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Rankin -- Rev. John
Rankin of
Augusta
Armstrong Rankin
of Lawrence Co., Ohio

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Mary Rankins was borned on
the 13th day of January, in
the year of our Lord in ~~1827~~¹⁸¹³ (?)

John Rankins was borned on the
26th of October, 182~~2~~¹ 1821

Pernina Rankins was borned, on
the day of August, in the year
of our Lord, in — — .

Sarah Ann Rankins was borned
on the — of December, 18 in the
year of our Lord, in —

William Johnson Rankins was
borned on the ~~30th~~^{24th} (?) day of
October, in the year of our Lord,
1827

Asberena Rankins was borned
on the (18th) day of October, in the
year of our Lord, in 182(9?)

Matilda Rankins was borned, on
the 24th day of January, in the
year of our Lord, 1831 . (1831)

Mahala Rankins was borned
October, the 30th day, in the
year of Lord 1834 (1?)

The Armstrong Rankin Family 2.
of
Lawrence County, Ohio.

Armstrong Rankin was married in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1816, when he was a mere boy of nineteen years old. About the same time Patrick and Malinda Rankin (or Rankins) Wilson came to the same section, and settled within three miles of the Armstrong Rankin home. It is not certain that they were in any way related but there is strong circumstantial evidence that Armstrong Rankin and the Wilsons all came from Augusta County, Virginia.

1. One Patrick Wilson owned land there as early as 1752.

2. The name Armstrong Rankin seems to have been derived from some Armstrong families living there. Records show that they and the Rankins knew each other, and were more or less ~~associated~~ friends and associates.

3. The first Armstrong Rankin of Augusta County was born in 1776, and he had a son Armstrong Rankin, born in 1802.

4. Armstrong Rankin^{II} of Lawrence County, Ohio, was born in 1797. It looks plausible that he was named for Armstrong Rankin I, who may have been his uncle. This Armstrong Rankin died in 1803. Hence, we have Armstrong Rankin I, Armstrong Rankin II, and Armstrong Rankin III or Junior.

5. There was an old trail, later a ^{horsepack and} wagon road, leading from Staunton, Augusta County, Va, over the mountains, and down Anthony's Creek, and on to Lewisburg, Charleston, and Guyandotte which is just across the Ohio River from Lawrence County, Ohio.

6. There is a creek known as Rankin Creek, in Lawrence County, Ohio, about three miles from the present city of Huntington, W. Va. While there seems to be no record to prove it, it is possible, if not probable that Armstrong Rankin II settled on this creek, before he purchased land, on Symmes Creek^{Ohio} in 1829.

7. It is claimed that the early Rankin families of the vicinity of what is now Lexington, Kentucky, removed, at an early date, to Texas. Population as a general rule moves along the lines of least resistance, and the Augusta colony would be the nearest Rankin settlement to Lawrence County, Ohio.

The old route from Augusta County, Va. to Lewisburg, Charleston and Guyandotte^{W. Va.} was the most direct route for Lawrence County settlers ~~to travel~~, and there was much travel over it.

8. The fact that Armstrong Rankin came to Lawrence County when a mere boy indicates that he did not come alone. It is possible that he came with Patrick Wilson and his bride, and that Mrs. Wilson may have been his sister. The early Rankins of Augusta County lived at the mouth of Naked Creek, and they and the Wilsons attended the same church. Many years later, the Rev. William Wilson, in a chancery suit, made an affidavit that some of these Rankins attended his church. His statement did not exclude the others.

The two ^{Lawrence County} families lived and died within three miles of each other. Armstrong Rankin's farm was about three miles up Symmes Creek from Marion, Ohio, and by going to the top of the ridge past the Rankin Cemetery and out the ridge, and

The oldest member of the Patrick Wilson family that I knew was Mr. Chase Wilson, a grandson of Patrick H. Wilson, and a son of Zalmon Wilson. He lived about a mile from his father's home, and about two miles from the Armstrong Rankin place, and on the ridge road leading over the hill to it. Strange to say he knew practically nothing about the history of either family.

My father was raised by his grandfather, Thomas Lambert, who lived near the old Marion Cemetery about two miles below Armstrong ^{Rankin's} ~~Lambert's~~. My grandfather, John Henry Lambert married Asberna Rankin and my father was born on the Rankin farm. He was too young to know much about the place on which he was born, as he never lived there. His mother died when he was eleven days old, his father left soon thereafter, for California, on the gold rush of 1849. Through his grandparents or Uncle, he knew about the R. I.

but he didn't know exactly where it was located. The Rankin farm was on the right side of Symmes Creek. By following the main route from Marion, ^{Ohio} north, it is five or six miles to the Patrick Wilson farm, but as stated it is nearer to go by this old cemetery and out the ridge to the right.

When I decided to locate the old cemetery, I made inquiry at Ironton and had the good fortune to find an old citizen, Mr. Uhlen Payne, a distant cousin to my father. He was more than ninety years old and had grown up in the very neighborhood in which the Rankin family lived. He knew exactly where this cemetery was and described it so accurately that I had very little difficulty in finding the farm or the cemetery. He told me to go about two miles beyond the old Marion Cemetery and I would be on the Rankin farm. I did so, and stopped in sight of the

well which is now being used by a Mr. Jesse Johnson for a stock well. Mr. Payne then directed me to go to the top of the hill to the right, and then to follow the ridge to the right, about two hundred feet. I did this and immediately found myself among the tombstones surrounded by timber, as he said, a hundred years or more old. Mr. Payne now deceased, was a grandson of Cornelius Clark who married Elizabeth Lambert, sister to my great grandfather, Thomas Lambert.

As I stood beside these graves, and realized that here lay all the mortal remains of my great grandparents who died under such tragic circumstances, my feelings, to say the least, were somewhat disturbed.

Of the intimate details of their lives but little is known and much of what is known has come down to us by tradition, or is to be inferred from

the few records available or from our knowledge of those primitive times. In those days, it was customary, on the death of a man, to appraise his personal property, sell it, and after paying all just debts, to divide the net proceeds among the heirs. The appraisers listed every article even to pots and pans.

This was done, in his case, and from a careful examination of the list of articles, we can form a pretty good idea of how they lived.

The Rankin farm was one of the better farms of that section. There were many acres of creek bottoms which were quite fertile.

Armstrong Rankin's home was of logs built into a double log pen. It stood at the left but on the present road leading up Symmes Creek. The appraisal of the personal property shows that they were well supplied with stock such as hogs, sheep, poultry,

Cows & oxen, ~~sheep~~, and hogs.

They had shoemaker tools, and leather from which they made their own shoes, or hired itinerant shoemakers to do so. They had carpenter tools by which to make repairs, and to do their own building. They made their own clothing and other articles for household use. This is shown by the big wheel, the check reel, and flax wheel.

They rode horseback as shown by men's and women's saddles. They used candles for lights. They had candle molds to make candles, and candlesticks to put them in before burning them for light. They had the usual dishes, bells, and such household furniture as beds, and other pieces such as tables and chairs. They had many small articles, ~~such~~ as bells, coffee mills, a teapot, etc. And lastly they had hay stacks, corn, pumpkins, flax, and oats.

✓ Hiram Rankin, the oldest son, was appointed Administrator. The personal property was sold Nov. 10th and 12th, 1849. The proceeds of the sale were nearly nine hundred dollars (See Administration Record No. 3, Irondon, Ohio.)

The old cemetery contained many graves, but the three Rankin graves were marked by small marble slabs, and these can be easily read. They read as follows:

Armstrong Rankin

Born March 27, 1797

Died March 17, 1849

Hannah, Wife of Armstrong
Rankin, Born March 17, 1797
Died July 17, 1849.

John Rankin

Born Oct. 26, 1821

Died Aug. 6, 1844

Armstrong Rankin and Hannah Hilley were married, in Lawrence County, Union District, Oct. 25, 1816, by William Mills J. P.

They died of Asiatic cholera, a disease which was not indigenous to this country. The story well-authenticated by many old citizens, was brought into Lawrence County by a man who came up the Ohio River, from the South, on a steamboat. He got off the boat ~~from~~ ^{at} Crown City, O. and walked several miles into the country, to the home of a Mr. Drummond who lived near Mud Sock several miles from the Rankin home. Mr. Drummond was threshing wheat, and many neighbors, friends and relatives were attending the threshing, and assisting in the work, the women helping with the cooking and other household duties. The stranger took sick and died there. The infection spread throughout the country, and thirty or forty people lost their lives, among them an aunt of my father, wife of Samuel Drummond.

No one knows the immediate circumstances of the deaths of Armstrong and Hannah Rankin, but we can easily piece the story together.

The cholera is a terrible disease, and carries off its victims with little warning and less delay.

The news of other cases had spread, and as soon as the family realized the cause of their sickness, they told the neighbors and it is reasonable to suppose that those with friends and relatives remained at a ~~safe~~ safe distance. Tradition says they were buried in one large grave with very little formality. No doubt, some preacher or church deacon read a few verses of scripture followed by a song and prayer.

Coffins, in those days, were made by a local carpenter, of cheap lumber covered with black cloth. The total cost was but a few dollars--sometimes no more than five dollars. There was a path up the hill and it is very

rough even to this day. We can well imagine that the bodies were either carried up the hill or hauled on a sled, and after a simple service, deposited in the grave, there to await the resurrection morn.

Hiram Rankin, the administrator, no doubt, purchased the marble slabs and erected them. Their son John Rankin had died about five years before the parents. These people had a large family of thirteen children, and like other pioneers, shared this world's sorrows as well as its pleasures. The children and all but two or three grandchildren are dead, and the descendants are scattered from Ohio, over many states, to the Pacific Coast, and possibly further.

The children's births were all listed in a family Bible belonging to Hiram Rankin, and were later published, in the Lawrence County edition of Hardesty's Encyclopedia.

Washington C. H., Ohio,
April 7, 1944.

Dear Mr Lambert. Your letter to Judge Rankin 4/1/44
In Will Book 8 - page 25 - is a will by
Richard Rankin - made Mar. 1 - 1788 at
Stamilton - Augusta Co - Va - Probated in Dec
1792. Your Armstrong is a son of this Richard.
On page 14 - same book is another will by a George
Rankin and he mentions "my younger brother, Arm-
strong". Richard and his 4 eldest sons were all in
Rev. War. He was a son of John Rankin who settled
in Chester Co. Pa. I believe. You should be able to
find a great deal about this line in any good
history of Augusta Co Va should give lots
of data. Am a genealogist myself and have done a great
deal of research on Rankin family. Mrs. H. M. Rankin
Washn. C H Ohio.

From Mrs H. M. Rankin.

I wrote her again, Dec. 24, 1956

(Copy on a post card)

Mr. J. O. Rankin, Box 387, Hayti, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I hope to send my data in full about 1947. It will not show clearly that he is the Armstrong Rankin from whose son, Armstrong, Jr. , Miss Todd, and so many others are known to descend.

It will show absolutely that he was not the same individual, but I believe, a relative, probably a first cousin.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F.B.Lambert.

January 11, 1947.

Miss M.H.Dodd,
Route #6, Box 897,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Miss Todd:

I cannot tell you how glad I was to see that you are able to write such a fine letter, and that your handwriting appears so normal. I hope you are feeling as well as the letter suggests, though you do not mention your health.

Yes, I am sure the were too, and from Mr.Lambert. He and another who has much more material, answered my Christmas cards by reporting themselves about ready to send completed work. I at once wired Mr.Lambert urging him to send his material at once, by air mail, as we were about ready to re-type 125 pages of the purely begat data of the line to which he might belong. After a little delay an air mail letter reported him just home from the hospital after fkue. I will enclose a copy of my letter to him in the light of your letter; but fear even this may not enable him to answer the question you and Mrs.Stokes could not answer. I am glad that you two work together so well. I still hope our non-co-operator will rejoin us, though it is hard for us stubborn Scots to change.

I am also glad you are keeping in touch with Miss Dice and hope she is supplying you everything she finds. Miss Cloyd undoubtedly visited her and Mrs.Stradler last summer. I am now sorry I always relied nearly 100% on Miss Cloyd to keep in touch with all Va. folks. I have just assumed it was useless to write them during the past year, though I will probably fairly soon! I think I will send copies of your letter of 1-6-47 to the

various professors who are working on your line.

I am most anxious to have that picture of the plantation log house. We are short on such pictures. I have one for my line, but suspect it was made by some artist in conference with my great uncle, who once lived in it, as I have never heard of any photograph of it, even that is a very authentic memory.

With best wishes for an early arrival of your data and for a healthy, prosperous and happy 1947,

Most sincerely,

J. O. Rankin.

JOR: aj

P.S. Please check the enclosed letter to Mr. Lambert, and return it with any corrections your greater familiarity with the line may enable you to make.

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WILLIAM RANKIN KING
712 ALLISON STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.
TAYLOR 1397

Jan'y 3, 1945.

Miss Flossie Cloyd,
Bird Lawn, Madison, Tenn.

Dear Miss Cloyd:-

Mr. F. B. Lambert of Barboursville, W. Va., has written to me that you are preparing to publish a volume on the Rankin Family and would like to have contributions from some of us who are descendants from one or more lines of that name.

I have considerable data on my line and some other related lines, and have assembled some of the material, hoping to publish it later, but the years are passing and I have not yet done so. Maybe you will be able to have better success than I have.

I am sending several papers to you in this letter. Two are newspaper clippings, most of the material coming from me; one is a brief sketch of my family of Rankin's; and the last item is a three-page summary of our Rankin line, with numerous pencil notes, mostly of dates which I found in the Census records here. I have used this material in preparing my family history.

I will be glad to have you look these papers over, and see if they will give you the kind of data you would like, and if you care for me to send you a copy of my final writing of the line of my mother, I will do so. I would like to ask that you use the clippings for the purpose desired, then kindly return them to me.

Cordially,

Copy to Mr. Lambert.



J. G. Rankin
Box 387
Hayti, Missouri.

January 11, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I am glad to have your air mail letter of 1-6-47 but most unhappy to know of the illness.

May I urge that if it is at all possible you employ someone to type your data at my expense, making four or five copies, and send them at once by air mail. Better still, send the material itself by registered air mail and we will at once put two typists to work on it, , making five copies that I may return one to you. I would especially urgently suggest this in case loss in the mail would not mean that impossible for you to duplicate the data. I think that the loss of registered mail is very improbable. I do follow the plan of undertaking to see that copies of all material not only in this brick office, , but also in other offices or homes.

Our very great hurry for your data arises from the fact that we believe that perhaps it must be added to our 125 pages of the purely begat data of of the Alexander Rankin, of Scotland line. We are not absolutely sure of that until we get your material.

Yes, we plan to use pictures and will be most glad to have all those you mention and as many others as you can send, including one of yourself.

What we believe to be your line like nearly all other U.S. Rankin lines, trace back to Scotland, through Ulster, thus

making us Ulster Scots, sometimes so misleadingly called Scotch-Irish, who are not Irish at all but only Scots whose ancestors spent a generation, more or less, in the north of Ireland, without any inter-marriages, or other Irish contacts except the continuous warfare or armed truce.

Since I dictated the above, I have a letter from Miss Todd from whom you may have heard earlier. She and your cousin, Mrs. Stokes, have been unable to be sure you descend from the same Armstrong Rankin. I am therefore enclosing a post card for you to send in case you to send your material at once.

What we need to know first of all, then, how sure we can be you descend from the Armstrong Rankin 1776-1803 whose only son, Armstrong, Jr. 1802-1875 was only nine months old when his father drowned. Jr. died in Mexico, Missouri, after having reared a family of five boys and seven girls, whose birthplaces and residences I cannot tell you. Two of his boys never married, so unless some of what I take to be girl's names are really boy's names, his Rankin descendants may trace to his son, Charles M. Mercer Rankin 1831-1862. Of course, any whose name is not Rankin might descend from one of the daughters, as I suppose does Miss Todd, since I see that Frances Rankin married 10-1850 Capt. James Todd, of Mt. Solon, Va. I also see that that Armstrong Rankin, Jrs. son Giles Rankin 1836-1914, born in Virginia, died in Downs, Kansas.

I am sending a copy hereof, to Rev R. Rankin, of that line, at Route No.1, Newton, Kansas that he may see what we can learn about the Downs members of his line.

Giles' sons were William M. (1042), Edwin 1042 and Robert

Herman (1044). He had three girls. William M. married Jessie M. Lee Byron in 1916. I have no record of his, or Edwin's children, if they ever had any; but Robert Herman Rankin, born in Missouri, married Anna Nelson in Kansas, in 1904 had two girls, Thelma Olivia (1596 and Nina Lucile, (1597).

I give you all these data to see if any of them enable you to say definitely that you do, or do not descend this particular Armstrong Rankin whose father was Richard Rankin, married Nancy Douglas, doubtless of Pa. or Va. , as he moved at the close of the Revolution from Pa. to Augusta Co. Va. His father was Capt. John Thomas Rankin, of Scotland. One of William's brothers was killed on a highway, and another suffocated in a smoke house, I believe while hiding from persecutors during the religious persecutions.

With best wishes for your speedy recovery,

Most sincerely,

(Signed) J.O.Rankin

J.O.Rankin.

JOR; aj

Enclosure:

P.S. Please have any typist you can employ make just as many carbon copies as possible that we have them to send to the various professors who are writing up your line.

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WILLIAM RANKIN KING
712 ALLISON STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.
TAYLOR 1397

Oct. 7, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Lambert:-

Your letter of the 6th was received yesterday, - which is very fast postal service, unless you had your date wrong.

I am pleased to learn that you have somebody to finance a Rankin history, and will be willing to help out so far as contributing data concerning my line of Rankins, who date from Rev. War days in Tennessee. I have done some searching for Mrs. Stokes for her Armstrong Rankin line in Ohio, but have not been able to find any connection between the Ohio Rankins and our Tennessee families.

In a letter dated March 8, 1944, I wrote to Mrs. Stokes that I had done some work on her Armstrong Rankin line, in the census records in the Archives Building here. It is quite a task for me, not being as young as I was, to do this work, and I do not care to do any more of it. So it is, that your letter setting out a man's sized job of searching among those census records, does not appeal to me. If it is quite important to you to have this work done, let me suggest that you employ a professional worker in this line, to do it for you. The cost runs to five or ten dollars a day.

Otherwise, I would be glad to be of service within my physical limits.

Cordially,



P.S.- Your letter was addressed to Mr. Wm. R. Rankin.



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WAR DEPARTMENT

Rankin, Thompson THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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(3 Oct 44) RO-R

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24 October 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 3 October 1944, in which you request the records of Thompson Rankin, Barnett Rankin, and James L. Rankin, who are said to have served in the Civil War.

It is a rule of this Department that all requests for information from the official records must, to receive consideration, be accompanied by a statement showing the purpose for which the information is desired and must be sufficiently in detail to enable this Department to determine for itself how much, if any, of the information requested is necessary for the purpose indicated and can properly be given.

If you will state the purpose for which you desire the military records of the above named men further consideration will be given to your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Ulis

J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

By *thf*

Bird Lawn, Anderson Lane
Madison, Tennessee
Sept. 8, 1952

DEAR COLLABORATOR:

Perhaps you will be surprised to learn that I have taken leave of my job in order to finish the Rankin genealogy. I, therefore, hope that you and others, who were collaborating with me in this project, will send me your sections immediately. I shall have to make good of this free time and finish the book as quickly as possible. Time, therefore, is at a premium.

Perhaps you have heard of the death, in May 1951, of Dr. J. O. Rankin of Hayti, Mo., whom you know was at one time associated with us in this effort. Early in January, 1952, the Rev. D. J. Rankin, of Cape Breton Island, sent me a clipping from a Missouri newspaper which had been sent to him, in which mention was made of the probating of Dr. Rankin's will. This was my first news of his death.

Immediately, I wrote to Dr. Rankin's former Secretary asking what disposition he had made of his genealogical material. She replied that when his property was turned over to the legatees, they, having no interest in those notes, were going to burn them. She, therefore, asked if she might have them and the whole mass of notes was given to her, she said. She, in turn, gave the material to a Mr. Rankin, a retired railroad man. I wrote to him inquiring what use he planned to make of the data but he has not replied.

If you were one of the number who sent your data to Dr. Rankin, I trust you kept a copy. If so, and if you now desire to send on to me, I shall accept it and include it in my book. It has been my desire, as you may know, to cover in this book all pre-Revolutionary Rankin families in the United States. That is still my desire.

Since I have cleared my time to work on the book, and complete it as soon as possible, I do not ask that you now make a final typing of your section as I did before. Just put your notes into as good order as you can, beginning with the first generation you were to prepare and extending your section as far as you were to prepare it, making sure of the accuracy of your statements and the correctness of the dates, and giving the source from which secured. If not taken from public or published records, but from family Bibles, family letters or family traditions, state which and from whom received. I take for granted you already have your material arranged by generations, even if it may not be entirely ready for publication. Just send it on to me and I shall give you full credit for it in the book.

Please let me hear from you at once telling me when I may expect your data. I have had such a busy past four years that I have had little time to do work on the book but I now expect to give it my full time. Therefore, please cooperate by letting me have your material right away. Or, if you already have sent me your section, send me any additional data you may wish to include and I shall add it to what I now have.

Remembering with pleasure our past work together and wishing for the same cooperation from now to the completion of the book, I am, with best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Flossie Cloyd

Flossie Cloyd
Bird Lawn, Anderson Lane
Madison, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Lambert:
I hope you have found who your
mother's father was. It could be
Richard but up to now I have no
idea of it.



VICE-REGENT
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DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

STATE REGENT
MRS. ALBERT LYON CRAIG
3449 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE 16, TENNESSEE

September 25, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Thank you for your letter of September 14, which came a few days ago; and also for your other letter which came following one of my collaborator letters. I appreciated it very much for you appeared to understand the situation pretty well. I did not write as fully as I would like to have written but thought best not to since there was so much that I did not understand about the situation myself.

I appreciate your offering to intercede but I fear it would be useless to undertake to try again with that set-up since I could have no confidence that it would be any more satisfactory. The fact is, everything that had been planned was undermined and I could not, nor have I been able to, get any truthful response to my inquiries. It is just not the kind of thing one wants to stay in and so I felt that the best thing to do was to get out completely. I understand Mr. JOR would be glad to have me reunite in the project but unless I could have far more assurance that there could be at least a measure of cooperation, it would not be at all satisfactory. But thank you for your kind offer. I have had the same offer from several other persons. I just feel that without confidence there could be no profit in trying it again. Honor and integrity mean more to some people than to others. I for one do not wish to try to deal where those characteristics or qualities are apparently absent.

I have held the attached Collaborator letter until I could find time to write this to you. I am expecting to go on with my project and am, in the ^{letter} inviting all former collaborators to remain with me in the project if they wish to do so. If they prefer to cast their lot with Mr. R., that, of course, will be their right and privilege. There is too much work attached to the making of a satisfactory genealogy for me to leave the determination of how it shall be done in the hands of someone who changes his ideas with the passing whims of everyone who writes to him and also who knows nothing, it would seem, about genealogy anyway, and is not primarily interested in it as such. But, there is too much of interest in the project I expect to continue to worry about the thing I have felt it best to disconnect myself from.

I shall be glad to hear from you as to the decision you may make concerning a Rankin genealogy. I go on as planned - though with different backing.

Sincerely yours,
Flossie Cloyd.

P.S. I was in Staunton, Harrisonburg, several other points in Virginia, Washington, D. C., and a number of Pennsylvania county seats and in Harrisonburg, the Capitol, doing research during my vacation period in August. I had thought of writing to you and asking you if you could meet me in Staunton but it was so hard to know when I could be there that I gave up that idea. I wish I might have passed through your town but time did not permit. I did meet and confer with several of our former collaborators during the time. Some others have come to Nashville and so I feel that what has been done has not been lost. It may be "messed up" if the data which has been secured through my having sent copies to Mr. JOR - not at all with the understanding or even thought that he would take it over and appropriate it to his own use! It was his suggestion that I send him copies of everything I received and he would do likewise. He did not receive much of interest to me however. His request, he said, was because there could be a fire!! I had no idea there were ulterior motives.

BIRD LAWN, MADISON, TENNESSEE
September 21, 1946

DEAR COLLABORATORS:

There are some of you from whom I have not heard, concerning the future of the Rankin genealogy, since my last letter of May 27, 1946. This note is to ask that those of you, who wish to continue with me in the compilation of the kind of genealogy we started out to do, will please write me, within the next four weeks, telling me that this is your desire. It appears that I now have at least two good prospects for financial backing for the book, but I MUST KNOW how many of you intend to send me your material exclusively in order that my plans may be completed. I shall make these plans to include the family section only of those of you from whom I hear within the above-mentioned space of time. I believe that will give everybody time enough to receive this note and send me their reply. Fall is now here and my work must go forward with completed plans.

Of course, I have never stopped work on the Rankin genealogy, and during the summer I have accumulated a good deal of new material, having done considerable original research myself in other states, particularly in localities where early Rankin groups lived.

If your not having written to me, since my last letter, means that you have decided to cast your lot with my former financial backer, who, it now appears, plans to take over the whole, or as much as he can, of my original organization and work, I, of course, want to know it in order that my plans may be readjusted; or, if you do intend to continue with me, I want to include your family section in these plans. If the former is true, I shall wish you well in the project you prefer. I do not at all ask that you change your choice. I must know, however, what to expect in order to know how to proceed.

Thanking you for your past cooperation, and trusting it may be continued; or, if not, that our paths may cross as pleasantly sometime again in the future, I am

Sincerely yours,

Flossie Cloyd.

Flossie Cloyd
Bird Lawn
Madison, Tennessee

During the persecutions in Scotland in the 16th century three brothers by the name of Rankin resided there. One of the number was made a martyr on the highway on account of his religious belief. Another met his death for the same cause by suffocation in a smoke house, where it is supposed he had taken refuge from his pursuers.

The third brother, William made his escape into Derry County, Ireland in 1689. He had three sons: Adam was born in Scotland in 1688; John and Hugh were born in Derry County, Ireland. Adam and Hugh came to America in 1720, landing in Philadelphia, and settled in Chester County, Pa. Hugh, who was a millwright, was killed soon after by the falling of a mill. Adam married a Miss Mary Steele, and had three sons: James, William, and Jeremiah. Jeremiah was born in 1733. Adam Rankin, father of Jeremiah, died in 1750. Jeremiah Rankin was united in marriage with Rachel Craig in 1754. To them there were born three sons: Adam, born in 1755, who was a minister and founded the Presbyterian Church in the Colony where Lexington, Ky. now stands, and died in 1827 while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The other two sons were Thomas and Jeremiah.

Henry L. Rankin, of Hempstead and John Rankin, of Brownwood, Texas are grandsons of Adam Rankin. Kentucky John Rankin, brother of Adam and Hugh, emigrated from Derry County, Ireland, and landed in Philadelphia, Pa in 1727. His wife's name was Jane McAlwee. He had two sons, Thomas and Richard. Thomas was born in Ireland in 1724. This Thomas Rankin emigrated from Pennsylvania, and settled in Jefferson County, Tenn in 1784. He and his four older sons served in the Revolutionary War. He died at the age of 86

and was buried at Dandridge, Tenn. He had six sons: John, born in 1754; died 1825. Richard, born 1756: died 1827. William, born 1758; died 1833. Samuel, born 1760; died 1828. Thomas, born in 1762; died 1821. James, born 1770. The five older brothers were Elders in the Presbyterian Church.

Richard Rankin, Sr., brother of Thomas Rankin, who came with his father in 1727, emigrated to Augusta County, Virginia at the close of the Revolution. His sons were John, Richard, Joseph, Anthony and James. Richard Rankin, who was the second son of Thomas Rankin, , who came with John Rankin, his father, from Ireland, in 1727, was the father of Rev. John Rankin, formerly the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Ripley, Ohio.

Richard Rankin's wife's name was Isabella Steele before she was married. Eleven sons were born unto them, four of whom were in the War of 1812: Steele, Thomas, David and William. Four were Presbyterian ministers: John, now living in Osage County, Kansas; William living in Warsaw, Ill.; Alexander, living in Baltimore, Md..

Roberta died in Delhi, Indiana.

During the late rebellion Steele Rankin had two sons in the Union Army, one of whom, Theophilus, was 1st Lt. in the 3rd Illinois Cavalry, and was murdered six miles from Memphis, Tenn, receiving the contents of six shot guns by men concealed in a stable as he passed along a road.

Rev. John Rankin has six sons in the Union Army, as follows: Rev. A. L. Rankin, Chaplain of 113th Illinois Regiment; R. C. Rankin, Captain Seventh O. V. C., serving from April 13th, 1861 to July 4th, 1865; his first service was in the three months service in Co. "H", 12th Reg't O. V. I.. Enlisted July 9th, 1861 in 4th Ohio Independent Cavalry Company; was discharged about the 1st day

27, 1862, and was mustered out of the service in July 4th, 1865 at Nashville after returning from the Wilson raid. During the interval between the muster out of the Independent and the Seventh O.V.C. the Captain made two raids into Kentucky in pursuit of John Morgan and other noted guerrillas.

Rev. S.G.W. Rankin was connected with the Christian Commission; John T. Rankin in 116th Illinois Reg't, and afterwards Quartermaster of the 50th U.S. Colored.

Dr. H.C. Rankin was Ass't Surgeon in 74th Illinois. He was retained at Camp Nelson, Kentucky for some months after the close of the war. First in Col. Le Grange's Brigade Cavalry; then on staff of ~~William A. Rankin, Sr.~~ appointed by President Lincoln A.J.M. Remained in service until close of the war; first in Col. Le Grange's Brigade Cavalry; then on staff of Gen. McCook, Commanding 1st Division in Cavalry Corps. M.D.C.M. then on General Wilson's staff, while at Macon, Georgia. John C. Rankin, grandson, raised by Rev. John Rankin, member of Company "E", 36th O.V.C. under Captain R.C. Rankin from its organization until the close of the war.

Rev. A.T. Rankin and Thomas L. Rankin, the two youngest sons of Rev. John Rankin, participated in the pursuit of John Morgan through Indiana and Ohio. Rev. John Rankin resides at Linden, Kansas, and is still preaching. He is 85 years old.

Rev. William Rankin resides with his son, Rev. John Rankin, at Warsaw, Ill., and is a pensioner of the War of 1812.

Alexander had one son, W.L. Rankin, who served during the rebellion in a New York Regiment.

Robert Rankin had two sons: Alex. and John K., the former as a Quartermaster's Department as an employee; and the latter Second Lt. in the 2nd Kansas, and was in command of his company at the battle

Wilson Creek, Mo. where General Lyon fell. He served during the remainder of the war as Adjutant General of General Mitchell. He now resides at Lawrence, Kansas.

William Rankin, third son of Thomas Rankin, and brother of Richard, whose family we have just described, served through the Revolutionary War with his father and three other brothers. He was present at the surrender of Cornwallis, and is the person mentioned by the papers last winter, in giving an account of the death of his son, :Prof. William Rankin, of New Jersey-who was noted for extraordinary memory-being able to teach all the languages, although being blind for ten years and making a very hazardous trip with Bradshaw, a brother-in-law among hostile Indians, to Alabama to procure corn which prevented a famine in East Tennessee, which was then Southwest Territory.

His sons were also with Jackson in the War of 1812, and his Grandsons participated in the War of the Rebellion in the Union Army. Thomas Rankin, oldest son of William died in Blount County, Tenn. He had two boys: William and Nelson, both of whom died in early manhood. Joh, second son, removed to Missouri in 1836. He had six sons, two of whom are Presbyterian Ministers. The whole were true and active in the service of the Government during the Rebellion.

Anthony lived, and died in Green County, East Tennessee and had two sons. James is now living in Colorado; and William B., who was Professor in Tusculan College in East Tennessee at the commencement of the Rebellion was robbed of all his effects that could be carried away. Driven from home, he went to New York and was employed by State Central Committee to stump the State for Lincoln and Johnson. After this, he studied theology and was ordained a Presbyterian minister, and is now employed

having the State of Texas as his territory, by the American Bible Society. William, Jr., the fourth son, is heretofore described.

Captain Rankin soldiered among all the descendants of the six sons of Thomas Rankin, in Tennessee, and found everyone capable of bearing arms in the Union Army. All were loyal to the core, from the youngest to the eldest, showing the grit of the fathers of 1812 and 1776

William Rankin, who did such efficient service as Provost Marshall in Kentucky, was a descendant of Richard Rankin, who emigrated to Augusta County, Virginia, at the close of the Revolutionary War, as were also the three brothers who lived in Harrison County, near Cynthiana, Ky, and who shouldered their guns and fought John Morgan on his first visit to Cynthiana, one of them being severely wounded.

James E. Rankin, who was killed in 1863 by a gang of Confederate soldiers on account of his Union principles in his own store at Hendersonville, Ky., was also a descendant of the original stock.

(Furnished by R.C.Rankin, Jr., Ripley, Ohio).

n. 309. "The Underground Railroad
from
Slavery to Freedom"

by
Wilbur H. Siebert

The Macmillan Co.

n. 308 "It cannot be deter-
mined when Garrison first
became acquainted with
the Letters on Slavery of
the Rev. John Rankin, but
they seem to have had
a wide circulation, for
about the year 1825, they
had fallen into the hands
of the Rev. Samuel J. May,
living, at the time, in
Brooklyn, Connecticut, and
he had read them with
interest. In the second volume
of the Liberator Garrison re-
published these letters, and
in after years, on more than
one occasion, he acknowledged
himself the "disciple" of their
author."

Life of
Garrison Vol. 1.
n. 213 'Footnote'
Also n. 305, 306.
Vol. 111 n. 379, 380.

A Valuable map showing
underground railroad routes
(Burlington one) by Luther H.

Siebert. H. has many references
to Rev. John Rankin.

Above map is opposite
✓ p. 112. Photostat. the
part opposite Cabell &
Wayne counties.

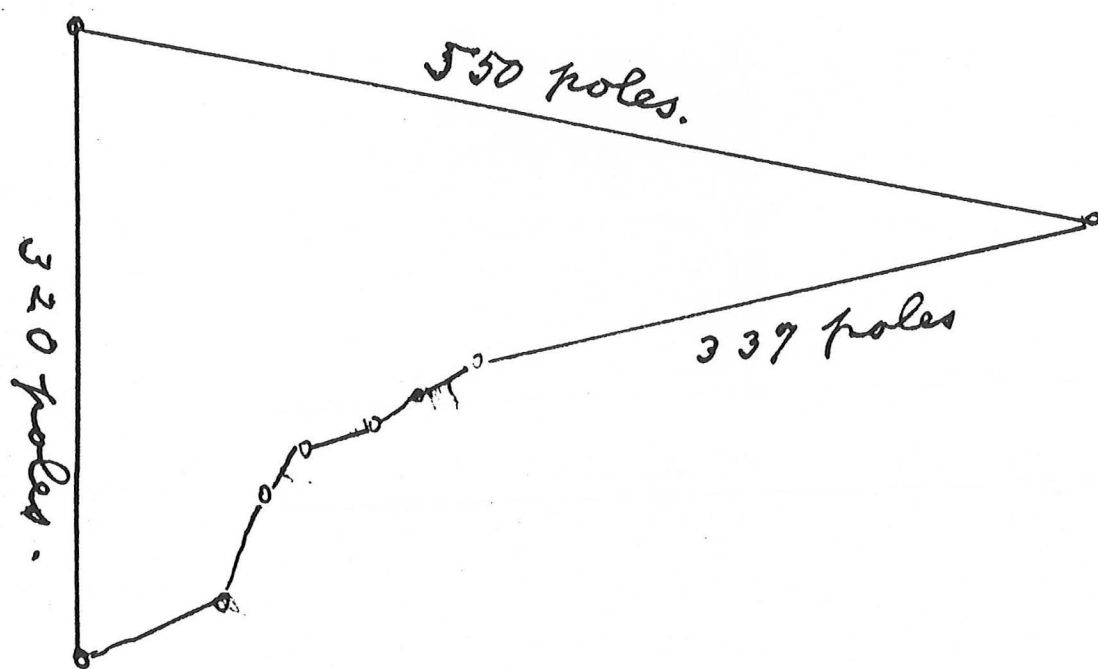
p. 53 of Siebert
See History of Brown Co., O., about
Rankin
p. ~~53~~ 314

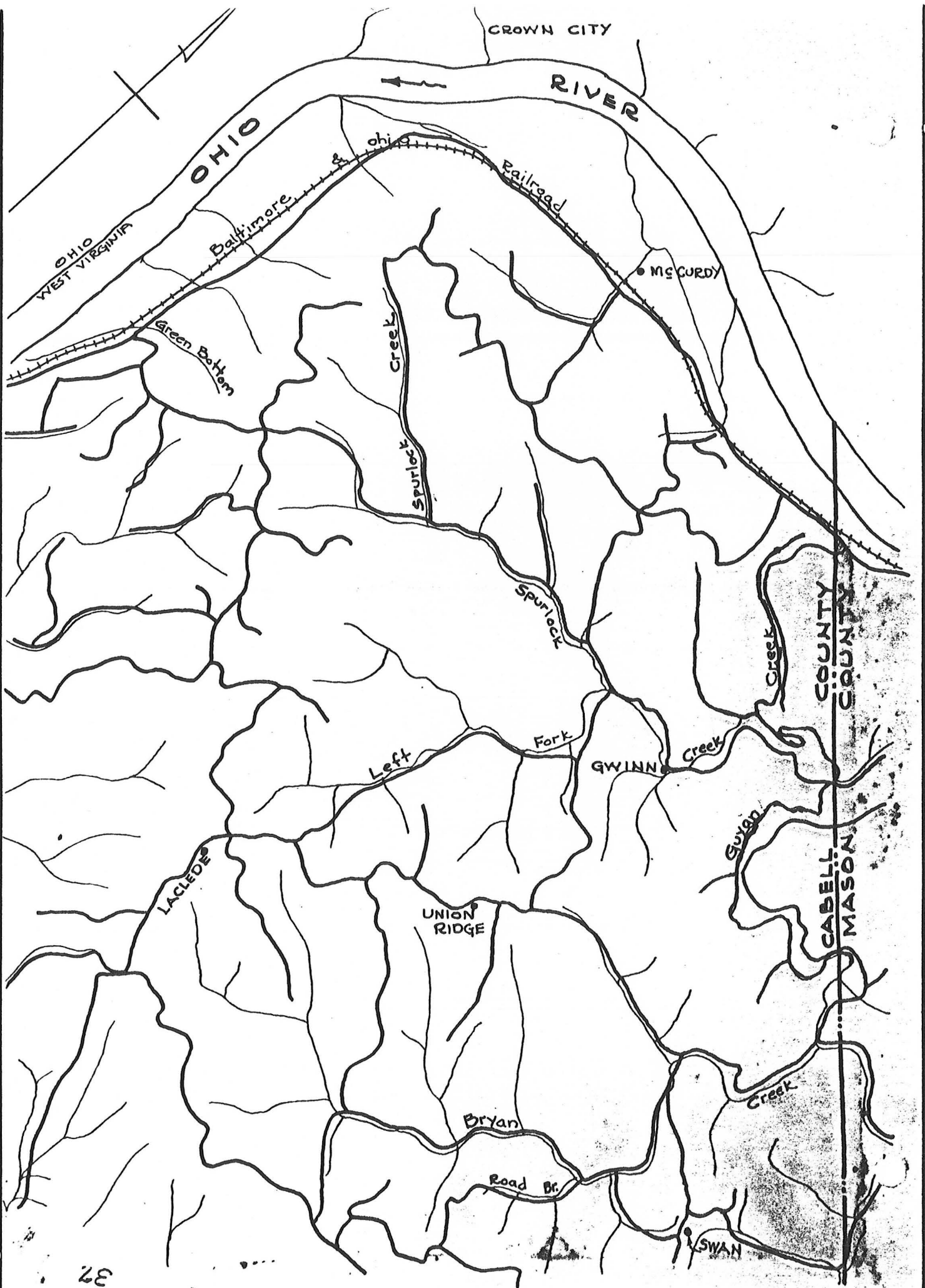
Other references to Siebert

pp. 63, 96, 109, 306-7, 308.
All on Rankin.

p. 63 - Relates that Rankin
often concealed in his
barn, which had a
dove cellar.

p. 96 - John Rankin & others
left the south because
they were not free to speak
as all southerners







n 96 cont

"In 1818, the Pres. Ch. declared
the "system inconsistent with
the law of God and totally
irreconcilable with the gospel
of Christ."

n 443 - History of Brown
County mention of
J. C. Leggett n. 8, 9, in
pamphlet "Rev. John
Rankin", 1892

n. 108 - Siebert - Under
ground R. R. etc.

"Among the clergymen
who made it a part
of their religious duty
to minister to the needs
of the exiles from the
South, were John Rankin,
Samuel J. May and, Theodore
Parker"

✓ Photo ✓ n. 306-7 - Strows photo of
a cust. ^{of Rev. John Rankin} by Ellen Rankin
Copp, of Chicago
Siebert
Also speaks of his letters
& quotes from one
2 Photo stat.

Leahy - 'Who's Who on the Ohio R
~~Sub~~ -

n. 44 - Picture of an Ohio
River Broadhorn, should
VV be photographed.
(Get done later)

n. 407418 Autobiography of
Rev. James B. Finley
gives a whole chapter
on "Sketch of Rev.
David Young"

Notes from Greenup Co. Ky.

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Joseph Ruffner made a deed
to Jesse B. Boone 1808
Deed Bk. A. p. 215

1826 - Benjamin S. Rankins
Clerk

Deed Bk D. p. 352

{ 1828
429

1835 - Alex Rankins To Samuel
McCormack
Deed Bk F p. 134

1838 - B. L. Rankins

(Ralliffs were early
settlers here)

1827 - Zachariah Rankins

1833 - John Russell

Deed Bk E. p. 467

1834 - John Russell

Deed Bk F p. 39

1840 - Alex Rankins

1847 -

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1849 -

1856

1853 - John Russell To Isaac V. Swetland
Deed Bk L. p. 425

1861- Alex Rankins to

42.

1864-

1865

To John Russell from Thos. W. Means 1856
1856

Deed BkM p. 73

J. H. Rankins made a will
1903.

First deed made to
John Russell in 1833.

Martha Sweetland wife
of Isaac V. Sweetland

John S. "

Mary H. "

Anna H. "

Nicholas Savage got ^{his} first
deed in Grant Co., in 1848
& another as late as 1865,
possibly later.

Elizabeth Rose, mother of Mrs. Gearheart of Bartonsville, was a daughter of Lewis Rose who married a sister of my father. She (Elizabeth R.) came to our place to help with the work. She, My grandmother was her grandmother. She stayed with us quite a while possibly one to three years--uncertain, grandfather had a large farm. Kept 75-80 sheep hat one time down to 20. I knew him to have 15 horses some time. Sometimes killed 75 hogs, salted and smoked the meat and sold it to the furnace where there was lots of work--wood chopping, charcoal, digging ear, working in furnaces, etc. Every furnace worked many men- some 7-8 more miles away. Probably used 1000 men.

Uncle Neal and Uncle Tom were at home in my first recollection. Aunt Harriet and Aunt Mary were there also. Aunt Mary died when I was about 21-- she dies of pneumonia. Both uncles went into the army. Uncle Tom died in the army in the hospital at Washington D. C. where he was sent when he took sick in the army. He had brain fever. Uncle Thorn and uncle Thomas were in the 6th Ohio Cavalry. Uncle Neal was in the 1st W. Va. Light Artillery recruited at Greto. My father was in the 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery. Grandfather and father were both in the Mexican War. Grandfather was under Eln. Scott, father under Taylor. Grandfather was not in Civil War. Uncle Neal claimed he lost his health. All were volunteers before the draft which they saw was coming. My father probably could not have been draftee.

November 25, 1928w My father married Asbirina Rankin, a sister of Vint Rankins, father (Hiram R.) some time near the beginning of the Mexican War. The county seat was at Burlington and records are probably at Ironton. Uncle Johnathan was born 1818., Thornton next and then my father--who was probably born about 1826--served in latter part of Mexican War under Gen Scott. Also served in Civil War--probably served most of War. Bates County Missouri was his home after his second marriage. Lived with his family.

During the War by covered Wagon he came with his family back to Marion-- had wife Sarah Reynolds and one child, Francis--living in Colorado 25 years ago. married but I don't know her name for certain, but believe it was Farlay. Stayed (she did) in house above Marion where I was born during the time he served in army and aor a few months afterward. He then went to Pottawattamie County, Iowa by same team and wagon he came in. One horse(a large grey and a bay). Had a dog named Ring.

He went to California after my mother's death. Went with caravan overland Indians dangers. Came back when I was five years old. Stayed a short while. Then went back to Missouri where he did then marry as stated above. He related that on his trip to California he was standing on guard one night to prevent Indians from stealing horses or attacking them. A mule threw up his ears and he shot where he saw grass waving. The Indian was sgt threw the belt. Le later gave the belt to me. It was of rawhide with gold buckle a tanned deer skin. It was stolen from me or lost when I was moving from Marion to Lawrence Furnace.

When I came through Iowa in 1893 from the Puyallip Agency where I was in the Indian service, my father lived in Winona County about or near Mapleton. One of My half sisters lived in Sioux City but I didn't see her.

Data on the Rev. John Rankin children by R. C. Rankin, Jr., in
Interview with F. B. Lambert, Sept. 28, 1945.

Adam Leroy Rankin lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He had a son "Bill" whom I
(R. C. Rankin, Jr.) knew. He also had several others.

Isabella Jane Rankin m. _____ Humphreys. Mr. H. had previously lived in
Brown Co., Ohio, in which Ripley is located, and had a brother William Humphrey.
He later lived at Ironton, O. They had children:

"Frank" (a dau.) m. Dave Nixon. Lived in Ironton and was a furniture man.

"Frank" Rankin has a gr. dau. (?) Jean Nixon, dau. of Frank Nixon. She m.
_____ Powers and lives yet at Augusta, Ky. (check this) He was a
tobacco man.

Lydia m. "Col" Grey. Lived in Ironton, O. A furnace man. Later in
lumber business.

David Rankin lived and died at Ripley, before I was born. (I was b. May 11, 1866).

He m. _____ Ogley. He was probably m. at Ripley. The record may be at
Georgetown (Brown Co.) O. They had a daughter:

Belle who m. (1) _____ Mitchell, of Ripley, O. He was superintendent
of schools at Ripley. They had no children. Belle m. (2) _____
Cleveland. They had one dau. and lived at Cincinnati, O.

Richard Calvin Rankin, b. July 24, 1821, d. May _____, 1899, (For exact date, see
monument in Ripley, O., cemetery), m. America Whisner, dau. of Thomas Whisner,
and _____ Porter of Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio. Get this record of Probate
Court (Judge of), at Georgetown, Ohio. She (_____ Porter) was a sister of
old Solway Porter, a rich wealthy farmer of near Ripley. They were the parents
of ten children:

Belle Rankin m. Jos. Hatten. Lived in Ripley and in Brown County. They
had seven living children. A dau., Mrs. Clyde Reed, R.F.D., Winchester,
Ohio.

William Rankin m. _____, at Deadwood, S. D. No children. Both dead.

Aldora Rankin m. Charles Graham. They lived at Zurich, Kansas. They have one dau. living:

America Graham m. Harry Buchanan, 4703 E. 6th Ave., Denver Colo.

Alice Rankin m. T. M. Carr, b. _____, d. 1928. She, b. Dec. 25, 1855, d. _____, 1941. 2 daughters:

Lola m. Lloyd Minick of Pittsburg, Pa.

Jean m. _____ English. He was in the army.

Laura Rankin m. Nathan Cochran. Both(?) dead. A dau. Myrtle Cochran m.

Ed. ("Dick") R. Sutor, Baldwin, Kansas. There were also two others, John and Holly (girl), both died young.

Jessie Rankin m. Wiley Spears, now dec'd. She is living at Ripley. They had four children, one of which died in infancy. Three are living:

John Rankin Spears, 1589 Jackson St., Denver, Colo.

Wylie Spears, a roving man, m. (1) Maud Steiger, m. (2) _____

Wife of Memphis, Tenn., in Oklahoma City.

Bessie Spears m. Harry Bowman, 3937 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, O.

Richard Calvin Rankin, Jr.; b. May 11, 1866. Lives at Ripley, Ohio. He married two sisters, daus. of Robert and Evaline Bradford Stewart, who lived on a farm in Brown County. He d. at 85. She preceded him in death. Scotch descent. R. C. Rankin, Jr., m. (1) Mary Stewart, b. Febr-25, 1873, d. Oct. 12, 1898. No children. Her parents lived in a large brick on the left side of the river road about five miles above Aberdeen, O. He m. (2) Jennett Stewart, sister to Mary Stewart, who died in childbirth. The second wife was b. Nov. 8, 1874 and is still living.

America Harriet (Nattie) Rankin, d. in childhood, Oct. 3, 1851, in the eighth year of her age.

Ester Rankin d. Nov. 20, 1859, in the 11th year of her age.

U. S. Grant Rankin, b. May 11, 1866, a twin brother to R. C. Rankin, Jr., d. May 11, 1866.

Samuel W. Rankin (son of Rev. John R.) d. at Glessenberg, connecticut, m. Dollie Goodrich. He was a Presbyterian preacher. They had two daughters. Both are dead but lived to marry. I don't know whether the daughters left families or not.

One dau. m. _____ Williams, a manufacturer and advertiser of toilet soap, etc.

Julia Deak Rankin m. _____ Montgomery. They lived near Quinnimont, Kansas.

John Thompson Rankin m. (1) _____ Hay, at Sadinia, Ohio. They lived a while at Ripley, then moved to Mississippi, (Vicksburg) where she died, m. (2) Sarah Hamilton, and lived at Greensburg, Indiana. Both dead. A dau. Mary Rankin, about 57 (in 1946) lived there yet. She was born in 1887.

Dr. Andrew Campbell Rankin. He was a physician. He m. _____ and lived at Pullman, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

A daughter _____ m. _____ Coppel. In the cemetery at Ripley is a monument to Rev. John Rankin. On this monument is a bust of him, made by this granddaughter. She lived in Pullman. The bust is molded in bronze. Made from a photo.

Mary Eliza Rankin m. (1) John Crosby. They lived at Ripley. He d. and she m. (2) _____, and moved to Kansas.

William A. Rankin m. _____. Lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Lucinda Rankin m. _____, and lived in Kansas

Arthur Tappan Rankin m. _____. His children live at Greensburg, Indiana.

Among them is a daughter, Rose Rankin, and a sister Jean Rankin who is married and lives there also.

Anna Rankin, (another dau.) m. _____, and lived in Chicago.

Ada Rankin m. Will Stewart, and lived at Kingston, Indiana. Both are dead.

A son lives there. (There were two children. Write Rose Rankin, at Greensburg, Ind.)

Thomas Lovejoy Rankin m. _____ Salisbury. Three children:

Louisa m. Thos. Baird. They lived at Denver, Colo.

Lillie died single.

Two ideas on next page a James from at Hildale, Kansas

Record of R. C. Rankin Sr.'s Family From the Bible of R. C. Rankin,
Jr., of Ripley, O.

Isabella Jane Rankin, b. Feb. 26, 1848.

Easter Rankin, b. April 7, 1849.

William A. Rankin, b. Oct. 3, 1850.

Almira Rankin, b. Aug. 3, 1852.

Alice Rankin, b. Dec. 25, 1853.

Laura Rankin, b. April 6, 1857.

Marissa Harriet Rankin, b. April 3, 1859.

Jesse Benton Fremont Rankin, b. Oct. 8, 1861, m. Wiley Spears. She lives at
Denver, Colorado.

Richard Calvin Rankin }
W. S. Grant Rankin } twins, b. May 11, 1866.

(Jessie Spears is R. C. Rankin's only living sister. She lives in Denver,
Colorado, and has the only picture of Rev. John Rankin. I advise you find
her exact address from R. C. Rankin, Jr., and get her to have a good photographer
make you a negative -- F.B.L.)

THE ELIZA STORY

Eliza (Harris) (of Uncle Tom's Cabin) crossed the ice at Ripley, O., and was at
once taken to the home of Rev. John Rankin and cared for. She was the wife of a
slave, George Harris. He later followed her and both were sent on the road to
Canada. They had one child.

Harriet Beecher Stowe came to Ripley, and staid a while at this house.

This story should be checked with Mr. R. C. Rankin, Jr.

I believe the Eliza story in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is substantially correct.

(signed) F. B. Lambert.

THE ELIZA HOUSE

(Written hastily by Mr. F. B. Lambert from Mr. R. C. Rankin, Jr.'s
(of Ripley, Ohio,) conversation.)

Rev. John Rankin's home was on a high hill overlooking Ripley, O. He ran a school there mostly for white girls. On one occasion a colored (mulatto) girl was sent there by her father, a white man. He sent her there to be educated. She was a beautiful girl, and was admitted. Jack Alwood, also a mulatto young man, graduated at Oberlin, Ohio. He came to Ripley and was married to this girl by Rev. Rankin. She always called the Rankins her people, and always made a big dinner for them when they came to Ripley. Both were fairly white. The husband became a contractor in building turnpikes with R. C. Rankin, Sr. They built five miles of the Georgetown Pike - Georgetown to Ripley, and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Red Oak C. through South Ripley past Cal R. Jr.'s house. He then run a large livery stable until his death.

Bible or Temperance Dates

Rev. John Rankin, b. Feb. 4, 1793, d. March 18, 1886, at Ironton, Ohio.,

Jane Rankin (erroneously sometimes spelled Jean), b. Dec. 1, 1793, d. Dec. 29, 1879.

Her mother was _____ Doak, dau. of _____ Doak, President of
a southern college. (Ask R. C. Rankin, Jr., what college.) Answer -- Washington
College, Tennessee, but I don't know the Professor's name.)

Rev. John Rankin and Jane Lowry were married at or near the above college, Jan. 23,
1816. Their children were:

1. Rev. Adam Lowry Rankin, b. Nov. 4, 1816.
2. Isabella Jane Rankin, b. June 16, 1818. She m. _____ Humphreys
of Ironton, Ohio, formerly of Ripley.
3. David Rankin, b. Sept. 18, 1819. (R. C. Rankin, Jr., knew all the
family except him.)
4. Richard Calvin Rankin, b. July 24, 1821.

5. Rev. Samuel Gardner Wilson Rankin (Samuel G. W.), b. Dec. 28, 1822.
6. Julia Beck Rankin, b. Nov. 2, 1824.
7. John Thompson Rankin, b. Feb. 25, 1826.
8. Dr. Andrew Campbell Rankin, b. June 22, 1828.
9. Mary Eliza Rankin, b. Feb. 21, 1830.
10. William Alexander Rankin, b. Sept. 15, 1831.
11. Lucinda Rankin, b. May 3, 1834.
12. Rev. Arthur Tappan Rankin, b. March 5, 1833 1838.
13. Thos. Lovejoy Rankin, b. June 16, 1839.

Names and Addresses given me by R. C. Rankin, Jr., for descendants of
Rev. John Rankin.

On Adam Livery Rankin, I wrote to "Any member of the Rankin family" and received
a letter from a member of another family at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. John Powers, Augusta, Ky.

and

Edw. Frank Nixon, Augusta, Ky. (I've no information on which one they are
descendants of.)

On David Rankin, a daughter Mrs. Belle Cleveland lives or did live in Cincinnati.

A son lives there, at least.

Mrs. Dick Sulter, Baldwin, Kansas. (I don't know the relationship.)

On John Thompson Rankin --

Miss Mary Rankin, Greensburg, Indiana. She can give names of descendants of
Arthur Tappan Rankin, who also lived at Greensburg, Indiana.

Dr. Andrew C. Rankin. Write to Any Member of the Rankin Family, Pullman,
Illinois.

On Thomas Rankin, Sr., write Thos. Rankin, Baldwin, Kansas. (If you fail to get
reply, try "To Any Member," etc.)

I am sorry but R. C. Rankin, Jr. (He and his father both were known as Cal) could give
no definite information. Maybe he'll think of more now or maybe his records which I
will send may clear this up.

The Rev. John Rankin Family

Picture of Group.

Back Row -- left to right

1. Tom
2. Lowry (Adam Lowry)
3. Andrew
4. John
5. Samuel
6. Richard Calvin ("Cal")
7. Arthur Tappen
8. Dave
9. William

Front Row

1. Mary
2. Julia (Julia Doak)
3. Isabella

Linda absent -- She is no doubt the insert.

You can recognize the parents, I judge.

(Julia Doak was so named from the Doaks, among whom there was some relation.)

ESTABLISHING THE "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD?"

BORN IN TENNESSEE.

JOHN RANKIN, TO WHOM, MORE THAN ANY OTHER THE CREDIT FOR FOUNDING THE "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" IS PROBABLY DUE, WAS A DESCENDENT OF SCOTCH PRESBYTERIANS WHO CAME TO AMERICA ABOUT 200 YEARS AGO AND SETTLED IN PENNSYLVANIA. HIS FATHER WAS A SOLDIER IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, AND LIKE MANY OF THE VETERANS OF THAT WAR, WHEN THE CONFLICT WAS OVER, MIGRATED WESTWARD, FINALLY SETTLED IN WHAT WAS TO BECOME JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE; THAT JOHN RANKIN WAS BORN ON THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR 1793.

BEING EDUCATIONALLY INCLINED AND HAVING A SOMEWHAT BETTER OPPORTUNITY THAN MOST FRONTIER YOUTHS, JOHN RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION IN THE COMMON BRANCHES AND WAS THEN SENT TO WASHINGTON COLLEGE, WHERE HE RECEIVED THE BEST EDUCATION ONE COULD OBTAIN IN THOSE DAYS, AT LEAST SO FAR AS FORMAL COLLEGIATE TRAINING WAS CONCERNED. AS HE APPEARED INCLINED TO THE MINISTRY, HE HAD ALSO AVAILED HIMSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN CAREFUL TRAINING IN THEOLOGY ALONG WITH HIS COLLEGE COURSE, AND UPON COMPLETING HIS STUDIES AT WASHINGTON COLLEGE HE WAS LICENSED TO PREACH BY THE PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON, THE HISTORIC OLD COUNTY SEAT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Rankin James (1757-1812), enlisted 1776 in the 13th Va. regiment, Continental Line. He received bounty land, 1785, for three year's service. In 1838, his widow received a pension in Washington Co., Pa., for two years actual service as private Va. Line.

He m. Martha Stevens (1771-1863), in 1792.

He had a daughter, Sarah who m. Robert Black. She was b. 1800.

They had a dau., Margaret Ellen Black who m. Samuel Jackson Jones who had a dau., Mary Elizabeth Jones (36477)

James Rankin was b. & died at Swabane N. C.

He had a son John who m. Charlotte —

This John had a son James Jr. who m. 1843 Margaret Palmer, b. 1821. John was b. 1815 d. 1891. James Jr. had a dau., Luella Rankin b. at Winthrop, Iowa. (88304)

NEVERTHELESS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE RISKING HEALTH, COMFORT, MONEY, AND EVEN LIFE ITSELF IN A CAUSE THEY CONSIDER SACRED ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO DO LIKEWISE; AND SO, EVEN IN A BUSINESS OF THIS KIND, WHERE SECRECY WAS NECESSARY, CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS CAME TO BE LOOKED UP TO AS LEADERS IN THIS MOVEMENT.

RANKIN WAS THE HEAD.

IT IS EASY TO SEE THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO LEARN JUST WHEN AND WHERE SUCH AN INSTITUTION HAD ITS BEGINNING. SOMEWHERE, SOMETIME; AND SOMEHOW, A MAN OR WOMAN ON THE NORTH SHORE OF THE OHIO RIVER, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, HELPED A FUGITIVE SLAVE ESCAPING FROM THE OTHER SIDE TO SAFETY AND FREEDOM, AND THEN AND THERE THE SYSTEM BEGAN TO WORK. BUT WHEN OR WHERE ~~THAT~~ ^{THAT} ~~THAT~~ WAS, OR WHO WERE THE CHARACTERS INVOLVED, WILL DOUBTLESS ALWAYS REMAIN ONE OF THE SECRETS WHICH HISTORY DOES NOT REVEAL.

NATURALLY, AS THE SYSTEM THUS INAUGURATED GREW, IT BECAME MORE COMPLEX AND BECAME KNOWN AS THE "UNDERGROUND RAILWAY", OF WHICH THE REV JOHN RANKIN CAME TO BE CONSIDERED THE FOUNDER BECAUSE OF HIS PROMINENCE IN THE MOVEMENT AND BECAUSE IT WAS IN CONNECTION WITH SOME OF HIS ACTIVITIES THAT THE TERM WAS FIRST APPLIED, SO FAR AS HISTORY REVEALS.

ALTHOUGH THE TERM "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" IS AS FAMILIAR TO AMERICANS AS ANY OTHER RAILROAD IN HISTORY, AND ALTHOUGH EVERY SCHOOL BOY KNOWS, OR SHOULD KNOW, SOMETHING OF ITS WORKINGS, YET THERE ARE MANY DETAILS CONNECTED WITH IT WHICH ARE UNKNOWN TO MOST PEOPLE AND WHICH ARE SO APPARENTLY CONTRADICTORY AS TO ATTRACT ATTENTION. FOR INSTANCE, DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SO CALLED FOUNDER OF THE "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" WAS A SOUTHERNER? THAT NEARLY ALL OF THE EARLY LEADERS IN THE MOVEMENT CAME FROM VIRGINIA OR KENTUCKY? THAT AN ABOLITION SOCIETY WAS ESTABLISHED IN TENNESSEE--OF ALL PLACES--AS EARLY AS 1814? AND THAT THE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WAS FOUNDED BY THE SAME INDIVIDUAL CREDITED WITH

RANKIN

ARTICLE BY R. C. HALL IN HERALD-ADVERTISER NOV. 25, 1934.

"TENNESSEE PREACHER FOUNDED UNDERGROUND".

AT LEAST: THE REV. JOHN RANKIN WAS CONSIDERED THE 'PRESIDENT' OF THAT WELL KNOWN 'RAILROAD' OF PRE-CIVIL WAR DAYS; HIS HOME IN RIPLEY, OHIO, WAS WELL KNOWN FAR AND WIDE AS A HAVEN FOR FUGITIVE SLAVES FROM THE DEEP SOUTH:

BY R. C. HALL.

SOME INSTITUTIONS ARE FOUNDED AND SOME, LIKE TOPSY, JUST GROW. EVEN THE LATTER ARE USUALLY THE RESULT OF THE ENDEAVORS OF A FEW PERSONS ACTING AS LEADERS, WHILE USUALLY, ONE CAN POINT TO A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE UNDERTAKING THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

THUS, THE SO CALLED "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD," OF THE SLAVERY ERA IN THE UNITED STATES GREW UP AND FLOURISHED IN THE NORTH, PARTICULARLY IN THOSE STATES BETWEEN THE OHIO RIVER AND THE GREAT LAKES, WITH APPARENTLY NO FOUNDER, NO HEAD, NO LEADER, AND NO CO-ORDINATED ACTION BETWEEN THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO COMPOSED THE ORGANIZATION, IF SUCH AN INSTITUTION CAN BE SAID TO HAVE HAD AN ORGANIZATION. IT WAS THE RESULT OF WHAT MAY BE CALLED A GROWING PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS, IN THIS SECTION; THAT SLAVERY WAS ETERNALLY AND INHERENTLY WRONG. AND THAT EVERY CITIZEN WAS UNDER A MORAL AND RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION, TO RENDER WHAT ASSISTANCE HE COULD TO ANY FUGITIVE WHO CAME IN HIS WAY. WHEN SUCH A FEELING BECOMES GENERAL WITH ANY CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF THE CITIZENS OF A LARGE AREA, ORGANIZATION, AS IT IS USUALLY KNOWN, BECOMES UNNECESSARY. EACH ONE SIMPLY KNOWS HIS OWN DUTY, KNOWS THE OTHERS WHO THINK AS HE DOES. CO-OPERATES WITH THEM AS A MATTER OF COURSE, AND THAT IS ABOUT ALL THERE IS TO IT.

Richard Rankin

19-234

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Robert Rankin
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Thomas Rankin

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b. 1724 d. 1810

"Served as a soldier in the Pennsylvania Line and received pay till 1781. He was b. in Kerry Co., Ireland. He had four sons in the army"

Thos. Rankin m. Mary Clendenin

Richard Rankin, a son
1756-1827, enlisted as
a private.

William Rankin
29-310

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Addresses

Albany, N. M. — Any descendants
 Isabella Jane — m. Adam Lowry R. Humphries of
 Ironclaw, O.

Mrs. Jean Powers, Augusta, Ky
 (Dan Frank Nixon)

Fred ^{my} Belle Cleveland, Cincinnati
 or rather a dau. — who?
 Belle was dau. of Dave

Mrs. Dick Sutor, Baldwin, Kansas.

✓ To Any Rankins, Glessenberg, Conn.
 (Descendants of Samuel
 G. W. Rankin)

✓ To Any Rankin
 Linnemount, Kansas.
 (Descendant of Julia about 18)

✓ Miss Mary ~~Thompson~~ Rankin,
 Greensburg, Ind.
 (Desc. of John Thompson Rankin)
 (Also Desc. of Arthur Thompson)

✓ Any Rankin, Pullman, Ill.
 (Desc. of Dr. Andrew C. Rankin)

Tom Rankin
 Baldwin, Kansas.
 (Desc. of Thos. R.)

Miss Emma Alderson
 215 Brook St. Alderson

Under Project Cabell Co
 Mrs. Julia Kerr, Telephone.

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Rev. John Rankine by Calvin R. Jr.
Sept. 28, 1945.

These colored people

The father of the girl was
a white man of Alabama,
named ~~Castle~~ ^{Castle}. He m. a white
woman, but sent his daughter
Rev. Rankine to be educated.

Jack Atwood also a mulatto
graduated at Oberlin Co.,
came to Ripley & married
the girl. by Rev. Rankine.
She always called the Rankines
her people & always made
a big dinner for them
when they came here.

She was a fine woman.
Both fairly white.

Husband was first a
contractor in building
pikes with R. C. Rankine.
Built 5 miles of Georgetown
road from Georgetown to
Ripley & 1/2 mi from Red
Oak Cr. through to Ripley
past Cal. R's house.

No children. He then runs a

61.
Rev. John Rankin ran a school
for girls in his house - all winter
except Kitty Alwood.

Cabell Co. W. Va. Marriage Rec. 2. p 14.

Collins ^{W.} Thornburg 31 m. Nora
C. Miller 25, June 17, 1865. He b.
Berkeley Co. Va., She Cabell Co.
He resident of Berkeley Co. She Cabell.
The son of Thomas and Maria
Thornburg. She dau. H. H. & Eliz-
abeth Miller. He a farmer. By (Rev.)
Hiram Moore"

(Since Collins W. Thornburg was
a brother to Miller Uriah
Thornburg, Thomas and Maria
Thornburg were parents of
Miller Uriah Thornburg.)

I wonder if Collins W. was it
Collins Uriah Thornburg - the
W. being a mistake by the
clerk in recording the marriage
law - H. Q. Thornburg says Collins
W. was correct

On Garrett of Wayne Co. Ind
McKend said to see Mand
wife of Chapmanville Chester

Cincinnati Library

Sept. 29, 1946

I visited this library Sept. 29, 1946 and made a search through various volumes on Maine (State) searching for Lamberts - Josiah Lambert in particular.

R. 929.1

N. 95 g.

- In this volume -

found listed Jonathan Lambert, Margaret, & Robert, Lambert

This is the record from which which is entitled Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire by Noyes.

p. 408

Lambert, 1 Jonathan, Killing, 1684 4. 10. 4. 44. 1685.

One Jonathan and ~~one~~ Elizabeth had record in Boston; Jonathan 1688, Benjamin, 1699.

2 Margaret, sis. To wives of John Cox (5) and William Cox (34), depos. in Boston in 1775, ag. 25, calling

Cincinnati Library, Cont - Sept. 7, 1888 ⁶²

William Cox bra-in-law. G. D.
18.262

3 Robert, m. Dorothy Hill (2) son.
rec. York 1724-8

929.3 } "The Probate Records
L 73 } of Lincoln County, Maine
S }
p 276 - Joseph Lumbert
of ~~Pough~~ Pownalbor-
ough, is surety on a
will with James Hodge
of New Milford, to wife
James Jackson of Pown-
alborough.

In index of above,
several other Lumberts
are mentioned, as well as
Lamberds.

X 317.3 } First Census
Gu 1 } the United States,
v. 1 } 1790, Maine

A fine map - 1790
of Maine.

Several Lamberts listed in
above, among whom are
Joseph Lambert (p. 33) in
Bath Town.

3 wh. males 16 yrs. & over
including heads of families
2 wh. males under 16
9 wh. females including
heads of families.

Others - also.

Important

973,344

A 2. 1

V. 1

1921

Official Record
Soldiers of the
American Revolution
in Ohio

p. 219

Joseph Lambert (Green Co.,

Bur. Mercer Graveyard.

Living at Caesar's Creek 1802.

Ref: Robinson's History of
Greene Co. Fur. infor. Captain
Greene Chap.

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Illustrated
 Historical and Business
 Review Meigs & Gallia
 Co., Ohio. for the year
 1891

p. 214 - Gives an acct
 of Crown City -
 W. A. Rankin, etc.

In business past 15 yrs
 River Side Hotel, (sit
 in town)
 10 rooms, etc.

Owms Wharf Boat.

Building new boat
 (More produced
 shipped than
 from any other
 place in Ohio
 Co.)

Served in army
 until close of war.
 Hon. disch. at
 Louisville, Ky
 July 25, 1865

Enlisted Co. 1
 11th Ky. & Cav.
 & was mustered
 as corporal Nov 2,
 1863

In coal business
 Licensed at Capt
 7 yrs.

Pilot 6 yrs. Kentucky
 to Cincinnati.

b. June 28, 1843.

Commander S. A. R.

Am. Lib.

Check A Hist of The
Upper Ohio Valley for various
people

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v. 2.

Also Vol. 1

Armstrong Rankin.

Hiram R. was adm. The
~~part~~ estate in his hands,
including interest was \$709.50

This is found Journal No 1
p. 358 (Settlements)

The McCance Family.

Willoughby McCance

b. Aug. 10, ~~1872~~ 1873,

in Shannonville, Canada,

Son of James McCance,
and Sarah Jane Brown,
of Ireland, Donacadee(?)
Ireland, in N. Ireland,
County "Down" (?)

Grandparents: ~

McCance

~~Brown~~

They are buried there and
a few cousins there yet.
See Family Bible at Mr.
Leo Schweer who m. Grace
McCance, sister to Willoughby
McCance.

Picture - Family group of Rankin family

Back row (Left to right)

1. Tom ^{hus.} (Lowry) ✓
2. Lowry ✓ (Adam Lowry)
- 3rd. Andrew Campbell Rankin ✓
4. John Thompson ✓
5. Samuel ✓ G.W.
6. Richard Calvin ✓
7. Arthur Tappan ✓
8. Dave ✓
9. William (W.) ✓

Second Row:

1. Mary Eliza ✓
2. Julia Hoak ✓
3. Isabella (Jane) ✓

All cut
Lucinda. ✓

A small statue bronze from
photo of Rev. Jno R. is on
top of tombstone. His gr.
dan. molded it.

Rev. John Rankin b. Feb. 4, 1793
(nephew) d. March 18, 1886
Jeanⁿ on
Lambstone but
Jane correct

Jane Rankin
(Jane Lowry was related for the Dicks)
founders of the college m. Jan. 23, 1816 - Jane Lowry
Hermescher was a at or near Washington
Leake College, Tennessee
Rev. Adam Lowry Rankin
b. Nov. 4, 1816

✓ Isabella Jane b. June 16, 1818
m. Humphreys of Kentucky
formerly Kentucky.
David b. Sept. 18, 1819.

✓ Richard Calvin b. July 24, 1821.

Rev. ✓ Samuel Gardner Wilson b. Dec. 28, 1822

✓ Julia ^{Leak} ~~Hoke~~ b. Nov. 2, 1824.

✓ John Thompson b. Feb. 25, 1826

Dr. Andrew Campbell b. June 22, 1828

✓ Mary Eliza b. Feb. 21, 1830.

✓ William Alexander b. Sept 15, 1831

✓ Lucinda b. May 3, 1834

Rev. Arthur Tappan b. March 5, 1836

✓ Elias Lovejoy b. June 16, 1839.

(I knew all except Uncle Dave -
R.C. Rankin Jr.)

William R. Lowry
Bro. to Mrs. Rev. Jno Rankin
was b. 1818
d. 1881.

Rebecca C. (Goodrich) Lowry
b. 1825
d. 1919

Mrs. McNiece was also
buried there.

She was wife of
Wm. McNiece.

1. Adam Lowry - Lived in New Mexico
Albuquerque, N. M.

I saw one of his sons "Bill".
Several others

Isabella Jane m. ——— Humphrey
Lived in Bronton, O.

Mr. H. lived in Brown
Co., O. (He had a bro. W. & H.)

They had children:

Frank m. Elave Nixon

~~Belle m. [unclear]~~
Lived in Bronton
A Furniture man.

Lyda m. "Col." Grey

Lived in Bronton

He was a furnace man
Later lumber business

David - Lived & died at Ripley
before I was born (

I was b. May 11, 1866)

He m. ——— Ugly.

Probably m. in Ripley.

C. H. at Georgetown.

They had a dau.

Belle m. 1

Mitchell
of Ripley. Supt
Schools here.
No children

m. 2.

Cleveland

One dau., & son.
Family lived at
Cincinnati.

Belle
m. 2

Frank Rankin
has a gr. dau.,
Jean Nixon, dau. of
Frank Nixon &
Powers, &
lives now at
Augusta, Ky. He was
a tobacco
man.

Colored (half)

John S. Alwood

b. 1838

d. 1908

Killie Castle

b. 1882

d. 1900

Have beautiful monument
in Maplewood Cemetery, Ripley

Mary Stewart, wife (1st) of (d in childhood)
Calvin Rankin Jr.,

b. Feb. 25, 1873

d. Oct. 12, 1898

Sister to second wife,
Jennell Stewart (Scott)

Both sons of Robt. Stewart
and Evaline Bradford Stewart

She b. Nov. 8, 1874, her name

Mrs. Rev. John Rankin had a
bro. & 2 sisters buried at Ripley

They were Ester m. — Carey

See
previous
page

b. Jan. 22, 1878

d. Jan. 10, 1891

Evaline Bradford Stewart b. Jan. 21, 1848 d. July 20, 1920

Robert Adams Co. with union " Oct. 1, 1835 — Jan. 12, 1920

Capt. Richard Calvin b. July 24, 1821

d. May, 1899.

See monument at Ripley
Cemetery.

m. America Whisner, dau.
of Thos. Whisner, &
—— Porter, of
Ripley - both Brown Co.

Children - 10 -

Belle m. Jos. Hallen
Lived Ripley or in Co.
Several children living
7 - all living.

A dau.

Mrs. Clyde Reed
R.F.D. Winchester, O.

William m.

out
at Deadwood, Dakota.

No children. Both
dead.

Almira m. Charles Graham
Lived at Zurich, Kan.
Later at Denver, Colo.
One dau. living.

America m. Harry

Buchanan,
Denver, Colorado
(4705 E. 6th
Ave.)

Get record
at Heoloun.

Porter was
sister of old
Jenny Porter,
a wealthy man
of near Ripley.
A farmer.

has.
Alice m. J. M. Carr,
1208 - 6th Ave.
Huntington

She d 1941
b. Dec. 25 - 1865.

a dau. Lola
m. Lloyd Minick of
Pittsburg, A.
dau. Jean
m. — English
He is in
the army.

Laura m. Nathan Cochran
Lived at Ripley. Dead
One dau. in

"Lick" Mrs. Myrtle Sutor m.
Wm. R. Sutor, Baldwin, Kan.
Had 2 others

John } died young
Holley } girl

Jessie m. Wiley Spears (Brown
Lived at Ripley. She
lives at Brown Co.,
Ripley, O.

4 children. One d. in
infancy.
3 living.

John Raulen Spears,
1589 Denver Colo.
Jackson St.
Wylie Spears - dead.

A moving man.
m. 1 Maed Steiger
of Memphis, Tenn.
m. 2 — Days.
in Oklahoma
City.

Bessie Spears m. Harry
Bowman, Cincinnati
51 - 11 - 1900

3937 Spring Grove
Ave

Richard Caloun. b. May 11, 1866
m. Jennie Stewart, dau.
of Robert. Live Ripley
& Evaline Bradford
Stewart. Lived on a
farm in Brown Co. He
d. at 85. She d. before
he died. - (Their home
was 5 above
No children. Ripley, Jordan
family in large living
veranda high going up
America Harriet
"Hollie" d. in childhood Oct. 3, 1860
in the 8th year
Esther d. Nov. 20, " at 11
b. in 11th year
Grant - a twin brother
of R. C. Rankin -
b. & d. in childhood 1860
May 11, 1866

Samuel G. W. Rankin -
d. in Connecticut (Glossenburg)
m. Hollie Goodrich
A Presbyterian preacher
Two daus. Both dead.
Both m.
I don't know whether they
left families
m. Williams.
Wealthy. Advertised
Toilet soap etc
dau. Rev. Sam R.

Julia Doak - m. Montgomery
Lived in Kansas - near
Dunnemont, Kans.

John Thompson Rankin.

m. 1 Hay, at Sardinia, O.
Had children.

Lived at Ripley O., then
went to Mississippi.
Vicksburg. She d.

m. 2 Sarah Hamilton & lived
in Indiana. Greensburg.

Both dead.

A dau.

Mary lives there.

Single. About 57 yrs.
She was 18 in 1905
Mary Rankin $\frac{18}{1887}$

Dr. Andrew Campbell Rankin
m.
Lived in Chicago (Fullman, a
suburb.)

Children:

A dau.

m. - Coppel

She is the one who was
the best of Rev. Jas. Rankin.
She lived in Fullman.

Mary Eliza m. John Crosby.
Lived at Ripley
no children
He d. & she m. 2

They went to Kansas. (1st
2nd husband.)

Wm. A. — (son of Rev. John R.)
m.

Lived in Albuquerque, N. M.
I don't know family

Lucinda m.
Lived in Kansas.

Arthur Tappan m.
His children live at
Greensburg, Ind.

A dau. Rose, single
lives there.

Also a dau Jean m.
Lives there

Anna m. — Lives
in Chicago

Ada m. Will Stewart
Lived at Kingslow
Ind. Both dead
2 children. A
son lives there
(Wife Rose at
Greensburg)

Youngest son of Henry & Maria
Thos. Lovejoy m. Salisbury

3 children:

Louise Thos. Baird.

Lived Denver, Col.

Lillie. Single. Died.

Tom - Lives Kansas.

Owms large farm.

Baldwin, Kansas.

Family Record
of R. C. Rankin Sr's family
Isabella Jane b. Feb. 26, 1848

~~Evelyn~~
Evelyn b. April 7, 1849.

Wm. A. b. Oct. 3, 1850

Almira b. Aug 3, 1852

Alice b. Dec. 25, 1853

Laura b. April 6, 1857

America Harriet b. April 3, 1859

Jessie Benton Fremont b. Oct 8, 1861
m. Wiley Spears, She lives near

Twins { Richard Calvin b. May 11, 1866
Wm. S. Grant b. May 11, 1866

Jessie is Calvin's only sister
living & she lives with her mother
in Denver Colorado. She has the
only picture of Rev. John Rankin

Chalkley - Abstracts from the Records
of Augusta Co. Va. Vol 1 p.

Nov. 1793.

John Young vs. Rankin - Plea
in 1788 m. Mary Rankin, da
of Geo. Rankin. John Rankin
a brother of George. Mary d
1788, leaving one child, a
John Young is married again
25th of May, 1793.

Same Vol. 1 p. 409

March 1796 (Q 15 L.)

"Richard Rankin vs. Austin
of Richmond. - Chancery. Spa
1st June, 1793. Richard had
brother, George, deceased at
of the will."

Same Vol 1. p. 67

Aug. 20, 1755

(465) "James King, servant
George Rankin"

All in Vol. 1, about 2

Same Vol. 2 p. 208.

James Rankin Sr. vs. Robert
Rankin's Representatives - O. S. 2;
N. S. 96 - ~~Bill, 1814. Thomas Rankin~~
~~has removed out of the State, in~~
~~to Anson Bill, 1814.~~

In 1790, orator's brother John died Testate, devising his estate orator and his brother, Robert. Robert died 5th April last, intestate, leaving, Elizabeth, his wife, and three children, viz: Geo. Andrew Russell, and Mary, all infants.

Same Vol II p. 291

1788 - June 10th, Richard 1st and Polly Matthews, d. of Wm. Matthews (consent) witnesses, George Ramsay, John Campbell; sur. John Campbell.

Same Vol. 2 p. 208

Samuel and Joseph Rankin vs. Thomas Rankin, Jacob and John Jr., Lamb - O.S. 272, N.S. 96 - Bill 1814. Thos. Rankin has removed out of the Co. indebted to orators. Thomas, a dau. of John Dickey, dec'd is entitled to a share of his estate.

Vol. 2 p. 176

Seawright vs. Seawright

Ann Rankin, dau. of John

Vol. 2 p. 291

June 1, 1789, Isaac Rankin
m. ~~Ann~~ ^{Ann} Seawright; surety
James Seawright; witness,
John Hall. Same p. 330 - Rev. Wm Wilson
gives date as June 2, 1789.

Vol. 2 p. 343

"April 9, George Poage, of Bath Co.,
and Robert Crawford of Augusta Co.,
sureties. George Poage, and Margaret
Rankin, daughter of the late
Thomas Rankin. Bath County.
I do hereby certify my consent that
my son George obtain a license
to marry Peggy Rankin, dau. of
Thos. Rankin, dec'd., who is
under the guardian care of
Thos. Robt. Crawford of Augusta
County." Dated March 20, 1800.
Wm. Poage (Seal) Teste - Robert
Poage, Wm. Poage Jr.

Same Vol 11 p. 343

1801 - Dec. 15, Armstrong Rankin
and Samuel Ralston, surety.
Armstrong Rankin and Polly
Ralston; dau. of Samuel Ralston
above.

Same Vol. II p. 393

26th March, 1804, Mary Rankin,
administrators of Armstrong R., dec'd.

Same
Vol 11 p. 428

Under "Insolvents and delinquents, 180.
"Armstrong Rankine dead"

Same Vol. 11 p. 295

Edw. Rankin, witness to a will m.
Joseph R., surely.

Same Vol. 11 p. 324

Sept. 23, 1797, Matthew Blair
m. Betsy Rankin, dau. of
Thos. R., dec'd

Same Vol. 11 p. 356 - Rev. Wm.
Wilson reports -

"Sept 21, 1797, Mathew Blair
m. Betsy Rankin."

Same Vol 11 p. 386

— — 1797, Robt. Crawford,
guardian of Peggy Rankin, orphan
of Thos. Rankin.

Vol 11 p. 430

"Tithables 1783; in Captain Givens
and Campbell's Companies, Richard
Rankin, and sons Richard,
Isaac & Joseph, and brothers
James & Robert", & others.

Vol II n. 143

In Davis Infants vs. Berry -

James Rankin became guardian
of the children of Thomas Davis
who d. in Augusta 180 - intestate
leaving widow Lydia, & children,
John, Cinderella, Sarah & Matilda
Davis, infants.

Vol II n. 285

Sept. 5, 1785, John Young m.

Mary Rankin, Surety, James R.

Vol II n. 429

1781 - Thos Rankin listed as a
Tithable

Vol II n. 387 -

— — 1787 - Dittos of Martha
Rankin, ditto of Thos. R.

Vol II n. 475

Major Wm Wilson's declaration
Sept. 25, 1832, was b. Nov. 7, 1745
marched from Staunton to
Pt. Pleasant & into Ohio.

"The company officers were
Capt. Thos. Rankin, etc.

Vol. 2 p. 282. Wm Rankin is witness⁸⁶
to a m. - 1786.

Above are all in Vol. 2

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p. 251

(398) Sept. 18, 1789.

"Admin of estate of Thos.
Rankin, granted Mary &
John Rankin."

p. 403. Donaghe vs. Rankin. -

"I, Hugh Donaghe, of Green
County, North Carolina, to
Isaac Rankin, 28th March,
1789

p. 404 - Nov. 1794

"Henry Spearing vs. Isaac
Rankin. - In 1787, plaintiff
lived in Richmond and
was a shoemaker. Isaac
R. persuaded him to come
to Augusta and his brother
Richard. Wrote April 11th,
1792."

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"David David vs. Isaac R. -
15th July, 1800. 1800 August
abates by plaintiff's death."

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Sept. 1807 (A to Z)

"Isaac Rankin - Commissioner
de Lunatics inquiring!"

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May 18, 1779

(449) Thomas Rankin recom-
mended Captain, vice Robt. Kern
etc. James R. as ensign.

n. 242 - July 19, 1785.

"James Rankin returned
no inhabitant."

n. 246 - July 18, 1786

Recommended as Lieut.
James Rankin etc.

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Oct. 18, 1791

John & Mary R. being at
Adm. de Bonis non
Thos. Rankin, deceased is
granted James Rankin and
Robert Crawford.

n. 272 - March 25, 1785

258 - James R. and others
recommended as Lieut.
in 1st Battalion

n. 278 Nov. 21, 1794

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James R. qualified as
1st Battalion.

n. 405 - John Lamb vs. James
Rankin. - Slander
Writ, 6th March, 1771.

n. 406 1785,
Curry vs. James R.

n. 261

(268) John R's death in war
suit.

n. 271 Dec. 18, 1792

(215) Isaac Wagh, witness
to will of Richard R.,
is dead.

n. 198 - May 19, 1778

(300) Thos. R. not more
"recommended on Com-
mission of the Board".
(J.P.?)

n. 213 May 21, 1780.

(191) Geo. Anderson rises
Ensign in Capt. Thos. R's
Co., & James Sully, as Captain,
etc.

p. 400

Wm Kerr vs. John Dixon

"Wm Rankin is about to
remove to Kentucky, 16th
September, 1789!"

p. 483 - Thos. R. & others vs. ~~com.~~
com. as Justices of
Augusta Co., signed
Thos. Jefferson, Governor,
at Charlottesville, 17th
May, 1781."

All of Vol. I (Vol II, also finished
note - Armstrongs in Augusta 1746 on
Robt. Armstrong's Will 1754. (large family)
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" " p. 198

Reference

Will Bk 8 p. 5 -

"John Crawford's
appraisement taken 15th
June 1792, by John Lewis,
James Rankin, & Wm Craig."

" " 198

Will Bk 8 p. 18 - 11th

May, 1792. Geo. R. will
Proved 18th June, 1792
Ann. Joseph, James et al.

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Will Bk 8 p. 25

Richard R's will, 1st
March, 1788

Proved Dec. Court, 1782

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Will Bk 7 ? p. 277

Geo. Crawford's will

26th Feb 1790

Geo. & Robt. R., witnesses

Same p. 371 (p. 194 of Chalkley
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Dec. 28, 1790 - Elizabeth
Crawford's will

To dau Mary Kinning
in hands of son, John
Crawford & Co.

Same p. 214 (of Chalkley

James Crawford's Est.
appraised by James
Crawford, etc. 375-1778.

" p. 232 of Chalkley

May 10, 1808

William Johnson's
will - wife Jane

James & Robt. Kinning,
Executors. Was Jane
their sister?

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Will Bk No 4 p. 528

Robt. Stephenson's will; Aug. 12
1772 (p 124 Chalkley)

"To 'my Mary Rankin, my
daugh.-in-law'; to grand
children & Mary Rankin."

Will Bk — p. 282

p. 165 (Chalkley)

17th Feb, 1783

Sam. Hamilton's Est.,
appraised by John Rankin
etc.

Same p 490 (p. 173 of Chalkley)

May 12, 1783, John Rankin
witness to Robt. Mills
will

Will Bk. — p. 165

p. 239 (Chalkley)

May 29, 1809, Wm
Robertson's will, identifies
his dau. "Lettice", as wife
of William Rankin.

Will Bk — p 312 (p 235 of Ch)

July 10, 1809, John Hunsy
will: - To 5 daus. viz, in
Margaret Rankin,
lands in Kentucky.

Will Bk p. 142 - No — ?

p. 157 of Chalkley)

Geo. Crawford's Will

July 19, 1779

"To dau. Mary Rankin"

Will Bk — p. 428 (p. 197 Ch.)

April 23, 1791, Jno.

Crawford's Will - Wife Rankin

"To child, if he have one living"

"To Mary Rankin's six children." Proved 20th Dec. 1791.

Will Bk p. 63 - No —

p. 238 (Chalkley)

Jan. 10, 1798 - Wm.

Matthew's Will

"To dau., Mary Rankin"

(Note Index in Chalkley Vol III

p. 209 Refers to Samuel S.

Rankin p. 209. I can't find it.)

All Rankins of importance
in Vol. III.

Armstrong Rankin estate

Hiram R. was administrator

The ^{pers.} estate was appraised &
Sworn to Nov. 3, 1849, before
Thos. Lambert J. P.

The pers. estate was considerable
for that time. It consisted
such items as

Shoemaker tools

4 axes

1 set carpenter's tools

Flat iron

Looking glass

Man's saddle

2 pairs pothooks

Butcher knife

Mirror

Sugar bowl

Teapot

pepper box, butter plate,

Sheep shear.

Stand Table

Breakfast "

2 kitchen "

Coffee mill

oil cloth

Big wheel

Flax "

1 - 18 gallon kettle

1 - 12 "

"

36 lb. of Roles 30¢ per pound

6 sheets at \$1.00 (all)

Bed spread 1.00

7 pillars & ticks \$2.50

1 man's saddle

1 woman's "

1 lot of cotton

17 head of sheep

1 small yoke, sleigh, etc

4 yearlings

1 - 3 yr. old heifer

3 horses 20, 35 & 20.

1 cow

1 Bay mare \$40

43 head of hogs \$1.00.

1 lot of flax

2 fields corn, pumpkins, etc

Several hay & oat stacks

1 Bell, candle molds, etc

1 check reel

Candle stick

Spythe & cradle

iron last

lot of leather

75.

Armstrong Rankin pers. property
was sold by Hiram R., ~~Co~~
Nov. 10th & 12th, 1849.

Among the bidders were

Wm J. Rankin
Thomson Lambert

John Kelly

Allen Wilson

Salmon "

Martha Payne.

Wm. Lunsford

Thos. Lambert

Patrick Wilson

Wilson Clark

Corneli " (Cornelius C.)

Abner Willey

John Payne

Joseph Wilson

Wilson Clark

Mathew Payne

Jonathan Lambert

Hiram Rankin

Uriah Payne

Total of \$889 charged
to the Administrator.

The appraisers allowed the minor children under \$15,

Thompson Rankin \$4.00

Barnett "

Liana A. "

James Louder "

When collected

See Administration Record
no. 3 p. 171 for settlement of above
neither Middleton Freeland
nor Peter Spears in this
volume (3.)

In the will of James
Sperry 1842, Nancy
Sperry is named as a
daugh. & wife of Isaac Lambert
& ^{the} father also of James Sperry.

Susana Lambert in her
will Sept 26, 1844, gives every
thing to her dau Priscilla
wife of and her husband
Stephen Chatfield
Elisha B. Green, appt. executor

I have never been able to
ascertain who Susana Lambert

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Settlement in Virginia"

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Vol 1

n. 67 - (465) "James King, servant
of George Rankins" —
Aug. 20, 1755

n. 401 - Nov, 1793

"John Young vs. Rankin.
Plaintiff in 1784 married
Mary Rankin, dau of
George Rankin. Mary died
1788, leaving one child, a
son; John Young is married
again 25th of May, 1793.

n. 409 - "Richard Rankin
vs. Austin & Co. (of Richmond)

March 1796 Chancery, Spa. Dated
(O-Z)

1st June 1793. Richard
had a brother George
deceased at the time of the writ.

Vol 1 p. 403 - "Donaghe vs. Rankin -
 I, Hugh Donaghe
 of Green County, North Carolina,
 to Isaac Rankin 28th March,
 1789."

1 p. 404 - November, 1794

Henry Spearung vs. Isaac
 Rankin - In 1787 plaintiff
 moved to Richmond and
 was a shoemaker. Isaac
 Rankin persuaded him to
 come to Augusta and his
 brother Richard. Writ 11th
 April, 1792."

1 p. 418 - Nov. 1800

"David Lard vs. Isaac
 Rankin. - 15th July, 1800
 1800, August, abated by
 plaintiff's death."

1 p. 424 September, 1807 (A-3.)

"Isaac Rankin. - Commis-
 sion de Lunaticis in-
 quirendo."

Vol. 1 p. 205 - May 18, 1779.

(449) Thomas Rankin recommended Captain, Vice Robert Keirney; Casper Cimmer as 1st First Lieutenant, George Anderson as Second Lieutenant, and James Rankin as Ensign

(1 p. 242 - Zachary F. Estell -
Later of Barboursville)

1 p. 242 July 19, 1785

(139) "James Rankin returned no inhabitant."

1 p. 246 "John Stuart, James (83) Rankin & John Trimble recommended as Lieutenants"

1 p. 267 - John & Mary Rankin being dead, (Court of Oct. 18, 1790) adm. de bonis non of Thomas Rankin deceased, is granted James Rankin, and Robert Crawford."

March 25, 1793.

Vol 272 -

(258) "James Rankin & others
recommended as lieuten-
ants in 2nd Battalion"

Wash & Lee University Library

Bradford - Confederate Portraits by

Bradford p. 91 gives
923.5 Gen. Longstreet's estimate
B799c. on death of Gen. Albert G. Jenkins

Genealogy of Lees - See
Colonial Families of the
United States - Several Volumes

Filson Club Publications
No. 14

The Clay Family -
"Genealogy of the Clays"

The Hites - Be sure to get
this book from above.

929.2 Some Prominent Va.
P.369s Families - Du Bois
v4

It contains - Pocahontas p. 302

929.2 The Garrett Family of
S239g Louisa Va. - Gardner -
A Pamphlet

Life of Pocahontas (Descendants of,
where is in the index)

Continuation of notes from notices
and evidence in File 222 (No 590)
I am repeating from a notice, rather
a deposition, to make sure of the
heirs of Joseph Rankin decd. No
date, but from other papers, it must
have been about 1834, as follows

"Hatch Clark, executor of Joseph
Rankin decd.,
Elizabeth Rankin (widow - F.B.L.)
Abner Rankin
Joshua Rankin
Daniel Rankin
Nancy (Rankin) m. Jacob Harris
was barger (Backward
Margaret and Abraham Fisher
Peffs.
vs.

Samuel Rankin and others,
Defents, etc.
in the Superior Court of
held in Staunton". Quotation correct
except Nancy & Margaret put before
their husbands.

Notes - In a notice directed
to the sheriff of Rockingham Co.,
Richard Rankin, (Jr?) appears to be
a Justice there - April 16, 1833.
It was summons as a witness

A notice dated March 5, 1832,
 directed to sheriff of Monroe
 Co. to summon Thomas and
 Mary Johnston, late Mary
 Rankin, in suit vs. s.d. Tho.
 & others, by Ann Rankin and
 John Seawright admrs, & admrs
 vs. Isaac Rankin, dec'd, James
 Rankin, William Gibson & wife,
 Polly (Rankin?) and Adam
~~George~~ ^{Grove} & wife, etc.

In another notice (1832)
 — ? , James R., Wm. K. R.,
 Gibson, his wife, and James Rankin
 Grove? and wife, were sum-
 moned, as heirs, etc. of
 Isaac Rankin, dec'd.

Aug. 5, 1829, a notice, by
 the exec. of Hugh Bonaghe, &
 and others, George, William
 and James Rankin were summoned
 as legal representatives etc. of
 Isaac Rankin, dec'd, & Joseph
 Rankin. (By this it appears
 that Joseph R. was then living)

March 17, 1831, Hatch Clark
was given as exec. of Jos. Rankin
decd., & the heirs of Isaac
Rankin.

Notice dated May 24, 1827
directed to Marshall of Superior
Court, Staunton, etc. to summon

Samuel Rankin, and
James Rankin, Adam Grove, and
Ann, his wife, William Gibson
and Polly, his wife, heirs
and representatives of Isaac
Rankin, decd.

Richard Rankin,
Armstrong Rankin, heirs at law
of Armstrong Rankin, decd.,
which said Richard Rankin
and Armstrong Rankin were
heirs of George Rankin (decd.)
in this Geo. R's will. I believe
I have one showing he gave
estate to them - check
the other heirs and reps. of
Geo. Rankin, decd.!

Sept. 9, 1820, in notice to
Joseph Rankin, by Geo. Rankin
James Rankin, William & Polly
Gibson, Adam & Ann Grove were

105.

March 4, 1831, Samuel R. serves
notice, etc on Ann Rankin,
George Rankin, James Rankin,
Adam and Ann Groves, William
and Polly Gibson, that certain
depositions will be taken at
a house in Mt. Sidney, Maryland
County.

John Sawright & Ann Rankin
were adm. & admx of Isaac
R. dec'd.

May 21, 1828, notice on
Joseph R., to answer bill in
chancery against him by

{ George Rankin
Isaac "
William & Polly Gibson
Adam and Ann Groves

heirs & legal rep^s
of Isaac Rankin, dec'd
& John Sawright & Ann
Rankin, admx.
of Isaac R., dec'd, &c

106.

Oct. 8, 1836, the sheriff of
Rockingham Co., commanded
to serve notice on John Rankin
to appear at Stamton, ~~etc~~ ^{etc} to
testify, in case between Joseph
R's repts., etc & Samuel Rankin.
Sheriff stated he served same.

Feb. 6, 1829. Wm. D. Hill,
exec. of Richard R. died was
noticed

March 4, 1831, Sam. R.
serves notice on Elizabeth
& other Rankins, Abner, ~~David~~
Joshua, David, Jacob & Nancy
Harshbarger, and Abner
and Margaret Fisher (whose
I believe have not yet been
named - J. B. L.) to take
depositions of a number
of people, including
Richard & John Rankin
Cordelia Hill, etc.

A notation dated 1842,
shows the death of
Adam Grove & that
Reuben D. Hill was ^{apt.}
guardian of his infant children.

102.

In a report of a survey of the whole 1350 a. tract on Naked Cr. made 1833, the location of the mill is shown near the river & the various residences are shown not far from each other.

Joseph Rankin's house & sawmill are shown

A machine for carding wool
Also Samuel Rankin's house
& some tenants, etc.

The following is a statement made by one of the attorneys for the benefit of the Court. He represented Isaac Rankin

This seems to be a very fair account of the case. It is dated and is about as follows, but not quoted fully. The attorney's name was Alex^r. H. H. Stuart.

In 1778, Richard Rankin Senr., bought a tract of 1300 acres of land from Hugh Donaghe. A controversy having arisen between them in regard to the execution of the contract, Rankin filed his bill in the High Court of Chs. for the execution of the contract. In 1786, a decree was rendered in this cause directing Donaghe to convey the land to Rankin upon receiving the balance of the purchase money which was ascertained to be £.786.

In 1788, Richard Rankin died leaving a will by which he devised this land, subject to the balance of the purchase money to three of his sons, in the following proportions viz:

5 shares to Isaac
2 1/2 shares to George
3 shares to Joseph

After the death of Richard

Rankin (Sr.), the purchase money
not being paid, Henry he brought
suit an action of ejectment to
recover possession of the land
by virtue of his legal title, and
the Rankins enjoined the pro-
ceedings in that suit.

A bill & protracted

litigation ensued between
the Rankins and Henry, the
regard to the payments which
had been made, and also in
reference to an alleged dispute
in the quantity of the same.

All these controversies were
however been ended - Henry
has been paid the balance of
the purchase money, & having
the old matters have no
bearing on the questions now
in issue.

He said Richard Rankin
had also, in his life time pur-
chased another tract of land

containing 500 acres, known as the Wetstone tract, from William Curry and wife, and had caused the said Curry and wife to convey the same to his son Richard Rankin Jr, but with the understanding that he was to hold it in trust for the benefit of the said Richard, Isaac, George, and Joseph Rankin

Richard Rankin & Isaac, George & Joseph were, at that time partners in a store which was kept on the 1300 acre tract of land.

George Rankin being in delicate health & anxious to get rid of the trouble & vexation arising from his responsibility for his share of the debt due to Donaghe, entered into a bargain with his brothers Isaac & Joseph by which he exchanged his interest in the 1300 tract of land and in the store, for their interest in the Wetstone tract.

By this arrangement, Isaac and¹¹¹
Joseph Rankin became the sole
owners of the 1300 acre tract
& George owned three fourths
of the Wetstone tract.

Shortly afterward, George
acquired the interest of his
brother Richard in the Wet
stone land, and thus became
the sole proprietor.

In 1790, George sold the
Wetstone tract to Beal Howard
of Alexandria, and agreed to
take in part payment, a
house and lot which Howard
owned, in Alexandria, & his
bond for the balance. In
part fulfillment of this con-
tract, George Rankin executed
his title bond for the Wetstone
land to Howard, & as the legal
title to the land still re-
mained in Richard Rankin,
virtue of the deed from George
& wife, Richard united with
George in the Title bond to
Howard.

112.

In 1791, George Rankin died, having made his will by which he devised to his brothers Joseph and Samuel Rankin the House and lot in Alexandria which he was to get, in part satisfaction of the price of the Wet-stone land, & bequeathed to his brother, Armstrong Rankin the bonds for the residue.

This will purported to dispose of all George's estate & contained no residuary clause, but the testator has not allude to any interest which he had or might have in the 1300 acre tract.

Some difficulty arising about the execution of the contract with Howard, by consent of all parties interested the contract was rescinded & thereby the Wet-stone tract became the property of Samuel Joseph, and Armstrong.

The contract of exchange between George Rankin, on the one hand, & Isaac and Joseph on the other of George's interest in the store & 1300 track, for Isaac and Joseph's interest in the Wet Stone land, it is believed soon reduced to writing & was in the custody of Isaac Rankin, but he having become deranged, it has been lost or mislaid.

The exclusive possession of that land by Joseph and Isaac - the occupancy and sale of the Wetstone track by George - & the failure of George when he was devising his whole estate, to make any reference to my interest which he might hold in this 1300 acre track, abundantly establish the fact that he had failed with his interest in the 1300 acre track.

During all the time that these controversies were going on, the 1300 acre track

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land remained in the possession of the Rankins. From 1791 to 1794, it was in the exclusive possession of Isaac and Joseph Rankin, ~~and~~ who made a temporary division of the tract, as is contended by Isaac's representatives.

In 1794, Saml Rankin was put into possession of the land which had been allotted to Joseph. Joseph contends that Samuel was a mere tenant at will, whilst Samuel insists that he is proprietor of that part which he holds.

This preliminary history of the title to the property is necessary to enable the Court to understand the present pretensions of the parties, and the questions which are now presented for adjudication.

The Cases now in Court are these.

113.

In 1827, Joseph Rankin's heirs filed the bill setting out the purchase by their (gr.) father from Donaghe - the devise to Isaac, George, and Joseph, and the purchase of George's interest by Joseph and Isaac - alleging that there had been a partition by metes and bounds between them - stating that Sam was a mere tenant at will of his brother Joseph & that he had no beneficial interest in the property.

The bill prayed a ~~partition~~ confirmation of the alleged partition & an interchange of deeds by the heirs of Joseph and Isaac in regard to their respective proportions. The bill also prayed that Samuel might be compelled to surrender possession of the part which he held.

The answer of Isaac's heirs denied that the alleged partition

was final - insisted that - 116.
- was a mere temporary arrange-
ment for the mutual conven-
ience of the parties during
the controversy with Donaghe
and contended for a partition
answ by Coms. & for an
account of the payments
made by each party to-
wards the payment of the
debt to Donaghe.

Sam'l Rankin answered and
denies that he is a mere
tenant at will - denies that
Isaac or Joseph ever pur-
chased the interest of Joseph
in the Naked Creek land -
contends that he himself
became the owner of Joseph's
interest by relinquishing the
legacies which he was en-
titled to under his father's
will to be applied to the
payment of the Donaghe
debt, & claims to hold the
land which he has in posses-
sion, as his own absolute
property.

On 10th April, 1829, Isaac & heirs filed a cross bill, stating out their ground for claiming George's share, & showing that the partitions between Isaac and Joseph could not have been anything more than a mere temporary arrangement, & praying for a fair partition according to the respective rights of the parties

Samuel and the heirs of Joseph answer the cross bill, in affirming the finality of the partition already made & the claims by them respectively set forth in the original suit

The questions now to be decided are four in number viz. 1

1. Did Isaac & Joseph purchase Samuel's interest
2. Was the partition final?
3. Has Samuel Rankin a title to any of the land?

4. Shall there be an account of the payments made to Donaghe by the parties?"

(Note) On first point on addition to circumstances detailed in the pleadings. See Wm. Bateman's deposition. Above is a complete and correct copy. F. B. L.

This case seems finally to have been decided in 1848, by decree in favor of Samuel Rankin after his death - his heirs.

In a deposition of Sam'l Rankin
Taken Nov. 20, 1823, He mentioned
Thomas Rankin as "going away".

Angus
Deed Bk 18 p. 1

First deed to a
Rankin. None to
Richard Sr.

Nov. 18, 1771, Hugh & Elizabeth
Donaho, for £. 100, current money,
Hath granted Bargained, sold,
Aliened released and Confirmed, "in
unto Thomas Rankin 383 a.,
on the head of Buffalo Creek
and Dwers Little Drafts
granted to sd Donaho by
Grant July 7, 1763 & c

Deed Bk 60 p. 498

May 28, 1840, Nicholas C. Kinney, Com.
under decree of Superior Court in
suit of Joseph & Armstrong Rankin
vs. Reuben D. Hill, Exr of Richard
Rankin decd. were heirs &
Elizabeth Rankin Widow of sd
Joseph R., Abner R., Mary
Harshbarger (Jacob) David Rankin,
Peggy Fisher, Joseph R., Wm.
Abraham, Isaac & Sarah.
Jane Rankin, divorced & c

Deed Bk 60 p. 449

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May 15, 1828, George & Sarah
Rankin of Clarke Co., C., for &
deed to James S. Rankin, Ann Wilson,
& Adam Grove, of Augusta Co.
all right of Geo. & Sarah Rankin
in real & pers. property of same
Rankin, de'd. except ~~whatever~~ ^{too much}
money may have been paid
Isaac R. to Hugh Houghton

This shows that

(Or does it)
Isaac Rankin m. Ann Seawright, June 11, 1787
Lived near the mouth of Naked
Creek

Children:

George Rankin m. Sarah

James S. Rankin m. Ketinah

~~Polly~~ Rankin m. Wm. Gibson?

~~Ann~~ Rankin m. Adam Grove

William Rankin m.

By others add.

Various Notes

James Erwin found early here
 Wilson's came as early as 1745
 Patrick Wilson took deed Aug. 19, 1752.
 Many others.

Zachariah F. & Rebecca Esil
 were here as early as 1790,
 many others but he
 seems to have left after 1798
 His last deed made April 17, 1798

James & Mary

Rankin marriages

June 2, 1788, Isaac Rankin
 to Anne Seawright p. 8

June 11, 1788, Richard Rankin
 to Polly Mathews
 Typed list

Buried in Glebe Burying Ground
 Oldest Cem. in Augusta Co

Echenrode War. 5-224

Young, John Capt.

Born March 25, 1737;

Died Dec. 25, 1824.

Shenandoah Pub. House, Strasburg, Va.
 Has. a reprint 1925 of Kerchwald's Hist
 of the Valley

Rankins with names of wives as
shown by Grantor deeds

James & Mary Rankin 1790

William & Lettice 1794

Letty 1799

George & Mary 1811

Heirs of Thomas 1813

See Deed Bk 38 p. 1

Joseph & Elizabeth 1813

Mary 1861 - See 40-379

Mary & George 1816 2d Bk 40-39

Thomas & Peggy 1818-1820 No. 1
Power of Atty - Deed Bk. 45-46

Richard, Elenor et al 47-106

Thomas 1824 47-549

Mary 1826 48-553

Thomas 1826 48-574

George & Sarah 53-453

Joshua & Ann 57-196

James & Nancy to Heir 57-255

James Est to " 57-392

Wm P., Abner G. et al
to David 58-455

David & Jane et al 1837-59-23

Richard Est - to Elizabeth 60-498

Jes. & Sarah 60-499

Abram B & Elizabeth 1840 61-73

Lamel 5 & " 61-380

Armstrong & Amelia A 1843 64-²⁶²~~262~~

Elizabeth et. al 1843-
P. of A. 65-469

Martha, Jane,
Jane, Matthew et al To Geo. { 66-304
66 305

Heirs of James 66-306

Armstrong Amelia A. 1850 { 70-30
70-30

Ruturah heirs 1851 71-108

Isaac & Susanna 1852
Partition 72-247

Samuel Est (By Com. for 72-416-
Others. debt. Hirs not named)

James S. & Kelenah 1842 63-33

Daniel S. & Elizabeth 1841 61-38c

Abner G., et al to David 58-44.

David & Mary F W
David K. & Jos. H. 85-96

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Notes Taken in Public Library -
Seamtown.

Many people served in
Capt. Thomas Rankins Co. in Rev. 1788.
& from Augusta Co. This is
taken from Gwathmey & compiled
in a book privately typed -
Author Mrs. Wm. Way King.

This Library Bldg. was a
gift of Mrs. Fanny Bailey King.
and is very fine.

The following Rankins of
Augusta Co., are listed:

Isaac Rankin	- Capt. Givens Co.
James Rankin Sr.	" " "
John Rankin	" " "
Joseph "	" " "
Richard "	" " "
Robert "	" " "

Thomas Rankin Capt. Augusta
Mil (Militia)

John. Joseph. Mares, Robert,
Samuel, Thomas, Capt. Wm., William
and William (son of Robert) Wallson
all served in the Revolution

See Owen F. Morton - "A Hist of
Rockbridge County" - 1820.

Waddell 180 - Michael Bowyer:
" " Pre - Rev. Soldier
James Brown, Saml

On p. 38 - In typed copy above
are found List of Rev.
Soldiers - copied

From Augusta Co. Records
Echenrode

Mc Callisters Va. Militia
Waddell's Annals of
Augusta Co., etc.

In this is listed as
from the original of
Major John Cornally's &
Capt. Geo. Aston's Roll,
Oct. 7, 1775. (A Simon
Girty was a Lt. in this Co
Members (in part) were:

Wm. Hite

Several Corners Wm, etc
possibly not ours.

In Capt. Connelly's Co. &
Geo. Aslous, Oct. 1775
were

James Mc Ginnis (ours?)
Samuel " (")
Wm. Rankin n. 39 typed
James Wilson (not ours)
Solomon Rankin 40

Listed in no company
Capt. Wm. Cledwin
Capt. David Gray n. 42
John Frasier
James Frasier
Capt. Thos. Rankin n. 40
(no company given)
James Rankin, Ensign 47
Several Regts.

First Mar. Record of Augusta Co.
Va. 1785 - 1813

July 4, 1785 -

Thos. Jackell To Ketersenah
Linnsion, July 4, 1785.

Dec. 17, 1801 - Armstrong Rankin
M. Polly Ralston.
by Rev. Wm. King.

From Partial List of Early
Settlers, etc. by Mrs. W. W. King
March 1935

Public Library Stanton
New Providence Churchyard
McClure

Family 218
Council jour-
nals

Frazier, John
Born 1750
'Sacred to the
Memory of John
Frazier, Who
Departed this life
July 11, 1832
In the 82nd,
year of his age.'

("History of Shepherds Town" is
referred to in above book -
no author given)

This typed book by Mrs.
King gives grave inscriptions
of Rev. Soldiers as in

St. John's Churchyard
"Christian Bunnardner
17- 1795

with Washington, Braddock
Expedition, 1754, Valley
Forge 1788, Lieut 1757

Mary Gabbert, his wife

Many Pages.

p. 52 - In Partial list of
Early settlers, etc

Mrs. W.W. King
Under Dissenter Preachers

"Sacred to the
memory of Rev. Wm.
Wilson, Second pastor
of Augusta Church
Born Aug. 1, 1730; died
December 1835.

(See book - Captives of Abbot Valley)
Where is it?

Waddell p. 278 - Speaks of Capt.
Thos. Rankin.

In "Settlers by the Long Grey Trail", in
Staunton Pub Library, p. 247,
Richard Rankin is listed as
one of the settlers of Harrisonburg,
1785 - This was quoted from
Va. Magazine of Hist - 20 persons
listed as owning lots. Possibly
he didn't settle there after all.

Will Bk VIII

p. 5 - John Crawford's appraisement taken by James Rankin, etc. - June 18, 1792.

Chalkley p. 228

Will Bk - p. 52

James Rankin witness on a will June 23, 1806

Same p. 132 (Chalkley p. 230.)

James R. - witness on a will.

Chalkley p. 232

James & Robt. Rankin were executors of an estate ~~of~~ of Wm. Johnston 1808-9

(Same p. 591 - Peter Lohr mentioned)

" p. 187 - John Rankin's est. appraised March 26, 1790.

" p. 239 - "Lettice" wife of Wm. Rankin was dau of Wm. Robertson.

Chalkley p 235~

Thomas Rankin's wife was
Margaret Hickey, dau of
John Hickey whose will
was dated July 10, 1809 (Hickey's)
She & sisters inherited lands
in Kentucky

" p. 157 Mary Rankin was
a dau. of Geo. Crawford.

At Staunton look for
Zachariah J. Estill

Inornburgs

Rankin

Slaley.

Hisey, etc.

McKendree

Not certain of
any of these.

✓ Richard Rankin 1792 8-25
✓ Isaac ^{George} Rankin Will Bk 8 p. 14-1792

Settlement 11 p. 264 1813

" 15 p. 140-1815

✓ John Rankins Will 1790 7-200

Inventory 7-215

✓ Joseph R. 1804 9 p. 420

✓ James R 1825 (Sel) 15 p. 71

Joseph R 1850 Will 17 p. 278

✓ James R 1822 Sel 18 p. 184

✓ " 1833 19 p. 88

✓ " " 19 p. 360

✓ Joseph 1835 20 p. 334-6

James S 1850 30 p. 22

31 p. 104 & 42

30 p. 26

30 p. 93

31 p. 480 & 109

32 p. 485 & 109

Jane

Staunton, Va. Augusta Co.

I came to Lexington last night. Sat: 1945 (Monday) arrived about 8³⁰ P.M.

Came to Staunton today. Arrived about 10:20 A.M.

Examined first, deed books

Deed Bk 18 p. 1 (First Rankin deed)

Nov. 18, 1771, Hugh & Elizabeth Donaghe, for \$100, deed to Thomas Rankin, 380 a., in Augusta County, "on the head of Buffalo and Divers? Lick Drafts", and granted to the said Hugh Donaghe by patent of July 7, 1763, etc.

(Elizabeth, the wife, being unable to travel, was examined privately & atn. deed later - March 10, 1772.

(Writing in these early records unusually plain)

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Deed Bk 24, p. 341 (First deed to)

Aug. 17, 1784, William and Jane

Curry, (wife) for £100, deeds

to Richard Rankin jr., 400 a.,

deed to Curry by deed of

Thomas Jefferson Esq. Sept. 1, 1780,

"on a tract of Mossy Creek,

and at a place commonly

called the "White Stone", etc.

Deed Bk 24 p. 117

Aug. 3, 1783, Andrew and Elder

Nickell, for £300 current

money of Virginia, deed to

James Rankin, 150 a. "being

part of a grant ^{402 a.} to John

Nickell, deed by Patent

bearing date Feb. 10, 1748,

& said John Nickell by his

last will, etc. devised the

said land to Joseph &

Isaac, his sons, "only

reserving in reversion for

the said Barbara, his widow

her widowhood or natural

life, etc. & all have agreed

jointly to alien and hold

the same to s.d. Andrew Nobel
by deed of mg. 15, 1780,

(above deed quite long. Location
not given)

Many deeds are shown in
Grantor Indexes to various Rankin

To Richard Rankin ~~jr.~~ Dec. 20, 1796,
Deed Bk 27 p 77

To James & Robert Rankin, Sept. 24,
1804 (Deed Bk 32 p 44)

To Richard Rank by Thomas
and Ann Rankin, June 24,
1805 (Deed Bk 33 p 125)

To James ^{sr.} & Robert Rankin
Deed Bk 38 p. 1 & also 3/22/14
" " 38 p. 361 " 1/24/14
" " 39 p. 266 by 8/22/14
James Rankin Jr.

✓ To James & Robert Rankin (Hired)
by George and Mary
Rankin Deed Bk 40 p. 396.
April 22, 1816.

Also to

Thomas Rankin 1823

James " 1823

Joseph " 1825

Joseph Jr. " 1826 & 1827

Joseph " 1829

George " 1832

James et al (Deed Bk. 33

n. 403, by George &

Sarah Rankin.

James Jr. 1833

Armstrong, March 1, 1834
Deed Bk. 56 n. 415

David 1835

" 1835

George by James & Nancy

Rankin Deed Bk 57

n. 255, & another

by Joan Rankin

n. 382 Bk 6-7.

Samuel et al Deed Bk

54 n. 170, Jan. 4,

1838.

Armstrong (60 n. 498)

Feb. 28, 1840.

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See Deed Bk. 60 p. 498 for
certain Rankine heirs

" Deed Bk 60 p. 499

Geo. & Sarah R. to
James S. Rankin et al
March 2, 1840.

Also 60 p. 500 to same

" Deed Bk 61 p. 381

Daniel S. & Elizabeth
Rankin to David R.
1841

" Deed Bk 63 p. 140

to Samuel Rankin

" Deed Bk 64, Armstrong
and Amelia A. Rankin,
to Warren R. Nov. 27, 1840.

" Deed Bk 65 p. 8 -

David & Jane R. to

Armstrong R. July 1, 1840

" " Bk 70 p. 209

Armstrong R.

Rankin granter to 1930. Many.

Oct. 9, 1945
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Rankin vs. Rankin
Chancery File 142, Staunton, Va.

"The answer of Joseph Rankin
to a Bill of Complaint against
him ~~and~~ others in the Staunton
Chancery District Court, by James
Rankin" etc. "with"

"That with regard to the
statements in the plff's bill," etc
in relation to the rents, for
which the plaintiff, and his
son Thomas became responsible,
etc. This deft has no knowledge
except that he became security
for the plff. in the bond
which he executed to the deft
Seavright.

This deft. does not admit or
believe that the plff has any
just claim against the represent-
atives of Isaac Rankin decd., or
against this deft. or any other
person on acct. of the 1300
acres of land on Naked Creek
etc. or in the rents & profits
therefrom.

True that Richard Rankin
plaintiff's father departed this
life in the year 1788 (not 1772)

as in said bill, having first made his will. etc. "whereby he divided the said land to three of his sons, Isaac, this left (Joseph), & George Rankin to wit:

- 5 shares thereof to said Isaac.
- 3 " " to this left (Joseph)
- 2 1/2 " to the said George

Not long after Richard (Sir's) death the 3 above named entered into a contract - between said Isaac, & this left and George, where by George by contract between him & Joseph & Isaac. surrendered all his interest in the land afore said

The circumstances which led to contract are:

The said Richard Rankin purchased said land from Hugh Donaghe in 1778, for price of the purchase money \$900, but a controversy arising over this contract between him & Donaghe, Donaghe refused to make a deed to Richard, a suit was brought by the latter

against the former, in the High Court of Chancery, & a decree was ordered in 1780, by consent of the parties, & Donaghe agreed to make a deed for £1,000 and certain interest thereon.

Richard (Sen.) in his life time had "caused a conveyance" to be made to his son Richard Rankin Jr. by Wm. Curry & wife, for 500 acres called the Wildstone tract, "but in confidence that the said Richard Rankin Junior, would hold the same for the benefit of himself, the said Isaac Rankin, the said George Rankin, and ~~the Rankins~~, this age."

At the same time the sons named Richard Jr., Isaac George, & this age's were "all jointly interested in a share," on the 1300 a. tract.

After the death of Richard Rankin Sen., the bal. of the purchase money owed to the said Donaghe remaining unpaid as afore said, great exertions on the part of the devisees became necessary.

in order to exonerate the
land, &c

George's heart's sad, & he
was unwilling to encumber
the opportunities in which the
property was involved, etc.

Hence, George agreed to give
up his interest in the said Naked
Creek land to the sd. apt.
& Isaac, who undertook the
payment of the purchase money.
also to give up, then his interest
in the store,

& Joseph (apt) & Isaac agreed
& apt (Joseph) and Isaac agreed
to give up to George their
interest in the Wt stone
tract. A dissolution of the
mercantile partnership shortly
followed. between this apt. &
Isaac and Richard. the
stock of goods on hand &
continuing the store, in which
the said George became in-
terested by an arrangement
between him and the said
& the said Richard Jr.
that the latter should give
up to the former his

interest in the said Walsstone tract and receive from the said George, viz said mentioned interest in said store."

George then became entitled to the whole Walsstone tract, and in 1790, sold same to a certain Isaac Howard of Alexandria & received from him in part payment a house and lot in the suburbs of Alexandria (Va.)

In 1791, the legal title of the Walsstone tract still remaining in the said Richard Rankin Jr., he as evidence of the said Geo. Rankin's right thereto, in case a ^{revision} reversal of the contract between said George and said Howard? should take place, executed to the said George, a title bond thereto, the said Richard and the said George having previously entered in a title bond, to the said Howard."

Whereas, The said George Rankin departed this life in the year 1791. (1792 - See Will)

having first made his last will and Testament, a copy of which is given as first answer marked (2), it will be seen therefrom that the said George devised to this defendant, & his brother Samuel, the house and lot which he had obtained from ~~his brother~~ the said Howard, and to his brother, Armstrong Rankin the bond which he held for ^{balance of} the purchase money of the said Watstone tract. The said bond had not been executed by the said Howard, but by his brother-in-law, John Dodson, who refused payment and went off to the western country, taking with him what little property he possessed, & so Howard being in straitened circumstances, viz., there was little or no prospect of receiving the said balance by the purchase money.

Thus situated and the said Howard refusing to make a title for the said house and

For, this defendant thought it most advisable to rescind the contract aforesaid between the said Howard and the said George, & so did so, with the consent of the said Samuel and the said Armstrong.

After this defendant and the said Isaac Rankins by the aforesaid purchase of the said Geo. Rankins interest in the said Naked Creek land, had become entitled to the whole tract, they went on to make certain payments to the said Donaghe on account of the purchase money & to make considerable improvements upon the land. But another controversy arising between them and the said Donaghe, in which the legal title still continued, he instituted an action of ejectment in the Staunton District Court of Law, to recover possession of the land, by reason of which

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This defendant, and the said Isaac were compelled to institute a suit against him in the High Court of Chancery, in the year 1844, in which suit an injunction was granted to restrain him from further proceedings on a judgment which he obtained in the said action of ejectment. The suit thus brought by this def't. the said Isaac, on the division of the High Court of Chancery was removed into this honorable court, in which a decree was rendered in the year 1855 (18) by which the said Donaghe was directed to convey to this def't and the said Isaac, the land aforesaid & (this defendant and the said Isaac after the institution of the suit having made a further payment or payments on account of the purchase money which with their other payments,

exceeded the amount to which the said Honaghe was ~~entitled~~ entitled, the said Honaghe was directed to ~~return~~ to them the surplus

From this move, the said Honighe appealed and the case is now deposing? in the court of appeals.

To a copy of this bill is the suit last mentioned marked Y and a copy of the decree therein marked X, this defendant refers as part of this answer.

This defendant believes, but from the lapse of time, can not be positive, that the contract by which the said George surrendered to the defendant and the said Isaac his interest in the said Naked Creek land was evidenced by some instrument of writing. If such was the fact, as he thinks it was, he has no doubt that such writing came to and remained in

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the possession of the said Isaac. The unfortunate disagreement or mind to which the said Isaac became subject would sufficiently account for the loss or destruction of the papers. In addition to which this defendant is informed and believes that during the continuance of the said Isaac's derangement, his brothers Armstrong and Samuel took possession of his papers for safe keeping and that after his death, the wife of the pff James sent back to Ann Rankin widow and executrix of the said Isaac, a bond on a certain John Campbell, from which it may be inferred that the papers of the said Isaac, or a part of them, came to the hands of the pff James.

But this deft is advised that there are abundant circumstances in this case,

in the absence of any positive evidence, from which the court would infer a surrender by the said George to the deft & the said Isaac, of his interest in the Naked Creek tract of land.

The large amount of purchase money due upon the land, the difficulty and sacrifice of raising it, and the state of the said George's health, constituted a sufficient motive with him for such surrender, & the undertaking of this defendant and the said Isaac to pay off the purchase money furnished in itself, a sufficient consideration. The said George moreover was well apprised of the fact, that this deft, & the said Isaac considered themselves the only proprietors of the land. They have paid up the purchase money, and treated it as theirs. They

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would divide the land between
them, as this defendant thinks,
in the life time of the said
George, or at least shortly
after his death, and yet the
said George, in his life
time did not display nor
did any person claiming under
him since his death until
the institution of this suit,
set up any ~~claim~~ adversary
claim. In the bill filed
by this deft., and the said
Isaac against the said
Donaghe, in the year 1794,
a copy of which is already
exhibited, they state the
fact of their having pur-
chased the interest of the
said George, a fact which
was not denied in that suit,
and which this defendant
never heard denied until
the institution of this suit.

The said George, too, in
his will, although there is
no ? clause, says not
one word of his interest in

in the Naked Creek land, which he could not have forgotten & which he would not have failed to dispose of had he not already disposed of the same. Add to all this, the off himself has on several occasions stated that the said George had surrendered his interest in said land, and has weighed as his only reason for not? setting up his claim that he was hard pressed by the ad —? of said Isaac for rent and knew there was no writing evidencing the surrender afore said.

This defendant denies all fraud, and prays to be ~~there~~ hence dismissed with his costs, etc.

Ingusta County, to wit.

This day, Joseph Rankin made oath etc. Given under my hand this 17th day of June 1823. — W. Bays? (J.P.)

Will Bk 9 p. 420.

July 15, 1804. Joseph Rankin gave
a deed of trust^(?), to ~~Samuel~~ ^{Andrew}
~~Barry~~ ^{Barry}, for 49 pounds &
14 s. 9 pence on a
negro girl^{poorly} & a horse.
The girl 28, the horse,
"a bay horse with a star
in his forehead,"

The "horse five years old
both the girl and the horse
healthy & sound (warranted)

Will Bk 15 p. 71. — 1822

Inventory of Estate of James
Rankin, dec'd.

The first item on this
account was dated
Sept. 14, 1822, & shows
that James Rankin was
a slaveholder, & quite
well to do. That he had
a wife then living.

An item dated
Dec. 10, 1824 — "By paid Mrs.
Rankin for supporting
the family"

(Hence he had children)

Will Bk 18 p. 184

Wm. Clarke one of the Adms. of
James Rankin decd. In acct. etc
1827, 1828, 1830, etc.

Shows James R. hired out
slaves.

His pers. property per
previous acct (Will Bk 15 p. 71.)
shows personal property worth
\$1800 +. Slaves names - Madison
Charley, Reuben, David, Jane,
Jefferson, etc.

Will Bk. 19 p. 88

Jane Rankin; on (March Term 1833.)
gave bond as administratrix
for James Rankin, decd., her
husband. She, & John &
Matthew Rankin (sons?) signed
the bond of \$2000

(Previous records show he died
previous to 1822)

This estate seems not to
have been settled for several
years - Will Bk. 19 p. 360,
sold items as late as Dec^r, 1833
when Wm. Clarke was released
as adm.

Will Bk 20 p. 334-54 336

app. of Joseph Rankin's est. ordered
May 20, 1830. by the court

met at the late dwelling
house of Josepa Rankin, decd.

June 10, 1830

John Conway

John Young

Jas. Campbell.

He had the usual pioneer
furniture - plenty of it -
had Bible Commentary, Clarke's
on Testament, & same on the
Bible, Woods Testimony 2 vols.
755 acres of land (no slaves
listed)

Pers. Property \$672 $81\frac{3}{4}$

Real estate (3 pcs) \$5714

Total

(Add
both)

Elizabeth Rankin (wife bid in
considerable)

David R. was a bidder (son?
or brother?)

Joshua R. was a bidder (son?)

David R. bid in cows, etc.,
hence, lived near.

This sale of pers.
property brought \$629.78

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Appr. of Est. of Robert Rankine (Son of Geo. 1)
Will Bk 12 p. 95

Aug. 28, 1815. Appraised slaves
& pers. property.

Total \$3458.24

Real estate if any not reported
here.

~~Will Bk 10 p. 21 (Robert) Mistake~~

Will Bk 15 p. ^{58.59} 60 & 61.

Shows that Robert & his
brother James Rankine (Sr) held
personal property, in com-
mon, & Robert also, held
considerable in his own right.

Will Bk 16 p. 58.

Inv. of his pers. property
sold Sept. 29, 1815

Capt. James Rankine was
purchaser of many items.
(Was he a Rev. Soldier?
No doubt he was the
brother referred to above.)

Will Bk ~~10~~ 15 p. 60

Lists property held
in common

Sold at public auction
Sept. 29, 1815

It seems there was much trouble
in making settlement with Capt. James R.

hence, the estate was not fully
settled until 1825, possibly as
late as 1829, or later

Will Rev 17 p. 22

Dec. 20, 1829, gives a list of
slaves belonging to estate
of Robt. Rankin with
values. They amounted
to \$2971.57

Widow's dower was \$990.55

Check
"two"

"~~for~~ 1/2 be divided between two
children and will give to each
\$990.55.

"At the request of Elizabeth
Rankin, the widow of the
said Robert Rankin decd.,
George Rankin and William
Berry (who has intermarried
with Mary Ann Rankin, a
sister of the said Robert)
we have valued the slaves
belonging to the said Robert
Rankin estate as above and
made the following division
of them among the widow and
his heirs, the said George and
Mary Ann. Andrew Rankin, a
son and heir of the said
Robert Rankin, decd. having

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departed this life intestate & unmarried,
his mother, the said widow became
entitled to a share of his interest
in the said estate, but she declaring
that she has no wish to hold that
portion to which she has thus
become entitled to, we have allotted
to her one third of the whole
number of slaves (or rather that
proportion of their value) belonging
to the said estate, for her dower
therein, and divided the others
equally between the two surviving
children, the said George Rankin
and Mary Ann Barry."

To Elizabeth Rankin, the
widow of Robert Rankin dec'd.,
we allot the following slaves
as her dower in that part of
the estate, viz. viz. (Names
of slaves given.)

William Barry was named
as husband of Mary Ann Barry

There were some old negroes
of little value. These were
sold to lowest bidder among
the heirs & William Barry
bid them in for \$100 &
this was equalized at \$33.33
each to widow & heirs.

Will Bk. 29, p. 409.

Inv. of property sold on the
20th day of May, 1849, by
Wm H. Hartman, Trustee
under a deed of Trust executed
to him by Gamuel Rankin
on the 2nd day of June 1846
and recorded in the County
Court of Ingalls County,
for the benefit of Hugh M?
Jeffrey.

Property

One 2-story brick house
and lot of $\frac{1}{2}$ a., in
the town of Mt. Sidney
known in the plat
of said town as Lot No.
10. 17.

Purchaser

Bing. Miller \$227.

A prior lien was
paid from proceeds of
\$78.12

Will Bk. 28 p 400.

Samuel Rankin Decd. Sale Bill
 & apprs.
 May Term, 1848

The order from the court
 was given March 27, 1848.

He had considerable pers. property.

Wolf trap

among those bedding were

The widow Rankin

James Rankin

Recorded May Term 1848

Will Bk 30 p. 10.

David Vanpelt, Adm. of est. of
 Sam. R., decd., etc. 1848

First item is

No 1. By J. S. Rankins order,
 (Probably his son . 66¢

No 13 - Rubin H. Hills fee
 for motion to court, etc.

Estate finally settled 1850.

Widow owed a bond
 which seems not to have

Will Bk. 30 p. 65 been collected by Adm.

March
 term
 1848

David Vanpelt, John Roberts &
 Wm. H. Hill gave bond for David
 Vanpelt as adm.

Will Bk 7 p. 137

appr. of Thos. Rankine Estate
(he died) by John Craig, William
Craig & John Livens.

Returned & recorded April 21, 1789.

He held slaves & a small
amount of pers. property

Will Bk 7 p. 453

Ines. Oct. 18, 1792, app. of
est. of Thomas Rankin, died
5 slaves

Several horses & other stock.

Wheat, other grain, fodder
hemp. Wm Craig

James .1

John Livens

Will Bk 9 p. 383

Appr. of Armstrong Rankine.

Will Bk 18 p. 265

Armstrong Rankin 1832

Augusta Co. May Term 1832.

"Augusta County to wit

I do hereby certify that I administer the several oaths required by law to Armstrong Rankin who has been commissioned a Captain in the Thirty Second Infantry, Seventh Brigade and Third Division, and to rank as from the fifth of this present month, March 31, 1831. Given under my hand. S. M. Cochran.

Recd. ^{may} 5

Will Bk 2 p. 375 & 431 (with bond 375-6-7-3p)

Will of Geo. Rankin

Jan. 26, 1760. (Fine writing & very plain & black)

Weak in body, but perfect memory

To beloved wife Martha Rankin

1/3 of the Plantation while she remains unmarried, but otherwise to son Thomas also to wife a child's part of all the movables I now possess.

To son Thos. child's part, etc.

To son Wm., middle part of plantation & child's part

To son John, Lower third of plantation & child's part

To son James, child's part & £20

To son Robert. " " "

To dau Jean " " & £10

To dau. Mary " " & £5.

Also 5 pounds more to be divided equally of the Parts left by me to my sons William & John as

the executor shall think best fit. Also appr. that the Plantation with proper instruments for tillage be undivided, till the children is of age, for benefit of family & educ. of younger children & if 3 or more sons die before of age, that estate to be equally divided between younger sons. James & Robert, etc.

Is this Isaac? Check date
Will Bk 17 p. ~~360~~ 264 Isaac
Settlement of Est. of ~~Samuel~~ Rankin
died, Settlement with admin.
March 8, 1813 \$14.07
This was costs only

Will Bk 15 p. 140
This estate was settled in 1825;
but certain credits paid run
each year from 1810, so
he probably died about that
time

The commissions (1825) state
that he had no personal property,
but that he had rents coming
from his lands.

Thos. Rankin (his bro.) seems
to have collected his rents,
made repairs, paid for funeral, &c.
His funeral cost \$60, but rents
were considerable. Widow
survived him.

James S. Rankin was paid
some, & Ann R. (wife) con-
siderable - \$100 at one time \$6.05,
another & smaller sums.

Mrs. Armstrong R. was paid
at one time \$1063.33 $\frac{1}{3}$ &
Pd. Shaver for heirs of Isaac R. \$25.

Pd. Samuel Rankin \$50.59

Tax 1822-1823 \$12⁵⁰

Pd. drink for copy Richard
Rankin's wine. -75

Pd hails for digging
grave - Rankins 2⁰⁰

Self. recorded Merca Term 1825

Inv. & Appraisal of Geo. Rankins pers.
est. Will Bk 2 p. 431, (1

Nov. 19, 1760 (Date of Record

Shows he had much stock

English money used. No slaves

shown, but another record
(court record?)

Shows at least 1 "servant."

Will Bk 2 p. 332

Will of John ^{Bunnearner} Bunnearner
Bunnearner

March 22, 1751,

Wife probably dead

Sons John (Plantation
& improvements on
which I live with
half of land belong
ing to it

Other half To my son
Christian? (Christian?)

They to pay his 3 daus
Mary. Elizabeth, & Modley (Molly)

Sons to pay out
one equal part in
Cattle, household goods
or money
2 sons to be put
to school, till
they can read & write
etc.

Angusta Co. Seamlon
Death Records (1853-)
Very few found but numbered
consecutively.

No. 2388- John B. Rankin Jr. d.
July 18, 1861, at 20-6-14.
of fever, son of
John B. & Elizabeth
Rankin, Rep't by
Daniel J. Link, bro-
in-law.

No 4326- Mrs. Jane Rankin d.
April 16, 1864, at home,
at 48. dau. of James
and Mrs. ? Ford?
David Rankin, Consort.

No 5476- George Rankin d. Oct. 28, 1871,
near New Hope, of Consump-
tion, son of Thomas &
Margaret Rankin, Farm

No 5726 - Isaac S. Rankin, d. - or Rankin? - OK.
Sept 15, of wear of
stomach, at 42-3-5.

all to 1875, except one child
which I did not copy.

Early Rankin deeds as per dates taken
grantees

Thomas Rankin (1st deed) & Mary Rankin
Nov. 20, 1771.

James Rankin
Aug 23, 1783

Richard Jr.
Aug. 17, 1784

James Sr & } March 22, 1813
Robert }

Thos. April 30, 1821

Joseph May 1825

Joseph Jr Aug. 14, 1826

George April 1832

Joseph July 1, 1829

James et al from
Geo. & Sarah R. May 183.

Armstrong (Jr) March 1, 1834

David R. from John & Eliza. M. R.
Jan. 1835

" from Joshua & Ann R. - 1835

George R. from James & Nancy R.
1835

George from John R. 1836.

Armstrong - Last deed to 1850.

many others to 1930 - Last one.

For Rankin Grantees
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Rankin Grantors.

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Armstrong & Amelia A. Rankin

made last deed 1875, Sept. 18

Last Rankin deed made 1930 - " 2

Augusta Co.

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Chancery File 222

1849. Isaac Rankin's Heirs
vs. Joseph Rankin Heirs

The evidence in this case shows
following as heirs of ~~Isaac~~^{Geo.} Rankin
to be, at that time

Samuel Rankin

David Rankin

Abner G. "

Elizabeth "

Hatch Clark, Exec.

Above were defendants at
the suit of Ann Rankin, Geo.
Rankin, James Rankin, Adam
Rankin, George Rankin, and
Ann, his wife

William Gibson and Polly
(Rankin?), his wife, heirs &
Representatives of Isaac Rankin, dec'd

The Defs appeared at the
Tavern of Michael Hise, Town of
Mt. Sidney, Monday, 11th Day
of April, 1831.

Samuel Rankin, Defendant ques-
tioned 1st, Henry May.

The controversy seemed to be over
the value of the N. part of the
land & the S. part. This witness
brought N. valued twice the S.
acre for acre. on N. or S. side of
creek - Naked Cr.

Isaac R's heirs lived on N. side
of creek.

Under date of April 11, 1831,
in the Bill, the style of
suit was Hatch Clark, exec.
of Joseph Rankin dec'd, Elizabeth
Rankin, Abner Rankin, David
Rankin. ~~Joseph~~ Josina Rankin,
Jacob Harshbarger and Nancy,
his wife, Abraham Fisher &
Margaret, his wife Pff. vs.
Samuel Rankin and other
defendants in the Superior
Court of Chancery held in
Staunton.

Samuel Rankin def. asked Rev.
William Wilson about his marriage
date etc. The Reply: I recollect
the time and the place when &
where you were married but for greater
certainty, I took an abstract from
my M. Register this morning. - It
says Oct. 9, 1794, celebrated the rites
of matrimony of Samuel Rankin &
Jean Ragout.

Rankin asked him if he had not ^{169.}
reason to believe he had always lived
there since that. He replied he
had always found him there.

Question - Did you ever know
Jos. R. to have an interest
in a store there?

Ans. - I always found Richard
in the store, not doubting
others might be interested in it.

Joseph & Isaac were brothers as
stated herein & Rev. Wilson had
a joint note & assisted Joseph's
ability to pay it & told Isaac
so.

It seems Richard R. Sr. owed
on the land & some of family
undertook to pay off the debt. Mr.
Wilson thought all the family
were trying to pay the debt.

Samuel asked Wilson if he ever
knew Isaac or Joseph to make
claim to land on which he
resided. Answer, in effect - He
never heard Isaac do so, but
seemed to recollect hearing Joseph
say he did.

Rev. Wilson stated he had
known the family ever since they
came to this country - 50 yrs or
more. They belonged to his church
& he was at death of the old

Genl. (General?) (Gentleman?)

I think Isaac has occupied that land 30 years, or more.

Did not Sam. R. admit that he first settled at a small house near the saw mill after he was married? Answer -

He did say he settled at that house for 2-3 weeks.

Who built the saw mill on the land in question? I didn't know, but always considered it Joseph's.

Halck Clark asks Wilson whether he hasn't known Sam. R. to get himself out of jail frequently by taking an oath of insolvency?

Clark infers that Samuel R. is deeply involved & that if his title had been good, his creditors would have taken the land. Wilson says he had a lot of energy & ingenuity & would have held on longer than most men.

Rev. Wilson considered Sam honest in spite of debts, etc.

Another witness Hugh Glenn said he never knew of Jos. R. claiming the land, neither did Isaac.

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It seems that Samuel, Isaac, & Joseph
R. all lived on the Richard R.
land.

The saw mill was at the mouth
of the creek. (Naked Creek. I couldn't
locate it - F.B.L.)
Isaac's heirs occupy the N. side
of the creek - 400 a.

Joseph's heirs - 800 a - South side
with a little part on N. side
near the mouth & includes
where Samuel R. lives.

I'd rather own where Isaac's
heirs live

Jos. R. owned the saw mill.
No one else.

The witness admits Samuel R.
has been much in debt. —

If a legal title had vested in
Samuel, witness thinks creditors would
have taken it long ago.

Frederick Galloway. another witness
thinks he came here 1802. Mill
already built. Thinks heirs of
Isaac's land worth more than
all of Samuel or Joseph's.
Witness always understood
that Jos. Rankin always claimed
the lands whereon Samuel R.
resided. & understands Joseph
as security for Samuel was sold
out once or twice

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Last witness thinks Joseph was friendly
unusually so in early years to Samuel
but in last 10 years or so after
having to pay so many debts he cooled
somewhat.

In a summons issued in this
case, May 4, 1829.

James A. Frazer & Martha, his wife

Wm. G. Dudley & Nancy, his wife

Reuben G. Hill and Elizabeth, " "

Gabriel J. Hill & Mary, " "

Heirs & legal represent-
atives of Richard Rankin, dec'd.

Armstrong & Samuel Rankin

Thos. Johnston & Mary, his

wife, late Mary Rankin

the legal heirs of

Rachel Gibson formerly

Rachel Rankin,

the legal heirs of John
Rankin dec'd, Richard,

John & Thomas Rankin

Isaac Farrow & Anne,
his wife,

Edward Mooney & Nancy, his
wife

Wm. Silling & Polly, his wife

John Harshbarger & Rachel,
his wife,

Samuel Richardson & Peggy

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his wife, heirs & Representatives of
James Rankin dec'd.

Ordered To appear at court
at Staunton (Sup. Ct. of Chancery
holden at Staunton to
answer

Ann Rankin, Adm'x. & John
Seawright, Admor. of Isaac R.
dec'd, George & Jos. Rankin,
Wm. Gibson & Polly, his wife, &
Adam Grove and Ann, his wife,
representatives of said Isaac.

Deposition of John Nichol
Says he heard Sam. R. say the
land he now lives on belonged
to Jos. Rankin. Says in working
about the mill, he cut a tree
by mistake & Sam said so, but
since Joseph's death, Samuel
claimed it

John Seawright swears: Says he
know Jos. & Samuel, till ~~Joe~~ from
1801 till Joseph's death & with
Samuel till present time.
The saw mill had burned but
was rebuilt in 1801.

Asked how long he had known James Rankin's son John - said he knew his family from 1801, but not John since 1808. I judge John to be about 36 now. (Witness made at a division said to have been made between Joseph & Isaac, but says John would not have known of it - too young. & was considered a bad boy 1808-1811)

Witness stated various Rankins were very lenient with each other until they got into so many law suits, then different.