

RECORD
OF
THE MOREHEAD FAMILY
BY
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OF
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Sally Morehead was born on the 11th day of January 1791. She was married in Virginia to James Ellis of Fanguair County. He removed to Kentucky about the year 1818, and settled in Warren County. He and wife are both dead, and left a considerable family of children, who went from Ky. to Mississippi, as I have learned. I remember the names of but two, Turner and Armstead.

James Morehead was born on the 4th day of January 1793. He was married to his cousin Mart/T. Donaldson, at Bowling Green, Ken. where he resided, engaged in merchantile pursuits for a number of years. Afterwards he removed to Christian County Ky. and engaged in farming. I think he lived in that County in 1826, at the time I removed to Missouri. Whether he died there or else where I do not remember. If I had any favorite brother, it was he. He was a good, kind brother, to me. I lived with him as clerk in his store for a number of years. He left a widow with one or more children. She subsequently married another relative (Charles Smith) who is also dead. She is now a widow living in Mississippi, For this relative I cherish a warm affection. I lived with her and my brother in early youth. She was both sister and mother to me; and many a valuable lesson I learned from her. It would not be too much to say of her, that she was and is a model woman, one of the good and loved ones of earth.

Henry Morehead was born on the 8th day of August 1795, and married a Miss Worthington of Baltimore County Md. who died in Ky. leaving a daughter of whom I know nothing certain, except that she was said to have become crazy. She is believed to be dead. After the death of his first wife he graduated at Transylvania University of Kentucky, and settled in the practice of medicine in Jessamine County Ky. where he was a successful practitioner for a number of years. He married his third wife (a widow Hughes) in that county, by whom he had several children. A son of his was living a few years since, in Hickman, Kentucky. He had no children either by the second or fourth wife. Whether the fourth wife is yet living I know not.

There was one child of Turner and Ann Morehead whose name was never recorded, as I have heard my father frequently say.

Polly Ann Hewitt Howe, the second wife of Turner Morehead the first, was born in Stafford County Virginia, on the 23^d day of May 1779, and was married on the 14th day of January 1798. She was a woman of good English education. Had been very delicately raised, but became a woman rather remarkable for industry and domestic habits. She was much beloved by her children and friends. A good disciplinarian remarkably conscientious and much given to lecturing in her family. She died in Nashville, Tenn. on the 20th day of May 1838.

Susan Howe Morehead was born on the 18th day of November, 1798 and was married to Jesse Wood of Hart County Kentucky in 1819. He died leaving her a widow with one child. She subsequently married John Porter of Warren County Ky. by whom she had several children, all of whom are believed to be living, in that county. She and her husband are both dead.

Charles Robert Morehead was born on the 1st day of January 1800, and was married to Fanny Warder in Barren County Ky. in 1824, and migrated to Lafayette County Missouri in 1826, having then but one child.

Elizabeth Morehead was born on the day of August 1801, and was married to Aylett H. Buckner of Hart County Kentucky where he resided for a number of years. From thence he moved to Arkansas, where he died leaving her a widow. They had three children then living, namely, Gen. S. B. Buckner, Turner M. Buckner and Mrs. Mary Tooke. Turner is dead, and the other two are living in Kentucky. She died in 1861.

John ^{Howe} Morehead was born on the 9th day of June 1803, and married Mrs. Eliza Hughes of Ray County Missouri. He died in Cal. in 1849, leaving her a widow in

Missouri, with four children, where she now resides. All her children except one are married. She resides with a daughter by her first husband, Mrs. Joseph Hughes of Richmond, Ray County, Missouri.

Oscar Bell Morehead was born on the 13th day of June 1805. He married in Alabama, where he now resides, near Cedar Plains in Morgan County. The name of his wife not remembered. They were living at last accounts and had a considerable family of children.

Mary Hewitt Morehead was born on the 15th day of May 1807 and was married to Collin M. Cowardin in Kentucky. He removed to Nashville, Tenn, where he resided many years and raised a large family of six or eight children. He and his wife were both living when last heard from. He now resides in Moscow, in the Western district of Kentucky.

Bushrod Washington Morehead was born on the 5th day of January, 1809. He studied medicine, with his half-brother, Henry Morehead, M.D. in Jessamine County Kentucky. He graduated at Transylvania University Ky. and also at Philadelphia. He commenced the practice of medicine in Louisville, Kentucky, and subsequently moved to Mississippi, where he married a Miss Hughes. He died in that State, having obtained a high reputation as a practitioner. He left a widow with two children, both of whom now reside in that state. His widow married again. Her second husband also died and she is now a widow.

Alzira Hewitt Morehead was born on the 20th day of October, 1812, and was married to Wm. Cameron of Nashville, Tenn. She died leaving two or three children, only one of whom is now living. Mr. Cameron is also living and has never married again.

Martha Morehead was born on the 29th day of July 1814, and was married to Alexander McElvain; a respectable farmer of Warren County Ky. He died leaving

her a widow in that County with three children, all of whom as well as herself were living at last accounts.

Caroline M. Morehead was born on the 21st day of December 1816, and was married to Dr. Gunn of Nashville, Tenn. She died in Nashville leaving five children, (four sons and a daughter) all of whom I believe to be living. Dr. Gunn subsequently married his second wife, by whom he had no children. He now resides in Nashville.

Marcellus M. Morehead was born on the 14th day of September 1820. He lived with brother Oscar in Alabama, and learned the trade of a tanner. He died unmarried.

THE HOVE FAMILY

My mother Polly Ann Hewitt Hove, was the daughter of Harris Hove Sr. of Stafford County Virginia. She had four brothers and two sisters, that I remember to have known, or heard her speak of, namely, Harris, James, Robert, Francis, and Martha. These I have seen, except Harris. The other sister was older than herself. Her name I do not remember. She married a lawyer Buchanan of Falmouth, Virginia, and died before my remembrance. A son of hers Dr. Wm. Buchanan, lived in Falmouth when my father removed to Ky. Robert Hove lived on his fathers old place called Evergreen, three miles from Falmouth. His wife was a Fauntleroy. They had a large family. He died in Alexandria, Va. James Hove married his cousin of the same name, and was a merchant in Alexandria, Va. Harris and Francis died unmarried. There is now none living. My aunt Martha Hove married Charles M. Ransdell of Kentucky, and was his second wife. They both died in Bowling Green, Ky, leaving two sons named (I think) Charles and Barnard. I know not where they now are, if alive, presume in Kentucky. The Hove Family were confined to Eastern Virginia, they seem never to have migrated west to any great extent. I saw a gentleman of the name of Hove in Washington City (D.C.) in 1867, a merchant of that city. He was evidently a distant relative.

He said the family had greatly decreased in Virginia, owing as he believed to too frequent intermarriage. The family date back prior to the Revolutionary War. I have heard my father speak of Hoves' living on the lower Potomac during the aforesaid War.

Louisa Warder Morehead was born on the 17th day of November, 1827.

William Morehead was born on the 30th day of September 1829.

Harriet Elizabeth Morehead was born on the 6th day of December, 1831.

Ann Maria Morehead was born on the 24th day of December, 1833.

Charles Robert Morehead Junior, was born on the 28th day of February 1836.

Frances Ann Morehead was born on the 24th day of May 1838.

James Aull Morehead was born on the 10th day of October, 1840, and was named for James Aull of Lexington, Missouri.

Benjamin Warder Morehead was born on the 22nd day of April 1843.

Catherine Abiah Morehead second wife of Charles R. Morehead, and daughter of James K. and Jerusha P. Sheldon, on Southampton, Mass. was born on the 4th day of August 1814.

Jerusha Pomeroy Morehead first child of C.R. and Catherine A. Morehead, was born on the 13th day of June 1845.

Henry Sheldon Morehead was born on the 23d day of June 1847.

Mary Elizabeth Morehead was born on the 19th day of December, 1848.

Edward Allen Morehead was born on the 26th day of May 1850.

Robert Turner Morehead the writer of this was born on the 1st day of February 1852.

Kate Morehead was born on the 26th day of January 1855.

Marriages

Charles Robert Morehead and Fanny Warder, were married on the 21st day of July 1824, in Barren County, Ky., by her Uncle, Rev. Wm Warder.

Charles Robert Morehead and Catherine A. Sheldon were married on the 5th day of September, 1844, in Richmond Mo. by Rev. John L. Yantis.

Harriet E. Morehead and Eugene B. Allen of Liberty Missouri were married on the 3d day of October 1848, in Richmond Missouri.

Frances A. Morehead and Gill E. Belles of Lafayette County, Mo. were married on the 14th day of October 1858, at Lexington Missouri

Charles R. Morehead, Jr. and ^LSemira Morris his cousin were married on the 25th day of January 1859 at Lexington Mo.

Deaths

Louisa W. Morehead died on the 2nd day of November 1829, Aged 1 year, 11 months and 15 days.

Ann Maria Morehead died on the 10th day of March 1836. Aged 2 years, 2 months, and 12 days.

Fanny Morehead wife of Charles R. Morehead died on the 13th day of February 1844. Aged 39 years, 10 months, and 18 days.

Benjamin W. Morehead died on the 3d day of June 1844, aged 1 year, 1 month, and 12 days.

John T. Morehead died on the 3d day of October 1845. Aged 19 years, 6 months, and 15 days.

Mary E. Morehead died on the 4th day of May 1850. Aged 1 year, 4 months, and 15 days.

William Morehead died at Fort Bernard near Fort Sarimie, enroute to Cal. on the 24th day of June 1850, in his 21st year.

Jerusha P. Morehead died on the 14th day of July 1851, aged 6 years, 1 month, and 4 days.

Edward A. Morehead died on the 29th day of August 1851, Aged 1 year, 3 months, and 3 days.

Frances Ann Belles died on the 24th day of July 1859. Aged 21 years, and 2 months.

Autobiography

of

CHARLES ROBERT MOREHEAD.

As a sequel to the foregoing record, I deem it not inappropriate to give a very brief history of my own life. It may be of interest to those who are to succeed me.. I have (since* under taking this task, frequently thought of the pleasure it would afford me to have a similar record from my father, grandfather and a sketch of their lives.

I was born, as will be seen, on the first day of January 1800, in Fauquier County Virginia. The first school I was sent to was called an "Old field school." The teacher was a Mr. Sampkin. The schoolhouse was an old log cabin, unenclosed and surrounded by Pine, Cedar, and Chinkapin bushes. The floor was mother earth. The benches, or seats, were made of split poles, a log was cut out on one side to afford light, and the writing desk was undressed plank, placed on pegs driven into the wall. My second teacher was a Mr. Jourdan who taught in the same house. I remember him with great distinctness. He was the terror of his pupils, and a terrible drunkard. About the year 1808, I was sent to school to a Mr. Templeton in Stafford County Virginia, and boarded with an Aunt of my Mother, Miss Mary Hewitt, near Falmouth. This was also an "Old field school" and properly so called. At all the schools named, nothing was taught, further than, Reading, Writing, and the first rudiments of Arithmetic. After this, I think in the years of 1810 and 11, I was sent to the Academy at Warrenton Va., and boarded with the teacher, Mr. James P. Harnett. I only went a portion of each of those years. This school although called an Academy, was only about such as the Common schools of the present day, except that more attention was then paid to Spelling and Writing.

In the fall of 1811, my father moved to Kentucky, and I remained at home working on the farm until the winter of 1814, when I was put into a store in Bowling Green Ky., with my half brothers Armstead and James, who were then partners in the merchantile business. In the year of 1815, I was sent by my brothers to school to Mr. James Lewis, in Bowling Green, for about six months, and restricted in my studies to Grammar and Arithmetic. This was my last schooling.

Whilst writing on this subject of schools, I am led to reflect about the great changes in their character, and in the character of school houses, since the times I have been speaking of, and particularly in the Eastern and North Western States. We now have a regular Common school system. Instead of the old log cabins, we have good comfortable school houses, with all needed furniture throughtout the Country, and a well educated set of teachers. Even in this New State of Kansas, the abode of the wild Indian savage fifteen years ago, you can go to no neighborhood where you cannot find the comfortable school house, and the competent teacher. In this city (Savenworth) we have a common school building, which cost over \$60,000 besides, many others less costly, In this principal building, between 800 and 900 scholars are now taught. On this subject of Education, I could say much more, but will only add, that in my opinion, it is one of the first and most important duties of all Governments, to guarantee to every child raised within its limits, a common school education. The Government that fails to do this, is not worthy of the name.

About the year 1816, my brothers Armstead and James, dissolved partnership, and each one went into business on his own account. I went to live with James, and remained with him until the death of my father in 1820. At the time of my fathers death, I was making preparations to go to St. Louis, to write in the office of General Rector who was then Surveyor Gen'l for Illinois and Missouri. The situation was secured for me by General Wm. McPowell, who then lived near Bowling Green, Ky. This project was abandoned when I heard of my fathers death,

and I went home to live with my mother, where I mainly lived up to the time of my marriage in the year 1824. A part of this time however, I was engaged in freighting tobacco to New Orleans, on flat-bottomed boats. After my marriage, I lived on a farm near Bowling Green, until 1826 when I moved to Missouri and settled in the Western part of Lafayette County, on the south side of the Missouri River, on a small farm. This was the Frontier County on that side of the River. The County Seat (Lexington) was the only town in the County, and contained about twenty families.

During the winter of 1826 and 27, I built a flat bottomed boat, and in the Spring of 1827, freighted on it to New Orleans, the first tobacco ever raised in Lafayette County for export. This was my last experience in flat boating. In the Spring of 1828, at the earnest solicitation of the Messrs Aull, the pioneer merchants of Lexington, and Western Missouri, I consented to take charge of a branch store at Liberty in Clay County, Missouri. I moved to that place in April. The elder of the firm (John Aull) spent a portion of his time at Liberty, and boarded with me. He and his brother James, were among the best friends I ever had. They were both first class men, and as honest men as I ever knew. Both of them are dead, having become quite wealthy, prior to their demise. At Liberty I got a Salary of \$400. per year, a good salary for that day. I labored at that place as I had never done before. I was both Salesman and bookkeeper, doing the writing mainly after night. In the year 1830, it was proposed to me by the Messrs. Aull, to take a branch store to Richmond, in Ray County Missouri, I to have one third of the profits of the branch for my services. To this proposition I acceded, and moved to that place in June 1830, and commenced business on the 4th day of July. Richmond was then quite a new place. The County Seat had been established there in 1827, prior to the Fall of that year, the town site was a cornfield. The stumps of trees were numerous on the public square and the corn rows plainly visible, when I settled there. At this place I continued in

business with the Messrs Aull, until the Fall of 1840. The firm then being James Aull and myself. John Aull having died several years previously. The business of merchandizing was then done mainly on credit, and we had a very large outstanding debt, scattered over a large Territory New Counties were being organized out of the surplus attached formerly to Ray. The new Territory called "The Platte Country" had been added to the State of Mo. west of us, and our debts were becoming more and more scattered, and needed strict attention. On this account we thought best to sell out and wind up our old business. At this time I thought I had made enough to settle myself comfortably, and either go to farming, or in business on my own account. I had however progressed but a short time in the winding up business, until I found out or became satisfied that our losses would be considerable, and in the sequel it so happened. I had over estimated my profits fully $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.

After getting this old business of "Morehead and Aull," nearly wound up, I went into business with my brother John Morehead, in Richmond, under the name and style of C.R. and John H. Morehead. My brother John concluded to make an adventure to California in the Spring of 1849, which was done in the name of the firm. He took two wagons, and ox teams, with goods and c. and two hired men as miners, the whole outfit costing upwards of \$5,000. He arrived safely in California, sold one of his wagons and teams, selected a place to commence mining and was taken sick and died in two weeks. A young relative of his wife, who went out from Mo., with him, took charge of his effects, discharged his two hands, sold the whole outfit and property and spent the proceeds, so that the firm never realized a cent of it. This loss crippled me in my business very seriously, and was the cause of my having to sell my farm adjoining the town of Richmond, at about \$20. per acre, which is now worth not less than \$150, per acre.

In the Spring of 1850, I removed to Lexington Missouri, taking my stock of goods, and joining the firm of Benson and Bangs, of that place, putting our stocks together, in the firm name of "Morehead Benson and Co." Benson went to California,

and died in 1850, and Wm. B. Waddell took his place in the firm. Subsequently, Wm. H. Russell, took the place of Bangs, and the firm name changed to "Morehead, Waddell and Co." in 1853, I was appointed Cashier of the Branch of the Bank of Mo. at Lexington, having previously been a Director of the same, on the part of the State. I sold out my interest in the store, to Messrs Russell and Waddell, and quit all business, whatever except that of Cashier of the Bank. I continued to act as Cashier of this Bank, until a short time prior to its removal from Lexington to Louisiana Mo. This removal was made in consequence of a principal Bank being established at Lexington, by the act of the Legislature, styled the "Farmers Bank of Missouri." This Bank went into operation in 1857, and I was unanimously elected Cashier, and the brother of my old partner James Aull, viz. Robert Aull, was also unanimously elected President thereof. I continued in this Bank, (being twice selected by the same unanimous vote) until September 1861.

In the month of November 1861 I took my family then consisting of my wife and three children, viz. Henry S. Robert T. and Kate, to Whitinsville Mass, where my wife had two married sisters residing, viz. Mrs. Dr. R.R. Clark, and Mrs. Lewis F. Clark, the latter Mr. Clark, being Pastor of the Congregational Church of that place. Here my wife and children, remained until the following April, the two boys going to school the while.

At the time I took my family East, I thought of engaging in some kind of business, some where there. I was however very unsettled in mind. I had been so long out of active business, other than Cashier of a Bank, that I felt almost like I was disqualified for anything else. My grown up children were all then living in this place. (Leavenworth City, Kas.) viz. Charles R. Jr., James, and Harriet E. Charles and Harriet were married. Charles had resided here since 1856, and was engaged in the Wholesale Grocery business, with Mr. Ryan. He as well as the other children all urged me to settle here, finally in February 1862,

Charles proposed and urged me to buy out his partner Mathew Ryan, and go into business with him, which I concluded to do, I was then East, and he sent me order for some goods for the new firm of "C.R. Morehead and Co" which I purchased in New York, In April 1862, I brought my family out and settled in Leavenworth. During the year I had charge of the Books and financial department of the firm business. The business of the house greatly increased, and I found the labor and confinement, to be seriously impairing my health. Charles insisted that I should only pay attention to the purchases, for the house. Since then I have done but little else. In the years, 1863, 64, 65, 66, 67, and 68. I spent a large portion of my time East, attending to purchases and c. Our business had far exceeded my expectations. I ought to be content with my present residence. Providence seems to have ordered it. My children and grandchildren are all here and doing well. Yet, I do not feel entirely weaned from my old home, Missouri. Up to the time of the Commencement of the late War, I never (thought) of leaving, but my situation became (serious) Nearly all my old friends and relatives (joined) with the rebellion. I could not. (In fact) I was an old line Whig still. I had (never) voted Nullification, or Secession, and (I) conscientiously an unconditional Whig. I could not feel that my Government (had) grieved me as to justify me in (voting) against her. I had twice taken a (stand) to support the Constitution of the (United States). Once as a member of the State Legislature and once upon assuming a Military (office), and I could not consent or advice (annulment) of the Union. I also believed (secession) would be the death knell of a (nation) and I expressed myself in public (?) received the news of the fall of (?). For saying that I considered the (?) security of my little negro property, that I would not give 50 cents per (cent) ^{head} of the negroes in Lafayette County, I was (?) with expulsion, with the P...d (?). The treat was never however carried by respectable backing I suppose. A Union man, consequently not a (?) I believe ^{as} I have always beleived a National Government, and that the

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