Education- Do not know where he is.

Some of the persons who served in the Department  
whose names you will not find on following pages are:

- H.L Duncan ,Director Bldgs. now employed as Business manager  
at Broadus College  
Sam Lambert Director of Statistics- Now Research Director  
of National Education Association.  
Paul Boggs, Director of Transportation- now employed by  
a company producing buses.  
W. W. Chambers- Now Employed by Kanawha County Board of Ed.  
John St. Clair " " " " "  
Maud Broyles, now a member faculty of Towson College  
Price E. Clark, Director of Transportation. Now Employed  
A Causality Ins. Co. New York

WILLIAM W. TRENT  
ROUTE 3, Box 128  
ELKVIEW, W. VA.

Below are the Names of a Few of our Coworkers who you likely knew. I shall not be able to name all of them.

Otis G. Wilson Deceased  
W.H.S. White "  
H. Laban White "  
J. Frank Marsh "  
James Hickman "  
Joseph Rosier "  
I. B. Bush "  
R. B. Marston-retiered living in Silver Springs, Md.  
Miss Virginia FoulH, I believe still moving in Huntington.  
Forbence Jackson Parker, Deceased.  
Walker Parker, lawyer now living in Huntington.

I'll look through my files and send picture if I find a suitable one.

From your old Schoolmate



3.  
Mrs. Lewis Gabriel (Wife of Alf Caldwell.)  
Morning Dew, Ky.

Mrs. John Dean - (Did live at or  
about the mouth  
563 Reed Ave. of Louie Creek

John E. Elkins & Lelma  
2433 Arthur St.,  
Ashland, Ky.

Robert Scott, Dunbar High School,  
Dunbar, W. Va.

C. S. Rutherford  
P.O. 2 - 2305, Union Ridge  
Son of Emory Rutherford.

Clyde Willman  
H. A. 9 - 3896

Charley Pullen - Re 6-4711.

Otho O. Bias

Bernard Kelly  
Charley Kelly

For Mrs. Victoria Cash, see  
Mrs. Lincoln, 2980 Winters Rd.  
Ja 3-0250.

Charley Pack

P. W. Hendricks, Atty.

Roy Straight, Prim. High School  
West Jr. - Ha 9-2331

Willard Johnson - B. ville. Want to

Mrs. Myrtle Hall who lives at  
Crown City was a sister of John M.  
Williams, and a daughter of  
Mr. Lew Gus Williams' brother.  
She knew Henry Lambert. Mr.  
Earl Gerlach lives in Huntington  
now.

She came to Crown City, in  
1900. Myrtle Van Sant married David  
Wall. He kept store in Millersport.  
Ernest Layne is a brother of  
Carnie Layne.

Bert Mc Clure lives in Huntington  
Providence Wall m. Myrtle Van Sant.  
See Olive Holschuh at Millers-  
port, Ohio

Nettie Van Sant died at  
Cheshire, Ohio.

John Henry came to America from Ireland, ~~was~~ He was father of James Henry. John came before the Revolution, James came from Va. to Ohio in 1811. He was a cousin of James Henry Hon. Patrick Henry.

James Henry m. Elizabeth Lee, dau. of Rev. John Lee who was an uncle (great uncle) of Robt. E. Lee. Bruce Henry was a son of James & Elizabeth Lee Henry b. March 9, 1815 & m. Jane Sloan who was b. July 11, 1810. The children of Bruce & Jane Sloan Henry were: -

Dr. John <sup>S</sup> & m. Kate Vinson of Burlington O. No children. <sup>with</sup> moved to I died in Tronton Patrick m.

Clark -

James Henry m.  
Peter  
Elizabeth

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~~Elizabeth~~ Jane Henry wife of Bruce  
d. May 30, 1846

Bruce Henry  
m. 2 - July 22, 1847, to  
Cassie Larsson, dau.  
of Judge John H.

Their children:

Clay Henry & Bruce

Clay was a jeweler.

He had 2 sons

Walter &

Clay

Bruce never m.

He met with  
an accident.

Was hunting &  
in crossing a  
fence, fell, gun  
discharged, rd.  
arm amputated  
spoiled his life.

Always nervous.

John Larsson b. Md. 1777.

came to O. 1801 First

Judge Lawrence Co. Served

5 terms in Legislature

1821-26. m. Susanah L.

b. 20 days after July 4, 1777.

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P 27 "Some Prominent Va.  
Families"

p 260

Gives an account of  
the Poudexter family.

Poudexter of France, Refugee  
to England.

Thomas Poudexter, Emigrant

m. unknown.

Their issue:

John Poudexter b. — d. 1753.

m. Christian Vestryman,  
of Frederick Parish  
in 1732

Issue:

Thomas Poudexter 2

John " 2

William " 2

Richard " 2

Joseph " 2

Thomas Poudexter 2 (son of John)

m. Lucy Jones, dau. of  
Gabriel Jones, of Culpeper

Issue:

1. John Poudexter, Clerk  
of Louisa Co., Va. Baptist  
preacher



Powdexter, Coit

II. III. James Powdexter<sup>3</sup>, Married  
\_\_\_\_\_ Went west.  
(to Guyandotte Va.?)

VI. George Powdexter, became  
Governor of Mississippi  
and U. S. Senator.  
Firm supporter of  
Andrew Jackson.

(Others)

(I am not certain but believe  
above to be the background  
of the Guyandotte Powdexters)

Vol. 1 above book  
p. 42 - Norlon.

p 167 - Robert Douthat  
family.

m. Mary A. Marshall

Vol 2 p. 192 -  
The Carter Family.

Vol 2 p 192 - "Some Prominent  
Va. Families," etc

So far as known, John  
Carter was the immigrant  
ancestor. b. in England,  
settled in Upper Norfolk,  
now Nansemond Co., which  
he represented in the Va.  
assembly (House of Bur-  
gesses) as Burgess, 1649  
d. 1669. He had a  
son, John. He later (John)  
settled at Lancaster

I don't know whether Geo.  
Carter & son the Rev.  
John Carter of Cabell Co. were  
descendants

John' above came  
from England quite early

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"Some Prominent Families  
of Va."

p. 255

"Henry Lee, of Leesylvania  
m. Lucy Grymes, at Green  
Springs on James River,  
Dec. 1, 1753. His mother  
was Lucy Ludwell, who  
married Col. Grymes, of  
the Council of Virginia  
Bishop Porteus, of England,  
was her uncle. Their  
son, Henry, was born  
Jan. 29, 1756, some three  
miles from Dumfries, a  
village built by Scotch  
merchants, and then the  
county town of Prince  
William. His brother,  
Charles Lee, (not to be  
confounded with Gen. Chas.  
Lee, and Englishman  
and no relation) to this  
family) was subsequently  
attorney general in Wash-  
ington's second cabinet.  
The future cavalry leader  
was educated at Princeton.

Some Prominent Va. Families

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The Nicholas Family.

English descent.

Dr. George Nicholas, a physician was the father of Robert Carter Nicholas, a distinguished lawyer of Williamsburg, Va., member of the House of Burgesses, in the Council, as Treasurer of the State, and as a soldier of the Revolution.

One of his sons, Wilson Cary Nicholas, became governor of Virginia, and another Philip Norborne Nicholas Judge of the General Court.

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Hampshire Co. Va.

Wills  
Marriages

Five  
5 volumes?

Deeds,  
Census

Several  
Mancy Buffingtons, Some  
Lamberts

1939.

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331 Otterview Avenue  
Roanoke, Va.

Mr. F. B. Lambert

Barboursville, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Mr. Correll, the Clerk of Montgomery County, Virginia, usually turns over to me all inquiries of a genealogical nature as his office does not try to handle them.

I was in his office yesterday and he handed me your letters of the 29th and 30th ult.

I found neither the name of Childers nor of Midkiff in the wills or marriages of that county. There were some fairly early Childresses.

I remember seeing the name of Midkiff in some Southwest Virginia documents, but do not recall what county. I particularly noticed the name because it was represented in a line on which I worked, and the man of the name to whom I wrote was, to the best of my recollection, the clerk of Lincoln County, W. Va. I never met him and he only wrote to me once, when he gave me some names of descendants of the other family into which a Midkiff had married.

I did not look at the deeds yesterday, but only at the marriages and wills. I was on other business, which took practically all of my time.

The early marriage records of Montgomery, Botetourt, Washington and Wythe counties are published in "Annals of Southwest Virginia" by Summers. The marriages of Franklin county are published in a separate volume. Many marriage records have been published by Virginia Historical magazines. If you would like for me to make a survey of the genealogical records of the library here I will be glad to do so, and my charge is \$4.00 for that service and a full, typewritten report. Such a survey is almost sure to establish the place of residence of these families around or before 1800, even if we fail to find the marriage bonds.

It is interesting to know that you are writing a pioneer history. I have considered the idea of writing a history of Montgomery county, where my forbears have lived for the past hundred and fifty years. If I can help you in this projected work by finding some facts in this section I will be delighted.

12/4/46

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. Gear

Box 36,

Box 36, Clark S.D.

Oct 25 - 1958

Dear Cousin,

I'm sorry I'm so late in answering your letter but I am so busy that the time I take to write is really a sacrifice.

I drive out nine miles every day to teach school. Besides this I do all my own housework, washing, ironing etc. Then with church and certain civic duties I never have a moment to spare. But I like it that way - I'm not complaining.

I can't tell you very little about my mother. She died at the age of 22 yrs with Tuberculosis. I don't know how old she was at the time. I did gather a little information.

Her father - ~~John Collins~~ moved to Mo. from Iowa. John Collins' father - John Mason Collins came from Mo. to Ia. His mother Becky Stevenson also from Mo.

Virginia Argyle (wife of John Collins and my grandmother) born in Mo.

Her mother - Jane Barnes  
" father, Hazley Argyle  
came from Scotland - direct  
descendants from a Duke of Argyle.

That is all I know. I've  
started to trace the family but  
died before she finished it.

As to my full brothers and sisters I have none. One brother died shortly after my mother, when he was four yrs old. He probably had T.B. too.

I have 2 half sisters who live in Seattle <sup>with</sup> one near Clark S.D. and one in Madison S.D. One half brother whom I haven't seen for many yrs. who lives in Mo. and one in Aberdeen S.D. The one in Aberdeen is the youngest one in our family. He married a German girl while over there in the army. They have 2 children a boy & a girl.

Phyllis a sister in Seattle has 2 little girls. Mae, the other one in Seattle has only one boy (an adopted child). My sister near Clark has 3 girls and 1 boy. Blanche, the half sister in Madison has 1 girl and 2 boys.

I have one daughter who has her Master's Degree and works in a school system, as a Guidance Counselor. She has one daughter (my only grandchild) who is named after me and my grandmother Virginia Argyle. My middle name is Virginia, you may know.

I'm sorry I do not have any pictures to send you now. I may later. All of mine are still in

Sincerely,  
Doris V. Turner  
(Mrs O'Neil)

*Thomas St. Thomas Sr.*

Spencer Midkiff married Vitura McComas, who was ~~Alex.~~ Alex. Mc-Comas' daughter. To them were born eight children, four boys and four girls.. Their names and their children's names:

Alex Midkiff, who married Elizabeth Gill, daughter of Elisha Gill. To them were born ~~17~~ children:

Alonzo Midkiff, who married Gallie daughter of Samuel Minor and Lucinda Burge<sup>Minor</sup>. They had seven children, four girls and three boys.

Leander Midkiff married Maude Brumfield, daughter of Camp Brumfield. They had five children, one boy and four girls. I don't know who Newton Midkiff married nor how many children, as he married in Ohio. Florence Midkiff married Hutch Damron, son of son of Dr. and Rhoda Vinson. Damron. They had six children, three girls and three boys, Dora Damron, Carrie Damron, <sup>Will, Carrie,</sup> Callie, Maude and Fred.

Daisy Midkiff married <sup>ank</sup> Fred Thompson. I do not know how many children they had.

Carrie Midkiff married a Walter Chapman; They had six children--five boys and one girl. Their names: Orville Chapman married Hazel Walker; They have five children. Hutch Chapman married a Lucas, daughter of Sallie Lucas. Florence Chapman, Emerald Chapman, June Chapman, Arthur Chapman are all single.

Laura Midkiff married married Greely Fucket. They have two children, both boys, Sil Fucket and Walter Fucket.

Emma Midkiff married ~~married~~ Lon Bowden. They had four children: Roy, Spence, Harry and Minnie. They moved from here to Kansas.

Jane Midkiff married John Bills. There were five boys and



~~ten~~ <sup>one</sup> girls, Sam, Walden, Lottie, Catie, Woodrow, and Tituria Bills.

Mary Alice Midkiff married Henry Thompson. They had. They had only one child, a girl named ~~Inez~~ <sup>Nina</sup>. She married Will Harman and live in Chesapeake, Ohio.

Julia Midkiff married Spencer Midkiff son <sup>of</sup> Spencer Midkiff. There were eight children, four girls and four boys, Jennie, Inez, Bennett, Billy, Herbert, Jessie, Ellen and Anna. Jennie married Morrell Sloan. Inez married Henry Estep; Bennett married Anna Bell McComas, daughter of "Coon" McComas. There were two children. Mae Midkiff married Edsar Johnson. Helen Midkiff not married.

Billy Midkiff married ~~Viola~~ <sup>Ellis</sup> Franklin. There were eight children, Almeda, ~~Ermet~~ <sup>Ermet</sup>, Charlie, Elijah, Sarah, Sweetland, and Verla, Ellis.

Almeda married Willard Sias. They had one child, ~~Sias~~. He married Walter Chapman, son of Mustace Chapman.

Ermer married \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Charlie married Betsy Porter, daughter of Phil Porter. There were no children.

Elijah married Adda Adkins, daughter of Eila Adkins, and they had six children.

Sarah married Basil ~~Rdy~~ <sup>Ray</sup>, son of Ludolph Ray. They have two boys, Thomas and Jack, Jack is not married. Thomas married Lucile Tinton, and they have two children.

Sweetland died young. Verla is not married.

Ellis married a Harris. I don't know how many children they have.

Herbert Midkiff is not married.

Jessie married Margaret Snodgrass. They have three

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children, Lester, Lillie, and H.L. Lester married \_\_\_\_\_ Ginson, daughter of Bill Gibson, at Hamlin. Lillie married Woodrow Woodall. Herbert & Louis not married. *Ellen m James Vaughn, 4 ch. 2 boys & 2 girls*  
Verla married Enoch Moore, and they had three children, all of whom are boys.

Okey married Maggie Hargis. They have two girls, Beulah and Cora Ellen. Beulah Midkiff married \_\_\_\_\_ Moore. No children.

Spencer (Minky Midkiff) married Julia Vaughn, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Vaughn. There were Lucien, Claude, Virginia, Emma, Laurence, Reece. Lucien married Ann Hays, daughter of Pres Hays. There were four children--two boys and two girls.

Flossie married William Bias. They have two children, Delores, Ann, Billy. Jewell not married.

Boys, Normal and Donald, not married. Claude, Virginia, Emma, Laurence, Reese, not married.

Albert Midkiff married Virginia Vaughn. There were three girls and two boys. Dora, Linnie, Dave, Lando, Mamie. Dora married ~~Cal~~ <sup>Wesley</sup> Cal ~~Dani~~ <sup>son</sup> son of Dr. and Rhoda Vinson Damron. They had three children, --two boys, one girl. Roscoe D. <sup>amron</sup> married Beulah Midkiff, daughter of Harvey Midkiff. They have one boy, Sammie Damron. Mae married Sesco Isaacs. They have eight children. Dave Samson married Alma Dick, <sup>one son</sup> Billy Damron.

Minnie never was married. Dove died young.

Lando married Cora Ray, daughter of W.F. and Cornelia Nelson Ray. They have two boys, Ray, <sup>Jennings</sup> Ray, Jimmie. P. Ray married Ethel Lockwood, daughter of T.H. and Laura Lockwood. They have one boy E.J. Midkiff. Jennings married Maxine Johnson, daughter of

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R.L. and Delia McComas Johnson. They have three boys-- R.L.  
Paul J. and John Allen Midkiff. Mamie married C.K. Hutchin-  
son. They have one boy, Glen who married Margaret Womack.

. Walden Midkiff married Jane McComas.. They had two girls.  
Olga married John Bias. Alafair married Andrew Harless.

(Copy)

A. P. Christian,

Simon, W. Va.

Nov. 14, 1944.

Dear F.B.Lambert:

I received your letter the other day, asking for certain papers concerning the Christian family. I do not know for certain, what papers you want, but am sending two sketches, and if they are not what you want, let me know, and I will gladly send it.

It seems from your writing, that you intend to have a complete history, as far as possible, of the Christian family, published in book or pamphlet form. If so, I would love to have a copy.

I hope you will feel at liberty to call on me at any time for any information I will be able to give.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. P. Christian.

(Copy)

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Greasy Ridge, Ohio, 8-26-43.

Mr. F. B. Lambert,

Dear Sir:

Received your letter yesterday. Will say, in response, we would be pleased for you to come any time, and my wife will give you as much information as she can. After you get to Aid, drive on to Wilgus', three miles. Most anyone there can direct you to my place. But if they cannot, drive up Long Creek about three miles to where there is four mail boxes; turn to right, and I live up the main road about one mile..

Yours,

(Signed) E. S. Payne,

)Copy)

original  
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EDWARD BELLOMY  
Dealer in  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE  
And Country Produce.

Hubbardstown, W. Va. Dec. 17, 1926.

Mr. F.B.Lambert,

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 15th at hand, and will say in reply that Ed. Swartzwood has been dead for a long time. He had two children from his first wife, one girl and one boy. The boy is dead and the girls is married and lives at Holden - - - - She married a preacher by the name of Carmie Webb. Holden, W.Va. - Ed Was also married the second time; he married Wayne Coffey, ~~sa~~ ~~daughter~~. He raised several children. I don't know just how many, but his wodow married again to C.L.Legg here at this place. You can write Mrs.Lett, andshe can give you all the information you need. Write her at Hubbardstown, W.Va. He has one boy Gran He stays with his mother. His name is Homer Swartweed. Hope this will get you straight. x x x x x x x x x x The letter you wrote me to Mrs.Lett - - - - -

Thanking you for the inquiry, I am,

Respectfully,

(Signed) Edw. Bellomy.

(Copy)

Huntington, W.Va.

Nov. 25, 1926.

Dear Mr.Lambert:

In reply to the above request, which my brother L. D. Beuhring has referred to me, will say that Frederick G.L.Beuhring was our grandfather. I am sure if you will write me cousin, Mrs. W.S.Lidley, Edgewood Drive, Charleston, W. Va. who is also a granddaughter, that she can supply the desired information. If not, refer the matter back to me.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Bwuhring Davis,

527 --- 15th Street

County Court,

June 9, 1848.

Bk 5. P. 267---James Cushing granted leave to retail spirituous liquors at his storehouse, &c".

Monday, Mar. 14, 1849.

"Hugo Kraus", a native of the Kingdom of Prussia, who has migrated into this state, this day in open Court, gave satisfactory proof by his own oath, that he intends to reside therein, &c".

(Copy in full. See Douthat, P. 140).

March 13, 1849.

Bk. 5. P. 306-- Tavern license of John Merritt ordered transferred to John J. Mahan, &c.

Bk. 5. P. 309--Plans for new Court House, &c.

Bk. 5. Page 316--McKendree & Carter; Wm. McComas

John J. Mahan, at Merritt's house in Barboursville, and others.

Bk.5. Page 316--Wilson B. Moore, in Barboursville (1849).

Bk. 5. P. 325---John J. Mahan, at house he rented of John Merritt, &c.

Bk. 5. P. 384---Edward Vertogan becomes a citizen. England.

(See Douthat, p. 146).

May 27, 1850.

Bk 5. Page 388--Wm. McComas, Ordinary at his house; Wilson Moore, same.



Beas Addresses:

Eugene Wilks Beas

E 106024 Empire

Spokane, Washington

Mahlon Edward Beas Ph. Buckingham  
456 W. Belmont Ave. " See phone  
Chicago 14, Ill. book.

Daughter of Frank Beas

Nora Beas m.

in Maryland? or Tucker Co.?

W. Va.

James A Beas Sr.

m. Mary A \_\_\_\_\_

Children: ill.

Beverly

James A

Betsy m. Jack Nicoley - large  
family. Lived in Lawrence Co.

Mary Beas m. Joseph Haggley, Eg-  
gers. Separated & he m. Eliza  
Joy, dau. of Tom Sr. - She Mary

Eggers was mother of John &  
Willie. John m. - Knigh...

No ch. by Elizabeth Joy  
m? or not?

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Miss Margaret E. Hook,  
3224 Wisconsin Ave., Apt. 25,  
Washington, D. C.

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Addresses:

Rev. Robert B. Powell (Colored)  
1325 Oak Street,

Parkersburg, W. Va.,

brought me home from Parkers-  
burg, June 4, 1957.

Mr. Geo. Lowy, Attorney, } For debt  
906 Citizens Bldg. } on Joel  
Cleveland, Ohio. } Peyton.

I wrote him June 5, 1957

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7. Martha Jane Turley  
m. Thomas Luedas (not a  
brother of Jonathan, etc.)

8. Nancy Turley  
m. Geo. W. Carter

9. Harriet Turley  
m. McCallister

10. Rachel Turley

~~11. Eliza A. T.~~

11. Cornelius Turley - died before was born,

~~12. David Turley?~~

12. Daniel Turley } I do not remember of  
ever having seen him

I would like for you to give me  
the names of the wives or husbands  
of these people, when and where mar-  
ried, and any other information you  
can give. Do you know whom Daniel  
Turley married, his family, where he  
moved to, etc.? I knew Charles H.  
Hall and his wife. I understand  
they had a son William. Did  
they have others? Whom did Will-

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marry? Did he have any children?

Now then, suppose we go back to your grand parents and bring up their descendants carefully.

Cornelius Turley

m. Martha Rice, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Rice and \_\_\_\_\_ Rice. Can you fill in the blanks?

Their children were:

Buried -  
Buried Fronton, O. 1. Joseph <sup>2.</sup> Turley  
m. Ruth Kimball  
(Samuel's) Son - Joseph C. Turley } both  
Clyde K. Turley } deceased  
Buried Rome Cem. - 2 Peter ~~Rice~~ Turley  
1 Son Earnest J. Turley  
Adrian Sparr

Buried  
Oak Grove Delaware <sup>plus</sup> 3. John ~~Rice~~ Turley  
m. Eliza M. Elzea  
Bertha, Cornelia ~~deceased~~, Hattie K. WATSON  
deceased E. Turley } deceased  
4. Charles Turley NO  
m.

Rome Cemetery - Charles  
Hallsville, O. 4. Hamilton Turley } Edgar  
Joan  
Daisy  
Sinn  
5. Judson <sup>m.</sup> Turley }  
m. Allie Jones

4.

6. ———— d. in infancy.  
Her name

7. ———— d. in infancy

8. ———— d. in infancy

9. ———— d. in infancy

10. Harriet Turley

m. Charles H. Hall

One son:

William T. Hall

m. ————

Children?

To sons -

If I could visit Rome Cemetery, Lawrence Co  
I could get dates of birth & death of

Cornelius Turley & Wife

Maiah Turley & wife

Peter Turley "

Hamilton Turley "

Dear Mr. Sautter: Am sorry I cannot give you any more definite information. I am here in Florida, far away from Ohio and all of my ancestors are dead. As I told you I am the last of my generation - Maternal of my uncles and aunts and first cousins are dead

My father - Cornelius Oscar has three children

Imogene Turley Sautter - she has 4 children Charles, John, Elana Jean - Kate. They live in Sarasota, Florida.

John Turley Sautter - Ohio - has 3 children, John, Barbara - Nancy.

Mary Turley Smith - live in Delaware O has no children.

That is the best I can do.

Fraternally yours  
Charles Elzea Turley

Who were your parents? Dates of births, etc.  
Eliza <sup>M. Eliza</sup> ~~M. Eliza~~ b. Feb 5-1841. d. March 29-1898.  
Your mother's maiden name? " " " " ?

John B. R. Turley, b. Dec 28-1844. d. Sept 29-1919

Your brother named a great aunt Caroline Turley. If so, she was a sister of your grand father Cornelius Turley, and is the missing link" (the  $\frac{1}{12}$ th child of John and Sarah Turley. What do you think?

Caroline Turley was Sarah Turley's wife



He mentions his (and your) Uncle Joseph A. Turley, as being Lawrence Co. Treasurer. There was a Joseph A. Turley brother to your grand father, Cornelius Turley.

He mentions as cousins:

John Turley	} Who were the parents of each?
Ed Turley	
Cornelius Turley	
Charles Turley	
Eva Turley	
Anna Turley	
m.	Parents of
	Whitney.



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PROBATE COURT

Lawrence.....County, O.

MARRIAGE RECORD.....

OF.....

EL S. FIFE.....

MARY HOWARD.....

June 22, 1862.....

COPY OF RECORD

CERTIFICATE TO COPIES

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U. S. Statutes, Sec. 905. G. C. of Ohio, Sec. 15330

THE STATE OF OHIO

Lawrence County, ss.

PROBATE COURT

I, Helen P. Clarke, Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court within and for said County, having the custody of the Files, Journals and Records of said Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the marriage of Abel S. Fife and Nancy Howard

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as the same appear upon the records of said Court; and I further certify that I have carefully compared the foregoing copy with the original record, and that the same is a full and correct transcript thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Ironton Ohio, this 5th day of September A. D. 1952

Helen P. Clarke Judge and ex-officio Clerk of said Probate Court

The State of Ohio, Lawrence County, ss.

I, the undersigned, sole Judge of the Probate Court, within and for said County and State, the same being a Court of law and of record, do hereby certify that, under the laws of the State of Ohio, the Judge of the Probate Court is ex-officio the Clerk of his own Court. And I further certify that I, the said Helen P. Clarke whose genuine signature is attached to the foregoing certificate, am, and was at the time of signing the same, ex-officio Clerk of said Probate Court, and as such, full faith and credit are due my acts and that the above certificate and attestation are in due form of law, and made by the proper officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Ironton Ohio, this 5th day of September A. D. 1952

Helen P. Clarke Judge and ex-officio Clerk of said Probate Court

Before me, C. B. EGERTON Judge of the Court of Probate for said County, came personally ABEL S. FIFE who being first duly sworn, saith that he is more than 21 years of age, that he has not a former wife living, that he is not nearer of kin to NANCY HOWARD than first cousins. That she is more than 14 years of age, that she has not a former husband living, that she resides, at the present time, in this County, that there is no legal impediment to their being joined in marriage, and further saith not.

that he is a subscribing witness to the written consent of Allen Howard to the marriage of his daughter Nancy Howard

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 18th

day of June A. D. 1862

ABEL S. FIFE

C. B. EGERTON  
Judge of Probate.

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THE STATE OF OHIO, LAWRENCE COUNTY.

To any Person legally authorized to Solemnize Marriage in said County:  
Greeting.

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage Abel S. Fife and Nancy Howard and fail not to make return of the same to this office within three months thereafter.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my

name and affixed the Seal of said Court,

at the Probate Office in Ironton, the

*m. June 22, 1862.*

18th day of June one thousand  
eight hundred and sixty-two

C. B. EGERTON,  
Judge of Probate.

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No.

THE STATE OF OHIO, LAWRENCE COUNTY.

I do hereby Certify, That on the 22d day of June A. D. 1862, by virtue of a license from the Court of Probate for said County, I joined in Marriage ABEL S. FIFE AND NANCY HOWARD.

Given under my hand the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1862

Ed June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1862

JOHN WHITE, J. P.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF MARRIAGE RECORD

No. .... The State of Ohio, Gallia County.

Filed and Recorded March, 22, 1858

I do Hereby Certify, That on the 15th day of Feb. A. D. 1858, I solemnized the MARRIAGE of Mr. Abel S. Fife with M. Mary Ann Rinney

S. W. Daniel, J. P.

P. O. Address ..... Ohio

THE STATE OF OHIO,

PROBATE COURT

Gallia County

I, the undersigned, Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court within and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the certificate of Marriage of the parties therein named, as the same appears on the Record of Marriages, Vol. 2, Page 363, required by the laws of Ohio to be kept in said Court. And I further certify that I have carefully compared the foregoing copy with the original record, and that the same is a full and correct transcript thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Gallipolis Ohio, this 9th day of July 19 52

John W. Howell

Judge and ex-officio Clerk of said Probate Court

Sylva M. Cronan Deputy

PROBATE AND JUVENILE COURTS  
GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO

JOHN W. HOWELL, JUDGE

CECIL E. HALLEY  
Chief Deputy Clerk, Probation Officer  
SYLVIA M. CROMARTIE, Clerk

LOREN THOMAS  
Investigator  
Aid to Dependent Children

GALLIPOLIS, OHIO

July 9, 1952

Mr. F/ B. Lambert  
Harboursville, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed is marriage certificate as requested. It is the only record we find - looking over the records dated 1805 through 1941.

Please remit fee of \$ .50.

yours very truly,

JOHN W. HOWELL,  
Probate Judge.

By Sylvia M Cromartie  
Deputy Clerk

*Abel S. Fife*  
*m.1. Harriet Holand*  
*Nov. 11, 1849*  
*m.2 Mary Ann Ramsey,*  
*Feb. 15, 1856*  
*m.3. Nancy Howard, in Lawrence Co., Ohio,*  
*Daughter of Allen Howards June 22, 1862.*  
*A son Earl Fife lives in 2nd or 3 house*  
*up Mud River Road. He was son of Abel S. Fife Jr.*

From record taken from Mrs. Mabel Pinnell.

Merritt, Philip, born May 2, 1846; died March 13, 1922. Married Alma Lucille Pinnell Dec. 19, 1881. She was a sister to Thos. Pinnell. She was born May 18, 1857 and passed away June 19, 1921.

- I. William Henry Merritt born Dec. 15, 1882.
- II. Bessie Merritt, born April 18, 1884,
- III. Anna Laura Merritt, born March 14, 1886,
- IV. Frederick Goff Merritt, born Dec. 25, 1888,
- V. Chas. Edward Merritt, born April 15, 1891
- VI. Duffin Pinnell " born Jan. 23, 1894,
- VII. Frank Marion Merritt, born Jan. 15, 1897
- VIII. Blanche D. " born April 7, 1898.

Anna L. Merritt married Geo. Siebold. She died Nov. 15, 1934, and was buried at Barboursville. Geo. Siebold was a glass worker; he lives about Westmoreland.

Thos. M. Pinnell, born in Meigs County, Ohio, and was married at 23. Nancy Rogers, 18, m Rec. 2, p. 37.

Perry G. Pinnell, born Oct. 14, 1826; died March 29, 1886  
Married Mary E. Pumphrey. She was born in Dec. 9, 1832, and died Dec. 28, 1910, aged 78 years and 19 days.

Children.

Thos. M., born Nov. 3, 1853; died

Mary Virginia, born March 1, 1855. Never married, but died young, Aug. 2, 1871.

Alma Lucille, born at Hartford City, Virginia March 13, 1857.

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Clara Lenora, born March 4, 1859. Married Thomas Owens, and lives at Crystal Springs, Florida.

Wilson Harris Pinnell, born Mar.3, 1863; died Nov.27, 1912, aged 50 years, 8 months, and four days.

Estelle May Pinnell, born March 4, 1866; died Sept.15, '68.

Perry G. Pinnell, born April 7, 1869; died at Alderson W.Va. Dec.9, 1933.

Chas. William Pinnell, born Sept.27, 1873. Was single. He died in Huntington Dec.23, 1893.

Wm. H. Pinnell married Jennie at Huntington, and lived there. She lives below Chesapeake, North Kenova.

#### Marriages

Perry G. Pinnell married Mary E. Pumphrey Feb.16, 1853.

Thos. M. married Nannie Rogers Feb. 15, 1877. Rev.T.M.Perry

Philip Merritt and Alma L. Pinnell married Dec. 19, 1881, by Rev.Quincy Wheat.

Perry G. Pinnell and Annie E. Stever married Sept. 26, at Charleston.

Thos. M. Owens and Clara Lenore Pinnell married Nov.13, 1914.

Childers, Royal

Born Sept. 27, 1805; died June 29, 1880. Married Nancy Midkiff March 18, 1825. She was born Aug. 8, 1805, and died June 25, 1876 (?) (See Charley Childers for old Bible. He lives near General Savage).

Children

- I. Abraham Childers, born Dec. 29, 1825,
  - II William L. " " June 6, 1827,
  - III Greenville A. Childers, born Aug. 31, 1828
  - IV. Telitha Jane Childers. Married Ambrose Smith. Born May 3rd, 1830.
  - V. Elizabeth A. Childers born March 29, 1832,
  - VI. Benjamin S. " born May 30, 1834,
  - VII Nancy M. " " March 7, 1837
  - VIII Sarah Ann Childers born Oct. 2, 1841,
  - IX. Royal B. Childers born Sept. 24, 1843; died Feb 27, 1919.
- Nancy Midkiff was a sister to S pencer, <sup>Solomon</sup> ~~Abraham~~ and Lewis Midkiff (?).



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THE CHAPMANS.

Thomas Chapman

By Daughter, Laura Mullens,  
1/1 mile above Ona, left hand  
side of road.

See Mrs. Louisa ( married Thos ) Chapman, now at Clifton Chapman's , adjoining Homer Heck's residence.

Thos. Chapman died July, 1935, at 80 years. He married Louisa Payne, daughter of Addison Payne, of Kanawha County and Elizabeth Cummings, also of Kanawha County. Addison Payne was from England. Thos. Chapman lived on Wire Branch of Fudge's Creek, about 1-1/4 mile up from mouth. He did live up another branch of Big Fudge.

Bill Adams also lived on Wire Branch. He was a Union soldier. He married Jennie Chapman, a sister to Thos. Chapman.

Thos. Chapman's father, Henry Menefee Chapman, who was a young man at the time of the civil war,. During the civil war he ran a ferry in Kanawha County, below Charleston.

Thos. Chapman had brothers and sisters: Charley, Pete, Jeff, John, Lewis, Mag, Susan, Polka (?). Jeff lives in Huntington, but is near death. He is eighty years old. Charley lives in Milton, seventy years old. Pete also lives in Milton.

I married James Harvey Mullins. Live just above Ona. Own fifteen acres of land about, or just opposite the first trestle above Ona.

Al Love lived on Wire Branch (See Mary Fugh, a daughter of Sheb Love, just above the trestle).

## The Lavinia Lusher Family

m. Jane'

"Barboursville  
Notes."

Children:

"Bud" Lusher

~~Mary~~

My husband was Chas W. Nebel, who came from Cincinnati, son of Charles C. and Rose Nebel, of Cincinnati. He came with his parents from Germany.

We have one son Karl Samuels Nebel.

I was a dau. William Clendenin and Eugenia Miller dau. of Lafayette and Frances Samuels. My father lived in the present Stowasser house, the land was owned by Fred and Mary Shelton Miller, dau. of Thomas C. & M. Shelton.

My neighbors were William Hirtou  
across the street. Jerry and Hicks  
lived the alley and between us  
and Harrison Hirtou. The Hirtou's  
all died there. Lucy Dudas lived  
with her sister Mrs. Wm. Hirtou.  
Hubert and Orrin Ellis were re-  
lated to the Merrills.

Mattie Figgins lived to be  
over 100 years old. She lived  
between the Leists and Hirtous.  
A fine woman. She had two  
sons, both dead. Her husband  
was called Figgins. Don't know  
his first name. The sons  
were

Mish ( — Shadrack & Abed  
nego — one name.

Irvin Figgins — crippled.  
Mattie sold her place, got  
a good price. The boys got  
the money & left town.  
"Aunt Cynthia" was a  
Simmons

An old colored woman lives  
on 8th Ave

Fred Miller during the War  
went to Miller, Ohio. & Geo. I.

Miller Jr. was born there.

The Mc Millans (a Pres. preacher)

Mc Millan and America Samuels  
sister to John Jr., <sup>H. J.</sup> Jeff, Alex.,  
Lafayette, ~~Henry~~ Mary (Mrs.  
Mose Thornburg.)

America Samuels

m. Mc Millan  
(no churching his day  
Pres. preacher. Two ch.

~~Egede~~  
Fred Mc Millan m.

Essie Haworth. Lives  
in Ravenswood. Later  
in Huntington

She is now the  
widow of Chas. H.  
Cammack

Herbert Mc Millan lives  
in California

Judge Ferguson lived between  
the John Samuels place and the  
Henry J. Samuels place

Mary Mose died without a  
will and Mose Thornburg in-  
herited her property.

On Capt Kuhn, see Mrs. Sam  
Taylor, in ~~the~~ for address of  
Mrs. Rose Kelly, who lives  
near Pittsburg. Also see Dolley  
Spencer. She was here 2-3 yrs  
ago.

Judge Wm Thompson lived  
across from Judge Ferguson,  
in a house with a long  
porch.

A Mr. Boyd, a R.R.  
man lived in the same house

The Salmons lived a  
while in the John Merrill house  
Ed Salmons, wife lives?  
yet in the Old Ladies Home,

THE BLAKE FAMILY.

Mrs. Wm. Kelley,  
July 29, 1941.

Peter Blake, 1st, married Sarah Davis. We never knew where she came from. My old family Bible is at Douthat's. Peter Blake had

I. Peter Blake, Jr. and he was married in Texas. He has a son, William, living yet, nearly 90 years old. Mrs. John Hallanan knows about him; he visited here years ago.

II. Elizabeth, married Jacon Harshbarger. (Aunt Betty). They lived at Milton. She died about seventy years ago. Her death was caused by a buggy running over ~~xxx~~ a bank about where Jos. Merritt, Sr. lived. Jacob Harshbarger had nine children. He had no children by his last wife; but had three by the first. All dead. Joe Merritt, Sr. married a daughter, Edna Blake. Fred and Albert were sons, and lived at Indianapolis. Fred died young, while Albert never married.

V. Margaret married Mat Lusher, a merchant here. They had a large family:

- 1. Tolliver, who married Carrie Hurd, still living, at 90. Her father was jailer here.
- 2. "Coon" married Louisa Le Sage. Her family lives yet, in Huntington.
- 3. "Bub" married Fannie Strupe (Fanny Adams?) widow of Wm. Strupe. She was the mother of John and William Strupe. A daughter, Stella, who married Garland Bowen.

John Strupe married Rosa Bishop. I think she lived on Seven Mile.

William married Rebecca Shomaker, who lived on Merritt's Creek, not far (up on hill from Steve Angles to right, going up creek). Wm. Lived in Barboursville, also.

4. Mary, daughter of Margaret, married Gibson, and lived near Covington, Ky.

5. Sarah, married Wm. Semonds. His sons were George and William, and he had several daughters--Mary Hatfield, Mag. Burdette. "Jim" married Toney, a railroader: Lena married Wm. Tinsley.

Margaret, (now Mary Armstrong) Lusher married second, Charles Hodges 2/23/62. They had one son, Allen Hodge who lived all his life in Barboursville; or rather, on a farm across Mud River from Mallory's. He married Mary of Ohio. He 23 and single; she 30 and a widow. He, son of Preston and Susan Hodge; she, daughter of Peter and Sarah Blake. He, a blacksmith. B.L. Perry. The widow of Allen Hodge lives here.

VI. Isaac Blake, married Mary A. Milgore (?) They had a large family:

1. Anna, married Frank Le Sage. She died of a poison pill. (He was accused by her people of killing her). She had two children--Ethel and Sidney. Ethel married a man named Richardson. Separated, and she lives with John Hallinan. She, Anna, was buried at

Le Sage, but her body was brought here to the old cemetery.

2. Emma, married Levi Jones. She died long before he did. They had Anna, Sallie, (Single), Mary (single). Mary and Anna keep house together.

3. Cere, married Wm. Shipe, son of Charles S. They lived across R.R. in large apartment, beyond the Capt. Soencer home. He was a cement worker on walks, cisters, &c.

4. JENNIE MARRIED Cash Merritt. They had two children, Angie and Lee, both of whom died young.

5. Norman, married first  
and married second  
His last wife lives in Huntington. (See Halla (nans)).

6. Margaret, married Wm. Hedrick. They lived across the C & O. depot, ~~xxx~~ in Huntington.

VIII. Martha Ann Blake married Joel K. Salmon, Deputy County Clerk under Mose Thornburg. Joel K. Salmon came from Rochester, N.Y. He had a step mother, and ran away from home. His father was Joel K. Salmon, Sr. He first married Roxie Orelia Rice, of New York. He came here before the civil war. His home was across the street. He later moved to this side of the old Jim Brady store on Depot St. and lived on Main Street.

Children:

L. Albert Eugene was the oldest. He married



He married Cora Baldwin (?) of Parkersburg. Mrs. Douthat was a sister to Eugene.

2. Edward E. married Hassie Harrison, daughter of William H. Harrison. She lives in Huntington, near "Old Ladies Home"

3. Mary Thornburg Salmon, married Wm. Kelley, of Richmond, Va. and helped build C & O. Ry. I don't know about his people. We lived for a long time in a house near Brady's store. We have five children:

- 1. Laura, married Homer Schultz, son of Jacob Schultz. They live at 2958--4th Avenue.
- 2. Mary E. married Jasper Weekly. They live at St. Albans, W. Va.
- 3. Lucy A., died young
- 4. Wm. Salmon, died at 13,
- 5. Edward E. married Gladys Mays. Daughter Wm. M lives in New Addition, B'ville.
- 6. Carroll C., single. 43. Lives at home with me.
- 7. Howard M. married Louise Mays, daughter of John Mays, who lives near Northern Meth. Church.

James Blake was on a jury June 22, 1829.

Isaac Blake, was indicted in 1840 for failure to keep road in repair (Probably Isaac, Jr.).

Deed Book 3. P. 61 -- 1819.

Lawrence Briant, et al, deeded Isaac Blake 300 acres on Mud River.

Oct. 20, 1819, Laurence and Mary Briant, for \$1,000.00, Beg. at a white oak, corner of Adam Black's line, on the south side of Mud River, and on a branch; thence with James Miller's line to the river, across river to a branch where Abraham Trout's line commences, and with same to back line, and with Du Vall's line to a white oak corners in the forks of a branch as E. corner. and with sd line to a lin corner on the point of a ridge; thence near a E. course to three branches near Lower Creek; then to the creek and with the meanders thereof to the river, down river to Du Vall's line thence crossing river and running near a S.W.course to a Gum, corner, & with Wm.Jordan's line to the creek, and with it's meanders to Beg."

Deed Bk 3. P. 371.

March 1, 1821, Issac & Margaret Blake, for \$5.00, 100 a. on Mud River, to James Blake, "Beg. on the bank of the river on the old line, & with it to Abraham Trout's line, & with it to William Jordan, Srs. line, and with it on an N. course to Mud River, and with same to Beg".  
(<sup>1</sup>s above Issac, Sr. or Issac, Jr.)?

From an examination of Deed Indexes, the following facts appear:

Isaac Blake came here about 1819 (Oct. 20, 1819, 1st deed).

He bought land on Mud River about Ona, or Howell's Mill.

He deeded some of his land (100 acres) to James Blake, his son, March.

OBITUARY OF JACOB D. SMITH, SR.

Jacob D. Smith  
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Mr. Smith was married to Miss Rose I. Alexander, born August 16, 1877, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Houston S. Alexander, of East Bank, W. Va. on December 25, 1904, and to this union five children were born, all of whom, together with the widow survive. The children are: Mrs. Dr. O.C. Campbell of Hamlin, W. Va.; Miss Virginia M. Smith, Principal of the Hamlin High School; Mrs. Guy C. Farmer, of Arlington, Va.; Houston A. Smith, Prosecuting Attorney of Lincoln Co. and Jacob D. Smith, Jr. a Sergeant in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. There is one grand-son, Guy C. Farmer Jr. of Arlington, Va. Two sisters survive: Mrs. Nettie Vickers, of Logan, W. Va. and Mrs. Allie Vickers, of Huntington. There are also two brothers living. These are Edward Smith, of Sweetland, W. Va. and Lewis Smith, of Hamlin. One full brother, Wm. Smith, and a half brother, John Dillon, are deceased. Mrs. Ellen Griffith, who married Norvell Griffith, of Griffithsville, also preceded brother Smith in death.

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if there was a speech to be made or an address to be given on behalf of the congregation Mr. Smith was asked to assume this responsibility. Mr. Smith came to West Virginia with his mother at about 12 years of age, his father having been deceased for several years. He was educated in the schools of Lincoln County and West Virginia University, of Morgantown, W. Va., receiving his Law Degree from that institution in the year 1900. He taught public school for 18 years, and also engaged in the practice of law from about 1900. He was very prominent in public life, beginning as a Deputy County Clerk. He served as Prosecuting Attorney from 1921-1925, and was elected in the year 1928 by the people of Lincoln County to the Office of State Senator, which he filled faithfully from 1929 to 1933.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities in Hamlin. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the insurance lodge, Modern Woodmen of America."

Mr. Smith was devoted to his family. He was a trusted friend and kind neighbor. Life to him was a serious matter, and he tried to follow his profession in an honest and ethical way. He has set an example of uprightness that is worthy of emulation. He loved life but he was not afraid to die, for he had made that preparation long ago that is so essential, and he maintained an unflinching trust in Him who is able to keep that which is committed to His care.

Besides those already named, there is a long list of more distant relatives who mourn their loss, and a host of friends join to extend love to the bereft family.

"Why do we mourn for dying friends,  
Or shake at death's alarms?  
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends  
To call them to His arms'.

W. A. Debar, officiating Clergyman.

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223 Albert Davis 36

Second Section. By Anthony Bicker

1. Anthony Bicker 45 - Bavaria Bavaria Bavaria

C. Clarissa 30? Va Va Va

Lawrence 1 Va. Bavaria Va

Clara 1/2

2. Frank Smidt 55 Saxony Va ~~Saxony Saxony~~  
Anna " 56 " " "

Joseph Michling 7 Adopted Son

3. { <sup>Jos</sup> James Hohenberger 56

Henrietta 50 Wife Austria 3

Anna 19 Dan " 3  
W. Va " "

4. Frank Slowasser 62 Austria 3

Edwara — 38 Saxony 3

Charles 10 ~~Saxony~~ <sup>W. Va</sup> ~~Austria~~ <sup>W. Va</sup> 3 Saxony

Mary 4 W. Va. W. Va. Saxony

Henry 2 Son " Austria "

5. Samuel Estep 52 Va. Tenn. Tenn.

Martha 42 Ky. Va. Ind.

Nancy J. 18 " " "

Andrew J. 16 " " Ky

Benj. 11 " " "

James W. 6 " " "



6. Alley Jefferson 26 Ohio, Ohio, Ohio.  
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 Estella 3 " Va "  
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7. William Estep 25 Va. All.  
 Polly 29  
 Joseph S. 6  
 Mary Ann 3

8. Caroline Miller 60 Saxony 3  
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 Rosamond 23 " Teaching Sch  
 Isabella 24 " " Saxony  
 Aurora 18 " W. Va Saxony 2

9. John C. Blake 28 W. Va. 3  
 Flora L. 26  
 Cora B. 8 New York 3  
 Malvin 6 W. Va 2 N.Y. 1  
 Mollie 5 " "

10. Nancy Perry 59 " 3

11. William Mc Comas 32 O. 3  
 Ellen 32 ~~O.~~ Md.  
 Wm. Franklin 10 W. Va O. 2.

Malinda 5 " G. Martin 9 "  
 Jefferson 3 " R. Lo. 7 "  
 Rosa B. 2

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13. John L. Stephens

14. J. W. Riggs 40

15. Arnold Felix 35 Switzerland 3,  
Venita 32

Werner	12	W. Va	Switzerland	W. Va
Frederic	10	"	"	"
Emil C. ?	8	"	"	"
Claude	5	"	"	"
Arnold	4	"	"	"
Walter	2	"	"	"
George	1	"	"	"

16. Conrad Beyle 26 O., Md., O.

17 Amos Hille 38

Elizabeth 32

John C.

Corry

Josephine

William

Ethel

Albert

18. Emil Telgener 48

Agnes 43

Julia 21

Schomberg 33

Austria 3

W. Va. Austria 2.

19. Taylor Mayes

20. Henry Bicker 59

Margaret 48

SUMMARY OF PERTINENT DATA IN PENSION RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Veteran's name: TURLEY, James  
Case number: 21 987

Birth: Dates not mentioned.

Residence: In Pennsylvania, specific place and date not given. In 1838 the veteran stated that he was about 70 years of age.

Family: There is no reference to a wife or children of the veteran. In 1838 he referred to an older brother who was then living in Brooke County, Virginia, but did not give his name. There are no further family data.

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Residence: The veteran was born in Pennsylvania and while a child moved with his father near Lynchburg, Bedford County, Virginia, and he was residing there at the time of his enlistment. In 1838 he was a resident of Cabell County, Virginia.

Death: Date and place not indicated.

Service: When the veteran applied for pension he stated that he enlisted (dates of service not indicated) and served 2 years under Captain John Chapman and Colonel Joseph Groatatt. It is stated elsewhere in the file that he served as Private with the Virginia Troops.

Pension: James Turley was pensioned on Certificate 21 987, which was issued under the Act of June 7, 1838. The pension was paid at the Virginia Agency.

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CIRCUIT, COMMON PLEAS AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
COURTS OF CABELL COUNTY

PHONE 8496

M. C. BLAKE, CLERK

DEPUTY CLERKS: C. E. KING, LEE TAYLOR,  
R. W. SHIVELY, C. P. BOWEN, CARRIE O'DELL

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

September 11, 1952

The National Archives,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Re: James Turley  
Valentine Herndon

Will you kindly send me the military and personal record of JAMES TURLEY, a Revolutionary Soldier, who died in Cabell County, West Virginia, about 1837, and, no doubt, was a pensioner. I am especially anxious to learn where, in Virginia, he came from. His wife was Esther - - - - -

Will you also send me the same information on VALENTINE HERNDON.

Yours very truly,



C. E. King,  
Court House,  
Huntington, W. Va.

By Jeff Duty. 15

## THE DUTYS.

Grandfathers both came from Russell County, Virginia. Grandfather Gwp. Duty came to Pigeon Creek in what is now Mingo County, before the Civil War. Grandfather James Ferrell settled on Big Creek, Logan County before the Civil War. Father was born in what is now Mingo County, and volunteered in 1861 as a Confederate. Also a brother of his volunteered. His name was Wm. Duty, and his brother was Harrison.

Father Wm. Duty lived in Mingo until fifty-one years ago, when he moved to Big Ugly, Lincoln County. Harrison Duty, Uncle of Jeff Duty settled on Pigeon Creek, in Mingo County. Harrison had a large family, and all live in Mingo County. My Uncle was not wounded in the Civil War.

My father, William Duty, was in Gettysburg and Fort Donelson battles. They fought here seven days and seven nights. He was twice wounded. My father had six children: John lived on Broad Branch, Lincoln County; Jeff here at Dollie; Phidelia Vernatter-Chapman lives in Boone County; Annie Steele lives in Logan County; George lives within three miles of Hurricane, Putnam County; Martha lives in Logan; she married Queen.

I have eleven children, of whom three are dead: Alva, Lula, Stonewall, Solomon, Vernonda, Thos. Jefferson, Lee. Musco, Ira, Doska, Maggie.

Mrs. Duty was Betty Polly; her people came from Virginia. "Tiger Bill" Polly was her father.

My father, Wm. Duty, was the man who rode a \$150.00 horse to death, to save Tom Ferrell, who was in jail, in Hamlin, about 1889, for killong a man named Butcher, from a mob of Butcher relatives. Tom Ferrell is my cousin.

My father was a rather big farmer for this part of the country, raising 1,000 bushels of corn a year, and always raising wheat. He had the first "chaff Piler" threshing machine brought in. It took about twelve horses to pull it. When it came on first trip my mother had about twenty geese in the yard; and when they heard it, they took to the woods, and did not come back for three or four days.

Grandmother Duty was a Jackson and Grandfather Farrell was a Fields.

There is an old man about Dollie School House a Mr. Noah Adkins, very old, who told me he helped to grade the first C & O. Railroad bed up through Barboursville, on through Milton to the East. He must be up in ninety; he has been an old, grey headed man ever since I can remember, and I am sixty-seven.

When we moved to Big Ugly there were only three houses from Broad Branch, which is about one-half the length of Big Ugly to the head of Big Ugly, and now there are about two hundred. Big Ugly is nineteen miles long.

There were plenty of deer, wild cats, coons, &c. when my father came. Wolves were here for about fifteen years after we came.

During the Civil War Hamilton Fry lived at Forks of Big Ugly, four miles from its mouth. His boy, Anderson, is living at the same place and is about ninety-two. Bear roamed the hills during Ham Fry's time. Tom Ferrell killed the last deer killed about here about forty-five years ago.

Burbas C. Toney was an old settler on the Guyan just above Fry, but he was a large land owner on Big Ugly. He had a large

family, having up in fifty great grand children while he was yet living, and he had several great, great grandchildre, perhaps as many as fifty.

I live in a house built by Bob Lewis, the lumberman; he lived here about eight y ears. I have lived in it nineteen years. The spring from which we use water has been a spring just as it is ever since the oldest settlers cam remember It never rises, nor never falls. It is white sulphur, and is saidbby all who drink it to be the best sulphur water they ever tasted. Bob Lewis' wife was an invalid when they came; she quit doctoring and went away well and hearty.

By Jeff Duty,  
Dollie, W. Va.



The Public Library of Newark New Jersey

Beatrice Winsor, Librarian

January 3, 1930.

Mr. F. B. Lambert,  
Guyan Valley High School,  
Branchland, West Va.

My dear Mr. Lambert:

In regard to the photographs, we suggest that you send to us explicit directions addressed to our photographer, E.G. Koenig Studio, Inc., 875 Broad St., Newark, N.J. We will get from them an advance statement of the cost, which we will ask you to cover by a check made out to E. G. Koenig Studio, to be held by us until delivery of the photographs. This is necessary because the management of our finances by the City of Newark requires checks made payable to the Library to be turned into the City treasury.

We will arrange to send to Koenig the books to be photographed as soon as they can do the work. The messenger fee for delivering the books is 50¢. These books are reference volumes which do not ordinarily leave the building, so we must arrange to have them out of place the shortest time possible.

We have received your check for \$3.55 in payment of bill for photostat work and typing, also an additional check for 50¢, which will be applied to messenger fees mentioned above.

In our letter of three years ago, we referred you to the daughter of Mr. English, Mrs. Charles D. Thompson, Mountain Farm, Flanders, N.J. The gentlemen mentioned in your letter of December 17th are no longer living.

We regret that we are unable to include extended research in our usual routine. We can, however, engage competent workers under our paid service arrangement, at the rate of \$1.50 an hour. Shall we proceed under this arrangement in accordance with directions in your last letter?

If desired, we report progress after \$5. or \$10. has been spent in time to avoid involving you in more expense than you wish to incur.

Yours truly,

Lending Department,  
Per *M. L. A.*

MLG:KML

EDWARD BELLOMY  
DEALER IN  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE  
AND COUNTRY PRODUCE

Same as  
page 34.

Hubbardstown, W. Va., Dec 17 1926

Mr F B Lambert  
Dear Sir yours  
of the 15 at hand and  
will say in Reply that Ed.  
Swartwood has bin dead for a long  
time he had two children - first  
his first wife 1 Girl and 1 Boy  
the Boy is dead and the Girl  
is married and lives at  
Holden what wa she married  
apaches by the name of  
Carrie Webb Holden wa  
now Ed was also married the  
second time he married Wagon Effie  
daughter they raised several children  
I dont just know how many but  
his widwed married again  
to C G Bell here at this place  
you can write Mr Bell and  
she can give you all the information  
you need write her at Hubbardstown  
wa

EDWARD BELLOMY  
DEALER IN  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE  
AND COUNTRY PRODUCE

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Hubbardstown, W. Va., \_\_\_\_\_ 192

My last one Jay Green he says with  
his mother his name is Homer Swertward  
hopes this will get you alright.  
Maybe I am also busy with  
the letter you wrote me to use  
lett and probably she will  
write you thanking you for the  
signature. Be respectfully

Edw Bellomy

Huntington W. Va

Apr 25 - 1926

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same as  
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Dear Mr Lambert;

In reply to the above  
request which my brother  
L. D. Beuhning has referred  
to me, Hee say that  
Frederick G. S. Beuhning was  
our grand father

I am sure if you will  
write my cousin Mrs

M. S. Laidley, Edgewood

Driv, Charleston, W. Va

who is also a grand daughter

that she can supply —  
the desired information  
If not - refer the matter  
back to me.

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Very Sincerely

Mrs Mary Beuking Davis  
527 1/2 Street

And all my pleasant musings  
Are idle ones to-day;  
My home, my wife, my children,  
Are many miles away--  
I linger here no longer--  
To saddle and away.

## lll.

My feet are in the stirrups,  
The reins my fingers press;  
My mare, with black mane flowing,  
Neighs loud at my caress--  
With nostrils wide distended,  
She neighs at my caress.

Faster, black mare of the mountains,  
Rival the wind in thy speed;  
They are watching at home for the master,  
They listen the tramp of his steed--  
A welcome waits the master,  
A stable waits the steed.

The fond, ideal picture  
That met my spirit's gaze,  
Shall soon be true and real  
Beside the hearth-fire blaze--  
And ardent be the welcome  
Beside the hearth-fire blaze.

And thou, my good companion,  
Shalt share this joy of mine;  
Annie shall bring thee white cake,  
And Mary bring thee wine--  
And thou shalt eat the wheat loaf,  
And drink the draught of wine.

Fresh oats fill thy manger,  
Sweet hay thy couch shall be;  
And all because of my musings  
Beneath the maple tree--  
The maple on Guyandotte river,  
Where thou didst wait for me.

June 9, 1848

Bk 5 p. 267 - James Cushing granted leave to "retail spirituous liquors at his storehouse" etc.

Monday Mar 14, 1849

Hugo Kraus, a native of the Kingdom of Prussia, who has migrated into this state, this day in open court, gave satisfactory proof, by his own oath, that he intends to reside therein, etc (copy in full (See Douthat p 140.

March 13, 1849

Bk 5, 306 - Tavern because of John Merrill ordered transferred to John J. Mahan, etc.

Bk 5, p 309 - Plan for new court house, etc.

Bk 5, p 316 - Mc Kendrick & Carter Wm Mc Comas.

John J. Mahan, at Merrill house in B'ville & others.

" 5 - 316 - Wilson B. Moore in B'ville (1849)

" 5 - 325 - John J. Mahan at house he rented of John Merrill, etc.

" 5 - p. 384 - Edward Verligan becomes a citizen. England (See Douthat p. 146

May 27, 1860

" 5 - p 388 - Wm Mc Comas, Ordina at his house in B'ville; Robert Mc Kendrick, at his house; Wilson Moore, Su



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BURNS, YOUNG & DARRON

HAMLIN, W. VA.

March 9, 1928

Hon. B. F. Lambert,  
Branchland, West Virginia.

My dear Sir:

It is with extreme pleasure that I enclose herewith a copy of the story of the Midkiff Family, their emigration of what is now West Virginia, and the little peculiar incidents which may be of some interest to your pupils.

This is original as given me by the older Midkiff people some ten years ago. I am now having same re-printed in the Advertiser, and know that you are so much interested in your school, and the people in that District, I thought perhaps you would like to preserve this story in the archives of the Pleasant View High School.

Trusting that you are getting along nicely with your work, and hoping to see you in the near future, as I want to discuss some personal matters with you in which I feel assured that you can help me quite a bit.

Kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

W. F. DARRON.

WFD: TME

PREFACE

I writing the history of Pleasants County, a great difficulty has been that of winnowing out traditions and getting absolute facts. The unwritten history of any locality abounds with extrardordiany legands which, in the course of time, have become accepted as luterally true, and this has happened even in the short space of time since the first settlement of this county. In looking over the work, I find several passages which should have been expanded by giving more nearly complete details; but it was impossible to obtain them, and in some instances impractica ble, or foreign to the design of the book.

Yet, in spite of the difficulties, I have thoroughly enjoyed gathering the facts, and and putting them into what I trust, is a readable shape. In performing this work, I have gone into the official records of the county. Much of interest has been derived from the letters and journal of Thomas Browse. Recourse has been freely had to the files of the St. Mary's Oracle, which are almost complete from the year 1881, and for about the same period of time I have been enabled to supply something from my own re- collection.

The general plan of the book has been to trace the gradual advance that has been made from the life of the hardy pioneer to the present age of comparative affluence and ---an advance that has been very marked with the last forty years, and which is, perhaps, not so appreciated as it should be. Few of the pre- sent generation can realize the hardships their parents were

forced to endure, the meager subsistence derived from farms in the days when the chief products were hoop-poles and tan bark, or the hand to mouth experience of the laborer who sought to rear a family on the pittance of a dollar a day. Yet, I take this opportunity to observe that, despite the tremendous improvement in physical welfare, it is very doubtful that a greater degree of happiness exists today.

It has been my effort, not only to bring about a better reward for the men and women who ventured into the wilderness and prepared the way for the pleasure and ease of future generations, but also to give due credit to the founders and builders of the county and town. Wisdom and strength of character are displayed equally well in a small as in a large community. It is not the stage, but the actor, that commands admiration.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL JOURNAL.

By John<sup>W.</sup> Blake.

Many Indian arrow heads and tomahawks were found on Allen place--my father owned five hundred acres here. His name was Peter Blake. The Blake school was named after Col. Isaac Blake.

My grandfather was an Englishman. I used to flatboat lumber from Gallipolis to Cincinnati; also coal from Mason City. When there was no wind we ran both day and night, cooked for ourselves. Men often got drunk at Cincinnati. I was about twenty-one or twenty-two when I first went to Cincinnati.

I have killed several wild cats. I have seen many wolves <sup>the</sup> on Branch, near Allen house. They often howled around the house when hungry. We had to pen our sheep.

I have seen several panthers. The first one, I remember, was on Mud River, three or four miles above Howell's Mill. I knew of no beavers.

6-- I don't remember what books we had. Land could be entered by paying cost of survey, &c. About \$15.00 per one hundred acres. Sometimes went to Richmond as representatives. Rode on horseback out the pike. Os Mills has an old newspaper.

7-- An old Irishman owned a store near the present Post Office.

He locked it up, and went--or started--back to Ireland, intending to return. He expected to return, but did not; and about a year afterward, a Mr. Thornburg, and someone broke it open and sold the goods, and probably turned the money over to the County. Old Solomon Thornburg had a little store, also, at Barboursville when I was quite small, about twelve years old. His reputation was good. He kept where the College stands.

Chickens were very cheap, 7¢ or 8¢ each, and not many were sold as everyone raised them. "Seng", yellow root, &c was ~~xxix~~ dug and sold. My father sometimes went to Guyandotte to mill. I can recollect very well when the dam for Merritt's Mill was put in. I was about fifteen years old. They ground wheat on the corn burrs and bolted it by hand. There used to be a saw mill there, also, but it only ran a year or two. Whiskey was very cheap: 12½¢ to 15¢ a gallon. They said it was good. It came up after the war.

They had a little steam corn cracker at Guyandotte about 1840. We bought coffee at Burlington, Ohio. It cost about 25¢ a pound. I assume it was so high that no one kept it at Barboursville. Burlington was County seat of the County then. It was only a dozen, or so houses. Bees were wild. Beeswax was sold for candles. They were made by dipping before molds came into use here.

Salt was hard to get: it came down from Malden by wagon. The first calico sold for 37½¢ per yard. I wore homespun until I was nearly twenty. My sister Margaret (Mrs. Lusher), was a great weaver. We had toe pants and linen shirts in summer. Bacon was sometimes taken to the salines for salt.

We used jeans for winter. The women wore Linsey. I don't remember having a hat for a long time. They made hats in town.

A man by name of Richey and also old Jimmy Pownell ? *Pennell* used to make hats in Barboursville. He was quite old. They were expensive--\$3.00 or \$4.00. I paid \$4.00 for my first hat. Kept where old Mrs. Durton now lives. It is still called the *Pennell* Hill.

I used to be glzd to get shoes at Christmas. My father used to make shoes. When he got busy he hired a man to come to the house and make them. A man by the name of Bowden made saddles in the same building. My father paid him \$25.00 for a side saddle.

Pack saddles were the only usual saddles. Leather ones were rare. I have bought eggs at 3¢ a dozen. You could buy a good calf for \$1.50: No demand. My father offered pick of his cows, seven or eight at \$8.00 to a man, one dray horse \$30.00--\$35.00.

8 --- The earliest blacksmith shop I recollect was owned by Solomon Thornburg. Later a man by the name of Lewis (?) Kelly. John Hivens from Gallipolis, had a wagon shop there. He married Oscar Mather's sister.

9 --- There was a flat boat ferry at Guyandotte; later one at Barboursville.

QUESTION: How did the stages cross Guyan at Barboursville?

The bridge at Guyandotte was built in my time. There was a bridge across Mud, built about 1840. They used to drive hogs through from Kentucky through to Richmond by the hundreds in the fall. They made them swim at Barboursville. A man by name of old Tom Merritt, where James Brady now lives, fed these hogs. Cows sold at \$6.00 or \$7.00.

I have no recollection of mail. The first I recollect was carried through from Guyan to Richmond by a four horse hack. The old stages were the first public conveyances I recollect. I have seen five stages leave Guyandotte in the forenoon during the summer. The first relay out of Guyan was at Blue Sulphur. They had a large stable in which they kept plenty of horses. The next one, I believe, was where the Pike crossed Hurricane Creek. I have eaten my breakfast in Charleston, and my dinner in Guyan. They carried

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mail as well as passengers. The fare was \$2.50 from Charleston to Guyandotte.

QUERY: Did they stop for short distance pasture?

People used to walk much. They had toll gates every ten miles, and charged for wagons unless they were going to mill or walking. All other times they charged. I don't recollect the rate. I was about grown when they quit charging. The bridge at Guyandotte was a toll bridge for awhile.

10 -- I don't remember any peddlers. The country was sparsely

settled. No canvassers, insurance agents, &c. In my first recollection we had nothing but paths or rough roads, and did not work them. Later we had to work two days each year, if called on. I was a large boy before I ever saw a wagon. We used sleds.

11 -- We had log rollings and workings of different kinds. I don't remember any singing schools. I know of no dances. I was nearly grown when the first show came through: I think it was the best I ever saw. They came via Charleston. Had animals and circus combined under one tent. I paid 25¢; grown folks, 50¢. No feuds. Fist fights sometimes.

I do not know of any canning of fruit until I was a man.

What did we eat in winter? In the language of Tom Thornburg (George's grandfather), we had a constant change of meat and bread, and bread and meat. He also had plenty of vegetables: Cabbage, potatoes, tomatoes, &c.

We had no cook stoves. Cooked by fire-place. Baked bread in an oven, (skillet & lid). The better class only had spring house. Don't remember refrigerators before the war.

12 -- List of early churches: The old Court House in Barboursville Mud River Church (NOTE: Dwelling on "old Turley farm, near Andrew Chapman's), made of poplar logs.

Preachers at an early date only came occasionally. No camp meetings at an early date. Later, when I was fifteen or sixteen, they had them at Blue Sulphur. Old man Harmon married me. Hezekiah Chilton used to preach at Mud River. He was fine. He was once giving an outdoor sermon near Blue Sulphur when a rain came up. He said: "If its God's will for me to preach to-day, it will quit raining. It quit in five minutes. I have heard Bishop Morris preach' once in Teay's Valley and at another place which I have forgotten.

13 -- Dr. Tolbert was the earliest Doctor in my recollection. He had a large practice. Dr. Seashole was next. He moved to Teay's Valley, and died. No drug store in town until long after the war--possibly Bright kept it. Bilious fever was an early disease. My father had it and had to send below Guyan for a Doctor.

17 -- I can recollect when there was no hotel in Barboursville.

The old building now occupied by Blume's Store, or on site of same was the first hotel I recollect. I don't know who first kept it. A Mr. McKendree kept there for fifty or sixty years. A great deal of travel went by boat to Charleston, via Kanawha River. They had to use a "block and tackle" to pull through the shoals. The Court brought many persons to town, but the profits were not large. They had no saloons, as I recollect. When I was fifteen or sixteen they had a saloon in connection with the tavern, kept by old John Merritt, one of the old "residenters". Whiskey, those days, didn't seem to hurt men like it does now.



19 -- My father had five or six slaves. One is dead. Charlotte was sold down about Catlettsburg for about \$500.00; two were sold for \$1,400.00 to old Johnny Morris, in Teay's Valley. He ran away He ran away and was never heard of. "Nigger" Harrison died in B'ville. Tom died, it is thought, in Cincinnati. The war set one free--Charlotte. She now lives in Huntington. They did general farm, or housework. They did as they pleased. My father was good to them. I never heard our slaves talk of being free. My mother scattered them after father died in 1855.

20--Money could easily be borrowed at 6%. Rent, \$2.00 to \$6.00 a month shortly after the war. Little bought and sold. My father sometimes bought corn, 200 to 300 bushels at 15¢ to 25¢ a bushel He sometimes fattened one hundred hogs. Old Bill Miller and Absalom Holderby bought them at \$400.00 per cwt. None of them weighed less than 200 lbs. They sold net. "Scrip" was not used 'till the war. They then used "shin plasters".

21 -- We tried cotton two years. They worked it into bed, and other clothing. We raised some tobacco and sold it in Barboursville. It sold at 8¢ and 10¢.

I was about 18 years old. No farmer's meetings at an early date. The soil was virgin. We did not raise for market. Saving feed was a problem. We topped and bladed fodder; but later cut it up with a hoe and then bunched it and set it around stakes In the winter we cleared lands, made rails, &c. Had no stock laws. Farm Implements: a bull tongue, a shovel plow: later a wooden mould board pointed with iron; harrow, wooden teeth. The women had their looms, but often worked in the fields. Carpets were unknown. No butcher shops.

25 -- Raised large herds of sheep. Wolves were worse than dogs.

They had to be penned. They often killed father's sheep. We put them in pens 12 to 15 feet high. Wool was 30¢ to 40¢ a pound. They used a great deal at home.

Tan bark was an important industry. John and Christopher S. Miller "(Old Sig.)" Germans kept it. "Sig." died, worth over \$100,000.00. The best timber was burned in clearing the land. Land sold at \$5.00 or \$6.00 an acre. The "Whip saw" was often used.

There were some mills at Dusenberry Dam and at Merritt's Mill. Samson Sanders built the mill at the "Dam". I think the Merritt's built Merritt's Mill. He. Sanders, was rich. He is said to have taken two barrels of money in one night from his farm near Milton, on Mud to the Dam, his other home. He owned much land and had over a hundred negroes.

.34 -- Guyan River was locked and damned a piece by the Government.

The Adkins Family Thompson

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m. Mary Miller sister of  
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Mary Miller and Isom Adkins  
were cousins and both families  
objected so they left here, and  
went to Boone Co. He bought  
Seng, furs, etc., ran 2 stores  
in Boone, one at Jarrell's  
Valley (later) (in Boone Co), one  
at Comfort, & 1 at Racine  
all in Boone Co. He and  
his son, Cum, had a store  
at the mouth of Paul Cr. in  
Kanawha, & 1 at Gauley Br.  
etc

Mary Miller was b. July 9, 1800

America Adkins b. Jan. 22, 1800  
m. Johnally ...  
She d. Feb. 8, 1849

Cumberland Adkins b. April 2, 1800  
m. Nancy Jarrell, Oct 25, 1810

Fredrick G. Adkins d. May 6, 1876  
b. Oct. 17, 1827  
m. Philomelo Frances Hopkins  
June 17, 1850

Nancy Adkins

b. Aug. 12, 1829  
m. Geo. Coon, June 17, 1840  
She d. Jan 2, 1849

Lucy Frances Adkins

b. Jan. 24, 1832  
d. Jan 24, 1832

Hezekiah Adkins

b. July 30, 1833  
d. July 30, 1835

Asbury Adkins

b. June 3, 1839  
m. Ruth Thompson  
June 25, 1856 (56)  
He d. July 18, 1875.

Isom Adkins

b. Nov. 17, 1836

d. ~~March 18, 1865~~

Letha Ann Adkins (my mother)

b. Jan. 9, 1839

m. Silas Thompson,

March 13, 1856

Emily Adkins

b. July 29, 1840

## Show Boat

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Pucci's Show Boat, and the French Show Boat ran here when I was a boy. I think they ran as early as the '70's. ~~Off~~ Ralph Gracious was clerk on one of the Pillsbury boats, but decided to go into the Show Boat business. He built the Emerson, a nice large boat.

One man <sup>E.F. Bowman</sup> who owned a show boat wouldn't show on Sunday or any church night. He owned the "Hexie" show boat. His dau. Jennie (Bowman) Welch lives at Bradrick. Another dau. Julia lives at Millersport. Her husband is a Squire. The Hexie was small.

There is a good show boat owned yet by Billy Bryant of Point Pleasant.

I saw the Guyandotte bridge fall - caused by timber breaking away from the boom. The boom broke. Timber men warned them and advised that

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they should put in a few more sections of steel to build the bridge. The bridge men said they had built bridges over creeks before.

Two hours more (night work) would have saved the bridge. No one hurt.

There was never any yellow fever here since the days of the John Porter. She came up towing large barges with cabins.

By Mrs. Jennie B. Bowman  
now Mrs. A. J. Welch, Bradrick  
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My father Elijah F. (E. F.) Bowman was in the show business for 67 years. Our family lived on this boat - It was called the "Foxy".  
~~the~~ Our first boat was the "Marie" "Bowmans Floating Theater", built at Aberdeen, O.

"I understand that the first show boat that ever came down the Ohio River was the Robinson owned by a Mr. Robinson. I heard my father tell of it. He <sup>said</sup> it was floated on two barges. The barges were fastened together. In one of the museum and the other a vaudeville or "old variety show." It floated from Pittsburg to New Orleans.

My father was in this business - 1st as a magician, then - he d. in 1934, in Proctorsville. He was in the various show lines for 67 years. I was born July 13, 1889. He got the show boat when I was about 5.

His first boat was the "Marie" then the "Foxy", then he built but never finished called "Bowmans New Baby Grand". My mother died on this boat when I was a baby.



My bro. J. L. Bowman died in 1915, and we sold the show boat, Bryants Showboat now lies at ~~Chesapeake~~ <sup>Huntington</sup> is a club boat. It was the last show boat on the river. It is now at Huntington.

"The Greater New York", Capt. Price of Cincinnati was the largest ever on the river. It was probably 35 years ago. A wonderful boat. It seated about 1500

At one time there were about 18 show boats on the Ohio. They had caliopes - nearly all. -

The Ward Family sold their boat when one of the boys was drowned.

The Water Queen, French's Sensation, The Greenland, etc Hart's (Billy) Show Boat,

There were four of our family - I and my sister Julia Shambline in Wilson O

Quoting from Dr. S.P.Hildreth.

Says that in a voyage from Marietta to New Orleans, 1805, that cane (*arundenaria macrosperma*) grew in considerable quantities near the falls (where?) 30 miles from the mouth of (Big Sandy). Says that cattle killed it out. It had furnished winter food for cattle many years.

In their passage (Big Sandy and Guyandotte) to the Ohio they traversed the most wild and picturesque region to be found in Western Virginia, abounding in immense hills of sandrocks cut into deep ravines by the water courses containing caverns of various sizes and extent. At this period it was the most famous hunting grounds for bears in all the country. In the years 1805-6-7 eight thousand bear skins were collected by the hunters from the district traversed by three rivers and a few adjacent streams. It was a paradise of bears affording their most favorite food in exhaustless abundance. The bear is not strictly a carnivorous animal, but, like the hog, feeds chiefly on vegetable food. On the ridges were whole forests of chestnuts, and the hill sides were covered with oaks, on whose fruits they luxuriated and fattened until their glossy hides afforded the finest peltry imaginable. The war in Europe created a great demand for their skins to decorate the soldiers of the hostile armies, and good ones yielded to the hunters \$4.00 and \$5.00 each.

Since that day, the attention of the sojourners of this wild region has been turned to the collection of the roots of the ginseng. This beautiful plant grows with great luxuriance and in the

most wonderful abundance in the rich, virgin soil of the hills and mountain sides. For more than thirty years the forests have afforded a constant supply of many thousand pounds, annually, to the traders stationed at remote points along the water courses

No part of America furnishes a more stately growth of forest trees, embracing all the species of the climate. The lofty Lilia dendron attain the height of 80 and a hundred feet without a limb, having a shaft of four to six feet in diameter, &c".

(Magnolia acuminata)

Also, "It may be considered the store house for building future cities when the prolific pines of the Alleghany River are destroyed". Speaks also of the tripetala and mycrophilla, and coal and iron.

The article was published in the American Pioneer

Cabell' County.

Cabell was created in 1809 from Kanawha and named from William H. Cabell, Governor of Virginia from 1805 to 1808. It is twenty-five miles long, with a mean breadth of twenty miles.

A considerable portion of the country is wild and uncultivated, and somewhat broken. The river bottoms are fertile, and settled upon. Population 1830, 5,884; in 1840, whites 7574, slaves 567, free colored 22. Total 9,163.

Barboursville, the County seat, lies on the Guyandotte River  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles from its mouth and 352 miles W.N.W. of Richmond. The turnpike leading from the eastern part of the state by the great watering place to the Kentucky line, passes through this village, which contains about thirty dwellings. Guyandotte lies on the Ohio, at the mouth of Guyandotte River. It is much the most important point of steamboat embarkation as well as debarkation, in Western Virginia, with the exception of Wheeling. Cabell County was settled at a comparatively late period. Thomas Hannan was one of the earliest settlers, having removed in 1796 from Botetourt County to Greenbottom, about eighteen miles above Guyandotte, when the first permanent settlement was made. Soon after Guyandotte was settled, at which place Thomas Buffington was one of the earliest settlers.

A portion of the beautiful flat land of what is called Greenbottom, lying partly in this and Mason County, a few years since, before the plow of civilization had disturbed the soil, presented one of those vestiges of a city which are met with in Central America, and occasionally in the southern and western forests of the United States. The traces of a compact and regular city with streets running parallel with the Ohio River, and

crossing and intersecting each other at right angles, covering a space of nearly half a mile, as well as the superficial dimensions of many of the houses are apparent and well defined. Axes and saws of an unique form--the former of iron, the latter of copper-- as well as other implements of the mechanic arts. have been found. These remains betoken a state of comparative civilization claimed by no race of the aborigines of this country to have existed. Who they were, or hence they sprang, tradition has lost in the long lapse of ages. It is a singular fact that these remains are rarely, if ever, found elsewhere than upon the river bottoms or flat, level lands.

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NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

Hearing scheduled in traffic fatality.

A hearing has been set for tomorrow at 10 A.M. in Magistrate rex D. Connelly's court for Kenneth McKay Reylonds, 26, of the 100 Block of Twenty-seventh Street, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the traffic death last night of James Alexander (Alex) Everett, 73, a State Road Commissioner watchman.

State police, of the Barboursville Detachment said Mr. Everett was killed when struck by an automobile while crossing U.S. Rout 60, near his home, half a mile west of Milton. Coroner F. X. Schuller said the victim died of a broken neck while en route to a Huntington hospital. In addition, Dr. Schuller said, he suffered fractures of both legs. Surviving are the widow, three sons, Roy and James, of Huntington, and Mack of Milton. and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Catherine Eades, of Cincinnati; two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Newman, of St. Albans and Mrs. Sally Goodwin, of Milton, and three grand children. The body is at Heck's Funeral home in Milton.

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The marriage of Miss Katherine Louise Pancake, of Milton, and Mr. Charles McCullough "Mac" Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander Everett, of Barboursville, was solemnized last Wednesday night at 9 o'clock by the Rev. W.T. Burks, pastor of the Barboursville Baptist church, at the parsonage. The young couple are widely known in this community. Mrs. Everett was graduated from Milton High school, and attended Morris-Harvey College. Mr. Everett attended Barboursville High school and is employed in construction engineering. The couple plan to reside here eventually.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.

GEO. S. EVERETT, 80 YEARS OLD, DIES 1932.

George S. Everett, 80 years old, a resident of Cabell County since he was a child, and widely known in Guyandotte, died last night at 9:30 o'clock, at his home, 321 Short Street, following a two weeks illness. He was a son of the late Talton W. and Elizabeth Moore Everett, and was born May 12, 1852. at Louisa, Ky. When he was still a small boy, his parents moved to West Virginia, and settled on a farm which is now the site of the International plant. The remainder of his life, with the exception of a brief period when he lived in Texas, was spent in and near Guyandotte. He was married 54 years ago to Miss Addie J. Dibble, the marriage occurring in Texas March 4, 1878.

Surviving are the widow, four daughters, Mrs. Jerry A. Wilson of New York; Mrs. H.O.Thornburg, of Huntington; Mrs. John Legg, of Kenova, and Mrs. Homer Britton, of Charleston; a son, Clarence A. Everett of the Sixteenth Street road; two brothers, William W. Everett, of Pasadena, California, and H.C.Everett, of Huntington; one sister, Mrs.H.H.Taylor, of Philadelphia, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Guyandotte M.EChurch South to-morrow, at 2:30 P.M. with the pastor, Rev.C.C.Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill cemetery. Pall bearers will be James Murphy, George McMahon, B.G.Shy, Wirt Richardson, E.L.Lloyd and A. L. Diddleth the pastor, Rev. C.C.Perkins

CLARENCE A. (Jack) EVERETT 2/17/49.

Sixty-six years old, 1349 Eighth Avenue, who died Monday, was to be buried in Spring Hill cemetery, following funeral services at 2:30 P.M. Today, at the Beard-Fisher funeral home, with the

Rev. W.A. Debar officiating. The body was to be at the residence until the service.

LAWRENCE A. (Jack) EVERETT. 2/14/1949.

Sixty-six years old, 1349 Eighth Avenue, died at his home today. The body is at the Beard-Fisher funeral home, pending completion of funeral arrangements. Mr. Everett was a retired machinist for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. and was a member of the Modern Woodmen of the World. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mrs. Jessie Everett; an adopted son, Robert J. Elk, of Huntington; four sisters, Mrs. Jerry A. Wilson, and Mrs. H.O. Thornburg, of Huntington; Mrs. John H. Lagg, of Kenova and Mrs. H.G. Britton, of Charleston.

EVERETTS FAMILY HAS REUNION HERE. 9/22/46.

The family of the late George S. Everetts held a reunion this week at the family home, 321 Short Street. Those present were Mrs. Kathryn Wilson, of New York city, Mrs. Addie Lagg, of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lagg, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Carver, Miss Louise Carver, and Jerry Carver, of Kenova, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Everetts, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elks, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Thornburg, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Thornburg, Misses Barbara, Carol Ann and Ellen Thornburg Mr. and Mrs. Leland Thornburg, and Misses Judith and Kay Thornburg. Friends who attended included Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Baker, Miss Anne Baker, Mr. R.J. Dawkins, Mr. and Mrs. George McMahon, Miss Jessie Hayslip, Miss Ruby Hayslip, and Mr. George Wayne McMahon.

MRS. ADDIE J. EVERETT. 12/ /1944.

Funeral services for Miss Addie J. Everett, 87, 321 Short St., who died yesterday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. H.O. Thornburg



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2864, Third Avenue, will be held today at 2:30 P.M. at the Main Street Methodist church, with the Rev. W.E. Bennett, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Spring-Hill cemetery. The body was to be removed from the Fisher-Shelton funeral home to the Thornburg residence this afternoon, and was to remain there until one hour before the services.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Thornburg, Mrs. J.A. Wilson of New York city, Mrs. J.H. Lagg, of Kenova, and Mrs. H.G. Britton of Charleston; a son, Clarence Everett, of Huntington, nine grandchildren, and ten great grand children. She was preceded in death by another daughter, Mrs. John R. Moore.

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When the era of peace referred to by Col. Stewart began the treaty at Fort Stanwix was its direct cause. The call for the treaty was made in 1768 and in September 20 batteaux arrived laden with presents for the Indians. Governor Franklin, of New Jersey, Governor Penn of Pennsylvania, - - - - the Commissioners of Virginia came, and the Indians from all the Six Nations. A great pow wow took place, and and by November the line was decided on. It extended from The Tennessee river, following the Ohio and the Alleghany to the Canadian line.

About this time Walter Kelly made the first attempt to settle on the Kanawha river. He met the same fate as the Clendenins and Yolkoms, and his claim was bought by the Morris families. The family of Kelly seems not to have been with him at the time of the Indian attack; and it is said the William Morris gave each son of Kelly a horse, saddle and gun, as they came of age, besides the payment for the claim. - 3 - I have the given children of

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Henry and John Morris; so today I will tell something of the children of Joshua, son of the elder William Morris.

Joshua Morris, one of the 10 children that came with their parents to the Kanawha in 1774, married in Eastern Virginia, perhaps in Culpepper county, Francis Simms. He lived many years in Kanawha county, and his will is recorded there. It names the following children: Edmund, Henry, Elizabeth, Lucy, Nancy, Thomas, Mary and John. Of these children, John removed early to Cabell County and is frequently confused with John Morris, his uncle., who married Margaret Droddy, and whose children were printed some time ago. This John Morris, son of Joshua, married Mary Everett December 10, 1814, in Cabell County, David Harbour, an early Divine, officiating. As the family name John was so common in the Morris family, this one that married Mary Everett was called John Morris, of Cabell county. But one child was born to John Morris and Mary Morris: This was Eliza, who on May 31, 1832, married William A. Love, son of William Love.

September 17, 1818, David Harbour officiated again at the marriage of John Morris to his second wife, Mary Kinard (Spelled Vonrad in the Record). To them were born the following children: Charles K., who married Martha A. Kilgore; Albert A. who moved to the West; Joseph W. who married in 1844 Sarah A. daughter of John Russell; Edna E., who married in 1844, Addison T. Buffington; James R. who married Helen M. Russell, daughter of John; and Mary, who married first, Ira E. McConihay, and second John C. Sibrill. The children of these above families still reside in Huntington and the surrounding section, taking the lead in their chosen walks of life,

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MRS. PATTON DIES AT AGE OF 92. 10/20/44.

Mrs. James S. Patton, 92, the oldest living resident of Catlettsburg, and a descendant of pioneer Eastern Kentucky family, died late Tuesday at her home, Beechmoor Place after a long illness. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 P.M. today, at the residence by the Rev. O.P. Smith and the Rev. Arden P. Keyser prior to burial in Ashland cemetery. The family requested that flowers be omitted.

Born at Louisa, Ky. Mrs. Patton was the former Miss Minnie Moore, daughter of the late Laban T. and Sarah Everett Moore. She had resided in Catlettsburg since she was nine years old.

In 1888 she was married to Mr. Patton and executive of the Patton Brothers Wholesale Drug CO. Mr. Patton died in 1925. The Patton home is a tri-state landmark, a portion of which is believed to have been built by the Catletts, earliest settlers of Catlettsburg.

She was actively associated with many organizations, including the old Catlettsburg Magazine club, forerunner of the present Woman's Club. She was a member of the Catlettsburg Methodist church, where one of the women's classes bears her name.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. John Somerville, of Santa Barbara, Cal., and Mrs. Rebecca and Felicia Patton, at home, four grandchildren and three great grand-children.

The body has been taken to the residence from the Kilgore-Collier Funeral home.