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SOCIETY NOTES

Melvin R. Adamson, one of S.K.G.S.'s founding fathers, has designed the handsome cover which made its first appearance on Vol. VII, No. 3, of THE LONGHUNTER. Melvin also created the antique quill sketches and the lovely country church cemetery sketch which enhance various pages of our quarterly. We express a deep appreciation to Melvin for giving so freely of his talent to THE LONGHUNTER. His art gallery is located at 1338 U.S. Highway 31-W By-Pass in Bowling Green--an exciting place to visit, whether to view his beautiful sketches and paintings or to "talk" genealogy.

At its July meeting, S.K.G.S. voted to set its 1985 dues at \$10.00. The Society decided to incorporate the "family membership" into a single membership. In other words, a husband and wife can both join for one \$10 fee. A single member also pays a \$10 fee. This decision came about since the fee is basically used to publish THE LONGHUNTER, and husband and wife receive only 1 copy per issue--same as a single member. We sincerely hope that the increased fee will not deter you from joining and supporting the Society for the 1985 year. No budget could possibly be run any tighter than is ours. All monies go toward publishing THE LONGHUNTER. Any monies made from the sale of extra copies of the quarterly go toward the purchase of genealogical books for the local libraries. Starting with Vol. VIII, No. 1 (1985) of THE LONGHUNTER, extra copies of the quarterly will be priced at \$3.00 each.

NEW MEETING TIME: The Society will hold its monthly meeting on the third Wednesday night of each month throughout the remainder of the 1984 year. We hope to return to our meeting date of the third Thursday of each month by January of 1985.

The Society wishes to extend a warm welcome to the following new and renewed 1984 members (all addresses are Bowling Green, KY 42101, unless otherwise stated):

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S.K.G.S. member Helen Lawrence would like to pass along information concerning a family relic which she noticed recently while browsing in THE CRIB, a small antique store located on Broadway in Bowling Green, KY. It is a framed picture and marriage certificate of WILLIAM GRAINGER to SARAH A. MAHEW, dated Sep 1876. The couple were married in Simpson County, KY. The item is for sale.

The Bowling Green Public Library has recently moved the genealogy books and quarterlies to a room on the second floor of the library. It is a larger room with more space for book expansion than the room previously used for genealogical purposes.

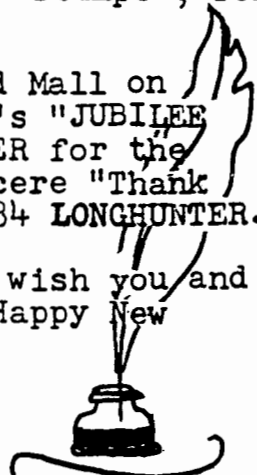
S.K.G.S. member Donna Chatman has been appointed as Chairperson of the Bible Records Committee. This committee is to compile and assemble the genealogical data from family Bibles (which we are anxiously soliciting from our members and anyone who would like to contribute) to be published in a forthcoming book by the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. Please send your family Bible records to: Donna Chatman, 1221 Grider Pond Road, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101.

S.K.G.S. members Era Stinson and Sue Spurlock wish to announce that their book--Sumner County Tennessee Marriages 1839-1875--should be ready for distribution by February of 1985. They have recorded, compiled and indexed (male & female), from bonds and certificates, original marriage books, missing books from microfilm, etc., over 7,000 marriages for this period. This work promises to be a fine (and long-awaited) genealogical tool. Pre-publication price is \$27 (includes tax, postage, & handling). You may write Era Stinson at 615 Fairdale, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Coming up in THE LONGHUNTER for 1985, we will have a listing of "Early Warren County Kentucky Tax Records," compiled and contributed by S.K.G.S. member Claire Davenport, a Professional Genealogist. Also, we are thrilled to announce we will be publishing an alphabetical listing of "Heads of Household Index to the 1860 Warren County Kentucky Census," compiled and contributed by S.K.G.S. member Patricia Reid. Patricia Reid of 441 Iroquois Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101, is in the process of compiling a book which will include the complete 1860 Warren County KY Census, Warren County marriage records 1860-1870, and various other genealogical information. If you would like to be notified when this book is completed, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Patricia at the preceding address.

We hope to see you at the S.K.G.S. Booth in the Greenwood Mall on November 9th and 10th as we participate in Warren County's "JUBILEE '84!" Since this will be our last issue of THE LONGHUNTER for the 1984 year, may we take this opportunity to express a sincere "Thank You!" to each and everyone who has contributed to the 1984 LONGHUNTER.

The Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society would like to wish you and yours a "Festive Thanksgiving," a "Merry Christmas," a "Happy New Year"--and, as always, "Happy Longhunting!"





THE MYSTERY OF THE MELUNGEONS

by Chester I. Bays

Nobody knows the origin of the word "Melungeon," and nobody knows the origin of these dark-complexioned people. As I grew up in Lee County, Virginia, we didn't have a word to describe these people. The families we knew best were Gibson, Collins, and Goins, and we simply thought of them as families, without ever thinking there was anything unusual about these dark people living among the rest of us who were of Anglo-Saxon stock.

It was years later that I first heard them referred to as "Melungeons," and the one thing that kindled my interest in them at the time was when I read where several authorities insisted that those Melungeons who lived on Newman's Ridge in Lee County were already there when the early pioneers wound their way across Powell Mountain and Newman's Ridge on their way to Cumberland Gap. I had heard my parents and grandparents talk of these families, and I can recall some of them. My first cousin married Hattie Gibson; Lewis Gibson owned a filling station, and he hauled our coal each fall.

Some people saw negroid features in these families. I didn't. I didn't see the shade of brown and black I would expect to find in a member of the Negro race. Those I remember had complexions more like the dark people of India. How dark were they? Some were very dark--too dark to be south Europeans. I recall my uncle insisted that one of the Collins boys who came back from World War II would not show his service record because he had spent his Army time in a Negro battalion.

Newman's Ridge extends down into Hancock County, Tennessee, which was formerly a part of Hawkins County. An early census of Tennessee shows that except for Davidson County there were more than twice as many "free colored" in Hancock County as in any other county in Tennessee. This may have resulted from an honest classification on the part of the census taker, who didn't know how else to classify them. It could have resulted from bias or prejudice against them in some cases. While mountain people occasionally owned Negro slaves, who were later given freedom, it is certain that the majority of those listed as "free colored" were, in fact, Melungeons.

One theory of Melungeon origin and race is that they were descendants of shipwrecked sailors and Indian women. Many of the early Melungeons claimed to be of Portuguese ancestry, but they had no information to support their claims.

Another theory is that they were descendants of a lost tribe of Israel, a theory and explanation which has been used to describe many early American settlers who could not otherwise be accounted for. Still another theory of Melungeon origin, unknown to me until recent years, is that they were descendants of "Welsh Indians." There is considerable authority that tribes of Indians speaking Welsh were known to other tribes, and several early traders heard accounts of these strange people given to them by Indians and even found some Indians speaking Welsh. I personally could never see any Welsh features in these dark people.

An additional theory is that they are descendants of the lost colony of Roanoke Island. The word "Croatoan," which later parties found carved on the tree, has never been explained.

There is historical authority that at least some of these people migrated to the mountains of eastern Kentucky, south west Virginia, and east Tennessee from North Carolina. Whether this was a gradual migration or over a relatively short period of time is not known. Some have suggested that the Newman's Ridge Melungeons may have settled there as long as two hundred years before the settlers came pouring through Cumberland Gap. However, reliable information as to their origin is completely lacking, and it was not until the last half of the nineteenth century that the Melungeons became the subject matter of scholarly inquiry and, by that time, it was much too late to learn anything of their early background.

The fact that except for their dark complexion they did not seem to differ from their neighbors makes their origin harder to determine. If they spoke a different dialect from that of their neighbors of Anglo-Saxon ancestry, it was not sufficiently noticeable to suggest the influence of a foreign language. The Melungeons must have had considerable contact with their Anglo-Saxon neighbors over a period of time. Their methods of farming, their handicrafts, their social customs, superstitions, and religious beliefs did not differ from their neighbors around them so far as is known. Even their names were, essentially, common English names.

It was only recently I learned, on the basis of census records, that while Lee County, Virginia, and Hancock County, Tennessee, had a large population of these people; compared with the population in general, Knott County, Letcher County, and Floyd Counties in Kentucky had still more of them.

It is quite possible that the Caudills of eastern Kentucky, and there are many of them, were classed as "Melungeons," but, again, they have a fascinating explanation of their ancestry and the origin of the family name. They suggest that their ancestors may have been shipwrecked soldiers and sailors from the defeated Spanish Armada, that many were cast or swam ashore in England and, particularly, in Ireland. They suggest that as these young men came ashore, expecting to be put to death by a foreign enemy, that they, being Roman Catholic, gave the sign of the cross, an event which may have saved the lives of many, since the Roman Catholic Irish would have spared them under these circumstances.

As they came ashore, it is suggested that they kept repeating "El Caudillo," meaning "The leader," in Spanish, indicating that their commander could speak for them and possibly explain their presence and save their lives. The descendants of these dark-complexioned survivors from the Spanish Armada may well be ancestors of the eastern Kentucky "Caudills," and the words, "El Caudillo" account for the name Caudill, as given to all of them by their captors. Just as plausible an explanation can be given for the "black Dutch" which I find in my family tree, but that is still another story.

My own opinion of the Melungeon race is as follows: I see these people, isolated and intermarrying among their own families of dark people, as not one people but, perhaps, several. As several explanations have been offered for the presence of these dark people, it may well be that they, in fact, have different origins--one from the other--but we will never know.

Just as the famous Leakey family, renowned anthropologists, have suggested that the evolution of modern man from his primitive ancestors cannot be explained by a straight line but that modern man's "family tree" had several branches, some who failed to survive and others who flourished, it may be that the origin of all these dark people involves far more complex circumstances than we can imagine.

Historians and present day sociologists have discussed the matter of just how these dark-complexioned people were treated by society. I don't actually know. All Appalachian people were discriminated against by people of other parts of the country. I suspect that these people were discriminated against, at least to some extent, by the Appalachians around them. It is common for the majority to discriminate against the minority. While the color of one's skin is not always the basis for discrimination, it is a common one. It is quite possible that discriminatory state laws, especially in Tennessee, kept many of these people on the lower end of the economic scale. I have read that their state laws, dealing with the "free colored," provided, at one time, that they could not vote, hold public office, and could not even testify in court against a white person. This alone could account for a loss of bottom land to others and their moving up on Newman's Ridge and into the mountains where nobody wanted the land and where they wouldn't be bothered.

Still, as a child, one does not usually become philosophical and concern himself with social justice, but it would not be unusual for a youngster who had been out playing in the dirt to be fussed out by his Mother, come meal time, and be reminded that he needed to wash, that he was "as black as a Collins."

What remains of these people, and what are they like today? Doubtless, for several generations these people married among their dark-complexioned families. I am sure there was resistance among families of Anglo-Saxon stock to marriage to these darker people. In my own family I know of instances where as many as three brothers or sisters from one family married three brothers or sisters of another, so marriage within these families would be expected; and, so long as they married within these families, their offspring remained dark. With better transportation and communications, mobility came to our society in general. It was probably later coming to these people, many of whom were isolated on Newman's Ridge, but it did come. Since most were among the "have nots," any change in their circumstances represented an improvement in their lot. Many numbered among the Appalachian out migration which started with the World War II war effort. It intensified with the post war industrial boom.

These Melungeons have integrated into society, as have many others, to become a part of that great melting pot, whose inhabitants will hereafter simply be referred to as "Americans." The origin of the Melungeons will remain a mystery.

EXCITEMENT IN 1780 -- KENTUCKY STYLE

by Lucile (Riley) Stiles

Spring of 1780 had been unusually wet in Kentucky, and the settlers at Ruddle's Station on the south forks of the Licking River had no thought that the Indians would attempt any invasion while the floods were prevalent. Daily tasks went on as usual and, totally unsuspecting, the settlers were easy targets on June 22 when Colonel Byrd, a British army officer, and a diverse army of about 600 Canadians and Indians attacked the fort.

Under the best of conditions, the settlers would have been outnumbered, and, with many of the men away from the fort for a variety of reasons, the invading enemy was at a great advantage. Then too, the force attacking the fort possessed cannons, and the second firing convinced the fort that further resistance was futile. Captain Issac Ruddle was able to negotiate an agreement with Colonel Byrd, ensuring good treatment of the captured settlers. However, when the gates were opened, the Indians could not be restrained, and they took possession of the prisoners. Families were separated, many women and children killed brutally, and the others divided as hostages or "spoils of war" among the Indians.

My great-great-great-great grandmother, Mary (Nodler) Hon, along with her son Joseph Jr., 5 years old, and daughter Katherine, 3, were captured and dispersed among the Indians. Mary was taken by members of Blue Jacket's trike and Mary later said she was treated very well. She took care of the cattle and helped cook. (Tradition has it that after many years back home she was still able to cook "Indian.") She was told that the reason her children weren't killed was "they look like us," being dark-complexioned with dark hair and eyes. (One time you really wouldn't rather be a blonde!)

Joseph Hon Sr. paid ransom for six years to get his wife back, and upon doing so moved to the north fork of Red River (near Stanton, Kentucky). He feared the Indians would return and steal his wife again. At the time of his death, Joseph owned approximately 2000 acres of this fairly mountainous area and willed it to his son, with the understanding that the son would always take care of his mother.

Joseph Hon Jr. lived with the Indians until 16 or 17 years old when he escaped after several attempts and was able to find his parents. Katherine was taken to an Indian camp in the Great Lakes area. There, a white explorer, Colonel Fry, and his wife bought and adopted her. When she married years later, she finally traced family in Kentucky.

This story has come intact and so similarly through the families that it is accepted as true and accurate by the DAR.





INDEX TO WARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY

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DEED BOOK B-2

1803



Housed in The Reading Room of the Bowling Green Public Library and also in the Kentucky Building Library (Bowling Green, KY) is a "lifetime gift of love" to all those with Warren County, Kentucky, roots, from one of this county's "First Ladies" of History and Genealogy--Mrs. J. Vernon Hardcastle.

Mrs. Hardcastle has indexed and edited into abstract form, not only the early Warren County deed books, but many other early Warren County records as well. She has graciously given her permission to the editors of THE LONGHUNTER to reprint the following index, which includes not only the name of the person who recorded the deed, but also the name of each person who is mentioned in the deed. In giving her permission, Mrs. Hardcastle simply stated, "Well, that is why I did it--to help others."

Mrs. Hardcastle is an Honorary Regent, elected for life, of the Samuel Davies Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has verified 23 Revolutionary War ancestors. In 1983, the S.A.R. presented Mrs. Hardcastle with The Good Friendship Medal, and, this year, she was awarded a Kentucky Colonelcy by Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins. Our Society would like to join the chorus of those expressing their deepest appreciation for the great legacy Mrs. Hardcastle has given to all people whose ancestors have ever passed this way.

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

by Mrs. Josie Nazro



(Continued from Vol. VII, No. 3)

Robert Moore, the founder of the city, died in 1810. His burial place I do not know. His brother, George Moore, died in 1813 and his unkept and unrespected grave may now be found in the old cemetery on College street, which the Board of Public Works of Bowling Green, the city he founded, permits each summer to grow into a jungle of weeds and today remains a shame to the city. The oldest buildings now standing in Bowling Green are the Moore home, corner of State and Eighth streets, built by Robert Moore; the Morehead house, built by the father of Mrs. Joseph Younglove and the Younglove building, corner of State and Main streets, built by Thomas Quigley, a leading business man of this section in early days. He afterwards moved to Louisville. The building still standing at the corner of Park Row, was built by my grandfather, Mathew W. Henry, at that time known as Washington Hall.

The Presbyterian church is the oldest church now standing and was organized in 1819. Its first pastor, Rev. Joseph B. Lapsley, is buried in my grandfather's lot in the old cemetery. In the basement at an early date Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Jones of Massachusetts established a most notable private girls' school of this section. There was no public schools until after the Civil War. It was the first school I ever attended and Mrs. Lizzie Thomas was my chum there. I suppose there is not a D.A.R. in the city whose mother or grandmother did not attend that school. Mr. Jones died a few years after its establishment and his widow, Mrs. Mary K. Jones, carried it on for many years. She was one of the most cultivated women ever in Bowling Green and I remember my father once saying, if his daughters only learned to walk as Mrs. Jones walked he would consider their tuition well spent. Her methods of teaching were thorough and religious instruction went with her teachings, as an essential part of a woman's education.

Miss Sallie McElroy, who afterward married Hon. Proctor Knott, was at that time her assistant. When now I go into the basement of the Presbyterian church, where this school was so long and successfully held and compare the quarters with the fine school buildings of the present day, I am impressed with the wonderful superiority of mental, moral and spiritual teachings over more material surroundings in forming character, for taken as a class it would be hard to find nobler, more useful women than were educated at Mrs. Jones' school in the basement of the old Presbyterian church. This I can say without conceit, as unfortunately I did not finish my education there, but left when about 15 to attend school in Washington City. I am aware that I lost much by the change.

There were no good established boys' schools in Bowling Green at that early date. A few years before the Civil War the Methodists secured a sight on what is now Reservoir Hill and large subscription were secured for the building of a college for boys. Buildings were commenced and a cornerstone was laid. At the ceremony Rev. Mr. Parsons,

a Methodist minister, made a beautiful address and there was great enthusiasm in the town. Prominent men of all denominations contributed. The war coming on put an end to it and the project was abandoned.

Besides the buildings in the town limits at that time, there were many substantial homes located and built in the county. Among them the home now owned by Mrs. Searcy, built by my great uncle, Thomas Rogers. Hugh Barclay, the ancestor of the large family of that name in this town and county, chose for his home a beautiful location on Barren River a mile east of Bowling Green, where he located a home of 1,000 acres and built a fine colonial brick house. In 1838 he sold this place to my father who, owing to its elevated location, called it Mount Air and it still goes by that name, though the original house was burned during the Civil War. I will now leave the historical records of Bowling Green and tell you something of my early recollections which extend so far back that they may truly come under the head of "Early History."

One of my earliest memories is of an old, very old lady, sitting at an upper window of the Maria Moore house. She wore a soft white cap over her white hair and a kerchief folded over her breast, pinned with a large cameo brooch. In the window by her side was always a little white pitcher with blue bands around it. This old lady was the widow of Robert Moore, the founder of Bowling Green. All of her early companions were long since dead and she came to think that God had forgotten to call her home and her constant prayer was "O Lord, remember me." One morning on my way to school I noticed the little pitcher was not in the window and learned that she was dead. God had remembered her. She was buried in the old cemetery beside her husband. She left an only daughter, Miss Maria Moore, at that time about 50, plain, somewhat stout and practical, but around whom a very pathetic romance lingered, which might well serve a warning to young ladies inclined to trifle with sincere affection.

Social life in those days were very different from the present time. The population was about three thousand. There were very few, really none of the housekeeping conveniences of the present day but nearly everyone owned their own family servants, so there was none of the changing and hunting for cooks. Accordingly entertaining was not difficult and hospitality became a matter of course. Church going was universal and the weekly prayer meetings were not neglected. The ladies prayer meetings and the ladies sewing circles were the only meetings I remember exclusively for women. All parties were for both sexes, men and women, ladies and gentlemen as we said then. If a number of ladies organized themselves into an assembly to play cards for the entire afternoon, I think the church would have called a meeting to look into the matter.

There was a "Shakespearian Club" organized for men and women, mostly unmarried, which met monthly and continued for years with great interest and much literary improvement for its members. As characters were assigned we, of course, studied them in order to read as well as possible for one of our officers was a critic who did not spare our mistakes. He was a very intelligent though eccentric man, T. P. Aticus

Bibb by name. The social life was so delightful and many pleasant parties given. There were never set programs for our guests entertainment. The hostess used her skill to draw out their talents. If any girl was known to sing or play well or recite an opportunity was given them to display their talent.

Among many of the hospitable homes, where frequent "parties" were given was that of Mr. Atwood Hobson, grandfather of Mrs. T. H. Beard and Miss Margaret Hobson, on College street, where the Business University now stands. And not so elegant or ceremonious but certainly among the most enjoyable were those given by Mrs. Issac Newton, grandmother of Mrs. Alice Hackney, at her home, which is still standing, the red brick house at the corner of College and Eithth streets. There never was any wall flowers at her parties, for whenever conversation seemed to lag, she would say "circulate!" Circulate, young people!" Mrs. Jones you have been talking long enough to Miss Smith, circulate, everybody." So there was a lot of fun trying to get back to the one you liked. My own home at Mount Air was the scene of many pleasant parties for we were a large family of young people and my father and mother enjoyed nothing so much as making them happy.

There were no theatres in those early days. Ogden Hall was built much later and such entertainments as came to town or of amateur origin were generally held in churches or in Mrs. Jones' school house. There were sometimes pleasant dancing parties but round dances were rarely indulged in between young men and women and except by the most daring and then a cannon ball might have been shot between the two without injury to either.

Horseback riding was universally indulged in and a favorite amusement of the young folks but the possibility of a lady riding astride in breeches was inconceivable.

No railroad was in here in those days and the arrival and departure of the stage coach to and from Louisville was the most exciting incident of the day and it was indeed an inspiring sight to see the stage driver blow his horn, crack his long whip and start four fine horses off at a gallop. The stage at that time started from the Morehead house.

When in 1856 my father was elected to Congress he took my sister and me to Washington with him. We traveled from Bowling Green to Louisville by stage coach, we traveled at night too. As I remember the trip took us the better part of three days. We used candles for lights in those days and gas lights in Louisville was a sensation to me. Cisterns, springs and wells in back yards furnished the town water supply. As a result, though, we were ignorant at the time of the connection, there were always enough cases of typhoid fever in the town to call forth all the help possible from friends and neighbors, as there were no trained professional nurses then.

(Mrs. Nazro's "Early History of Bowling Green, Kentucky," will be concluded in the next issue of THE LONGHUNTER, with her account of the Civil War days.)



FAMILY TREES

PAUL FERGUSON & MELVIN C. FERGUSON

Paul Ferguson, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Gaston Ferguson, was born 18 Feb 1799 in Logan County, Kentucky. He married Catherine "Polly" Graham in Butler County, Kentucky, on 14 July 1823. He died 8 Oct 1865 in Butler County. Catherine, daughter of Garrett and Esther Graham, was born c1806 in Butler County. Their children were:

- 1 MARY ANN b c1825 Butler Co KY; d c1849; md 1 Jan 1846
Lewis Deathridge in Butler Co.
- 2 JOHN J. b c1827 Butler Co KY; d 1854 Butler Co KY; md
21 Feb 1850 Sarah G. Causey in Butler Co.
- 3 ELIZABETH b c1832
- *4 MELVIN C. (see below)
- 5 AMERICA J. b c1836 Butler Co KY; d winter of 1870 in Butler
"Joos" Co; md 1 Jul 1858 William P. Ferguson in Butler Co.
- 6 SERILDA PORTER b 22 Feb 1840 Butler Co; d 20 Jan 1916 Butler Co;
md 19 May 1859 Garrett Graham in Butler Co.
- 7 SUSAN C. md 13 Dec 1860 William A. Stevenson in Butler Co.
- 8 AMANDA b c1846; md 23 Oct 1866 in Butler Co.
- 9 ROBERT J. b 10 Oct 1849; d 17 Feb 1932

* Melvin C. Ferguson was born 8 Apr 1834 in Butler County, Kentucky. He married (1) c1853 Nancy W. Puckett, (2) 1 Oct 1862 Ruth Ann Hill in Warren County, KY. Nancy W. Puckett, daughter of Richardson H. and Mary Epperson Puckett, was born 17 July 1835 in Virginia. She died 18 Mar 1862 in Kentucky. Melvin died in May of 1892. Children of Melvin C. Ferguson were as follows:

F. 1	MARY F. <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> John Thomas Annis "Dud"	Birth	1 Sept 1854	Butler	Ky.
		Mar.			
		Death			
		Burial			
M. 2	JOHN ROBERT <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> Sarah Emeline Clark	Birth	8 Feb. 1856	Butler	Ky.
		Mar.	24 Aug. 1883	Warren	Ky.
		Death	6 Dec. 1924	Cass	Texas
		Burial		Salem Cemetery, Cass County, Texas	of
F. 3	SARAH ELIZABETH <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> Jackson Warren Wiley	Birth	14 Feb. 1857	Butler	Ky
		Mar.	12 June 1876	Gallatin	Summer Tenn.
		Death	13 July 1930	Linden	Cass Texas
		Burial		Linden Cemetery, Cass County, Texas	
M. 4	WILLIAM RICHARD <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> Elizabeth Sutton (Betty)	Birth	6 Dec. 1858	Butler	Ky.
		Mar.			
		Death	2 May 1926		
		Burial		Salem Cemetery, Logansport, Kv.	
M. 5	THOMAS M. <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> Mary E. Wiley	Birth	July 1860		
		Mar.	21 Dec. 1882	Home of W.W. Carnefix, Warren Co.	Ky.
		Death			
		Burial			
F. 6	ANTHA J. <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> Samuel H. Wilson	Birth	7 Mar. 1864		Ky.
		Mar.	1 May 1890	Co. Court Room, Warren	Ky.
		Death			
		Burial			

M.	7	CHARLES P. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	14 Jan. 1866		Ky.
			Mar.			
			Death			
			Burial			
F.	8	AMANDA B. (Belle) Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	ca 1868		Ky.
		William L. Moore	Mar.	9 Jan. 1890	Warren	Ky.
			Death			
			Burial			
F.	9	NANNIE J. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	Apr. 1870		Ky.
		Eugene Barnett	Mar.	22 June 1890	Roling Springs Church, Warren Co.	Ky.
			Death			
			Burial			
M.	10	JESSIE Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	ca 1872		
			Mar.			
			Death			
			Burial			
M	11.	James ("Jim") Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	1873	Warren	Ky.
		Millie Kursey	Mar.			
			Death			
			Burial			

This family record was compiled by S.K.G.S. member Mrs. Charlene Morris, P.O. Box 507, Linden, TX 75563. She would like to correspond with anyone researching this family. She adds the following notes in regard to the foregoing record:

Date of death of Melvin C. Ferguson shown by C. R. Hill of Danville, KY, on his chart of this family as 6/5/1892--a strikeover--and I cannot determine if it is June or July. Mr. Hill is now deceased and I have not been able to find anyone who has his records.

#5 - Thomas M. shown on 1860 census taken 8 Aug 1860 as age 1/12 which I interpret to mean he was born in July 1860. C. R. Hill gives his birth date as 5/8/1860.

Vol. 78/174 Warren County, KY, lists the heirs of M. C. Ferguson as:

Jno. R. Ferguson & his wife Emeline (signed J. R.)

William Ferguson & wife Bettie (signed W. R.)

Jesse Ferguson

Sallie E. Wiley & her husband J. W. Wiley

Nannie J. Barnett & her husband Eugene Barnett

Belle Moore & her husband William L. Moore (signed A. B.)

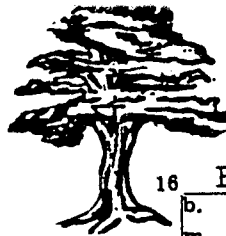
Antheia Wilson & her husband Samuel H. Wilson (signed A. J.)

Mary Ennis and her husband John Ennis (signed Annis)

Vol. 79/154 Warren County, KY, states: "equal proportions to each of the 10 heirs of said M. C. Ferguson, dec'd. Thomas & Chas. Ferguson being two of them."

These make 10 heirs; however, the 1880 census lists "James, age 7, son," and C. R. Hill does not list Jesse (who was also on the 1880 census as a son age 8) but lists as the 10th child, Jim Ferguson. Jim and wife Millie Kursey had children named (1) Arvil, (2) Oral, and (3) Lillian.

FAMILY TREES



Name of Compiler Judy Foreman Lee
 Address 318 Shady Lane
 City, State Newburgh, IN 47630

1 Donald James LEE Sr.
 b. 27 Jan 1942
 p.b. Morgantown, Butler Co. KY
 m. 11 Sep 1971 (#2)
 d.
 p.d.

4 Marion Walter LEE
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 10 Jan 1870
 p.b. Butler Co. KY
 m. 8 May 1918
 d. 12 Jul 1934
 p.d. Butler Co. KY

2 Willis Andrew LEE
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 4 Feb 1919
 p.b. Woodbury, Butler Co. KY
 m. 12 Oct 1940 Warren Co.
 d. 22 Aug 1977
 p.d. Evansville, IN

5 Hattie Leora MILAM
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 22 Oct 1902
 p.b. Warren Co. KY
 d.
 p.d.

6 Leslie W. SATTERFIELD
 (Father of No. 3)
 b. 1878
 p.b. Warren Co. KY
 m. 25 Dec 1900
 d. 1942
 p.d. Butler Co. KY

3 Mary Margaret SATTERFIELD
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 9 Oct 1923
 p.b. Morgantown, Butler Co. KY
 d. 7 Dec 1967
 p.d. Evansville, IN

7 Susie Ophelia FRIZZELL
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 1884
 p.b. Butler Co. KY
 d. 1932
 p.d. Butler Co. KY

Judy Dian Foreman Fisher
 (Spouse of No. 1)

8 Sidney LEE
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. 11 Jan 1837
 p.b. Il.
 m. 15 Dec 1856 Butler Co.
 d. 14 Dec 1908
 p.d. Butler Co. KY

9 Martha J. Jones
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. 14 Apr 1841
 p.b. Il.
 d. 5 Jun 1899
 p.d. Butler Co. KY

10 Hezakiah MILAM
 (Father of No. 5)
 b. 10 Aug 1862
 p.b. Warren Co. KY
 m.
 d. ca 1941
 p.d. Butler Co. KY

11 Mary Frances SHERRIOR
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b. 7 Jan 1860
 p.b. Warren Co. KY
 d. 2 Jul 1944
 p.d. Butler Co. KY

12 William SATTERFIELD
 (Father of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

13
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

14 John W. FRIZZELL
 (Father of No. 7)
 b. 26 Feb 1860
 p.b.
 m. 21 Apr 1879 Butler Co.
 d. 18 Jan 1926
 p.d. Butler Co. KY

15 Elizabeth J. MOORE
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b. 30 Sep 1852

16 Barnette (Barney) LEE
 b. ca 1795
 m.
 d. ca 1869 Butler Co. KY
 17 Sarah (Sally)

b. ca 1802 Tenn.
 d. after 1880 Butler Co.
 18 James R. JONES

b.
 m.
 d.
 19
 b.
 d.

20 Obediah MILAM
 b. 31 Dec 1822
 m. 14 Mar 1842 Warren Co.
 d. 6 Mar 1908 Warren Co.
 21 Charlotte CHERRY
 b. 30 Sep 1820
 d. 11 May 1899 Warren Co.
 22 George SHERRIOR

b.
 m. 6 Feb 1854 Warren Co.
 d. Lucinda CHERRY
 23
 b. ca 1825
 d. Warren Co. KY

24
 b.
 m.
 d.

25
 b.
 d.

26
 b.
 m.
 d.

27
 b.
 d.

28 Wesley M. FRIZZELL
 b. 17 Jul 1836
 m.
 d. 25 Feb 1924 Butler Co.
 29 Mahala SUBLETT

b. 1 Oct 1843 Butler Co.
 d. 17 Jan 1875 Butler Co.

30
 b.
 m.
 d.

31

FAMILY TREES



Name of Compiler Judy Foreman Lee
 Address 318 Shady Lane
 City, State Newburgh, IN 47630

Capt. C. W.
 16 William Percy FOREMAN

James Pinckney
 8 Millie FOREMAN

(Father of No. 4)

b. 23 Oct 1850

p.b.

m. 25 Dec 1871

d. 3 Apr 1940

17 Margaret Minerva HANNA

4 Burl FOREMAN Sr.

(Father of No. 2)

b. 14 Jan 1883

p.b. Pope Co. IL

m. 8 Jul 1903

d. 13 Apr 1955

p.d. Harrisburg, IL

18 John Wesley SCOTT

9 Mary Adeline SCOTT

(Mother of No. 4)

b. 24 Mar 1850

p.b.

d. 27 Jun 1924

19 Susan SITZE/SIFE

2 Burl FOREMAN Jr.

(Father of No. 1)

b. 31 Aug 1921

p.b. Livingston Co KY

m. 2 Mar 1941

d. 22 Jan 1969

p.d. Chicago, IL

20 Calvin Perry DAVIDSON

10 Rufus Calvin DAVIDSON

(Father of No. 5)

b. 6 Apr 1855

p.b.

m. 28 Aug 1881

d. 27 Mar 1928

21 Letha WHITLEY

5 Della C. DAVIDSON

(Mother of No. 2)

b. 12 Jun 1884

p.b. Pope Co. IL

d. 14 Oct 1959

p.d. Paducah, KY

22 Elijah JENNINGS

11 Armada JENNINGS

(Mother of No. 5)

b. 10 Aug 1864

p.b.

d. 23 Nov 1947

23 Mary Jane SOWARD

1 Judy Dian FOREMAN

b. 8 Mar 1943

p.b. Evansville, IN

m. 2nd) 11 Sep 1971

d.

p.d.

24 Richard RUMSEY

12 Richard Monroe RUMSEY

(Father of No. 6)

b. 17 Apr 1856

p.b.

m. 25 Dec 1877

d. 23 Dec 1923

p.d.

25 Nancy Melinda ECHOLS

6 Samuel Ernest RUMSEY

(Father of No. 3)

b. 15 Sep 1890

p.b. Pope Co. IL

m. 25 Feb 1910

d. 2 Jan 1960

p.d. Anna, Union Co. IL

26 John REAMS

13 Margaret REAMS

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 9 Nov 1858

p.b.

d. 2 Dec 1909

27 Margaret LINSON

3 Marybelle Elizabeth RUMSEY

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 26 Dec 1922

p.b. Pope Co. IL

d.

p.d.

Daniel Parker TROVILLION

14 Thomas Alvin TROVILLION

(Father of No. 7)

b. 22 Mar 1856

p.b.

m. 24 Mar 1886

d. 22 Jul 1925

p.d.

29 Elizabeth LEWIS

7 Maude Ann TROVILLION

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 25 Feb 1890

p.b. Pope Co. IL

d. 9 Oct 1953

p.d. Aurora, Kane Co., IL

30 James A. WILLIAMS

15 Caroline A. Williams

(Mother of No. 7)

b. 21 Oct 1861

p.b.

d. 18 Sep 1934

31 Eliza Jane DOCTORMAN

Donald James Lee Sr.

(Spouse of No. 1)



FAMILY TREES

4 WINKENHOFER, Gerhardt

(Father of No. 2)

b. 1814 in Tectlemburg, Germany
(Westphalia, Prussia)
(Osenbruege, Germany)
d. 1895
p.d Huntingburg, IND

- Gerhardt Winkenhofer came to port of New Orleans in June of 1845; then to Huntingburg, IND (Dubois County). He worked on the Wabash and Erie Canal.

2 WINKENHOFER, William -(org. Welhelm Winkinaver)

(Father of No. 1)

b. 2 Jan 1843
p.b. Tectlemburg, Germany
m. 15 Nov 1874
d. 9 Nov 1901
p.d Huntingburg, IND

5 AHRENS, Elsabein

(Mother of No. 2)

b. 1821
p.b. Germany
d. 1853
p.d. Huntingburg, IND
Maple Grove Cem.

This ancestor chart was compiled by S.K.G.S. member Margaret Winkenhofer of 2138 Cemetery Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101. She would like to correspond with others who are working on these lines--especially the AHRENS line.

1 WINKENHOFER, August Jacob

b. 20 Jun 1880
p.b. Huntingburg, Dubois Co., IND
m. 6 Apr 1904
d. 25 Dec 1963
p.d. Bowling Green, KY

6 PROPHETER, Jacob Henry

(Father of No. 3)

b. 6 Oct 1809
p.b. Rumbach, Germany
m. 23 Jun 1855
d. Spencer Co., IND (Dale)
p.d Mt. Vernon Cem

12 PROPHETER, Balathasar

(Father of No. 6)

b.
a "cooper" by trade
m.

d. 7 Apr 1830
p.d Rumbach, Ger(Bergzeborn)

13 SCHNEIDER, Suzanne Catherine

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 1777

p.b.

d.

p.d.



3 PROPHETER, Margaretha

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 20 May 1856
p.b. Dale, Spencer Co., IND
d. 20 Sep 1939
p.d. Huntingburg, IND
Fairmont Cem

7 HUEBSCH, Catherine

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 28 Jan 1833
p.b. Späpfleck, Haag, GER.
d. 1893(Mt Vernon Cem)
p.d. Evansville, IND

14 HUEBSCH, Johann

(Father of No. 7)

b. 1807
p.b. Späpfleck, Germany
m. 7 Sep 1831

d.

p.d Spencer Co., IND

15 SCHMIDT, Barbara

(Mother of No. 7)

b. 1807

Left for America on
August 28, 1847

p.d. Spencer Co., IND

28 HUEBSCH, Christoph

b. 1 May 1779

m.

d. 15 Mar 1847, Späpfleck
29 HUEBSCH, Margaretha

b. 3 Mar 1769

d. 26 Apr 1824, Späpfleck

30

b.

m.

d. SCHMIDT, Kunigunda

31

b.

d.

MILLER, Mathilda Sophia

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 24 Dec 1879 d. 11 May 1963

p.b. Holland, IND p.d. Bowling Green, KY

(org. MEULLER)



EARLY HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP METHODIST CHURCH

by Mrs. Lorene Cosby

Editor's Note: Friendship Methodist Church, which, in 1959 was organized into Friendship Community Church (non-denominational), is located on Scottsville Highway 231. The following early history of this church is an excerpt from Mrs. Cosby's original article, written in December of 1959, which covers the history of this church until that date.

Friendship Methodist Church was one of the first churches founded in Warren County, Kentucky, being organized in 1810. Some of the earlier families that attended are known and there is some information concerning them.

Jimmie Edmunds married Sarah Lavender, and their union produced nine children: Mary, Alexander, Milly, Samuel, Patsy, James, William, John and Nancy. His parents, John Edmunds, came from Sheffield, England to Albemarle County, Virginia, in the 1600's. Jimmie migrated to Kentucky between the years 1763-1784.

Miles Sledge (1784-1870) married Sarah Jordan (1786-1873), and their union produced four children: Thomas, William Miles, Jane and Polly. After some trouble with his father, they left Lynchburg, Virginia, with two women slaves, crossing the mountains and following a rugged trail with a two-wheeled wagon pulled by a yoke of oxen.

John Cosby, born 1737, in Hanover County, Virginia, married Jemimah Garland, and their union produced eleven children: Joel, John, Archibald, William, Nathan, Valentine, Elizabeth, Mary, Nancy, Patsy, Amandiah. They migrated to Kentucky by wagon, following the Wilderness Road, and settled first in Barren County in 1798.

The above men were all Revolutionary War soldiers. They and their families, are the background of Friendship Methodist Church.

Another man, John Cooney, Cork, Ireland, married Milley Edmunds, and their union produced six children: James, John, Terrence, Pamela, Sophia and Mary Ann.

These families and possibly others of whom we have no trace, attended Friendship Methodist Church when it was a pole building, believed to have been built by slaves. In 1835, this building was demolished and a log church built by the following:

Lavender London Edmunds (1798-1875)

Pamelia Cooney (1798-1878)

Their four children: Sophia, Millie Jane, Mary G. & Jimmie. William Cosby married to Sophia Cooney, and their son, John C. Cosby became a preacher at Friendship Methodist Church.

David Kirby Pearsons, who with others and their slaves, used oxen to snake logs to the site of the building.

This log building was used for 22 years as a church, until 1858. Then it was used for 14 years as a school house until Beech Grove was built in 1872.

The present building was erected in 1858. This building was placed in front of the old log church. Adjoining ground was owned by Johnny Hickman, Sally Rose believed that he must have given the ground to the church. Mary Cook gave another version which was that Myra Vontress, mother of Sally Cosby and sister of Lydia Lively, donated the ground. There is no deed recording the ownership of the ground prior to Friendship Methodist Church. In later years, Thomas J. Kirby, owning adjoining ground, deeded 1/4 acre for hitching grounds.

The present building was built by: Edmunds, Sledges, Felands, Cosbys, Pearsons, Kirbys, Gardeners, Scotts, Hickmans, Roses, Poes, Vontresses, and Harmons. The family trees of these families are listed elsewhere. Under the leadership of Rev. John C. Cosby, who was married to Sally Vontress and who had eight children, four slave men and two women also assisting in the erection. With the unity of prayer and good grace of God and their slaves, these people erected the Friendship Methodist Church.

Oxen were used to draw the logs two miles to the site of the building. The logs lining the length of the church were hand hewn. Framework is self-supported and notched together. Roof was made of white oak board shingles, hand hewn with foot adz. The rafters, 4 inches to 6 inches in diameter, are of yellow poplar. The weather boarding is of yellow poplar. This lumber was sawed at the Olin Pruitt saw mill situated on the road to the old Shiloh Church at Allen Springs. The interior was lathed with handsplit white oak laths. The seats placed in the Church at this time are still used and are made of yellow poplar along with the pulpit stand.

As the slaves had a portion of the work in the building of God which is still standing more than 100 years later, I should like to recall a few incidents related to me by people in the community:

Dick Cooney Edmonds, a slave of the Cooneys, was to be sold. He fell to his knees and begged Pamela and Lavender Edmonds to buy him. He promised that if he were freed he would stay the rest of his days with them. They paid \$600 for him. He kept his promise by remaining with them until their death. They deeded him a home which was passed on to his children, Rube, Sam, and Eliza Martin.

Rev. John C. Cosby, minister of Friendship Methodist at the time of its erection, had several slaves, four of whom were used in the construction of the building: Austin, Sonnie, Fount and Reuben. He also had two women slaves, Catherine and Nicie Vontress. Austin is still remembered by some. He was auctioned at the age of 5 years for \$500. He grew into a strong and robust man, being 7 feet tall and wearing a size 14 shoe. He was used as a slave breeder by the owners of slave women. After being freed, he married twice and remained with the Cosbys, living at the Virgil Dearing farm, his old home place, where he is now buried, having lived to 113.

After the slaves were freed, they continued to worship at Friendship Church. Some today remember Aunt Nicie Vontress and Harriet Edmonds in their black bonnets, sitting on the back seats.

After the new building was completed, the church seemed to have a new spiritual influence and prospered at a rapid rate during the period 1861-1865. The charter members were:

William Miles Sledge - Sophia Edmonds
Rev. John C. Cosby - Sally Vontress & children
Thomas Sledge - Clara Herrington
James Feland - Christine Goodnight
George Myres - Sophia Barrick
Rev. Marion Rose - Elizabeth Cooksey
John Rose - Eliza Kirby
H. Ross
Reuben Pearson - Patsy Willoughby
Mary G. Edmunds & children

Also at this time, 1865, the cemetery was started. John Rose and his wife, Eliza, buried their infant son in the cemetery. It was the first grave placed there.

The Church had approximately 100 members until the beginning of the Civil War. As Kentucky was on the dividing line of slavery, it was but natural that Friendship should be affected in the division. Families were divided with some going to the North and others remaining Southern. The Church became divided over the slavery question and other problems, arising from this conflict.

The political divisions were: Democrats--Leatons, Kirbys, Sledges, Roses, Cosbys, who remained at Friendship and continued in the Southern Methodists; Republicans--Pearsons, Tweed Howard, Kirbys, who moved one mile along the road and established and erected the Fairview Methodist, Northern Methodists, in 1892.

With this division of its people, Friendship Church began to decrease. Both churches continued to operate, but each with a smaller membership.

(We express our appreciation to S.K.G.S. member Claire Davenport for bringing this most interesting piece of history to our attention.)

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LETTERS FROM DAYS OF OLDE

Mr. T. M. Shader
Glasgow, Ky.



Fort Sill, O.T.
Sept. 5, 1904

My dear Bro:

Your favor of August 29th to hand and afforded me much pleasure in the reading. What memories of the past, what scenes almost forgotten your letter evoked! Of course I am busy, but I take great pleasure in pausing in my work to respond to your inquiries. Far from having lost interest in old Barren county, I expect to cherish the memories of my boyhood days there while I live, and no trip that could be suggested to me would afford me greater satisfaction than to visit Glasgow and surrounding country.

I was born about four miles north of Glasgow near the Louisville pike, a short distance east of the Uncle Billy Bybee place, and lived my early childhood on my father's farm on Beaver creek, which he sold to Dr. Souther about 1858. He then moved to Glasgow, and the first year there we lived at Mr. James Thompson's place southwest of town, and then moved to the brick house on the corner of the street north of the jail. I think a widow lady by the name of Wilson owned the place. There I entered the Sunday school at the M. E. Church, South, and there heard my first Methodist sermon. I remember to this day how it moved me to hear the hearty "amens" of old Bro. Snoddy. I have forgotten the names of the Methodist preachers I heard preach there, except C. B. Parsons, who was a converted actor. His sermon on the crucifixion of Jesus impressed me greatly.

I attended school three or four terms at Urania College, and remember many of the boys who attended there at that time--Tom Pellard, Lud McQuown, Logan and Robert Porter, Will Dickinson, George and Will Wade, John Hawkins, Tom (?) Trigg and many others. I can see the old town square as it looked forty-four years ago. On the north side was the Depps, Gorins, Bryans and others. On the east side was the post-office, kept by that courtly and polite gentleman whose name escapes me as I attempt to write it. Was it James Barrick? Then the hotel kept, I believe, by Morse; Bybee & Ashby, dry goods; Jas. Eubanks, tinner (afterwards Tourney & Shelly); then the big wooden building on the corner, Ritter's I believe it was; on the south corner was Alanson Trigg, then the Depp's, while up on the corner was the old Maupin hotel--"The Washington" I believe it was called. Across the street was the Widow Bybee, on the corner west was the McMurray building, lower down was the Dodds, Trabues, and was it Wooten on the corner? I well remember your grandfather who kept the toll-gate, old man Trabue and his son George, J. P. Bates, the lawyer (I went to school with his boys); Mike Dickinson, the tall Sheriff; Col. Joe Nuckols, "Little Jim" Gorin, Dr. Vertrees (I forget the spelling), Col. P. B. Hawkins, President of the female college; Governor Leslie, Col. Helm and many others. I remember the scenes on public sales and county court days when I used to invest five cents in ginger cakes and persimmon beer furnished by the old darkies, famous in that line at the time of which I write,

and either the art of making ginger cakes has been lost, or my youthful appetite has left me, for I find no more like them, go where I may. Forty-four years filled with truths stranger than fiction have passed since I looked on the scenes referred to. I left there in 1861, joined the Confederate army, passed through the tragic scenes of that awful struggle, married in 1870, was converted in 1871, licensed to preach in 1875, sanctified wholly in July, 1877. For thirty years I have traveled and preached the gospel and am still on the way shouting the praises of God as I go, and hope to die in the harness, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Indians. It may be the will of God for me to visit Glasgow again. How I would delight to do so! How I would love to preach the great salvation to some who still remain on the shores of time among the old citizens! If that time ever comes, I shall certainly accept your kind invitation. Should you meet any of the persons named in this letter, please remember me to them kindly. Tell them I am on the way to glory and hope to meet them in Heaven if not on this earth.

As to helping in the mission here, as you propose, any help will be appreciated and gratefully received. I have interpreters to pay, sometimes four interpreters for four different tribes at once, and we have "beef" to buy for the camp-meetings, the aged Indians to help, etc. A religious paper sent to an Indian who can read would do good, or a Bible placed in the hands of some of the young people. I will be glad to assist the dear boy who volunteered to help in any way I can. May God bless him for his own sake and the sake of old Bro. Snoddy.

Well, this rambling letter may not be of interest to you, but it affords me pleasure to write it. It is like opening the door of the past and looking back to other days, many of which were happy and joyous to me, but the joys of salvation filling my heart and the wonderful peace of God filling my soul, as I toil for the salvation of my fellow men, is better than all else besides. May God bless you in the great and responsible position of Sunday school Superintendent and may you win many souls to Christ.

Keep the missionary idea always to the front. The missionary spirit is the spirit of Christ, and if any man hath not the spirit of Christ he is none of His.

I beg of you and your school to pray especially for the work among the Indians. May God bless the work everywhere.

Your Brother,

B. F. Gassoway

(This "letter from days of olde" was addressed to T. M. Shader, the great uncle of S.K.G.S. member Mrs. Betty Lyne, and was written from Fort Sill, Oklahoma Territory, three years before Oklahoma received her statehood.)





DEVELOPMENT OF KENTUCKY COURTS

- PRIOR TO 1850 -

VIRGINIA COURT OF APPEALS: Court of supreme judicial authority in all matters affecting residents of Kentucky prior to statehood. 1776 - 1792

COURT OF QUARTER-SESSION: Jurisdiction of civil cases at common law and chancery. Could also try minor criminal cases not involving loss of life. Discontinued with creation of Circuit Court. 1776 - 1792

EXAMING COURT: Called to determine the validity of criminal charges. Court had the power to dismiss charges altogether, or to commit the accused to jail and trial. Court abolished by Act in 1809, transferring all cases to the Circuit Court. 1776 - 1809

COUNTY COURT: Met monthly and held jurisdiction over cases involving civil administration e.g. wills, letters of administration, deeds, appointment of Guardians, licensing and regulating. Oldest continuous court in Kentucky. 1776 - present

KENTUCKY LAND COMMISSION: (KY Land Court) Limited jurisdiction to disputes involving acquisition or transfer of lands. 1779 - 1780

SUPREME COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY: Held general trial jurisdiction of all civil and criminal cases. Court held no appellate authority. 1783 - 1792

KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS: Held original and final jurisdiction of all cases respecting title to lands. Appellate authority for court of Quarter-Session in limited cases. Power to review all judgements of former Supreme Court for the District. 1792 - 1795; 1796 - present

COURT OF OYER & TERMINER: Held statewide criminal jurisdiction. Judgements were final and not reversible. Replaced by District Court. 1792 - 1795

JUSTICE'S COURT: (J.P. or Magistrate's Court) Held jurisdiction over minor civil disputes. Appeal to Quarter-Session, later to County Court. 1792 - present

DISTRICT COURT: Held civil and criminal original jurisdiction. Appellate authority within each district. Appellate authority of former Supreme Court for the District, (1795 - 1796) 1795 - 1802

GENERAL COURT: Designed to be coordinating body for the District Courts. Held jurisdiction over all cases involving the State, also between residents and non-residents of Kentucky. Could decide difficult cases of law and disputes over title to lands. General Court reorganized to serve the Circuit Courts in 1802. 1795-1802, 1802-1850

CIRCUIT COURT: Held both civil and criminal jurisdiction over all cases at common law and chancery within their respective circuit. Held the same power and authority as the former District Court and Court of Quarter-Session. Assumed duties of Examining Court in 1809. 1802 - present

KENTUCKY COURTHOUSES FIRES, FLOODS, TORNADOES, ETC.

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COUNTY				COUNTY				COUNTY			
ADAIR	1802			GRANT	1820			McLEAN	1854	1908	yes
ALLEN	1815	1902	most	GRAVES	1824	1864/1896	some	MEADE	1824	1974	some
ANDERSON	1827	1859/1915	yes	GRAYSON	1810	1864/1896	some	MENIFEE	1869	1911	some
BALLARD	1842	1880	yes	GREEN	1793			MERCER	1786		
BARREN	1799			GREENUP	1804			METCALFE	1860	1867	yes
BATH	1811	1864/1964	many	HANCOCK	1829			MONROE	1820	1863/1887	yes
BELL	1867	1918/1976	some	HARDIN	1793	1864	some	MONTGOMERY	1797	1863	yes
BOONE	1799	1880	some	HARLAN	1819	1863	some	MORGAN	1823	1862/1925	yes
BOURBON	1786	1872	some	HARRISON	1794	1851	some	MUHLENBERG	1799		
BOYD	1860			HART	1819	1927	some	NELSON	1785		
BOYLE	1842	1860	some	HENDERSON	1799			NICHOLAS	1800		
BRACKEN	1797	1848	some	HENRY	1799	1804	yes	OHIO	1799	1864	yes
BREATHITT	1839	1866/1873	most	HICKMAN	1821			OLDHAM	1824		
BRECK'R'G'E	1800	1869/1958	some	HOPKINS	1807	1829	yes	OWEN	1819		
BULLITT	1797			JACKSON	1858	1827	yes	OWSLEY	1843	1929/1967	yes
BUTLER	1810			JEFFERSON	1780			PENDLETON	1799		
CALDWELL	1809	1864	some	JESSAMINE	1799			PERRY	1821	1885/1911	yes
CALLOWAY	1821	1906	most	JOHNSON	1843			PIKE	1822	1977	none
CAMPBELL	1795			KENTON	1840			POWELL	1852	1864	yes
CARLISLE	1886	1980	some	KNOTT	1884			PULASKI	1799	1871	yes
CARROLL	1838			KNOX	1800			ROBERTSON	1867	1871	yes
CARTER	1833			LARUE	1843	1865	yes	ROCKCASTLE	1810	1874	many
CASEY	1807			LAUREL	1826			ROWAN	1856	1864	yes
CHRISTIAN	1797	1864	most	LAWRENCE	1822			RUSSELL	1826	1976	none
CLARK	1793			LEE	1870			SCOTT	1792	1837	yes
CLAY	1807			LESLIE	1878			SHELBY	1792		
CLINTON	1836	1865/1890	some	LETCHER	1842			SIMPSON	1819	1882	most
CRITTENDEN	1842	1865/1870	yes	LEWIS	1807			SPENCER	1824	1865	yes
CUMBERLAND	1799	1865/1933	yes	LINCOLN	1780			TAYLOR	1848	1864	yes
DAVIESS	1815	1865	some	LIVINGSTON	1798			TODD	1820		
EDMONSON	1825			LOGAN	1792			TRIGG	1820	1895/1920	yes
ELLIOTT	1869	1966	some	LYON	1854			TRIMBLE	1837	1953	yes
ESTILL	1808	1964	some	MADISON	1786			UNION	1811		
FAYETTE	1780	1803	yes	MAGOFFIN	1860	1857	yes	WARREN	1797	1864	yes
FLEMING	1798			MARION	1834	1863	yes	WASHINGTON	1792	1814	yes
FLOYD	1800	1808	some	MARSHALL	1842	1888/1914	yes	WAYNE	1801	1898	yes
FRANKLIN	1795			MARTIN	1870	1892	yes	WEBSTER	1860		
FULTON	1845			MASON	1789			WHITLEY	1818	1930	yes
GALLATIN	1799			McCRACKEN	1825			WOLFE	1860	1886/1915	yes
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Need information on John Buie, b c1821 TN; d 1895 Logan Co., KY; md Susan Redphern, b. TN. Children were: Mary J., Dicey (Taylor), William E., James H., Sarah Emily (Nash), Jno. R., Temprance Janie (Nash), and Francis. SUE SPURLOCK, RT. 13, BOX 495, BOWLING GREEN, KY. 42101

SEARS
PARIS

S.K.G.S. member PEGGY B. PERAZZO of 3712 GENTRYTOWN DR., ANTIOCH, CA 94509 writes that she is trying to locate people connected with the Fielding Thomas Sears family of early Allen and Warren Counties, KY. Fielding Thomas Sears married Elizabeth C. Paris on 11 Apr 1848 in Allen Co., KY. In 1850 they and their first child were enumerated with G. W. Paris in Allen Co., KY. By the year 1880, Fielding and his, by now, expanded family had removed to Woodland, Yolo County, California:

Fielding Thomas Sears b. KY d. 27 Feb 1897 Washington
father born: North Carolina
mother born: South Carolina

wife:

Elizabeth C. Paris b. KY d. 23 Jul 1884 Woodland, CA

Children:

John L.	b. 8 Mar 1849	
Robert A.	11 Jun 1851	
Albert Bascum	30 Nov 1853	Bowling Green, KY
George Paris	20 May 1859	Bowling Green, KY
Vivian C.	2 Mar 1862	KY
Nancy M.	25 Feb 1865	KY
Bradford	1870	KY
(Nancy M. died in KY)		

SHOOK
PATTON
ROBINSON
PARKES

Need information on William Shook, b. Apr. 1849 in Jackson Co., NC and his brother John Shook, b. Sept. 1852 in Towns Co., GA. First found William and John in 1860 Cherokee Co., NC census living with Bethlem Parkes and two of her sons, John 41 and Joseph 30. By 1870, all of these people were in Gilmer Co., GA. Bethlem Parkes and John Shook were enumerated with J. E. (Joseph) Parkes. William Shook was m. to Sarah C. Patton, dau. of Noah and Nancy Robinson Patton. I cannot find William and John Shook's parents in any census. Were there other children? Why were William and John living with the Parkes family? JANIE TURNER, 210 APRIL WAY, BOWLING GREEN, KY. 42101

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