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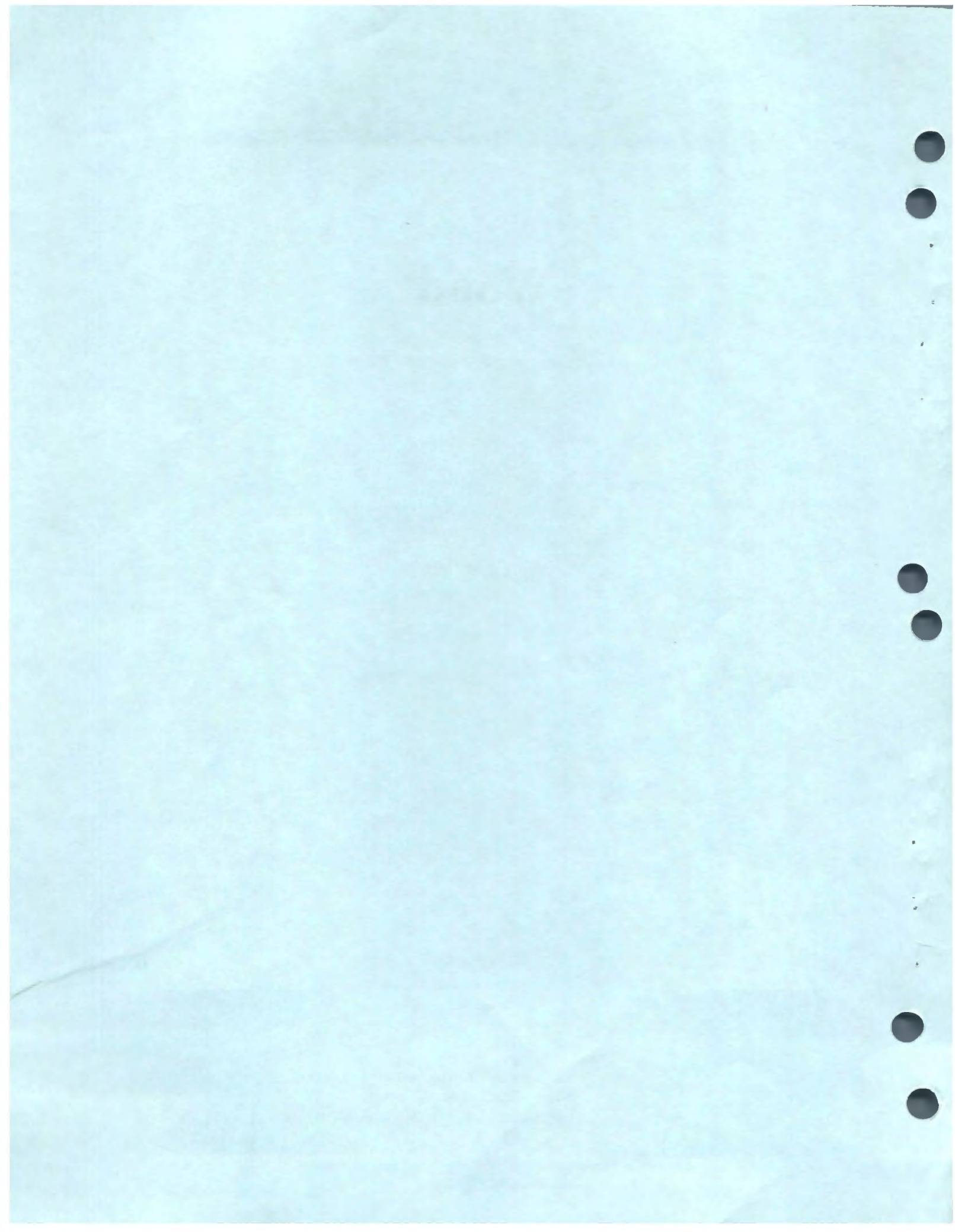
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# Wood

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## W O O D

(The family of Joseph Wood)

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In the southeastern portion of Muhlenberg County, when the area was still remote and unstable, two distinct Wood families came to settle. One, the family of Joseph Wood chose the Hooper-Rocky Creek area, near to what is now known as the Clark and Ward Bridges area. This area was also soon to be settled by the Studebaker family. These two families were to later be joined in marriage, and today, one can hardly speak of one, without a mention of the other. Thus the branch of the Wood family stemming from Joseph Wood in time became known as the Studebaker Woods.

Nearby, on Mud River, below what is now Dunmor, but well above the Hunt Settlement (now Gus), the James Wood family acquired land on Jockey Branch. This supplied the identification of this group, to distinguish them from the Studebaker Woods. They have been known over the years as the "Jockey Hollow" Woods. Though there was no known kinship between the two families at the time they settled, there was and always has been a strong bond between the families. Often one of one family is referred to by another as "cousin", which may or may not be a fact, but nevertheless, the families claimed such kinship. If James and Joseph were blood related, it has never been completely proven. There however, has been numerous marriages between the families, linking them more closely together.

Both families have contributed strongly to the community, supplying ministers, teachers, lawyers, county clerks, judges, soldiers and other brave and strong men who helped shape the lives of many in the community, though bearing no title.

Among some, but by no means all of the descendants of each still in the community are, for instance:

Ellis and Herbert Wood, George and Florence Wood Clark's offsprings, the Bertha Christie family, Earle and Austin King and their families, Edgar and Kenneth Hunt, Ara Hunt Porter (of Lewisburg), their nephew, James D. Hunt (who actually has ancestors in both Wood families), and his mother, Ila Hunt (of Central City), all of whom live not far from the ancestral home, and are all offsprings of the Joseph Wood line.

From James Wood comes such descendants as James Milam Wood, a retired school teacher, his brother, Robert, a Muhlenberg County deputy sheriff, the late John Ed Wood, county judge and the late Tommy (Clarence Zilman Jr.), a professional musician. Others are Evelyn (Mrs. James D.) Hunt, her brother, Brenton DeArmond, and many, many more, who hopefully will be brought to attention during the ensuing articles.

In later weeks, the family of James Wood will be focused upon. But the first series of articles on the Wood family will deal with those offsprings of Joseph Wood, who settled on Hooper Creek, southeast of Ennis, and whose offspring married into the

Studebaker family, forging them, for all practical historical purposes, into one family.

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### JOSEPH WOOD

Joseph Wood, firmly believed to be the son of John Wood, was born in South Carolina in 1771 (or 1774). From there he moved to North Carolina, and later to the Hooper Creek area of east Muhlenberg County, where he owned land. By 1830 he had moved to Edgar County, Ill., and later migrated to Sullivan County, Mo. where he died Dec. 14, 1859.

John, the father, was from Buncombe County, N. C. He was thought to be in Kentucky with Joseph as early as 1790 when he was censused here, probably in the part of Logan County which later became Muhlenberg County. John was born between 1740 and 1750, and when censused in Edgar County, Ill. with Joseph was listed in the 80-90 age category. None of this is proven, but by figures found in census records, it is highly suggested that this is John, the father of Joseph. Belief also is that John died in Edgar County, Ill., while living with his son. The name of John's wife is not known.

Joseph Wood was twice married before leaving Kentucky. His first marriage, when he was 25, was to Elizabeth Keith in 1798 in Logan County. She died sometime prior to 1823. Her burial site is not known, but present-day family suggests it might be at Mud River, or in the Wood family cemetery, where other Keiths, and the early Studebakers and Woods are buried. It could, however, be in one of the many small cemeteries near to their Hooper Creek home near Ward Bridge.

Children, and the number of them born to Joseph and Elizabeth Keith Wood are not totally documented, though it is known that Abner Wood (b. March 31, 1802) was one of them. Another son of Joseph was William F. Wood. Another, Thomas B. Wood, was possibly the son of Joseph. A census record of 1860 shows Thomas B. to be 40 years old, setting his birth at about 1820, and possibly proving that Elizabeth Keith was his mother. Thomas B. Wood married Emeline Wood in Butler County on July 10, 1854. Whether she was a distant relative is not known. There were other Wood families in Butler County, one for whom the old Wood post office on Mud River, was named.

There are other documented children of the Wood-Keith marriage. (See later paragraphs.)

Joseph Wood's second marriage was in Muhlenberg County on Sept. 4, 1823 to Elizabeth Hunsaker, of the Paradise area Hunsakers. It is believed that many of this family moved west with Joseph Wood as Hunsakers are found in early census records in Edgar County, Ill. and in Missouri.

Since his son, Abner, married Rebecca Studebaker in Muhlenberg County in 1826, it is assumed that Joseph and his family did not go to Illinois until after that date. In fact, according to Herald Grayson, who lives near Huntsville in Butler County, Abner and Rebecca may have lived in Butler County for a short time after their marriage. Herald's father, the late Raymond Grayson repeated information given to him by the late Dr. Alexander Hunt, a long-time resident of the area, that Abner and Rebecca lived on the farm now occupied by the Grayson family. The Wood spring is

just a hundred feet below the Gus to Huntville Road. Though the spring no longer flows, Herald says the site of the spring can still be located. It is also known that Abner's father, Joseph owned land in Butler County during that period also.

The sequence of events after this is not etched in stone. In 1845, it is known that Abner, Rebecca and their family came back to Muhlenberg County, that date coinciding with the death of Jacob Studebaker, Rebecca's father. Abner and Rebecca took control of the Studebaker farm that year, according to records and the Studebaker will. Also, an old obituary for Joseph Wood states he went to Missouri in that year, and in 1846, gave his son, William, power of attorney to sell his Muhlenberg County farm on Hooper Creek.

The obituary copy, now held by Earle King of Belton, states that Joseph went to Sullivan County, in northwest Missouri from Edgar County (Paris), Ill. in 1846. It also documents that he died at the home of his son, William F. Wood, in the Spring Creek community of Sullivan County on Dec. 14, 1859. He would have been 85-87 years of age at the time. It is believed that he and his second wife, Elizabeth Hunsaker are buried in Sullivan County.

Three letters, held for many years by the late Cecil Wood of Penrod came to the Wood family of Muhlenberg from the Woods in Edgar County, Ill. and Spring Creek, Mo. One, on Sept. 25, 1854, from William Wood was either to Abner or Thomas, as it was directed to "Dear Brother". It urged the Woods to "come to Missouri" where land was cheap and prospects good. Another such letter was written in 1855. An earlier letter, July 21, 1846, was from Edgar County, signed by Joseph and Elizabeth. One mentioned that Allen (perhaps Wood) had written to Joseph and Elizabeth stating that the Wood family had planned to go to Nebraska. If this ever occurred, it was not documented, as the most of the Woods stayed in Muhlenberg County.

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#### DOROTHY TURNER PAPERS

Dorothy James Turner is a descendant of this line of Woods, her father being Godfrey James, son of Dr. A. D. James and Cordelia Belle Penrod James. Cordelia Belle's parents were Lott and Lydia Wood Penrod, Lydia the first child of Abner and Rebecca Studebaker Wood. She has this data on the early Wood family:

John traditionally, was the father of Joseph, though some in the family believe his name to be James. This tradition also holds that he never came to Kentucky -- but census records in Kentucky seem to place him with son, Joseph. No wife has been placed with John, who was born in 1747. His children, according to Mrs. Turner, were:

(1) James, b. 1768. He was in Logan (later Muhlenberg) County in 1797. A John Keith surveyed land on Hazel Creek for James Wood in 1798. It is possible this is the James Wood who married Sarah Brewer in Johnson County, N. C. (or was it his uncle?, Mrs. Turner asks).

(2) Avary, b. 1770. He lived in Logan County in 1797, and went to Warrick County, Ind. in 1831.

(3) John, b. 1772, sold land in Buncombe County, N. C. to a Hill. Married Sarah Jones Aug. 6, 1805 in Muhlenberg County, Ky. Reportedly died in 1826 in Muhlenberg County.

(4) Joseph, b. 1771. This is the Joseph these early paragraphs have been tracing. Reportedly he was in Butler County in 1810. Married (1), Elizabeth Keith and (2), Elizabeth Hunsaker. Died in 1858 in Sullivan County, Mo.

(5) Thomas also went to Warrick County, Ind. Married (1), Rachel Keith, buried at Mud River, and (2) Ann Buckles. Died 1854. He left a will in Warrick County naming heirs Hiram, Joseph, Nathan, William and Abner.

(6) Bartholomew lived in Butler County in 1810, on land once owned by James Wood Sr. Married Betsy Gardner Feb. 1, 1809 in Logan County (now Butler). Went to Warrick County in 1830.

(7) Moses, married Christina Keith, daughter of Henry, April 20, 1792, Logan County, Ky. Moved to Warrick County, Ind.

(8) Sarah Wood married William Keith April 16, 1798 in Logan County.

(9) Margaret Wood married James Keith in Logan County April 27, 1803.

The Wood and Keith families, which came to Kentucky together, has, as shown, several marriages within the two families.

Mrs. Turner has successfully named 10 children of Joseph and Elizabeth Keith Wood. They are, as she lists them:

(1) Abner, born Oct. 31, 1803 (Tombstone says March 31, 1802). married Rebecca Studebaker, January, 1826. More on this line later.

(2) Elizabeth, thought to be the same Elizabeth Anne who married John E. Vaughn in 1819.

(3) Frances (Fannie) md. Abraham Billings, Jr., in Muhlenberg County on Sept. 4, 1823. (May also have married Jeff Hunsaker in Edgar County, Ill. Dec. 15, 1830).

(4) Partheny (Phaney), married Frances Stump Jan. 20, 1830 (in Edgar County, Ill.?)

(5) Polley Anne (Mary) married William Atkins (in Edgar County, Ill.?) Jan. 24, 1835.

(6) Rachel md. Isaac Langley in Muhlenberg County, Ky., Jan. 7, 1819.

(7) Avery md. Selena (Sina) Taylor Feb. 8, 1827 in Edgar County, Ill. Died Dept. 24, 1875.

(8) Richard Thomas md. Anna Buckler Nov. 15, 1825. (Note: If this is Joseph's son, Thomas, then the Thomas B., mentioned earlier as marrying Emeline Wood, is probably not his son, also, since this would give the family two Thomases).

(9) Jacob, a Union soldier, died May 28, 1868.

(10) William F., called "Bat", was according to Mrs. Turner, born in 1804, two years after Abner, making him the second oldest child. He married Frances Elizabeth Blythe, and died in Sullivan County, Mo. May 29, 1868.

Then Mrs. Turner lists four children with Joseph Wood and his second wife, Elizabeth Hunsaker in the 1850 Missouri census. These, with names often duplicating children by the first marriage are surnamed Atkins, and are possibly children of Polley Anne, who married William Atkins in 1835, and would be Joseph's grandchildren: They are: (1) Elizabeth, born circa 1835; (2) Frances, b. circa 1836; (3) Henry, b. circa 1839 and (4), Thomas P. Atkins, b. circa 1841. In 1860, a Thomas P. Atkins lived with James and Francis Atkins Henderson.

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## THE STUDEBAKERS

The Studebakers have a long and colorful history, from Germany to Pennsylvania to Kentucky, where most took the surname "Baker". and the family still exists under that name. To attempt a Studebaker history here under the Wood heading would indeed be an injustice to the entire family. Those who would like to study further on the Studebaker line should contact the Studebaker Family National Association, 6555 South State Route 202, Tipp City, Ohio, 45371.

Meanwhile, this section will touch only on the family of Jacob Studebaker, his children, and more especially on his daughter, Rebecca, who married Abner Wood, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Keith Wood.

Jacob Studebaker came to Kentucky prior to 1800 after securing vast land holdings on both Rocky (in Muhlenberg) and Cypress (in McLean County) Creeks. Perhaps these were both grants from his family's Revolutionary War service. After making his land claim, he returned to Pennsylvania for goods and materials, floating them down the Ohio, up the Green and Mud Rivers, and finally up the flood-swollen Rocky Creek to his land. Included in these goods were square, hand-made nails, which were used to construct his first home.

After temporary quarters, he built that first home two miles east of what is now the town of Penrod. On the site of the first Studebaker home now stands the home of Grace Mallory Wood and her late husband, Cecil Wood, a Studebaker descendant. The home was on a knoll overlooking branch and creek bottom land on all sides. Later, the Abner, Asbury and Pone Wood homes stood nearby.

Also, there is still the location of a spring on the Studebaker property, near what is now called the Grayson field, called the Studebaker Spring.

Jacob Studebaker was born on Nov. 21, 1766 in Pennsylvania to Peter and Mary Miller Studebaker. He died in February of 1845 and is buried in the Wood cemetery on the old Studebaker property.

Around the year 1794, he married Salome Nettie Grable in Pennsylvania and brought her to Kentucky with him. Others of the Grable family were among the county's early settlers, also. After Jacob's death, and the division of his estate, Salome went to McLean County to live with her daughter, Elizabeth Newton, who heired a portion of the Cypress Creek property. Salome died Oct. 27, 1848 and is buried in Poplar Grove cemetery in McLean County.

The children of Jacob and Salome Studebaker were:

(1) Peter S. (Baker), Jr., 1795-1816, married Polly Mary Rhoads. He is buried on the Bennett McElwain (earlier Daniel Wood) farm east of Penrod.

(2) Hannah, b. 1797. She died young when she choked on a bean. She is possibly the P. H. Baker buried beside Jacob in the Wood Cemetery. This grave is marked by a sand stone, and was identified by Earle King.

(3) David S. Sr., 1799-1859. Married Matilda (Mahalia?) Welch.

(4) Polly (Mary), 1801-1864, md. (1) Jacob Landis, (2) John Fitzhugh.

(5) Lydia, 1803-1880, md. William Williams. Among their children were Polly Ann Young, John C. Williams, Rebecca Cassandra Simons, William Baker Williams, America Williams, Paralee Williams, Rufus McCreg Williams, Samuel Elisha Williams, Victoria Angeline Williams and Lydia Jane Williams. John C.



Williams is known to have had a child, Priscilla C. Williams. When the elder Williamses died, E. C. Guest was named executor of the estate, with the task of educating the latter six named children.

(6) Lovenia, 1805-1865, never married.

(7) Samuel S., 1807-1865, md. Nancy Coffman. (From this line the family of Gathiel Baker of Central City began.)

(8) Rebecca, 1809-1867, married Abner Wood. This line will be followed in detail in succeeding paragraphs.

(9) Ephriam, 1811-1848, md. Mary Ann Patton, it is believed. He was a justice of the peace in McLean County, and is buried in Poplar Grove cemetery.

(10 and 11), twins Elias and Elisha. Elias, b. 8-1813, d. 4-19-1833, never married. May be buried in Wood cemetery. Elisha, b. 9-1813, d. 1879. (Also listed in the family history as marrying Mary Ann Patton.)

(12) Israel Jacob, 1817-1858, md. Elizlabeth Ann Myers.

(13) John Airhart, 11-4-1815 to 2-22-1841, never married. Was a doctor in Bowling Green.

(14) Elizabeth, 1818-1854, married Hillard (or Hillary) Newton, lived in McLean County, and provided the last home for her mother, Salome.

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#### ABNER AND REBECCA

Abner Wood, the first child of Joseph and Elizabeth Keith Wood, was born in Muhlenberg County March 31, 1802. He married Rebecca Studebaker, the eighth child of Jacob and Salome Studebaker in January, 1826 (date illegible). She was born Sept. 8, 1809 and died Oct. 9, 1867. Abner died Oct. 8, 1881. Both are buried in Wood cemetery.

Abner, in addition to being a farmer with vast holdings, was a shoemaker. His old shoe shop stood for many years in the later-day hog lot, and is remembered by members of the present-day Wood family. His son, Asbury also followed his father as a shoemaker.

Abner and Rebecca moved to Illinois with his father Joseph, shortly after their marriage, perhaps after their first two children, Lydia and Allen were born. At least four children, Asbury, Francis Marion, Betsey and Harvey, were born in Edgar County, Ill, before the Wood returned to Kentucky in 1845 following the death of Jacob Studebaker. In Illinois, Abner became a Moravian minister (later Methodist) and when he returned to Kentucky, he applied (Feb. 24, 1845, Page 142, Muhlenberg County Court Orders), for permission to conduct marriages. He produced a certificate from the United Brethern Church, a branch of the Moravian Church, and was granted a license in Muhlenberg County. He conducted many marriages in the area up to the time of his death. His security on the bond was his brother-in-law, Hillary Newton.

Near the intersection of the present-day Penrod to Gus road with the Twin Tunnel road, Abner Wood built his own church, and conducted regular services there for many years. The old church building was later used as a storage building, and burned after Abner's death.

The children of Abner and Rebecca Wood were:

- (1) Lydia, 1826-1871, married Lott Penrod.
- (2) Allen, 1828-1894, married Sarah Jane Williams.
- (3) Asbury, 1836-1920, married Mary Ellen McBride.
- (4) Frances Marion (called May), 1838-1926, was married twice, (1) Priscilla Ward and (2), Phaney Williams Hughes.
- (5) Betsy, b. circa 1840 in Illinois, md. Ed (or Fieldon) Holder and moved to Oklahoma.
- (6) Harvey, b. circa 1844 in Illinois, md. Manerva Reid.
- (7) and (8), twins Elias and Elisha. Elias, 8-8-1845, never married, died 1865; Elisha, 8-8-1845 to 1872, married Jemima Posey.
- (9) Thomas J., 12-26-1847 to 12-2-1852, never married.
- (10) Mary Josephine, 5-12-1852 to 3-1-1879, married (John) Archie Gardner.

(Note: There possibly was an 11th child, Lakey or Udosiah, circa 1855, who supposedly married Dave Penrod. This information was supplied by Dorothy Turner, a Wood descendant, but no other evidence substantiating this has been found.)

After Rebecca's death in 1867, Abner married Mary Ann Kirtley Wood, widow of Zilman Wood (of the Jockey Hollow Woods) on April 14, 1868. There were no children by this marriage, but was one of the incidents which caused a closer kindred spirit among two sets of non-related Wood families.

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#### The children of Abner and Rebecca Wood

##### LYDIA WOOD PENROD (First child)

LYDIA was the first child of Abner and Rebecca, and was a direct ancestor of Dorothy Turner of Heber City, Utah, who supplied much of the information for the Lydia Wood history. Lydia was born in Muhlenberg County, Ky. on Oct. 30, 1826. She married Lott Penrod, son of George and Jane (Jeanette) Harper Penrod, and a descendant of Tobias Penrod, on Oct. 11, 1850 in Muhlenberg County. Lott was born Feb. 26, 1823. Lydia died Jan. 2, 1871 (gravestone says 1874) and is buried in Wood cemetery. Following her death, Lott married Mary Ann Posey on April 27, 1872. His death came on Oct. 18, 1874. He is buried in Wood cemetery also.

Lydia and Lott were the parents of nine children, Henrietta, Samuel, John, William McKinney, Rebecca, Cordelia, Florence, L. S. and Mary F.

(1) HENRIETTA was born May 26, 1849 near what is now Penrod (Laurel Bluff). On Oct. 5, 1871, she married Dr. Addison David James, who was also a state senator, a congressman and US marshal. She died Jan. 7, 1881 and is buried in the James family cemetery. The Jameses were the parents of four children: (a) Mary J. (Mollie), who was born in 1871 and married Dr. Eugene M. Bewley, a Penrod (Laurel Bluff) physician on Dec. 23, 1891. Their children included James, Marietta, John Kennerly, Hallie Belle, Nellie and William. The Bewleys moved to Tulsa, Okla. Mollie died there in 1966. (b) Anna Belle (Annie), born Jan. 31, 1873, married John Albert Whitaker. Among their children were a son, Congressman John Albert Whitaker, Jr., and a daughter, Henrietta (Moore). Annie died in 1954. (c) Clarence, b. Feb. 22, 1875, died

in 1896. He was never married. (d) Maud, born in 1879, married W. H. Blades Oct. 10, 1900 and died in 1911. (Note: After Henrietta's death, Dr. James married her sister, Cordelia Belle. See later entry.)

(2) SAMUEL A., born Sept. 2, 1852, died Feb. 24, 1881.

(3) JOHN T., born May 3, 1855, married Mittie James Oct. 17, 1882. They moved to Texas where he owned the Penrod Oil and Drilling Co. in Dallas. Later in life, he sold his oil firm to either the Hunt brothers or Getty Oil Co. and lived on a ranch outside of Dallas until he died of leukemia. Their children included Lott M., Kenneth, Pearl, Goldie and Idabel.

(4) WILLIAM McKINNEY, b. March 17, 1857, md. Mary Adcock on Jan. 3, 1881. No further information on this child.

(5) REBECCA J., b. 1860, married. W.R.T. (William) Booker on Feb. 1, 1877. There were two children in this marriage, Bell, who married Lewis Kirkpatrick; and Samuel E., 1880-1881. The children of Bell and Lewis include Willard and Robert Kirkpatrick and Mary Alma Kirkpatrick Andrews of Russellville. After Mr. Booker's death, Rebecca married Dr. Henry Clay Kennerly. To them were born James Clay Kennerly, who married Louise Bridgett of Graham (children, John, Mary and Lloyd, who was killed in World War II in Italy); Becky, who first married Silas Mohon (no children), and later Fred Hinton; John, who died young and Henrietta Catherine (Kate), who married James Andrew (Jim) Simmons. To them were born Mary (Mrs. Mason Poyner), Mildred, who married James Dorris and Henry Clay, who married Mary Catherine Hope. A daughter, Joyce Clay, lives in Russellville. After Henry Clay's death, Mary Catherine married Austin King. Dr. Kennerly also remarried following Rebecca's death. His second wife was Sofa A. Drake. They had one child, Sarah.

(6) CORDELIA BELLE, born Oct. 28, 1863. She married her deceased sister's widowed husband, Dr. A. D. James on March 14, 1882. She died on June 10, 1919. Their children included: (a) Morton, 1885-1886; (b) Corina Belle, b. May 13, 1888, married Alonzo Clifton (Lonnie) Matherly in 1917. Among their children is Bess Martin, a long-time school teacher, who still lives in Russellville. Corinna and Lon both died in Russellville and are buried there. (c) Gertrude Willie, March, 1891, married Raymond Kirkpatrick, the well-known Beech Creek Coal Co. operator. She died Sept. 21, 1951. Among her children are Mrs. Carl Page of Russellville and Harreld Kirkpatrick, former state mine commissioner and well-known golf champion. (d) William Bradley James, May 1, 1893-1961. Married Winnie Clark Baker, daughter of Jacob S. and Jeanetta Clark Baker, and a descendant of Jacob Studebaker, Nov. 26, 1916. (Children: Godfrey Hunter (1916), md. Annette Bratton; children, Richard and Jeffrey Keith; Bradley Baker (1918), md. Rose ?, one child, Jeff; Howard Addison (1920), md. Althie Beliles, one child, William Godfrey, deceased 1955; Mary Janett, (1922), not married, still living at the family home in Penrod; Ruth (1925), md. Harold March Blankenship, children, Donna, Tony Harold, James Rodney, Lana Dee and Cindy Lee; and Harry Penrod James, (1930), who married Rhoda McPherson, and who also lives on the old James homeplace at Penrod. Children, William Michael, David Henry, Joel Stephen and Teresa Janett. (e) Godfrey Hunter James, May 21, 1897 to Dec. 6, 1949, married Margaret Elizabeth Moseley (b. 1895). In 1924, Godfrey sold his interests in the family property in Penrod to his brother, Bradley, and moved to Florida. Godfrey and Margaret were the

parents of eight children; Dorothy Louise James Turner (b. 1917) of Heber City, Utah, Anna Margaret, George, Marion, Robert Hunter, William Godfrey, Arthur Lewis and Nancy Irene. All, except George, are living. (f) Theodora (Teddie) James, b. Nov. 4, 1900, died Jan. 27, 1905.

(7) FLORENCE, 1866-?. No further information. Probably died young.

(8) L. S., July 31, 1862 -- Oct. 1, 1862, buried in Wood cemetery.

(9) MARY F., Jan. 6, 1867 -- March 17, 1871, buried in Wood cemetery.

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#### ALLEN WOOD

ALLEN was born Sept. 8, 1828 in Edgar County, Ill, and died March 9, 1894 in Muhlenberg County, Ky. He is buried in Wood cemetery. He was a school teacher. On June 18, 1854, he married Sarah Jane Williams (2-29-1832 to 12-30-1887). They had two children, Harvey French Wood and William Pinkney Wood.

(1) WILLIAM PINKNEY, called Pink, was born about 1873, married a DeArmond and lived for many years on Iron Mountain Road in Logan County, south of Dunmor. No other information found.

(2) HARVEY FRENCH, born Feb. 14, 1876, died April 18, 1831. He married Dena Hudnall (4-6-1874 to 4-26-1951 in Butler County on Oct. 10, 1894. Children include:

(a) Clayton, married Nola Hughes, daughter of Cisco Hughes. Children are: Billy, md. Pat ? (Greg); Walter Young, md. Mona ? (Beverly and Walter); Herbert.

(b) Taylor, 1899-1966, buried, Wood cemetery. Married Eura Horton. Children are: Violet Lee (Bob), md. Eldred Mitchell, both deceased. One child, Durwood; Nuel (Buddy) deceased, and Jo Nell, md. Leaman Whitaker and lives near Lewisburg.

(c) Clyde, md. Virgie Latham, daughter of Theodore and Lula Posey Latham. They had five children: Virginia md. Brodie Wallace (Edward, Larry, Martha, Anita, Patty, Russell and Tony). Lives in Owensboro; Laura md. Charles Corley (Michael, Cindy and Holly); Lula md. R. B. Scarborough (Rebecca and Sharon). Lives near Dunmor; Harvey, never married; David md. Candice Whitson (David, Earl, Debbie, Michelle).

(4) Homer md. Dona Bell McIntosh, lives at Penrod.

French Wood once served as town marshal in Penrod, and was remembered by many because he had but one arm in later life. It is said that he had been to the post office and received his mail, including a copy of the old Louisville Post-Herald, which he had folded up and placed under his arm. A pistol, held by a friend, discharge, striking him in the arm. The bullet pierced his arm and the newspaper, but only made a bruise on his rib cage. It is believed the newspaper kept the bullet from going into his chest and possibly killing him. The injured arm was amputated. Mr. Wood later died of injuries sustained with a team of young mules, pulling his buggy, ran away, wrecking the carriage, and causing him injuries. He lived east of Penrod school for many years.

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## ASBURY J. WOOD

ASBURY is often listed as Avery Asbury Wood, and that well may be his name, since Avery is prominent in almost every generation of the Wood family. He was born in Edgar County, Ill. April 9, 1836. He died Nov. 26, 1920, and is buried in Wood cemetery.

On April 29, 1859, he married Mary Ellen McBride in Muhlenberg County. She was the daughter of John and Mary Jane McCoy McBride, born April 2, 1842, and died Dec. 31, 1916.

Like his father, Asbury was a farmer and a shoemaker.

Asbury and Mary Ellen had eleven known children, Alfred, Ollie, Priscilla, Charles, Salome, Pone, W. F, Molly, Bell, Alice Rosetta and Della.

(1) ALFRED, 1859-1903, married Patience Fleming, daughter of John Hackett and Mary Ann (Polly) Hope Fleming on March 7, 1889. Both are buried in Wood cemetery. They were the parents of three children. (a) Erma married Tommy Hudnall on Sept. 8, 1910. They had four children, Eldon, Adelle (Mrs. Estill Hunt), Irene (Mrs. Jim Forest) and Neltine (Davis). (b) Ellsworth, b. February, 1890, was known as Elzie. He lived in Kansas and Oklahoma, but spent his last days in Muhlenberg County, living with an uncle, Pone Wood. He died at the Joe Hunt home near Mt. Moriah. (c) Nora, died young.

(2) OLLIE, 1861-1890, died at the age of 29. She was never married.

(3) PRISCILLA, known as Jennie, was born and died in 1863. She was never married and is buried in Wood cemetery.

(4) CHARLES, born May 30, 1864, died Sept. 28, 1893. He married Flora Blaine July 27, 1887. They were the parents of five children: (a) John Avery and a twin, which died at birth in 1887. Avery, (12-20-1887 to 11-21-1941) married Etta Francis Ball. Their children included Avery, Jr., Dorothy, who married Henry Buchanan and Arretta, who married Lois Graham. (b) Millard Harrison Wood, born 1889, married Florence Penrod Sept. 29, 1915. A former Beech Creek coal miner, he spent many years in Arizona and died there. (c) Charles Elisha, (12-4-1893 to 8-21-1975) married Floy Agee in 1916 and (d) Archie, born 1891, died young.. Charles' widow, Flora, married Andy Whitney after his death.

(5) SALOME, called Betty, was named for her grandmother, Salome Nettie Grable Studebaker. She was born in 1867 and died in 1893. She married a cousin, Abner J. Wood, son of F. M. (May) Wood on Dec. 12, 1884. Their children were: (a) Florence, who married George Clark on Sept. 9, 1903 (Eldon, Elza Lee, Nellie, Elsie, Marvin, Gladys, Howard, Albert, Paul, Edith and Hallie). See previously published Clark history). (b) Annie, married Allen Toomey on Dec. 23, 1908 (Willis, Dallas, Mabel Morgan, Nora DeArmond, Dennis, Delbert, Clara and Wilbur). (c) Demie, married Leonard Anderson, son of James Hackett Anderson Sept. 14, 1911 (Harland, Clara Bell, living in St. Louis and Harry, living in Greenville.).

Note: Abner J. Wood was married three other times. See his history in F. M. Wood chapter to follow.

(6) NAPOLEON BONAPARTE (N. B. or Pone) (1-21-1870 to 1-23-1942) married Malinda (Linnie) Hudnall (1874-1969) in a double ceremony with French Wood and Dena B. Hudnall in Butler County on Oct. 10, 1894. Pone and Linnie had five children: (a) Carrie (8-12-1895 to 7-10-1946), who married Claude King (b. 1895), son of Zilman and

Amanda Audas King. Their children include Austin, b. 1916, who married Mary Catherine Hope Simmons (Jerry, Jo Nell); Earle (Bob), b. 1918, who married Ara Nell Porter (Donald Lee); Mazine, b. 1919, married Carl Gibson (Carole, Roger Dale); Elmer, b. 1924 married Delma Shepherd (David, Connie, Pamela) and Ruby Nell, b. 1930, married G. W. Free (Janet, Robert Wood.) (b) Hettie, born 1908, married Ellis Blaine. She still lives near Sugar Grove in Butler County. Her children: N. B., deceased; Lyle, married Joy McPherson, lives in Owensboro; Mavine married Carlsen Cohron, who is deceased. Mavine lives at Sugar Grove; Durlath, who lives in Louisville; and Byron, deceased. (c) Ella, b. 5-28-1901, married Bewley Mefford (1900) on April 19, 1920. He was the son of Fonzo and Cordelia Hope Mefford of Huntsville. Their children: Duprey, b. 1922, married Ray Benton (Larry and Terry); Denzil, born 1923, married Anna Jane Fleming (Jana and Marty); Evalee, born 1926, married James Askew (Lloyd and Kathy); Wanda, born 1931, married Curvan Smith (Randy, Christy, Ronald and Greg); Peggy, born 1938, married Stanley Head (Stanley and Stacy). (d) Cena Ann, 1906-1972, married Frederick Franklin (Fred) Jones of Union Ridge. Their children: Teddie, born 1931, married Julia Porter (Kimberly, Michelle and Daryl) and Joel, born 1943, married Julia Jualita Moosemiller (Ray Elleyne). (e) Cecil Rhoads Wood, 1906-1961, married Grace Mallory, daughter of Alvin and Belle Hunt Mallory on July 6, 1933. Grace was born in 1909 and still resides with her daughter in Indiana. Their only child is Linda Bell (b. 1940) who married Robert Clayton (Smoky) Stover. They have two children, Ty Clayton and Holly Kristin.

(7) W. F., born 1872, died as an infant. Buried in Wood cemetery.

(8) MARY J. (Mollie), born 1874, died 1894, married John W. Johnson on July 21, 1889. They had two children, William and George.

(9) BELL, born 1878, died 1895. Never married.

(10) ALICE ROSETTA, born 1881, died 1912. She married John Wesley (Wes) Hunt, on Jan. 20, 1901. He was the son of John and Catherine (Cat) Hughes Hunt. Their children included: (a) Clarence, who married Carrie Harper, daughter of David and Ellen Rives Harper, no children; (b) Clyde, who married (1) Cassie Fleming, daughter of Pearl and Della Rives Fleming (one son, Herbert Lee, deceased, who was married to Hattie Jenkins, daughter of Leonard Jenkins) and (2) Loretta Sumner, daughter of Jesse and Oma Gaston Sumner. (c) Bessie, who married (1) Jeffy Hunt and (2) Marvin Cogshell; and (d) Dessie, who married a DeArmond.

(11) DELLA (Dillar), 1884-1902, first wife of Joe Hunt; son of Henry. They were married Dec. 23, 1901. Their children included Willard and Warner Hunt. Warner married Adelle Fulkerson. They were the parents of Doris, Marietta (Higdon), Dorothy (Mrs. Aubrey Mohon), Addie June, called Della, Helen, W. P., Willard, Jimmy and Beverly, who died young.

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## FRANCIS MARION WOOD

FRANCIS MARION was called May. He was born in Edgar County, Ill., on July 8, 1836 and died in Muhlenberg County, near Penrod, on July 14, 1926. He is buried in Wood cemetery.

May Wood was twice married. His first marriage was to Priscilla Ward (7-8-1830 to March 3, 1863) on Jan. 29, 1858 in Muhlenberg County. She was the daughter of Francis Ward, who was widowed prior to the 1850 census. Francis Marion and Priscilla had two children, Mary Elizabeth and Abner J.

His second marriage was to Phania (Fanny) Williams Hughes on Feb. 16, 1864 in Muhlenberg County. She was the daughter of Daniel Williams and the widow of James W. Hughes. This marriage produced four children, Mattie, Laky, Daniel and Lydia.

### F. M. Wood's First Marriage

These are the children and their families from the marriage of May Wood and Priscilla Ward:

(1) MARY ELIZABETH, (1858-1938) married Zilman Hunt, son of Daniel and Mary Wood Hunt on Nov. 12, 1877. They had one child, Daniel Marion Hunt (1879-1967), who was twice married.

(Note: Zilman and Mary Liz Wood also raised her niece, Demie Wood, after Demie's mother, Betty (Mrs. Abner J.) Wood died when Demie was a baby.)

By his first wife, Dora Sumner (1878-1914), daughter of James D. Sumner, Marion Hunt fathered five children; (a) Verlie (1899-1914) was killed when a mule bolted, throwing her from a cart on the main road, less than a mile west of Gus; (b) Eula, born 1901, married James Macon Gardner. Their children: Katherine, md. Jimmy Cecil; Carmen md. Percie Perry, son of Milton and Logie Elizabeth Andrews Perry; James Macon md. Neda Lavern Harper, daughter of Carlie and Fannie Gibson Harper. (c) Ila, born 1904, married Ernest Hunt, son of W. D. and Minnie Gardner Hunt. Ila still resides in Central City. Their children: James Daniel, md. Evelyn DeArmond, daughter of Shelby and Nellie Kathleen Collier DeArmond; Dora Sue md. Carl Faske; Dale Gardner md. Ann Smith and Rita Dawn md. (1) Jerry Posey, (2) ? Cummins. (d) Ara, 1911, md. Randall Porter. Children, Glen md. Helen Scarborough; Elaine. Ara still resides in Lewisburg. (e) Idelle, 1913, married Howard Beadnell, son of Tom and LeOttie McPherson Beadnell. She lives in Arizona. They had two children, Helen Davis and Evelyn Verslevis.

Marion Hunt's second marriage was to Bennie Mefford (1890-1955). Their children are: (a) Azro, 1917, who lives in Arizona.; (b) Edgar, 1924, married Jewel Porter, daughter of Milan and Inice Jenkins Porter and lives on the old Hunt homeplace at Gus. Their children, Anita Kay O'Neal, Sherry June Covington, Eddie, Sherwin and Rhetta. (c) Kenneth, 1927, married Alyne Ferrell, daughter of Will and Myrtle Ferrell, and lives in Louisville. Their children, Laddie Keith and Janice Saylor.

(2) ABNER J. was the second child of F. M. and Priscilla Ward Wood. He was born April 30, 1860 and died June 11, 1941. He is buried at Mt. Moriah. Abner was married four times. His wives were:

- (1) Mary Frances Shepherd on Oct. 16, 1879;
- (ii) Salome (Betty) Wood, his cousin, Dec. 12, 1884;
- (iii) Etta Hunt, April 4, 1895;

(iv) Mary Bill Hunt.

MARRIAGE 1--Abner married Mary Frances Shepherd in Muhlenberg County on Oct. 16, 1879. She was the daughter of William R. Nathaniel (Nat) and Obediah Eliza Jane Grayson Shepherd. They had one child, Alice, who died as a baby. Mary Frances also died near the same time as the child. The baby was born in 1880 or 1881 and possibly died the same year. According to Betty Wood Grayson, Abner's granddaughter, little Alice was crying one night, and Abner went to see about her. Mary Frances cautioned that the child possibly spoiled and it might be best to not pick her up. Abner heeded, but later, when they went back to see about her, the child was dead. It was said that in later years, Abner could not bear to hear a child cry, as a result of this incident. Mary Frances died a short time later. There are three unmarked graves near her sisters, Belle Shepherd Williams Hunt and Susan V. Shepherd Rives in the Wood cemetery. It is believed Mary Frances and Alice are buried in two of these graves.

MARRIAGE 2--Abner then turned to his Uncle Asbury's home for his next bride. She was Salome (Betty) Wood, daughter of Asbury and Mary Ellen McBride Wood. They were married Dec. 12, 1884. To them were born Annie, Florence and Demie, as documented in previous paragraphs dealing with the Asbury Wood family. Betty died June 5, 1893 and is buried in Wood cemetery.

MARRIAGE 3--On April 10, 1895, Abner Wood re-married. His new bride was Etta Hunt (1877-1923), daughter of Henry and Mary Day Hunt. Five children were born of this marriage: (a) Bertha, married Bill Christie, and still resides near Dunmor. Children, Robert; Kenneth, who married Irene McIntosh (Kenny, Mark and Faye (Mrs. Dave Harper)). (b) Ada who married Walter Shelton; one son, Edvern, married Magdalene Clark, daughter of Tom and Lucy Davis Clark. (c) Ellis, married Elsie Beadnell, daughter of Tom and LeOttie McPherson Beadnell. Children, Betty (1932) married Herald Grayson; Charles (1936) md. Velma Whitney; Shirley (1938) married Kent Williams, son of Ray and Eula Gibson Williams and Brenda (1946) married Lee Peacock (See earlier histories of Beadnell, Grayson, Clark and Shepherd families). Ellis still resides near Huntsville with his daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Herald Grayson. (d) Herbert, who married Opal Hughes, daughter of Herscel and Alzenia Clark Hughes. Their children were Joan Wood, who married Curtis Wilson, and Lloyd who died at age 13. Herbert still resides near Penrod. (e) Carl married Sarah Dean Clark, daughter of Tom and Lucy Davis Clark. Alma Wood is their daughter. Carl is deceased, and Sarah Dean is postmaster at Penrod.

MARRIAGE 4--Abner married a fourth time, to Mary Hunt, called Mary Bill, daughter of Green and Nancy Davis Hunt, and the widow of William Hunt, the son of Henry and Delia Westry Hunt. This marriage was late in life for both of them, and there were no children.

#### F. M. Wood's Second Marriage

Francis Marion Wood's second marriage was to Phania Williams Hughes, a widow, on Feb. 16, 1864 in Muhlenberg County. To this union, four children, Mattie, Laky, Daniel and Lydia, were born.

(1) MATTIE was born in 1865, and on Feb. 19, 1881, she married Thomas Sumner, son of Alney M. Sumner. Their children included: (a) Herman, who married Alice ? (John Frances, Thomas M., Blanche



and Herman. (b) Della married Will McCandless (Hugh, Ethel, Mattie and Mary). (c) Gordon married Esilie Berry (Nellie Mae and Gordon). (d) Pearl married Lucian B. Knight, the Greenville automobile dealer (Marion and Francis, the latter marrying L. Wayne Cisney of Greenville. They still live there and have children, Martha Sue and Lucian). (e) Clyde married Clara ? (Neville and Howard). (f) Wood married Sarah ? (Elizabeth, Martha and Thomas). (g) Ruth married John Hunt (Guy, Philip, Violette and Gwynette) (h) Nora and (i) Grace. The home of Thomas and Mattie Sumner was a very popular one around the turn of the last century with the young people of the county. Many young men and woman from the Sumner's native area around Penrod, Gus and Dunmor owe much to the Sumners, for there the young students boarded while going to the only available high school for them at the time -- Greenville.

(2) LAKY was born Nov. 3, 1866 and died May 8, 1872.

(3) DANIEL, 1871-1966, married Annie Lee Posey on Nov. 3, 1902. They were the parents of six children: (a) Daniel Lee, born in 1903, married Sue Grace Penrod, daughter of Will Penrod of Beech Creek. They had one son, William Winstead. Lee was postmaster at Penrod for a while. (b) Iris W. (1905-1906). (c) Wilson, who married Erma Herning while both taught at Hughes-Kirk in the 1930s, later was a professor at Western Kentucky University. They had no children. (d) Edith, born 1901, married Andrew McElwain, a Penrod merchant. She still resides at Penrod. Their children were: Doris Jean, married James Forgy (Gail, Gary, Glenda, Donald, Debra, Deanne, Marie). Donald married Sue Wagoner (Jeffrie and Kevin). Russell married (1) Roberta Carver (Scott, Russell and Frances) and (2) Frances Johnson. Bennett married Marilyn Stevens. (e) William Marion now lives in San Diego, Calif. He married Marciel Hunt. They have two children, Daniel Glen and Michael. (f) Harold married Guynell Mahoney and lives in Louisville. They have two children, Norman and Terry Lynn.

(4) LYDIA, (April 19, 1874 to Jan. 10, 1899) married Orval O. Gardner (1873-1947), son of the Rev. James E. Gardner. They had two children Francis Olin and James Macon.

Francis Olin married Lena Mallory Stogner. To them were born four children: (a) Francis Albert, who married Nannie Mae Latham, daughter of Henry and Doxie Latham (Deanna, Clifton, Harold, Lloyd, Olin, Linda Kay, Brenda Nell, Lawrence, Marilyn and Leonard). (b) James Edward married Helen Porter, daughter of Herman and Ruby Abbott Porter (Jimmie, Scottie, Martie Edward, Peggy Jane, Pamela Jean and Bobby Joe). (c) Benjamin Franklin married Billie Joyce Baker, daughter of Dennis and Chloe Dean Tooley Baker (descendants of Jacob Studebaker) (Mark Benton, Timothy Dean, Berry Glen and Rose Marie). (d) Doris Jean married Charles Fuston, deceased. (Charles, Phillip and Gary). Doris now lives in Tennessee.

Lena Gardner was previously married, and had one son, Horace Stogner.

The second child of Orval and Lydia Wood Gardner was James Macon Gardner. His genealogy has already been given above, in the earlier paragraphs on Francis Marion Wood.

Following Lydia's death, Orval Gardner married Eva Ward. Their children included Augusta, Hollis, Hermia, Claron and Clyde.

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ELIAS and ELISHA WOOD (twins)

ELIAS and ELISHA, were twins born to Abner and Rebecca Wood on Aug. 8, 1845, soon after their return from Illinois. They were named for Rebecca's twin brothers, born to the Studebaker family 32 years earlier.

Elias died in 1865, when he was almost 20 years of age. He was not married.

Elisha married Jemima Posey (1846-1899). They had two daughters, Auroila, born Aug. 7, 1867, who died on Feb. 7, 1868; and Fredessia, who was called Dessie, born in 1870. Fredessia married John S. Mallory, son of William Henry Harrison and Harriett Sadler Mallory on March 25, 1888. They had two children, Herbert (1899-1914), who married Mattie Cox (Teddie and Pauline) and Bradley, who married Corilla McCormick (William Bradley md. Katherine). After Dessie's death, John Mallory re-married and moved to Auburn.

When Elisha Mallory died, Jemima married Mark Simmonds.

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THOMAS J. WOOD

THOMAS J. was born Dec. 26, 1847 in Muhlenberg County to Abner and Rebecca Wood. He died Dec. 2, 1852, and is buried in Wood cemetery.

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MARY JOSEPHINE WOOD

MARY JOSEPHINE was born in Muhlenberg County to Abner and Rebecca Wood on May 12, 1852, and died March 1, 1879. She is buried at New Hebron. On Nov. 27, 1872, she married John Archie Gardner (1836-1921). They lived on what was later known as the Cobe McPherson farm near New Hebron.

Their only child, Mary E. (Betty) Gardner was born Oct. 29, 1876. She married Cobe McPherson (1869-1938), son of Jesse E. and Louisa Jane King McPherson. Betty died Aug. 2, 1945 and Cobe Sept. 3, 1939. They are buried at New Hebron. Their children were:

- (1) Archie, married Eula ?. Two children, Wanda and Jerlene.
- (2) ALBERT McPHERSON married KATIE Ellison, daughter of Joe Ellison. FOLLOWING his death, she MARRIED HARRISON WRIGHT.
- (3) HOMER married May Davis, daughter of Ester and Laura Harper Davis. One child, Eunita. May married Mont Christmas following HOMER's death.
- (4) Hallie (1906-1947), never married. She is buried at New Hebron.

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HARVEY Y. WOOD

HARVEY was born in 1844 in Illinois. He served in the Union army during the Civil War, and following his return, was married Oct. 14, 1868 to Manerva Reid in Butler County by M. Z Fortner, with James E. Gardner and Thomas B. Wood as witnesses. Manerva

was the daughter of William Washington and Sevary Reid, a prominent farmer, leather merchant and saddle maker at Huntsville. He lived on Reid Hill at the present intersection of Highways 106 and 949.

Among the services rendered by H. Y. Wood in the Federal Army, was one mentioned by James W. Wood, in writing home during that war. "H. Y. Wood is not with us. He was left at Chattanooga guarding some government beef cattle, but we are looking for him on every train", James Wood wrote to his mother on Nov. 11, 1864.

Though James and Harvey were not kin, it has been said earlier there was a close kindred spirit among the two distinct Wood families. In 1867, as previously noted, James' mother, widowed by the death of Zilman Wood, married the widowed Abner Wood, who was the father of Harvey. Thus, the two men who served in the Civil War together, became step-brothers.

The Harvey Wood family moved to Topeka, Kansas shortly after their daughter, Laura, was born in 1869. Harvey's family was in the 1870 Muhlenberg County census, but after that, were in Kansas. At least one child was born after the Woods arrived in Kansas. In the early 1980s an obituary carried in a newspaper told of the death of Erma Wood Walters, identified as the daughter of Harvey Wood. She was 106 years old and died in Kansas City, Mo. Possibly she was born in 1875 or before. It has also been learned that other members of the family still resided in that area a few years ago. It is not known when Harvey died, nor where he is buried.

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#### BETSY WOOD

BETSY was born while the family was in Illinois, in about 1840. The only record on her, a family record, is that she married Ed (or Fieldon) Holder prior to their move to Oklahoma. They were the parents of four children, Edward, who married Lou Cardwell; Beulah, who married a Smallwood; Floyd; and Elliwiese, who married a Stallcup.

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