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OUR UNKNOWN SOLDIER

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Early last spring, I had an opportunity to visit the Stones River National Battlefield, near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. This was truly a privilege and an honor for me, not only in visiting the battlefield, but in seeing this area of our great country. My great great uncle is buried in this cemetery; and several generations of my ancestors had inhabited this area, even before Tennessee and Kentucky became states.

A distant cousin from Glasgow, Kentucky (Mrs Gladys Benedict Wilson) and I, drove slowly into the National Battlefield, and up to the Visitor's Center, immensely pleased that our ancestor lies at rest in such a beautiful place. We visited the museum, impressed by the many pictures, exhibits, and war relics which are displayed there. Before leaving the museum we registered, and were purchasing some mementoes of our visit, when we met a park ranger who was on duty in the museum. While discussing the battlefield, the cemetery, and the various parts of the reservation, we mentioned the fact that we had a great great uncle buried there, who was a casualty of the Battle of Stones River. Immediately, the ranger asked his name, and told us that he could locate on his cemetery maps the exact location of the grave. It was then that we found out that the very helpful ranger was Ronald Gibbs, who was the Superintendent of the National Battlefield Reservation of Stones River Battlefield.

Mr Gibbs spent quite some time checking records, and was unable to find the name of our relative, Ephriam D Thomas. Being avid genealogists, we told Mr Gibbs that we had obtained the War records of Ephriam from GSA in Washington, and they stated that Ephriam had been killed in the battle, and that he was not buried with his family back in Barren County, Kentucky, and that family tradition told the story of his being buried in the soldiers cemetery there. After checking the war records, and all the records of the unknown soldiers buried there, and the war record which stated the day our Ephriam was killed, Mr Gibbs was delighted to learn that one of the "Unknowns" had been identified, 113 years after he was buried there. Mr Gibbs made copies of our war records of Ephriam D Thomas, and after a process of elimination he was able to narrow down to one of five graves with only a number to identify them, as the place of burial of our Ephriam, and also that he was among the first casualties of that battle. As there were 2562 unknown soldiers buried there, it shows the great degree of efficiency with which the records of this center are kept. Now, a name has been given to a number, our Ephriam's name honored among the dead, and the 2562 unknowns number 2561.
Superintendant Gibbs was so pleased, that he gave us VIP treatment, personally escorting us on a tour of the battlefield and the cemetery, furnished us with copies of the officers reports of the battle, other information which was of interest to us, and went with us to the cemetery and located the five graves with numbers, one of which contained the remains of our Ephriam. This degree of exactitude is obtained by their method of platting the area with a combination of letters and numbers.

Mr Gibbs took us in his car from the Visitors Center across the road to a spot near where the battle had taken place over a century ago. We left the car and walked down the same old roadway, now only a walk path, which the Union Army had taken, down the hill and across Stones River, where they encountered the enemy, the Confederates. He pointed out the approximate spot where the battle occurred in which Ephriam had shed his blood for his country and his beliefs. There is little trace left there today that would remind one it had once been a battlefield, as it is now the site of a very nice housing development. Mr Gibbs explained that when the reservation had been set aside, it had been impossible to obtain the entire acreage where this tremendous battle had taken place, therefore part of the battlefield has become occupied by residences.

As I walked down that old, rocky, still rutted, but long since abandoned road the Union troops had taken those many years ago, my mind recalled the few facts and family stories we had put together on Ephriam D Thomas.

Ephriam D Thomas was born in Barren County, Kentucky, about the year 1838, to Adam and Sarah (King) Thomas. Adam was born in Franklin County, Virginia, and as a small boy had come to Smith County, Tennessee, and had also served his country in the Indian Wars of 1814 and 1815. He had come home from his military tour, and married Sallie King. Therefore, having a soldier for a father, it seemed a natural thing to do, when the call came from his country, that it needed soldiers, that the brave young Ephriam answered this call, and volunteered; being enlisted in Company K of the 9th Regiment of Kentucky Foot Volunteers, on October 25, 1861.

As I walked onward toward the river, I could almost feel the fear this young man must have felt as he marched down this very road to his death. I looked at the huge old trees, some of which must have stood there at the time Ephriam had passed this way. I wondered if he had noticed the trees and the surroundings, or had he been too filled with apprehension to notice the beauty of nature around him. Or had he already been cut down by the bullet of a sniper before the army had gotten this far into the battle.

Ephriam had been only a Kentucky farm boy, until his enlistment
into the army in 1861. On January 9, 1859, Ephriam had married his second cousin Mary Delilah Lee, in Macon County, Tennessee. (According to Barren County, Kentucky Vital Statistics, he was divorced at the time this marriage occurred. It is believed, but not proven, that his first wife might have been Delia, or Delilah Payne.) Ephriam and Mary Delilah had two daughters; Mary Ellen, born November 13, 1859, and Sallie B, born July 1, 1862. The youngest child he never lived to see.

War records show that Ephriam was killed in battle on January 2, 1862. Family tradition and neighborhood stories tell that Ephriam's family was notified of his death within a short time, and was told that they could come to the battlefield area and claim the body, and take it home for burial. So Adam, a truly grief stricken father, acquired a coffin, hitched his horses to his wagon, and started off for Stones River Battlefield. He had traveled many miles, and was nearing the Murfreesboro area, when he was accosted by soldiers of the Confederate Army, who would not allow him to pass, and the saddened father had to return to his home in Barren County, Kentucky, without the body of his son.

Upon returning home, it is said that Adam vowed to be buried in the coffin he had chosen for his son, and placed it under his bed. It is also said that the coffin was the place where he stored his "drinking whiskey." No doubt he had several bottles to store, as the Thomas family operated a distillery on their farm, and made apple brandy. It has also been told that Adam Thomas was quite a great practical joker, and when friends came to his house to visit, he would pull the coffin from out under the bed, remove the bottles of brandy and whiskey, lie down in the coffin, fold his hands upon his breast, close his eyes, and give the friends a "preview" of how he would appear in death. Not too long later, in 1863, he died, and his family, true to his desire, buried him in the coffin he had chosen for the burial of his son Ephriam.

After the word came that Ephriam D had been killed, his wife Mary Delilah, being only 19 years old, with a two year old daughter, and expecting her second child, remained in Kentucky until after the birth of the second daughter. Then she joined her parents, brothers and sisters, the Lee's, in Putnam County, Indiana, where they had removed to escape the war zone. The Lee's were known to be very strong Baptists, quite religious people, and they chose to not take sides in the war. Even though they did not own slaves, they did have two Negro women in their possession who had been placed in the care of Mary (Thomas) Lee by her father when he left Kentucky to go to Arkansas.

It is told that when the Lee's left Kentucky to go to Indiana, (probably late in the fall of 1860), they left seven tobacco barns
full of tobacco, and their fine brick house that was trimmed in marble. These were left in the care of the two Negro women - Fronie the cook, and Cindy the Mammy who took care of the children. They were to look after the house and the farm animals left behind by the Lee family.

Mary (Thomas) Lee, mother of Mary Delilah (Lee) Thomas, was a true southern belle - so the family stories tell. She could neither cook nor sew, nor could she keep house; she had always been cared for and waited on by servants. When the Lees returned from Indiana about 1865, they found the two Negro women still on the farm. However, they also found that the Union Army had camped at their house and the soldiers had removed the floor from the dining room, and had stabled their horses there. Our "true southern lady" Mary Thomas Lee was not accustomed to this kind of treatment, and she became very upset that such a tragedy had befallen her!

After the war was over, it was a very troubled time for the people of the Kentucky-Tennessee border area, as many families were divided by the war. In some cases, brothers fought for different sides. To these people, the main issue was states rights, not slavery; the right for each state to do as it saw fit, without interference from the government. Many men who owned slaves fought for the Union, and many men who had never owned a slave fought for the Confederacy.

It has been often told in our family that two cousins of Ephriam D Thomas, Ephriam D Smith and Thomas E Payne, were given Confederate medals of honor for their participation in the Battle of Stones River, in which Ephriam D Thomas lost his life.

Mary Delilah (Lee) Thomas, called "Aunt Lile" by the family, lived a quiet life with her parents after Ephriam's death. Enduring the death of her father Henry J Lee Jr. in 1875; the death of her oldest daughter about this same time; and also the death of her sister "Fannie". Fannie had died, leaving her husband and one very small daughter. Then, in 1878, Mary Delilah "Aunt Lile" married Willis Austin Johnson, the widowed husband of her sister Fannie. Not only did Willis and Mary Delilah raise his and Fannie's daughter Annie Laurie (who later married her cousin Harris Benedict, who was the son of Louisa Ann Lee and John B Benedict. Louisa Ann, Mary Delilah and Fannie being the daughters of Mary (Thomas) and Henry J Lee Jr.), and Mary Delilah's and Ephriam's daughter Sallie B.; but their own daughter Myrtle who was born in 1879, and in May of 1880 twins who were born to them, a boy and a girl named Lillis Mae and Willis.

After the death of Willis Austin Johnson in 1919, "Aunt Lile" made her home with her daughter Sallie B Rigney, the one and only
remaining link between her and her beloved Ephriam, the brave young man who had walked calmly among the many big old trees along the Stones River bank, drank from its cool clear water, and marched down this same road that I stood on. He crossed this same river, and lost his life for his country, so that it might remain free for his children to grow up in. How scared he must have been, only a boy really, at the age of 23; but sent out to do a job that no man could have done better. Then he was buried there without even a name on a gravestone to mark his final resting place.

It was with heavy, saddened hearts that Gladys Benedict Wilson and I left the Stones River National Battlefield. We could only say a prayer "God Bless you Ephriam, and Thank You for making the sacrifice you did, so that we might live in freedom with our sons as we do today."

Gladys Lee Aiken - September 1975

Note: We were told that it is believed that at the time of burial of the soldiers killed (Union Soldiers), in the Battle of Stones River, wooden crosses with the men's name on them, were erected at each grave. However, by the time that the United States Government made it a National Cemetery, the crosses had long since rotted in the ground, and because of flooding of the river in some of the areas, others had washed away. Therefore, this is the reason so many unknown graves remain. Now, each known soldier grave has a stone marker with the soldier's name, rank, and company engraved on it. The unknown graves are marked with stone markers which are engraved with a number. We are trying now to obtain a marked stone with the name on it of Ephriam D Thomas - Ky- Co K - 9th Regt Ky Vols - Died Jan 2, 1862.

MOSES - A MAN OF COLOR

Contributed by Gladys B Wilson
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BILL NO 1505 - Filed 12 June 1844 - Barren County Kentucky Circuit Court. (Abstracted in parts.) To the Honorable Judge of the Barren Circuit Court in Chancery sitting humbly complaining Sheweth unto your Honor, Your Orator, Moses (a man of colour). That many years ago he was the slave of a certain William Wilcoxon, and that often during the lifetime of the said Wilcoxon, he promised your Orator that at his, Wilcoxon's, death Your Orator should be free. He states that said William Wilcoxon departed this life, but previous to his death, and while on his death bed, desired and requested that Your Orator, Moses, should be set free. He states that William Wilcoxon made no will in writing, and that George Wilcoxon and William Wilcoxon administered upon his estate.
After the death of William, his children and heirs-at-law, with the exception of John Masters, who was the son-in-law of William, were anxious to carry out the wishes and desires of William in respect to your Orator, and to set him free, but Masters, having an interest in right of his wife in the estate of William deceased, objecting to it, it was decided and agreed between Masters and the other heirs and your Orator, that he, Moses, should be put up and sold to the highest bidder, and that Moses should be allowed to bid for, and buy himself, and that Thomas Wilcoxon, one of the sons of William deceased, would be surety for the purchase money for Moses in case he was the best bidder.

He states that in pursuance of this agreement and understanding, he, Moses, was put up and offered for sale, and he bid for himself the sum of $200., and that being the highest and best bid, he was cried off to himself at the price of $200. After the sale Moses hired himself to Drury Roberts, and worked for him for about 18 months, for which Roberts paid Thomas Wilcoxon, by Moses request, the sum of $138. in part discharge of the $200. for which Thomas stood surety for Moses. After which time Thomas Wilcoxon requested Moses to go and work for him, Thomas, for the balance of the amount, which was $62. Moses went and worked for Thomas diligently for the space of about three and a half years, and he states that he frequently told Thomas during this time that he thought that he had well paid him, to which Thomas would reply that Moses had paid him so far as the purchase money was concerned, but that he thought that Moses ought to work a little longer to pay him, Thomas, for the trouble he had been out for Moses; and that way kept Moses at work until the death of Thomas.

After the death of Thomas Wilcoxon, he having died intestate, Moses fell into the hands of the heirs of Thomas Wilcoxon, and has now been hired out for their benefit for the term of about 12 years, at the price of from $50. to $60. per year, which will make about $600. or $700. which Moses has paid since the death of Thomas.

Moses further states that it was publickly proclaimed that when he should be hired out, or otherwise, pay the price at which he had bid off, that he should be set free. He states that George Wilcoxon and William Wilcoxon made bond and were given letters of administration upon the estate of the deceased William Wilcoxon.

He states that George Wilcoxon was one of the children of William Wilcoxon, deceased, and that the other administrator, William Wilcoxon, married Catherine Wilcoxon who was the daughter of William Wilcoxon deceased, and that William Wilcoxon, Daniel Wilcoxon, Isaac Wilcoxon, John Masters and Polly his wife late Polly Wilcoxon, John Tibbs and Rachel his wife late Rachel Wilcoxon, Horatio Short and Salley his wife late Wilcoxon, and Thomas Wilcoxon, were at the time of the death of William Wilcoxon deceased, his only children and heirs at law.

Since which time, your Orator Moses states that Isaac Wilcoxon as he is informed and believes, departed this life in the state of
Missouri, leaving some children who are also in Missouri, the names and number of whom he does not know. He also states that John Tibbs has departed this life leaving a widow, the said Rachel, who has since intermarried with Emery Clymer. (Note: GBW- Barren Co Ky Marriages, Emory Clymer to Rachel Tibbs 3 Jan 1839.) The following was written and then marked out - "William Tibbs, Aaron Tibbs, with Nathaniel Parrish, Pleasant Tibbs, Missouri Tibbs, the unreadable, Nancy who has intermarried - her children and heirs at law--" (Note: GBW Barren County Ky Marriages - Nathaniel Parrish to Nancy Tibbs, 25 Nov 1839, surety Wm Tibbs, consent her mother Rachel Clymer, witness Aaron Tibbs.)

Moses also states that Sally Short, wife of Horatio Short and daughter of William Wilcoxon deceased, has departed this life leaving her husband and Hiram Short, Daniel Short, William Short, and Green Short, her children and heirs at law; and that Thomas Wilcoxon has also departed this life leaving Frances Wilcoxon, Levi Wilcoxon, Ann Wilcoxon, Jane Wilcoxon, and Milly Wilcoxon, all of whom are infants (under 21), his only children and heirs at law.

After the death of Thomas Wilcoxon, William Nevill was appointed administrator of Thomas' estate. Moses further states that Daniel Wilcoxon is now a citizen of the state of North Carolina.

Notation on margin of paper - "All the Defts Shorts except Horatio are now (not?) residents of this state. The said John Masters has departed this life since the death of William Wilcoxon. The following names are also heirs at law of William Wilcoxon deceased: William Wilcoxon who intermarried with Frances Wilcoxon, William Mann and Nancy Mann late Wilcoxon, and David Caldwell and Martha Caldwell late Wilcoxon.

Summons were issued for all the names of living persons mentioned in the suit, the ones that were not of Barren County (Ky) were: Green County - Catherine Wilcoxon, David and Martha Caldwell.

DEPOSITIONS

Taken at the house of Jose Philpot in the town of Lafayette in Barren Co Ky on the 1st day of September 1846.

The deposition of Samuel G Hardy. Upon questioning stated that he was at the sale of Moses, and attended it as clerk. Before Moses was sold he heard a conversation between Thomas and the other heirs of William Wilcoxon deceased. The most of the heirs expressed the wish for Moses to be set free, because, as they said, it was the wish of their father; one or two of them objected, but it was agreed by them all that Moses should be sold for a small sum. He did not recollect the exact sum, and that Thomas should buy him, and the others would not run the sum up on him higher than that agreed upon. They made their agreement known to the crowd, or at least did to me, which caused me to not bid for the slave. Stated that if he had bid for Moses he would have gone as high as $400. or $450. Thomas bought him and told me that Moses should have his free-
dom just as soon as his hire paid the amount given for him. He did not remember exactly the year the sale took place, but thought it was about sixteen or seventeen years ago. That at first Moses hired for near $100, one or perhaps two years he was not hired out, then was hired at $80. per year, and can be hired now for something like $50. or $60. per year. And further this deponent saith not.

The deposition of Elias Smith, taken at the same time and place. Upon being questioned, stated that he attended the sale with the view of buying Moses, and would have bid for him, but due to the arrangement did not. He agreed with the statements made by Mr Hardy.

The deposition of William Harlow, taken at the same time and place. Stated that he was at the sale and learned of the agreement among the heirs of William Wilcoxon deceased, and that the agreement was made known to the public. That he would have bid more for Moses, thought that the sale was about the year 1829 or 30.

The deposition of Drewery Roberts taken at the same time and place. Stated that he was at the sale, and Moses had applied to him, Roberts, to buy him, and give him a chance to get his freedom. I refused him and told him that he had better get some of his young Masters to purchase him, and I applied to Thomas Wilcoxon and advised him to purchase Moses which he agreed to do. I agreed with Thomas that if he would buy him for that purpose I would hire him a year or two at a high rate, and it was made known publicly. I did hire Moses for two years at about $75. or $80. per year, and paid the money to Thomas Wilcoxon, and at the time I paid him the last, Thomas told me that he would keep Moses at home until he paid the balance of the purchase money, as he had some heavy work to do, and as soon as Moses paid up he would give him his freedom. Thomas died some few years afterward and Moses was not liberated. I heard William Wilcoxon deceased say that he did not intend that Moses should serve any person after his, Williams, death.

The deposition of William Wilcoxon (the husband of Catherine Wilcoxon), taken at the house of George Stovall in the town of Lafayette, Barren Co, Ky, on Jan 9, 1849. Upon being questioned stated that he was one of the administrators of William Wilcoxon deceased, also guardian for the heirs of Thomas Wilcoxon deceased, and also one of the legatees of William deceased. Stated that there was an agreement with Moses in the way of a contract that when Moses paid to the estate the amount of $200. his purchase price, he was to be set free, and that Thomas Wilcoxon was bound only as security. That Thomas died before Moses obtained his freedom, and had paid about $120. in cash and had worked for Thomas about one year, I had understood from Thomas that at the close of that year he would be satisfied about the balance of the debt, but Thomas died about that time. That to the best of his recollection the contract was made about 1838 or 39. That if it had not been for the contract Moses would have brought at least $500.

The deposition of Isaac Dale, taken at the same time and place. Stated that he had attended the sale with the view of purchasing
Moses, when he learned about the agreement between the heirs of William Wilcoxon deceased and Moses. At the same time before Moses was offered for sale Moses and Thomas applied to me to know if I would loan to Moses some money to pay toward the $200. provided Moses should fail to get it in time to make the payment, which I agreed to do. That Moses had not called upon him for the money— that Thomas Wilcoxon had told him just a few days before his death that Moses had nearly paid up the money bid for him. He did not recollect exactly when the sale was made, but supposed it was some 15 or 18 years ago, and at a reasonable calculation the hire of Moses during that time had been worth at least $1000.

DECREE - JUNE 1847

MOSES, A MAN OF COLOUR - SUIT IN CHANCERY, VS GEORGE WILCOXON, &C.

This day this cause came on to be heard, and the Court, being sufficiently advised in the premises, is of the opinion that the Complainant Moses is entitled to his freedom; it is therefore ordered and decreed that said Complt Moses be a free person, and that he shall henceforth be exonerated from all claim or pretention of claim of the said defendants or any of them, to his services as a slave, and that he shall enjoy the privileges and rights of a free person; agreeably to the laws of this State, and that the said defendants pay to him his costs herein expended.

FELIX SETTLE VS ELIZABETH C SETTLE
BARREN COUNTY KENTUCKY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO 1939 FILED 25 FEB 1847

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To the Honorable, the Judge of Barren Circuit Court - Your Orator Felix Settle states that some time in the year 1840, he and Alfred Settle entered into a partnership to dig and bore for salt water in the County of Allen (Ky) near Big Barren River, on land owned by Felix Settle. Alfred Settle, by agreement with Felix, was to pay one third of all the expenses incurred in digging and boring for salt water, and working the well if they succeeded in getting salt water, and receive one third of the profits.

Under said agreement, your Orator, Felix, and Alfred commenced operations and struck a valuable stream of salt water. Before they commenced making salt at the well Alfred died (Aug 1841), and after the death of Alfred, Felix commenced making salt at said well, and continued to work the well until about the 26th of November 1841. A large sum of money was expended in digging and boring the well.

About that time, Your Orator, Felix Settle, and the mother of
Alfred Settle deceased—Elizabeth C Settle, John W Holman and Jackson T Jordan who had married sisters of Alfred, Mary M Settle, George M Settle, Edward Settle, and Sarah Settle, other brothers and sisters of Alfred Settle, and his heirs at law, he having died without wife or child, and Newton Smith whom your Orator and Alfred had taken in as partner on the well he agreeing to pay one third and share one third; sold to Daniel Gilchrist of the State of Alabama, one fourth part of the well for the sum of $2500; your Orator Felix, Newton Smith, and the above named heirs of Alfred, each receiving one third of that sum. Felix conveyed to Gilchrist one fourth of the well, and to the above named heirs of Alfred, Felix conveyed by deed one fourth of said well and tract of 260 acres of land on which said well had been dug.

At the time of the sale and conveyance above mentioned, Felix, Newton Smith, and the heirs of Alfred Settle, had a partial settlement of the expenses of digging and working the well. It was not known then how much salt had been made, or how much of what had been made had been received and disposed of by Felix, but in order to settle as far as practicable, it was agreed that your Orator should be charged with 1000 bushels of salt at 75¢ per bushel, making $750, which was done - it was also agreed that if it should afterward appear that Felix had not received that amount of salt, the above named heirs would pay Felix one half of the deficit, and Newton Smith the other half.

Felix charges that since the settlement, he has ascertained that he received not 1000 bushels of salt, but 340 bushels of salt and about $45. for salt sold, making in all about 400 bushels, from which it will appear that Felix was charged with 600 bushels more than he should have been charged.

Your Orator states that after he had conveyed to the heirs of Alfred Settle one fourth of the salt well and land mentioned, it became necessary, in order to perfect the title to the land, to institute in Chancery a suit in Allen County Circuit Court (Ky) against Hiram Smith and others, heirs at law of Samuel Smith deceased, who originally owned and had title to said land - the heirs of Alfred Settle agreed to pay one third of the expenses of the suit, which were $63.40, the whole of which Felix has been compelled to pay.

Your Orator, Felix, further states, that at the time the settlement took place, the heirs spoken of and Newton Smith agreed to pay their parts, one third each, of the debts not then brought forward against the company, which agreement is evidenced by writing dated 26 Nov 1841, herewith filed. A list of debtors and amounts was then listed, only the names are listed here: Vanbeed Hicks & Co, Nashville, Tenn; Oxley Johnson; Frank Marr; Daniel Mary; Nancey Marr; Charles D Reed; Thomas J Settle; John S Fant; French Settle; Settle & Gaines; and amounts due himself for furnishing the following: bellows & cross cut saw, the value of a Dearbon wagon furnished by him for the use of the salt well - all of which

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debts he has paid, not one cent having been paid by any of the others.

Your Orator states that since 26 Nov 1841, Sarah Settle, who was a party to the agreement, and a sister of Alfred, intermarried with Beverly Renfro.

Answer filed 3 July 1847. The separate answer of Elizabeth C Settle, Mary M Settle, George M Settle, Edward Settle, Sarah Renfro, Beverly Renfro, Jackson T Jordan, and John W Holman. They admit that Comptt Felix Settle and Alfred Settle entered into partnership in digging for a salt well - admit the expenses correctly stated, admit the death of Alfred Settle in Aug 1841 - admit the sale to Gilchrist as stated. They deny receiving one third of the amount that one fourth of the well was sold to Gilchrist for. That Felix did convey to them one fourth of the salt well, and it was supposed by them that at the time of the settlement there were but few, if any, expenses of the well outstanding. They deny that there was any agreement that they and Smith pay for any deficit, if found. They claim that some of the identical bills now presented by Felix have already been settled by them. They deny that they are accountable to Felix for even one cent.

DEPOSITION OF GEORGE CARTER - Taken at the house of Franklin Settle on Friday, the 19th November 1847. States that he was present and assisted at their request in the settlement of the affairs of the salt well in Nov 1841. That after we got through Felix Settle stated that there might be some outstanding debts against the salt well firm, and if there should be any, each party should pay their respective proportionable share of them, and there was a piece of paper drawn up and signed. That mention was made about the amount of salt that had been produced, Felix was asked if it were around 12 or 13 hundred bushels, and he stated 1000 was more like it. That he heard no mention of a difference to be made up if it were determined if more than 1000 had been made. That at the time of the settlement, Defendant J T Jourdain did not live at the salt well. That he thought after the settlement, the parties went over to Port Oliver to see what salt there was belonging to each party, but don’t think anything was done.

AMENDED BILL BY FELIX SETTLE - Filed 20 Sept 1848. Stated that since his original filing, the defendants had filed a bill and a paper marked Exhibit P, purporting to be the amounts your Orator, Felix, filed against the estate of Alfred Settle, which paper carried the notation at the foot of the bill, "Settled in full up to this date, 9. March 1843". That said notation was put there by fraud or mistake for the purpose of defrauding and cheating your Orator, who states that his account for 1841 has never been settled.

ANSWER J T JORDAIN &C - Filed 29 Sept 1848 - State that they do not know in whose hand the notation above "Settled, etc" was made, but state that the account was settled fully on or about that date,
They deny any fraud or mistake, that the statement must have been put there by Complt or someone with his knowledge, and that Deft certainly would not have left the bill with them if it were unsettled.

DEPOSITION OF GEORGE SETTLE - Filed 15 March 1849. Taken at the Store House of Franklin Settle at Rocky Hill (Ky) in Barren Co on the 14th March 1849. Upon being questioned by Felix Settle, stated that he was present part of the time the settlement took place in which George Carter assisted, in which it was agreed that the heirs of Alfred Settle would pay one third of the well expenses, and Felix was charged with 1000 bushels of salt. Stated that the firm was not indebted to Oxly Johnson - that he, George, had bought a yoke of oxen from Johnson with Felix Settle as security, George had paid $10. and Felix the balance of $16. the oxen were used at the salt well - this was afterward settled for in a settlement by James and Erwin Lewis - and that Felix had largely fallen in debt upwards of $500. in the settlement with Lewis.

DEPOSITION OF JONATHAN BRUNSON - Taken at the house of Jefferson Henderson in the town of Port Oliver, Allen County, Ky, on the 13th of March 1849. Stated that before Gilchrist bought an interest in the salt works, he had let the persons managing the works, have about 42 or 43 gallons of whiskey at 50c per gallon, 6 bushels of meal (Corn meal) at 50c per bushel, and received payment in salt. Robert Green got from me 35 or 45 gallons of whiskey and traded it at the salt well for salt - there were many persons who got salt there, can't say how much or who they were.

DEPOSITION OF JOHN FANT - Same time and place as above. Stated that G W Erwin paid me for Felix Settle, $18.90 for bacon sold to Edward Settle, superintendent for Felix Settle and the salt works, on 30 Sept 1841, when it was paid don't recollect - I hold a note on Felix Settle and Newton Smith for some $82. for pork sold to them for the salt works.

DEPOSITION OF DANIEL MARR - Taken at the same time and place. Stated that he and his son worked for Felix Settle and Alfred Settle at their salt works, and on the farm attached to the works, to the amount of at least $50. previous to the time Gilchrist bought an interest, that Felix paid me about 1 Dec 1841. Alfred Settle's heirs got salt from the well both before and after Gilchrist bought in. Felix and Alfred were indebted to his wife, Marr's, for services which she had rendered them and the hands at the salt works, in the amount of $41. and Felix paid the debt 1 Dec 1841.

DEPOSITION OF JAMES P RATES - Taken at the same time and place. Stated that after Felix Settle and Alfred Settle commenced digging for salt water in Allen County on Barren River, he had attended Circuit Court in Allen County for a suit to get title to the land on which the salt well was dug, Felix giving me his note for $50. to attend to the suit, said has not been paid - Settle has an account against me, we have not settled.

DEPOSITION OF GEORGE W ERWIN - Taken 14 June 1849 at the house
of Franklin Settle at Rocky Hill. Being questioned by Comptl Felix
Stated that he was present at a settlement made between Gilchrist,
F Settle, J T Jordan, and I think Morgan and Edward Settle- the place
was in the office of the old Salt Works, as to the precise time, I
am not sure, the date might have been in March 1843 as you stated.
The firm name was, I believe, F Settle, Gilchrist & Co, previous to
my taking it into my hands - my impression was that their object was
to ascertain as nearly as they could the standing of the accounts,
which seemed to be in a rather confused state, as I thought.

Stated that he was at the house of Mrs B Settle in the summer of
1843, where, according to my recollection, some sort of settlement
was contemplated, but was prevented in consequence of the confine-
ment of a negro woman which happened at this time - I think my pur-
pose in being there at that time, was to receive a deed from some of
the parties for an interest I had purchased in the works.

DEPOSITION OF DANIEL GILCHRIST - Taken in Lawrence County, State
of Alabama before James M Beemer, a Justice of the Peace, at the re-
quest of Robert R H Gillock, agent for Felix Settle - 22 June 1849.
Upon being questioned by Gillock, stated that at the time he pur-
chased an interest in the well, it was understood that the heirs of
Alfred Settle deceased, were to pay one third of the expenses of
boring the well, as well as Newton Smith - he does not recollect
that Felix refused to sign the deed until the other parties agreed.
But that he was not present all the time they were discussing their
affairs.

DEPOSITION OF NEWTON SMITH - Taken at the office of Daniel Gil-
christ in Lawrence County Alabama, on 4 June 1849, before Justice of
the Peace James M Beemer, questioned by Robert R H Gillock, agent of
Felix Settle. Stated that Felix did refuse to sign his name to a
deed until all the parties promised to pay individually one third
of any expenses brought on by any or all lawsuits then threatened
by Samuel Smith's heirs. That there was something right smartly
over a load of salt in the Salt House when we went down there to the
works. That he remembered that Felix had R D Maupin's wagon there
on that day, but did not see it loaded - that he had paid Felix for
300 bushels of salt at 75¢ per bushel, and also paid for my part of
the outstanding debts that were not brought in at the time of the
partial settlement.

DEPOSITION OF ELIJAH RUTLEDGE - Taken at the house of Sampson
Jones on the 7th March 1850. Questioned by Felix Settle - stated
that he was employed at the salt works from about 15th July 1841 up
to the time that Dan'l Gilchrist purchased an interest in the well.
That he had been paid the sum of $89, which was the amount agreed
upon before the services were performed. That he had been paid $23.
for copper pipe and expenses getting it to the salt works. That
he thought the heirs of Alfred Settle got at least one third of the
salt during that time, and they had frequently got articles that had
been bought for the salt works hands, such as bacon, flour, bought
with salt from the salt works. That Edward Settle had taken several
loads of salt from the works that he did not account to him, the
superintendant, for. That he thought the salt and other things
amounted to at least one third of all that was made from 1 Aug to
30 Nov. That he, Felix, had taken about a load of salt, about 60
bushels, and left about that amount at the mill, which he, Felix,
 afterward sent for, but they took it, your last half.

**DEPOSITION OF JAMES M LEWIS** - Taken at the house of Franklin
Settle at Rocky Hill, Barren Co Ky on 9th April 1852. Stated that
he was employed at the salt works from Jan 1 1843 to 3 March 1843,
that the company had met in March and made a full settlement, he was
not present all the time.

**SUMMONS** To the Sheriff of Warren Co Ky for John W Holman, note
not found. 25 Feb 1847.
To the Sheriff of Allen Co Ky for Dan'l Strode, Dan'l Marr, Nancy
Marr, Jonathan Brunson, James W Moore, and Jno S Fant. 5 Mar 1849.
Sheriff of Allen Co Ky for Tho J Settle, 21 May 1849

March 1850 - Wm Garnett appointed Commissioner to convey to Jackson
T Jordan, the interest of Alfred Settle deceased, in the estate of
his father Charles Settle deceased (Note: Malinda Settle daughter
of Charles and Elizabeth C Settle married Jackson Jordan. Alfred
Settle was her brother. GBW.).

**JACKSON T JORDAN VS HEIRS OF CHARLES SETTLE - BARREN COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT - CASE NO 1948 - FILED 1851. (Abstracted)**

Jackson Jordan, the Plaintiff, states that he married the daugh-
ter of Charles Settle who is now deceased. That before the death of
Alfred Settle he, Alfred, had mortgaged his entire interest in the
estate of his father Charles Settle deceased, to Franklin Settle.
Afterward Franklin instituted a suit in the Barren Circuit Court to
foreclose mortgage, a decree was given that Commissioners be appoint-
et to sell to the highest bidder the interest of Alfred Settle in
the estate of his father, which was done, with Jackson Jordan being
the purchaser, and the deed was conveyed to Jordan.

Jordan states that he also, on 2 March 1849, purchased of Bever-
ley Renfro and Sarah Renfro, Sarah being one of the children of
Charles Settle deceased, their entire interest in the land of Charles
Settle deceased. That he had also purchased the entire interest
in the estate from John W Holman and his wife Eliza, she being one
of the children of Cahrles Settle, which deed was recorded.

Jordan states that since the death of Charles Settle, Alfred,
his son, has also died, leaving neither wife nor child, and being
intestate. That on 1 Aug 1845, he, together with Elizabeth C Settle,
the wife and widow of Charles Settle deceased, George M Settle,
Mary M Settle, Sarah W Settle who after intermarried with Beverly
Renfro, and Edward Settle, together with your Orator's wife, Malinda,
and the wife of John W Holman - Eliza - being the children and heirs
at law of Charles Settle, deceased, by mutual consent agreed to lay
off the dower of Elizabeth C Settle, widow, in the tract of land containing 165 acres, which had descended to them from Charles Settle, being the only land owned by Charles at his death.

Your Crator, Jackson Jordan, being the owner of three sevenths of the land, not then having purchased the interest of Renfro and wife, it was agreed to lay off for Jordan his 3/7ths exclusive of the dower within certain boundaries, and which he now holds and upon which he has made valuable improvements.

Jordan states that before agreement and division of the land, George M Settle and Edward Settle, being indebted to Franklin Settle had, for the purpose of securing Franklin in the payment of their debts, mortgaged to him their entire interest in the 165 acres land, which mortgage was recorded - said mortgages have not been foreclosed, nor have George and Edward paid to Franklin the several debts secured by the mortgages. Franklin, not being a party to the division of land, is not bound thereby. Your Crator, Jordan, prays for a sale of the remainder of the land, exclusive of the dower, and that the interest of Beverly Renfro and wife be paid to him, and that the mortgaged debts be paid to Franklin out of the interests respectively of George M and Edward - or in the event that is not done, that after the dower of Elizabeth is set off, the remainder of the land be sold or divided off, which is equitable and just, and Jordan receive four sevenths of the proceeds or four sevenths of the land.

AMENDED BILL - Filed 1 April 1851 - Jackson T Jordan states that since the filing of the original bill he has purchased from Franklin Settle the debts which he held on George M Settle and Edward Settle, and has taken a transfer of both the debts and mortgages. That he has also bought the interest and received a deed from Renfro and wife, which has been recorded in Barren Co Ky.

DOVER - Division of the lands were made 15 April 1853 giving to the widow Elizabeth C Settle some more than 1/3 of the land due to the poor quality, 73 3/4 acres. To Jackson Jordan 25 acres and 158 poles land of good quality as three shares, in right of his wife one share as the part belonging to Alfred Settle, and one share purchased from John W Holman being the 3/7ths as set out in this suit. They next laid off Jourdan 30 cares land of the inferior, as one 7th being the 4th share owned by Jourdan. They next laid off the residue of three lots - to Edward Settle 11 1/2 acres, to George Settle 10 3/4 acres, to Mary M Settle 10 3/4 acres.

PROTEST - Filed 18 Oct 1853 by Jackson T Jordan. Stated that the Commissioners in laying off the land had done him a great injustice in laying out the land to him as they had not included in his portion the land on which he himself had made valuable improvements - stated that he had objected at the time the Commr's were making their report and they told him that it would be changed, and they had not changed it, and had given land that he had cleared to others. Boundary lines mention line of Henry Carter's survey, William Settle's corner and big spring, Simon Settle, a cliff of Skeggs Creek, running up the creek with it's meanders.
JOHNSON GENEALOGY

Contributed by Mrs George Ellis Jr
103 Douglas Drive, Glasgow, Ky

Dixon Springs, Tenn, 11 June 1925

Dear Cousin Jimmie:

After so long a time I avail myself of the present opportunity
to write you that your two letters, one bearing date of several mon-
ths ago, and the other of recent date, have both been duly received
and read over and over with much interest. I beg to say that I was
somewhat surprised, but pleasantly so, to receive a letter from you,
thinking that you had forgotten me. But from the tone of your lett-
ers I have decided that I was not right in my prediction, but that
you do occasionally think of us as we do of you and yours. I should
and would have answered you long before now, but have given myself
time to try to get up the information you desire, and hope I have
been able to arrive at, and to now write you something about the
Johnson family that will be of much interest and pleasure to you to
know.

I write you first about our Grandfather, John Johnson, for whom
your Father was named. I have not been able to ascertain when he
was born or when he died. It was said that he was a man of great
ability for accumulating, and at one time owned most of the land
from where he lived on the Dry Fork of Goose Creek down to Meadow-
ville. In Grandfather's early days most of the people in this coun-
try lived in round-log cabins, with floors made of rough split slabs,
and just a window hole in the wall, with a board shutter, and if a
chimney at all, it was a "stick and dirt" chimney. But our Grand-
father built on the East Fork of Goose Creek a house that was talked
about for miles away. The people said that old man Johnson had built
a very large two story house, of hewed poplar logs. They said it
has a floor upstairs as well as downstairs. And they also said,
"Don't you think, it has glass windows in it, windows made of glass."
Grandfather and Grandmother lived in the house that was so much talk-
ed about until he burned brick in the bottom between Hillsdale and
the Church House, and built the old brick house at Hillsdale. They
lived together there until one day he and a Negro man were on Dry
Fork working a cherry saw log down a hillside to where it could be
loaded on a wagon, and the log got away from them, and rolled over
Grandfather and killed him.

Our Grandmother's maiden name was Ellis, Grace Ellis, and I have
been told by Uncle Carrol Johnson, one of her sons, that she was a
great worker, and at times when she was up with her own work, would
go around the neighborhood, and as far as Gallatin, (Tenn) and gather
up knitting to do. She did not do this because she had it to do,
but because she liked so much to have something to do. In her latter
days, and I think after Grandfather was killed, she lost her eyesight
When I was a very small boy, and before the Baptist Church-
house was built at Meadorville, the people of the whole neighborhood
built, and had meetings in a camp meeting shed. The shed was on my
Father's land, 60 x 100 feet in size I think. My Father and the
Johnson families had a camp house in which they stayed days and
nights for the meetings. This was after Grandmother lost her eye-
sight, and she was lying one night on a straw bed, asleep, when a
tallow candle which had a fork stuck through it into the wall, burn-
ed down to the fork, and fell down on the straw bed and set it on
fire. The result was that she was so badly burned that she died.
Our Grandfather and Grandmother were both buried in the Taylor grave-
yard at the mouth of the Taylor branch, but I do not know just when.

Our Grandfather Johnson had a brother by the name of Steve John-
son. He was Aunt Katherine Cothron's father, and his wife was Miss
Rachel Wilson. He also had a sister, Uncle Bill Burrow's Mother,
whose maiden name was Rachel Johnson. Our Grandmother Johnson had
one sister and four brothers whose names were as follows: Sarah
Ellis, who was born September 30, 1767, and married a man by the
name of Davidson; Willis Ellis, who was born March 5, 1770; James
Ellis, who was born June 6, 1772; Abraham Ellis, who was born March
29, 1775; our Grandmother Grace Ellis, who was born June 25, 1778.
Her youngest brother, Isaac Ellis, who was born July 16, 1780. I
failed to find out whether any of our Grandmother's brothers were
married or not, but I presume they were. I also failed to find the
dates of their deaths.

Letha Stafford, my sister Adeline Wright's daughter, has a set
of chairs that belonged to our Grandmother, Grace Johnson, and she
also has a pair of cotton hose that our Grandmother knit. My Mo-
ther and my sister Adeline were both married with them on, and Letha
Stafford aimed to be married with them on, but forgot to do so.
They look now almost as nice as new ones.

I have no recollection of our Grandfather, but I do remember ou-
Grandmother. Our Uncle Isaac Johnson was born Dec 10, 1810, and
died March 14, 1832. I failed to find any account of him ever being
married. Uncle Jacob Spencer Johnson, for whom your brother Jacob
was named, was born Feb 25, 1812, and married Doctor Sam C Bridg-
water's father's sister. They raised three children only, Jim, Rich-
ard and John. Jim and Richard went into the War between the States,
and Jim was wounded, and died from the wound. I think he was never
married. Richard made a good doctor, as did your brother Willie,
and married a girl by the name of Bridgewater, and raised several
children. John made a good lawyer, and married a girl by the name
of Burnley, and raised several children.

Uncle Jacob's family are most all dead. He himself was killed
while hauling hogsheads of tobacco down Macey's hill. His lock-
chain broke and his team of four or six horses ran away, and threw
him off his saddle horse, and the wagon ran over him, and killed him.
His widow married a man by the name of Luster. (As regards this
last item, see note written by me at close of this letter- J B John-
son)
Uncle John Stanley Johnson, your Father, was born Oct 10, 1814. Uncle Thomas Davidson Johnson was born Nov 23, 1815, (Your brother Thomas was named for him), and married a girl by the name of Bransford, a sister to Aunt Martha Jane Fagg's first husband, William Bransford. They raised three children, Doss, Tine, and Clay, whose names have four letters each. Doss married James Donoho, Willie, Agnes, and Joe Donoho's father. Tine and Clay were never married, but Clay was a good school teacher. I went to school to him, and one day when the schoolhouse caught on fire, he carried water in his hat to put the fire out.

Aunt Mary Johnson was born Dec 20, 1817. I have not found any account of her ever being married, or the date of her death. Uncles Andrew Jackson Johnson and William Carrol Johnson, twins, were born Dec 23, 1819. Uncle Jackson died Aug 17, 1873. Uncle Carrol lived to be several years older than Uncle Jackson. Uncle Willis P Johnson was born May 27, 1821, but I have failed to find any record as to whether he was ever married or not, and there is no record of his death. We had an Aunt Polly Johnson who married a man named Coker. I do not know whether they had any children, and I failed to find any record of their births or deaths. (Note: on the margin of this paragraph was written "I think Aunt Mary and Aunt Polly was one and the same person. Cousin Jim Johnson was correct!")

I suppose you know all about Uncle Jackson's and Uncle Carrol's families yourself.

My father, Wilson Turner Meador, was born June 20, 1803, and died Jan 15, 1863. My Mother, Susannah Johnson Meador was born Feb 26, 1813, and died Jan 13, 1863. My Mother was not quite fifteen years old when she and my father were married. They had thirteen children, as follows: Sarah J Meador was born March 18, 1829 and died Dec 11, 1837; Grace A E Meador was born May 16, 1830 and died April 6, 1836; Mary S Meador was born Jan 28, 1832, and died Dec 17 1837; John W B Meador was born Jan 4, 1834, and died April 3, 1836; Newton J Meador was born Sept 24 1835, and died April 24, 1836; Newton J Meador was born Sept 24, 1835, and died April 24, 1836; Adeline D G Meador was born March 29, 1837; Martha S Meador was born Dec 15, 1838, and died Oct 28, 1840; Jas W Meador was born March 22, 1841; Thomas J Meador was born Jan 29, 1843, and died May 14, 1845; Ira D Meador was born Nov 27, 1845; Meredith J Meador was born Dec 5, 1847, and died Sept 20, 1848; Henry T Meador was born Nov 12, 1849; Andrew C Meador was born Oct 27, 1853.

Our Grandparents had several grandchildren who were named for them.

My Father bought Negro Lize from a Negro trader who bought Negroes and shipped them South to work in cotton and sugar cane, and I think, at a cost of $1250. She had killed several persons before my Father bought her, but he had not heard of her being guilty of murder. She had a time set to kill my Mother in the smoke-house with a butcher knife, but decided that as my Mother was such a large woman she would not be able to hide her away, and so gave it up. One night, while my father and mother were asleep, she took brother Jim, just a
child, off the bed between them, put a handkerchief under his throat, and tied it back of his neck she thought sufficiently tight to choke him to death, and laid him on the door steps, but my father and mother were awakened and found him in time to save his life. My father and mother had found out that she was a very mean Negro, but she said that a Negro man by the name of Jack, whom my father owned, was the guilty one.

Soon after she was guilty of the above crime, she carried my little brother Thomas, who was about 2 1/2 years old, with her to the milking place and beat him to death with the calf stick which she used to tap the calf from the cow. My father would have shot her with his rifle, but was caught, and kept from doing so. She was arrested, tried, and found guilty of murder, and was hanged for the crime. I think she was the only person ever hanged in Macon County (Tenn). At the time she was hanged, there was a Doctor by the name of Flippin, living in Lafayette, and just before they hung her, she sold her head to Dr Flippin for as much ginger-cake and cider she could chamber. She was then hung until dead. When she was pronounced dead and let down, Dr Flippin cut her head off, and tied it up in a handkerchief, and carried it over town, and kept it as long as he lived. At his death, it was turned over to his son-in-law, Dr Bratton, and I think his son, young Dr Bratton, now has it.

During the Civil War a regiment of Yankee soldiers camped at Meadorville, and the officers stayed in our home. They had smallpox, and gave it to my father's entire family, except Jim, who was in the war. It killed both of my parents. Everybody being so afraid of the disease, we had to bury our own parents.

We are all well, and hope this will reach you and find you and family in splendid health. We would be very glad to hear from you all at any time it is convenient. I am your old cousin,

H T Meador (Henry T Meador)

Note: I am quite positive that Cousin Henry was mistaken in thinking it was our Uncle Jacob who was killed when hauling tobacco down Macey's hill. My father told me about the incident a number of times, and always said it was Uncle Isaac, and that he was only quite a young man, and alone, no one seeing the accident, but it was my father's theory that he stopped to lock a wheel of his wagon in preparation for driving down the long hill leading off the "ridge" onto the headwaters of Peyton, or Defeated Creek, (I am not sure which it is) and while in the act of locking the wheel the team (six horses) started to go, and Uncle Isaac attempted to stop them by mounting the saddle horse, but they had gained so much headway that he could not stop them. Possibly there was evidence that the wheel had not been locked. Uncle Jacob's widow did marry a Mr Luster, and as I remember, my father always considered him a rather poor type of man.

When Virginia (my wife) and I were back in Tennessee this last summer we saw the stockings that Grandmother knitted, and are now owned by Letha Stafford, and they still look almost as nice as if they were new. A beautiful pair of stockings, and we are hoping that
Letha will eventually give them to Paul Johnson's daughter Grace, who is a name-sake of her Great Grandmother.

This March 11, 1937. James B Johnson
(A note from Grace Johnson Stearns on the margin of the letter - "I did not receive the stockings and know not what became of them")

This is a copy of a letter Wm Carroll Johnson wrote sometime about 1907. Copied Aug 1960.

John Johnson and Gracie Ellis were married November 30, 1809. John Johnson was born Feb 17, 1787, and died April 10, 1835. Gracy Johnson, formerly Ellis, was born June 25, 1778, and died Oct 16, 1846.
Isaac E Johnson was born Dec 10, 1810 - died March 14, 1832. Jacob S Johnson borned Feb 25, 1812 and died June 15, 1844. Susannah Johnson born Feb 26, 1813 and died Jan 13, 1863, and her husband died Jan 15, 1863.
John S Johnson born Oct 10, 1814.
Thomas D Johnson was born Nov 23, 1815 and died 1844.
Mary J born Dec 20, 1817.
Andrew Jackson Johnson twins born Dec 22, 1819.
Wm Carroll Johnson died Aug 17, 1873.
Wm Carroll Johnson Died Feb 22, 1909.
Willis P Johnson born 1821, died 1848.

Cousin Laura, I do not remember of ever learning what grandpaw Ellis given name was, but he died with palsy about two miles beyond Hartsville about the year 1800. I remember of hearing my mother say while living there, Uncle Davidson, your grandpaw Davidson, visited them and Wilst there on Sunday preached at a stand in a grove of timber with this text - Jer 8-22 Is there no balm in Gilean, is ther no physician there - And I remember hearing my Mother say often (as I think) that she had six brothers all large hail and stout men, and when they wanted to build a house they would get their logs ready and do their own raising, put up the logs, and then set up and notch them down.

I do not know which was the oldest or youngest, but I think I can give you the given names of five of them, (these were the Ellis boys) Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Bengimon, Willis Pressmil - this last named one is the only one I ever saw.

After my first marriage I lived close neighbors to him 13 years all ways called him Uncle Presley (my youngest brother was named after him, Willis P Johnson), he was said to be 106 years old.

Grandpaw Ellis came to Tenn from North Carolina and Grandpaw Johnson from South Carolina. I remember hearing Father or Mother, perhaps both, say they were of English descent. Grand Ma Ellis maiden name was Spencer.

(We have understood that my great grandmother, Gracie Ellis Johnson's Mother was a Spencer, and a sister to Thomas Spencer who was the first white man in middle Tennessee, Thomas Spencer is
known to History as a big strong man - I thought of Thomas Spencer when reading what Grandpa Johnson said about his uncles, the Ellis boys. We know that she was a Spencer, but have no proof at hand that she was Thomas Spencer's sister.  Grace Johnson Stearns

Written by Aunt Grace Johnson who died in 1906.  (This is the
Gracy Johnson formerly Ellis
Isaac Ellis Johnson, her uncle.
Jacob Spencer Johnson, her uncle.
Susannah J Meador, her aunt.
John Stanley Johnson, her uncle.
Thomas Davidson Johnson, her uncle.
Mary J Coper, her aunt.
Andrew Jackson Johnson, her uncle) twins
Wm Carroll Johnson, her father
Willis Pressmiel Johnson, her uncle.

Grandmother Gracy Ellis Johnson had 2 sisters married to Davidsons'.  She came from Charleston, N.C.  English descent, papa thinks.  Grandfather John Johnson came from S Carolina, also English descent.

Grandmother Gracy Ellis Johnson was blind and burned so badly that she died from it.  She went blind a year or two before her death.  She was burned at a camp meeting at Meadorville (Oct 1846), 68 years old.  Born during the Revolutionary War (1778), married at 31 years of age about 1809.  She was about ten years older than her husband.  She could spin after she went blind, and made garments for her children. She was born under a pine tree in North Carolina, moving from the Tories.  She had six brothers, I think, her sister married a Baptist Preacher Davidson.  Her Father died below Hartsville of palsy.  Great Grandfather Johnson died in Dry Fork.  Grandfather Johnson was killed by a log rolling over him, about 50 years.  Grandfather Johnson was a Baptist, so was Grandmother Johnson.  She joined the church about 1 year before her death.  Uncle Thomas Johnson was a preacher.

Papa's oldest brother, Wm Carroll Johnson, got killed with a wagon, all members of the Church except him.  He lived two hours after he got hurt.  His funeral was preached at Mr Cages - so was grandfathers - Bro Bransford preached his funeral and thought he was saved.  Grandfather John Johnson had only a pony when he married.  Gave that for 40 acres land on Dry Fork.  Papa, Wm Carroll Johnson married 1842, 23 years old.

Mama's Parents _ Henry H (Harris?) Sears .... (End of letter)

(Editor's note: The area spoken of in the above writings may be located on a map of Tennessee, north east of Nashville, in the area of Lafayette and Hartsville, just south of the Kentucky borderline counties in Kentucky, Allen and Monroe.  Meadorville is four miles south of Lafayette.  The "Baptist Preacher Davidson" is the elder Alexander Davidson, and is included in the ministers written about in "Spencer's History of Kentucky Baptists.

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SMITH-STREET-CAMPBELL-MITCHEL - Desire to correspond with any one connected with these families which were mentioned in the January 1976 issue of this quarterly. Evelyn Rosemary Frantz, 7225 New Castle Rd, Lafayette, Ind 47905

PALMER HALL - Am trying to establish relationship between Palmer and John Hall who married Rachael Hindman 1814 Barren Co Ky, John died 1819. Palmer Hall had original Barren Co land grant - according to "Gorin's Book" lived on north side of Beaver Creek between Denton Creek & Green River. Was listed 1790 Barren Co tax roll. Would like to corresp with anyone interested in these lines. Mrs J L Anderson, 11850 Parks, Brekenridge, Texas 76024

ENSOR - Anywhere - especially Owensboro Ky area early 1800's. CHAMBERS - from N Car to Ky. Will exchange information. Mrs E L Benedict, P O Bx 1536, Fairfield Glade, Tenn 38555

MARTIN-BRYANT-TURNER-CLARK - Would appreciate hearing from anyone who has information on the following children of Jesse Graves Martin and Matilda Jane Bryant; all ch born in Barren Co Ky: Joseph B b 1840 mar Elizabeth C ?; William A b 1842; Patrick b 1849; Louisa B b 1852 mar Jan 29 1874 Metcalfe Co Ky to J N Turner; Clarissa b 1855 mar J B Clark she died 16 Nov 1903 bur probably Metcalfe Co Ky. Nancy M Knight, Rt 1, Chana, I11 61015

HUFFMAN-DENHAM - Would like to corresp with anyone with information these families - especially the ancestors and descendants of Charles Thomas Huffman and Dorthay Della Denham, both of Barren Co Ky. Nancy M Knight, Rt 1, Chana, I11 61015

DALE - Would like to corresp with anyone with Dale ancestors - early Barren Co Ky - am anxious to gather data for my grandchildren. Violet (Dale) Widney, 814 W Wash. St #314, New Castle, Pa 16101

BURTON-DEARING-HAMM - Catherine Burton was born in 1816, mar ? Dearing. Interested in son Francis M Dearing 1843-3-18-1918. Catherine had 9 other children _ Asenia 1837, Ann 1840, Drury 1845, John 1847, Henry 1849, Euclid 1851, Mary 1853, George 1857, Martha 1859. Her mother's maiden name may be Hamm. Believed lived in Allen or Barren Co's Ky. Need husband's first name, mother & father, any dat: ISAIAH INGRAM was full Cherokee Indian, mar Sally ? , Children - Ellic, Marion, Joe, Milis, girl, girl (names unknown). Need Sally's parents. Sally also married ? Clark & all children used Clark name instead of Ingram. Grateful for any information on these. Believed to live in Ky or Tenn. Naomi J Clark, Rt 9 Bx 476, Muncie, In 47302
ABRAHAM SLAUGHTER (1840) mar Sarah Evaline Gravens dau of Alvin Moley Gravens & America Bailey, who were his parents? Exchange info.

CLEMENT MURPHY b about 1769 - who did he marry? His dau Lucy Mar 1st George H Rowland 2nd to Jeremiah Franklin. Exchange Info.

ANANDA HUTCHINS RITTER married Jeremiah Franklin, who were her par?

FRANCIS ROWLAND dau of George H Rowland & Lucy Murphy mar James H Martin, who were his parents? Need information their ancestors.

MILLIE STONE mar LEWIS FRANKLIN of Va about 1770, who were parents?

BUD ANDERSON (Cumberland Co Ky) fought in Civil War, mar Emily (Anderson) Anderson who was born 1838 Cario Ill, she was over 100 when she died at Tompkinsville, Monroe Co Ky - who were parents?

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SMITH born Va mar Eunice Vaun - his father Jesse Smith who mar Lizzie Daniels - other ch were Bud Smith and Vernie Norris of Cumberland Co Ky. Wish to corresp anyone in these lines.

Katie Maude Smith, 403 Columbia Ave, Glasgow, Ky 42141

ANDERSON-COX-PAGE-WILLIAMS - Need help parentage Chastain Cox who died Barren Co Ky - wife Lusy Huffman dau Ambrose Huffman and Mary Railsback. Was Chastain in Mercer Co Ky before going to Barren Co Ky sometime after 1810? Could he be son of George Cox of Pittsylvania Co Va? Where does the Chastain come in? Where is he buried? Who are parents of Anderson Page b ca before 1775 prob Va died ca 1820-30 prob in Monroe Co Ky, he mar Fanny (Frances) - was her name Anderson? Some say he was the son of Robert Page who came from Powhatan Co Va - does anyone have proof of this? Appreciate any help.

DORSEY-VIRGIN - Interested knowing parentage Dorsey Virgin who mar Eady (Edisai) Dodson dau of William Dodson of Nelson Co Ky, in 1808 was in Nelson Co Ky moved to Graves Co Ky before 1833 where a number of his descendants live (and surrounding areas). Am interested in any Dorsey who may have lived in the area of Nelson, Washington and Hardin, & surrounding Co's who may have had a dau who mar a Jeremiah Virgin sometime between 1775-90. I am collecting information on all Virgin families anywhere except New England - have much infor that I can share. Mrs Dolores C Rutherford, 1758 Carmelo Dr, Carmichael, Ca 95608

PERKINS-BAGWELL-RUDE - Need par & sib of Benjamin Franklin Perkins b 1837 Crab Orchard, Lincoln Co Ky - was an orphan. Appears 1850 census for Morgantown, Morgan Co Ind at age 12 living with William & Martha Bagwell & party named Rude. These could be relations who adopted him. He was not in 1860 census, but mar Harriet Hickey 31 Dec 1860 Morgantown Ind. Any info appreciated & on orphanage and guardianship records.

Mrs Maxine Ayers, 29237 Pinehurst, Roseville, Mi 48066

FROGGE-FROEDGE-FRoggE-BARTON-GODBEEY - Wish to contact all persons in the area who have had (female line), or who now have one of these names. Working on book covering these families in the counties of Barren, Cumberland, Clinton, Wayne, Metcalfe and Adair (Ky).

Jane Frogue Farmer, 27080 Blue Hill Drive, Sun City, Ca 92381
CONDRA-ALDERSON-MARR - My 2nd great grandfather John Condra lived near present Tompkinsville (now Monroe Co Ky) as early as 1804 - his wife was Rebecca Alderson dau of Aaron Alderson who lived in area that became Hart Co Ky. Am also interested in Marr of same general area. Will exchange information. Florence Lipsey, Buffalo, Okla 73834

HENDERSON-TICE-STICE-WEST - My 2nd Great grandfather Wm Henderson wife Naomi Tice, or Stice - from where? Who was the Henderson 1775 who bought large tract land from Indians where Daniel Boone built a wooden fort at Boonesboro on the bank of the Ky River? (From a His book printed 1873). Who were wife and children of Leonard West born 12 Aug 1760 Granville Co N Car, pension #516574 paid from Lexington Ky agency - enlisted in Rev war from Lincoln Co N Car - after war moved to Sumner Co Tenn, lived there about 3 yrs, then lived Logan Co Ky about 35 yrs, moved then to Calloway Co Ky, applied for pension there in 1833. Polly West Book, Rt 1 Box 146A, Alexander, N Car 23701

BRUNSON - Would like for some one to straighten me out on my 2nd great grandfather Stout Brunson, born 23 March 1749 Kingwood, New Jer died 19 Sept 1834 Allen Co Ky. Was he married twice? If so to whom? Was Elizabeth Brown his wife mar Allen Co Ky 17 Dec 1815 - or could that have been a son of his? I know that Moses Brunson his son was born 14 Oct 1776, what was Moses mother's name? Stout Brunson was married when he enlisted in the Army 1778, for Moses would have been near 2 yrs old. Are Jonathan, Rachel, Polly, Henry and Hezekiah the children of Stout's? Won't some one please help me? Mrs Curtis Grinstead, Rt 1, Oakland, Ky 42159

ROBERTSON - John and Sarah Robertson lived in Adair and Barren Co's Ky from ca 1800 until ca 1820. Children were: Elizabeth mar David Shoits 1806; Jane mar Uriah Stone 1807; and probably Thomas mar Mary Stone 1803; William mar Lidia West 1815; John Jr; Jesse; and George Robertson. Will exchange info on parents & descendants. Lewis M Owens, 2824 Dan Patch Dr, Lexington, Ky 40511

HARDY-ISHAM - Would like to corresp & exch info with anyone interested in descendants of Thomas Hardy b ca 1748 Lunenburg Co Va, lived Barren Co Ky around 1800 - when did he come to Ky? Wife was Mary Isham dau of Henry & Catherine Isham. Thomas Hardy d 1811-12, where is he buried? Their Ch: George b 1782 Va d 1858 Hart Co Ky - where buried? mar Rachel Burks 1814; Jeduthun; Rhoda mar Frederick Trump 1791; Thomas mar Mikeziah Powell 1790; Isham mar Mary Sneed 1792; Moses mar Sally Myers 1796; Nancy mar Thomas Burks 1811; appreciate any help. Also need help on family of George Hardy and Rachel Burks dau John Burks Sr of Barren Co Ky & area. Any info appreciated on the following children: Thomas (Squire Thomas) mar Susie Williamson dau of James & Mary; George G mar who? was it Polly Clymer?; Collin mar Bertie Thompson; James G mar Thea Slaughter. All lived Hart Co Ky. Mrs Luther Summers, Bx 27, Weaubleau, Mo 65774
EDWARDS-HILL - William Edwards & Nancy Hill (possibly from Va) were mar 7 Jan 1796. William possibly son of Cader Edwards of Va. Wm & Nancy had 14 children, all born in Ky: Polly 1797; John 1798; Rebecca 1800; Alexander 1802 died 1816; Nolley 1804 died 1816; Salley 1806; Bettsy 1808; Susanna 1809; Andrew 1811 died 1830; Olivet 1814; Nancy 1816; Mally 1817; Baskala 1820; William 1823. Family tradition says they were from Bowling Green, Ky - but possibly Barren Co Ky. We have Bible records of above, but no actual residence. Would appreciate corresponding with any one in these lines.

Earl E Smith, 502 Lafayette St, Topeka, Ka 66607

MARTIN - Need information on John Martin b ca 1775 son of David & Mary Martin & bro to Welome Martin of Cumberland Co Ky. John Martin & Sidney ? signed papers in 1830'3 Monroe Co Ky, believed to be in Monroe in 1840's, can not trace them further. A dau Elizabeth mar Isham Dicken; dau Sarah E died at home of Elizabe Dicken. My g grandfather David Welcome Martin b 1819 mar Lucinda Coe dau Mahala Lovell & Charles Coe ca 1841 - were in 1850 census Jackson Co Tenn, a dau Rhoda Martin mar bro to Lucinda, Andrew J Coe, also 1850 Census Jackson Co Tenn. David Martin's 1st wife Lucinda Coe died ca 1855. She is supposed buried as Eagle Creek In Jackson Co - he married 2nd to Rachael E Orsborne & were in Polk Co Mo 1860 census, David died ca 1865 & some of family came to Texas. Does anyone know about these people? Your help would be most appreciated, as I have worked on this line without finding out anything further back.

Oma Dee Phillips, Box 615, Lamesa, Tx 79331

DRISKILL-CHURCH - James G Driskill mar Nancy Church Barren Co Ky 30 Dec 1847 - where in Ky was he born-who were parents-was F M Driskill his bro? James G & F M were only two Drisks listed 1850 census Barren Co Ky. What was his connection with the Stallsworth & Crawford families? Would like to correspond with anyone who can help me will return all postage. Also how was Savage family conn with these?

Mrs Ted Bowman, 470 No Scraper, Vinita, Okla 74301

GRAHAM-LOGAN - Will any descendant of Sally (Sarah) Graham who mar Young Logan in 1828 please write me. They mar 5 Jan 1828 Allen Co Ky, is Larkin Graham who mar Sally Collins 18 Oct 1819 related any way?

Mabel Sledge Hicks, 804 N Cromley, Guymon, Okl

LOGAN-BENEDICT - Euclid W Logan mar Quendilla Benedict 25 Oct 1834 Allen Co Ky, she dau of Mary (Ritchey) and Benjamin Benedict Sr of Allen Co. Who were parents, bro & sis of Euclid, & where did Euclid & Quendilla live & die? Like to corresp with their descendants, Mrs Gladys B Wilson, 128 St Mary's Ct, Glasgow, Ky 42141

DUCKETT - Baruch Ducket son of John and Charity Whitten Ducket mar 1st to Nancy Rollins - where & when, who were her parents? Mar 2nd in Ill to Margaret Waller Needham 30 June 1859. John Duckett & wife Charity listed 1810 & 1850 census records of Warren Co Ky, then where?

Dorys L Hollandsworth, 2834 Lafayette St, St Joseph, Mo 64507
GEARHART-CARTER - Need info on descendants of Thomas Gearhart and Hannah Jane Allen. Thomas b ca 1780-84 Henry Co Va mar 1807-08 to Hannah in Cumberland Co Ky. Hannah b ca 1788 probably Henry Co Va, dates & places death of both unknown. Their Ch: Mary (Polly), Betsey, Sallie, Harriet, Peggy, Jane, son Robert Allen Gearhart b 1819 Ky mar Sarah K Carter b 1825 in Ky dau of Wm & Susan Carter. Dates and places of death for Robt & Sarah unknown. Would like to corresp anyone knowing anything about these lines.

Ralph R Garmon, N Jackson Hgwy Rt 7 Bx 183, Glasgow, Ky 42141

NOTES - NEWS - NOTICES

APOLOGIES to our Centenniel Member Mrs Lucy Ward, Rt 4, Glasgow, Ky. In our January 1976 issue we wished her a Happy Birthday, and stated that she would be 103 years old on 12 February 1976. We robbed her of one year. She was 104 years old. We are so sorry we erred.

We have received numerous letters telling us our members have not received their issue of the quarterly. We are sorry about the delay in many instances - as we all know, our postal service leaves much to be desired. However, if we do not receive the quarterly returned to us eventually, we must assume that you have received it, as we have "Return Postage Guaranteed" on each mailing page, and we frequently have them returned to us and have to pay return postage on them. If you have an address change, it would be greatly appreciated if you would notify us immediately, as the postal service will not forward them to you at another address, and send them back to us.

GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL MATERIAL - We wish to thank our many contributors to our quarterlies - we have received so much interesting material, and it is most sincerely appreciated. For the benefit of our newer members, we wish to state again that we will be most happy to publish your genealogical and historical material. Be sure that someone, somewhere, will benefit from it in their searches, and we are sure that all our members enjoy the good reading it makes. Keep your contributions coming. We shall publish them in turn as we receive them.

QUERIES - To remind you again, that in order to receive the greatest benefit from your membership, you should send in your queries. It is a free service to our members, and they are not limited in number for your years membership. They will be published in turn of receipt, so please mail them to us in time to get in the next issue.

CLAYTON SIMMONS PAPERS - In our October 1975 issue we announced that we would soon be able to offer you the previously unpublished works of Mr Simmons. We have received many inquiries regarding this, and we wish to inform you that we are still working on these papers, and will announce the date of publication as soon as we are able.
BOOKS - BOOKS - BOOKS

1870 CENSUS BOOKS - METCALFE CO KY, MONROE CO KY, MONTGOMERY CO KY. Each County separate book of over 200 pages, 8½ x 11 indexed - Soft-bound. Publication date 30 May 1976. Prepublication price $10.00 each. After publication date price will be $12.50 each. Mrs Gladys Lee Aiken, 1019 West 29th St., Lawrence, Kansas, 66044

1830 CENSUS - MONROE COUNTY KENTUCKY - PRICE $5.00
Oma Dee Phillips, Box 615, Lamesa, Texas 79331

CUMBERLAND CO KY SURVEY RECORDS - 1799-1945. Compiled by Randolph N Smith. These abstracts include name of owner of survey, all assignees, date survey, location, boundary line owner names, chain carriers, amount land, etc. Indexed - persons and location, over 6000 names indexed. Areas that are now in Clinton, Cumberland, Metcalfe, Monroe, Russell and Wayne Counties are in these surveys. Also parts of some Tennessee borderline counties included. 431 pages, 8½ x 11. Hard Covers. Price $21.95. LEERAN PUBLISHERS, (See address below.)

CUMBERLAND COUNTY KY DEED RECORDS 1799 - 1867 - Compiled by Randolph N Smith & Laura Lee Butler. These are the most valuable genealogical records surviving two court house fires - all deed books were saved. Deed books contain many types records besides land transactions, such as Power of Attorneys, Contracts, Civil War Discharges, Militia Officers Settlements, Oil Leases, Plats of early Towns, Family names in land line settlements, etc. Abstracts and index. 8½ x 11 - 597 page including 129 page index. Hard covers. Price $24.95 (See add below)

FEDERAL MORTALITY CENSUS SCHEDULES 1860-1870-1880 for Counties of Adair, Clinton, Cumberland, Metcalfe and Monroe Counties, Kentucky. Information given - name of person who died, age, sex, color, and occupation, if any. Other information varies by census year and county. 51 pages including 15 page index, soft cover. Price $5.00. Leeran Publishers, 120 No High St, Burkesville, Ky 42717 (See above)

Adair County Kentucky Marriage Records - - - - - - - $10.00
Green County Kentucky Land Entries - - - - - - - - - - 7.50
Cumberland County Kentucky Census Index and
  Abstracts 1800 - 1850 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 10.00
  " Same for 1860 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5.25
  " Same for 1870 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5.25
  " Same 1880 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 6.30
History of Cumberland County Kentucky - - - - - - - - - - 16.95
Awakening of Cumberland County Kentucky - - - - - - - - - 9.40
Civil War Abstracts - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5.25
LEERAN PUBLISHERS, 120 No High St., Burkesville, Ky 42717
"Order Books" are the minutes of the proceedings of the County Court, which was presided over by the Justices of the Peace of the county. They were courts of record, and had jurisdiction to hear and determine all causes under the law, such as - wills, letters of administration, appoint guardians, bind apprentices, view and open roads, dams, and mills, register stock marks, appoint surveyors, approve and register land entries, license taverns and keepers and set their rates, etc. These minutes have been copied verbatim making no corrections in spelling. As far as we know, this is the first time these old records have been published, and these are indexed - the original book has no index. 83 pages, 8½ x 11, soft bound. Price $7.50 plus 50¢ postage & handling. Ky residents add 5% state tax.

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MINUTES LITTLE BARREN CHURCH - FORMERLY TRAMMELS CREEK - METCALFE CO KY 1815-1849. Trammel's Creek Church united with Green River Association 1801 - in 1815 it changed its name to Little Barren Church. This is the first time these minutes have been published, and as they are privately owned now, it is doubtful if they will ever be offered for publication again to any one else. The minutes begin in 1815, and end when the church is dissolved in 1849. The minutes include membership lists, etc. Some names are: Anderson, Brockman, Bunnel, Cassidy, Embrey, Faulkner, Filpot, Forrest, Henderson, Ervin-Irvine, Lane, Lemon, McCandless, Petty, Slinker, Smith, Thompson, Trent, Warren, Witt, etc. 47 pages including index, 8½ x 11, soft covers. Price $3.50 plus 50¢ postage & handling. Ky res. 5% tax

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MINUTES GOODHOPE CHURCH - BARREN CO KY 1833-1851 - This is the first time these minutes have been published, and being privately owned, the owner assures us that they probably will not be offered again. Membership lists in book include the names of: Boston, Carter, Clark, Edwards, Frogget, Gallaway, Hensley, Huffman, Leeper, Mitchell, Mize, Nunally, Shockley, Slaughter, Slinker, Thompson, Woodard, many others. The members were Separate Baptists first, then became United Baptist. 30 pages, indexed 8½ X 11, soft covers. Price $5.00 includes postage. Ky residents add 5% state tax. 

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PLEASANT RUN CHURCH RECORDS This church was constituted 1815, located at Vernon, Monroe Co Ky, near the Ky-Tenn line. The records name many of the early settlers of the Cumberland River area. 28 pages, 8½ x 11, soft covers. Price $5.00 including postage. Ky residents add 5% state tax. Eva Coe Peden, Morningside Dr., Glasgow, Ky 42141
MONROE COUNTY KENTUCKY CEMETERY RECORDS VOL I and VOL II  Eva Coe Peden. This valuable work, composed of two volumes, is the result of ten years researching and recording grave-stone data of church, public, and private cemeteries and burial grounds in Monroe Co Ky. Many priceless southern records have been destroyed by negligence, war, fire, and natural disaster - and our remote burial grounds are rapidly deteriorating into non-existence. Vol I, 140 pages, Vol II, 143 pages, both indexed. Each volume is priced $10.00 plus 50¢ postage and handling. Kentucky residents add 5% state tax. Order from: Mrs Eva Coe Peden, 208 Morningside Dr., Glasgow, Ky 42141

FOLK MEDICINE OF THE MAMMOTH CAVE AREA - Editors: Odell Ashley, Carolyn Day Best, John Cissell, Gerald Bacon Claypool, Larry Hunley, Hershel Logsdon, David McGinnis, Tracy Meredith, Patricia Lee Nelson, Andrew G Parsley, Jr, Ronna VanMeter Sanders, David Selin, Jo Anne Peden Smith, Jennifer Strange, and Lynwood Montell, Gen. Editor. This group of people worked diligently to gather and compile the information contained in this book regarding folk medicine. As the editors state, they neither endorse nor recommend that their readers immediately rush out, gather the various herbs, barks, and liquids, and concoct these remedies for using in treating the various ailments therein mentioned. However, it is delightful reading matter, and to some of us oldsters, it brings back to mind many nostalgic memories. Some of the remedies listed appear to be based on sound, even scientific, logic. The 5½ x 8½ book contains 51 pages, is soft bound in gold tone backs, and is price at only $1.25 plus 35¢ postage and handling. Kentucky residents add 5% state tax. Order from Eva Coe Peden, 208 Morningside Dr, Glasgow, Ky 42141

UNITED CHURCH OF LITTLE BARREN BAPTIST CHURCH - Transcribed from the original minutes which are in the Western Kentucky University Library Bowling green, Ky. This church, member of Russell's Creek Association, was located then in Barren Co Ky (now Metcalfe Co Ky) on the east side of South Fork of Little Barren River. Minutes begin 1841 end in 1896. Some names listed: Baker, Boston, Blaydes, Brockman, Butler, Carr, Cox, Craddock, Edwards, Embree, Faulkner, Forrest, Henderson, Lain, McCandless, Monrow, Petty, Pierce, Robertson, Smith, Slinker, Thompson, Trent, Williams, Witt, Yates, and many others. Book is indexed, 8½ x 11, 51 pages, soft backs. Price $3.50, Ky Res. add 5% state tax. Eva Coe Peden, 208 Morningside Dr, Glasgow, Ky Gladys Benedict Wilson, 128 St Mary's Ct, Glasgow, Ky 42141

LICK BRANCH CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS (BARREN CO KY) 1824-1870. These are all of the records that remain of this early church which was constituted in 1824. Includes many statistics, marriages, deaths, pastors, deacons, membership lists recorded up to 1970. 42 pages, 8½ x 11, soft covers. Price $5.00 inc postage & state tax. Eva Coe Peden, 208 Morningside Dr, Glasgow, Ky 42141

NOTICE - We have been able to obtain a limited number of these books:
TIMES OF LONG AGO, by Franklin Gorin - History of Barren Co Ky $9.50
CYRUS EDWARD'S STORIES OF EARLY DAYS - History of early Barren Co Ky Price $15.50. Ky residents add 5% state tax to both prices.