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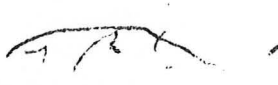
Barboursville, W. Va. Dec.31, 1948.

Dear John:

New Year is just around the corner. So are taxes and death. If you will insure me against death, I'll promise not to grumble about the taxes. At any rate I have an idea. I am going to suggest that you go down to Morgans, Inc., on Fourth Avenue above Tenth Street and buy you some a c c o binders to fit the sheet on which this is written. Use 20# paper like this at about \$2.30 for 500 sheets, and you will have a book that will last about as long as a regular bound volume. You will have to have it punched. I can get this done at 25%. It might cost you 50%. I can also save on binder and paper, as I get all at wholesale.

Now, spend a lot of your spare time writing your personal recollections of each and every member of our families beginning when you were quite young and bringing it up to date. I have a very good account of the Lamberts, Goff, etc., and I think we should prepare copies for each member of our families. We can't stay here much longer. You are 71 or 72, I believe. I will be 76 on May 16. You can tell the story as it is without any glossing over.

I was over in Bedford County, Va. some months ago, and got much of the back history of Ma's grandfather, Jeremiah Goff. She was not even certain of his name. She and a cousin in the west, a man named Sowards, thought his name was Jeremiah, but neither was certain it was and I cleared up most of the story. He had come west for a load of salt from the salt wells above Charleston. He had a wagon drawn by horses, I judge, and a slave. He was killed on the way back by a barrel of salt rolling over him or by the wagon turning over, I don't know which. His people accused the slave of killing him.



I believe it was an accident. The family consisting of the mother (Ma's grandmother) and four to six children--boys and girls--came through Guyandotte in the early 1830s and settled on Paddy's Creek, back of Rome, Ohio, where we used to live. I have about all that is known of the family and their descendants.

Our grandmother was one of them. She was named Sarah M. Goff and was grandfather's second wife. He married both times in Lawrence County, O. His first wife (m. about 1840 or 41) was a Brown. This blew up somehow, and about 1845 he married Sarah M (?) Goff, our grandmother. I have both records somewhere. They are recorded at Ironton.

Records in Bedford show that Jeremiah Goff was the son of Joseph and Lucy Goff, of Bedford County. There were several brothers and some Goffs are there yet. Most of them lived on the waters of Elk Creek.

Joseph Goff made his will in 1817. It was not probated until Dec. 28, 1818, so he must have been sick when he made his will, and died probably in December, 1818. He had several children some of whom I couldn't read well enough to be sure of their names, but most of them were mentioned later and can be discovered in that way.

The children were John Goff, Fanny, Elizabeth, Ruth, Nancy Jamima, Rody and Lucy.

He mentioned Jeremiah last, gave him 196 acres, his home farm, I don't know about other land, and "also my wagon." Some of the girls, and maybe John Goff were married.

Besides other property, Joseph Goff owned about ten slaves valued from \$1,000.00 down to one girl at \$175.00 His total property was \$4954.44.

Jeremiah Goff made no will. He wasn't figuring on death.

His small estate--personal-- was sold Feb. 9, 1821. It amounted to only \$35.51 $\frac{1}{2}$ at that time. It finally amounted to \$80.51 on settlement made Dec. 27, 1854. I don't know what became of his land. I know we never got it.

Lucy Goff's estate was settled in 1833. I presume this was Joseph Goff's wife, our great great grandmother. Her estate was appraised in 1832.

Leonard Goff's estate was settled in 1773. He had bought land there in 1769. Some of the younger set were, or was named for him. As he was the first to come there, he undoubtedly was our great great great grandfather.

The Goffs, I feel certain, were German. They must have come quite early into Pennsylvania, and drifted south to Bedford County.

No doubt I could trace them further if I had money and time to do it.

I have a copy of Jeremiah Goff's marriage bond. It shows that he married Pocahontas Goff. There is no question but what she was our great grandmother. While I was in Washington, D.C. I went into the National Archives and checked the Goffs in the various census reports. I found her name in the 1840 census, if I remember correctly. If so, she died before 1850, as I believe she was not listed in it.

There are many Goff marriages in Bedford County and some not our group (but no doubt related) in Botetourt County. There were Goffs in Harrison County, also, and one was U. S. Senator a few years ago. I judge all the early ones came from Germany via Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Goff married Pocahontas (Wals?) May 17, 1806.

Now, for an interesting side story. I was in Richmond a year or two ago and found the names of Abraham Goff and Zechariah Goff as serving in the Revolutionary War.

Naturally, I concluded they were some of our early relatives, possibly ancestors. Recently I wrote to Washington asking the cost of photostatic copies of all their pension papers.

The reply stated they were "free men of color". I looked in the glass, but didn't see anything resembling a mulatto. I then looked at your picture and could only see a little. I concluded if there was any it had been bred out.

This left me in a quandary. The National Archives wrote me they would send me cost of copies of records if I wished.

It might be these would tell more about these early Goffs. These "free men of color" evidently had been freed by their master (some of the early Goffs) for meritorious service.

Since I have already been at great expense, I wonder whether you wouldn't be willing to order them. They might or might not help.

Very truly,

F B Lambert

Many other Goff marriages are recorded in Bedford County.

BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

GOFF DATA.

By Jane E. Smith,
1949.

MARRIAGE BONDS.

- Oct. 31, 1782 John Goff married Priscilla Standley.
- Feb. 13, 1796 John Goff, Jr. married Fanny Tennison,
Samuel Stanley surety.
- Jul. 25, 1798 Abram Goff married Sally Ruff,
John Mann & Richard Moss, sureties.
- May 19, 1800 John Goff married Sebia Halley,
Daughter of Francis.
- Dec. 21, 1802 John Goff married Patsy Goff,
Daughter of John.
- May 17, 1806 Jeremiah Goff married Pokehunters Wals,
David George surety.
- Mar. 29, 1810 Archibald Goff married Polly Harrison,
Daughter of Battalle & Pasy.
- Feb. 25, 1811 McGhee Goff married Vinea Wilkerson,
Daughter of Susaner Thomas.
- ✓ Aug. 22, 1814 Aaron Goff married Rhoda Goff,
Consent of Joseph & Lucy Goff.
- ✓ Oct. 26, 1819 Leonard Goff married Nancy Harrison,
Daughter of Battel.
- Dec. 6, 1821 Joseph Goff married Patience Parker,
Benjamin Goff surety.
- Aug. 21, 1826 John Goff, Jr. married Harriet Doley,
Daughter of John.
- Oct. 26, 1829 Benjamin Goff married Sally Harris,
Daughter of James.
- Dec. 1, 1830 Henry Goff married Polly Jackson,
Wasalington Jackson, surety.
- Nov. 23, 1831 John H. Goff married Nancy Lacks,
Daughter of William & son of Archibald.
- Oct. 2, 1833 James Goff married Mary Harris,
Daughter of James.
- Nov. 4, 1841 Joel Goff married Minerva Lewis Parker,
James M. Parker, surety.

- Nov. 3, 1849 James D. Goff married Mary E. Rider,
Daughter of John.
- Dec. 28, 1868 Hezekiah Goff married Martha Wilkerson,
(license)
- ✓ Aug. 14, 1797 Lucy Goff married Peter Hunter,
Consent of Joseph Goff.
- ✓ May 22, 1799 Elizabeth Goff married Philip Burford,
Daughter of Joseph.
- ✓ Oct. 9, 1799 Nancy Goff married Isaac Wright,
Daughter of Joseph.
Goff
- ✓ Feb. 24, 1800 Ruth A. Goff married Thomas Frith,
Daughter of Joseph.
- Nov. 3, 1801 Clary Goff married Isham Percy,
Ambrose Goff, surety.
- Jan. 19, 1802 Elizabeth Goff married Joseph Reid,
Ambrose Goff, surety.
- Dec. 21, 1802 Patsy Goff married John Goff,
daughter of John.
- June 18, 1803 Polly Goff married Isham Percy,
Daughter of Ambros.
- Nov. 24, 1803 Susanna Goff married John Newman.
- ✓ May 9, 1804 Mima Goff married John Carter,
Consent of Joseph Goff.
- Apr. 15, 1806 Jencey Goff married Ezra or Ira Parker,
Son of James.
- June 5, 1806 Sally Goff married John Callaham,
Daughter of Ambrose.
- Aug. 25, 1806 Sarah Goff married Andrew McKeachey,
Daughter of John, Sr.
- ✓ Aug. 22, 1814 Rhoda Goff married Aaron Goff,
Consent of Joseph & Lucy Goff.
- Dec. 21, 1818 Elizabeth Goff married Christopher Tolly,
Daughter of John.
- Feb. 5, 1821 Matilda Goff married Ezekiel Blair or Blare,
Daughter of Abram.
- Oct. 18, 1827 Elcy Goff married Joseph Scott,
Sam Goff, surety.
- Mar. 6, 1830 Mary H. Goff married Henry V. Oldhausen,
Daughter of John.

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Jan. 18, 1831 Nancy Goff married Edmund Wade,
Jordan Sledd, surety.

Aug. 10, 1835 Priscilla Goff married Samuel Tolly,
Daughter of Priscilla.

Dec. 14, 1840 Ann Eliza Goff married Christopher Markham,
Son of Nathaniel, daughter of Archibald.

Jan. 2, 1842 Melina Goff married William Campbell,
Daughter of Archibald.

July 21, 1846 Frances Goff married Samuel Norcross,
Daughter of Archibald.

Apr. 21, 1847 Nancy Goff married Richard Freeman,
John J. Carvin, surety.

Dec. 19, 1849 Lucy Goff married Andrew F. Spence,
Daughter of Archibald.

Dec. 4, 1851 Sarah A. Goff married John W. Parker.

Sept. 2, 1864 Lucy Ann married Marion L. Humphrey.
(License.)

X WILL BOOKS.

W.B. 1, page 194. Inventory and appraisement of estate of
Leonard Goff with John Woodrooff, Admr.
Appraisers: James Rucker, John Wright
& Thomas Merritt. Recorded Aug. 23, 1773.

W.B. 1, page 199. Account of Estate of Leonard Goff, persons
named in account: Samuel Crockett, David
Crews, Thomas Merritt, Thomas Staton, John
Goff, Cornelius Noill, Jas. Taylor, William
Goff, David Wright, Saml. Baughan, John Lewis
Davies, "Widow Goff, Abraham North "to crying
the Estate in Bed ord and Anherst Counties."
Recorded, 1773.

W.B.5, page 47. Will of Joseph Goff, dated ____ 1817, names
"wife Lucy, whole pesions", John Goff, Fanny
Goff, Eliseth _____, Nancy Wright, Janina
Baber, dau. Rody Goff, Lucy Hunter, son Jere-
miah. Witnesses: William H. Anderson, Peggy
Anderson & Pleasant Canady. Peter Hunter appt.
& qual. as Executor. Recorded Dec. 28, 1818.

W.B.6, page 6. List of Sales of Jeremiah Goff dated Feb. 9, 1821,
Buyers: Richard Davis & Co., Thos. McManahan.
Richard Davis, Admr. Recorded ____ 1823.

- W. B. 6, page 201. Settlement of account of Jeremiah Goff, with Richard Davis, Admr. Comrs. Edwd. Gwathkins, Samuel Hobson & Th. Sale. Filed Dec. 27, 1824 and recorded March 28, 1825.
- W.B.7, page 330. Inventory and appraisement of John Goff, where Richard Davis was appointed Committee. Value of estate \$112.38. Recorded April 26, 1830.
- W.B.8, page 90 List & Inventory of John Goff with Th. Sale, Executor. Appraisers: William A. White, Jas. Sledd & David Douglas. Value of estate \$1057.75. Recorded May 28, 1832.
- W.B.8, page 107. Settlement of Estate of John Goff, decd, with Richard Davis, Comte. "Cost of Warrent against Joseph Goff". Jos. Wilson, Comm.B.C. Recorded Aug. 29, 1832.
- W.B.8, page 108 Settlement of Estate of Joseph Goff, decd. with Thomas Sale, Curator. Jos. Wilson Comr.B.C. Recorded Aug. 29, 1832.
- W.B.8, page 171. Inventory & appraisement of Lucy Goff, decd, Appraisers: John H. Wright, Benj. N. Robinson, James Goodman. Recorded March 25, 1833.
- W.B.9, page 5. Will of John Goff, Sr. dated April 19, 1827, names the following, wife, Pressella Goff, sons Benjamin Goff, Joseph Goff, Archibald ~~Goff~~ Goff, Leonard Goff, John M. Goff, Christopher Goff, daus. Elizabeth Tolley, Nancy Goff, Pressella Goff; John Goff, Martha Goff, Sally Goff, Jincy Parker, Sally Mechath. Appoints Major Thos. Sale, George Stanley, Exors. Witnesses: Joseph Crews, Wm. Thomas & John Tolley. Recorded April 24, 1831.
- W.B.9, page 36 Settlement of Estate of Joseph Goff, decd. with Peter Hunter, Exor, names the following: T. Frith, Isaac Wright, John Goff, Zachariah Goff, Aaron Goff, Jas. Wilson, Lucy Goff. Comrs. Nelson A. Thompson, Uriah Hatcher & Henry Hatcher. Recorded March 23, 1835.

DEED BOOKS.

- D.B. 3, page 379. Deed from Leonard & Hester Ballow to Leonard Goff, dated Nov. 28, 1769, both of Bedford Co conveying 150 acres on Elk Creek. Recorded, 1769.
- D.B.4, page 157. Deed from William Handy & Betty, his wife, to Joseph Goff, of Bedford Co. for 20 lbs. dated Sept. 24, 1771, conveying 67 acres on Elk Cr. Witnesses: Leonard Goff, James Williamson, Thomas Manion. Recorded Sept. 24, 1771.

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- D.B. 4. pl 157. William & Betty Handy to Joseph Goff of Bedford Co. dated Sept 24, 1771, conveying 100 acres on Elk Creek and Johnson's Mtn. Wits: Leonard Goff, Jas. Wmson & Thomas Manion. Recorded Sept. 24, 1771.
- D.B.4, p. 460. Deed from Leonard Goff of Bedford Co. to Thomas Merrett, dated Nov. 23, 1772, for 70 lbs. conveying 100 acres on Elk Creek. Wits: Chas. Lynch, Charles Ballow, John Campbell, Ben: Trum & David Crews. Recorded Jan. 25, 1773.
- D.B. 5, p. 155. Deed or Bill of Sale between William Goff of Amherst Co. and William Handy of Bedford Co. selling cattle. Wits: Thos. Merritt, dated April 27, 1773 and recorded Nov. 22, 1773.
- D.B.6 p.361 Deed from David Crews to John Goff of Bedford Co., dated Oct. 11, 1779, for 800 lbs conveying 200 acres on Johnson's Mnt. Wits: Joseph Goff, Thos. Crews Pleasant Standley & Jesse Crews. Recorded Nov. 21, 1779.
- D.B. 7,p. 504. Deed from Chas. McClaughlin to Ambrose Goff of Bedford Co., dated April 23, 1785, for 90 lbs conveying 200 acres on Otter River & Boyles Cr. recorded May 23, 1785,
- D.B.8, p. 107. Deed from John & Persiller Goff of Bedford Co. to Jesse Tate, dated April 30, 1789, for 81 lbs conveying tract in Bedford County. Witnesses: John Wright, Thos. Thorp. George Standley. Recorded June 22, 1789.
- D.B.9, p. 103. Deed from Joseph Wheat & Ambrose Goff xxxxxxxx of Bedford Co. to Jesse Crews dated June 23, 1792, for 30 lbs conveying 100 acres on Boyles Cr. Wits: Wm. Owen, Thomas Lubank, Thos. Logood. Recorded Oct. 22, 1792.
- D.B. 10, p. 163. Deed from Ambrose & Ann Goff of Bedford Co. to Samuel Hollaway dated March 28, 1796, for 130 lbs. 200 acres on north fork of Otter River. Wits: Henry Jeter, Oney Prosser, Reuben Cowhard, Jacob White & Gross Scruggs. Recorded July 25, 1796.

OLD COURT ORDERBOOKS.

1763-1771

3-398

Leo. Goff, apptd. surveyor of Road.

1772

4-86

John Goff &c, apptd. to view way for road.

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Joseph Goff, exempt from future payment of County Levy

1772-1774

5A Leonard Goff's widow, summoned to take admn. of
his est. 39, Admr. qual & Apprs. appt. 63,
5A 79-210 Lonard Goff, former road surveyor.

1774-1782

6-38 John Goff alld. 6 days attendance.
254 John Goff summoned for unlawful gaming
38 Joseph Goff alld. 8 days attendance
216 Wm. Goff to be bound out.

1782-1783

7-12 William Goff, son of Ann. to be bound out

1784-1786

8-227 Christopher Goff, qualifies as Constable
301 Christopher Goff alld. 8 days attendance.
255 John Goff - Grand Juror.

1786-1790

9-42 Ambrose Goff, alld. attendance.
16 Christopher Goff or Goff, Const. summoned.
20 Same ads Commonwealth Ans. summons
29 Same, Const., removed from office
71 Same, alld. attendance.

1790-1795

10.206 Christopher Goff, by &c. inj. granted to stay
judgments obtained against him.

1803-1806

13-353 Ambrose Goff, inj. awarded him in regard to judgment
against him.
99 John Goff, by Atty., inj. awarded him in regard to
judgment against him.

1806-1808

14-222 Ambrose Goff, former surveyor
214 Joseph Goff, Sr.'s salve (Austin) ads Commonwealth

1808-1811

15-158 Jack & James Goff (complains of Callohill Minals)
they are to remain in care of him.
140 James, Rhoda & Zachariah Goff (Abraham's children),
complains of Callohill mennis to whom they are
apprenticed. Ordered brought to Court - 150.
158 Rhoda Goff's indenture rescinded.

1811-1815

Goff
16-243 Joseph & Jere'h/&c land owners summoned.

1815-1820

17-312 Jeremiah Goff land damage alld.
360 Joseph Goff, land owner summoned & damage alld.
550 Joseph Goff's will probated, Exor Qual. & Apprs.
appt.

1820-1823

18018 Abraham Goff (Pensioner) his declaration ordered certified
18-103 John McGhee Goff &c's petn for change in road.

Deed Bk 11 p. 363,

Nov. 17, 1854, Lisbon and Sarah
Goff, for \$400, deed to Benj. F.
Hamon, 68 a., on Little Guyan
and Ohio rivers, being part of that
patented to Leonard Goff (375 a.)

Deed Bk 11 p 365

Dec, 4, 1854, Nancy Goff, for \$60, deeds
to Benj. F. Hamon 68 a., on
Little Guyan, and Ohio river.

No description, but lower right,
guaranteed against her heirs, but
no others, poles on the Spurlock line
Deed Bk. 4 p. ~~454~~ 150

. 1826 - Thomas and

Elizabeth Hamon, to John Ham-
mon, for \$, deed 400 a.,
on Little Guyan Creek.

Deed Bk. 7 p. 79

1838, John Hamon, giving
a Trust Deed to William Jenkins

Goff Grants - Cabell Co.

✓ Deed Bk. 9 p. 508⁸

1847/ Nancy & Leonard Goff,
for \$, deed 68 a., to Lisbon
Goff. borders on the Wm. Jenkins
line & Daniel Spurlock's

✓ Deed Bk 10 p. 451

April 5, 1850, Nancy & Leonard
Goff, for \$, deed to Ludwell
D. Goff, 34 - 340?
a., on the right
of Little Guy. river.

Deed Bk. 11 p. 363

1853, Margaret and
Ludwell D. Goff, for \$, deed
to Lisbon Goff 34 a., on Little
Guyan Creek.

The last of these deeds was in 1866.

Deed Bk. 42 p. 172
1853, N. Goff et al, (Plf.)
vs. Francis J. Lesage (Def), for
95 a., on the Ohio river.

Deed Bk. 11 p. 154

Nov. 3, 1853, Margaret
and Ludwell D. Goff, for \$103,
deed To Lisbon Goff, 34 a.,
on Little Guyan Creek, right
hand waters, part of the 375a.
corner to Ludwell Goff, deed,
in a line of John Harmon,
on the North side hill, etc.

Deed Bk. 11 p. 363

1854, Sarah and Lisbon
Goff, for \$, deed To
Benj. F. Harmon, 68 a., on
Little Guyan and Ohio river.

Grover Blackwood
Milton

Deed Bk. 11 p. 365

Dec. 4, 1854⁴, Nancy Goff,
for \$62, deeds to Benj. S.
Hannan, 375 ^(dower) a. on Little
Guyan river, all her right,
etc. Title & interest, in the estate
of Leonard Goff, & defend
against her heirs,

Deed Bk. 11 p. 365³
Nov. 17, 1854,

Lisbon and Sarah Goff,
for \$400, deed to ^{Benj. S.} ~~John~~ Hannan
34 a., on Little Guyan creek
and the Ohio river, "part of
tract patented to Leonard Goff,
(375 a.) ^{in all}, which parcel or lot of
land bounded as follows to-wit:
"Beg. at an ironwood, on the
N.W. side hill, on the line of
Greenbottom survey, thence, 12 E.
150 poles, to a small black oak,
on the South side hill, on
the Spurlock's line, Thence,

with said
line N. 74° W $14\frac{1}{2}$ poles, to a
maple, spanish oak, and chest-
nut oak, sourwood, corner
To said Spurlock's land, S. 70
West with said line 103 poles
to a black gum, thence
leaving said line, N. 20 E. 78
poles, to a beech on Green-
bottom line, thence with
said Greenbottom line N. $47\frac{3}{4}$
E. 97 to the beginning, con-
taining 68 a., be the same
more or less.

Deed Bk. 13 p. 72
1859

Charles Goff, Ludwell H.,
Lisbon and Maria Goff,
give power of attorney to
Lemuel G. Cornwell.

Deed Bk. 15 p. 492

1866, Nancy Goff
gives power of attorney to
John M. Blake

See ~~14-p-558~~
~~11-p-292~~
~~14-p-558~~
16-p. 271 (See this)

Deed Bk. 15 p. 485⁵, William O.
Goff, gives power of attorney
to John M. Blake

all to 1891, by Goffs.

The Goffo
By Paul Hardman now de'd.
Charleston, W. Va.

Four pioneer brothers, ancestry unknown, James Goff, Thomas Jonas Goff, John Turtou Goff, and Salathiel Goff have many descendants in W. Va., and in the Valley of Virginia

The family historian says they were sons of Thiel Goff (Coit for Salathiel) of England and that the family was Welsh, in origin. Mr. Hardman was a great grandson. Many from Ireland and Wales spell it Gough. There were other variations Goffe, Goch, and Gofe. They may be traced in those islands as far back as 330 A. D. and other lines as far back as William, the conqueror.

Proof of origin is lacking, but a member of the family from Kentucky claimed

14.
to have rec'd the story from
his ancestors. Mr. Hardman be-
lieves the brothers were native
born.

Three of the four brothers
are first found in a census
of Maryland, recognized as
citizens, and lived in the
settlements west of Fort Cumber-
land — James, John T., and
Salathiel Goff. The boundaries
of Maryland were then not
known, hence they were
properly reported as Mary-
land citizens living in the
wilderness west of Ft. Cumberland.

However, they had wan-
dered to what was then Hamp-
shire County, near Moorefield.
Thomas Jonas Goff then ap-
peared there. He married
Margaret Parsons, May 21,
1766, in Augusta County
(recorded there see marriage bonds)
a daughter of the pioneer,
Thomas Parsons.

Here they were residing, at least ten years prior to the Revolution.

Previous to this, the brother, Thomas Turlou Goff married, Elizabeth Welch in Maryland, probably, at Georgetown. She had a sister believed to have been named Dorcas Goff, who married James Riddle and raised her family at Georgetown and Alexandria.

He ^(John?) and his wife left at once for the frontier. Their eldest child, James C. Goff, was born July 21, 1762; thus their marriage must have occurred not later than 1760 or 1761. They probably came to Augusta County not later than 1762 or 1763. "According to official evidence they were with Captain James Parsons, and his little band of pioneers when the first improvements were made."

Thomas Jonas Goff left Virgin
in 1800, and went to Kentucky.
He had married the daughter
of Thomas Parsons brother of
Capt James Parsons. Her name
was Margaret Parsons. They
raised a large family. He
is said to have been born
in 1744, and to have died
May 23, 1823. He was a
veteran of the War of 1812.
Their children were Jonas,
Levi, Elisha, Strander,
Annella, Polly Ann, Rachel,
Elizabeth, Margaret and Polly.

Salathiel Goff, another
brother, went to Clarksburg,
and became one of the
first commissioners of the
County Court of Harrison
County, newly formed from
Ohio and Monongalia, and
was thereby a Justice of
the Peace there.

(See Hugh Maxwell for acct.
of an Indian fight - Barbour
County & also his "History of
Tucker County") Note discrepan-
cy in date.

James Goff was the
eldest of the four brothers.
He was eccentric. Said
to have been born about
1735. Probably born near
Albany, New York where
their direct ancestors had
probably moved from Rhode
Island. There is nothing
certain about this, other
than Job Goff was born
there, and his family and
Judge Nathan Goff always
claimed that the respective
families were of a common
ancestry. It also has been
claimed that the four
brothers descended from
Judge William Goffe, the
regicide. The family was
in New England.

But few were found in New Jersey or Pennsylvania, and those of Maryland seem to have come both ways, from New England, and from Virginia, where the family participated in the organization and settlement.

James Goff emigrated ~~from~~ ^{to} Maryland ~~to~~ before the Revolution, and by some chance associated himself with the Johnsons who came from New Jersey before the Revolution.

They all went through Maryland to the western part of what is now Garrett County. James married the daughter of Garrett and Judith Johnson & raised a large family. A son Robert ^{Johnson} served in the Continental line in the Revolutionary War.

and with twelve brothers and sisters migrated to Loudon Co., Va., then went into Barbour County and settled on what is now known as Johnson's Mill Run.

Mary Eunice Johnson sister of Robert Johnson, became the wife of James Goff, several years before the Revolution. They all then located near Meadowville Barbour County.

James and Mary E. Goff first made their settlement in the bounds of the present Tucker County, near the Preston County line. Indians burned their home, the wife died, James lived in a hand-to-hand manner thereafter, but married again, and spent his days in Preston County. His second wife was Catherine Carrico. He lived a miserly life.

Oct 1874

25.

Buried in Preston Co. Had
much land, & four children:

John Goff m. Elizabeth McCartney
daughter of widow Barbara
McCartney in Monon-
galia Co., Sept. 16, 1815.
Private War of 1812
under Capt. McCowan
of Preston Co.

Salathiel

m. 1 Lucinda Lipscomb

m. 2 Malinda Garner

Nancy m. Robt. Calhoun

Eleanor m. Richard McGuffey
May 10, 1821

Much more

Salathiel Goff

b. 1748?

d. June 27, 1791

It is clear that none of
these brothers are my ancestor
because Leonard Goff died
in 1773 & was evidently too
early for

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January 22nd, 1945.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter, in regard to certain old marriages, has been received.

We do not have any marriage of a Mr. Mansfield and a _____ Jefferson.

I find the marriage of one Isaac Smith and ✓
Mourning Davenport, in year 1795. I should think this man was a Revolutionary soldier, but the marriage does not show it.

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If you desire a copy of either of these old Marriage Bonds; they will cost fifty cents each.

Yours very truly,

Osborne S. Dennis
Deputy Clerk of Court.

By J. G. Hessen
Chesapeake Co.

Rev. Carmi Webb -
Grand children of John Willis

See Hugh Gilken who runs a garage
in Chesapeake.

Mrs. J. B. Longshore
Ph. 1186-R (on John Willis?)
415 Marion Road.

For John Goff, Waterloo, Ohio.
Sumner Twp., Call Harrell's
General Store, from Marion
or Ironton, O.

Mrs. Margaret Ruble, dau. of
Robert Thornton Lambert
Aid on Kitt's Hill (Aid)

Viola Newman b. 3-1-86

Monroe Shiveley - Rv. 1, Willowood
Ohio, near Jonathan Lambert
About 8-3-4

Mary E. Lambert d. Jan. 23, 1861
Aged 20-10-26

Mrs. Wm. (Luella) Grant, Ironton
2600 block (Coal Grove)
Phone 2833-R

John H. Gough

m. Lemenda Christian 88

Sept. 10, 1826

Joshua Goff

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Sept. 28, 1846~

Deed Bk 36 p. 567
May 15, 1879

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G. W. Goff

Deed Bk. 38 p. 78
Dec. 1880.

Geo. W. Goff

Deed Bk. 41 p. 309
Nov. 10, 1883

V. Goff

Deed Bk 44 p 454
Nov. 9, 1886

Mary J. Goff
(all to 1888)

Goff Deeds - Lawrence Co., Ohio.

Deed Bk 9 p. 328

Sept. 10, 1843, Peter and Martha
Spears, for \$, deed to Thos. Goff
a., in Lwp. No. 2,

Deed Bk 13 p. 23

July 18, 1850, James Goff to

Deed Bk 18 p. 285

Feb. 15, 1856, deed to
Samuel Goff, Township
No. ~~75~~, 5,

Deed Bk 8 p. 624

Aug 20, 1838, Wm Gough to
John Layne,

Deed Bk. 18 p. 457

June 15, 1859, ~~deed to Sam~~
 deed to Rosetta Goff, a.
 in Township No. — in Tronton
 2 lots,

Deed Bk 8 p. 634

Aug. 20, 1838, Wm Gough &
 Margaret his wife to John
 Layne. Twp. 3

Deed Bk. 12 p. 419

Feb. 6, 1850, Joshua and
 Ann Gough, Twp No. 2

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 Peter Spears

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July 18, 1850, James Goff to

Deed Bk. 22 p. 301

Sept. 5, 1864. deed To James Goff,
by _____ on Section 3,
Buckeye Co. mentioned

Deed Bk. 22 p. 445

Aug. 31, 1864. James & Eliza.
Goff, 10

Deed Bk 22 p. 617

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Goff deed — a, in Imp 13

Deed Bk. 23 p. 183

July 24, 1865 (Marion)

Deed Bk. 23 p.

June 17, 1865, James & Elizabeth
Goff deed to ——— a.,
in the Town of Marion

Deed Bk. 23 p. 326

March 17, 1862. Wm. D. Kelly
and wife, deed to Samuel
W. Goff, cemetery lot, in
Kelly's cemetery, in Brandon.

Deed Bk. 24 p. 318 (Lronton)
July 3, 1866, Samuel W. Goff & Rosella
to — —

Deed Bk. 25 p. 489
Jan. 23, 1862, Ohio Iron & Coal Co.,
To Rosella Goff, in Lronton

Deed Bk. 25 p. 509
April 10, 1867, Reuben Lambert
To Samuel Goff, Trp. 3-68a.

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Deed Bk. 25 p. 543

Jan. 23, 1868, Samuel W. & Rosella
Goff to _____ in Monton.
~~Township 3 - Buckeye Creek~~

Deed Bk. 25 p. 608

Dec. 9, 1867, James & Elizabeth
Goff, to
Township 3 - Buckeye Creek

Deed Bk. 26 p. 498

Nov. 12, 1866, S. L. Russell
and James P. Goff, Twp. 2,

Deed Bk. 27 p. 245 (Linton) ³⁶
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Deed Bk. 32 p. 192
May 11, 1874, Herbert J. Goff

Deed Bk. 21 p. 395
~~Deed Bk. 31 p. 395~~
Feb. 19, 1863, to Sam Lorey

Deed Bk. 24 p. 733
Jan. 5, 1867, Samuel & Susan
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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a typed copy of the will of Joseph Goff, I donot believe I have seem one with more miss~~ed~~ used and spelled words, I got out the original andfound that the Clerk had spelt some wrong when they should have beenright and the other way around. I have a Microfilm machine now so if you want a copy of the original if you will send me \$2.00 I will have a copy made for you. It will take about two weeks to get a copy ready for delivery.

I take all records on Monday, then it takes a week to get them finished.

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In the name of God Amen I Joseph Goff of Bedford County being imprest with the uncartain of Life and the lauth of eturnity do declare this my last will and testament whereas I lave my Wife Lucy Goff my hole pesions my house land and negorers and stock of every kine and all my houeson Growes to her in During hir wodowhood and at and at the eand of her widowhood I leave my negour my Stocks and hossen goods to be sold and devided between John Goff Faney Goff Elisebek ham with Miss Nancey Wright Jamima Barber Rody Goff Lucy Hunter and at the eand of her widowhood of leve my land whereon I Know live to my sun Goff Containing 196 acres To Jeremiah also my wiggon I leve to my Dater Rody Goff forty Dollars in Cash I leve my beloved friend Peter Hunter exeutor tothis my will as Witness my hand whereunto I set my Seal in the year of Lord 1817.

Joseph Goff



William H Anderson

Peggy Anderson

Pleasant Canady

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on the ____ day of Decr. 1818.

This last will and Testament of Joseph Goff Decd was proved by the Oath of William H. Anderson Peggy Anderson & Pleasant Canady Subscribing witness and ordered to be Recorded. And the motion of Peter Hunter the Executor therein named who made oath and Gave Bond & Security according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form.

Teste

J. Steptoe C B C.

Lawrence Co. Census of 1850

Windsor Township

5. William Jones 57 b. Va.
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1754 Griffin Sowards, married. d. 3-3-84,
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1-284-9

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Co., O. b. in Lawrence
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Jackson lives there yet.

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I am certain as to these last four daughters, but not as to Harriet.

According to the Census of 1850,

Peter Spears b. _____ and Martha Goff Spears, b. _____ had the following children. (I have not found them in the Lawrence Co. Census of 1850. They evidently moved elsewhere, or died. I'll try to check Gallia Co. b. 1826)

vi James Goff m. Elizabeth — b. 1820

The 1850 Census for Lawrence County lists their children as follows

John b. 1848. Only one listed in Census of 1850

The 1840 Census for Lawrence County Ohio lists Beahontas Goff as a head of a family. ~~As this was the only Goff widow listed, it seems probable that she was the widow of Jeremiah (?) Goff. If such a marriage can be found, then we may learn the~~

Since writing the above, I wrote some letters to some three or four Virginia County Clerks asking for certain marriage records. From these, I received but one reply, and that was from Bedford County, dated Jan. 22, 1946. The clerk wrote me as follows:

"I ^{also} find a marriage of Jeremiah Goff and Pokeshunters Wals, in 1806." (Seems as if they did not know how to spell Pocahontas.)

Earle S. Dennis
Deputy Clerk of Court.

This establishes, beyond any question of doubt, the fact that Jeremiah and Pocahontas Goff were my great grandparents, a record that I have been searching for, for at least twenty years. I personally examined records in Granbrier County, Rockbridge and Botetourt counties but found nothing. Since the widow came to Lawrence County, Ohio, with very little property, it is not very

likely that Jeremiah Goff was a ⁶⁰
large slave owner, as suggested.

In January 1946, I sent out
about three letters hoping to
find some marriage records.
I included the name of a
Mr. Goff (possibly Jeremiah
married Pocahontas
prior to 1815.)

I hardly expected to find
this marriage, but to my
surprise, the Deputy Clerk
Miss Earle S. Dennis, found
it. I sent for a certified
copy of the marriage bond,
and ~~I~~ ~~I~~ found that

Jeremiah Goff
married Pocahontas
Walls, May 17, 1806.

I have looked for this record
for twenty years. Here it is

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According to Echenrode -
Two Goffs served in the Revolutionary War from Bedford Co., Va.
Their names were:

(Later - I found they were
colored men - probably freed
by the Goffs)

Sween's Index gives the following
reference to the Goff family
of Virginia:

6 W. (1) 194

Lewis Jones
m. Louisa Neal

477.

Timothy Jones
m. Mary E. Bragg 302

Cabell County Goffs.

Grantees —

Deed Bk 9 p. 508

1847, Leonard and
— Goff, to Lisbon Goff, 68 a.

Deed Bk. 10 p. 451

1850, Leonard and
Goff to Ludwell D. Goff 34 a.

Deed Bk. 11 p. 154

1854, Ludwell D. & —
Goff, to Lisbon Goff. 34 a.

Deed Bk 43 p. 172.

Francis J. Lesage, et al vs.
N. Goff, Plaintiff

Deed Bk. 42 p. 172.

1893, 96 a., on Ohio
river.

Granulars:

63.

Deed Bk. 9 p. 508
1847

Deed Bk. 11, p. 154

Nov. 3, 1853.

Lendwell D. & Margaret Goff, for
\$102,

Deed Bk 11. p. 365

1854. Nancy Goff sells,
her rights, etc. to Benj. D. Hamman,
in est. of Leonard Goff, dcd

Deed Bk. 11 p. 363

Deed Bk. 11 p. 365

Deed Bk 11 p. 366
1854

Deed Bk. 15 p. 472

Deed Bk. 13 p. 72
1859

Deed Bk. 15 p. 485

Deed Bk. 9 p. 508

1867, Leonard and Nancy Goff,
for \$, deed to Lisbon Goff
a. , being part of a. patented
to Leonard Goff, adjoins Wm. Jenkins
& Daniel Spurlock.

Barboursville, W. Va.,

April 24, 1957

Dear Miss Hook:

Will you please run down
the Census records for 1850, and
also 1860, in Cabell County, for
the following families:

Leonard Goff,
Ludwell Goff,

1153 Jesse Spurluck
1131 - Wm. A. Jenkins
1132 - A. G. "



GORDON GOFF
WORTH COUNTY
GRANT CITY, MO.

MISSOURI
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

~~JEFFERSON CITY~~

Grant City Mo.

Apr 22, 1957.

MEMBER OF
AGRICULTURE
FLOOD CONTROL AND SOIL
CONSERVATION
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
LABOR
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS
INSURANCE
COMMITTEES

Mr. Fred Lambert,
Barboursville, W. Va.
Dear Sir:

I am not really interested in
employing anyone for research. I have
access to the records at Washington,
as well as of your county.

I understood you would like to have
any information of pioneers of your
county and if you don't believe it that
is your privilege and I merely wished
information of location of a legal description.

Yours very truly
Gordon Goff

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general history, and do research work of different kinds. In fact, I have done more of this than any man living in West Virginia, or any surrounding states. I have done research in Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, etc. and Iowa, and Nebraska.

I have also written histories of Lincoln County W. Va., and educational histories of Lincoln county, and of Barboursville District, Cabell County.

I have seen records showing that Leonard Goff settled in Cabell County, but he left here long before the Civil War. He came from Virginia. I have seen records of his relatives in Bedford and other Virginia counties, but did not try to run them down. The best way would be to go to Washington, D.C. where census records, and other records can be found, then I would know exactly where to go to get data on those

The cost of this would be \$800
a day, and expenses. I will not
be able to make this trip until
I finish some work I ^{am} doing here
for some people. Please let me
know just what you wish me
to do, and I will go at it, as
quickly as possible.

Very truly,
J. B. Lambert.

Grant City, Mo.

Mar. 24, 1957.

Mr. Fred Lambert,
Barboursville, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I was to your house last September and missed seeing you but talked to Mrs. Lambert. I was looking for information as to the location of a homestead which was granted to my Great Grandfather, Leonard Goff, in 1843. I found I was too short on time to learn much, although one of the men at the bank thought it would be about where the town of Guyandotte now stands.

Mrs. Lambert said you were writing a history of the county and you might like to have information of our family, so I will give you what little information we have, as it has been handed down to us.

Nancy Harrison, a niece (or grand-niece) of Wm. Henry Harrison was born in Rock Bridge County, Virginia in 1804. It is presumed she and a boy named Leonard Goff grew up there and were married.

On Oct. 22, 1843 they were granted a homestead on 375 acres by Governor of Virginia, James McDowell; lying between the Ohio River and the right hand fork of the Little Guyandotte river bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake a little up the foot of the river hill, on the back line of a military survey, and being a corner between the lands of John Harmon and Wm. Jenkins, from which stake a large double sycamore, corner of survey of 1000 acres granted to Thomas Harmon, stands. N. 18d. E 6 poles & 14 links, thence with Jenkins' line S 46d W 320 poles to a stake on the dividing ridge between the Ohio and Little Guyandotte waters. Thence leaving said line S 67d E 88 poles to two white oaks and a pine on a south point of Saw Ridge. N 68d E 68 poles to two maples, spanish oak, chestnut oak and dogwood on said ridge. N 81d E 32 poles to spanish oak and hickory. S 62d E 40 poles to a white oak by the road. S 79d E 62 poles to two chestnut oaks and pine near the top of the ridge. S 56d E 337 poles to a stake on a line of John Harmon's land, where it intersects the line of Daniel Spurlock's land. Thence with said Harmon's line N 35d W 550 poles to the beginning.

At this time they had been married nine years and had seven children, Lisbon, Louisa, Mianda, John, Ludwell, Charles and Mariah. While living there two sons were born, Leonard and Joseph, both of whom died in the Union army after coming to this country.

In 1843 they built a cabin home. Leonard did clearing and with a few head of stock they managed a pioneer living. In his line of earnings he would build a barge on the river, load any provisions he had to sell and buy the rest of a load from other pioneers. He would then

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float down river to Cincinnati, sell his products and sell the barge to someone else who wished to make shipment on down river, and then return home by steamboat.

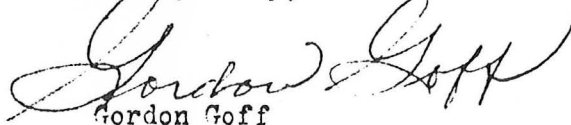
While making one of these return trips in 1848, Leonard Goff took sick and died on board. His illness was diagnosed by the crew as cholera which was considered as very contagious, and they demanded the be taken off the boat immediately, so it was buried in a sandbar along side the river. Nancy knew Leonard was subject to Pleuresy attacks and she didnt think he died of cholera.

Nancy was notified of the location of his grave and she had her two son-in-laws, Lemuel Cornell and George Poor remove the body and bury it in the cherry orchard at the home. In order to ship the body by boat they were required to have the casket contained in a larger box and filled in between with sand. It was so heavy it took two yoke of oxen to haul it to the burial place.

When the family moved to this homestead they had seven children, Lisbon, Louisa, Mianda, John, Ludwell, Charles and Mariah. While living there Leonard and Joseph were born. Lisbon married Sarah Emerson, Louisa married George Poor and Mianda married Lemuel Cornell. John died there at age 16. In 1852 the family all moved on west and in 1856 they homesteaded here in Worth Co. Mo., with the exception of Louisa and George Poor who so far as we know remained in Cabell Co. They had two children Marion and Leonard Poor.

When I was through there I was so short of time I didnt feel I could stay over and get to see you. I would like very much if you could give me any information as to the exact location of this old homestead and maybe the old building site. I am going to try and be back through there some of these times and I would like to find it and the vicinity of my great grandfather's grave. I will be glad to stand any expense you may incur in getting this information.

Yours very truly,


Gordon Goff

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In the name of God, Amen the thirtieth day of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three. I. John Goff, of Amherst County, being sick of body but of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to remembrance the uncertain Estate of this transitory life and all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following first being penitent for my former sins and most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same I recomend my soul to Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer in whom and by whose merits I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven and my body I commit to earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and for the settling of my temporal estate and such goods and debts as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do order give and dispose the same in manner and form following:

Imprisis I lend to my beloved wife Anne five negroes Bob, Hannah, Tamer, Judah and Jim and all my moveable estate during her widowhood. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph a negro Amey to dispose of as he shall think proper, at my wife's death or marriage all my whole estate to be divided between Joseph Goff and John Goff and Ambrose and Elizabeth Goff is to have twenty-five pounds current money paid her by the Executors at my wifes death or marriage and I leave the tract of land lying on Stovaul's Creek and Bowlins to be divided equally between Joseph Goff and John Goff and Eliza Goff and Ambros Goff only Ambros is to posess the place where the plantation now is after his mother's death and to my son Leonard Goff I leave the hundred

acres that he has a bond for. Amen.

Test: Per me John Goff (L.S.)

Thomas Gillentaters.

During of widowhood and life I do hereby make and appoint my loving sons Leonard and Joseph full and sole Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking disannulling and making void all former wills and bequests by me made and declaring this only to be my last will and testament. In Witness whereunto I have set my hand and seal this Thirtieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two.

Know All Men by These Presents that I John Goff of Amherst County for divers good causes and considerations me hereunto moving have made ordained constituted and appointed my trust sons Leonard Goff and Joseph Goff of Amherst County my true and lawful attorneys for me and in my name and to my use to ask demand recover and receive of and giving and by these presents granting to my said attorneys my sole and full power and authority to take pursue and follow such legal courses for the recovery, receiving and obtaining of the same as I myself might or could do were I personally present and upon receipt of the same acquittances or other sufficient discharges for me and in my name to make sign seal and deliver as also one or more attorneys under them to substitute and appoint and again at there pleasure to revoke and farther to do perform and finish for me and in my name all and aingular thing or things which shall or may be necessary touching and concerning the premises as fully thoroughly and entirely as I the said John Goff in my own person might or could do in or demand of me the sd. John Goff or of any other person or persons for me in my name by any cause, means or consent whereunto I have set my

hand and seal this Thirtieth day of November one thousand seven hundred and Sixty-Two.

His
John X Goff L.S.
mark.

Signed and delivered
in presence of
Thos. Gollenwaters
Elijah Morran
Joseph Goff.

At a Court held for Amherst County at the Court House this 7th day of March 1763.

This last Will and Testament of John Goff, deceased, was this day presented in Court by Leonard Goff, one of the Executors therein named, and was proved by the oath of Thomas Gillenwaters, and it appearing to the Court that the other witnesses are legatees to the said will, and Leonard Goff, the heir at law agreeing to make the persons a title to the lands conveyed to them by the said will, and the widow of the said decedent relinquishing her right of administration, and on the motion of Ambrose Rucker administration with the will annexed is granted him in due form, whereupon he took the oath according to law and acknowledged bond in the penalty of One Thousand pounds with John Rucker and George McDaniel his securities, which is ordered to be recorded.

Test-

Geo. Seaton Clk.

A copy,

Teste:

Wm. E. Sandidge, Clerk.

Recorded in Will Book 1, p.25,
Amherst County, Va.

*Clerk's Office**Circuit Court of Amherst County**Wm. E. Sandidge, Clerk**Amherst, Virginia*

March 21, 1949

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

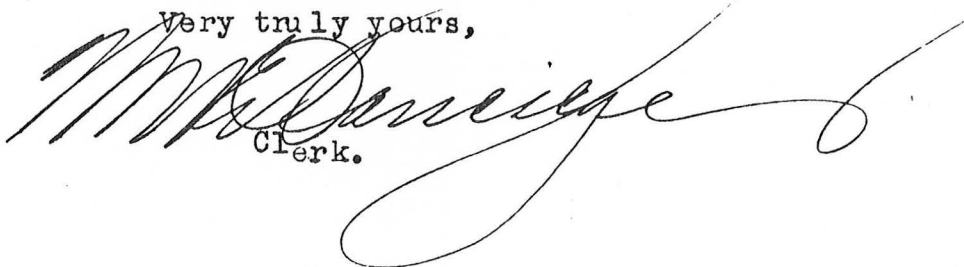
Dear Mr. Lambert:

Your letter of the 18th received enclosing check for \$2.50 for which I thank you.

From the deed records I find that on September 27, 1779, John Goff, of Bedford County, conveyed to Richard Webster of Amherst County, in consideration of Thirty Pounds, 103 acres of land on a branch of Stovall's Creek, in Amherst County. The name of wife is not given, but it would seem that this John Goff was most probably a son of John, Sr.

Being glad at all times to serve you, I am

Very truly yours,



Clerk.

Appomattox, Appomattox Co - Records burned ¹⁸⁹²

Nelson Co formed from Amherst 1808

Amherst from Albemarle 1761

Culpeper - Nothing found.

Amherst - Will of John Goff, etc & deeds.

Prince Edward Co - Nothing found

Hanover, Va, Hanover Co. Records destroyed
in 1865

March 19, 1949 - Sent letters to

Amherst, Va (From Albemarle 1761)

Goochland, C. H.

Warrenton, Fauquier Co. (no records)

Lovington, Nelson Co. (From Amherst 1808)

Montrose, Westmoreland Co.

King George C. H.

Tappahannock, Essex Co.

March 20, 1949 - Fincastle, Va, Bolclourt Co

Roanoke, Va. - Roanoke Co

Covington, Va. - Allegheny Co

Clerk's Office

Circuit Court of Amherst County

Wm. E. Sandidge, Clerk

Amherst, Virginia

March 11, 1949

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

Dear Mr. Lambert:

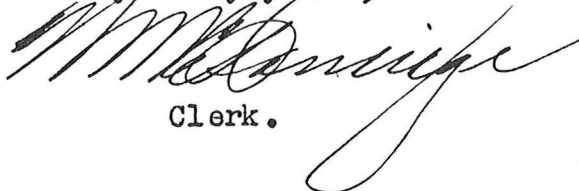
Replying to your two letters of recent date I find that the deed executed Jan. 11, 1773, was from Leonard Goff and Ann, his wife, instead of John Goff and Ann, his wife.

As requested by you I am enclosing herewith certified copy of will of John Goff, from which it appears that his wife also was named Anne.

The earliest Goff deed I find in Amherst County is one to Leonard Goff in 1765 and one to Joseph Goff in 1768. I do not find ~~any~~ conveyances to John Goff but in 1779 he executed a deed * conveying land in the county. This being the case, he was probably owning land here when the County was cut off from Albemarle. Albemarle County was cut off from Goochland in 1744.

Expecting to see you here in the office next summer, I am

Very truly yours,



Clerk.

* This was not John Goff Sr., for he died previous to March 7, 1763, when his will was probated in Amherst County, Va.

John Goff Sr. died about 1763, leaving a will showing that his wife was anne, and that he had six children and heirs

Joseph Goff (m Lucy)

John Goff (jr.)

Ambrose Goff (m Ann)

Elizabeth Goff

Eliza Goff

Leonard Goff. (m Ann)

Grantor deeds made by ~~Joseph~~ Ambrose, and Leonard Goff show that each of their wives were named Ann.

John Goff Sr's will dated 1762 Nov. 30, is on record in Amherst County. It was probated March 7, 1762. He owned several slaves and some land, probably several hundred acres. At this writing, March 19, 1949, I have found no marriages for any of them, but as they lived in Orange in 1750, Amherst about 1763 and on, and in Bedford about 1765 or 1768, they must have come from the east or north east of Orange County.

March 11, 1949 79.

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

Dear Mr. Lambert,

Your letter of March 10, stated that the lease from John Goff to Peter Rucker was interesting as John Goff was one of your ancestors. I looked further to find that indexing the previous deeds they spelled the name Goss. Mistaking the "f's" for "s's": John Goff obtained this property he sold to Peter Rucker from Zachary Taylor and John Howard in 2 separate deeds. Neither of the deeds mention a wife only "his heirs, and assigns forever." There is still no marriage record of John Goff. He was probably married before this County was formed in 1734. You could write to Spotsylvania County or Hanover County and probably find John Goff's marriage.

In looking for "Goff's" I found a marriage listed for "Hamilton Goff to Martha Major, December 24, 1798 and a John Goff was bondsman. Should you need any other information I would be glad to help you.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Helen V. Brittshier

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CHAS. E. BURKS, JUDGE
LYNCHBURG, VA.

R. BOLLING LAMBETH
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

J. MOORMAN JOHNSON
CLERK

CIRCUIT COURT BEDFORD COUNTY

BEDFORD, VIRGINIA

February 9, 1949.

TERMS OF COURT

1ST TUESDAY IN
JANUARY
MARCH
MAY
JULY
SEPTEMBER
NOVEMBER

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

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I am sorry that it has taken me so long to get up the Goff data for you but as I wrote you I have been most laid up with a cold since first of year and still cannot shake it. I tried to do the work in office hours but found out that I could not make any head way so came back last night and spend over three hours but will only charge for three.

I didnot know how to show for my time and search so made abstract of the different items that I found so that you can have all records before you. I copied Index to all marriage bonds, will books to 1835 and just abstracted some of the earliest deeds if you wish them later I will do them for you. Also took Old Court Order Books and listed things listed in name of Goff to 1823.

I am afraid that what I have done doesnot show mush if any family connection.

In the will of Joseph Goff I couldnot make out Elizabeth last name or the words that followed her name. I got out the original will this morning but still could not make out the name or what ever it was.

Will be glad to hear from you if you wish any further search in this County or copies of any of the items listed in my abstract.

Yours very truly,

Jane E. Smith
Deputy Clerk.

(Goff)
MS-D

BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

GOFF DATA.

By Jane E. Smith,
1949.

MARRIAGE BONDS.

- Oct. 31, 1782 John Goff married Priscilla Standley.
- Feb. 13, 1796 John Goff, Jr. married Fanny Tennison,
Samuel Stanley surety.
- Jul. 25, 1798 Abram Goff married Sally Ruff,
John Mann & Richard Moss, sureties.
- May 19, 1800 John Goff married Sebia Halley,
Daughter of Francis.
- Dec. 21, 1802 John Goff married Patsy Goff,
Daughter of John.
- May 17, 1806 Jeremiah Goff married Pokehunters Wals,
David George surety.
- Mar. 29, 1810 Archibald Goff married Polly Harrison,
Daughter of Battaille & Pasy.
- Feb. 25, 1811 McGhee Goff married Vinea Wilkerson,
Daughter of Susaner Thomas.
- Aug. 22, 1814 Aaron Goff married Rhoda Goff,
Consent of Joseph & Lucy Goff.
- Oct. 26, 1819 Leonard Goff married Nancy Harrison,
Daughter of Battel. *Went to Cabell Co.*
- Dec. 6, 1821 Joseph Goff married Patience Parker,
Benjamin Goff surety.
- Aug. 21, 1826 John Goff, Jr. married Harriet Boley,
Daughter of John.
- Oct. 26, 1829 Benjamin Goff married Sally Harris,
Daughter of James.
- Dec. 1, 1830 Henry Goff married Polly Jackson,
Washington Jackson, surety.
- Nov. 23, 1831 John H. Goff married Nancy Lacks,
Daughter of William & son of Archibald.
- Oct. 2, 1833 James Goff married Mary Harris, *(Went to Kanawha Co.)*
Daughter of James.
- Nov. 4, 1841 Joel Goff married Minerva Lewis Parker,
James M. Parker, surety.

- Nov. 3, 1849 James D. Goff married Mary E. Rider,
Daughter of John.
- Dec. 28, 1868 Hezekiah Goff married Martha Wilkerson,
(license)
- ✓ Aug. 14, 1797 Lucy Goff married Peter Hunter,
Consent of Joseph Goff.
- ✓ May 22, 1799 Elizabeth Goff married Philip Burford,
Daughter of Joseph.
- ✓ Oct. 9, 1799 Nancy Goff married Isaac Wright,
Daughter of Joseph.
Goff
- ✓ Feb. 24, 1800 Ruth A. Married Thomas Frith,
Daughter of Joseph.
- Nov. 3, 1801 Clary Goff married Isham Percy,
Ambrose Goff, surety.
- Jan. 19, 1802 Elizabeth Goff married Joseph Reid,
Ambrose Goff, surety.
- Dec. 21, 1802 Patsy Goff married John Goff,
daughter of John.
- June 18, 1803 Polly Goff married Isham Percy,
Daughter of Ambros.
- Nov. 24, 1803 Susanna Goff married John Newman.
- ✓ May 9, 1804 Mima Goff married John Carter,
Consent of Joseph Goff.
- ✓ Apr. 15, 1806 Jencey Goff married Ezra or Ira Parker,
Son of James.
- June 5, 1806 Sally Goff married John Callaham,
Daughter of Ambrose.
- Aug. 25, 1806 Sarah Goff married Andrew McKeachey,
Daughter of John, Sr.
- ✓ Aug. 22, 1814 Rhoda Goff married Aaron Goff,
Consent of Joseph & Lucy Goff.
- Dec. 21, 1818 Elizabeth Goff married Christopher Tolly,
Daughter of John.
- Feb. 5, 1821 Matilda Goff married Ezekiel Blair or Blare,
Daughter of Abram.
- Oct. 18, 1827 Elcy Goff married Joseph Scott,
Sam Goff, surety.
- Mar. 6, 1830 Mary H. Goff married Henry V. Oldhausen,
Daughter of John.

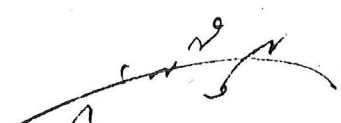
- Jan. 18, 1831 Nancy Goff married Edmund Wade,
Jordan Sledd, surety.
- Aug. 10, 1835 Priscilla Goff married Samuel Tolly,
Daughter of Priscilla.
- Dec. 14, 1840 Ann Eliza Goff married Christopher Markham,
Son of Nathaniel, daughter of Archibald.
- Jan. 2, 1842 Melina Goff married William Campbell,
Daughter of Archibald.
- July 21, 1846 Frances Goff married Samuel Norcross,
Daughter of Archibald.
- Apr. 21, 1847 Nancy Goff married Richard Freeman,
John J. Garvin, surety.
- Dec. 19, 1849 Lucy Goff married Andrew F. Spence,
Daughter of Archibald.
- Dec. 4, 1851 Sarah A. Goff married John D. Parker.
- Sept. 2, 1864 Lucy Ann married Marion L. Humphrey.
(License.)

WILL BOOKS.

- W.B. 1, page 194. Inventory and appraisement of estate of
Leonard Goff with John Woodrooff, Admr.
Appraisers: James Rucker, John Wright
& Thomas Merritt. Recorded Aug. 23, 1773.
- W.B. 1, page 199. Account of Estate of Leonard Goff, persons
named in account: Samuel Crockett, David
Crews, Thomas Merritt, Thomas Staton, John
Goff, Cornelius Noill, Jas. Taylor, William
Goff, David Wright, Saml. Baughan, John Lewis
Davies, "Widow Goff, Abraham North "to crying
the Estate in Bedford and Amherst Counties."
Recorded, 1773.
- W.B.5, page 47. Will of Joseph Goff, dated ____ 1817, names
"wife Lucy, whole pesions", John Goff, Fanny
Goff, Eliseth _____, Nancy Wright, Jamima
Baber, dau. Rody Goff, Lucy Hunter, son Jere-
miah. Witnesses: William H. Anderson, Peggy
Anderson & Pleasant Canady. Peter Hunter appt.
& qual. as Executor. Recorded Dec. 28, 1818.
- W.B.6, page 6. List of Sales of Jeremiah Goff dated Feb. 9, 1821
Buyers: Richard Davis & Co., Thos. McClanaham.
Richard Davis, Admr. Recorded ____ 1823.

- W. B. 6, page 201. Settlement of account of Jeremiah Goff, with Richard Davis, Admr. Comrs. Edwd. Gwatkins, Samuel Hobson & Th. Sale. Filed Dec. 27, 1824 and recorded March 28, 1825.
- W.B.7, page 330. Inventory and appraisement of John Goff, whereof Richard Davis was appointed Committee. Value of estate \$112.38. Recorded April 26, 1830.
- W.B.8, page 90 List & Inventory of John Goff with Th. Sale, Executor. Appraisers: William A. White, Jas. Sledd & David Douglas. Value of estate \$1057.75. Recorded May 28, 1832.
- W.B.8, page 107. Settlement of Estate of John Goff, decd, with Richard Davis, Comte. "Cost of Warrent against Joseph Goff". Jos. Wilson, Comm.B.C.C. Recorded Aug. 29, 1832.
- W.B.8, page 108 Settlement of Estate of Joseph Goff, decd. with Thomas Sale, Curator. Jos. Wilson Comr.B.C.C. Recorded Aug. 29, 1832.
- W.B.8, page 171. Inventory & appraisement of Lucy Goff, decd, Appraisers: John H. Wright, Benj. N. Robinson, James Goodman. Recorded March 25, 1833.
- W.B.9, page 5. Will of John Goff, Sr. dated April 19, 1827, names the following, wife, Pressella Goff, sons, Benjamin Goff, Joseph Goff, Archibald ~~xxxx~~ Goff, Leonard Goff, John M. Goff, Christopher Goff, daus. Elizabeth Tolley, Nancy Goff, Pressella Goff; John Goff, Martha Goff, Sally Goff, Jincy Parker, Sally Mechath. Appoints Major Thos. Sale, George Stanley, Exors. Witnesses: Joseph Crews, Wm. Thomas & John Tolley. Recorded April 24, 1831.
- W.B.9, page 36 Settlement of Estate of Joseph Goff, decd. with Peter Hunter, Exor, names the following: T. Frith, Isaac Wright, John Goff, Zachariah Goff, Aaron Goff, Jas. Wilson, Lucy Goff. Comrs. Nelson A. Thompson, Uriah Hatcher & Henry Hatcher. Recorded March 23, 1835.

DEED BOOKS.

- D.B. 3, page 379. Deed from Leonard & Hester Ballow to Leonard Goff, dated Nov. 28, 1769, both of Bedford Co. conveying 150 acres on Elk Creek. Recorded, 1769.
- D.B.4, page 157. Deed from William Handy & Betty, his wife, to Joseph Goff, of Bedford Co. for 20 lbs. dated Sept. 24, 1771, conveying 67 acres on Elk Cr. Witnesses: Leonard Goff, James Williamson, Thomas Manion. Recorded Sept. 24, 1771.
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- D.B. 4. pl 157. William & Betty Handy to Joseph Goff of Bedford Co. dated Sept 24, 1771, conveying 100 acres on Elk Creek and Johnson's Mtn. Wits: Leonard Goff, Jas. Wmson & Thomas Manion. Recorded Sept. 24, 1771.
- D.B.4, p. 460. Deed from Leonard Goff of Bedford Co. to Thomas Merrett, dated Nov. 23, 1772, for 70 lbs. conveying 100 acres on Elk Creek. Wits: Chas. Lynch, Charles Ballow, John Campbell, Ben:Truman & David Crews. Recorded Jan. 25, 1773.
- D.B. 5, p. 155. Deed or Bill of Sale between William Goff of Amherst Co. and William Handy of Bedford Co. selling cattle. Wits: Thos. Merritt, dated April 27, 1773 and recorded Nov. 22, 1773.
- D.B.6 p.361 Deed from David Crews to John Goff of Bedford Co., dated Oct. 11, 1779, for 800 lbs conveying 200 acres on Johnson's Mnt. Wits: Joseph Goff, Thos. Crews, Pleasant Standley & Jesse Crews. Recorded Nov. 22, 1779.
- D.B. 7,p. 504. Deed from Chas. McGlaughlin to Ambrose Goff of Bedford Co., dated April 23, 1785, for 90 lbs conveying 200 acres on Otter River & Boyles Cr. recorded May 23, 1785,
- D.B.8, p. 107. Deed from John & Persiller Goff of Bedford Co. to Jesse Tate, dated April 30, 1789, for 8 lbs conveying tract in Bedford County. Witnesses: John Wright, Thos. Thorp. George Standley. Recorded June 22, 1789.
- D.B.9, p. 103. Deed from Joseph Wheat & Ambros Goff ~~xxxMerritt~~ of Bedford Co. to Jesse Crews dated June 23, 1792, for 30 lbs conveying 100 acres on Boyles Br. Wits: Wm. Owen, Thomas Eubank, Thos. Logwood. Recorded Oct. 22, 1792.
- Ambrose & Ann Goff*
D.B. 10, p. 163. Deed from Ambrose & Ann Goff of Bedford Co. to Samuel Hollaway dated March 28, 1796, for 130 lbs. 200 acres on north fork of Otter River Wits: Henry Jeter, Otey Prosser, Reuben Cowhard, Jacob White & Gross Scruggs. Recorded July 25, 1796.

OLD COURT ORDER BOOKS.

1763-1771

3-598

Leo. Goff, apptd. surveyor of Road.

1772

4-86

John Goff &c, apptd. to view way for road.

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Joseph Goff, exempt from future payment of County Levy

1772-1774

5A Leonard Goff's widow, summoned to take admn. of
his est. 39, Admr. qual & Apprs. appt. 63,
5A 79-210 Lonard Goff, former road surveyor.

1774-1782

6-38 John Goff alld. 6 days attendance.
254 John Goff summoned for unlawful gameing
38 Joseph Goff alld. 8 days attendance
216 Wm. Goff to be bound out.

1782-1783

7-12 William Goff, son of Ann. to be bound out

1784-1786

8-227 Christopher Goff, qualifies as Constable
301 Christopher Goff alld. 8 days attendance.
255 John Goff - Grand Juror.

1786-1790

9-42 Ambrose Goff, alld. attendance.
16 Christopher Goff or Goff, Const. summoned.
20 Same ads Commonwealth Ans. summons
29 Same, Const., removed from office
71 Same, alld. attendance.

1790-1795

10.206 Christopher Goff, by &c. inj. granted to stay
judgments obtained against him.

1803-1806

13-353 Ambrose Goff, inj. awarded him in regard to judgment
against him.
99 John Goff, by Atty., inj. awarded him in regard to
judgment against him.

1806-1808

14-222 Ambrose Goff, former surveyor
214 Joseph Goff, Sr.'s salve (Austin) ads Commonwealth

1808-1811

15-158 Jack & James Goff (complains of Callohill Minnis)
they are to remain in care of him.
140 James, Rhoda & Zachariah Goff (Abraham's children),
complains of Callohill mennis to whom they are
apprenticed. Ordered brought to Court - 150.
158 Rhoda Goff's indenture rescinded.

1811-1815

Goff
16-243 Joseph & Jere'h/ &c land owners summoned.

1815-1820

17-312 Jeremiah Goff land damage alld.
360 Joseph Goff, land owner summoned & Damage alld.
550 Joseph Goff's will probated, Exor Qual. & Apprs.
appt.

1820-1823

18018 Abraham Goff (Pensioner) his declaration ordered certifi
18-103 John McGhee Goff &c's petn for change in road.



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Mr. F. B. Lambert
Barboursville
West Virginia

Dear Mr. Lambert:

This is in reply to your inquiry of January 10, 1949.

Careful examination of the pertinent documents in the pension files of Abraham Goff (S 39 596) and Zachariah Goff (W 2 730) fails to reveal any information indicating that these veterans ever were slaves of a white family named Goff. They are always referred to as free negroes.

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Leavitt

Arthur H. Leavitt, Chief
Veterans' Records Branch



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December 21, 1948

GOFF, Zachariah
W 2 730
GOFF, Abraham
S 39 596

Mr. F. B. Lambert
Barboursville
West Virginia

Dear Mr. Lambert:

This is in reply to your inquiry of December 8, 1948.

Among the pension records in the National Archives are files for Zachariah Goff, W 2 730, and Abraham Goff, S 39 596.

Zachariah Goff married Betsy Moss or Ashberry in 1795 or 1796 in Campbell County, Virginia, and died in 1823 in Bedford County, Virginia. He was a free negro and served in Captain Mayo Carrington's Virginia Company.

Abraham Goff, a free negro, enlisted in February 1777 and also served in Captain Carrington's company. He stated he was 77 years old in 1820, and also that he had 4 children living with him, but did not mention his wife. He was living in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1818 and 1820.

No other files have been found for veterans with these names.

If you are interested in either of these pension case files, a complete summary of the personal data in that file and the cost of photostats copies of the documents contained therein will be sent to you upon request.

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Leavitt

Arthur H. Leavitt, Chief
Veterans' Records Branch

March 3, 1949

Mr. F. B. Lambert
Barboursville,
West Virginia

Dear Mr. Lambert,

In answer to your request concerning the Goff Family
I have the following information:

John Goff from Peter Rucker, Lease dated 1750.
John Goff from Peter Rucker, Release dated 1750.

There were no wills or other data concerning this
family recorded here.

The cost of procuring the leases would be \$2.00 per
lease. All Copies typewritten.

Your letter was referred to me. Any other information
I can locate I will write you.

Yours very truly,

Helen V. Wiltshire
(Mrs) Helen V. Wiltshire

Box 371

Orange, Virginia

Clerk's Office
Circuit Court of Amherst County
Wm. E. Sandidge, Clerk
Amherst, Virginia

March 4, 1949

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

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Your letter of February 28 received enclosing check for \$1.00 for data sent me, for which I thank you.

From the deeds I find that Leonard Goff and Ann, his wife, on August 5, 1765, conveyed to George McDaniel, 153 acres of land on the branches of Harris Creek. In this deed Leonard is described as "son and heir of John Goff".

Again, I find deed dated July 3, 1769, from Leonard Goff and Ann, his wife, "of Bedford County" conveying to Peter Rucker, John Rucker, Ambrose Rucker and others tract of 100 acres of land in Amherst County.

I also found a deed dated January 11, 1773, from John Goff and Ann, his wife, to William Guttrey, conveying 100 acres of land on Stovall's Creek. I take it that this was probably a tract of land that he did not dispose of before he left Amherst. ? *

I do not find, on marriage register, bonds of either Leonard Goff or Joseph Goff, and they were probably married in some other county.

If there is any further information I can give you, just let me know.

Very truly yours,


Clerk.

* Did he mean Leonard and Ann Goff? Yes, see his letter of later date.

Marrriages of the Children
of Joseph and Lucy Goff

John Goff m.

Fanny Goff m.

Elizabeth Goff m. Philip Burford, May 2
1799.

Ruth A. Goff m. Thomas Frith, Feb. 24,
1800

Nancy Goff m. Isaac Wright,
Oct. 9, 1799

Jamima Goff m. Barber

Rhoda (Rody) Goff m. Aaron Goff
Aug. 22, 1814. (Consent Joseph
& Lucy)

✓ Lucy Goff m. Peter Hunter.
Aug. 14, 1797 (Dan. Joe
By his con

Jeremiah Goff m. Pocahontas Wa
May 17, 1806. David George,
Securily.

Will of Joseph Goff. — 1817

In the name of God Amen, I
Joseph Goff of Bedford County being
empress with the uncertainty of
life and the length of eternity,
do declare this my last Will
and testament whereas I have
my wife Lucy Goff my sole
persons my house land and
negraire and Stock of every kind
and all my housew goods
To her in during her widowhood
and at end at the end of
her widowhood I leave my negaure
my Stock and house goods to
be sold and divided between
John Goff Fanny Goff Elizabeth
ham ^{Elizabeth} Ruth Griffith Nancy Wright
Jannina Barber, Rody Goff. Lucy
Hunter, and at the end of
her widowhood of lieve, I
~~leave to my daughter Rody Goff~~
~~forty Dollars in Cash.~~

m. Peter Hunter?

my land whereon I ^{now} live to my
son containing 196 acres to
Jeremiah Goff also my wagon.
I give to my daughter Rody Goff
forty Dollars in Cash I live
my beloved friend Peter Hunter
esr. to this my will as witness
my hand whereunto I set my
Seal in the year of Lord 1817.

(seal)

Joseph Goff (Seal)

William H. Anderson
Peggy Anderson.
Pleasant Canaday.

At a Court held for Bedford
County at the Courthouse thereof
the 28th of Dec. 1818, This
last will and Testament of
Joseph Goff Decd was proved
by the Oath of William H. Anderson
Peggy Anderson, and Pleasant
Canaday Subscribing in
witness and ordered to be
recorded, and Peter Hunter
the Executor therein named
who made oath and gave Bond

94.

according to said certificate
is granted him for obtaining a
probat thereof in due form
Teste
J. Suptoe, C.B.C.

Will Bk E. 5 p. 69

Inventory of Goods and
Chattels of Joseph Goff Dec. 1818

He had several hogs,
sheep, horses, cows, etc. the
usual household goods,
but most personal property
(Total \$4954.44) was in
slaves of which one man
Austin was valued at \$1000
John

Sarah	800
Usly (Woman)	196
1 Girl Letty	700
Eliza	350
Boy Matt	250
1 Woman Sarah	200
Boy Nathan	600
1 Girl Polly	200
	\$1750

Total Value

Will Bk. 6 p. 6

(Bedford Co) 95

7
Sale of the Property of
Jeremiah Goff Deceased 9 February
1821, at twelve months credit

✓ 1 desk and bookcase ^{case}	\$2.00
1 Cupboard	5.25
1 bed sled and furniture	5.25
1 dillo dillo	3.25
1 Folding table	1.00
6 Split bottom chairs	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Writing desk	31 $\frac{1}{4}$
1 Small table	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Loom & Spinning wheel	1.55
1 Trunk, 1 Cradle, 2 bottles and 1 barrel	25
3 Small pails	53
1 bowl, knife & forks, etc.	70
1 shovel	25
1 Cow and calf	9.60
Parcel of corn	2.00
1 Pot, lid, 2 skillets & oven	3.36

Richard Davis, Admr

of Jeremiah Goff, Dec'd
Thomas M. McClanahan
(Not recorded till. In 50.00 - 100)

On final settlement of Jeremiah⁷⁶
Goff's estate, he had a Total
valuation of \$80 ⁵⁷ Dec. 27, 182
Settlement with Admin.

Index shows that Goffs estates
were settled as late as 1935
Silas Goff being the last one.

Will Bk 1 p. 194⁴ - 195 1773 -

Inv. & appmnt. of estate
of Leonard Goff

Bk. 6 - 6 Jeremiah Goff

Bk 7 p 330 John Goff

8-171 Lucy Goff - 1833

1831 John Sr. Will 9-5-

9-36 - Joseph (1835)

John Goff made his will

April 19, 1827. Bk. 9 p. 5
He had a large family.

Lucy Goff's est appraised 1832
by John H. Wright, Benj. N. Robinson
& James Goodman. Recorded
Dec. 19, 1833

Will of John Goff Sr. Shows
the following: m. Priscilla Standley, 10/31/82

Wife Priscilla Goff

Children:

- Benjamin Goff (m. Sally Harris, dau of James Harris 10-26-29)
- Joseph Goff (m. Patience Parker) 12-6-21
- 2 Bros. { Archibald Goff (m. Polly Harrison, dau of Ballair & Palsy) 3-29-1810
- 2 sisters { Leonard Goff (m. Nancy Harrison, dau of Same. 10-26-1819)
- Elizabeth Goff (m. Christopher Talley Dec. 21, 1818)
- Nancy Goff (m. Edmund Wade 1-18-31)
- Priscilla II (m. Samuel Talley 8-10-35)
- John M. Goff
- Christopher Goff
- Mima Goff m John Carter, May 9, 1804, Consent of Joseph. — ? Martha
- Sally 4 m. Andrew Mc Keachey Aug. 25, 1806
- Jincy Parker m. Ezra or Ira P. 4/15/06, son of James P.
- Sally Machath

Teste

- Joseph Crews
- William Thomas
- John Talley.

(Leonard Goff, by atty
objected by Court overruled
him)

John Goff's Appraisal Recorded
April 26 ~~1832~~ 1830
Total \$11,21.38

May 7, 1948 - I find
several (3) Goff marriages
in Bollevort Co., but
none of ours.

Leonard Goff's estate was appraised
1773. Recorded Aug. 23, 1773.
It consisted mostly of live stock
No slaves. He had the
usual furniture - Will Bk.
1763-1787.

Attest

James Rucker

John Wright

Thomas Merrill.

100.

Wm

Goff marriages in Bedford
Co., Va.

John Goff m. Priscilla Standley
Samuel Standley, Surety
John Goff Sr. Oct. 31, 1782 (See Deed
Bk. 7 p. 342, for Ministers
Return

John Goff Jr. m. Fanny Timmon
Feb. 13, 1796. Samuel
Stanley, Surety

Abram Goff m. Sally Ruff
John Mann & Richard Moss,
Sureties, July 25, 1798

John Goff m. Seba Halley
Dan. of Francis H. Halley
May 19, 1800

John Goff m. Palsy Goff
Dec. 21, 1802. Dan. of John

✓ Jeremiah Goff m. Pocahunters
Wals, May 17, 1806,
David George, Surety

Mc Ghee Goff m. Viney Wilkerson
Feb. 25, 1811. Susannah
Thomas, Surety.

✓ Aaron Goff m. Rhoda Goff
Consent of Joseph & Lucy
Aug. 22, 1814.

101.

Leonard Goff m. Nancy Harrison
Came to Cabell Co. Oct. 26, 1819. Dan. of Battell.
~~Cabell Co~~

Joseph Goff m. Patience Parker
Dec. 6, 1821 Benf. Goff, Surety

John Goff Jr. m. Harriet Boley
Aug. 21, 1826. Dan. John B.

Benjamin Goff m. Sally Harris,
dan. of James, Oct. 26, 1829

Henry Goff m. Polly Jackson
Washington J. Surety
Dec. 1, 1830.

John H. Goff m. Nancy Lacks,
Nov. 23, 1831. Dan. Wm.
& Son of Archibald Goff.

Went to
Kannawha
Co. James Goff m. Mary Harris,
Oct. 2, 1833, Dan. of James.

Joel Goff m. Minerva Lewis Parker
Nov. 4, 1841, James M.
Parker, Surety.

James D. Goff m. Mary E. Rider,
Nov. 3, 1849, Dan. of John
Hezekiah Goff m. Martha Wilkerson,
Dec. 28, 1868.

102.
Lucy Goff m. Peter Hunter,
Aug. 14, 1797 Consent of Joseph
Goff, Dan. Joseph

Nancy Goff m. Isaac Wright, dan. Joseph
Oct. 9, 1799

Ruth A. Goff m. Thomas Frith,
Feb. 24, 1800. (Dan. Jos. & Lucy)

Clara Goff m. Isham Goff,
Pearcy, Nov. 3, 1804

Elizabeth Goff m. Joseph Reid,
Jan. 19, 1802, Ambrose
Goff, Security

Polly Goff m. Isham Percy, dan
of Ambrose. June 18, 1803.

Susannah Goff m. John Newman,
Nov. 24, 1803

✓ Mimma Sharp, m. John Carler,
May 9, 1804. Consent
of Joseph

Jerrey Goff m. Ezra or Ira Parker
April 15, 1806 Son of
James.

Sally Goff m. John Gallaham or
Callaham?
June 5, 1806.
Dan. of Ambrose.

Martida Goff m. Ezekiel Blair,
Feb. 5, 1821 Dan. of Abner

Edcey Goff m. Joseph Scott, dau. Saml
Oct. 18, 1827

Mary H. Goff m. Henry V. Oldhausen
Dan. of John.
March 6, 1830.

Nancy Goff m. Edmund Wade,
Jan. 18, 1831.

Priscilla Goff m. Samuel Tolley.
Dan. of Priscilla

Eliza Ann Goff m. Christopher ~~Wade~~
m. Ann Eliza Goff, ^{Marbleham}
Dec. 13, 1840.

Melina Goff m. William Campbell.
Jan. 2, 1842, George
dan. Archibald.

Frances Goff m. Samuel Harcross.
Dan. of Archibald

Nancy Goff m. Richard Freeman
John J. Garvin, Security

Lucy Goff m. Andrew F. Spence
Dec. 19, 1849. Dan. Arch.

Sarah A. Goff m. John D. Parker.
Dec. 4, 1850

Lucy Ann Goff
M. Marion L. Humphrey,
Sept. 2, 1864.

Goff Grantee Deeds

- 1767 - Leonard Goff Deed Bk. 3 p. 379,
150 a. on both sides Elk
Creek.
- 1771 - Joseph Goff, Deed Bk 4 p. 157,
67 a. on Branches of
Elk Cr
- 1771 - John Goff Deed Bk. 4 p. 159
100 a. on Brs. of Elk
Cr. & Johnson's Mtn.
- 1779 - John Goff Deed Bk. 6 p. 361
200 a. on S. end of
Johnson's and Jesse Tate,
etc.
- 1785 - Ambrose Goff Deed Bk. 7 p. 504
200 a. on N. Br. of Otter R.
& Boyles Br. & Lick Road
Several others.
- 1809 - Joseph Goff by Jno. Goff et al.,
Deed Bk. 12 p. 413
100 a. on Elk Cr.
adj. John Wright, etc.

Goff Granlor Deeds

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1773 Deed Bk. 4 p. 460 - Leonard Goff
to Thomas Merritt 100 A. on
Elk Cr. No wife signed.

1773 William Goff to Wm Handy
Deed Bk 5 p. 155 Pers. Property

1782 John Goff m. Priscilla Standley,
cert. of mar. 7 p. 342
Also others

1809 - John & Priscilla Goff to
Jos. Goff 127-413
100 A. on Elk Cr. adj.
John Wright.

1814 - Joseph Goff & Lucy to
Henry Lane, 14-156
6 A. on Elk Cr.

Records (Deeds) here to be by
Wm. Priestley Sr. as early
as 1809 & Wm. P. Jr. perhaps
Wm P. Jr. name mentioned.
(Yes he had deeds)

(Samuel Pr. was Rev. P's ancestor
in Lincoln Co)
P. P. P.

The Goffs of Kanawha Co

My name is Rankey Alvin Goff
b. Jan. 24, 1873, in Kanawha Co.,
at Martin's Branch, on Poca,
about 9 miles from Kanawha R.
above Winfield.

My father was James L. Goff
b. 1849, at Center Point?,
about 15 from Poca
My mother was Rebecca Jane
Wallace b. Jan. 12, 1849.

My brothers and sisters:

5 boys & 3 girls of which
3 boys & 1 girl are living.

Charley Goff m. 1 Roberts
m. 2 Chase
m. 2 Shurkey
about 59. In Legis
latere.

Albert L. 73. Lives on
West side. Runs
Storage & moving

Columbus Goff. Lives
below Winfield - Frazer
Bottom, Putnam Co

1 died young

Edison 0

Pearle Goff m. Ed Mellon
Live at Lanham P.O., or
Poca

Cora m. Robert Aultz
Dead. Lived at Poca
lakes. Both dead

Bleach m. Albert Thaxton
She is dead. He lives
at Pocatollica.

My grandfather was

Max Goff m. Ava Bailey
They lived at Center Point
then to Martin's Br. on
same farm my father lives

See Earl Goff in Medical
Arts & Atlas Bldg. in
Hospital Ins. Office
Also his brother
Cecil Goff at Goff Service
Station.

109.

Earl R. Goff
Leonard Goff d. at 95 about 1907
m. Sally (Thomas?) Came here
when young.

I think Smith Goff was a
bro. to Leonard who lived
near Institute, Union Dist.,
Kan. Co. on Kanawha R.,
just below Institute

Children:

John M. (my gr. father
m. Mary Herrick m.
in Kanawha Co.

Leonard Goff Sr. had a
son Leonard O. Goff who
died about 1918, at Charles
Ton.

Write Roy C. Goff, Elm Grove,
Pike Co., Ohio. Also,

Mrs. Ollie Mc Gwire,

Phone - 32726

Address - 856 Chester R.
Charleston

a gr. dau. of Leon-
ard Goff Sr.

Unbar or Stockton
Get off at Delaware
steps - at 15 ft. of

Beech live bus on Summers S
Go to Edgewood then to

Leonard Goff's Will - Kan Co ^{110.}

May 2, 1902

Recorded Dec. 29, 1905

1. Pay just debts
2. Give gr. son, Samuel Goff, certain land on Kan. R.
3. All real & pers. property to 3rd wife, Elizabeth W. Goff for life time & then to any of his children she sees proper. She to be executrix.

Sept. 19, 1858 - Wm. Goff. Sur.

June 26, 1879 Samuel " App.

1882 - Mack App. (Mack, Maxie)

Nov. 16, 1883 - Louisa M. Will

1908 - Leonard S. Comm.

(Many others)

111.

Cabell Co. Goffs
Grantor Deeds.

Deed Bk 9 p. 508

1847 - Leonard Goff et al
to Lisbon Goff, 68 a.,
on Little Guyan Creek.

Deed Bk. 10 p. 451

1850 - Leonard & Nancy L
Goff to Ludwell L.
Goff 34 a. on Right
Fork of Little Guyan
Creek

Deed Bk 11 p. 154

1858 Ludwell L. &
Goff to Lisbon
Goff 34 a., on
Little Guyan Cr

Deed Bk 42 p. 173

1893, Francis J. Lesage,
1 ff. vs. N. Goff Pipe
95 a. Ohio River. Lit
Pending.

Deed Bk 152 p. 456

1917, P. of Block 329,

Others later
in Huntington.

Deed Bk 9 p. 508

1847 - Lisbon Goff to Nancy
& Leonard Goff 68 a. on Little
Guyan Cr

Deed Bk 10 p. 451.

1850 - Ludwell D. Goff, 34 a
Little Guyan Cr., Right of -
34 a.

Deed Bk 11 p. 154

1853 - Lisbon Goff 34 a
on Little Guyan Cr. to Margaret
& Ludwell D. Goff

Deed Bk 11 p. 365

1854 - Benj. F. Harman to
Lisbon & Sarah Goff 68 a.
on Little Guyan & Ohio River

Deed Bk. 11 p. 366

1854 - John Hammon to
Lisbon & Sarah Goff
34 on Little Guyan Cr.

Deed Bk. 13 p. 72

1859 - Ludwell D., Charles
Lisbon & Maria Gwe Power
of Atty to Lemuel G.
Continued (This shows these)

Deed Bk 15 p 472

1866 - Nancy Goff gives
Power of atty to John
M. Blake

Deed Bk 15 p. 485

1866 - Wm. O. Goff gives
Power of atty. to
John M. Blake

In 1921 - S. J. & Dorothy Goff
are found in Hunting-
ton

Goffs in Huntington Phone
Book

Mrs. Dorothy Goff, Phone
22582, 238 - 4th Ave.


Mrs. Fay Stone Gray C. Goff 2820 N. Summit
Mound St. Road - Phone 22731
Harlan Ky

Sarah E. Goff -

Registered Nurse

518 - 2nd (St.?)

Phone 7751

Leonard Goff d. in 1853
as shown  on W. 11.00

Kanawha County Goffs

114.

Deed Bk. O p. 344

Oct. 10, 1845, James & Mary
Goff, for \$100, deed to
Robt. C. Thaxton, 54½ a.,
"on the waters of Tappers Cr.,
being the land purchased
of Unah Hatcher, by said Goff."
Properly ack., etc

Deed Bk. S. p. 273

Aug. 27, 1853, Smith and
Elizabeth Goff, for \$90,
deed to Joseph Goff, 150 a.,
"on the head waters of Goff's
Run, a branch of Fisher's
Fork of the Rocky Fork of
Potomac River, adjoining
the lands of the heirs of
John Bailey, dec'd., Jesse
Kelley, and James O. Shoema-
ker, ^{it being} part of a survey of
1000 a. to Henry Banks
and a part of the same
deeded by Samuel Humphreys
to said Smith Goff and S. W.
S. L. to..."

Deed Bk. W. p. 280

Feb. 1, 1860, Leonard and Sally Goff, for \$1800, deed to Robert Kelly, all of Putnam County, 165 $\frac{3}{4}$ a., in Kanawha Co., on Tappers Cr., a branch of Pocatalico River being same tract John Atkinson sold to said Goff except a part lying on the East side of the creek sold to Henry Mangus, etc.

Deed Bk. Y. p. 75

Dec. 14, 1864, Joseph & Larcena Goff, (a gas lease for 10 yrs., all land etc. on waters of Fishers Fork, purchased of Smith Goff, etc.

There are several other Grantee deeds by Goffs

Deed Bk. W. p. 280 - Leonard & Sally
 " " 4 p. 321 " "
 " " 5 p. 15 " "
 " " 7 p. 434 James & Rebecca J.
 7 p. 285
 7 p. 119 Joseph & Larcena

There are a multitude of Goff
deeds here.

Deed Bk. 84 p. 3

Feb. 3, 1896,

John Goff and — Goff, his wife
Walker L. Goff

Fannie Bean & James Bean,
Sarah & David Mayhugh
& Elizabeth & Frank Williams

John M. & Susan Goff of
Kanawha Co. &

Leonard O. Goff & Susan Goff
of Putnam Co.

for \$2500, deed to Leonard
Goff of Kanawha Co., 72+a.

This deed recites that in
1868, James W. Mellon & Wife
deeded to Sallie Goff, 3rd
wife of Leonard Goff, a.
and Leonard Goff paid
for it, therefore, "in all
conscience, his children and
grand children should deed
it to him, located on the N.
side of Kan. River & adj. land
to him, to & ... 10. 00.

Following also signed this deed

J. M. Goff
 Leonard S. Goff
 R. J. Layne
 Fannie Bean
 Sarah Mayhugh
 C. L. Goff

The Goffs purchased land
 as follows

1841 - James Goff - Deed Bk M p 240	
1847 - James W. " -	P p 261
1849 - Smith "	2 p. 340
1851 - Wm. Goff	R p. 107
1853 - Joseph Goff	S p. 273
1854 - John Goff	S p. 403
1854 - Leonard Goff	S p. 513
1854 - Mc (Maxy) "	T p. 201
1855 - Wm. Goff	T p. 252

Last deed to Leonard was
 in 1901.

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Barboursville, W. Va. Dec. 31, 1948.

Dear John:

New Year is just around the corner. So are taxes and death. If you will insure me against death, I'll promise not to grumble about the taxes. At any rate I have an idea. I am going to suggest that you go down to Morgans, Inc., on Fourth Avenue above Tenth Street and buy you some a c c o binders to fit the sheet on which this is written. Use 20# paper like this at about \$2.30 for 500 sheets, and you will have a book that will last about as long as a regular bound volume. You will have to have it punched. I can get this done at 25¢. It might cost you 50¢. I can also save on binder and paper, as I get all at wholesale.

Now, spend a lot of your spare time writing your personal recollections of each and every member of our families beginning when you were quite young and bringing it up to date. I have a very good account of the Lamberts, Goff, etc., and I think we should prepare copies for each member of our families. We can't stay here much longer. You are 71 or 72, I believe. I will be 76 on May 16. You can tell the story as it is without any glossing over.

I was over in Bedford County, Va. some months ago, and got much of the back history of Ma's grandfather, Jeremiah Goff. She was not even certain of his name. She and a cousin in the west, a man named Sowards, thought his name was Jeremiah, but neither was certain it was and I cleared up most of the story. He had come west for a load of salt from the salt wells above Charleston. He had a wagon drawn by horses, I judge, and a slave. He was killed on the way back by a barrel of salt rolling over him or by the wagon turning over, I don't know which. His people accused the slave of killing him, but I think the roads were very bad at that time, which was not later than 1821

I believe it was an accident. The family consisting of the mother (Ma's grandmother) and four to six children--boys and girls--came through Guyandotte in the early 1830s and settled on Paddy's Creek, back of Rome, Ohio, where we used to live. I have about all that is known of the family and their descendants.

Our grandmother was one of them. She was named Sarah M. Goff and was grandfather's second wife. He married both times in Lawrence County, O. His first wife (m. about 1840 or 41) was a Brown. This blew up some way, and about 1845 he married Sarah M (?) Goff, our grandmother. I have both records somewhere. They are recorded at Ironton.

Records, in Bedford, show that Jeremiah Goff was the son of Joseph and Lucy Goff, of Bedford County. There were several brothers and some Goffs are there yet. Most of them lived on the waters of Elk Creek.

Joseph Goff made his will in 1817. It was not probated until Dec. 28, 1818, so he must have been sick when he made his will, and died probably in December, 1818. He had several children some of whom I couldn't read well enough to be sure of their names, but most of them were mentioned later and can be discovered in that way.

The children were John Goff, Fanny, Elizabeth, Ruth, Nancy Jamina, Rody, and Lucy.

He mentioned Jeremiah last, gave him 196 acres, his home farm, I don't know about other land, and "also my wagon." Some of the girls, and maybe John Goff were married.

Besides other property, Joseph Goff owned about ten slaves valued from \$1,000.00 down to one girl at \$175.00 His total property was \$4954.44.

Jeremiah Goff made no will. He wasn't figuring on death.

His small estate--personal-- was sold Feb. 9, 1821. It amounted to only \$35.51 $\frac{1}{4}$ at that time. It finally amounted to \$80.51 on settlement made Dec. 27, 1854. I don't know what became of his land. I know we never got it.

Lucy Goff's estate was settled in 1833. I presume this was Joseph Goff's wife, our great ~~grat~~ grandmother. Her estate was appraised in 1832.

Leonard Goff's estate was settled, in 1773. He had bought land there in 1769. Some of the younger set were, or was named for him. As he was the first to come there, he undoubtedly was our great great great grandfather.

The Goffs, I feel certain, were German. They must have come quite early into Pennsylvania, and drifted south to Bedford County. (*They ^{later} probably were not German*)

No doubt I could trace them further if I had money and time to do it.

I have a copy of Jeremiah Goff's marriage bond. It shows that he married ^{"Pocahontas"} Pocahontas Goff. There is no question but what she was our great grandmother. While I was in Washington, D.C. I went into the National Archives and checked the Goffs in the various census reports. I found her name in the 1840 census, if I remember correctly. If so, she died before 1850, as I believe she was not listed in it.

There are many Goff marriages in Bedford County and some not our group (but no doubt related) in Botetourt County. There were Goffs in Harrison County, also, and one was U. S. Senator a few years ago. I judge all the early ones came from Germany via.

Pennsylvania. (*The ones in Harrison Co. & the northern part probably did, but ours seem not to have done so.*) Jeremiah Goff married Pocahontas (Wals?) May 17, 1806.

* *Ours were in Amherst Co., in 1768 & 9 & went from there to Bedford Co. in 1769*

Now, for an interesting side story. I was in Richmond a year or two ago and found the names of Braham Goff and Zechariah Goff as serving in the Revolutionary War.

Naturally, I concluded they were some of our early relatives, possibly ancestors. Recently I wrote to Washington asking the cost of photostatic copies of all their peneion papers.

The reply stated they were "free men of color". I looked in the glass, but didn't see anything resembling a mulatto. I then looked at your picture and could only see a little. I concluded if there was any it had been bred out.

This left me in a quandary. The National Archives wrote me they would send me cost of copies of records if I wished.

It might be these would tell more about these early Goffs. These "free men of color" evidently had been freed by their master (some of the early Goffs) for meritorious service.

Since I have already been at great expense, I wonder whether you wouldn't be willing to order them. They might or might not help.

Very truly,

F. B. Lambert

Many other Goff marriages are recorded in Bedford County.

(Great great grandparents of J. B. and
John W. Lambert) 122

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH AND LUCY GOFF IN BEDFORD
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TOGETHER WITH THE MARRIAGES OF
SUCH OF THEM AS I FOUND IN MY BRIEF VISIT TO THE
COUNTY. I ASSUME THE OTHERS CAN BE FOUND BY PROPER
SEARCH:

John Goff m.

Fanny Goff m.

Elizabeth Goff m. Philip Burford, May 22, 1799.

Ruth A. Goff m. Thomas Frith, Feb. 24, 1800.

Nancy Goff m. Isaac Wright Oct. 9, 1799.

Jemima Goff m. Barber,

Rhoda (Rody) Goff m. Aaron Goff Aug. 22, 1814. Con-
sent Joseph and Lucy)

Lucy Goff married Peter Hunter Aug. 14, 1797 (Dan Jos-
eph By his consent).

Jeremiah Goff m. Pocahontas Wals, May 17, 1806. David
George, Security.

my mother's sister
of Jeremiah (2) 20 ft
buried salt brown
rest on same side of
wells. One of them all over
over him and buried by
our children's carter to
and dad about 1880, went
out 1880 (See child
outman - Uncle Alfred,
or Johnson - a farmer
back. Still living in N. H.

supposed to be the
recorder Co. W. Va.
Kings - 6 mi. E. of
Kanawha. Owned
barrel of salt to
Gipadine, and
was married
to Sadler. Cr.
recorder office
then, and married
on other side
of

Henry Layton

Grandmother Giff is supposed to be
dam of Jeremiah (3) Giff. of Greenbrier Co. W. Va.
He hunted salt ponds, then 5 Kings & mi. E.
Charleston on some piece of Kanawha. Own
slaves. One of them will send a barrel of salt
roll over him and pulled him. Grandmother
other children came to Padbury Co. married
Granddaddy about 1840, moved to Padbury. C
about 1850 (the actual records - Records off
Branston - Uncle appeared, Uncle Ben, Maud ma
Roe Johnson - a preacher who lived on other for
of Creek. Still living in Huntington