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Membership in the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society is open to anyone interested in research in Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Logan, Simpson, and Warren County, Kentucky or their neighbors. Dues is \$20.00 per year for an individual or family. The quarterly publication, *The Longhunter*, is included with membership. Membership extends from 1 January through 31 December.

Meetings

The Society meets regularly at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of each month in the Community Meeting Room at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1680 Campbell Lane, Bowling Green, Kentucky. A cordial welcome is extended to all visitors and prospective new members.

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Members may submit an unlimited number of queries. These should be limited to 80 words per query and should contain at least one date and place. Send queries directly to the editor.

Book Reviews and Announcements

Send books for review to the editor with pricing and ordering information. All donated books are placed in the Special Collection at the Kentucky Library at Western Kentucky University. Members may list any book which they have published in our MEMBER PUBLICATION LIST at no charge. Send a list of books for sale with descriptions, pricing, and ordering information to the editor.

Back Issues

Current and back issues of *The Longhunter* from 1987 are available for \$5.00 each, post paid. Some pre-1987 individual issues are still available. Issues for the period 1978-1986 are available on CD-Rom [requires Adobe Acrobat Reader] for \$20. Orders should be placed at the Society's address.

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Editors Page:

As Editor of *The Longhunter* and corresponding secretary, I am forced to face the very short list of publications available from our Society. We are trying to remedy that situation, but it will probably be some time before significant progress can be made. We do have one new publication, *The Burgess Funeral Home Records*. The description and ordering information for the book is near the end of this issue.

Hopefully, while the Society is moving toward more publications, our members will help us to establish a Warren and surrounding counties publications list. The Society frequently receives requests for a list of available publications. We would like to have a members and Society list of publications related to research in our area. If you have a publication, still in print, related to research in our area, please send the book title, description of the book, price, and ordering information to the Editor. You may add to your book sales and you will certainly help the Society.

Upcoming Events:

Please mail information concerning your upcoming event related to history or genealogy in our area to the Editor. I hope to make this a regular feature.

- 5 March 2005 Landmark Association's Nashville Ramble. This event will include an architectural tour of the Frist Art Museum and a tour of Belmont Mansion. Contact Landmark Association in Bowling Green for additional information and pricing.
- 10 April 2005 Landmark Association is sponsoring a lecture on America's Pioneer women. The lecture will be presented by Bill Kennedy, an Irish journalist at 2:30 p. m. The event is free.
- 17 April 2005 Landmark Association will sponsor a tour of St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. The tour will begin at 2:30 p. m. \$5/person.
- 18 April 2005 The Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society will not have its monthly meeting at Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
- 23 April 2005 Landmark Association will sponsor a walking tour of the College Hill Historic District in Bowling Green. The event will begin at 2:30, contact Landmark for details. \$5/person.
- 7 May 2005 Landmark Association will sponsor a wildlife tour of Cedar Sink at Mammoth Cave National Park. The event will begin at 9:30. Contact Landmark for details.
- 15 May 2005 Landmark Association will sponsor a tour of Fountain Square. Meet at the fountain at 2:30 p. m. \$5/person.
- 19 May 2005 Landmark Association Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Includes a tour and brief organ concert by Thomas N. Moody. \$20/person.
- 1-5 June 2005 **The National Genealogical Society will sponsor 2005 GENTECH and the Conference in the States in Nashville, Tennessee. Go to www.ngsgenealogy.org for details and registration.**
- 3-5 June 2005 Chapman Family Association Convention to be held in Burlington, Vermont at the Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT. Contact Robert B. Chapman, 220 MacFarlane Drive #904, Delray Beach, FL 33483, Robertbchapman@cs.com. Sponsored by the Chapman Family Association <http://www.chapmanfamilies.org/>

Kentucky Vital Statistics Law

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As a genealogical researcher in Kentucky, it is important to understand the statute laws in place at the time an ancestor and an event took place. Using the records is much different from understanding the law and its consequences.

Lafayette Traughber married **Sarah Fannie Slack** in 1858. Their marriage is recorded in the list of marriages made by the clerk for Logan County.¹ However, there is an original marriage license recorded for this couple in Robertson County, Tennessee.² There is no record of a marriage license being issued in Logan County, Kentucky for this couple.³ Where did they marry, since there is a record in both states?

The reason for dual registration becomes apparent when we review the law regarding the registration of births, deaths and marriages passed by the Kentucky legislature in 1852. The record in Logan county of the Traughber-Slack marriage was created in compliance with Item 4 of the new law. It shall be the duty of the assessors to record all the births, marriages, and deaths which have occurred within their respective counties during the last year. They shall make strict inquiry of all heads of families,

and shall use the registries of clergymen, &c., to obtain the information required. The couple applied for and received a marriage license from the courthouse in Springfield, Tennessee.

Kentucky birth and death records generally exist in county registers for the 1852-1861 and 1874-1878 time periods. Some counties also kept births and deaths for a few years in the 1890s and the early 1900s. All pre-1911 vital records for Kentucky counties from county registers are available on microfilm. In addition, four major cities also maintained local registration (Births: Louisville, 1898-1910; Lexington, 1900-1910; Covington, 1896-1910; Newport, 1907-1911; some from 1905-1906. Deaths: Louisville, 1866-1910; Lexington, 1894-1910; Covington, 1881-1910; Newport 1884-1928.) Statewide registration of deaths began in 1911. An index of deaths, 1911-2000, is available online at

<<http://www.kygenweb.net/vitals/>>

Uncertified copies of death certificates are available through 1953. Death records after 1953 and all birth records must be requested from the Office of Vital Statistics, Department of Public Health.

<<http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/vital/>>

The full 1852 act regarding births, marriages and deaths has been reproduced here for your study.

Chapter 393.

AN ACT to provide for the registration of births, deaths, and marriages in Kentucky. Item 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky*, That it shall be the duty of all clergymen, or other persons, who shall hereafter celebrate or perform the marriage ceremony within the commonwealth, to keep a registry of all marriages celebrated by them, showing the names, ages, residence, and

¹Register of Marriages, 1858, Logan Co., Kentucky, Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1851-1861, Family History Library US/CAN Film 216832 Item 3. This microfilm is available at the Bowling Green Family History Center.

²Marriage entry of Lafayette Traughber and S.F. Slack, 1858, Robertson Co. Tennessee Marriage Book 1, p 305, Robertson Co. Archives, Springfield, Tenn. There is also a loose original marriage license for this couple at the Archives.

³There was no license found for this couple in either marriage register maintained by the County Court Clerk for Logan County, Ky. for this time period (1818-1858) or (1858-1885).

place of birth of the persons married, whether they were single or widowed, and the time of the marriage.

Item 2. It shall be the duty of all physicians, surgeons, and midwives to keep a registry of all births and deaths at which they have professionally attended, showing, in cases of birth, the time and place of birth, name of the father, and maiden name of the mother, and their residence, sex and color of the child, together with its name, if it shall receive one, and whether it was born alive or dead; and showing, in cases of death, the time and place and cause of death, the name, age, sex, color, and condition, (whether single, married, or widowed,) name and surname of parents, occupation, residence, and place of birth of the deceased: *Provided*, that in case of a birth of a slave, the name of the owner shall be given in place of the names of the parents, and in case of the death of the slave, the owner's name may be given in place of the condition, occupation, and residence: *And, provided further*, that when two or more physicians, surgeons, or midwives may have attended professionally at any birth or death, that physician, surgeon, or midwife who is oldest in attendance, shall make the registry.

Item 3. It shall be the duty of the clergymen, physicians, &c., above named, to deposit in the county clerk's office of the counties in which such births, &c., occur, on or before the 10th day of January in every year, the said registry, or a copy thereof, embracing the period of one year, ending on the 31st day of December last preceding the time of deposit; and the clerk shall deliver copies of the same to the assessor.

Item 4. It shall be the duty of the assessors, while making their lists of taxable property, to ascertain and record, in a list separate from the list of taxable property, all the births, marriages, and deaths which shall have occurred within their respective counties in the twelve months ending on the 31st day of December last preceding the time of assessment, with all the items of time, place, &c., herein directed to be inserted in the registries above named; and they shall make

strict inquiry of all heads of families, and shall use the registries of clergymen, &c., above named, in order to obtain correctly the information herein required. They shall return said lists of births, &c., with the registries of clergymen, &c., aforesaid, to the clerks of the county courts at the same time they return their lists of taxable property; and the clerks shall copy said lists of births, &c., and transmit the copies to the auditor of public accounts with the lists of taxable property. The clerks shall be paid at the same rates they are paid for copying the list of taxable property. The assessor shall be allowed two cents for each birth, marriage, or death recorded as herein directed, to be paid in the same manner as for making the lists of taxable property: *Provided*, That it shall be lawful for any assessor to record, separately, the time, place, &c., of any birth, marriage, or death which may have occurred prior to the time which the list then being made embraces, or which may have occurred with this commonwealth; for every entry so made, the party causing it to be done shall pay the assessor two cents.

Item 5. It shall be the duty of the auditor to make, from all the lists of births, marriages, and deaths so transmitted to him, tabular statements showing, in a condensed form, the information herein required to be preserved, keeping the statistics of each county separate; and to cause 500 copies of the same to be printed in pamphlet form, on or before the first day of January in every year; to transmit not more than five nor less than two copies to each county court clerk's office in this commonwealth, one of which shall be forever carefully kept in such office, and the remainder distributed for the use of the citizens of their respective counties. He shall cause to be printed suitable blanks for the use of assessors, clergymen, physicians, &c., with separate columns for each of the items of information herein required, and send a sufficient number of said blanks to the clerks of each county court for distribution. He shall annex to said blanks such instructions as he may deem necessary to secure the faithful execution of this act.

Item 6. To enable the assessors to obtain full and correct information touching the facts herein required to be ascertained, they shall have full power to swear and interrogate any person in their respective counties for that purpose, and it shall be the duty of all such persons, when thereto required by the assessor, with or without oath, to give him, fully and truly, all the information he or she may possess touching any of said facts.

Item 7. The several county court clerks shall forever carefully preserve the lists of births, & c., and the registries of clergymen, &c., herein required to be returned to them for the use of the public.

Item 8. The said lists of births, marriages, and deaths, returned to the clerks of the county courts by the assessors as also the original tabular record herein required to be made and kept by the auditor, or a duly certified copy of

any birth, marriage, or death from either of them, given and certified by the keeper of such records, shall hereafter be admitted and received, in all courts in this commonwealth as *prima facie* evidence of any such birth, marriage, or death therein recorded or so certified.

Item 9. Any person failing to discharge and perform any the acts or duties herein imposed and required to be done, shall, for every such failure, be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered by warrant before a justice of the peace, or by presentment by the grand jury.

Approved January 9, 1852.

Transcribed from *Acts of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky* (Frankfort: A.G. Hodges & Co., State Printers, 1852.)

Births, Deaths, and Marriages Abstracted in *The Longhunter*

Many of the original births, deaths, and marriages resulting from the 1852 law enacted by the Kentucky Legislature have been abstracted and included in *The Longhunter* over the years. These may be obtained by purchasing old copies of *The Longhunter* at a **special reduced price of \$2.00** per issue plus \$1.00 postage. The following are some of the issues involved.

1858 Allen County, Kentucky Marriages—Volume XXII, Issue 3, 1999.

1852 Butler County, Kentucky Deaths—Volume XXII, Issue 3, 1999.

1852 Edmonson County, Kentucky Deaths, Volume XXV, Issue 3, 2002.

1857 Edmonson County, Kentucky Births—Volume XXV, Issue 4, 2002.

1875 Edmonson County, Kentucky Colored Deaths—Spring, 2002 Issue.

1893 Edmonson County, Kentucky Deaths—Volume XXV, Issue 2, 2002.

1852 Warren County, Kentucky Births, Volume XXVI, Issues 2, 3, and 4, and Volume XXVII, Issues 1, 2, 3, and 4. [Seven issues for all entries for this year.]

1853 Warren County, Kentucky Births—Volume XXIV, Issue 1, 2001.

1855 Warren County, Kentucky Deaths—Volume XXIV, Issues 3 and 4, 2001 and Volume XXV, Issue 1, 2002. [Three issues for all entries for this year.]

The Samuel Chastain Family of Warren County, Kentucky

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Samuel Chastain was born in May 1803 in Logan County, Kentucky, son of **William** and **Magdalene Ayers Chastain** and of the French Huguenot Chastain family of Virginia.

Samuel's first marriage was to **Margaret Miller** of north central Warren County on 6 February 1826. They became the parents of at least six children and three of them married into the Miller family. Margaret died in 1843 at the age of thirty-nine and was buried at Green River Union Cemetery at Richardsville. This untimely death would not be the only one in Samuel's family.

In 1844, **Samuel** married **Celia D. Basham** in Warren County. She was a daughter of **James D.** and **Elizabeth Davis Basham** of what is now the Anna neighborhood of Warren County, Kentucky. Three children were born to Samuel and Celia; **Jesse, James A.**, and **Francis J.** In 1847, **Samuel** was listed as a leader of the Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ.

Tragedy would soon strike this family again. **Samuel** died on 11 June 1848 at the age of forty-five. He was buried next to his first wife at Green River Union Cemetery. By 1850, **Celia Chastain** and her three children were living with her parents, **James** and **Elizabeth Basham**. In 1855, Celia married **Mark T. Brown** in Warren County.

At this point in time, we focus on Celia's two elder sons, **Jesse** and **James A.** **Jesse** was born 17 February 1845 and before he was three years old, his father had died. During his early years, **Jesse** lived with his mother and siblings in the household of his maternal grandparents. When **Jesse** was ten, his mother remarried and in

1860 **Jesse** was living with the **Henry Sulser** family. At the age of seventeen, he was mustered into service in the Civil War with Company F of the 12th Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry [Union]. When he enlisted into military service, he was described as 5 feet and 11 inches having a dark complexion with black eyes and dark hair. He was mustered out of the military in 1865. By 15 June 1866, **Jesse** died at the tender age of twenty years. Whether his death occurred as a result of a battle injury or from a disease he contracted in the military, has not been proven. He was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ Cemetery and his tombstone marks his burial plot to this day.

James A. Chastain, was the second son of **Samuel** and **Celia Chastain**. **James A.** was born 19 October 1846. His father died before he was two years old. He also lived with his mother and siblings in the household of his grandparents in 1850. In 1860, **James** was living with the **John A. Taylor** family in Warren County. He was mustered into military service on 17 November 1862 with Company F, 12th Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry, the same company and regiment as his brother. On 16 December 1864, he was captured by the Confederate forces and was not returned until 7 June 1865. In 1866 he was married to **Julia A. Young** in Sumner County, Tennessee. One child was born to **James** and **Julia Chastain**. The birth of little **Mary Chastain** occurred in either 1868 or 1869. Once again tragedy would hit this family when **James A. Chastain** departed this life on 29 February 1869 at the age of twenty-two. It is not know if his death was directly related to his war service or perhaps due to his being held prisoner of war. He was buried, next to his brother, at the Mt.

Pleasant Church of Christ Cemetery. In 1870, his teenage widow and little daughter were living with the **William Whalin** family near Mt. Pleasant Church at Anna. This is the saga

of just one family of that period. No doubt many similar stories of families of that era could be told.

References:

- Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ Cemetery
Green River Union Cemetery
Warren County, Kentucky Marriages
The 1850, 1860 & 1870 Warren County, Kentucky Census
The Christian Register (of 1847)
The Kentucky Adjutant General's Report (Union)
Miller-Runner and Related Families of Warren County, Ky (1972) by Margaret Graft

WARREN COUNTY CEMETERY DOCUMENTATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Warren County Cemetery Documentation Project, which ambitiously hopes to find and document every cemetery in Warren County, began in the fall of 2004 with the notification of the receipt of a grant from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Interior, and administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council. The grant has been used to purchase a GPS unit and will pay for photography and development expenses. Volunteer time will be used as a match for this grant. The immediate goal of the project is to document a minimum of 75 cemeteries by the end of 2006.

The Bowling Green-Warren County Historic Preservation Board (HPB), coordinator of the project, began training volunteers with a hands-on workshop at the Moorman-Sweeney Cemetery near the intersection of Natcher Parkway and Hwy 231. Volunteers were treated to a little history of the cemetery by Jonathan Jeffrey, collections specialist at the Kentucky Library. The most unusual monument in the cemetery is a seventeen foot granite marker that reads: "**Tom Jeff Sweeney**; Began Life As A Hired Hand; By Industry and Sober Habits; He Accumulated A Small

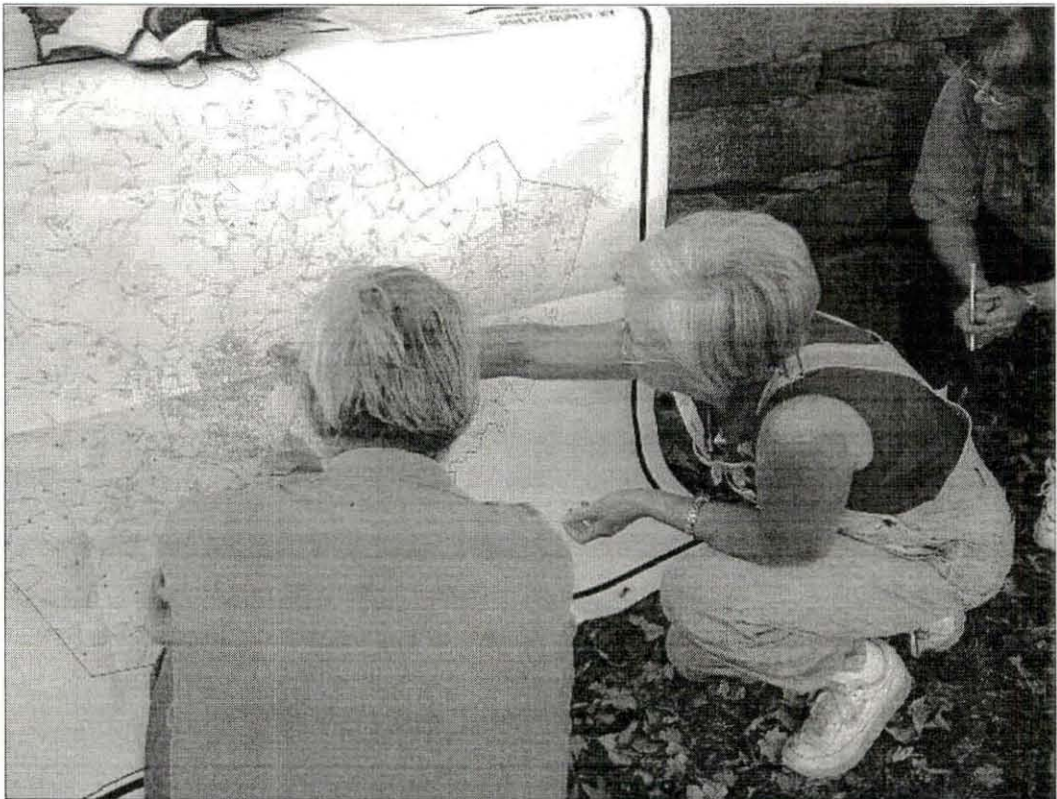
Fortune; He Was Honest And True; He Died On the 2nd Day of Sept. 1907; Age 75 Years 1 Month 12 Days." **Tom Jeff** worked in the milling business, owned multiple farms and operated a stone quarry, the **T. J. Sweeney Quarry Company**. The Quarry specialized in ornamental fences and porch balustrades, the latter of which can still be seen on many porches in Bowling Green. Near the cemetery stood the home of T. J. Sweeney's parents, **Noel** (1798-1888) and **Jane (Moorman)** (1806-1888) **Sweeney** but the house, which had been later expanded by T. J., was razed in the mid-1970s for the Natcher Parkway.

Twenty volunteers received documentation kits, a manual, and instructions on how to complete forms, read lichen covered and worn monuments without causing further damage, and how to identify major monument types. Several spellings of Moorman and Sweeney were found among the 37 monuments (27 inscribed, 11 uninscribed). Additional surnames represented included: **Sweat, Jones, Boyd** and **Preston**. The majority of monuments, in this roughly 90' x 114' cemetery, were limestone

and marble with a few of granite and the styles were generally upright tablets, die on base and fieldstones including three obelisks. There is evidence of vandalism and theft in the stone wall that surrounds the cemetery. There are likely additional graves that were never marked or that's monuments have been removed.

At the end of the three hour session the volunteers had fully documented the cemetery, including the completion of state forms,

transcriptions of monuments, measurements and photographs. Each volunteer team has agreed to document at least one more cemetery. The HPB plans to host additional workshops this spring and is looking for volunteers and information about cemetery locations. **If you are interested, please contact Robin Zeigler at 270-842-1953 or robin.zeigler@bgky.org.**



Volunteers at the first project, October 2004.

JOHNSON - KIRBY - KELSEY RECORDS Allen and Warren County, Kentucky

Submitted by **Connie Mills**
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Recently cousins, **Juanita Kelsey Baker** and **Robert Kirby**, donated to the Kentucky Library a family Bible and an excellent photograph taken at a family gathering in 1909. Along with the photograph Mrs. Baker provided identifications for most of the kinfolk who congregated that Spring day at the home of **Edward L.** and **Rebecca Eliza Kelsey**. This is a transcription of the records, along with additional information found in the Kentucky Library about the families. Data within brackets is inserted for clarification of some relationships.

[Family Bible Record]

Births

David W. Johnson was borned April 10, 1844 in Allen County Ky.

Susan L. Johnson was borned May 25, 1848 in Allen County Ky.

Mary V. Johnson was borned October 19, 1868 in Allen County Ky.

Ewuen D. Johnson was borned October 7, 1874 in Allen County Ky.

Carlisle W. Kirby was borned May 21, 1890. [son of **Mary Virginia Johnson Kirby**]

Johnson L. Kirby was borned June 19, 1891. [son of **Mary Virginia Johnson Kirby**]

Henry Curtis Kirby was borned December 21, 1892. [son of **Mary Johnson Kirby**]

Irene Kirby was borned June 13, 1894. [daughter of **Mary Virginia Johnson Kirby**]

All of the above named children was borned in the nearest residence to Goshen Church Road on the Claypool farm.

Deaths

Benjaman J. Cooksey departed this life February 9, 1883.

Mary Cooksey (wife of **B. J. Cooksey**) departed this life November 12, 1883.

L. W. Kirby died February 12, 1900.

Mary V. Kirby died January 31, 1907.

David W. Johnson died May 1921. [May 19, 1921]

Mary Elizabeth Kelsey died June 19, 1917.

Births of Children of **Willis A. and Irene Kelsey** [loose sheet in Bible]

Edward Lee Kelsey was born March 14, 1910 near Alvaton, Ky.

Carmon Kelsey was born September 14, 1911 at Alvaton, Ky.

Henry Curtis Kelsey was born April 15, 1914 near Halfway, Ky.

Mary Elizabeth Kelsey was born Dec. 13, 1915 near Halfway, Ky.

Willis Arthur Kelsey, Jr. was born May 18, 1918 at Jamestown, Ind.

Juanita Helen Kelsey was born June 12, 1920 at Wellington Ohio. [m. **Manuel Baker** 1945]

Karl Wayne Kelsey was born August 2, 1921 at Alvaton, Ky.

George Riley Kelsey was born July 17, 1923 at Louisville Ky.

Irene Kirby Kelsey was born Dec. 27, 1929 at 530 N. 24th Street, Louisville Ky.

Herbert Benny was born on August 31, 1932 at 8112 South Floyd Street, Louisville Ky.

Harold Keith was born January 18, 1935 at 1916 Griffeth Avenue, Louisville Ky.

Betty Lou was born March 28, 1936 at -Portland Avenue, Louisville Ky.

The following family group information has been provided to help in sorting the relationships within this large family.

Edward L. Kelsey was born 3 February 1840, the son of **Hiram Kelsey** and **Catherine (Lawrence) Kelsey**. He died 3 December 1915 in Allen County, Kentucky. He married **Nancy Spann**, the daughter of **Nathan L. Spann** and **Sarah (Hancock) Spann**. **Nancy** was born 16 April 1838 in Allen County, Kentucky. She died 30 September 1880 in Allen County and was buried in the Mt. Union Baptist Church Cemetery. After **Nancy's** death, **Edward** married **Rebecca Elizabeth Stamps**, the daughter of **Robert Stamps** and **Nellie Newman**. **Rebecca Elizabeth** was born 4 April 1862 in Allen County, Kentucky, died 5 December 1928 at Halfway, Allen County, Kentucky, and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery.

The children of **Edward L.** and **Nancy (Spann) Kelsey** were:

- **Woodford A. Kelsey**, born about 1865 in Allen County, Ky. He died in Indianapolis, Ind.
- **Cornelia L. Kelsey**, born 15 Jan. 1867 in Allen County, died 3 Jan. 1947, and was buried in Mt. Union Cemetery. She married **Sidney Millikin Eddy**.
- **Cora Belle Kelsey** was born Oct. 1871[?] in Allen County, died 22 Nov. 1951 in Auburn, Ky., and was buried in Greenbrier Cemetery in Warren County, Ky. She married **J. S. Ayers**.
- **Nathan Ezra Kelsey**, born April 1871 [?] in Allen County, died 18 Sept. 1935 in Rich Pond, Warren County, Ky. He married **Ella Harmon**.
- **Sally Mattie Kelsey**, born 11 May 1873 in Allen County, died 8 April 1963, and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery. She married **Benjamin S. "Doc" Ayers**.
- **Kitty L. Kelsey**, born 1 Oct. 1875 in Allen County, died 14 November 1954, and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery. She married **Joseph Wood Willoughby**.
- **Ursilia Mae Kelsey**, born 22 June 1878 in Allen County, died 29 November 1956, and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery. She married 1)**Charlie Goodrum** and 2)**Lycurgus Pruitt**.
- **Bishop M. Kelsey**, born 9 September 1880 in Allen County, died 4 January 1939 in Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky, and was buried at Barren River Cemetery in Warren County.

The children of **Edward L.** and **Rebecca Elizabeth (Stamps) Kelsey** were:

- **Minnie Jerome Kelsey**, born 20 January 1886 at Trammel, Allen County, Ky., died 6 September 1927, and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery. She married **Henry M. Holland**.
- **Willis Arthur Kelsey**, born 13 February 1888. He married **Irene V. Kirby**.
- [Unnamed infant] **Kelsey**, born and died 3 February 1890, and was buried at the Mt. Union Cemetery.
- **Omer Edith Kelsey**, born 22 February 1890, died 30 May 1954, and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery. She married **Fred S. Beller**.
- **Harlan Read Kelsey**, born 21 February 1893, died 3 January 1953 in Allen County, Ky., and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery.
- **Edward Carson Kelsey**, born 8 October 1895 in Allen County, died 20 April 1897 in Allen County, and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery.
- **Ernest Lee Kelsey**, born 10 October 1897 in Allen County, Ky., died 2 September 1953 at

Halfway, Allen County, Ky., and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery. He married Estelle Willoughby 20 January 1923.

- Nolan V. Kelsey, born 15 March 1900, died 25 May 1924, and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery.
- Mack C. Kelsey, born 30 June 1903, died 6 March 1938, and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery.
- Walter Kelsey, born 1906, died 17 May 1968 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Ky., and was buried at Mt. Union Cemetery.





Edward L. Kelsey and Rebecca Eliza Kelsey at their home, Spring 1909.



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| 1. SID EDDY | 9. MYRTLE WILLOUGHBY | 17. LURAL AYERS | 25. WALTER KELSEY |
| 2. NEELY KELSEY | 10. NOLAN KELSEY | 18. EDDY | 26. REBECCA ELIZABETH STAMPS |
| 3. GOLDIE AYERS | 11. CHESTER AYERS | 19. HARLAN KELSEY | 27. OMER EDITH BELLER |
| 4. DOC AYERS | 12. MACK KELSEY | 20. WILLIS ARTHUR KELSEY | 28. DIXIE WILLOUGHBY |
| 5. MAGGIE KELSEY | 13. HICE GOODRUM | 21. NONA WILLOUGHBY | 29. IRENE VIRGINIA KIRBY KELSEY |
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Edward L. Kelsey and Rebecca Eliza Kelsey family photo identification.

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- #8 Kittie L. (Kelsey)
- #21 Nova M. [1897-1982, married George McElroy]
- #14 Forrest Gillsepie [1903-1961]
- #9 Nina Myrtle [1909-1929]

Fairview Church of Christ, Butler County, Kentucky

[From "Fairview Church of Christ Cemetery" in *Kentucky Family Records*, Volume 21, page 31.]

Fairview Church of Christ was established in 1837 and first met in a log house in Grancer, Butler County, Kentucky. On 13 November 1877, a deed was recorded in Morgantown in the Butler County courthouse by **Mason** and **Emily Embry**. They gave one acre of land on Welches Creek to be used for nothing but to hold meetings for the worship of God. The house became known as the Fairview Church. The present building, which was built in the early twentieth century, was designated in 1995 as Kentucky Landmark by the Kentucky Heritage Council.

An Early Warren County Family: George W. Jones, Margaret Grimes, Nancy, and Sarah Frier

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Abstracted by Elizabeth Sue Spurlock from "Keeping Up With the Joneses of Muhlenberg County," an unpublished manuscript by Gwyneth Jones McKinney, on file in The Kentucky Library.

In 1812, the United States was still a fairly young nation of seventeen states when **George W. Jones** was born in Warren County, Kentucky. President **James Madison**, the nation's fourth President, was in office. Warren County had been founded only a few years prior, in 1797, and was then a part of the nation's Western Frontier. It was from this setting that George's parents would witness the events of the year 1812—a year of great consternation.

As the citizens of Warren County observed the 1812 New Year, Kentucky and its neighboring states to the north and south had been experiencing a series of frightening earthquakes. Author **Alan Eckerd**, in his historical narrative entitled *The Frontiersman*, wrote a grave description of the terrifying period:

[December 16, 1811 -Monday] At 2:30 A.M. the earth shook. ...In Kentucky and Tennessee and the Indiana Territory, settlers were thrown from their beds and heard the timbers of their cabins wrench apart and watched the bricks crumble into heaps of debris masked in choking clouds of dust. Bridges snapped and tumbled into rivers and creeks. Glass shattered, fences and barns collapsed and fires broke out. Along steep ravines the cliffside slipped and filled their chasms, and the country was blanketed with a deafening roar. . .¹

But, as Eckerd continued to gravely note, this was only the beginning:

The earthquake of December 16 was only a starter. It lasted, intermittently, for two terror-filled days; and at the end of that time the atmosphere was so choked with dust and smoke that for a week afterwards the sun shone sickly reddish-bronze through an ugly haze.

The second earthquake struck on January 23 and the third hit four days later. And finally, on February 13, came the last and worst of them—a hideous grinding and snapping which lasted for only an hour but caused about as much damage as the other three combined.

This was powerful medicine. . .²

Known today as the New Madrid Earthquakes, these were the greatest sequence of earthquakes in the history of North America.³

Also giving a chilling account of the period, as well as telling of a brilliant comet which appeared in the heavens about the same time was Dr. **John B. M'Ferrin**, in his 1871 *History of Methodism in Tennessee*. He concluded the following:

These signs in the heavens, the shaking of the earth, and the dreadful alarm of bloody conflict, produced in many places great consternation, and the people shook and were convulsed as was the reeling earth beneath them.

Many fled from their own homes and sought safety and refuge with their Christian neighbors. The preachers were everywhere implored to preach and to pray for the people; there was a great awakening among the inhabitants, while men's hearts failed them, and their knees smote together with fear.⁴

Apparently, the terror and pandemonium of the two unusual events—the comet and the quakes—led to a great religious awakening among the frontier settlers, most of whom by necessity were raw-boned and independent. They had braved forests, mountains, rivers and beasts in exchange for land on the Western Frontier, but were now brought to their knees in humble submission to a power which they had never before experienced. Little log meeting houses began springing up on the Frontier and people began attending church services once again. In June of the same year, the United States again declared war on her mother country of Great Britain. Some historians have credited the combination of the year's events with igniting the great religious camp meetings which swept the South during this period and continued for a half century .

Following the disturbing days of the burning of the White House by the British in 1814, the two nations finally came to a truce by the year's end. From the cinders of the War of 1812 came one positive impact on the young nation—the igniting of an industrial boom. When the U.S. citizenry could no longer import products from Great Britain, they came to realize their own ingenuity and began manufacturing for their own needs. Thus, with a new-found determination for independence, coupled with the religious fervor sweeping the nation, life on the American frontier began to improve, as the United States began experiencing domestic growth.

Such was the atmosphere in Warren County , Kentucky, when **George W. Jones** was born. It is believed he was born near the community of

Greencastle, an area of the county where several families of German descent had settled. This group of people had spent time in Pennsylvania and Montgomery County, Virginia, before making the trek through the Cumberland Gap to south central Kentucky.

The following years—as **George** grew to manhood—would be good years for America, as the young nation entered her "teenage" years and experienced much growth and development.

George was born in a time when the best means of transporting tobacco and other farm products from south central Kentucky to distant markets was by flatboats during periods of high water. However, by the time he was a young man, one of America's major waterways would be brought to his doorstep, so to speak, when a series of dams and locks were installed on the Barren and Green rivers in the 1830s and 1840s, making possible travel and the shipment of freight by steamboats onto the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers on a year-round basis. **George** would also witness the American Civil War and the laying of the first interstate rail tracks into Warren County , which by 1870 offered rail transportation to distant large cities.⁵

It appears **George W. Jones** lived out his life in north Warren County , near the village known today as Greencastle.⁶ Although he may have participated in various part-time money-making enterprises, the various federal census records indicate that throughout his adult life, **George** was engaged in farming as his major occupation. In 1837, when he was approximately age 25, **George** married a young lady in the Greencastle neighborhood. This wedding was his first. Over the next eighteen years, there would be two more. Each marriage produced children; **George** was approximately age twenty-six when his first known child was born and approximately age sixty-three when his last known child was born.

On August 4, 1837, **George W. Jones** took as his first wife **Margaret Grimes**, the daughter of **Emanuel Grimes**, in Warren County. Their marriage bond and certificate are on file in the Manuscript Division of The Kentucky Building.⁷ The couple were blessed with four known children.

Children born to **George W. Jones** and 1st wife **Margaret Grimes** were:

1. **William F. Jones**, born 1838, who married **Sebitha Howell**;
2. **John C. Jones**, born 24 Oct 1839 and died 4 Jul 1866, who married **Martha Jane Tarrants**;
3. **Emanuel B. Jones**, born 1841, who married 1) **Martha E. Sarver** of Sumner County, Tennessee, and 2) **Lucy Miller Ironstiger** of Warren County, Kentucky; and
4. **Elizabeth F. Jones**, born 1842, who married **Lewis C. Thompson**.

George W. Jones' second marriage was to a lady whose first name was **Nancy**. The marriage record for this union has yet to be located by this writer. However, in the listing of the occupants of the **George W. Jones** household in Warren County on the 1850 U.S. Census, the name **Nancy Jones**, age 28, born circa 1822, was recorded immediately beneath **George's** name—in the space where the wife's name is traditionally recorded. Also listed were four children—ranging in age from eight years to thirteen years—seemingly born to first wife **Margaret**. Also listed was a seven-month-old daughter named **Margaret**. The seven and one-half-year gap in the ages of the two younger children in the home seems a rather obvious indicator that **George** was probably widowed several years before marrying **Nancy**. **George W. Jones** and **Nancy** had one other known child—**Sarah**, born in 1851.

Children born to **George W. Jones** and his second wife, **Nancy**, were:

5. **Margaret Jones**, born 1849, and
6. **Sarah Jones**, born 1851, died 8 Jun 1934, who married **William A. Jones**.

Note that **Nancy's** first child was named after **George's** late first wife—a rather common practice during the nineteenth century. Note also that her second child is named **Sarah**, ironically the name of **George's** future third wife. On the 1860 federal census, the daughter **Sarah** was listed as age six and therefore born in 1854; however, later census records suggest a birth year of 1851. Also, her death certificate gave her birth as October 25, 1851. It is not uncommon to see mistakes in age on census records—depending on who is providing the birth data to the census taker. When the census taker arrived at the door of a home, one parent might take the family Bible in hand to make certain ages were given correctly. Another parent might recite ages from memory, and, when there were several children, mistakes were often made. Also, one parent might provide a child's first name, while another parent might provide the child's middle name or even a nickname.

George W. Jones' third marriage was to Miss **Sarah J. Friar**. He was age forty-two at the time, she was age seventeen.⁸ The two were joined in marriage on September 30, 1855, at the home of the young bride's mother, **Matilda (Tarrants) Friar Daughtry**, in the Greencastle community. Mr. **Isaac Miller**, and one of **Sarah's** uncles, **John W. Whalen** witnessed and the signed the marriage certificate.⁹ Rev. **John H. Tinsley**, a minister of the Christian Church, administered the vows. The certificate of marriage issued to **George** and **Sarah** stated both were born in Warren County, Kentucky.

Children born to **George W. Jones** and 3rd wife **Sarah J. Friar** were

7. **Mary Belle Jones**, born September 1856, died 5 August 1917, and who married **John A. Miller** on 7 Dec 1874;

8. **Paulina "Sis" Jones**, born 1858;
9. **George T. Jones**, born 8 May 1861, died 24 October 1939, who married **Lizzie Hampton** on 28 Feb 1882;
10. **Matilda Jones**, born 8 August 1863, died 17 October 1918, who married **Andrew Ford** on 11 Aug 1881;
11. **Alice Jones**, born 1865, who married **G. W. Hampton** on 9 May 1882;
12. **Josephine Jones**, born 1867, who married **Henry Herald** on 24 February 1887;
13. **Lewis Godford Jones**, born 15 May 1872, died July 22, 1945, who married 1) **Mary Alice Gann** on 27 Sep 1893, and 2) **Adella Gertrude Andrews** on 13 Nov 1898;
14. **Syntha or Cynthia Jones**, born 1875.

In time, I hope to learn more about the relationship between **George W. Jones** and Mr. **Russell Jones**, who resided in the same neighborhood as **George**. Were they brothers? Russell was married to **Malinda Smith**. He died in Warren County in 1845. In a biography of **Russell's** son, **John C. Jones**, published in one volume of Perrin's *Kentucky History*, it is stated that the father of **Russell Jones** was **Benjamin W. Jones**.¹⁰ Research conducted by Mr. **Lloyd Raymer**, Warren County historian and genealogist, indicates that **Benjamin W.** was born in Orange County, Virginia, and came to Warren County, Kentucky, from Montgomery County, Virginia. On August 4, 1807, he married Mrs. **Mary (Lovis) Honaker** in Warren County. **Mary** was the widow of **Joseph Honaker**, who had operated a 124-acre farm on Ray's Branch. It is possible, though certainly yet to be proven, that **Benjamin W.** and **Mary Jones** were the parents of **George W. Jones**.

Benjamin W. Jones died sometime between the census years 1840 and 1850. It is intriguing

that in 1844 **George W. Jones** and **Russell Jones** each paid tax on 62 acres located on Ray's Branch—the combined acreage equaling the acreage of the Honaker farm.

The early years of the 1840s seem to have been a trying time for **George** and his first wife, **Margaret**, and their young family. The first obvious signal of their difficulty is found in the early Warren County deed books, in May of 1841, when **George** recorded a mortgage bond. For collateral, he pledged several young heifers, a crop of corn and a crop of tobacco. One and one-half years later, in October of 1842, he recorded a new mortgage bond, which appears to have extended his time for paying the old debt—"for note dated April 6, 1841"—and also secured a new debt of \$47.59.¹¹ To secure the new bond, **George** pledged "one sorrel mare with injured eye and six- years old, 1 black colt, 1 white-speckled cow and calf, one Yankee clock, one bed & bedstead and clothing."¹² The year 1842 was also the year **Elizabeth F. Jones** was born to **George** and **Margaret**, seemingly the couple's last child born before **Margaret's** name disappeared from the records. At this time, the couple's three other children were ages two, three, and four. Possibly, **George** needed extra funds to cover doctor and nursing care for **Margaret**, care for the children, and burial expenses for **Margaret**.

Whatever his problems during this period were, **George** managed to pay the debt, and he recorded no other mortgages until fifteen years later.¹³ In August of 1857, **George** signed a note to **Hodge & Spalding** [evidently, a store business] for \$330.65 plus a store account for that year.¹⁴ For security, he pledged a bay mare and his present growing crop of tobacco. By this date, he had married his third wife, and their first child was one-year old. Eighteen-hundred and fifty-seven must have proven to be a good crop year, as this was the last mortgage bond recorded by **George W. Jones**, though he lived at least another twenty-three years.¹⁵

As stated earlier, **George's** third wife, **Sarah J. Friar**, born about 1838, was the daughter of

Matilda Tarrants and her first husband, Mr. **Friar**. The earliest date **Sarah's** name appeared in the records was in 1850 in the Warren County, Kentucky census. She was recorded as age eleven and residing in the Greencastle community in a home headed by her mother **Matilda Daughtry**, age twenty-nine. Also in the home were **Sarah's** two half brothers, **John Wesley Daughtry**, age seven and **William G. Daughtry**, age one.

Eight years prior to the census year, in 1842, **Matilda (Tarrants) Friar** had married a second time, to Mr. **Noah Daughtry**, in Warren County.¹⁶ To date, I have found no indication of Noah's whereabouts for the census year of 1850, whether he had died or was away from home for some reason. Nevertheless, in that year, **Matilda** and her three children were residing in or very near the village of Greencastle, where they were surrounded by extended family members. In a sequence of seven households, one was headed by **Matilda**, one by her brother **Leonard Tarrants**, one by her brother **Terry Tarrants Jr.**, and one by their widowed mother, **Mary Tarrants**.

The last record located for **Sarah** was her enumeration in the 1880 federal census for Warren County. She was listed that year as "**Sally Jones**" a housewife, age forty-three. She was recorded with her husband **George Jones**, age sixty-eight, in the Greencastle District with six of their eight children. The children who were still at home at this date were **George** age 20; **Matilda**, age 16; **Alice**, age 14; **Josephine**, age 12; **[Lewis] Godford**, age 8; and **Syntha**, age 5. Mr. **Robert Davis**, age 26, and Mr. **Humphrey Davis**, age 18, are also shown as living in the home headed by **George W. Jones**. These two men were recorded as "hired hands." Also, a young boy by the name of **Columbus Davis**, age 9, resided in the Jones home at this time.¹⁷

With four grown men in the home, two young boys, three young ladies, a small girl and herself, **Sarah** and her three older daughters were surely kept busy preparing and preserving

food, cleaning, washing, spinning, weaving, sewing and mending. It is little wonder that young girls married so young during this period, as running a household for two people would appear so much more inviting than helping with the many chores required for a large established household of sometimes ten and twelve people.

This writer still has hope of learning more about **George W.** and **Sarah J. Jones'** time of death and place of burial. In the spring of 1858, **Sarah's** mother **Matilda** was approximately age thirty-seven when she was married a third time to Mr. **Askew Foster**, a widower.¹⁸ This marriage produced at least one child, who is shown on the 1860 census as **Jane Foster**, born that year.

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12. Ibid.
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17. George W. Jones 1880 U. S. Census Soundex, Kentucky.
18. Matilda Daughtry (Tarrants) Frier Daughtry and Askew Foster married 15 Apr 1858, in Warren County., Kentucky.

The Honorable James S. Lay of Edmonson County, Kentucky, 1898

From The Green River Country from Bowling Green to Evansville edited and compiled by W. P. Greene (Evansville, Indiana: J. S. Reilly, 1898).

Honorable **James S. Lay** was born in Warren County, Kentucky, 21 October 1853. He obtained a good English education in the common schools and in the county academy of his native county. He studied law in the office of **Halsall & Mitchell** at Bowling Green and was admitted to the bar in 1878. In the year 1879, he married Miss **Louisa Francis Lewis**, an accomplished young lady of Warren County, and soon removed to Brownsville, the county seat of Edmonson County, and opened a law office, and has established a fine practice in the courts of that and adjoining counties. In 1882, he was elected county attorney for Edmonson County and was re-elected in 1886. He has served as chairman of the Democratic county committee at different times and was appointed an served as auditor's agent for the county under **L. C. Newman**, state auditor. In 1895, he was elected to the state senate from the Eleventh senatorial district, composed of the counties of Allen, Edmonson, and Warren, which position he now holds. In the celebrated struggle for the United States senatorship in the Kentucky legislature in 1896, he was a firm supporter to the last of the Honorable **J. S. Blackburn**.

United Baptist Centre Church of Christ at Centre Meeting House Logan County, Kentucky

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The Center Baptist Church, located on Coopertown Road in north Logan County, is one of south central Kentucky's oldest churches, having been constituted in August of 1810 under the above titled name.

Several of today's Logan County churches can trace their ancestry to the old Centre Meeting House.¹ For example, an "arm" of Centre was organized and constituted in 1813 to meet at the Wolf Lick Meeting House. The present-day Antioch Church was constituted in 1818 at the Wolf Lick Church, and today's thriving Elk Lick Church in the Spa community, near Lewisburg, was formed from the Antioch Church. The United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Stony Point Meeting House in northeast Logan County was founded in 1813 as an "arm" of Centre. In addition, an "arm" of the now defunct Stony Point Church, constituted in 1822, founded today's very active Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Lewisburg, Kentucky.

Pioneer Baptist ministers were also touched by Centre. Brother **Lewis Fortner** was Centre's first pastor. Before arriving in Logan County, he had served several churches in North Carolina.² In 1815, the Stony Point Church invited representatives of the Centre Church to assist in the ordination service of Brother **Philip Warden**, a pioneer Baptist minister who was the first pastor of Liberty Baptist Church. Brother **Warden** was an active member at Centre as early as June of 1812.

Early church minutes can often lend a precise piece of genealogical information, such as a date of death, a date of joining a church or movement of one's membership (indication a movement of the family), the name of a spouse or children. Church minutes, as a whole, can also reflect cultural patterns, indicating the lifestyle norms of a given period. For example, in the early years at the Centre Church, members were never dismissed for drinking of spirits, but for drinking "too much" spirits. It is also interesting to note that as early as 1815, the congregation contemplated whether women should be allowed to speak out in church. Although it was decided that they were permitted to do so, the minutes indicate women were not elected to office.

Fortunately for family researchers, the early minutes of the old Centre Meeting House have survived. Copies are available in the Manuscript and Archives Division of the Kentucky Building on the Western Kentucky University campus in Bowling Green, and also at the Logan County Archives in Russellville, Kentucky.³ Here follows an index to the first series of Centre's early minutes, beginning in August of 1810 and continuing to October of 1847, with the exception of a three-year period from October 1839 through October 1843 which is missing from the original record. The names in the following index will not appear in the index of *The Longhunter*.

¹Note that the early church used the British spelling of the word Center.

²Surry County, North Carolina, Historical Map, available at the North Carolina State Archives.

³The Manuscript Division of The Kentucky Building, Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky. is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. The Logan County Archives in Russellville, Kentucky is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

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Bro. Lewis Fortner [served July 1810 - Feb 1816]
Bro. William Tatum [served Aug 1816 - Sep 1837]
Bro. G. B. Dunn & Bro. J. H. Felts [interim--Nov 1837-Mar 1838]
Bro. G. B. Dunn [served as moderator Apr 1838- ca. Aug 1839]
Bro. James H. Felts—took office by Dec 1842 (the minutes of Oct 1839 to Oct 1842 are missing)

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**Centre Church members
dismissed to form or join
new Constitutions in
other communities**

**Mar 1813
[Stony Point Church]**

Bro. Barham requested Centre Church to give up 24 members (not named), who resided in his neighborhood, to become constituted for sake of convenience (pgs. 16-17)

**Some Centre Members who
transferred membership to the
Stony Point Church**

Feb & Mar 1813 (pgs. 16, 17)

Willis Blanchard
Izabelah Martin
John Martin
Samuel Martin
Sarah Martin
Izzey Martin
Charles Neeley
Jane Neeley
Moses Williams

Apr 1813

The following Centre members were dismissed to join "the arm." [This reference appears to be the newly constituted Stony Point Church.] pg. 17

Abigail Martin
William Martin
Biddy Moore
James Moore

Oct 1813

The following members were dismissed from Centre in order to form a new Constitution at the Wolf Lick Meeting House (pgs. 20-21).

Anthony & Rhosy Foster
Edmond & Elizabeth Foster
Thomas & Susannah Foster
William & Mary Kercheval
Also, Venis Jones is mentioned as joining at the Wolf Lick Meeting House (pg. 20).

Nov 1842

The following members were dismissed to form a new Constitution

"somewhere toward the settlement where ?gire Graham lived and died" (pg 146).

Elijah & Jane Cook
Elizabeth T. Cook
Wm. & Sabrina Wray
L. D. Wray
Jeremiah Wray
Orvil Wray
James Wray

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John W. Welborn of Todd County, Kentucky

[Taken from *Trails West to Red Willow County, Nebraska* by Robert T. Ray and Lois Rutledge (1982).

John W. Welborn was the second son of nine children, five boys and four girls, of William and Talitha (Floyd) Welborn. He was born in Todd County, Kentucky on 22 October 1843. He moved to Missouri with his parents in 1859, and after the Civil War, came to Nebraska and homesteaded in Cass County. There he and Jennie Roberts were united in marriage on 27 September 1886. To this union three children were born: Robert Forest, Jesse Floyd, and Lillian. They came to Red Willow County in the spring of 1873, and resided here until his death. He was accompanied by two of his brothers, Jesse and Frank. They went into the cattle business, later trading cattle for a store and stock of goods. The store was located in the southeast corner of the intersection of the main streets in Indianola. They were in that business during an Indian scare. He buried what money

they had, and wrote to his brother in Nebraska City as to the location of it so he could find it if the Indians killed all of them. In 1877, at the third election held in Red Willow County, he was elected Treasurer, and served one term. In 1881, he was elected sheriff and was re-elected in 1883 and 1885. John was widely known by his gentle and kindly nature and personality, and made friends everywhere. It was of his kind that made possible the "winning of the west". He passed away at his home in Indianola on Tuesday, 21 May 1929 after a gradual decline in his strength for the last two years. His funeral, which was attended by a large concourse of neighbors and friends, was held Thursday, 23 May 1929 and interment was in the Indianola Cemetery.

1854 Births from the Warren County, Kentucky Vital Statistics, Part 1

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Information was abstracted from Kentucky Historical Society microcopy 28. The record included the following columns: date of birth; name; sex; condition; place of birth; name of father or owner of child; maiden name of mother; color of child; residence of parents; and remarks. The columns have been transcribed as written but have been separated by commas for clarity. Information which was omitted has been shown with a dash. Information which was implied by ditto or other marks, but not actually written, has been listed in brackets.

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Oct 9, **Sarah F. Burns**, Female, alive, Warren,
John T. Burns, Elizabeth Sloan, White,
Warren, -.

June 19, **Elizabeth R. Hester**, [Female],
[alive], [Warren], **Henry Hester**, Nancy
Berry, [White], [Warren], -.

Sept 29, **Mary F. Hester**, [Female], [alive],
[Warren], **Benjamin Hester**, Rachel Berry,
[white], [Warren], -.

July 17, **Mary L. Hester** [sic], [Female],
[alive], [Warren], **Wm Ellis**, Nancy Stratten,
[White], [Warren], -.

Decr 29, **Jas A. Stewart**, male, [alive],
[Warren], **G. G. Stewart**, Margaret M.
Lewis, [White], [Warren], -.

Jan. 23, **Eliza R. Berry**, Female, [alive],
[Warren], **F. M. Berry**, Jane Borah, [White],
[Warren], -.

July 8, **Mary A. Bumpess**, [Female], [alive],
[Warren], **N. W. Bumpass**, Martha A. Pate,
[White], [Warren], -.

Decr. 2, no name, [Female], [alive],
[Warren], **Wm A. Waddle**, **Mary D.**
McGinnis, [White], [Warren], -.

Oct 23, [no name], Male, [alive], [Warren],
Benjamin Wand, **Adeline R. Sublett**,
[White], [Warren], -.

Nov 16, **Thomas Young**, Male, [alive],
[Warren], **A. Young**, **Mildred Ferguson**,
[White], [Warren], -.

Feby 16, **Elijah H. Heard**, [male], [alive],
[Warren], **Jas Heard Jr.**, **Mariah D. Bowles**,
[White], [Warren], -.

Feby 25, **James H. Wiley**, [male], [alive],
[Warren], **C. W. Wiley**, **Henny A. Adams**,
[White], [Warren], -.

Oct 22, **Jas T. Williams**, [Male], [alive],
[Warren], **P. Williams**, **Mary A. Knott**,
[White], [Warren], -.

Jany 31, **John T. Cook**, [male], [alive],
[Warren], **James Cook**, **Elizabeth Jones**,
[White], [Warren], -.

April 15, **Emiline M. Waddle**, Female, [alive],
[Warren], **G. H. Waddle**, **Elizabeth G.**
Roman, [White], [Warren], -.

[April] 25, **Sarah E. McGinnis**, [Female], [Warren], **Jas A. McGinnis, Henretta Sublett**, [White], [Warren], -.

Decr 15, no name, Male, [alive], [Warren], **James B. Taylor, Elizabeth H. Waddle**, [White], [Warren], -.

Feby 22, **Lemuel D. B. Moyers**, [male], [alive], [Warren], **D. J. Moyers, Mary F. P. Burge**, [White], [Warren], -.

Oct. 25, no name, Female, [alive], [Warren], **Wm Peden**, -, Black, [Warren].

July 6, **Robt T. Johnson**, Male, [alive], [Warren], **D. H. Johnson, Lucinda Runner**, White, [Warren], -.

Aug 24, no name, [Male], [alive], [Warren], **Wm J. Palmer, Angelina Simmens**, [White], [Warren], -.

July 14, **Francis**, [Male], [alive], **Jas G. Adams**, -, -, [Warren], -.

Sept 15, **Mary F. Nolin**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **David Nolin, Mary F. Gibb**, White, [Warren], -.

Oct. 28, **Marha E. Stallard**, [Female], [alive], [Warren], **Lemmuel Stallard, M. V. Wakefield**, [White], [Warren], -.

Feby 1, no name, Male, [alive], [Warren], **P. G. H. Goodwin, Rosanna Harris**, [White], [Warren], -.

Jany 11, **Harret**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **A. L. Davidson**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

May 18, **Jas W. Ragland**, Male, [alive], [Warren], [**Robt E. Ragland**], **Sarah D. Price**, White, [Warren], -.

June 30, **Peter**, [Male], [alive], [Warren], **Robt E. Ragland**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

Jany 26, **Elizabeth E. Price**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **Jas Price, Lucy Davidson**, White, [Warren], -.

Decr. 15, **John**, male, [alive], [Warren], **Wm Smith**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

April 22, **Mary E. Herndon**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **Benjamin Herndon, Elizabeth A. L. Walker**, White, [Warren], -.

Nov 16, **Mary E. Romans**, [Female], [alive], [Warren], **W. C. Romans, George A. Roberts**, [White], [Warren], -.

Oct 28, **Alice D. Roup**, [Female], [alive], [Warren], **Thos T. Roup, Eliza J. Higgins**, [White], [Warren], -.

March 15, **Julia Hines**, [Female], [alive], [Warren], **V. K. Hines, Ann Maria Stone**, [White], [Warren], -.

Decr 15, **Ewing**, Male, [alive]. [Warren], **V. K. Hines**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

Aug 10, **John W. McGinnis**, [Male], [alive], [Warren], **J. S. McGinnis, Elizabeth P. Bowles**, White, [Warren], -.

Sept 11, no name, -, -, -, **G. W. Garrett, Miranda Wathall**, [White], [Warren], -.

June 3, **Elizabeth A. Ferguson**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **Robt Ferguson, Matilda J. Shiflett**, [White], [Warren], -.

Decr 3, **Spotswood Lankford**, Male, [alive], [Warren], **B. D. Lankford, Mary A. Cherry**, [White], [Warren], -.

Feb 8, **Isaac**[?] **L. Cherry**, [Male], [alive], [Warren], **G. W. Cherry**, **Martha F. Stahl**, [White], [Warren], -.

July 4, **Mariah D. Manning**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **J. D. Manning**, **Nancy Tarrant**, [White], [Warren], -.

Nov. 24, **Joseph E. Sharrar**, Male, [alive], [Warren], **G. P. Sharrer**, **Lucinda H. Cherry**, [White], [Warren], -.

July 28, no name, Female, [alive], [Warren], **H. J. Neighbor**, **Elizabeth A. Connell**, White, [Warren], -.

March 4, **Nancy**, [Female], [alive], [Warren], **Wm Sublett**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

Sept 28, no name, Male, [alive], [Warren], **J. B. Martin**, **Louisa Stone**, White, [Warren], -.

March 20, **Olly**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **J. B. Martin**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

Aug 24, **John J. Cox**, Male, [alive], [Warren], **G. W. Cox**, **Nancy Stagner**, White, [Warren], -.

[Aug] 11, **Jas P. Cox**, [Male], [alive], [Warren], **P. G. Cox**, **Elizabeth Young**, [White], [Warren], -.

June 10, **Nancy B. Price**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **Benjamin Price**, **Mary A. Runner**, [White], [Warren], -.

Decr 23, **Benjamin Smith**, Male, [alive], [Warren], **Ed J. Smith**, **Sarah Price**, [White], [Warren], -.

July 13, **Leeann**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **Ed J. Smith**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

Sept 10, **Willmoth Covington**, [Female], [alive], [Warren], **J. R. Covington**, **Mary J. Herndon**, White, [Warren], -.

March 21, no name, male, dead, [Warren], **J. R. Covington**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

July 7, no name, [Male], alive, [Warren], **Isaac Walton**, **L. M. Covington**, White, [Warren], -.

Sepr 25, **Frances A. Hammond**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **J. G. Hammond**, **Nancy A. Smith**, [White], [Warren], -.

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Feb 1, **Joel P. Mason**, Male, alive, Warren, **Wm McD Mason**, **Rebecca E. Mallory**, White, Warren, -.

Aug 27, **Mary F. Mulkey**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **J. L. Mulkey**, **Martha J. McDonald**, [White], [Warren], -.

May 29, **Hiram McDonald**, male, [alive], [Warren], **W. A. McDonald**, **Josephine McElwain**, [White], [Warren], -.

Sept 10, **Thomas**, [male], [alive], [Warren], **L. A. Hunten**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

March 25, **Amanda**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **E. W. Blewett**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

Sepr 25, **Joseph**, Male, [alive], **H. Perkins**, -, [Black], [Warren], twins.

Sepr 25, -, Female, dead, [Warren], **H. Perkins**, -, [Black], [Warren], -.

March 20, **Mary**, [Female], alive, [Warren], **J. B. Chapman**, -, [Black], [Warren], -.

Decr 25, -, male, dead, **L. Walters**, **George Herner**, White, [Warren], -.

March 10, **Mary L. Stanley**, Female, alive, **S. W. Stanley**, **Jane A. Christian**, [White], [Warren], -.

Feb 1, **Thomas**, Male, [alive], [Warren], **M. C. Feland**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

Decr 27, **Margaret**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **M. C. Feland**, -, [Black], [Warren], -.

June 20, no name, male, [alive], [Warren], **S. W. Stanley**, -, [Black], [Warren], -.

July 10, no name, Female, [alive], [Warren], **S. W. Stanley**, -, [Black], [Warren], -.

Sept 2, **Charle**, Male, [alive], [Warren], **J. S. Truitt**, -, mulatto [Black], [Warren], -.

Aug 10, **Louise**, Female, [alive], [Warren], **J. McElwain**, -, Mulatto, [Warren], -.

Decr 25, no name, [Female], [alive], [Warren], **J. McElwain**, -, [mulatto], [Warren], -.

July 12, **Thos**, Male, [alive], [Warren], **Jesse M. Andrew**, -, [mulatto] Black, [Warren], -.

March 28, **Richard Curd Andrew**, [Male], [alive], [Warren], **Jesse M. Andrew**, **Elizabeth A. Coleman**, White, [Warren], -.

March 13, **Henry F. Duncan**, [Male], [alive], [Warren], **Jo D. Duncan**, **Jane Covington**, [White], [Warren], -.

April 10, **James**, [Male], [alive], [Warren], **Woodford Dulaney**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

Nov 27, no name, [Male], dead, [Warren], **Jesse Barbre**, **Loucinda G. Anderson**, White, [Warren], -.

Decr 24, **Almyra S. Still**, Female, alive, [Warren], **Jas S. Still**, **Rachel Anderson**, [White], [Warren], -.

Jan 10, **Allice J. Sin**, [Female], [alive], [Warren], **Jno V. Sin**, **Melinda Long**, [White], [Warren], -.

Jan 26, **Presley Ewing Duncan**, Male, [alive], [Warren], **Woodford Duncan**, **Nelly Johnson**, [White], [Warren], -.

Aug 12, no name, [Male], dead, [Warren], **Martha Boswell**, -, Black, [Warren], -.

Decr 5, no name, Female, [dead], **Jas M. Armstrong**, -, [Black], [Warren], -.

June 15, **Tabitha**, [Female], alive, [Warren], **Wm T. Fant**, -, [Black], [Warren], -.

Sept 25, no name, male, [alive], [Warren], **Wm T. Fant**, -, [Black], [Warren], -.

Bill, a slave born in Warren County, died in Marshall County, Kentucky, 1859

Bill, the Black slave of **Henry Darnall**, died in December 1859 in Marshall County, Kentucky of congestive chills. He was age 60, born in Warren County, Kentucky.

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Amanda	33				

Some Unique Features of Each of the Federal Census Records

1790	First Federal Census.
1820	Listed numbers of people involved in different types of work in the household. Listed number of people not naturalized in the household.
1830	Gave complete breakdown of household by age classification up to 100 years. Listed numbers of deaf and dumb, blind, and aliens not naturalized in the household.
1840	Listed military pensioners residing in a household by name and age. Listed type of employment.
1850	First census to list household members by name. Listed value of real estate. Listed place of birth and whether married within the year. Listed school attendance and literacy. Listed whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
1860	Listed value of personal estate plus real estate.
1870	Listed whether parents of foreign birth. Listed month if born within year. Listed whether males were voters.
1880	First census to list birth places of parents. First census to list relationships. Listed disabilities.
1890	Most schedules destroyed in a basement fire in the Commerce Building in Washington, D. C. in 1921.
1900	Listed birth month and year. Listed number of years married. Listed number of children born to women and number surviving. Listed whether owned or rented home. Listed street and house number in towns. Year of immigration to U. S.
1910	Listed whether a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy.
1920	Year of immigration and naturalization. Whether employee, employer, or self-employed.
1930	Whether owned a radio. Age at first marriage. Language spoken in home before coming to U. S. Whether a veteran; what war?

Some Historical and Genealogical Resources for Southern Kentucky

Public Libraries. Historical material; some genealogical material; many have newspapers on microfilm.

[Allen County. The Public Library has no genealogical material.] Genealogy Room, Register of Deeds, County Clerk's Office, Scottsville, KY 42164. (270) 237-3706.

[Barren County] Mary Wood Weldon Library, 107 West College Street, Glasgow, KY. (270) 651-2824.

Butler County Public Library, 116 West Ohio Street, PO Box 247, Morgantown, KY 42261-0247.

Edmonson County Public Library, 503 Washington Street, P. O. Box 219, Brownsville, KY 42210.

Logan County Public Library, 201 West Sixth Street, Russellville, KY 42276-1411. (270) 726-6129. <loganlibrary.org>

[Simpson County] Goodnight Memorial Library, 203 South Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134-1840.

[Warren County] Bowling Green Public Library, 1225 State Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101-2696.

Genealogy Collections / Archives of Original Documents. These will be your most productive visits for original and abstracted records.

Kentucky Library and Archives, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY. (270) 745-5083. <wku.edu/Library/dlsc> Best collection of materials for this area.

Daviess County Public Library, Kentucky Room, 450 Griffin Ave, Owensboro, KY 42301. (270) 684-0211, ext 224. <kentucky@dcpl.lib.ky.us.>

Logan County Archives, c/o Circuit Court Clerk, West 4th St. Russellville, KY 42276.

Montgomery County, TN Archives, 350 Pageant Lane Suite 101F, Clarksville, TN 37040. (931) 558-5159.

Muhlenberg County Local History Annex, 117 S. Main St., Greenville, KY 42345. (270) 338-3947.

Robertson County, TN Archives, 504 S. Willow St., Springfield, TN 37172. (615) 382-6928. <archives@kytnresearch.com>

Simpson County Archives and Museum, Simpson County Historical Society, Inc. 206 N. College St., Franklin, KY 42134. (270) 586-4228. <oldjail@apex.net>

South Central Kentucky Cultural Center, 200 W. Waters, Glasgow, KY 42142. (270) 651-9792. <sckculturalcenter@glasgow-ky.com>

Sumner County, TN Archives, 155 E. Main St., Gallatin, TN (615) 452-0037. <sumnertn.org/archives/>

Willard Library, 21 First Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710, (812) 425-4309.

Genealogical and Historical Societies in the Area

Some of these Societies have quarterlies. Most have books for sale.

Allen County Historical Society, 301 North Fourth Street, Scottsville, KY 42164. Monthly meetings, small museum and research room open by appointment.

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kyallen/SOCIETY.htm>>

Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Inc, PO Box 573 Vine Grove, Kentucky 40175-0573.

Breckenridge, Bullitt, Edmonson, Grayson, Hardin, Hart, Jefferson, LaRue, Meade,

Nelson County, quarterly, meetings. <<http://www.aths.com/>>

Butler County Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 435, Morgantown, KY 42261.

Edmonson County Historical Society, c/o Mrs. Billie Jo Rich, PO Box 345 Bee Spring, KY 42207.

Logan County Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 853, Russellville, KY 42276-853. Are very active in the transcription of Logan County records.

Simpson County Historical Society, 206 N. College St., Franklin, KY 42134.

South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Society, PO Box 157, Glasgow, KY

42142-0157. Barren, Monroe, Metcalfe, and Cumberland Counties, monthly meetings,

quarterly. <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kybarren/society.html>>

National Genealogical Society Standards For Sound Genealogical Research

Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently:

- * record the source for each item of information they collect.
- * test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not supported by the evidence.
- * seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.
- * use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating the original records.
- * state something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- * limit with words like "probable" or "possible" any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence, and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.
- * avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- * state carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work.
- * recognize the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories, and by welcoming critical comment.
- * consider with open minds new evidence or the comments of others on their work and the conclusions they have reached.

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The Burgess Funeral Home Records

Bowling Green, Kentucky

1930 - 1969

The Burgess Funeral Home began operations in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1924. The funeral home occupied several locations before it moved to its final location at 512 E. 12th Street. Many remember the two concrete urns that stood at the entrance to the building. This book makes this original, private collection useable for the researcher.

The records of the funeral home are housed in Manuscript Collection 139 in the Kentucky Building at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The book alphabetically lists summary information for records in the manuscript collection. It shows the name, date of birth, date of death, location of the record in the collection, and place of burial where listed. Other parts of the books list useful information from the original receipts from the funeral home. These no longer exist. There is a descriptive inventory and finding aid for the original collection and a description of the receipts. A history of the funeral home and representative photographs of the documents and the building complete the work. Most information is arranged alphabetically, but there is an index of maiden names and other names included in the record. The book is soft bound and 82 pages long.

The book was compiled by Mary Lynn Claycomb, Jonathan Jeffrey, and Gail Jackson Miller, CG. It's sale benefits the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society and its efforts in building the research collection at the Kentucky Library.

To order the book please send \$13.00 postage paid to the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society with this form. Kentucky Residents should include sales tax.

Name _____

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Mail to: Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society
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