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S U M N E R

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He was a soldier and a farmer; a stone mason and a carpenter.

As a patriot, he served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812, fighting under Capt. Alney McLean at New Orleans. He later allowed the use of a part of his farm in the Paradise country of Muhlenberg County as a militia muster field.

He named his first son for his former captain.

That son of Thomas J. Sumner, Sr., named Alney McLean Sumner, was the progenitor of many of the Sumners or Sumner heirs in the river country of Muhlenberg County. From the upper reaches of Mud River to the lowers waters of Green River, sons and daughters of Thomas J., Alney M. and other Sumners are to be found today.

Thomas J. Sumner, Sr. was perhaps the first, or at least one of the first Sumners in the Green River area of Kentucky. He was born shortly before the turn of the century, in 1798, in Buncombe County, N. C. though he himself reported to census takers that he was born in Kentucky. His wife Anne, was born one year earlier. Though there is some indication of their presence prior to the War of 1812, when Thomas Sumner enlisted in the Kentucky Militia under McLean, this is the first date of positive proof of his existence here.

Thomas J. Sumner was believed to be the son of John Sumner, who was born in 1765 and died circa 1837-1840.

Two more Sumners were known to have been in the area in the very early 1800s. William Sumner, along with J. W. McConnell were witnesses in 1812 to the last will and testament of Henry Rhoads, written on April 15, 1812, recorded in 1813 and probated in 1814, as was Thomas Sumner, indicating there might have been a kinship between the two, possibly brothers. William also served with McLean at New Orleans, and married Peggy Zimmerman in Muhlenberg County on Jan. 26, 1817, but no further records of William can be found in Muhlenberg or Butler censuses, nor is his death record to be found.

In Butler County, there is a Jesse Sumner buried in the Midway cemetery at Rochester. He was born March 10, 1791, and died on Feb. 19, 1852. There is no record to show that he left descendants in the area, but his age would place him in an era with with Thomas and William, so perhaps he might also be a brother.

Thus it would seem that every Sumner who has two or three generations of relatives in this area, would probably be an offspring of Thomas J. Sumner, Sr. and his wife, Anne.

There is no final and certain disposition of Thomas, since no burial marker in Muhlenberg County can be found for him, though it is known he lived well past seventy years of age. However, a descendant, James V. Parsons, Jr. of Terre Haute, Ind. notes that he was born April 12, 1798 in Buncombe County, N. C. and died Sept. 21, 1881 in Muhlenberg County. He adds that Thomas is buried on the old Sam Hill farm near Paradise. In 1870, he was still living at his Paradise country home. His first wife, Anne Wood, daughter of James and Anne Wood, had died in 1860, (she was 63 in the 1860 census) and Thomas had remarried, taking a young bride, Clementine Raby, on Aug. 11, 1863. Miss Raby, from Tennessee, at the time of her marriage to Thomas was only 15,

while Thomas was 65. She was the daughter of Squire Raby. The 1870 census reveals "Thomas, 73, a soldier of two wars, doing nothing" and his wife, "Clementine, 22". A previous census had showed the old soldier to be "infirm".

North Carolina-born Thomas J. Sumner, Sr. and his wife, Anne, were the parents of twelve children, all born near Paradise; (1) Priscilla, born June 7, 1817, who married Wilson Hunt, son of John and Jane Coates Hunt; (2) Anna, born April 24, 1819; (3) Alney McLean, born Dec. 15, 1820 and married Nancy Hunt, daughter of Elijah and Lucy Harper Hunt; (4) Isaac, born Jan. 14, 1823; (5) John J., born Oct. 6, 1825 and died July 1, 1841; (6) Mathias, born Dec. 14, 1827; (7) James Riley (one census says Jesse R.), born Jan. 25, 1830 and died in White County, Ill. Jan. 1, 1911; (8) James W., born Dec. 15, 1832; (9) Thomas J. Jr., born June 11, 1834; (10) Richard, born April 10, 1838; (11) Elizabeth Frances, born April 27, 1840; and (12) Frances Mack Sumner, born Dec. 15, 1842.

In 1846, Thomas Sumner signed papers at the county court meeting, as a surety for a Vanlandingham, and in 1854, he and young Alney were carpenters and stone masons during the construction of the Airdrie Hill property, the stack, the homes, the mine and iron works, etc.

By this time, Alney had left home to seek employment, and in 1850, was a farm laborer, living in the home of Elijah Hunt (later known as the Rosie Gardner place) in the Hunt Settlement. Though he was a farm laborer, it might be noted that Alney had married Elijah's daughter, Nancy J. on Jan. 24, 1849. Elijah Hunt, incidentally, was the son of Revolutionary War soldier John Hunt, the founder of Hunt Settlement (Gus). Elijah's wife, Lucy, was the daughter of John Harper, just across the river in Butler County. John Harper, also, was a veteran of the Revolutionary War who came to the area around 1800, thus giving Nancy J. Hunt Sumner the distinction of both grandfathers being Revolutionary soldiers.

Also in 1850, Thomas J. Sr. and his wife were listed in the Paradise sector of the county, with three children, Thomas Jr., then 15, James R., 18 and Elizabeth F., 10, all born in Kentucky. If there were other children of the Thomas Sr. family, as we will allude to later, they were not to be found during the 1850 federal census.

Alney and Nancy J. Sumner, by the time the 1860 census was recorded, already had started what would be a large, and later very prominent family, both in their sector of the county, and in the county as a whole. Now 37, and his wife 28, Alney was living in the home and farming the land later to be known as the J. M. (Macon) Gardner place, a half mile east of the present day New Hebron Church. Macon's son, James, still owns the farm and resides there.

Alney's children were James D., 9; John (Jack), 7; Barbary, 5; Thomas E., 3, and Frances Marion, nine months old. Also in the family was Levinia Hunt, sometime referred to as Louisa. She was 41, and undoubtedly the daughter of Elijah and Lucy Hunt, now much older and according to records, "infirm". Just for the record, let it be shown here that the farm laborer living in the home of 67-year-old Elijah Hunt in 1860, was J. L. Anderson, great-grandfather of this writer.

Thomas, the father, 60, his wife Anne, now 62, and Thomas Jr. were living on the Sumner family farm in 1860. Thomas Jr. was 26

and as yet unmarried. The father was shown by the census to be ailing, and the mother, Anne, died on Dec. 26, of that year. James, 27, his wife, Martha C. 27, and a child, Eugene, one, were nearby, or possibly on the same tract, though James owned land valued at \$700.

In 1860, Isaac, listing himself as 32, was a farmer. His wife was Nancy (Foster), 26, and they had a daughter, Lucy A., one. Isaac and Nancy were married Jan. 17, 1859.

Isaac was married three times, all in Muhlenberg County. He first married Polly Arndell, daughter of Reuben Arndell and Lavinia Deweese Arndell, in 1848. She died and there were no children of this marriage. His second marriage was to Mary Campfield in 1849, and to them was born one child Shaby (or Selby) before they were divorced. Then in 1859, Isaac married Nancy Foster.

They were the parents of seven children, many of whom will be followed in later paragraphs. They include: Lucy born 1858-1859, probably the latter, since the marriage occurred in January of 1859; Barbara E. Sumner, Oct. 28, 1859, died March 3, 1920, married Thomas A. Wagoner; Celie J. Sumner, born 1861, married David Wagoner (1) and T. C. Hardison (2) and is buried at Allens Chapel; Elmira, called Babe, born 1866, married Jackson Wagoner and is buried at Allens Chapel; Pallace Love, called Pal, born Oct. 15, 1871 (He may have been born as early as 1869 according to census reports), married Della Wagoner. He died Aug. 1, 1947 and is buried at Ebenezer; William Riley, born Aug. 23, 1869, died May 6, 1944 and is buried at Rose Hill. He married Rosa Wagoner. Fannie, the youngest, born April 2, 1876, was never married, and died Jan. 19, 1950. She is buried at Hazel Creek beside her sister, Barbara Wagoner. (Note: Some Sumner family charts list a Thomas D. Sumner, born 1854, as the son of Isaac and Nancy, but this is virtually impossible, since they did not marry until 1859. He may well be a son by a previous marriage. Census records do not show him until 1870, and do not designate him as a son.)

Mathias was 31. His wife, Malinda (Miller), he married in Muhlenberg County on Nov. 11, 1851. Their children in 1860 were William R., 8; James A., 6; Nancy, 3 and Catherine A., one. Living with them was Catherine Miller, 51, perhaps Malinda's mother.

In 1860, this might account for a father, and perhaps four sons, who could in that case, account for all the other Sumners which followed. Many of these live in Central City, Greenville, Browder, Nelson Creek, Penrod, Drakesboro, Lewisburg and other points, and are not aware if or to what degree they are related to the other.

Thomas Sr., Thomas Jr., Alney and Isaac are accounted for in the subsequent census in 1870. Mathias and James are not listed. This could either be through error, or perhaps they were residing outside of Muhlenberg temporarily for one reason or another.

Thomas the senior, the soldier of two wars, is "doing nothing". Today, we simply call it retired. But after losing his wife in December of 1860, he remarried, this time to Clementine Raby, as earlier stated. In 1870, Thomas was 73, Clementine 22. Since Thomas did not reappear in the 1880 census, we feel that he died in the years between. No record was found of his grave, or if Clementine was still in Kentucky or perhaps returned to Tennessee.

Alney was well, and in 1870, he and Nancy had added other

children, including David A., 9; Celia J., 8; Mary B., 5; Isaac (Pink), 11 months--and Levina was still in their home. Her parents, Elijah and Lucy had died earlier.

Isaac and Nancy now had six children, one of whom lived in Drakesboro until not too many years ago. The children were Thomas D., Lucy A., Barbara E., Celia J., Elmira and Pallace, the latter the forefather of several living in the Drakesboro area now.

Thomas Jr. and Prudence were both listed as 40 years of age. Prudence, listing Tennessee as her birthplace, may have had children by a previous marriage. Listed in the home were Elizabeth A., 14, born in Kentucky, Eliza J., 16, born in Tennessee and William A. 6, also born in Kentucky. Either they were all Sumners, or the census taker made no distinction between them as to name. Thomas was listed at home in the 1860 census, indicating he was not married, so unless these were step-children, there is no accounting for why two of the children are more than 10 years old. Possibly Elizabeth and Eliza were her children by the previous marriage, and William their own.

One other Sumner is listed in Muhlenberg County. She is "N. S." in the home of a Wester family in the lower Mud River (Fleming Landing) area of the county. She is either 17 or 27, and is a housekeeper.

The 1880 census revealed a pair of widowed Sumners, with similar families. Both widows were Nancy. Likewise, Prudence was a widow.

Nancy Sumner, widow of Alney McLean Sumner was still listed in the Hunt Settlement area, while Nancy, a widow of Isaac and Prudence, whose husband was Thomas, Jr. were still in the general Paradise census area, which encompassed everything along Green and Mud River from Rocky Creek to Central City.

With every male head of household, save one, in the Sumner family, Thomas Sr., Thomas Jr., Alney, James and Isaac, gone from the census, the enumeration of the population began to list others, a third generation, as heads of household. James D., eldest of Alney and Nancy had married, and he and Mary E. had children, Edward, 4, Isadora, 2 (and later Sam and Jess). His mother, Nancy, 47, lived nearby, and still in the home were Thomas, 23, now a school teacher, S. J. (who is Celia), Mary B. and Isaac, to be known as Pink. The father, Alney, had died on May 6, 1878, and was buried at Old Hebron.

In the lower Mud River County, the other Nancy, 45, with Barbara, 20, Sela (Celia) H. 19, Elmira, 15, Pallace, 12, William, 9 (This age should have been 11) and Fanny, 5. Nearby was T. D., who would have been her Thomas D. in a previous census. With him was his wife, Elvira (Ball), whom he married on Oct. 10, 1877. They had two children, Shelby, one, and John, four months.

Prudence was 48, and the widow of Thomas Jr. Her daughter, Elizabeth, had married W. C. B. England and Prudence was with them in the lower Mud River area.

Mathias was now 52, and lived in the Mud River area, the only survivor of the Sumner men as we knew them 20 to 30 years earlier. Malinda was there, at 47, as were Catherine A., 21; Eliza J., 19, Mathias, 17, George B. Mc., 14, David K., 12, Rosa M., 10, Laura, 7, and Druzille (or Drucilla) 4. Mathias' son, William R., 28, with wife Ellin, 22, and their children, Ozella, 6, Addie 4, Callie, 3, and Minnie, one, lived in the house next to Mathias.

The final resting places of those early Sumners are not easy to find. In one search, we have only the memory of one older resident to thank for the successful effort in locating the graves of the Mathias Sumner family. At Union Chapel cemetery, near Skilesville and Knightsburg, the compilers of known cemeteries and graves therein were aided by Mrs. Verda Turner of Ennis, who pointed out the gravesite of Mathias, his wife and several children, all in unmarked graves. Mrs. Turner located the marked grave of John Maxfield, and his wife Rosie, son-in-law and daughter of Mathias. Beside them, she related, Mathias, his wife, Malinda and children James E., Martha, Nancy Elizabeth Jane, Emma Laura (Luddie) and Drucilla are buried. Rosie Malissey Sumner Maxfield was born 84 years prior to her death in November, 1954, marking her birth around 1870. Her husband, John Maxfield was a soldier in the 4th Tennessee Mounted Infantry's Company E.

Another son of Mathias, William Riley (1852-1921), and his wife, Sallie (Sarah Bridges 1853-1922) are buried at Forest Grove.

Other than that, there are few burial records for the most of the Sumner families who lived in the Green-lower Mud River area. Most of the family of Alney McLean Sumner may be found in cemeteries at Dunmor, Old and New Hebron and at Greenville. They will be recorded here in later paragraphs, when the family is looked at in depth.

The 1900 Muhlenberg County census revealed these families:

*George, 35, his wife Linda, and children Freddie 10, Annie 8, Mabel 6 and Emma, one, near Central City.

*Mathias (the son) 37, his wife, Martha and children, Clide 10, Claude 8 and Robert 2, also near Central City.

*Thomas D. 46 and Hirena, 29, near Paradise.

*William R. 48, his wife Sarah (Sallie) 47, along with Charles 15, Jessie and Bessie, 10, Myrtle 8 and Burnie, 6, possibly in Paradise-Ennis country.

*The widow Prudence 73, with daughter, Liza Davis, 45, and granddaughter, Pearl, 13.

*The elder Mathias 73, wife, Malinda 63, Rosie, 30 and Elizabeth J., 39.

*William, 35, probably the son of Thomas Jr. and Prudence, his wife, Sarah 32, Iva 12, George W. 9, Clay 6 (who later lived at Browder?), Ninnie 3 and Lullar, an infant.

*Dooe K. (census taker's spelling; probably David K., son of Mathias and Malinda), 32, Mary 25, Blanche 3 and Horton, one.

*William R., 27, wife Rosa, 20 and son, Harry (that probably is a transcribing error, and should be Harvey), 4.

William and Rosa Sumner lived at Mondray, near Drakesboro for many years, and were known there as Uncle Bill and Aunt Rosie. They were the parents of Wayman and Harvey Sumner, the latter, who with his wife Daisy Steed, were the parents of Willis A. Sumner of Lewisburg, Alvis Lindell Sumner and the late Charles Sumner, plus two daughters, who died young. They were Dorothy Nell, born in 1923 and died in 1924, and Thelma Grace, born and died in 1930. They are buried in the Haden cemetery at Drakesboro,

Willis Sumner, who married Margaret Ross, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Ross of Drakesboro, was a partner for many years with Willie Fox and W. J. Fox in the operation of the Fox and Sumner store at Drakesboro, and later was partner with Glen Groves in the operation of Lewisburg Planing Mill. Margaret died

in 1989 and Willis continued to make his home at 305 Fourth Street in Lewisburg (42256). Among their children are Martha Rhoads, administrator of Maple Manor Nursing Home in Greenville, Doug and David Sumner, Nelda Knight and Sara Hempel.

Also, Pallace and Della Sumner were residents of the Mondray area (Drakesboro) for many years, though they were censused in Logan County in 1900. They were the parents of Floyd and Ellis Sumner, well-known in the Drakesboro area, Bayliss, late of Dunmor, Ada Ivie Parsons, wife of the first Beechmont postmaster, Hammond T. Parsons, Clayton (Froggie) Sumner, a well-known baseball pitcher at Beech Creek, Beatrice, Ellen and Sylvester. Hammond and Ada Parsons were the grandparents of the aforementioned James V. Parsons, Jr.

Among Alney McLean and Nancy Hunt Sumner's children found in homesteads in Muhlenberg County were:

Thomas Elijah, living in Greenville, with his wife, Mattie, their children, Herman, Delia, Gordon, Pearl, Thomas C., Nora, Wood, Grace and Ruth. Thomas E. was circuit court clerk of Muhlenberg County at this time.

Francis Marion and wife Sarah Ellen, with children Cora and Bessie on the Gus to Dunmor Road.

Isaac Pink, his wife Mollie, and son Ennis, 4, along with Isaac's brother, David A.

John H. (Jack), his wife, Nancy with children James Allen, John Marion, Daniel Shelby, Virgil Estill, Thomas Ebon and Lydia Margaret.

Mary E., the widow of James D. had children at home, including Ed, Sam, Jessie and Daisy.

From here follows a more in-depth look at the Alney McLean Sumner family.

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The children of ALNEY McLEAN SUMNER

Alney McLean Sumner was born to Thomas J. and Anne Sumner on Dec. 15, 1820 in the Paradise country, near Green River in Muhlenberg County. He was named for Capt. Alney McLean, a soldier in the Battle of New Orleans, and later county judge of Muhlenberg County.

On Jan. 24, 1849, he married Nancy Jane Hunt, daughter of Elijah and Lucy Harper Hunt. Her two grandfathers, John Hunt and John Harper were both soldiers of the American Revolution who came to Mud River country around 1800-1806.

Elijah Hunt's farm was directly behind what is now New Hebron Church. Elijah's log house was still standing until just a few years ago, and was still being occupied after World War II. It was on what is now known as the Rosie Gardner farm.

Alney and Nancy's home was on an adjoining farm, more recently known as the Macon Gardner farm.

Alney died May 6, 1878 and is buried at Old Hebron. Nancy was born Feb. 2, 1832, and died April 18, 1886, and is buried beside Alney. Also nearby by are Elijah Hunt (2-23-1793 to 4-9-1869) and his wife Lucy.

Alney and Nancy's children are: James D., John H. (Jack), Lucy Ann, Barbary E., Thomas E., Lottie J., Frances Marion, David A., Celia, Mary B., Sarah E., Rosa E. and Isaac P.

Here follow a capsule history of each, as available:

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JAMES D. was born Nov. 24, 1850 and died July 2, 1891. His wife, Mary E. McPherson was born March 3, 1853, and died Jan. 15, 1919. They were married Oct. 27, 1874 in Butler County. They are buried at Old Hebron. Their children include: Jess, Sam, Ed, Isadora (Dora) and Daisy.

Jess, who married Oma Gaston, was born May 14, 1884 and died June 22, 1935 at the age of 51. Oma was born March 23, 1886 and died Sept. 29, 1958 at the age of 72. Both are buried at Old Hebron. Their children include Carson, Carl, Marvin (Doc), Mary Ruth, Dan and Earl Jackson Sumner.

Sam lived in the area many years and late in life married Bessie Davis Parks.

Ed operated a store in Huntsville for many years. He married Retta Gardner, daughter of Jess. They have children still living in Huntsville.

Dora married Daniel Marion Hunt. She was born Feb. 21, 1878 and died Aug. 3, 1914. They married in Muhlenberg County on March 24, 1897, and were the parents of Ila (Hunt) Hunt, Eula (Hunt) Gardner, Ara (Hunt) Porter, Idell (Hunt) Beadnell and Verlie Hunt, who died at the age of 15.

Another daughter, Daisy, married a Gaston.

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JOHN H. was known throughout his life as Jack, and of course, in later years, affectionately as Uncle Jack. He was born June 11, 1852 and died Nov. 7, 1938. He was married on Jan. 11, 1877 to Nancy M. Hughes. Nancy was born Aug. 11, 1858 and died Feb. 22, 1940. Both are buried at New Hebron. Their children include: James Allen, Daniel Shelby, Virgil Estill, John Marion, Thomas Ebon, Elizabeth (Betty) and Margaret (Mag).

Allen, Shelby and Estill moved away from Muhlenberg County early in life. Allen married Maude Shirley, Shelby married Minnie Pittman and Estill married Helen ?.

With the help of his sons, Marion and Ebon, Uncle Jack operated the Gus store for many years, after obtaining it from Gustie Wagoner. At his death, Marion became the operator, and Ebon operated a similar store at Penrod. Together they were known in the mercantile business as Sumner Brothers. Jack Sumner purchased the Gus store from Gustie Wagoner in about 1916. Wagoner bought the property and small store from James L. Anderson in the early 1900s and originated the post office. The original store, off the present road burned July 1, 1917 and the new store was built in the location where the now-deserted store building stands.

Marion first married Annie Gertrude Shirley, a sister to Allen's wife Maude. To them were born three children, Martha, John Turner and Sarah Margaret. Martha married Cecil Wester. They made their home in Arizona for many years before Martha's death in 1990. John Turner married Velma Perry. He died in Fenton, Mo. Jan. 8, 1983. His wife and three children, Troy, Elizabeth and Edris still reside there. Sarah Margaret married Gordon Grayson, who died in 1988. Their children are Roger, Janice and Nancy. Sarah Margaret still resides in Lewisburg. Marion Sumner and his daughter-in-law, Velma Sumner were the last two postmasters at Gus.

Marion's second wife was Ellen Horton. She is buried at Horton's Chapel. She was originally married to Joseph Adler who operated the telephone exchange at Dunmor, but who died shortly

after being injured in a fall from a telephone pole in 1921.

Marion was born March 14, 1882 and died Nov. 28, 1955. Gertrude was born June 16, 1891 and died Nov. 6, 1918. They are buried at New Hebron.

Ebon's first wife, the former Elsie Newman was born Jan. 31, 1894 and died Feb. 3, 1923. She is buried in the family plot at New Hebron. Her children were Silas, G. E. and Sybil (Coe). His second wife was Grace Gaston, daughter of Estill A. and Ann Hunt Gaston, who was the mother of his children, including Calvin, Nellie, Mary Agnes, Tommy, Paul, known as Penny, Gerald and Wayne.

Mag married Roy McPherson. Included among their children are Ruth, C. W., Marjorie Nell and Martha Sue.

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THOMAS ELIJAH was born Dec. 6, 1856 and died June 6, 1941. He married Mattie Wood, daughter of F. M. and Phaney Elizabeth Williams Wood on Jan. 22, 1881. She was born Jan. 27, 1865, and died on Aug. 8, 1950. Both were among the more influential and respected citizens of Greenville. Tom was circuit court clerk of Muhlenberg County from 1893 to 1903 and had previously been a school teacher.

Their children were Herman, born Jan. 3, 1882; Della, born Feb. 14, 1884; Gordon, born March 5, 1886; Phaney Pearl, born Oct. 5, 1887, and who married L. B. Knight, long a respected automobile dealer and civic leader in Greenville; Thomas C., born Nov. 24, 1889; Nora Bell and Carrie Jane, twins born Aug. 4, 1891 (Carrie died Oct. 12, 1891 and is buried in Rhoads Cemetery); Wood, who was born Aug. 11, 1893, and married Sara Bell Searce Aug. 24, 1918; Marion Grace, born June 19, 1895; Ruth Jane, born Nov. 27, 1897 and Ailene, born March 13, 1902.

Much of this information was given by Francis Knight Cisney, wife of L. Wayne Cisney and granddaughter of Tom Sumner.

Mattie Wood Sumner's mother was Rebecca Studebaker, daughter of Mud River-Rocky Creek pioneer Jacob Studebaker.

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FRANCES M. (Frank) SUMNER and wife Sarah Ellen McPherson married in Butler County on April 23, 1881 and were the parents of Rosa, Cora, Bessie and Eva, who was born June 20, 1886 and died July 27 of the same year. Frances, himself was born about 1859. His wife was born Dec. 22, 1862, and died March 3, 1924. They are buried at New Hebron.

Rosa married Melvin E. Gardner on March 20, 1899. They had four children, Aaron, who still lives in Butler County and operates a very successful trucking business; Robert who died several years ago and is buried near St. Louis, Mo.; Mary Ellen and Walter. Melvin died in 1948. Rosa was born in 1882 and died in 1979.

Cora married Alvin Casebier and Bessie married Gibbie Mitchell and lived near Cleaton.

After Frank Sumner's first wife died, Elva Mae Gardner of Greenville, a cousin, recalls he re-married Minnie Raby. However, Willis Sumner, who now lives at Lewisburg, recalled living next door to "Uncle Frank" at Mondray, when he was married to Pearl Barnes. Willis believes this is the only other marriage for Frank other than the first wife, Sarah Ellen McPherson. Willis, at that time, was at home with his parents. Harvey and Daisy Sumner, who lived on the Bill and Rosa Sumner property, adjacent to the Frank Sumner home at Mondray.

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DAVID A. SUMNER was born in 1861 and died in 1943. He married Ruth C. Penrod on March 10, 1907. She was born in 1873, and the date of her death is unrecorded. They are buried at Dunmor. Ruth was probably the Ruth born in 1873, who was the daughter of George Martin (Mart) Penrod and sister of Ike Penrod of Ennis.

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CELIA SUMNER was born in 1862-63 and married Daniel Matherly, son of John Woodford Matherly, in Springfield, Tenn. on May 2, 1881. She died prior to 1900 and is buried at Old Hebron. Among her five children were Mary Jane, who married John Monroe Goodman, the parents of O. K., Eldon, James, etc.; Hayden, father of June Wells of Belton; Eva Mae, who married Mack Gibson (J. L., Ernest Lee) and Leah, who died young.

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ISAAC P. SUMNER, known as Pink was born July, 1870. He married Mollie L. Allen on Dec. 24, 1893. He also served as county court clerk of Muhlenberg County from 1918 to 1921.

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MARY BELLE SUMNER was born May 23, 1866 and died June 24, 1922. She, at 20 years of age, married John F. Hope, 18, on April 4, 1886 at the home of her mother, Nancy Jane Sumner, near Hunt Settlement. Her brother, F. M. (Frank) Sumner signed her consent, and James H. Hope and Alfred Hunt were their witnesses. S. J. Hunt, a minister of the gospel, performed the wedding. John F. Hope was born May 4, 1862 and died Oct. 4, 1886. He and Mary Belle are buried at New Hebron. One child, Mossie Hope, was born Jan. 2, 1887. She married Jeff Hunt, son of Alfred and Lydia Hunt, on Nov. 29, 1908. Jeff farmed and operated a store near Old Hebron. The wedding was at the home of the bride, with Bird Penrod, Jeff Brumley and Miss Icy Greety Hunt, sister of the groom as witnesses. Jeff and Mossie had one child, Nellie, who married Captain Garrett (Dink) Hughes. They had no children. The Jeff Hunt farm and the Alfred Hunt farm, adjoining Old Hebron is now owned by the Hunt Foundation.

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Five other children of Alney and Nancy Sumner died as infants or in young adulthood, and are buried at Old Hebron. These include: Barbary E., Feb. 3, 1855 to June 22, 1876; Rosa E., Aug. 23, 1869 to Sept. 14, 1869; Sarah E., Aug. 3 to 17, 1868; Lottie J., July 29 to Aug. 17, 1858 and Lucy Ann, July 18, 1853 to Aug. 3, 1855.

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