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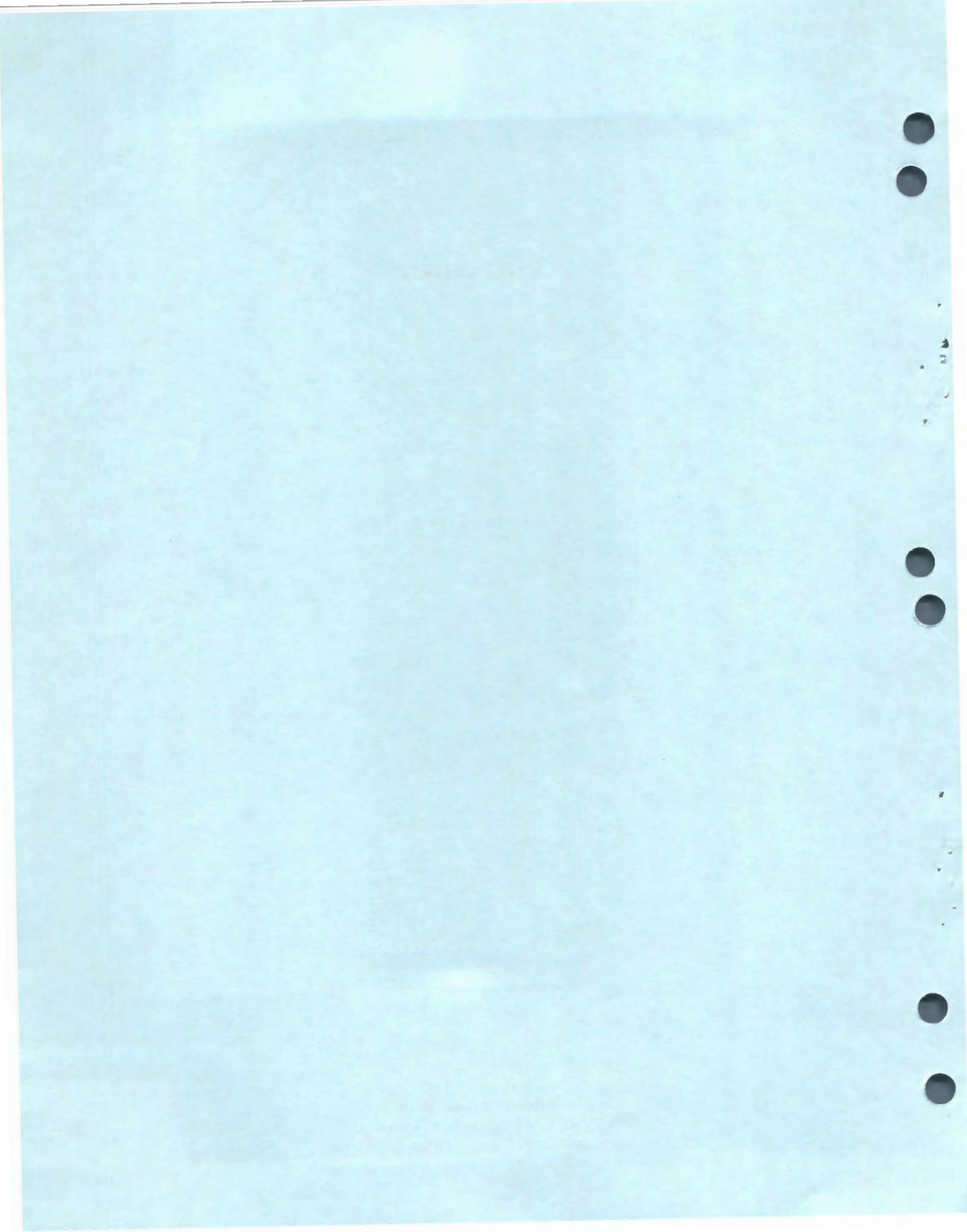
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G A R D N E R
(Part I)

(The Gardner Families of Muhlenberg and Butler Counties)

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By BOBBY ANDERSON

The name "Gardner" means just what it implies, a man of the soil. A person who tills. A farmer.

Most Gardners in Muhlenberg and Butler counties have been just that, tillers of the soil, successful farmers, so to speak. Yet some have gained prominence and livelihood as teachers, preachers, automobile salesmen, postal employees, bankers and a variety of other vocations. But all had their roots in the soil, as were those of John Archer Gardner, the first of his name to set down those roots in western Kentucky. His family, coming from England, via North Carolina, John Archer Gardner, twice married, fathered the most of the families of that name living in Butler, Muhlenberg and adjoining counties today.

It cannot be said here for sure if John Archer Gardner was born in England, and migrated to America, or if he was Virginia or North Carolina-born of English immigrant parents. We do believe, however, that he is the John Gardner, who lived with his wife in the Halifax district of Martin County, North Carolina in 1790. Other Gardners in the same district were (and note the names which are still in use in the Gardner family today) Samuel, Thomas, James, Benjamin, Sr., and Benjamin, Jr.

By 1810, John Gardners were to be found in three Kentucky counties, in addition to Butler County, where John Archer was censused (though it may have been the same John, owning land in all of these counties). They were counted in Hardin, Clark and Fayette, all in central Kentucky. In 1820, the counties were Hart, Hardin and Madison, indicating some movement westward. In 1830, both John Archer Gardner, and a son, Henry Britton Gardner, were censused in Butler County.

Information supplied by Jean Hocker, shows that John Archer Gardner received a land grand of 200 acres on Biggerstaff Creek in Logan County on Dec. 12, 1798. That land is now in Butler County, near Rock Springs and Forgy Mill, lying in that part of Logan County ceded in the formation of Butler County in 1810. Pen Joe Gardner, descendant of Volney, Henry B. and John Archer Gardner in that order, now lives on the land first owned by John Archer.

Limited information on John Archer Gardner would lead one to

believe he was born in about the year 1750. He was married to both Elizabeth McBee and to Elizabeth Miller. Though it is possible that John and the first Elizabeth (McBee) were married before 1780, it has not been documented. Neither are their death dates documented, but John and his first wife were deceased before 1850. The second Elizabeth (Miller) was still alive, 84-years-old and listed in the 1850 census. According to data published in the "Kentucky Traces", newsletter of the Butler County Genealogical Society, John Archer Gardner's second wife, Elizabeth, died Aug. 17, 1852, at 86 years of age. Death was caused by pneumonia. All three, John and his two wives, are buried in marked, but undated graves in the Gardner family cemetery on the Albert Gardner farm near Forgy Mill and Rock Springs in south Butler County. That farm, as stated, has remained in the family all of these years.

John Archer Gardner's first wife was Elizabeth Vardy McBee born in either North or South Carolina on Feb. 24, 1758. Family tradition holds that she was first married to a Mr. Clark, brother of General Clark. She was the daughter of Vardy McBee, who was born in 1745 (or earlier) in Virginia. He died in Limestone Springs, S. C. in 1823 (or 1787: date uncertain). He was a Quaker, but also a captain in the Revolutionary War. Vardy was the son of William and Susannah McBee. His wife was Hannah Echolds. Vardy and Hannah had a son, Silas, (born Nov. 24, 1765--died Jan. 6, 1845) who married Katherine Katz and settled in Christian County, Ky. Another son, Vardy Echolds McBee was born in 1775 and died in 1864. He was known as the Father of Greenville, S. C. He once owned 11,000 acres in the area, giving much of it to churches and to Furman University.

The date of death of Elizabeth McBee Gardner is not known. One family records shows it to be in 1852, but that is pretty firmly established as the date of death of his second wife, Elizabeth Miller Gardner. After the death of his first wife, John Archer married Elizabeth Miller, one of the many Elizabeths in the family, and by informal count, possibly one of three Elizabeth Millers. Butler County records show a marriage on Feb. 4, 1834 of Joseph Estil Gardner to Elizabeth A. Miller. This may be correct, but it also may be an error in recording the marriage. This well may be John Archer's marriage to Elizabeth Miller, as the time frame is nearly correct. If so, that would mean Elizabeth McBee Gardner had died prior to 1834. On the other hand, tombstones at Mt. Zion reveal a Joseph Estil Gardner (1807-1869) and an Elizabeth A. Gardner, (1842-1874) buried side by side. This one Elizabeth, born in 1842, would have been too young (not even born yet) to be the wife of either of the Gardners in 1834. The mystery remains!

Also, a family record that shows John Archer Gardner had died in 1812, may not be accurate, as the 1820 and 1830 Butler County censuses show him to still be alive. His death probably occurred after 1830.

There also is no known complete list of the children of John by either of his wives. Those known include the three very prominent ones, Henry Britton Gardner, Vardrie M. (Vardy) Gardner and James E. Gardner, father and uncle respectively of the well-known Baptist minister, Rev. James E. Gardner. Henry B. Gardner was born about 1784, (though one record says 1804!), James on Nov. 12, 1805, and Vardy, probably in 1804. There was also an A. J. Gardner, and a widow, Minerva Gardner, the first found in 1820,

and the latter in 1811, who may have been, first a son, and in the second case, a daughter-in-law, of John Archer Gardner. Likewise, records show a George Gardner in Butler County in 1825, who possibly was a son of John. Certainly, they were not children of James, Vardrie or Henry, as they had not married as of those dates.

Certainty is questionable, but it is believable that Henry, James and Vardrie were brothers, since they were of the same generation, and since their children to follow had those names given to them also. Also, family Bible records so state they are brothers. So we will look more closely at those three as sons of pioneer John Archer Gardner.

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WARDRIE M. GARDNER

Vardrie M. Gardner was a namesake of his grandfather, Vardy (or perhaps more correctly, Vardrie McBee, father of Elizabeth McBee, first wife of John Archer Gardner.

The 1850 census reported that he was 45-years-old, indicating a birth in 1805. His wife was Rachel, 33 years of age, though we do not know her maiden name, nor have we found their marriage license. They had at home in 1850, eight children: Louisa, 15, Mary 13, Rebecca, 9, Emeline, 8, Sally, 6, Rhoda, 5, James, 4 and Martha, 3. A daughter, called Prudy, who was eight, died of dropsy on June 17, 1852. She could have been one of three daughters listed above, who fall into that general age bracket.

Also living in the home was 84-year-old Elizabeth (Miller), (John's second wife) Vardrie's step-mother. She was born in South Carolina in about the year of 1766. As noted above, she died in 1852.

The Vardrie Gardner farm was in south Butler near Forgy Mill, and next farm to his brother, Henry Britton Gardner.

Vardrie and family still lived in Butler County when the 1860 and 1870 censuses were taken. Three other children were born in the first 10 year period. They were Susannah, 1853; Moses, 1856 and Benjamin in 1857. Another, Winzer, was born in 1862.

The deaths of Vardrie and Rachel are not recorded, nor is their burial place listed in any written records found to date. They were not to be found in the 1880 census.

Among those of Vardrie's children that we find record of, Louisa married William J. Moore in 1854; Mary married John R. Graham in 1870; Rebecca married George P. Gardner in 1872; Emeline married Andrew Tinsley in 1886.

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JAMES E. GARDNER

James Edward Gardner, the son of John Archer and Elizabeth McBee Gardner was born Nov. 12, 1805, married Elizabeth Ann Miller on Feb. 11, 1825, and died March 11, 1890. He is buried at Mt. Zion. Elizabeth was born Nov. 24, 1810 and died June 11, 1898, and is buried at Mt. Zion. Her mother was Liddy Margaret Miller, but the correct name of her father is not clear. James E. Gardner was a Mason.

He and his family lived in Butler County when enumerated in the

1850 census. However, he lived a distance from his brothers, Henry and Vardrie. His farm was near Silver City and South Hill, close to where the Doc Gardner farm and cemetery and the old Beech Grove School are now located. Reporting his age as 45, he listed in his household: his wife, Elizabeth, 40, who was born in North Carolina; and eight children, James, 18, Sarah, 16, John Archie, 12, Grandison, 10, Enos, 8, Jasper, 5, Eliza, 3 and Elizabeth, one.

We will also learn in later census records and at the probaton of a will that even though James lived a distance away from his brother, Henry, the brothers were close. James took Henry's small children into his home when Henry died, and also served as administrator of Henry's estate in 1858.

In 1860, James E. Gardner and wife Elizabeth had taken on added family responsibilities. In addition to a new child of their own, Allison W., born in 1851, they now had custody of two of his brother's children. Henry B. Gardner had died in 1858, and young Jesse, 12 and Volney, 8, were taken in by James and Elizabeth. They were living at South Hill, their post office being listed as Rochester. These Gardners also lost a daughter in 1857. Lydia, born in 1853 or 1854, died on Jan. 10, 1857, of a fever.

A more complete list of the children of James E. and Elizabeth Ann Miller Gardner, as supplied by Jean Hocker of Morgantown, and from the Bible records held by Eldon E. Gardner of Pontiac, Mich., would include: Martha (1827) married Tom D. Engler (?); Mary, (1830); James Edward Jr., (1832) married Carry (Carey) Arendell (later Arnold); Sarah Jane (1834); John A. (Nov. 25, 1836) married (1) Mary J. Wood and (2) Catherine Arendell (Arnold); Grandison D. (1839) married Harriet L. McCoy; Enos H. (1841) married Elizabeth ???; William Jasper (1843); Eliza Jane (1846) married James Mayhugh; Elizabeth Ann (1848) married James B. Crews; Allison Woodville (1851) married (1) Amelia G. Gaston and (2) Minnie ???; Lidia M. (1854) died young; Henry B. (1857); and Joseph Estel (1867) died young. Eldon Gardner was the son of Allison Woodville Gardner. The list may vary somewhat from date derived from censuses, because of inaccuracies and bad information some time gained by not-too-accurate census takers. It has been found that Bible records reflect much more accurate information because it became a day-to-day journal kept by the family itself.

Their older son, James E. had married in the meantime. He, now 27, and his wife, Carry (or Cary or Carey), 23, lived near James and Elizabeth. In 1860, they had children Carry A., 5; Sarah I., 4; James A., 1 and George W., two months old.

In 1870, James and Elizabeth were still living in Butler County.

Among their children, James (1832-1899) and his wife, Carry (1836-1914) are buried in Midway cemetery near Rochester.

Another son of James and Elizabeth, Grandison Doctor, often called Doc, was 21 in 1860, and a school teacher. He died in 1865 after his marriage to Harriet McCoy, and birth of his son, Allison Byron Gardner.

James Edward Gardner Jr.'s wife was Cary (Carey or Carry) Arendell, daughter of Willaford Arendell and Mary Ewing Arendell. Willaford Arendell, born in 1810, was the son of Bennett Arendell who was the son of John Arendell, North Carolina born, and one of the first settlers of the Rochester district. The many branches of the Arendell-Ardell-Arnold family will be explored in later

articles. But for reference sake, the most of the Arendells of the Willaford Arendell family now used the Arnold spelling, that change being noted especially beginning with the generations immediately after Willaford. Among the children of Willaford, other than Carey, who married James E. Gardner and Catherine, who married John A. Gardner, are: Nancy (Abbott), Elizabeth (Arnold or Arendell), Martha (McPherson) William Bennett, Abner, Sarah (McPherson), Levi, John David, Lydia (Holman), Paethia (Wester) and James Henry. All apparently used the Arnold spelling of the family name.

Among the children of James E. and Carry Gardner, besides Carry and Sarah, now gone from home, listed in the 1880 census are; James Archer (born July 1, 1858), George Willaford (born March 30, 1860), Albert Dempsey (Nov. 20, 1861), Lydia Margaret (Oct. 27, 1863), Grandison Doctor (Nov. 8, 1865), Silas Jaesper (July 20, 1868), John B. (July 22, 1870), Harriett L. (June 1, 1872), Mary Josephine (Aug. 6, 1874), Daily Elizabeth (Dec. 9, 1876), Joseph Tillie (April 30, 1879), Belinda Catharine (April 20, 1881). Young Carry A. had married G. W. Hawkins in 1877 and Sarah married J. C. Sharp in 1872.

James Archer married Harriet McCoy Gardner; George married Laura Jane Fluallen; Albert married Mary ??? (Hulett?); Lydia married Joe Brown; Grandison married Doxie Hammers; Silas married Ollie ???; John Bevington married Zadie ???; Harriet married Kelbert Haws; Mary Josephine married Cornelius Beliles; Daily married John Stearsman; Joseph married Mary ??? and Belinda Catherine married a Coker, according to information compiled by J. B. Gardner in Louisville in 1946 and offered for this article by Jean Hocker.

Of those, at least two have generations well-documented today. George Willaford Gardner married Laura Jane Fluallen (2-28-1863 to 10-24-1941) on May 28, 1884 in Butler County. George died on Nov. 17, 1913, and is buried in the James Archer (James Archie) Gardner cemetery on the old Gardner farm at the lower edge of Cooper Hollow near Silver City. Their children included:

(1) Bertha Lee Gardner (died March, 1979) married Dr. A. L. Crabb, noted Western Kentucky University and Peabody College professor and author on Aug. 16, 1911. A child, Alfred Leland Crabb, Jr., was born March 4, 1919 at Bowling Green. He is a retired University of Kentucky English professor, and a well-known poet and author in his own right at Lexington, Ky. He married Lucy Garrison on March 30, 1945 in Nashville, Tenn. Their children are A. L. Crabb III, 1947-1973; James Wade, born 1950; Garrison, 1951-1971; David McMurry, 1953-1975; and Sara Gardner, born in 1956. Dr. and Mrs. Crabb and their grandchildren are buried in Mt. Olivet cemetery in Nashville.

(2) John Bunyan Gardner, born 1888, married (1), Ruby Thompson and (2), Vonnie Mercer Smith. Children, Adeli, Doris, J.B. and George.

(3) George Gratton Gardner (7-9-1890 to 7-8-1938) married (1), Florence Nelson, and (2) Jean ???. A son, George II was father of George III, Gary and Ronald. George II died in 1988 in California. His wife Rita Ethel and their children live in California. George Gratton is buried in the James Archer Gardner cemetery.

(4) Harry Joe Gardner, born Feb. 9, 1893, lived his later years in the greater Nashville area of Tennessee. He died Jan. 22, 1990 at the age of 96. Harry Joe Gardner married Beulah Beatrice

Lemon, daughter of Robert and Etta Cooper Lemon of Butler County. She was born July 4, 1896 and died June 16, 1988. She is buried at the same Gardner cemetery. Their children are George Robert (Bobby) Gardner of Old Hickory, Tenn., Randall Gardner of Albuquerque, N. M. and Doris (Mrs. Alton) Sutton of Madison, Tenn. Another child, Harry, Jr., died as an infant.

(5) Morgan Obie Gardner was born Aug. 17, 1896 and died July 26, 1961. He married (1), Bessie Fleming, (2) Essie Bailey and (3), Shorty Bailey. Children include Edith and Obie Jr.

(3) Mona B. Gardner was born April 28, 1888 and died Nov. 6, 1978. She married Leland O. Hocker on Dec. 16, 1916. She is buried at Riverview cemetery in Morgantown. Among their children are Morgan, Exie, A. C., Hugh Render and David. The late Hugh Render Hocker married Alma Jean Render, who is the one who provided much of the genealogy for the Gardner family. Their children include Mona Mae, Hugh Jr., Anna Laura and Ruth Ellen.

George's brother, James Archer, still has descendant living on the above mentioned ancestral Gardner farm. Alice Andrews Forbes is a great-granddaughter. James Archer Gardner married Harriet L. Gardner on Sept. 3, 1883. If records are correct, Harriet was James Archer's aunt by virtue of a previous marriage. Harriet was the daughter of Reuben McCoy, and was previously married to Grandison D. Gardner, a son of James and Elizabeth Gardner, who died in 1866. In 1878, Harriet was living in the home of Reuben McCoy with her son, Allison Gardner, 5. In 1880, she, her son, Allison B. Gardner, 15, and a nephew, James A. Gardner, 22, were censused in the same household. At 22, this would be the same age as James Archer. In 1883, when he was 25, they were married.

That first child of Harriet's, Allison Byron, became the Rev. A. B. Gardner, another of the prominent clergymen of his family. He died in 1918 and is buried at old Riverview cemetery at Morgantown. His wife, Ida Dabbs Gardner, lived until 1956.

Census records in 1860 show Harriet to be the 18-year-old daughter of Reuben McCoy. She married Grandison D. Gardner on Aug. 2, 1864 in Butler County. Allison Bryan Gardner, their son, was born in 1865. Her husband died in 1866, leaving her a widowed mother. Records reveal that James E.'s son, Grandison D. Gardner was born in 1839 and died in 1866. He is buried in the Brown cemetery.

Three children are credited to James A. and Harriet. These included William P. Gardner, (1885-1920), Ruben E. (born and died 8-11-1889) named for his grandfather McCoy, and their first-born, Lanora.

It possibly is an error that is prone to be made in recording birthdates on tombstones, but that record shows Lanora A. Gardner (Mayhugh) was born Dec. 7, 1882, that being several months prior to the recorded marriage date of her parents. She married Herman Mayhugh, he being born Nov. 17, 1881. Lanora died July 24, 1934 and Herman, Dec. 23, 1930. They are also buried in the Gardner cemetery on the family farm. Herman and Lanora's daughter, Bonnie married Allen Andrews, son of Lon and Sarah Andrews of Silver City. They are also deceased, but their daughter, Alice (Forbes) still maintains the family farm which has been in the same family now for at least five generations.

Records also make little distinction between the many Johns, and John Gardner is no exception. However, John, the son of James and Elizabeth, born in 1836, is the same John A. Gardner who went to Muhlenberg County with his cousins, John M. (Jackie) and James

E. (Jimmy) Gardner prior to 1860. Known in Muhlenberg County as Archie Gardner, he was married to Mary J. Wood, who died prior to 1880, for John is listed as a brother (and widower) in the home of Allison W. Gardner in that census. With John is his daughter, Bettie, who, if this is the same family, later married Cobe McPherson in Muhlenberg County, and lived for many years on the John A. Gardner farm, next door to Jimmy Gardner near New Hebron. Also records tell us that John Gardner married Catherine Arendell in 1883. Catherine was in the home of James and Carry Gardner, as a sister-in-law in 1880. This would indicate that the Carry, listed above, was an Arendell, the daughter of Willaford and Mary Arendell, prior to marrying James Gardner, the son of James and Elizabeth. Willaford was the son of Bennett and Carey Arendell, Bennett being the son of one of the Rochester area's first citizens and land owners. Note how the names, Willaford and Carey carried down to the Gardner grandchildren from the Arendell family.

Enos and his wife, Elizabeth are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Butler County, next to James and Elizabeth. Enos, born April 9, 1841, died Sept. 14, 1880, and Elizabeth (spelled on rock, Elisabeth), was born May 22, 1843, and died May 18, 1874.

A daughter of James and Elizabeth, Eliza, married James Mayhugh in 1876. Elizabeth married James B. Crews.

Allison W. Gardner, the youngest, and his wife Amelia, married in 1880. He was born Jan. 21, 1851, and died Nov. 29, 1929. Amelia was born in 1849 and died in 1920. They are buried at Huntsville.

As for James and Elizabeth, he was born Nov. 12, 1805 and died March 11, 1890. Elizabeth (sometime Elvabetha) was born Nov. 24, 1810 and died Jan. 11, 1898. They are buried at Mt. Zion.

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HENRY BRITTON GARDNER

Henry Britton Gardner, in the 1850 census of Butler County, listed his age as 66, which would have placed his birth year as 1784. This is the date many records indicate, though others say he was several years younger. His tomb rock states 1804. His death date was also reported to be in 1859, but his will was probated in 1858 in Butler County, indicating his death in that year. (See copy of will elsewhere in this article.)

Henry B. Gardner was first married to Mary Miller on June 14, 1826, by the venerable old Baptist preacher, Benjamin Talbert. To this marriage, were born Turner (1829); Joshua (1832); Anne (1833); Henry and Vardy (probably Vardrie after his uncle and grandfather) twins, in 1836; James E., on June 28, 1838 and John M. (known as Jackie) on Aug. 15, 1840. There are others, according to family members, who died young, but who were not listed or recorded in family notes. One who died rather young, but was documented, was Joshua, from above, who died June 7, 1852, of cholera. He was a boatsman.

When Mary Miller Gardner died, Henry B. Gardner remarried, his new wife being twice-widowed. She was Elizabeth McFarland Anderson Scarbrough. Elizabeth was married to James Leonard Anderson of Union Grove in Logan County. He was killed when thrown by a horse. By this marriage she had two children, Elizabeth Catherine (1836), who subsequently married Thomas

Cottrell, and James Leonard (1838), who later owned the land where the community of Gus now stands, opening its first store there in the 1860s or early 1870s. He married Mary S. (Mollie) Fleming. Elizabeth's second marriage was to a Scarbrough, who fathered two children, Mary F. in 1843 and Mecca in 1846.

On May 17, 1847, Henry and Elizabeth were married. To his Gardner children by Mary Miller, and her Anderson and Scarbrough children, they added to their family at least three other children. These included Jesse Gardner in 1848, Polly Gardner (Jenkins) in 1850, and Volney M. Gardner in 1851.

At the time of his death in 1858, Henry B. Gardner was probably living on the Gardner farm (still in the family) near Forge Mill in Butler County. Known to be with him at the time of his death were three children, Jesse, Polly and Volney, born to his last wife, Elizabeth. Also there was a step-daughter, Catherine Anderson. At Henry's death, Volney and Jesse went to live with their uncle, James E. Gardner. Catherine married in 1860, and Polly in 1867, but records do not tell us where Polly was residing between 1858 and 1867. At one time it was known that she lived with her step-brother, Jimmy Anderson.

Two of Henry's sons, Jimmy (the preacher) and John (known as Jackie) had moved across the river, into Muhlenberg County and were living there when the 1860 census was taken. Jimmy, 21 in 1860, had purchased a farm in Muhlenberg County at Forge Mill Bridge, that farm still being in the Gardner family. Jackie, 18, living with his brother, would soon acquire Hunt property on Mud River after marrying Winney Hunt. Later his farm was sold to Tom and Suvarah Anderson Arnold, land which Suvarah still owned at her death in 1944. This farm was later owned in succession by Clayton Anderson, Francis Gardner and the Connis Mercer family which currently is the owner.

Henry's second wife Elizabeth died, probably in 1854 or 1855. A grandson of Volney Gardner, Pinky Gardner of Greenville, stated recently that his grandfather, Volney, told him that his mother, Elizabeth, died when he was about three years old. Volney was born in 1851. One indication of the time of her demise is a set of death records in Butler County, showing that Henry and Elizabeth were parents of twin daughters, born in early 1854, possibly in February. On March 10, 1854, the first twin, Louisa, one month old, died of croup. Eight days later, the second twin, Elizabeth, died also of croup. The parents were listed as H. B. and E. Gardner. Thus, we do know Elizabeth was alive in February, 1854. Elizabeth's grave has not been located, unless it is the unmarked grave beside Henry B. Gardner in the Gardner cemetery on the Jimmy Gardner farm near New Hebron.

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(Note: In 1850, there were at least two other Gardners listed in the Butler County census. The widow alluded to earlier, Minerva, who was born in Virginia in 1811, had two children, Ann L., born 1834 in Virginia and Martha E. born 1840, likewise in Virginia. A Samuel Gardner, 28, was listed as a constable in Butler County in 1850. Another very early Gardner in Butler County, not accounted for in other records, is Joseph Estil, (Oct. 3, 1805 to March, 1869) who is buried at Mt. Zion. Marriage records show he married Elizabeth A. Miller on Feb. 4, 1834 in Butler County.)

(In 1860, other Gardners living in Butler County included George, born in 1816, and living at Welchs Creek. His wife, Mary Ann, was 25, and their children were Delia Ann, 3 and Susan, one.)

(A. J. Gardner lived in Quality Valley. He was born in 1820. His wife, Elizabeth was born in 1821. Likely, the children living in the home were step-children, since their surname was Moore. They were Nancy Jane, 23; Martha, 18, and John R. 13.)

(Another in 1860, at Quality Valley was Edward, a blacksmith. He was 33. His wife Elvira (Rowley) was 37, and a child, Mary A. was one.)

(Just what relation these Gardners were to John Archer, and his boys, Henry B., Vardrie and James E. is not known. They may have been nephews, or even younger children of John. The census record gave no clue.)

(To show why there are more Gardners in the area, than the immediate family of John Archer Gardner, the 1880 Butler County census reveals that Sidney Gardner and his family lived at Mining City. He was a miner. Sidney was 57, and stated that he and his wife, Elizabeth were both born in England. His children, ages two to 13, were born variously in Kentucky and Ohio. At that particular time, many of the miners at Mining City, and other such mining camps, were immigrants from England, Scotland and Wales. Sidney may have been related to John Archer's family--but was not one of his immediate family.)

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THE 1870 CENSUS

The 1870 census, showed for the most part that the Gardners were located in only two primary locations. Those in Butler County were in the Forgy Mill, Huntsville, South Hill areas, while those in Muhlenberg County were grouped along Mud River in the area between Old Hebron and Forgy Mill Bridge.

In Muhlenberg, Henry's son, James E. (Jimmy) was now a minister. He had married Mary Elizabeth Holland of the Mt. Zion neighborhood of Butler County. At 31, he was the father of his first child, Josephine. On the same farm, Vardary Gardner, 23, lived with his wife, Cynthia, 17. This is probably not the same Vardrie (or Vardy) who was his brother, since Vardy was born in 1836 and would have been 34-years-old at this time. Next door lived W. G. and Lucy A. Holland, possibly some of Mary Elizabeth Holland's relatives.

John M. (Jackie) Gardner had now married Winney Hunt, daughter of Daniel, and had established his home on part of the Hunt estate. Two children had been born of this marriage, Alvis L., in 1866 and Elias S. in 1869.

A third Gardner, J. A., 33, lived alone, but near to Jimmy. This is probably John Archie Gardner, a cousin to Jimmy and Jackie, and the son of James E. and Elizabeth Gardner, born in 1837 in Butler County. He married Mary J. Wood, daughter of Abner and Rebecca J. Studebaker Wood. Mary J. died on March 1, 1879, when her daughter, Mary E. (Bettie) was just three-years-old. She is buried in the Wood cemetery, near Penrod, beside her mother and father. John A. lived for a short time with his brother, Allison in Butler County, and married Catherine Arendell in 1883. They subsequently returned to Muhlenberg County, where Bettie married Cobe McPherson March 8, 1903. They were the parents of

Hallie, Homer, Albert and Archie McPherson. John Archie Gardner was born Nov. 25, 1836 and died Jan. 19, 1921. He is buried beside his wife in the Wood cemetery. Bettie (Oct. 29, 1876-Aug. 21, 1945) and Cobe (Sept 9, 1869-Sept. 25, 1938) are buried at New Hebron.

In Butler County, two of the sons of John Archer Gardner, were still alive in 1870. Vardrie, 66, and Rachel, 52, still maintained their homestead, and at home with them were their children, Mary, James, Sarah, Martha, Susan, Moses, Benjamin, and now Winzer, eight.

Nearby, James and Elizabeth, now 65 and 59 respectively, dwelled with children Jasper, Eliza, Elizabeth and young Allison, now 19.

Their daughter, Elizabeth Gardner married James B. Crews, a Butler and Muhlenberg County landowner and lumber merchant in 1883. She was the mother of Evin Crews, later of Mud River, Penrod and Beech Creek and the grandmother of Louise Bartlett and Nancy June McDonald of Beech Creek as well as the late Eldon Crews, Paul Crews and David Crews.

Henry's son, Jesse and wife Mary, with four-month-old Susan lived nearby. He was listed as a farm laborer.

James and Elizabeth's son, Enos, now married to Elizabeth, and with a daughter, Elizabeth, was next door to his parents.

Edward, the blacksmith, was still in Quality Valley and had a large family of his own.

Alfred, 51, born in 1819, and his wife, Nancy, 67, were also censused in the county.

Others in 1870, include Harriet, 27, and a child, Allison, 5, living in the Reuben McCoy home; George, with his family, in Welchs Creek and Christina Gardner and George Gardner, 18 and 16, living in the Thomas Cochran home.

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HENRY B. GARDNER'S CHILDREN

Though not necessarily in order, here are the children of Henry Britton Gardner, and in some cases, the connections to today's generations:

REV. JAMES EDWARD GARDNER

REV. JAMES EDWARD GARDNER was perhaps the most prominent and well-known of the Gardner family. He was born in Butler County June 28, 1838, and died at his home near New Hebron on May 16, 1923. He is buried in the Gardner cemetery on his farm.

James E. Gardner first purchased land in Muhlenberg County prior to 1860, that land still remaining in the Gardner family through his grandson, Olin Gardner and Olin's sons, Francis, Ben and Jim. His first marriage was on April 2, 1866 to Mary Elizabeth Holland (sometime spelled Hallan), whose family came out of Robertson County, Tennessee to own land for many years adjoining what is now Mt. Olivet Church at Mt. Zion. Among their children were Josephine, Julia, Susie, Orval, William R., an attorney, and Melvin Everett. Mary Elizabeth died at the age of 37 on July 19, 1884. Almost a year later, to the date, on July 17, 1885, the Rev. Jimmy Gardner re-married, this time to Dora Bailey, also of Butler County. James Cecil Gardner was their son.

For many years, the Rev. James E. Gardner was the most

prominent Baptist minister in his area. He was instrumental in the formation of many churches, including New Hebron, and pastored churches over a wide area. One feat as a minister for which he will long be remembered, is that over a period of time from 1868 to 1911, he officiated at the marriages of three generations of the same family. In 1868, he officiated at the wedding his his step-brother, James L. Anderson to Mollie Fleming; in 1892, when James and Mollie's son, James Hackett, married Kate McCoy, Jimmy Gardner was the minister; and in 1911, when Hackett's son, Leonard, married Demie Wood, the Rev. James E. Gardner was again the officiating minister. Interestingly enough, his step-brother, James L. Anderson had earlier served as a witness at the Rev. Mr. Gardner's own wedding.

He attended school at Benton, Ill., and spent his entire ministry in Kentucky except for one year in Missouri. He served both the Gasper River and Clear Fork Baptists associations as missionary, led more than 4,000 to Christian conversion and baptized more than 1,800 persons. He also served as moderator of the Gasper River Association. (See copies of his obituary and biography printed elsewhere in this volume.)

Among Jimmy's children, Josephine (1868-1942) was unmarried. Julia (1871-1920) married D. D. (Cobe) Bailey (1865-1899) on Dec. 18, 1890, and later Ed Gilman. Susie first married Ephriam Bailey and following his death, married attorney Greenville Willis of Rochester. William R. Gardner, an attorney in Bowling Green for many years, married Hettie (Rachel) Wood, Susie V. and Melvin (1878-1948) who married Rosie Sumner. Among Melvin and Rosie's children were Ruby Augusta, Robert Moses, Phillip Aaron, Mary Ellen (Beck) and Willie Walter Gardner. Phillip Aaron has many descendants in the Muhlenberg and Butler County areas, including Virginia Faye (Mrs. Thurston) Ward, Sarah Frances (Mrs. Laymond) McKinney, Margie (Mrs. Leonard) Finch, Edith E. (Mrs. Estil) Jones, Charles T. Gardner, Harold Gardner, Glendel M. Gardner, Patricia Sue (Mrs. Bobby) Russ, Doris Lorene (Mrs. Donald) Martin and Jimmy Gale Gardner. Aaron retired from the Chrysler Corporation in St. Louis. He and his wife, the former Pearl Mae Dukes, are buried near St. Louis. He died in 1974 and she in 1970.

Orval O. Gardner (1873-1947) first married Lydia Wood (1874-1899). Sons were Francis Olin and James Macon. Olin (8-17-1897 to 5-5-1984) married Lena Mallory Stogner (12-1-1897 to 4-18-1988). They were the parents of Frances Albert (married Nannie Mae Latham), James Edward (Jim), Benjamin Franklin (Ben) and Doris Jean who married Charles M. Fuston (1933-1980). The other son, Macon (Nov. 2, 1898 to March 27, 1972) married Eula Hunt, they being the parents of Katherine, Carmen Viola (Perry) of Lewisburg and James, who lives on the Macon Gardner farm near New Hebron. Carmen is the mother of Percie Milton, Jr., Charles Thurman, Roger Keith (deceased), Curtis Russell and Vernon Ray Perry.

Orval's second marriage was to Eva Ward in 1900. They were the parents of Hermie (Mrs. Ray Harper), Augusta (Mrs. Floyd DeArmond), Hollis (Mrs. Bowden Milam), Claron Gardner and Robert Clide Gardner. Clide died in 1905 at the age of just four months. Claron married Bennie Harper Penrod, daughter of Piza Harper. She was first married to Pearl Penrod. Orval died in 1947 and Eva the following year. They are buried in the Gardner (Cedar Hill or Davis) family cemetery.

From Jimmy's second marriage, James Cecil Gardner was born in 1888. He was a well-to-do farmer, owning his father's farm after Jimmy's death. He was never married. Cecil was killed in 1936 by a neighbor, Rolf Harper. Harper was exonerated of the killing, when a coroner's jury, citing self-defense, ruled that Gardner had gone to the Harper home, in an intoxicated condition, and became abusive toward Harper and his mother, Myra.

JACKIE GARDNER

JOHN M. (Jackie) GARDNER, another son of Henry B. Gardner, was born Aug. 15, 1840 and died Sept. 13, 1912. He is buried at New Hebron. He married Winney Hunt (June 30, 1845 to Nov. 12, 1908), daughter of Daniel and Mary Wood Hunt on Nov. 6, 1864 in Muhlenberg County. Among their children were Elias (1868-1870), Henry Z. (1884-1907), Alfred, (1871-1937), Alvis T. and Daniel I., known as Dee, (1873-1958).

Alvis married Sally Wood in Muhlenberg County on Jan. 29, 1893. He is buried at the Huntsville Methodist Church cemetery. He has four children, including Ina in Lexington, Eva in Florida and Mary Ruth in California.

Alfred married Blanche Williams, daughter of Isaac and Emma Penrod Williams in Muhlenberg County on May 12, 1895. They were parents of ten children (Neville Byron, Gladys, William Goebel, Grace, John Rhea, Mabel, Guy William, Dennie Ward, Kenneth and Elsie). They lived for many years near Huntsville, where they are buried.

Dee married Jeanetta (Nettie) Hughes, daughter of William H. and Jemima Hughes of near Dunmor on April 6, 1902 at New Hebron Church with the Rev. J. R. Ford officiating, and Era Hughes (Beadnell) and Lon Matherly as witnesses.

After their marriage, Dee bought a farm near Rochester, then later purchased a farm at Huntsville, which continued to be their home until their respective deaths. Dee also was interested in timber, rafting logs to Evansville among his other enterprises.

They were the parents of Lawrence P. (Feb. 20, 1906-Dec. 23, 1906), the late Elza Lee Gardner, (Aug. 11, 1909 to Dec. 10, 1984), a school teacher, and Elva Mae Gardner (Dunn), born Feb. 7, 1908, who still resides at Greenville.

Elva Mae married Gordon Dunn at the First Baptist Church in Greenville on Jan. 24, 1931. Gordon died in a timbering accident on Feb. 6, 1931, less than two weeks after their marriage. A tree fell on him, causing death within a few hours.

Elza Lee married Imogean McKinney on Oct. 1, 1954. They are the parents of two daughters. Karen Lee was born Aug. 26, 1955. She now lives in Nashville. Shelia Kay was born Jan. 10, 1958, and is in the US Air Force in Florida. The sisters continue to own the D. I. Gardner farm at Huntsville. Elza Lee's widow lives in Greenville.

Dee was born Sept. 24, 1873 and died Sept. 3, 1958. Jeanetta was born Jan. 20, 1874 and died March 28, 1955. They are both buried in the Huntsville Methodist Cemetery.

JESSE GARDNER

JESSE GARDNER was the son of Henry B. and Elizabeth Gardner, born in 1848. He and his wife were prominent landowners in Butler County. He married Mary Virginia (Sis) Harper, daughter of William Carroll and Susan Jane Matthews Harper. She was a sister of Dr. R. W. Harper. They had a daughter, Susan Ida (Harper),

born in 1870. Also, Minnie (Mrs. W. D. Hunt) of Gus and Rhett (Mrs. Ed Sumner) of Huntsville. Many of the Hunt descendants still live near Gus, while some of the Sumner grandchildren reside in Huntsville. Among those of the Willie and Minnie Gardner Hunt family living nearby, Hallie (Whitaker) and Elsie (DeArmond) and some of their children, live near Gus. Jack (J. W.) Hunt lives in the area, and there is a grandson, Jim (J. D.) Hunt, who lives now on a part of the old John Archie Gardner farm, though it has been owned by many others, prior to being re-acquired by Jim's late father, Ernest Hunt, several years ago. Jesse left the area many years ago and it is not known when or where he died.

VOL GARDNER

VOLNEY (Vol) GARDNER was born Oct. 18, 1851 to Henry B. and Elizabeth Gardner. He married Martha Tennessee (Pink) Harper, sister of Jesse's wife, Mary Virginia on March 30, 1879. Among their children was Albert Gardner, who was the father of Pinky Gardner now living at Greenville and Pen Joe Gardner, who lives on the family farm at Rock Springs-Forgy Mill. Pen Jo's son, Dwight, is employed for the Morgantown Bank and Trust Co. Volney Gardner also has other descendants, including a granddaughter, Edna Beals, daughter of Oscar, who now lives in Russell Springs, Ky.; namesake Vol Gardner in Louisville and Mrs. Lofton (Ola) Harper in Lewisburg. Volney died June 21, 1938 and is buried at New Hebron, as is Martha, who died Nov. 13, 1920.

POLLY GARDNER

POLLY GARDNER was born in 1850 to Henry B. and Elizabeth Gardner. She was married May 2, 1867 to William Jenkins (1845). He was the son of John and Mary Jenkins of Butler County. That marriage took place at the home of the Rev. J. E. Gardner. Among their children were John H., born in 1868, Mary J. in 1870, Idela in 1872 and Salena in 1874. They lived for a while at Mining City in Butler County. No death date nor burial place were found for Polly Gardner Jenkins.

Of the other children of Henry B. Gardner, little is known. They include Vardrey, Turner, Joshua, Anne and Henry. One of the twins, Vardrie or Henry, died as an infant, according to family tradition. Family tradition says that an earlier set of twins by the same name died, and subsequently, the second set of twins was given the same names. Little is known of the lives of the others. Some of this is supplied by Hermia Gardner Harper, daughter of Orval O. Gardner. Turner was born in 1829 and died in 1860 in Missouri. He apparently was very prosperous, as Hermia relates. Her great-grandfather, Rev. James E. Gardner rode to Missouri to settle the estate, and returned home with a quantity of gold from the sale of mules and real estate. Joshua was born in 1832 and died in 1854, when he fell from a boat in New Orleans and drowned. There were two Anne Gardners married in Butler County. One married Benjamin Neal in 1846 and the other married Elisha Abbott in 1853. Anne, who was born in 1833, might have been too young for the first instance, but if she was the one who married Elisha Abbott, she would have been 20 at the time. Hermia recalls that Anne and her family went to Illinois. It was there (probably in Benton, Ill.) that J. E. Gardner lived while he went to Bible school in Illinois in 1857, and also was said to have worked in

their pharmacy during the Civil War.

J. E. Gardner's obituary and a brief biography are reprinted elsewhere in this Gardner history.

GARDNER.

Rev. James E. Gardner was born in Kentucky, June 23, 1838, professed faith in Christ when a boy and joined the Baptist Church. He attended school at Benton, Illinois. With the exception of one year spent in Missouri, his ministry has been entirely in Kentucky churches. He has served as a missionary both in Gasper River and Clear Fork Associations, and during his period of service has wit-

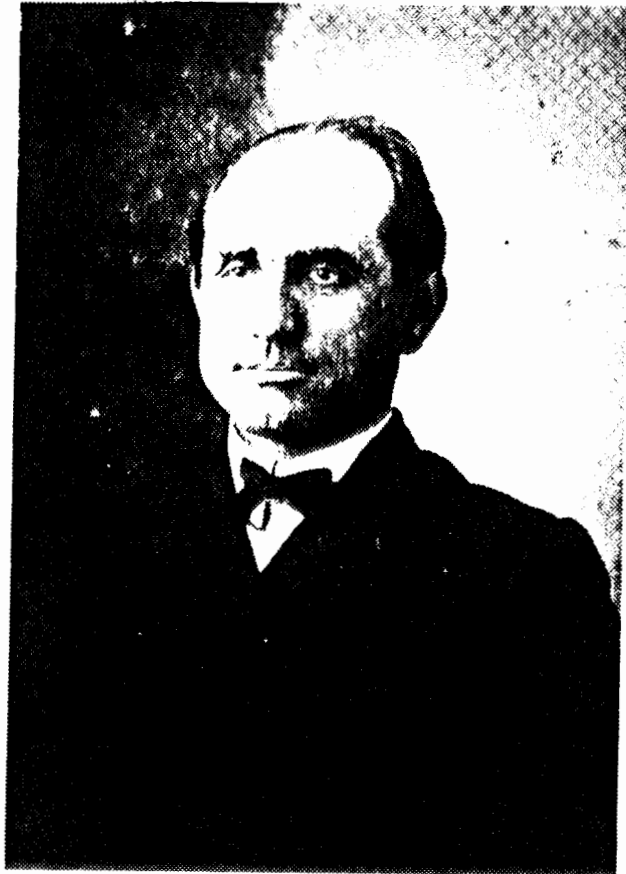


nessed about four thousand conversions and had baptised more than eighteen hundred persons. At the last session of Gasper River Association he was elected Moderator which position he filled ably. He died May 16, 1923, at the age of eighty-four years, ten months and eighteen days, in the triumph of a living faith in the Saviour.

DORA C. GARDNER.

Aged Man Dead

The Rev. Jimmie Gardner, aged 85, able and well known minister of the Missionary Baptist Church died from infirmities of age at his home near Gus, Ky., Tuesday morning May 16, 1923. Burial at Davis graveyard Wednesday 2 p.m. Surviving him, a widow and 6 children: Attorney W. H. Gardner, Bowling Green, Orvil Gardner, Gus, Ky., Melvin Gardner, Dunbar, Ky., Cecil Gardner, Quality, Ky., Mrs. G. V. Willis, Morgantown, Ky., and Miss Josie Gardner, Gus, Ky.



REV. A. B. GARDNER

G A R D N E R
(Part II)

By BOBBY ANDERSON

During the late 1980s research of the Gardner family of Butler and Muhlenberg Counties, efforts by personal contact, phone, letter and newspaper publication, was made to reach every Gardner in the area. Naturally every Gardner was not reached -- but many were, and the results were good. The Gardner Part I was factual and full of information which excited others of that name to respond.

In fact, the response was overwhelming, and many descendants of the early Gardners contacted the writer with added information. Recently, an updating of the Gardner file enabled us to add to, correct and enhance the original article, which precedes this one. However, added information made it necessary to build a "Gardner Part II", which is to follow.

In some cases, the information contained in this part, parallels that of the first article. Other cases find it updating the first article, and sometime even contradicting it. In this case, the present article is deemed to be the more correct.

Thus, what follows will be individual contributions to the Gardner family history from various descendants, which adds to and supplements that which has been previously printed.

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EARLY GARDNER INFORMATION
(and the McBees)

Information sent by B. B. Allen of 27991 SW 140 Ave, Naranja, Fla., 33032, was gathered by Floyd E. Gaither, Miss M. M. Garlington and Eldon E. Gardner, the latter who possesses the Bible of James E. Gardner, with notes from the Vardry McBee records.

In the Virginia archives is a copy of the will of William McBee and his wife, Susannah. Their youngest son was Vardry McBee. Older children were John, James and Matthias McBee, all named for New Testament saints. Deeds of records for the McBees have been found in Lincolnton, N. C.

Vardry McBee was a captain in the Revolutionary War, and a Quaker prior to joining the army. He married Hannah Echolds of Spartanburg County, S. C. Their children were Silas Leroy McBee; Elizabeth Vardry McBee, born Feb. 24, 1758, who died in 1852; and Vardry Echolds McBee (1775-1864).

Capt. Vardry, his wife Hannah and son, Vardry, migrated to Kentucky in 1799, where Silas and Elizabeth had taken bounty land in Christian County.

Silas, after the death of his wife, went from Kentucky to Madison County, Ala. in 1817 and from there, to his oldest daughter's plantation 15 miles from Pontotoc, Miss. Her husband was Col. Williams. He was a Confederate officer. Silas is buried in the Williams family burying grounds, his grave being marked by the DAR.

Vardry Echolds McBee, as stated in Part I, became known as the father of Greenville, S. C. He returned to Lincolnton in 1801,

having been apprenticed to a Joseph Morris in 1798 to learn a saddler's trade. In Lincolnton, he purchased over 11,000 acres of land where Greenville now is situated. He later moved to Greenville and gave land to churches and to Furman University. He was a successful business man and considered wealthy. Streets in Greenville bear the names McBee, Vardry, etc. He died in Greenville in 1864 and is buried there.

Vardry McBee and Hannah also left Kentucky and returned to Spartanburg. Vardry died there in circa 1823 and is buried there. Hannah's son, Vardry Echolds, was her attorney, and sold her land there on Dec. 25, 1823. Hannah then moved to Monroe County, Miss.

Elizabeth McBee is believed to be the widow of a comrade of her father, from the Revolutionary War. His name was Clark. Clark was wounded in the battle of Cowpens, S. C. and later apparently died. Elizabeth then married John Archer Gardner, who was to be an early settler in central Kentucky, and more specifically, Butler County.

John A. Gardner received a 200 acres grant of land in Logan County on Biggerstaff Creek on Dec. 12, 1798. This land is located at the back of Rock Springs church, and is still in the Gardner family. In 1810, that land was a part of the area ceded to form Butler County. John A. Gardner and his wife are buried on that farm.

The date of John A. Gardner's birth is not known, but he died in 1812. Elizabeth, born 1758, died in 1852.

Their children, as compiled by Mr. Allen and Betty Gardner Crabtree of Livingston, Tenn:

(1) Vardry Gardner; (2) James Edward Gardner, born Nov. 12, 1805, died March 11, 1890, buried in Mt. Zion cemetery; (3) Henry Brittan Gardner, born circa 1805, died 1858 (Will information in Butler County courthouse. See copy attached to this section.) Buried in family cemetery on Gardner farm near New Hebron, Muhlenberg County.

James Edward Gardner married Elizabeth Ann Miller on Feb. 11, 1825. She was born Nov. 24, 1810 and died June 11, 1898. Both are buried at Mt. Zion. Their children were: Martha, Sept. 24, 1827; Mary, Jan. 26, 1830; James Edward, July 24, 1832; Sarah Jane Gardner, April 12, 1834 (see next section on her marriage); John A. Gardner, Nov. 25, 1836; Grandison Doctor Gardner, May 2, 1839, who married Harriett Louvenia McCoy (see Part I); Enos H. Gardner, April 9, 1841, who married Elizabeth A. Akins in 1863; William Jasper (W. J.) Gardner, Aug. 5, 1843; Eliza Jane Gardner, Feb. 4, 1846; Elizabeth Ann Gardner, Nov. 25, 1848; Allison Woodville Gardner, Jan. 21, 1851; Lidia M. Gardner, April 23, 1854 and Henry B. Gardner, March 14, 1857.

Allison Woodville Gardner married Amelia Georgia Gaston, daughter of William M. and Elizabeth J. Hamilton Gaston. Amelia was born Dec. 5, 1849. Allison died in 1929 and Amelia in 1920. They are buried at Huntsville. Their children include: Binnie Albertie Gardner, 1879; Annie Ethel Gardner, 1885; and Eldon E. Gardner, 1887.

Other children of John Archer and Elizabeth Gardner, according to Betty Gardner Crabtree of Livingston, Tenn. were Elizabeth, born 1810; Jessie M., who married Emiline Womack in 1839, Nancy, Abridgton and Rebecca, circa 1817. Mrs. Crabtree is a granddaughter of the Rev. Allison Byron (A. B.) Gardner mentioned in Part I.

Grandison Doctor Gardner, son of James Edward Sr., reportedly

went turkey hunting on April 26, 1866, while the neighborhood was having a barn raising. On his way home, he was crossing a fence, fell and accidentally shot himself to death. His widow, Harriett McCoy Gardner, later married their nephew, James Archer Gardner, who was living in their home at that time. A descendant of that marriage Alice Andrews Forbes still lives on the Gardner farm near Silver City at the lower edge of Cooper Hollow.

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THE AKINS CONNECTION

James Harrison Akins was a full-blooded Cherokee Indian. He and a brother Zeb operated a store in Nashville. James H. Akin came to Kentucky and operated the ferry between Rochester and Ohio County, and also, according to Crawford Hunt, operated a ferry across Mud River at Mud River Mine.

He died May 6, 1898.

His first marriage on Oct. 17, 1851 was to Susannah J. Maddox of Tennessee, who died in 1863. Their children included: Sarah E., 1853; Hesky Cleaton, 1855; Victoria H. 1855; Mattie 1857 and Thomas who was born and died in 1863. Victoria married a Jenkins.

On Nov. 1, 1863, James H. Akins married Sarah Jane Gardner, daughter of James Edward and Elizabeth Miller Gardner. They had two children, Mary Ann Menace (or Monica), 1865 and Eliza Ollie, 1866. Mary Ann Menace married John James Brown, son of Thomas Brown, the last child of Paten (Peyton) Brown, a Butler County pioneer. James and Mary Ann's daughter, Lida Bell, married Floyd Ample Wester. Among their children is Venice Wester Brown of near Rochester. Also, Clara Brown (Mrs. Dan) Barbee, late of Rochester, was a great-grandchild of James Harrison and Sarah Jane Gardner Akins.

After Sarah Jane's death on April 27, 1867, James Harrison Akins married Ann L. Gardner, (parents unknown) who died in 1918. Their children were: Senta Luvette, 1868; Susannah J., 1871; Manurva J. C. (Hunt) 1873; Essie Daisy Purl, 1881 and Ed. D. 1885.

Elizabeth Ann (1846/48) married Jonathan Bailey Gaston in 1883. William Jasper married Lassil Taylor in 1889.

James Edward Jr. married Carey Arndell (Arnold) as shown in Gardner Part I.

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REV. A. B. GARDNER

Allison Byron Gardner was born May 19, 1865, the son of Grandison Doctor and Harriett Louvenia McCoy Gardner. He died during the flu epidemic on Oct. 9, 1918, and is buried at Morgantown. He married Ida Jane Dabbs (1866-1956) on Feb. 18, 1889. She was the daughter of Joseph Richard Dabbs and the former Frances Ann Bunch.

A. B. Gardner was a Baptist minister, with many years being spent in the service of the First Baptist Church of Morgantown. He also served as superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home in Glendale, Ky.

A. B. and Ida Jane were the parents of five children, Ara Jane, Era, Warder W., and twins, Boyce and Loyce, all born in Butler

County, Kentucky.

Ara Jane Gardner (1889-1978), married Oscar Flener, DDS, in Ohio County. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery. Dr. Flener (1886-1954) was the son of William Marshal and Virginia Turner Flener. Ara Jane and Oscar were married in 1915, and one daughter, Jane Gardner Flener was born to them in 1920. She presently (1991) lives in Louisville.

Edra Gardner (1891-1987), married Luther W. Clark in 1919. He was a Baptist minister and an army chaplain for many years. The two of them are buried in the Knoxville National Cemetery. They were the parents of two children, Byron Franklin and Peggy Sue.

Byron F. Clark was born June 11, 1921 and married Beulah Nelson April 10, 1943. She was born in 1921. Their son is Byron F. Jr., (1946) who married Joan Elaine Bishop in 1969. They have two daughters, Amamda LuAnn (1975) and Emily Kathleen (1980). Their daughter, Beulah Kathleen (1947) married Ronnie Green (1945) in 1978. Their children are Jennifer Marie (1982) and Christopher Nathan (1984).

Peggy Sue Clark (Oct. 4, 1928) married William Guy Blair (1919) in 1946. Their children are: William, Guy Jr., (1947) married Tusne Nokamura, and they have a son, Scott; Claudia Susan (July 24, 1949), who married Joe Murray. They have two children, Millicent Leigh and Matthew; Rebecca Jane (Sept. 4, 1953) married Bill Peterson and has a son, Eric; Margaret Loyce (April 27, 1962) married James William Cotton, Jr., and has a son Jamie.

Warder (6-19-1894 to 3-11-1967) married Mattie Buckner Crenshaw (1893-1936) in 1922. They are buried at Riverside cemetery in Hopkinsville, Ky. They children are:

Warder Ware Gardner, Jr., (1926-1986), who married Sarah Irene Jayne in 1948. Their son, James Michael (1954) married Susan George in 1976. They have Elizabeth Brooke (1981) and John Charles (1983). Warder is buried in Charlotte, N. C.

Betty Crenshaw Gardner (1-27-1928) married Herman Crabtree (1921) on Sept. 3, 1949. They lived in Livingston, Tenn. There are three children, William Howard (6-16-1950) married in 1972 to Wanda Nell Webb; James Robert (7-6-1952) and Martha Elizabeth (8-28-1957).

Boyce Gardner (1-28-1906 to 3-10-1966) married Alleen Brown in 1928. They are buried at Riverside cemetery in Hopkinsville. Children are: (1) Gayle Brown (1929) married Dorothy Poole. Their children are Gregory Bryan, Gary Bevin and Gordon Byron; (2) Joan Loyce (1931) married Charles Dan White. They have a daughter, Dana Joanne; (3) Fredrick Boyce (1942).

Loyce Gardner, Boyce's twin, born also in 1906, married Hugh L. Haynes in 1966.

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MILAM -- GARDNER

James Bowden Milam of Beechmont, Ky. a teacher-coach, is a descendant of the John Archer Gardner family, from both his mother's and his father's side, according to his wife, Donna.

His father, John Bowden Milam of Lewisburg, is the great-grandson of James Edward Gardner, and his mother, Hollis Alice Gardner Milam, a great-granddaughter of Henry Britton Gardner, as noted in Part I. Both James E. Gardner and Henry B. Gardner were sons of the original John Archer Gardner.

In the Milam possessions, is the Bible of James E. Gardner, son of Henry B. Gardner. It reveals these marriages:

James E. Gardner to Mary E. Holland, April 2, 1866.

James E. Gardner to Dora C. Bailey July 23, 1885 (his second).

Births recorded were:

James E. Gardner, June 28, 1838.

Mary E. Gardner, May 19, 1847.

Josephine Gardner, Dec. 31, 1868.

Julia Ann Gardner, June 10, 1871.

Orval Otto Gardner, July 26, 1873.

William Redmon Gardner, Jan. 26, 1875.

Melvin Everette Gardner, Feb. 7, 1878.

Susan Viola Gardner, Feb., 29 (?), 1881.

Dora C. Bailey Gardner, March 7 (or 1), 1856.

James Cecil Gardner, Nov. 14, 1888.

All of the above children are of James E. Gardner and Mary E. Holland, except James Cecil, who was Rev. Gardner's son by Dora Bailey.

The death page of the Bible reveals: Mary E. Gardner died July 19, 1884; Julia A. Gardner Gilman, March 15, 1920; J. E. Gardner, May 16, 1923; Dora C. Gardner, Nov. 2, 1935; J. C. Gardner, May 16, 1936; W. R. Gardner, Aug. 15, 1936; Susie V. (Susan Viola) Willis, Nov. 2, 1941; Josie Gardner May 2, 1942; O. O. Gardner, March 29, 1947; Eva Gardner, Feb. 8, 1948; Melvin E. Gardner, 1948.

Another Bible, possibly that of James E. and Elizabeth Ann Miller Gardner, is owned by Nora Renwick Stewart, and has much information on that family. For further information on both families, see Gardner Part I.

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WADLEIGH CONNECTION

Charleen D. Wadleigh of 122 W. 81st St, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260, is great-great-granddaughter of Henry B. Gardner. She was born in the Little Muddy area of Butler County, Ky. in 1921. Her great-grandfather was the Rev. James E. Gardner of near Gus, who first married Mary Elizabeth Holland, and later Dora Bailey, who was an aunt to Mrs. Wadleigh's mother. Among the children of James E. and Mary Holland Gardner was Julia Bailey, who married D. D. (Cobe) Bailey of Butler County. Among their children was Dovie Bailey, born in 1899, who in 1990 was still living in Indianapolis. Dovie married Charles Phelps Dabbs (1897-1979), who were the parents of Charleen Dabbs, who married Gerald Wadleigh (1920-1984).

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HENRY BRITTON GARDNER'S WILL

In the name of God, the Allmity (sic) Creator, and Mover of all things, in whom I have implicit confidence and faith of salvation, I, Henry B. Gardner, of Butler County, and in the state of Kentucky, do make and ordain this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others.

1st, my body to the mother dust and my soul to God who gave it. No mass at my funeral, nor prayers, shouts nor supplications to a trinare God, for I believe not in such things, therefore it appears to me to be nothing but superstition, idolatry and foolishness.

It. 2. I give to my son, John M. Gardner, his choice horse -- best on my place at my death (or dec's).

It. 3. I give to my step-daughter, E. C. Anderson, the second choice horse, to her son, Andrew J. Steel, at her death -- and all the balance of the lose (loose?) property, good and chatle (sic) are to be sold at the descreshun (sic) of my executor, and the proceeds to be divided amongst such children as is with me at my dec's, and the money returned or paid out at the discretion of my executor.

It. 4. I want my executor to sell my land by advertisement or otherwise at what time he may think it most proper for the advantage of the children, and equally divide amongst all my children and step-children holding ways to the law of latchpot, in case that some of my step-children receiving by other means of worship or laynoys (laicize?).

It. 5. I do hereby demoniate (nominate?) and appoint my brother, J. E. Gardner, to act and transact all my business as executor being cloth (clothed?) with all the power that I myself have in regard to both my children and my property, and do repose such implicit confidence in his integrity, property (propriety?) and fairness of dealing that I do hereby forbid any court to require of him security of this, my will, this given under my hand April the 9t, 1858.

(Signed)
H. B. Gardner

In presence of: Enos Hunt, James Steel, Lot Hunt, A. M. Sumner, J. E. Gardner, Junior, Ransom Davis.

STATE of KENTUCKY, BUTLER COUNTY:

At a county court held in and for the county aforesaid at the courthouse in Morgantown, on the 10th day of May, 1858, the foregoing last will and testament of H. B. Gardner, deceased, was produced in court and duly proven by the oaths of Enos Hunt and James E. Gardner, Jr., subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and said will with this certificate was therefore truely recorded at my office. Witness my hand as clerk of said court, date above written.

(Signed) F. M. Allison