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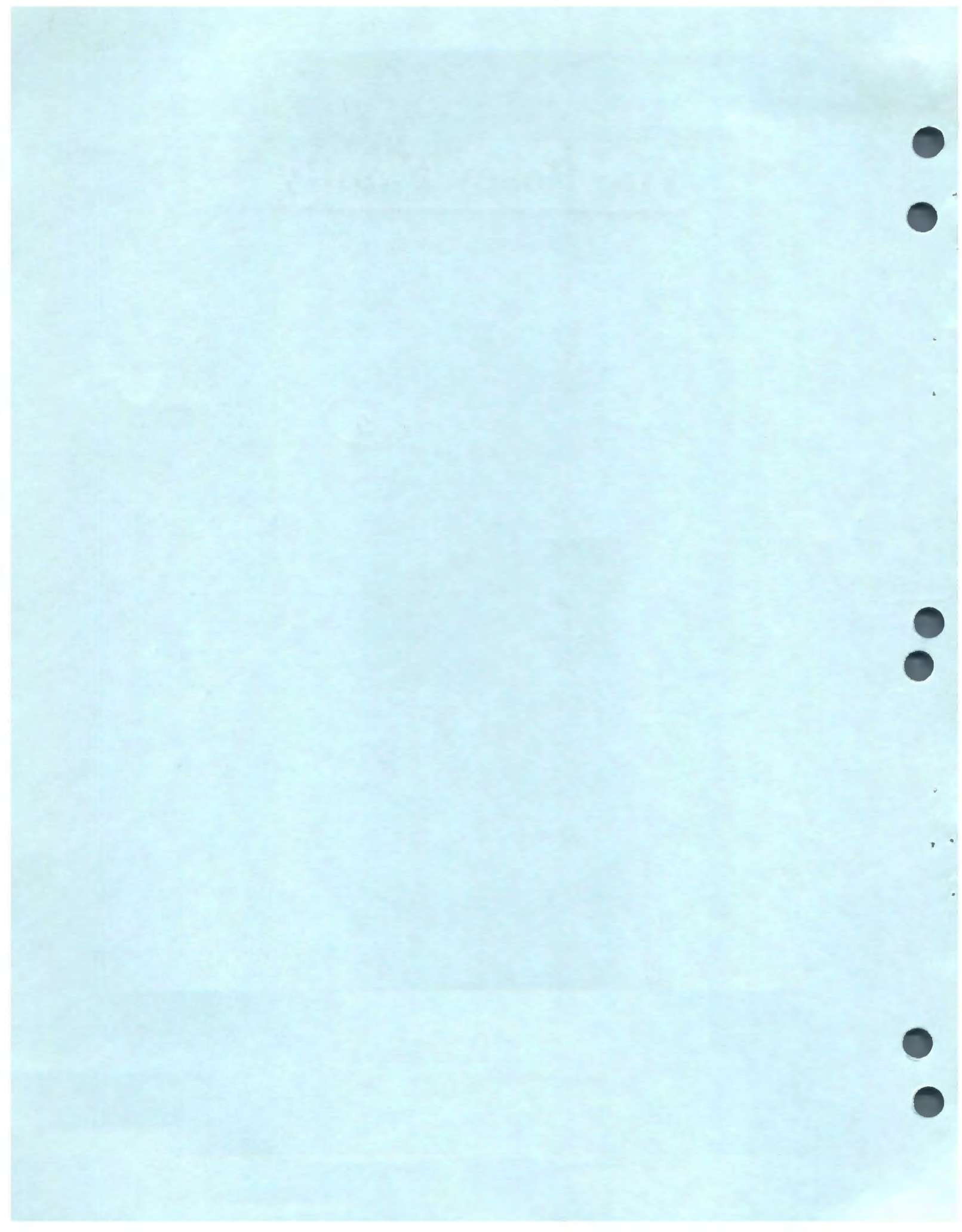
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# The Posey Family

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## P O S E Y

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High atop Twin Tunnel Hill, in southeast Muhlenberg County is the grave of Thomas Posey, born in 1805 in Tennessee.

There are signs of other graves there, near to what is believed to be the old Posey homestead. There are no other markers, save a sandstone or two, and indentations in the ground clearly marking the outline of what is the last resting place of possibly other members of the family.

But the Thomas Posey headstone is the lone identifying marker. It has been virtually destroyed by vandals, broken into four pieces. However, it is possible to piece the stone together and learn a little about this man who came to Muhlenberg County from Wilson County, Tennessee sometime prior to 1860. He was born Dec. 27, 1805, the slender obelisk-shaped rock reveals, and died on March 4, -- but the year of the death has been destroyed in the breaking of the rock. It is known by census records that he was alive in 1880, and possibly deceased before the 1900 census was taken.

The graveyard was first learned of when Muhlenberg County history buff Gayle Carver mentioned it to this writer. Later Bob King learned more of the grave site from Tommy Mallory, and that it has been called in recent years the Patton cemetery.

Armed with a four-wheel drive vehicle, a chain saw, ropes and chain and other items to clear the meager road of fallen trees, Bob and Ara Nell King, my wife Logie and I left the Twin Tunnel - Myers Chapel road at Toomey's Trailer Court and wound our way to the top of the hill, there finding this lone grave in the spring of 1991.

Later we learned from Connie (Mrs. Garteem) Hardison that the late Ollie Joines and her husband, Richard, had one child buried in this cemetery. There are no other known graves, save these two.

However, much more has been learned of the early Posey family and the three male members who came to Muhlenberg County and this will be shared in the following paragraphs.

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### THE EARLY POSEYS

Though a Posey, Lain W. Posey, was censused in Muhlenberg County in 1820, he was not to be found in later records. In 1804, a Frances Posey claimed 200 acres in the county, and 1809, a James McCalep listed 200 acres on Pond River, which had earlier belonged to Frances Posey. Other than this, there were no Poseys recorded in the county until Thomas, Alexander and John entered the picture in the mid-1850s.

The Poseys who came onto the Muhlenberg scene in the 1850s, were the same ones prominent in Wilson County (Lebanon), Tenn. in earlier years.

Alexander is believed to have married Elizabeth Chapman in Wilson County on Jan 16, 1833, though the 1850 Wilson County

census lists her as Nancy (Nancy Elizabeth?), and their children as Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, Thomas and Jemima, the same as listed in 1860 in Kentucky.

Another, John and his wife (then) Margaret had John and George T. in Wilson County, and it is believed this is the same widowed John who came to Muhlenberg and married Elvira Taggart Welborn in 1859. (Note: though census records list the child as George, he was in reality, William Charles Posey, who later came to Muhlenberg County.)

As for Thomas, it was not ascertained without a degree of doubt, which of the Thomases who lived in Wilson County, came to Muhlenberg, and is buried in the above mentioned grave.

There was a Thomas in 1840, who had three sons and two daughters, whose ages nearly match those who came to Kentucky with him in the mid-1850s. Alexander was listed as living next door to him. In 1840, Thomas was listed as being between 30 and 40 years of age, approximately the age of the Thomas above, who was born in 1805. Belief is that Alexander and Thomas were brothers, and the younger John could have been a nephew, cousin or even a younger brother. It is remotely possible he could have been a son of either of the older men. Research by William Marion Wood, a Posey descendant, shows that the father and mother of the above mentioned Poseys were Alexander and Martha Posey of Wilson County, and the children, other than Alexander and Thomas, were Benjamin, Francis, John F., Susan, Robert, Allison and Nancy Posey, as proven by Martha Posey's sale recorded in Wilson County Feb. 16, 1869, and the earlier will signed Sept. 13, 1850.

The Poseys owned land in Wilson County. Among the deeds located, Alexander bought 100 acres on Cedar Creek from William Avery on Nov. 9, 1829. Cedar Creek is in the northeast section of the county between Lebanon and Carthage, in the area of Tucker's Crossroads, Taylorsville and Centerville, and empties into the Cumberland River (Old Hickory Lake) at Hunter's Point.

Thomas owned 100 acres on Wilson Creek, which he purchased from Roger Williams on April 15, 1835. Wilson Creek was not located on a modern-day Wilson County map.

Thomas also bought 118 acres in the second district from Thomas Rieff in 1841. He sold a tract of land on Spencer Creek (northern Wilson) to D. Freeman in 1837 and 25 acres on Spencer Creek to Lucretia Stewart of neighboring Sumner County in 1841.

Though this is not an attempt to connect these with Thomas and Alexander, perhaps the earliest Posey in Wilson County was Allison Posey, while Bennett Posey, who came to Wilson County from Jasper County, Ga., bought 200 acres on Spring Creek in 1813 and another 200 acres on Spring Creek in 1819. This indicates they may have been of the same family as Alexander, who also lived on Spring Creek.

Before 1860, however, John, Thomas and Alexander were firmly in place in Muhlenberg County, Ky., in the Twin Tunnel-Myers Chapel area, where their roots became entrenched, and where their descendants still frequent the area, even until today.

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#### IN MUHLENBERG COUNTY

The earliest record, save land records, of these Poseys, was on Jan. 13, 1859, when the widowed John F. Posey married Mrs. Elvira

Taggart Welborn.

John was born about 1825-27 in Virginia. His first wife may have died prior to his coming to Kentucky. She was Margaret (Peggy) Clemons Shannon, then 29, who was with John Posey, 26, when censused in Wilson County, Tenn. in 1850. They had two children, John, 2 and George T., one month old. The 1860 census in Muhlenberg shows the children as John (1848) and William, 1850. (The George in Wilson County is apparently the same as William Charles in Muhlenberg County).

It might be noted here that Peggy was considerably older than John, since she was first married to Henry Shannon in 1826, about the same year John was born. However, note the census figures which state she is only three years older.

Peggy Clemons earlier married Henry Shannon in Wilson County on June 23, 1826, and one son, Washington Columbus Shannon, was born. Henry Shannon apparently died, and Peggy then married John F. Posey in 1846. W. C. Shannon also came to Kentucky in 1854, and subsequently became the ancestor of all Shannons in the Graham-Depoy area.

The new wife, Elvira Ann Taggart Welborn, was born circa 1828 and on Oct. 9, 1847, when she would have been 19, she married Henry W. Welborn (1820). They had at least four children. Luther (1849), Sarah J. (1851), Mary E. (1853) and John H. Welborn (1856). Henry apparently died shortly after this, for he was not found in the 1860 census, but Elvira's marriage to John Posey was recorded in 1859.

Born to John and Elvira were: Spurlin Addison, Bolivar Buckner, Cordelia A, Almedia and Fanny.

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Thomas, as noted, was born in 1805 in Virginia, and according to early records was probably married in Virginia or Tennessee. It is believed that his wife died either shortly before or shortly after the family removed to Kentucky. The earliest census showing them in Muhlenberg County was 1860, when he was widowed. Since he is not found in Wilson County, Tenn. or Muhlenberg County, Ky. in 1850, it may be that his family was living in one of the counties between, enroute to his final home in Muhlenberg County. It is known he sold land in Wilson in 1841, and may have moved from there then. Likely destination, according to early migration routes, might have been Sumner or Robertson counties in Tennessee or Logan, Warren or Simpson in Kentucky.

Thomas' children with him near Twin Tunnel in Kentucky in 1860 were Lucinda, 25; Allen, 22; Elizabeth A., 20; Henry C., 14 and Anderson, 12, all reporting they were born in Tennessee.

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Alexander Posey was born about 1810 in Virginia, and he and his wife Nancy, with four children, all born in Tennessee, were at home in Kentucky, not far from Rocky Creek, near Twin Tunnel in 1860. Their children were: Mary, born circa 1835; Jane circa 1839; Thomas B., circa 1841 and Jemima A., in 1844.

The families of each of these early residents will be examined in more detail in later paragraphs.

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ALEXANDER POSEY  
and family

Alexander Posey, born circa 1810 in Virginia was a farmer who

lived in Wilson County, Tenn. and near Twin Tunnel in Muhlenberg County, Ky. He and his wife, Nancy were parents of four children. The time of death of Alexander Posey is not known, but he is buried at Myers Chapel. His wife, Nancy (2-19-1814 to 9-2-1856) is buried there, beside their daughter, Mary. Alexander died prior to 1880 as he is not listed in that census with other member of his family. Both Edith McElwain of Penrod and her brother, William Marion Wood of San Diego, Calif. recall seeing Alexander's gravestone at Myers Chapel, buried in the sod, near his wife's grave. However a subsequent check for the stone failed to locate it. The cemetery had been recently mowed, and all loose and fallen stones had been piled atop other existing graves, and Alexander's stone was not found. The search continues.

The children of Alexander and Nancy:

(1) MARY A., born Oct. 22, 1833 in Tennessee, was the second wife of Lott Penrod. Lott, son of George and Jane Harper Penrod, first married Lydia Wood, and after her death, married Mary Posey on April 28, 1872. They had no children. Lott is buried in Wood cemetery, beside his first wife. Mary is buried at Myers Chapel next to her mother. She died Dec. 16, 1886.

(2) JANE B, born March 9, 1838 in Tennessee, married Joab Goodall (3-14-1832 to 9-21-1906), also of Wilson County, Tenn. on April 28, 1862. Jane died Oct. 3, 1907. They are buried at Myers Chapel. They had nine children, five of whom were still alive when the 1900 census was taken. The most of the few Goodalls remaining in the area can trace their roots to Joab and Jane Posey Goodall. The children include: Joab, Jr., born March, 1867; Mary O. (Ollie?), 4-4-1869 to 3-21-1906, Myers Chapel); Ammie E, (4-4-1873 to 10-8-1912, Myers Chapel); Perie Jane, b. June, 1879; Millie, born May 188?, married Thomas B. Hunt; A. E., a daughter, 2-12-1863 to 7-19-1867, Myers Chapel); Thomas H. (2-17-1865 to 8-10-1865, Myers Chapel); Thomas E., (11-11-1871 to 4-19-1872, Myers Chapel); Shelby, (3-12-1876 to 7-22-1879, Myers Chapel). There possibly were other children, but these were all which could be documented by public records. (Note: Often Joab's name was written as Jacob.)

(3) THOMAS B. was born circa 1841 in Wilson County, Tenn., but no further record can be found of him past the 1860 census when he was 19 years of age.

(4) JEMIMA A., born Feb. 23, 1844 in Wilson County, Tenn, died April 29, 1899 near Penrod. She married Elisha Wood, one of the twin sons of Abner and Rebecca Studebaker Wood on Nov. 1, 1866. They had one daughter, Fredessa, who married John S. Mallory. Elisha died July 4, 1872, and Jemima subsequently married Mark A. Simmonds (1870-1917), son of William H. and Melissa G. Guffey Simmonds. Jemima is buried in Wood cemetery.

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THOMAS POSEY  
and family

Thomas Posey was born Dec. 27, 1805, in Virginia, The date according to his broken tombstone. His death occurred on March 4, 187?, the year being lost when vandals broke the monument into four pieces. It is known that Thomas was alive in 1880 when was listed in Muhlenberg County as 74 and a widower. At home then were two children, Lucinda, 41, and Henry H., 34. Thomas died

however prior to 1900, when he was not found in the census.

To speculate on a death year, would be to place it late in the year of 1880. His daughter Lucinda had faithfully lived with him throughout all his widowed years. She married in September of 1880, giving speculation that she steadfastly refused to marry while her father was alive and she kept house for him, but possibly married shortly after. However, on the marriage license, it was listed that the marriage took place at the home of the bride's father. The cemetery in which he lies was later known as Patton cemetery, possibly because of the Pattons who also lived in the area. George M. D. Patton, a merchant, lived nearby, and his daughter, Phina, married Thomas Posey's son, Henry.

The children of Thomas Posey are:

(1) LUCINDA A. was born in Tennessee circa 1835. She remained at home with her widowed father until near the time of his death. On Sept. 23, 1880, she married Michael J. Costello in Muhlenberg County. She was over 40 at the time of her marriage. He listed this marriage as his second, and that he and both his father and mother were born in Ireland. There is little further information on Lucinda and her husband, and it is believed they left Muhlenberg County shortly after the marriage. They are thought to have lived in Logan County until the times of their deaths in the early 1900s. In Maple Grove cemetery in Russellville, there are rocks for Michael Costello (9-25-1826 to 6-5-1905) and L. A. Costello (9-12-1833 to 1-31-1909.) It is believed these are their graves.

(2) ALLEN W. is a mystery in the family. He was born circa 1838 in Tennessee, and is listed in the 1860 census in Muhlenberg County, at age 22. After this, there is no further record of Allen.

(3) ELIZABETH A. was born in Feb. 7, 1840 according to one census record and her tombstone, but on her marriage record in 1872, she listed her age as 26 when might set her birth year as late as 1846. She died Jan. 14, 1922, and she and her husband are buried at Hazel Creek. She married Winfield J. Stuart (2-15-1852 to 11-20-1936), a native of Logan County and a resident of the Belton-Ennis area. Their marriage date was Nov. 25, 1872. There were two known children in this family. Minnie Etta, born May, 1875, married Milton Boggess on Feb. 8, 1899, their first child being Gracie. The second child of Elizabeth and Winfield Stuart was Thomas P., who married Nellie Lehan, daughter of a railroad executive, on March 7, 1900.

(4) HENRY H., born July 10, 1845 in Wilson County, Tenn. On Jan. 10, 1890, he married Phina M. (Fannie) Patton, daughter of merchant George M. D. Patton, formerly of Nashville. Fannie was born Jan. 6, 1875. They had only one known child, Henry H. Posey, Jr. Fannie died Oct. 3, 1895 and is buried at Union Ridge. On Oct. 23, 1898, Henry Posey, Sr., married Mrs. Lelia A. Cundiff. Her first marriage was to William B. Cundiff. She was the daughter of Jim Barbee. Henry H. Posey, Sr. died March 31, 1915, and is buried at Union Ridge. The son, Henry H. Posey, Jr., born in October, 1890, was married to Mrs. Lillie Grable Fitzhugh, daughter of Felix and Blanch Cobb Grable, on Sept. 17, 1915. Lillie was divorced when she married Henry, and later divorced him also.

(5) ANDERSON G. POSEY was born Dec. 7, 1848 in Wilson County, Tenn. On Feb. 11, 1892, he married Eudora T. Parker, daughter of John F. and Elvira B. Parker, who also came to Muhlenberg County



from Wilson County, Tenn. They lived near Penrod. Eudora was born in April, 1873. Anderson Posey died May (or March) 31, 1908 and is buried at Hazel Creek. On Sept. 25, 1913, Eudora married C. W. Wells, a saloon keeper from near Central City. He was the son of Tucker and Louise Bailey Wells of Rockdale, Ga.

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JOHN F. POSEY  
and family

John F. Posey's census records show him to have been born in Virginia around 1826. This would make him some 15 to 20 years younger than Alexander and Thomas. Thus it is difficult to speculate on their kinship -- though it is believed they were closely related.

In a family record prepared by Robert Kenneth Craig, John's first wife is listed as Peggy Clemons Shannon. The other records indicate her first name was Margaret -- but then it is always held that Peggy is diminutive for Margaret, thus both are probably correct.

They were married in 1846 and their first child was born in Tennessee in 1848. He was John A. Posey, and the forefather of many of the Poseys in the Muhlenberg area. John A. was born Jan. 4, 1848. The second son, William Charles, also has for some reason been referred to as George, but William seems to be the more correct. He was born July 15, 1850, more than likely in Tennessee, though some believe Kentucky.

Craig also lists three other children to his marriage, but this writer believes this is in error, as Sarah J., Mary E. and John H. are more than likely children of Elvira Welborn, John A. Posey's second wife, by her previous marriage. More on this later.

Near the time John F. Posey and his family came to Kentucky, his first wife Margaret (Peggy) apparently died, though her death is not proven. In Kentucky, John F. Posey remarried. His second wife was Elvira Ann Taggart Welborn. She was the daughter of James Taggart, a New Hampshire-born farmer, whose farm lay near Bat East Creek on the old Greenville-Russellville Road, not far from Hazel Creek church. His farm was used as a militia muster site during the mid 1800s. He and his wife, Elizabeth Bell of Virginia had other children, Eliza, James, Jesse, Sarah, William and Thomas Ray, the most of them still having well-known descendants in the county today.

Elvira, by her first marriage to Henry Welborn of Alabama, had four children, Luther in 1849; Sarah J., in 1851; Mary E. and 1853 and John H., in 1856. Luther was not noted in subsequent records, and John H. only in a later census (1880). However, Sarah J. Welborn married G. W. Briggs in 1869 and Mary E. Welborn married William C. Underwood in 1883.

John F. Posey and Elvira were the parents of five children, as mentioned earlier. They were Spurlin Addison, Bolivar Buckner, Cordelia A., Almedia A. and Fanny Posey.

Elvira Posey was born July 6, 1828 and died May 2, 1894. The time of John F. Posey's death is not known, but it occurred before 1880 when she was listed as a widow, with her children, John H. Welborn, Spurlin, Buckner, Cordelia, Almedia and Fannie at home with her.

The children of John F. Posey:

JOHN A. POSEY

John A. Posey, the first son of John F. and Peggy Clemons Shannon Posey, was born Jan. 4, 1848, in either Kentucky or Tennessee. He secured a marriage license on Oct. 31, 1871 in Muhlenberg County to wed Letitia A. Welborn. They were married three days later, on Nov. 2. She was born Dec. 14, 1851, the daughter of Baptist minister Hampton P. Welborn and his wife, the former Elizabeth Craig Taggart.

They were the parents of six children, Willie C., Charles H., Bessie E., Cecil W., Ola and Ermine.

Letitia died June 5, 1894 and is buried at Hazel Creek. John A. Posey re-married on April 28, 1895 to Cordelia Thornsberry. John died Oct. 19, 1926 and is also buried at Hazel Creek.

Of the children of John A. Posey:

Willie C. , born July 14, 1872 married Claudias E. Newman, son of James Henry and Mary Elizabeth Corley Newman, on March 7, 1900, with the Rev. J. W. (Boob) Gill officiating. She died July 29, 1906 and is buried at Hazel Creek. They had a daughter, Ina.

Claudias married again, this time to Ethel Wilson. From this marriage there were six children, Johnie May, Warren Gardner, Kenneth E., Wilbur Monroe, Emma Catherine and Clifton B. Claudias died Jan. 1, 1943.

Charles Hampton, born Aug. 5, 1874, married Delia Venilie Johnston, daughter of Colonel N. and Indiana Thomas (Tommie) Newman Johnston. Charlie was a coal miner and lived many years at Beech Creek. Among his children were Estill Ervin, a painter, who married Selina Nell McCormick, a longtime school teacher at Dunmor; Lorell, who married Clifford Rust, son of S. L. and Nora Craig Rust; John Willard, Eckless, Hazel Betress, who lived only a few days in 1909 and Thelmer, who was born and died in 1916. Letitia Lorell also was married to Wise Alvin Roberts, after Clifford died. They had two children, Thelma Louise and Eugene. Eckless was born in 1899 and died in 1902. Willard Posey first married Juanita May Stewart, daughter of J. W. Stewart and Hattie Brown. His second marriage was to Gladys McGinley, daughter of William A. and Mattie Clark McGinley. Gladys still resides between Beechmont and Beech Creek. Willard fathered two sons, John Willard, Jr. in his first marriage and Jerry N. Posey by Gladys McGinley. John Willard, Jr. of Louisville, married Bernadine Hicks in 1957 and is deceased. He has a son Jerry. Willard's second son, Jerry N. was married first to Rita Dawn Hunt, daughter of Ernest and Ila Hunt, and second to Joetta Parker Cisney, daughter of Warren and Minnie Bell Boatwright Parker of Drakesboro. Jerry N. Posey lives near Beechmont. He has one daughter, Tara, by his first marriage. She is a teacher at Hughes-Kirk. Jerry N. Posey is the only living male by that name in Muhlenberg County today. His father, John Willard Posey, Sr. died in 1978 and is buried at Hazel Creek. Estill Ervin Posey died in 1975 and Nell Posey in 1982. They are buried in Muhlenberg Memorial Gardens at Powderly.

Bessie E., born 1878, married Philander Pearl Stuart on Nov. 26, 1896. He was the son of Burrell Spears Stuart and Mary Susan Carver Stuart, born Nov. 5, 1877. They had one child, Zora Pearl, who was born in 1897 and died just over a month after birth. She is buried at Hazel Creek, as is Philander, who died April 27,

1897, before his only child was born. Bessie then married Ezra P. Howerton and lived many years at Beech Creek. Bessie died in 1958 and Ezra in 1974. Their housekeeper for many years, Maggie Rust is buried beside them in Evergreen cemetery at Greenville, according to Wilma Howerton Welborn, the Howerton's only daughter. Wilma married William C. (Bill) Welborn and lives in Lewisburg.

Cecil W., born Dec. 12, 1879, married Julia Hardison on Oct. 8, 1899. He died July 18, 1957 and Julia on Feb. 7, 1948. They are buried at Forest Grove. At least one child, Mary Eliose, b&d 1916, is also buried at Forest Grove. Other children include Lesley (1902) and Uvie, (1906).

Ola married Weldon Bradley, who for many years was a blacksmith at Kirk's mine. Among their children were Zora, who married Gayle Williams, Lora, wife of Azro Dockins, Ermine Brua and Mirla, who married Boyd Reed. The latter family lived at Beech Creek, before moving to Pontiac during the war. A son, Boyd Reed, Jr., recently purchased the Williams home at Beechmont.

Ermine, born Jan. 8, 1891, married William Ernest (Bill) Baugh and lived for many years at Beech Creek. Bill, a clerk at Kirk's store, was born March 3, 1891, and died Dec. 10, 1958. Ermine died Aug. 26, 1976. Three children were born to this marriage: Loretta, who married Walter Horton, Willie Marian, who married Bennett Morris, and a son, Charles Robert.

#### WILLIAM CHARLES POSEY

William Charles Posey, born July 15, 1850 in Kentucky or Tennessee, was the second son of John F. and Peggy Posey. He lived much of his adult life near old Laurel Bluff, between Dunmor and Penrod. He married Edmonia M. Blackford on Oct. 16, 1873. She was born Oct. 30, 1856, the daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary E. Mohon Blackford. William Charles died Nov. 3, 1928 and she on Nov. 25, 1930. They are buried at Myers Chapel.

They had two children who were well-known in south Muhlenberg County.

Annie Lee Posey was born Sept. 14, 1877, married Daniel Wood of Penrod and died April 7, 1953. Daniel was born Sept. 5, 1871 and died March 24, 1966. They are buried in Wood cemetery. Their children included Daniel Lee, former Penrod postmaster, Iris W., Wilson, a Western Kentucky University professor, Edith (Mrs. Andrew) McElwain of Penrod, William Marion of California and Harold of Louisville, as earlier related in the Joseph Wood family history.

Lula Franklin was born July 10, 1880 and died Aug. 1, 1959. She and her husband are buried in Dunmor cemetery. Lula married Theodore E. (Dode) Latham, son of Newton and Nannie Wood Latham of Dunmor on Feb. 15, 1903. He was born Sept. 24, 1878 and died July 15, 1959.

Theodore and Lula had two children, Rolla Franklin Latham and Virgie Mae Latham.

Rolla (1903-1964), a school teacher, married Ruth S. Hall (died 1975) on May 30, 1929. Both are buried in Oddfellow cemetery in Madisonville. They had one child, Dora June Latham (1931-1976).

Virgie Mae (1906-1985) married Clyde Wood (1907-1988) on April 3, 1927. Clyde was the son of French and Dena Hudnall Wood of Penrod. Both deceased, are buried at Dunmor. Their children include:

(1) Virginia Nell, who married Brodie Wallace in 1943. Brodie and Virginia live in Owensboro and have seven children: Edward Theo, deceased; Larry J., Martha Jane (Lott), Jerry Russell, Anita Mae, Patty Elaine (Stewart) and Anthony Lynn.

(2) Lula Murriel, married R. B. Scarbrough in 1950. They live near Dunmor, and have two children, Rebecca Sue (Newman) and Sharon Denise.

(3) Laura Louise, married to Charles Corley in 1950. They are parents of three children, Charles Michael, Cindy Mae (deceased) and Hally Leigh (Bean).

(4) Harvey Clyde, born in 1939, has never married.

(5) William Charles, born and died March 25, 1946.

(6) David, born 1947, married Candis Sue Whitson in 1967. They are parents of three, David Earl, Debbie Elaine (Hall) and Mechell.

#### SPURLIN ADDISON POSEY

Spurlin Addison Posey was the first child of John F. Posey and Elvira Ann Taggart Welborn Posey. He was born in Muhlenberg County on Oct. 24, 1859, was a farmer and a mine watchman. He married Annie Elizabeth Hankins, daughter of John R. and Elizabeth Southerland Hankins on Jan. 2, 1889. She was born Jan. 27, 1865. They lived at Dunmor. Spurlin died Oct. 30, 1924, and Annie on March 26, 1958. They are buried at Dunmor.

A son, L. H. Posey was born Nov. 22, 1890 and died April 3, 1898. He too is buried at Dunmor.

#### BOLIVAR BUCKNER POSEY

Son of John F. and Elvira Posey, Bolivar Buckner Posey was born April 1, 1861, and named for General Simon Bolivar Buckner, the soldier, statesman and later governor of Kentucky. Buckner Posey married Emma Lou (Ellen) Latham, daughter of Stephen and Permelia Rice Latham on May 3, 1888. She was born Nov. 12, 1863.

Children born to Buckner and Ellen included:

Inez, April, 1890, who married Wiseman Jackson.

Mary, born Nov. 7, 1892. She married R. A. (Pete) Mohon (1892-1967), a mine foreman at Beech Creek and son of W. D. and Lizzie Kirkpatrick Mohon, on Nov. 6, 1910. Their children included Bill, who still lives at Beech Creek, Bob and Tommy, deceased, and Mary Ellen Grise. Mary died Sept. 17, 1940 and is buried at Wyatt's Chapel. Pete is buried in Jackson cemetery.

Iler H., born Aug. 22, 1896, married W. A. Whitson on Dec. 22, 1914.

Ellen Latham Posey died Sept. 18, 1914. She is buried at Wyatt's Chapel near Beech Creek.

Buckner Posey then married the widowed Ella Howerton Mefford, daughter of Taylor and Annie Lizzie Dwyer Howerton. on July 16, 1916. She had two sons by a previous marriage. Odis still lives at Penrod, and Ozra (Doc) Mefford is deceased. Ella died on Dec. 8, 1946 at Penrod.

### CORDELIA A. POSEY

Cordelia was born to John F. and Elvira Posey in Muhlenberg County in 1862-3. Her marriage to John D. Clardy came on Nov. 6, 1889. He was the son of Yancie Fleming Clardy and Martha Clardy of near Myers Chapel. He was born Jan. 3, 1857 and died on July 1, 1944. She died in 1923. They are buried at Hazel Creek. John and Cordelia had an adopted son, Ephriam Latham, born in 1887.

### ALMEDIA A. POSEY

Almedia was born in 1865 to John F. and Elvira Posey. On April 27, 1886, she married August G. Craig at Dunmor. He was the son of Leroy and Martha Jane Gibbs Craig, the former born in Hopkins County and the latter in Butler County, or as Robert K. Craig points out, records also indicate she may have been born in Logan County. A. G. Craig died March 22, 1912 and is buried at Hazel Creek. Almedia died Sept. 29, 1950 and is buried in Grand Junction, Colo. Children include Arther, 1887; Elmer, 1888; Ezra, 1889; Larue, who married W. W. Ford, 1891; Lanora, 1893, married J. B. Stuart; Raymond, 1894, married Fannie Hudson; Leona, 1895, Henry, 1897 and Rufus, 1905.

### FANNY POSEY

Fanny, born May 25, 1868, died March 23, 1945. She was never married. Fanny is buried at Hazel Creek. She was the last child of John F. and Elvira Posey.

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