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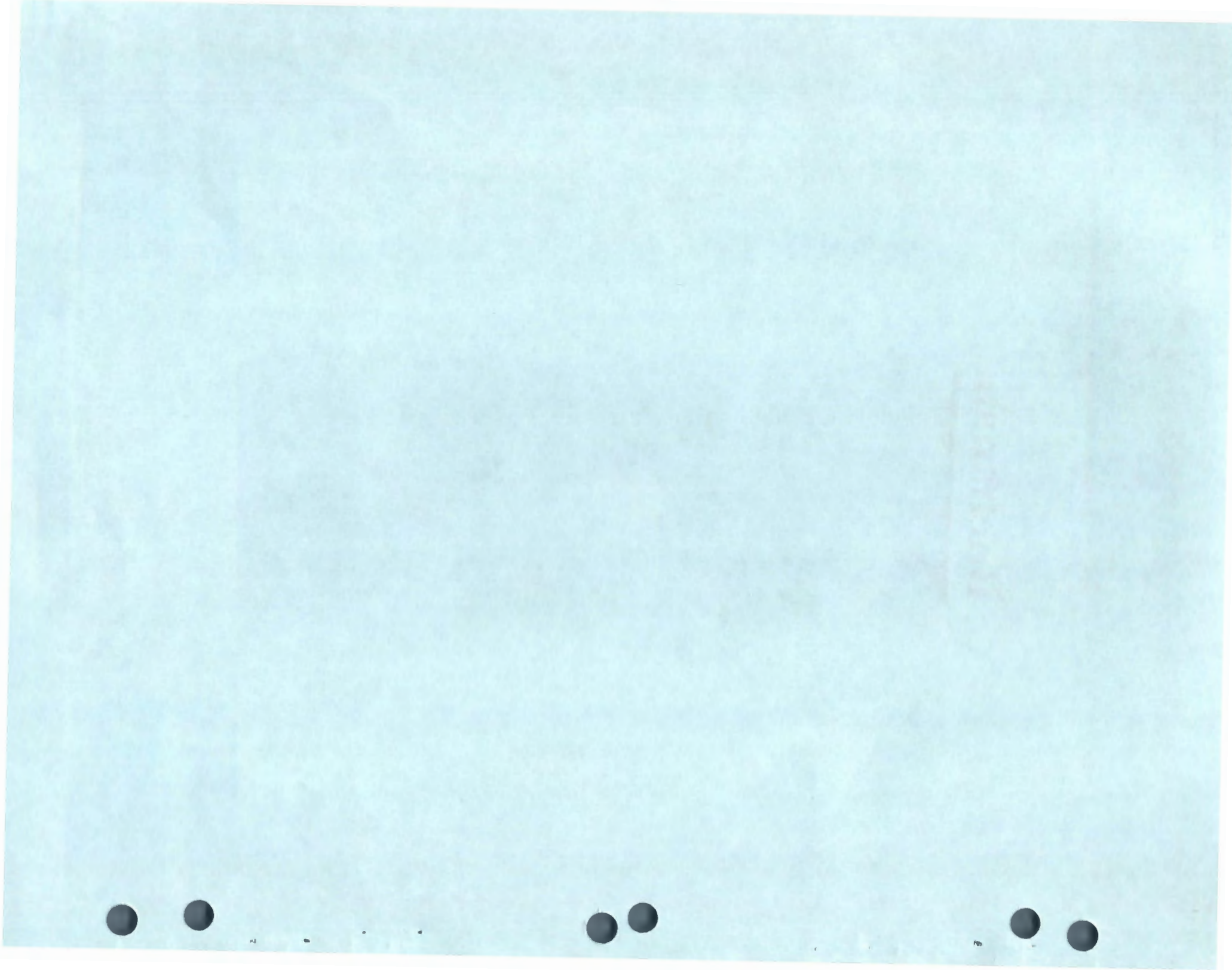
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Buchanan

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B U C H A N A N

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It is probable that most --though not all-- Buchanans in the general area of Muhlenberg and surrounding counties in Kentucky, are descendants of George and Nancy Buchanan.

George and Nancy came to Muhlenberg County from Virginia sometime prior to 1830, when they were first censused in the county. Neither the area of Virginia from whence they came, nor the parents of George and Nancy have been found, hence, Nancy's maiden name also is unknown.

Not found in the 1820 census of the county, George and his family were first noted in Muhlenberg County in 1830, when they lived in the Mud River area of the county. Setting the exact location is not easy, but since their nearest neighbors, ascertained from census reports, were Daniel and John Hunt, Willis Welborn and George Tooley, it is believed they may have lived downstream from the present location of Gus (then Hunt Settlement), yet not as far down as Skilesville. The fact that the site of old Buchanan's Ferry is about midway of those two communities, and that the ferry was known to have been operated at one time by George Buchanan's grandson, gives a good insight on the approximate location.

Neighbors in 1840 included the Flemings, the Robinsons, the Meffords and the Kimmels, also helping to pinpoint the Buchanan homestead as just east of Knightsburg and Ennis.

It also need be noted that the early spelling of the name did not always reflect the present-day spelling of "Buchanan", but was often Buchannon, Buckhannon and Buchannan among other spellings. Once it was found as Buchang. However, they all appear to be of the same family.

Perhaps today, few other families have as many descendants from one set of progenitors as the Buchanan families. When many of them were being interviewed for this article, they did not realize they were related in some way to others of the same name living in the same general location. Yet, as stated, perhaps the most of the Buchanans here today are the products of George and Nancy Buchanan.

Records and family histories do not favor us with enough information to fully establish an immediate family for George and Nancy, but at least three children --possibly four-- can be attributed to them.

The first known child was William Washington Buchanan, "father" of the most of the Buchanans of the area. He was born about 1812 in Virginia. It was William Washington, from his two marriages, who left the most descendants of the present age. The first marriage found was to Cynthiann Brooks, from whom at least three children came. The second was to Missouri J. Mitchell, the mother of at least nine children, all with many descendants in the area. This line will later be followed to its present-day generations.

Another of the children was George A. Buchanan, born about 1828, who was twice married, once to Sallie Bell in Butler County and again to Sarah Nanney in Muhlenberg County. A few of his line still reside in the area, as will be shown later.

A third child, a daughter, Nancy A., was born circa 1831 but no

evidence has been found of her later life. She was listed in the 1850 census when she was still in the home of George and Nancy, her parents. No marriage license has been found that fits her era.

The fourth possible child leaves no real evidence of his connection to George and Nancy. There were two James Buchanans in the area, and either could have been George's son. One seems to have been born around 1810, the other around 1830. In 1833, the older of the two Jameses, James M. Buchannan (sic) married Frances Nanney of the Nanney family which lived near where the Buchanans settled. To them, apparently three children were born. Nancy E. was 15 in 1850, thus would have been born around 1835. Harvey was born circa 1844 and Riley circa 1846. Sometime after this, it is speculated that Frances died. In the 1850 census, James and his children lived near Paradise. In 1852, James married Judith (Jude) Johnson. Records show two children born to this marriage. John J. was born in 1855 and Alice in 1857 according to the 1860 census. By 1870, Jude was a widow, indicating the death of James sometime after 1860. This James is believed to be a son of George and Nancy and the ancestor of those Buchanans who lived in Paradise, until the town vanished in the 1950s with the coming of the Paradise TVA steam plant. Among the descendants was Oscar F. Buchanan, well-known in Paradise until the town's demise.

In 1886, John J. Buchanan, son of James and Jude, married Virginia L. McGhee, born 1862. Their son was the aforementioned Oscar F. Buchanan of Paradise, born in 1889. He married Belva McConnell in 1910. Other children of John and Virginia were Connie D., Aileen, Maggie and Ellis.

John J. And Virginia Buchanan are buried in the Riverside cemetery near Paradise, as is Riley Buchanan. Riley and his wife, Sarah, had at least one child, Hattie.

Oscar and Belva Buchanan both died in 1977 and are buried in Rose Hill cemetery at Central City.

The other, and younger James B. Buchanan, married Janette Beasley, and lived near Greenville. It is believed he may have come from the Logan County Buchanans to the area south of Greenville, and is no direct relative of the aforementioned families.

As for the pioneer George and Nancy Buchanan, their final resting place remains in question, as does their times of death. However, since they are not to be found in 1860 census records, it maybe presumed they died between 1850 and 1860. It is believed they are buried in unmarked graves in one of the many small cemeteries near to where they lived.

Because of the gaps in dates between the birth of William Washington Buchanan and his younger siblings, it may be that other children were born to George and Nancy who have not been located or documented.

Descendant families from William Washington Buchanan will be explored in later paragraphs.

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The Families of WILLIAM WASHINGTON BUCHANAN

As earlier noted, William Washington Buchanan was born in

Virginia in 1812. He was a young man when his family moved to Muhlenberg County. His first marriage was on July 30, 1841 to Cynthiann Brooks, a member of another early Mud River-area family, which was associated with the Nanney family. Prior to Cynthiann's death in circa 1850, she became the mother of three of William Washington's children, all of whom lived with their father in the George and Nancy Buchanan home when the 1850 census was taken. Their children were:

- (1) Parilla, born circa 1844.
- (2) George A. (or W.) born circa 1845.
- (3) Edward, born circa 1846.

There is no further record, including a conspicuous absence of a marriage license for Parilla. The only thing known of Edward is that at 24 years of age, he was single and living in the home of a Sarah Smith in 1870. After that, he is also not to be found in the county or surrounding areas in later public records.

As for George, there are many descendants living in the area today. Alma (Mrs. Leo) Buchanan Tooley of Beechmont, is, for instance, a great-granddaughter. Her daughter, Joanna (Mrs. Donnie) Tooley McDonald of Beechmont, is then a great great granddaughter of George A. (or W.) Buchanan. (Note: A son, George M. Buchanan, in one of his marriages listed his father's name only as "A. Buchanan".)

George A. Buchanan married Sarah Ann Nanney, believed to be the daughter of Matthew and Nancy Williams Nanney on Sept. 18, 1850. (Note: George Buchanan also is found with the middle initial "W" at times. Alma Tooley stated she thought his middle name was Matthew, however, from all records, it appears the name Matthew came into the family in the next generation when George and Sarah's son was named George Matthew Buchanan, deriving names from his father and his maternal grandfather, Matthew Nanney.)

George and Sarah Ann were the parents of at least seven children, namely: Alfred C., born 1851; George Matthew, 1856; Nancy E., circa 1857; William N., circa 1862; Theodocia, known as Docie, circa 1864; Mary J., circa 1867 and Luro, circa 1873, who married Bill Penrod.

ALFRED C. BUCHANAN -- The first child, Alfred C. Buchanan married Jenetta Smith on Oct. 8, 1872 at the home of W. A. Smith (should be W. N. Smith) in Muhlenberg County. She listed her birthplace as Butler County. In the 1880 census, Alfred and Nettie were shown to be living near Paradise, with three children, Vera C., 5, Ury, 3 and Ila L., 1. The deaths of Alfred and Nettie are not documented, but they both apparently died after 1892, when what is believed to be their last child, Roydon, was born. Helen Buchanan Mercer of Central City, confirmed that both parents died when her father, Crit Buchanan, was a teenager. In 1900, two of the children, Ila and "Critten" were 20 and 17 respectively, and living in the home of Calvin and Amelda Taylor Brooks near Paradise. They were listed as cousins. Two other children, Etta L. (April 1885) and Eula O. (Feb. 1888) were living in the home of their sister, Savilla Smith in 1900.

No further trace of Ury was found, thus it is not known if she was deceased or had married and moved away from the area by 1900. One possibility is that Ury is the same person as one listed as both Savilla or Sovilla, who married J. Henry Smith on Dec. 11, 1895. She listed her parents as Alfred and Nettie Buchanan, and he named his parents as John and Nancy Smith. She was born Dec.

28, 1874 and died at Beech Creek on Nov. 11, 1915. She and Henry Smith had a son, Emery, and at least two daughters before her death. He then married Winnie Mefford, and had one son, William Henry, who was killed in a plane crash near Graham in 1948. Henry, both wives and William Henry are buried at Hazel Creek.

Ila married Willis Stuart and lived near Belton for many years. The marriage license for Willis L. Stuart, a teamster, and the son of Isaac B. and Mary C. Wray Stuart of near Belton and May Ilabelle Buchanan was found in Muhlenberg dated Dec. 24, 1902. Among their children were Harlan, Clarence, Mildred (Calloway) and Earl. Harlan married Edna Williams, they being the parents of Doyle, Johnnie and Marjorie Stuart. Another granddaughter, Margaret Calloway Swan, a 1944 graduate of Hughes-Kirk High School, now lives in Whittier, Calif. Incidentally, Ila, on her marriage license, stated that her parents were George A. and Sarah Smith (actually Nanney). They were in fact, her grandparents, with whom she was making her home.

"Critten" of course was John Crittenden (Crit) Buchanan, a longtime mine foreman at Beech Creek. He and wife Arta, were the parents of the late J. C. Buchanan, Jr., Helen (Mrs. Billy Mercer) of Central City, Kathleen, called Phoebe, who married Harold Shrewsbury also of Central City, and Beatrice, who married T. H. Wells and now lives in Greenville. Crit was born Dec. 5, 1882 and died Feb. 5, 1964. Arta, the daughter of W. L. and Lizza Whitson, was born Aug. 11, 1888 and died March 29, 1972. They are buried in Jackson cemetery. A long-standing legend is that Crit was the "straw boss" in the Merle Travis song "Sixteen Ton". ". . . loaded sixteen ton of Number 9 coal and th' straw boss said, 'Well bless my soul'." Crit was the "boss" over Rob Travis, Merle's father, at Beech Creek Number 9 mine.

The younger daughters, Etta and Eula were married in Muhlenberg also. Etta married Ernest Tipton and Eula married a Wyatt at Beech Creek. After his death, she moved to Arizona to live. Helen Mercer also recalls another brother, Roydon Buchanan, who was killed in the coal mine at Beech Creek when he was 27 years old.

Roydon, also spelled Ryden, was living in the home of John and Ida Smith in 1900. John was his uncle, he being a brother to Jeanette (Nettie) Smith Buchanan, wife of Alfred, they both being deceased. Roydon was born in April, 1892, and it is estimated that his death in the mine accident came in about 1919.

John Smith operated a delivery service in Greenville for many years. He, Nettie, Moses, William T., Annis, Presley, Vicy, Thursy and George K. Smith were the children of William N. (Nisman or Newman) Smith (circa 1826) and wife, Harriett (1834) who came to the Green River area of Muhlenberg County from the Rochester district of Butler County sometime after 1860. They were censused in Butler in 1850 and 1860. W. N. Smith died after 1880 and Harriett after 1900.

GEORGE MATTHEW BUCHANAN -- George Matthew Buchanan, the second son of George and Sarah Ann Nanney Buchanan was married three times. His first marriage was to Judia W. Cox in 1876. They had at least one child, Susan, born circa 1876. George Matthew then married Rocksie Arendell (Arnold) of near Ennis in 1892. She was the daughter of James A. and Martha Adcock Arendell. Among their children were Veron Kater Buchanan, late of Belton and Virdie Vertie Ellen Cartwright, who is now 97 years of age and lives in Belle Meade nursing home in Greenville.

Vertie married Artie Cartwright on May 17, 1913. She had eight children, four of whom are now deceased. They are: Louise (Clyde) Cobb; Oretta (Jesse) Powell; G. V., married Marie Baggett; Pauline, deceased, married Karl Sampson; J. W., deceased, married Mary Orange; Ruby Nell died at an early age; Billie Warren is deceased; and Roy Lee.

Veron Buchanan married Minnie Belle Williams, daughter of John and Matilda (Dink) Brewer Williams of Belton in 1919. They are the parents of the aforementioned Alma Tooley, Veron, Jr., Lyndell Royce of Beechmont and Janie Bell (Mrs. Elza Ray Free) of Louisville. Veron, born in 1896, died in 1960 and is buried at Forest Grove. A third marriage for George M. Buchanan was to Florence Moore in 1905. Florence was the daughter of A. J. Moore of Butler County. They had one son, Eufas. In this marriage, George listed his father, George A. Buchanan only as "A. Buchanan".

NANCY E. BUCHANAN -- Nancy was born circa 1857, but no other information on her has been located.

WILLIAM N. BUCHANAN -- William was born circa 1862, and no other information is presently available.

THEODOSIA A. BUCHANAN -- Known as Docie, she was born circa 1864. She married J. R. Mefford in Muhlenberg County on April 11, 1889. He is believed to be the son of Jackson and Paleta (Mefford) Mefford.

MARY J. BUCHANAN -- Born circa 1867, Mary J. does not appear in any census past 1870, and may have died young, or married. No marriage license has been found.

LURO BUCHANAN -- Luro Buchanan was born circa 1873 and married William Penrod on Nov. 10, 1898. Affectionately known as "Aunt Luro" and "Uncle Bill", they had no children. They both died in 1956 and are buried at Union Ridge.

It is not known where Cynthiann Brooks Buchanan is buried, but William Washington Buchanan, who died in 1895, is buried at Wyatts Chapel near Beech Creek.

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The children of
WILLIAM WASHINGTON BUCHANAN
and MISSOURI J. MITCHELL BUCHANAN

Following Cynthiann's death, W. W. Buchanan married Missouri J. Mitchell on May 3, 1851. She was the daughter of Everett and Rebecca R. Mitchell, who came out of Tennessee to Kentucky around 1833 and to Muhlenberg County shortly before the 1840 census was taken. See "The Mitchell Connection" to follow, for information on this family.

The children of W. W. and Missouri Mitchell Buchanan:

(1) William Everette, born 1858 (or 1854) married Susan Jane Cox July 19, 1876. He once operated Buchanan's Ferry, which crossed Mud River into Butler County.

(2) Nancy E., born circa 1855. (Tombstone erroneously reads

July 2, 1846, which was four years before her parents married.) Married G. W. Smith on Feb. 6, 1877 in Muhlenberg County.

(3) Mary Jane (Mollie), born Nov. 8, 1856. Married Granville V. Hunt, Feb. 6, 1880 in Muhlenberg County. (Granville's middle initial listed as "J" on tombstone, family says it is "V".

(4) Orpha (Offie), born circa 1860, married Henry Smith in about 1895.

(5) Martha Anne (Annie) born January, 1865, first married Enos Hall in 1887 and later Alexander Engler in 1888.

(6) James Reno, born April 12, 1866, married Lillie N. Hunt in 1889.

(7) John Wesley (Wes) born 1868, married Corilla McPherson in 1887.

(8) Sallie B., born April 4, 1871, married Alfred Jackson Davis in 1896, and after his death, Joseph Allen Agee.

(9) Joseph M., born Dec. 18, 1872, married Lura Ellen McPherson Baker in 1897.

Complete family histories, as available, with lists of descendants of each of these nine children will follow.

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THE MITCHELL CONNECTION

Everett (Everit) Mitchell and his wife, Rebecca came out of Tennessee to Kentucky about 1833, or perhaps a year earlier. The date is established by the fact that Missouri J. Mitchell, who became the wife of William Washington Buchanan, was born in Tennessee in 1831, while their next child, Louisiana, was born in Kentucky in 1833, marking the time the Mitchells first appeared in the state. They are first shown in Muhlenberg County in the 1840 census.

Both Everett and Rebecca were born in Virginia and lived for a while in Wilson County, Tennessee. He was born circa 1791, she in 1795. They were the parents of at least six children, including:

(1) Elizabeth Mitchell was born in Tennessee June 30, 1823. She married George Kimmel in Muhlenberg County on Dec. 20, 1848. After their one child, Mary D. was born in 1851, Elizabeth died on Oct. 28, 1851. She is buried at Hazel Creek. Mary D. was known to later be living in a Campfield home. George Kimmel later re-married.

(2) Elias M. Mitchell, born circa 1829 in Tennessee. Elias married Rebecca Dwyer in Muhlenberg County on Nov. 24, 1853. He died after 1854, but prior to 1858. He had one child, Rebecca E., born in 1855. Following his death, his widow married Lawrence Yonts on Jan 7, 1858.

(3) Missouri J. Mitchell, born 1831 in Tennessee, married W. W. Buchanan. A complete biography of this family will follow.

(4) Louisiana Mitchell was the first born of the Mitchell children in Kentucky, in 1833. No later information has been found past the 1850 census when she was 17.

(5) Manson H. Mitchell was born in Kentucky on April 13, 1835. He married circa 1858-60 to Mary G. (?) (Marriage license not

found). They were the parents of at least three children, Mary born 1861; Harriett E., 1863 and William H., 1868. Mary G., Manson's wife, was listed in the 1880 census as being "paralyzed" and on April 16, 1881 she died. She is buried at Hazel Creek. Manson married Nancy V. Mathis (1846-1900) on Sept. 9, 1885. She was from the Mathis family that gave Muhlenberg County a sheriff, William Sherman Mathis. Sheriff Mathis was slain in ambush at Nelson Creek in 1922 as he was making an investigation there. Manson Mitchell died Feb. 15, 1892 and both he and Nancy are buried at Wyatts Chapel.

(6) Richard M. J. Mitchell was born circa 1837, but little information on him has been found. There is another Richard Mitchell found in census and marriage records in Muhlenberg County but they appear to be too early to be of the Everett Mitchell family. The second Richard Mitchell, according to Charles Tarrant of Delhi, N. Y., a descendant, is Richard T. Mitchell, a nephew of Everett Mitchell. This Richard married Prudence Jackson in Wilson County, Tenn. Dec. 4, 1844. Her parents, Daniel and Sarah Jackson also migrated to Muhlenberg County and are buried in Leighs Chapel cemetery.

Everett Mitchell was the son of Thomas and Rebecca Stewart Michell, who were married in Sussex County, Va. on Feb. 27, 1785. His will of March 9, 1812 (Pages 289-290) can be found in Wilson County, Tenn. His heirs were his wife, Rebecca, sons Everet (sic), Taswell, Allen, Thomas and Henry; daughters, Franky Petway, Polly Mitchell, Scotty Mitchell and Rebecca Mitchell and a son-in-law, William Petway. Everet and Thomas were executors. This information also provided by Charles Tarrant.

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The children of
WILLIAM WASHINGTON BUCHANAN
and MISSOURI J. MITCHELL BUCHANAN

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(1) WILLIAM EVERETTE BUCHANAN

The year of birth for William Everette Buchanan is still in question. A plaque of the family tree of Everett Buchanan and his family, owned by a granddaughter, Tunie Buchanan gives his birthdate as April 23, 1858, a figure backed up by census reports in 1860 when he was listed as two, and in 1880, when he was listed as 22. Yet his tomb rock in Union Chapel cemetery reads that he was born in 1854. There are those who contend he is the oldest of the nine children of W. W. and Missouri Buchanan, which would have meant he was born in 1854 or earlier, because the next two children, Nancy and Mollie were born in 1855 and 1856. For this purpose only, the list of children shown here, will list him as the first child, and leave to the individual reader to ascertain for themselves his birth year. He was named for his father, William W. Buchanan, and maternal grandfather, Everett Mitchell.

Among his other occupations, Everett was the operator of Buchanan's Ferry, which crossed Mud River above Skilesville from

Muhlenberg into Butler. He was also a farmer.

He married Susan Jane Cox (born 1852) on July 19, 1876, and to them were born seven children. Everett died in 1934 as did Jane. They are buried at Union Chapel near Knightsburg and Skilesville.

Their children:

(1) William Jetro, born April 4, 1878, married Eva Wester of Butler County in Wood, Ky. (Butler County) on June 25, 1899. Rev. J. E. Gardner conducted the wedding with Bud Wester, Virgie Rosser and James Johnson as the witnesses. Jethro died June 10, 1935 and is buried at Union Chapel. The children of Jethro and Eva include: (a) Martha, who married W. R. (Raymond) Shutt, son of Leander and Sarah Hunt Shutt (Virginia Collier, Lucille Morris, Elizabeth, Billy, David, Eva Mae); (b) Albert of Drakesboro, who married Alpha Crafton (Albert Jr., Bobby, Shirley, Joyce Wester, Gale, Billy, etc.); (c) Elmo of Drakesboro, married Madie Maxwell (Wanda Rives, Mary Ann McDonald, Delores Burden, Darrell, Elmo Jr., deceased, and Faye Bozarth); (d) Lizzie, who married Johnny Wilson, and is presently married to a Skipworth; (e) Elsie, who married Marion McFarland of Drakesboro; (f) W. J. Jr., (g) Clyde and (h) Estil, who died young.

(2) George N., born April 24, 1881, first married Iva Sumner in 1905. She died in 1913. They had one child, Nora B. (1909-1910). He later married Vada Atkins, and among their children is Bill Buchanan.

(3) Henry Garfield, born March 7, 1883, was a long time employee of Beech Creek Coal Company as stable boss. He married Lizzie Buchanan (1891-1970), daughter of John Wesley and Corilla McPherson Buchanan. Henry died in 1964. Their children were: Connie, who married Garteen Hardison; Howard, who married Agnes Fleming; Margie, who married Lyndell Rector, son of Teen Rector of Beech Creek and Tunie, wife of Bill Buchanan, son of George and Vada.

(4) Fannie, also called Missouri for her grandmother, was born Jan. 29, 1885 and died March 14, 1922. She married Everett F. Fleming, son of William G. and Irena Robinson Fleming. Their children: (a) Grace, married Raymond Sampson, and lives between Browder and Ennis; (b) Gertie, who married Bill McPherson, had two children, Frances and Claude William, and is now deceased; (c) Elva, who married Cleve Alexander; (d) Mamie, wife of Roy Jernigan, parents of Mary Mae Jernigan; (e) Charles; (f) Cora, born and died Dec. 28, 1910 and (g) Everett Earl Fleming, who died in 1971 at the age of 54 years. He is buried at Mud River Union. Incidentally, Fannie's tombstone at Union Chapel reads "M. F. Fleming" indicating her name was probably Missouri Francis.

(5) Benjamin N., born and died Aug. 21, 1887.

(6) Nancy E., called Callie, was born Aug. 20, 1888. She married Monroe Hughes of near Penrod at the ferry site in Butler County on Aug. 13, 1910. Although Monroe and Callie had no children of their own, they opened their home to raise other children in need of a home. Among those were Floeva Hughes Joines and Willard (Mutt) Hughes. Callie and Monroe both died in January, 1967 and are buried at Union Ridge.

(7) Johnny G., born November, 1891, first married Bertha Tuck, mother of Celia, who married Claude Baize, and later, he married Jennie Engler of Beech Creek. There is no indication as to when Johnny died.

(2) NANCY E. BUCHANAN

Nancy E. Buchanan was born July 2, 1855, according to a family chart, but a tombstone at her grave at Hazel Creek gives her birth as 1846, which is doubtful since her father, W. W. Buchanan was still married to Cynthiann Brooks at that time. W. W. and Missouri Buchanan, Nancy's parents were married in 1851.

Nancy married George W. Smith in Muhlenberg County on Feb. 8, 1877. He was born July 9, 1850 and died June 11, 1911. Nancy died Nov. 18, 1909. They are both buried at Hazel Creek. He was the son of Peter and Jane Wright Smith and was a farmer.

During their married lives, they lived near Mud River Union, Twin Tunnel and close to Leigh's Chapel.

Nancy reported to the census taker in 1900 that she was the mother of 11 children, seven of which were living in 1900.

The children of George and Nancy Smith, as charted by a descendant, Martha Nell Fitzhugh (Mrs. B. J.) Winn of near Rosewood are:

(1) Peter William Washington Smith, born Jan 2, 1878, married Ada Belle Mohon. Dec. 27, 1896. In 1900, he was a farm tenant, living on the Milton Boggess farm near Drakesboro and Greenville. Also in the home was their son, Clyde and a farm helper, Taylor Shelton, who later lived at Belton. Peter W. W. died Aug. 2, 1958 and Ada Belle on Jan. 11, 1967. They are buried at Woodland.

(2) Jane Smith, born Aug. 21, 1881, who married her cousin, James M. Smith. She died Dec. 4, 1911. She is buried at Wyatts Chapel. Jane may be the same child called Missouri (named for her grandmother) who was born in August, 1879, as listed in the 1880 census.

(3) Mary E. Smith, born October, 1883. (No further information other than census record. Possibly one of four children known dead in 1900).

(4) John Smith, born March, 1886, married Lizzie Clardy and died in 1865. He is buried at Woodland.

(5) Lizzie B. Smith, born Oct. 30, 1880, married Tom Wray. She died Nov. 21, 1953 and is buried at Hazel Creek.

(6) Rebecca (Becky) Smith, born Sept. 18, 1889. She married Herbert McElwain of Todd County. She died June 19, 1918, after he died in 1918. They are buried in the McElwain Cemetery at Cliff Hill.

(7) Anna Lewis Smith, born Dec. 22, 1892. She married Vertney A. McElwain. She died in 1973, he in 1963. They are buried at Hazel Creek.

(8) Thomas Smith, born February, 1895. He died Oct. 16, 1923. He was twice married, first to Ophelia Brooks and second to Effie Brooks.

An interesting story is noted by Mrs. Winn. In 1909, Peter W. W. Smith, during the bitter cold of that winter, moved his parents to his home. Nancy died that night. George suffered from heart dropsy. He often sat in the front yard under a shade tree and had to be fanned. He died in 1911. The Smiths lived at the Jim Wood place near Hazel Creek.

Peter W. W. and Ada Belle Smith, in addition to Clyde Smith mentioned above, had three other children, Orville, Frances Mildred and Richard Chester. Clyde married (1) Lottie Nichols and (2) Ona Moates Miller. Born in 1897, he died in 1984. Orville

first married Mabel ? and second, Edith King. He was born in 1901 and died in 1967. Frances Mildred Smith married Linnie Fitzhugh. He died in 1982. Mrs. Fitzhugh, born in 1903, died in 1991. They were the parents of Martha Nell Fitzhugh. Richard C. Smith married Ida Mae Newman. He was born in 1910 and died in 1989.

In addition to Martha, the Fitzhugh were parents of Emogene (Mrs. Sam Cowan Lazenby), Willadean (Mrs. John Lucian Lott), Charles Keith Fitzhugh, who married Jeannine Watkins. Martha married Buell James Winn, and they currently live on the Winn farm south of Greenville.

Among the other Smith descendants are those of Richard Chester Smith living in the Central City area. A son, Freddie married Mary Griffin Miller, and Marianna married John Lam. Other children were Margaret and Richard Smith.

This entire Smith will be more widely researched in their own family history another time.

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(3) MARY J. (Mollie) BUCHANAN

Mary Jane (Mollie) Buchanan was born Nov. 8, 1856, married Granville V. Hunt, and leaves many, many descendants. Granville Hunt was the son of Daniel and Mary Wood Hunt, and the grandson of a pair of pioneers, John Hunt, founder of Hunt Settlement and James Wood, influential in early days of the upper Mud River area.

Mollie and Granville were married Feb. 6, 1880 and lived their entire married life in the house now occupied by Marvin and Hallie Whitaker, the latter being Granville and Mollie's granddaughter. The land has been in the Hunt family since John Hunt acquired it shortly after 1800 as a part of his Revolutionary War land grant.

A farmer and a Baptist, Granville Hunt was born Feb. 16, 1857 and died Dec. 14, 1927. Mollie survived him by almost eight years. She died May 12, 1935. Both are buried at New Hebron.

Their children:

(1) Elbert T., born March 30, 1881, married Johnnie Hettie Davis, daughter of John P. and Harriet Hall Engler Davis. Hettie was born Dec. 3, 1882. Elbert was a coal miner, a farmer and a blacksmith. Hettie died Nov. 6, 1956 and Elbert on June 28, 1966. They are buried at New Hebron. Their children include: Beulah, first wife of Garteon Hardison, Connie, Bonnie (Mrs. Theibert Shemwell), Estill and Marietta (Mrs. Oscar Perry).

(2) William Daniel, called Willie, born Aug. 13, 1882. He married Minnie Gardner, daughter of Jess and Mary Virginia Harper Gardner on June 3, 1900. Willie was a blacksmith in the Gus community for many years. Their children were Iva (Mrs. Monroe Davidson), Thelma (Hunt-White), Elsie (DeArmond), Ernest, Hallie (Whitaker), John, Eleanor (Orange), J. W., Fay and Murriel (Free). Both Hallie and Elsie live near to where they were reared. Eleanor, J. W., John and Fay live elsewhere, and Murriel is at Penrod.

(3) Elizabeth, called Lizzie, was born June 8, 1884 and married Elmer Cornelius Redfern on June 11, 1905. He was the son of Richard Hansey and Mary Susan Matherly. Elmer and Lizzie lived the most of their life together at Island in McLean County. She

died May 9, 1924 and he Feb. 12, 1953. They are buried in the Island Methodist Church cemetery. Their children were: Mable, Edgar Cornelius, Walter Edward, Richard Ellis, Raymond, Willard Adrian, James Clarence and James Granville Redfern. Elmer and his second wife, Nanny, were the parents of Rena and Vernie Redfern.

(4) Parley S., born April 5, 1891, died Sept. 18, 1907. He is buried at New Hebron.

(5) Turner was the fifth child of Mollie and Granville Hunt, and was a blacksmith for a while, before moving to Illinois, where he raised his family. He has at least one child, Herman.

(6) Winnie Belle was born Jan. 10, 1892, and married Alvin Turner Mallory, born 1885, son of William Henry Harrison and Harriet Sadler Mallory. They lived in south Muhlenberg County their entire lives. They had seven children, six of whom lived to adulthood, and three still survive. They include: Grace (Mrs. Cecil Wood) living in Indiana; John, deceased; Sherman, deceased; Otis, deceased; Denny, who lives near Gus and Harriet (Mrs. Melvin Free) of Greenville. Belle died in 1848 and Alvin in 1949. They are buried at New Hebron.

(7) Susan J., born and died in 1897 at age of four days.

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(4) ORPHA BUCHANAN

Orpha Buchanan, called Offie, was born circa 1860, and married Henry Smith. They had no children. Offie Smith is buried at Wyatts Chapel, next to her father, W. W. Buchanan, but there are no dates on her marker. It is presumed that her husband is buried there also.

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(5) MARTHA ANNE BUCHANAN

Martha Anne Buchanan was called Annie. She was born in January, 1865 and first married Enos C. Hall, son of Andrew J. and Charity Davis Hall on Jan. 30, 1887. Enos died shortly after their marriage, and she subsequently married Alexander (Alex) Engler on Dec. 28, 1888. They lived for many years in the home now occupied by James Shelton near Mt. Moriah church. Alex and Annie both are believed to be buried in unmarked graves in the old Cedar Hill (Davis-Gardner) cemetery between New Hebron Church and Forgy Mill Bridge. Their children:

(1) Ollie, born circa 1890, married Willie Wagoner in 1911. She was the mother of Ray Wagoner, who was briefly married to Melvie Buchanan.

(2) Gertrude, married Henry Agee in 1918. He was also later married to Cora Davis Fleming and in 1935, to Erdine Stanley.

(3) Cynthia, married Boyd Agee, and later Carl Brister of Beech Creek.

(4) Jennie married Johnnie Buchanan.

(5) Claude, called Buster, born circa 1892.

(6) W. M. Vernie, born Sept. 13, 1893 by one source, though his tombstone at Wyatts Chapel reads Sept. 13, 1888, which was well before his parents married. He lived many years at Beech Creek, and died Aug. 10, 1970. His widow, Gertrude Penrod Engler, born in 1906, the daughter of George and Bertie Vick Penrod, still

resides in Muhlenberg County. Vernie and Gertrude, married May 9, 1923, have several children, who reside in the area.

(7) Willard was killed when he fell beneath a moving train at Penrod in the early 1900s.

(8) Alvin.

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(6) JAMES RENO BUCHANAN

James Reno Buchanan was born April 12, 1866, died July 26, 1933 and is buried at Wyatts Chapel near Beech Creek. He married Lillie N. Hunt on March 21, 1889 in Muhlenberg County. She was born July 14, 1877 (census report says 1871), the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Wood Hunt. She died May 13, 1908 and is buried at Wyatts Chapel.

Their children include:

(1) Pearlle, who was born Feb 4, 1890 and married Gertrude Revo, daughter of John W. and Annie R. Blaine Revo on July 27, 1913. Pearlle was a mail carrier and operated a taxi service at Beech Creek for many years. Gertrude was known widely as a musician and a piano tuner. A son, Wilbur (Squib) Buchanan now lives in Greenville. Pearlle and Gertrude are deceased. He died Jan. 17, 1978 at the age of 87.

(2) Louella R., born April 25, 1889 (school record).

(3) William H., born 1897.

(4) Virgil, born in 1899, died Feb. 13, 1978 in Louisville where he worked for the L&N Railroad He was 76 and had three daughters, Gladys, Sue and Dorothy.

(5) Horace, who married Vera Bivins and is the father of Doris Buchanan Camplin of Greenville, Betty Hood, Dorothy Gray and Mrs. Gene Graham. He died at the age of 80 on March 28, 1984.

(6) Homer, married to Maureen Morris in 1926. They have no children. Maureen died in March, 1991 and is buried in Beaver Dam where Homer still lives.

(7) Willie, a daughter. No dates on her are available.

There were at least two more daughters.

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(7) JOHN WESLEY BUCHANAN

John Wesley Buchanan, known as Wes, was born in 1868 and died in 1937. He is buried in Wyatts Chapel cemetery. On Dec. 12, 1887, he married Corilla McPherson, who was born circa 1865. Corilla C. McPherson was the daughter of John and Sarah McPherson of Butler County, who later lived near Gus. Following a divorce, Corilla married Frankie A. James of Beech Creek in 1915. Wes reportedly then married Mariah ___?___. They had one child, Lurena, who married Earl English.

The children of Wes and Corilla Buchanan:

(1) Elizabeth C. (Lizzie), born in 1891, who married Henry G. Buchanan. Lizzie died in 1970 and is buried at Ebenezer. Children born to this marriage include Howard, Connie, Margie and Tunie. Refer to Everett Buchanan family for other details.

(2) Mamie, born 1895, married Herman Rives of Beech Creek. Mildred Rives, their daughter, married Noble Fulcher. Their son, Noble Fulcher, Jr., operates Fulcher's Market at Drakesboro.

(3) Howard died young. No dates are available.

(4) Paralee, born March 27, 1889, married William Don Key (1880-1960) of Nelson Creek, the son of William and Aletha Ann O'Neal Key of Logan County. They had a son, Roy Key, who married Loretta Gallagher of Ohio County, and a grandson, Wesley Key, who married Mary Lou Tabb, daughter of Will and Ethel Bartlett Tabb. A daughter of Paralee and Don Key, Myrtle, married Bill Mahan of Beech Creek and Central City. Paralee and William D. Key are buried in Rose Hill cemetery at Central City.

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(8) SALLIE B. BUCHANAN

Sallie B. Buchanan, the youngest daughter of W. W. and Missouri J. Buchanan, was born April 4, 1871. She was twice married, and the mother of four children.

She married Alfred Jackson Davis of near Gus on Jan. 10 (or 16), 1896, after the death of Mr. Davis' first two wives. A. J. Davis first married Liza Christmas, the mother of Elmer Davis. After her death, Mr. Davis married a sister, Alice Christmas, who became the mother of Ester Davis and Dicie Davis Gaston. After fathering four children with Sallie Buchanan, A. J. Davis died about 1904-05, according to records kept at Hunt School.

A. J. Davis, known as Tine, and Sallie had the following children:

(1) William Hershel Davis, who married Burless Goodman. (Louise Whitney, James William, Alfred Allen, who contributed heavily to the research for this volume, Paul Edward, Rosie Lee Robinson and Hershel Ray Davis.)

(2) Henry Lauden Davis, who first married Mae McPherson, with the following children; Arthur Jackson (Jack), Arthur Lee, killed in service in World War II, Charles Edward, Marjorie Nell Reiber, Carl Truman, Bobby Neal, Kenneth Wayne and Dorothy Mae Rowland. His second marriage was to Mary Minton, with one child, Dorothy Lee Davis (Mrs. David) Buchanan.

(3) Lizzie Davis, who married Sanford Stanley. Children were James Glenwood, Roy Howard, Billy Jack, Glendell, Mose and Bonnie Dickerson.

(4) Fred Howard Davis married Ava Kitchens. Their children were Fred Howard, Jr., Harold Lloyd, Cecil Ray and Betty Sue Steele.

After Alfred Jackson Davis' death, Sallie married the widowed Joseph Allen Agee (1870-1939). They had no children, but Jack Davis, in compiling the Davis family tree noted, "His and her children seemed more like brother and sister, even though they were not related by blood".

The complete genealogy of the Davis family with dates and other data, may be found in an earlier published Davis family history.

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(9) JOSEPH BUCHANAN

Joseph M. Buchanan was born, the last child of W. W. and Missouri Buchanan, on Dec. 18, 1872. He died Dec. 12, 1949, and is buried at Wyatts Chapel. He married Lura Ellen McPherson Baker on Feb. 2, 1897. She had previously been married to James T. Baker in 1895. She also was known variously by the names Luro,

Lucy and Louie. She was born Feb. 22, 1879. Her death occurred on July 17, 1958. She also is buried at Wyatt's Chapel. Lura was the daughter of John and Sarah McPherson of Butler County, and was a sister of "Aunt Em" Steele, wife of Dolph Steele, Corilla Buchanan James, Ruth Steele, and according to family sources, a sister to Finley McPherson, late of Beech Creek who married Susan C. Boatwright in Butler County in 1894.

Joseph and Lura's children were:

(1) Henry Talmadge Buchanan, born Dec. 17, 1898, was a blacksmith, and according to public records was married three time, possibly four. He lived near Wyatts Chapel at Beech Creek. His first marriage was on Sept. 10, 1917 to Lucy Shinn, daughter of Austin and Nora Shinn of Tennessee. His second marriage was to Mina Yonts on March 30, 1921 They divorced, and Mina re-married Arthur Slaton. She lived in Nortonville and had two more sons. This was followed by Henry's marriage to Tyldesley Lee Harper on Sept. 6, 1941. Tyldesley was the daughter of Elzie Nash and Leavie Pruitt Harper of Butler County. Tyldesley later was to marry Henry's brother, "Little Joe" Buchanan. Henry's fourth wife was Dorothy Wood, daughter of Avery Wood of Beech Creek. Among Henry's children, Melvie is the oldest. She is the daughter of Mina Yonts Buchanan. She first married Ray Wagoner and presently is Melvie (Mrs. Howard) Brewer and lives on Twin Tunnel Hill near Belton. Two other children are Rawden, whose mother was Fannie Defrie and William Henry. William's mother was Tyldesley Harper. William Henry married Naomi Smith, daughter of J. D. Smith of Dunmor. By Dorothy Wood, Henry was the father of five children, Barbara, Deborah, Johnny, Billy and David. Henry died Jan. 2, 1979. His widow, Dorothy, still lives near Beech Creek.

Melvie's husband and two children are deceased. The children are William Howard, deceased; Harold Ray, David Earl, Walter Leonard, Peggy Ann, Roger Lee, Paul Thurman, Jackie Dale, Betty Lou, Fredia Faye, who recently married Lindell Roy Toomey, Bobby Gene, deceased; and Jimmy Glenwood.

(2) Clarence R. Buchanan was born April 27, 1901 and died April 9, 1967. He is buried at Wyatts Chapel. His first marriage was to Susie Penrod, daughter of George and Bertie Vick Penrod in 1920. Susie died May 25, 1977. They had three children, Mary Frances (Barbee), James and Clarence Jr. Mary Frances married Warren Barbee, who with a daughter, Sue, preceded her in death. Mary Frances, born April 6, 1923, died Feb. 17, 1991. She had one other daughter, Kay (Bivins) of Greenville. Clarence Jr., is deceased, and the other child, James lives in Central City.

Clarence was married twice more. In 1930, he married Mattie Chapman, and a later marriage (Lizzie) resulted in the birth of a son, Claude, who lives in Hopkinsville.

(3) Howard was a twin to "Little Joe". No birth dates have been found for the two, but Howard married Venodola Johnson Black on May 25, 1932.

(4) Joe, known as "Little Joe" to distinguish him from his father, married Tyldesley Harper, who was formerly married to his brother, Henry. They had six children, one of whom, David, married Dorothy Davis, daughter of Lauden and Mary Minton Davis; Kevin Ray, who married Sandra DeWeese in Butler County; Edna Mae who married Tony Ray Henderson in Butler County; Joseph Lee, who married first, Pat Skultedy, and second, Susie Chappell; Phillip Wayne, married Debby Polasli; and Glenna Faye, married (a) Melvin White and (b) Ernie Brook. Joe and Tyldesley lived for many years

near Rochester.

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