A GENEALOGY OF
THE MORRIS FAMILY

WITH HISTORICAL SKETCHES
AND ADDENDUM OF ANCESTORS OF ELIZABETH STEPP MORRIS
Other Addendum 1986 of family not already in this

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The word genealogy is compounded of two Greek words, genos, meaning race, and logos, meaning a discourse. Hence a record of descent from a single ancestor, or a list of ancestors and their descendants. It is a careful and logical tracing of the line of family connections. If the line is traced backward it is the connecting of an ancestral line, but if the genealogist goes back to some ancestor and traces forward it is the connecting of the line of descent. The tracing of family records is getting to be quite popular nowadays. It is an interesting study, and a good indication that more interest is being taken than in former years. Every one should know his relation to his family tree. The nation of Israel was very careful in preserving its genealogical tables which extend through a period of thousands of years. Just how far back one may be able to trace his ancestral line depends upon the care that has been taken in recording and preserving family records. Some are not able to give the names of their grandparents, and some otherwise intelligent people cannot tell the names of their own brothers and sisters, nor can they tell who they married. Some who have recorded the names of two or more generations back have allowed age to deface the writings, or have carelessly allowed the records to get lost.

I have gathered from many sources material for this family tree, public documents, histories, historical sketch-
es, old Bibles, monuments, reasonably reliable traditions, personal interviews, much correspondence. Some whom I have personally interviewed would, if living now, be more than one hundred years old. I know that what I am presenting is very far from perfection. It would be impossible for any one to prepare a faultless history, because of his inability to thoroughly sift the material in hand; and, too, no historian is himself perfect.

A number of families whose ancestors came across the sea have romantic stories to tell concerning their coming and settlement in America. The Morris family is not an exception. Tradition has handed down to us the story of William Morris, Sr., who came to America from London, England, in 1734. These traditions are generally believed by his thousands of descendents in America and elsewhere to-day, but no doubt many things have been unconsciously added to the original story which do not belong there. The descendents of William Morris, Sr., like the posterity of Abraham, are as numberless as the sands of the sea shore. They have spread out over most of the States of this Union and into foreign countries.

Speaking of the Morris family in America, Hon. Virgil A. Lewis, a historian and former Superintendent of Schools in West Virginia, says:

"Its members helped to render illustrious pioneer annals of the past and for a hundred years it has maintained its prominence and usefulness in every line of progress."

(-Personal letter to me, Dec. 9, 1904).

Hon. G. W. Atkinson, A. M., historian and Governor of West
Virginia, says:

"They are the most remarkable family that has yet been mentioned in our border history."

(-History Of Kanawha, p. 49)

It appears that the original Morris family lived in Wales, in South East Great Britain, as the name is derived from the Welsh Mawrrhys, meaning war-like, bold, courageous. Ancient records show that various forms of the name are applied to the same people. The name has passed through the following forms of spelling: Mawrrhys, Maurrice, Maurice, Morrice, Morice, Morries, Moreys, Moreys, Moreys, Morris, Morres, Moreys, Morriess, Morris. In all parts of England and Wales were families of the names of Moreys or Morris, as we now spell the name. For the most part they belonged to the landed gentry, that is, people of the upper class exclusive of the nobility. Most of them were yeomen, or freeholder, farmers. As early as A.D. 1273 we discover the name of Robert le Moreys and William le Moreys, the first belonging to Somersetshire and the latter to County Suffolk. In 1292 the name of Thomas Moris, of Bedfordshire appears. In 1379 we find the names of Elena and Johannes Moreys, of Yorkshire. Near 1500 Edward Morris was living in Yorkshire, and many of his descendants are accounted for.

It has been claimed that William Morris, Sr., was born at Scotland Yards, then seven miles from London, on the Thames river. At the time of his birth there were several branches of the Morris family spread out over England and Wales, and it is not certain to which of these branches he belonged.
I have given some thought to his family connections and wish to offer the following hypothesis:

Edward Morris had a son
Robert Morris, who had a son
Nicholas Morris, who had a son
Thomas Morris, who had a son
Matthias Morris, who had six sons

John, Nicholas, Edward, Matthias, Wentworth, Richard.

One of these had a son

WILLIAM MORRIS

(?)

Of course, William's connection with the foregoing line is only conjectural but some day it may be established as a fact.

The traditional story of William Morris' coming to America is very fascinating. There are different versions of this story, but all agree in the main facts. Col. W. S. Laidley has given the following account which I accept as being reasonable:

"William Morris, when a boy about twelve years old, was about the Scotch-yards in London, which place was a police headquarters, and near the Thames, and out of curiosity he went aboard a vessel, and while he was aboard and looking about, the ship left her mooring and he found himself on the way to America. After he arrived in Philadelphia, he found that the vessel would not return to England for some months, and the owner of the vessel took the boy to his own home and there he was cared for and given an opportunity to show the spirit that was in him. The merchant was so pleased with young William, that he wrote the boy's father for permission to retain him, and William remained until he was grown and afterwards.

(- W. Va. Historical Magazine, April, 1904 ).

Many embellishments have been added to this story by writers..."
but perhaps Col. Laidley has given the main facts.

It is quite noticeable that such names as, William, John, Robert, Anthony, Thomas, Richard, Edward, Henry, Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary, etc., were popular among the family from their earliest history. These are common names among the family in America. This is one evidence that we are the same people, and lineal descendants of the original Mawrrys in the twelfth century.

One genealogist says:

"It is not definitely known from which of the many illustrious lines of the family in Wales and England the first emigrants of the name to America were descended, but it is generally believed that all the Morrises were of common ancestry at a remote period."

ORIGIN OF SURNAMES.

Probably a surname to be applied to an ancestor and his descendants does not date back of A.D. 1000. One writer says:

"Surnames began to be hereditary in England in the eleventh century and became common after 1160, when Henry II enfranchised the land. They were legally recognized in the "Statute of Additions," under Henry V (1413-1422). Given names the most popular have always been those made famous by some great king or national hero."

(-Settlers By The Long Grey Trail, p. 77.)

During the reign of Edward V in the latter part of the fifteenth century a law was passed making all Irish outlaws take a surname. There seemed to be certain rules for adopting these surnames. For instance, a cook was called Cook, a carpenter was called Carpenter, a butler was named Butler, a smith of any kind was called Smith, and this accounts for
so many Smiths. Some were named from color, such as Brown, Black, White, etc. Some surnames were formed by adding a suffix to the first name of the father. Thus, John's son became Johnson, Richard's son became Richardson, Morris' son became Morrison, William's son became Williamson, Peter's son became Peterson. Some surnames were applied because of some personal characteristic. Thus Lewis the strong became Lewis Strong, John the little became John Little, or John Small. In Norman French the word "hache" meant a light battle axe, and one who wielded this battle axe was a hacher, hence the name Hatcher (See OUR KIN, p. 145). It was in this way the name Morris came to be. They were bold, brave, war-like, courageous, and came to be known as Mawrrrhys, or as we now spell it, Morris. "Mawr" is pronounced the same as "Mor," and "rhys" is the same as "ris," hence Morris.

THE MORRIS COAT OF ARMS

From the middle ages and onward an ancestral coat of arms became quite common. One writer says:

"Devised in remote days of chivalry and strange adventure, borne by honored knights in tournaments and on ancient battlefields, cherished by illustrious forebears of ages past, and handed down from generation to generation as a sacred emblem of family honor, the coat of arms is an object of pride and distinction for its bearer today and an heirloom and a treasure. It is an eloquent symbol of distinguished ancestry and patrician blood." - (Romance Of Coat Of Arms, p. 2).

At least two coats of arms were used by the Morris family.

The first is as follows:
ARMS. - Quarterly: first and fourth gules a lion rampant, regardant, or; second third regent, three torteaux in fess.

CREST. - a tower in flames proper.

MOTTO: - Tandem Vincit ure.


The second coat of arms is as follows:

ARMS: Sable, a saltire engrailed argent.

CREST: A lion rampant, or, charged on the shoulder with a cross gules.

-(Burke's General Armory, 1884).

An explanation of some of these terms might be helpful, as some of them are now obsolete.

"Gules" means the tincture of red.
"Crest" means a bearing or device worn, not upon the shield, but usually above it, or separately as an ornament or cognizance of a plate. Metaphorically, such a crest would mean high spirits, self-confidence, pride, courage.
"Fess" means occupying the position in a shield which would be taken up by a fess; divided equally by a horizontal line - said of the shield.
"Argent" means silver, anything white.
"Reguardant" means regard (now obsolete).
"Sable" means a sort of stirrup; an ordinary consisting of a cross formed bend dexter (right) and sinister (left) crossing in the center.
"Torteaux" means twisted; a spherical rounded gules; atretched.

William Morris, Sr., remained in Philadelphia until he was 22 years of age, then went to Orange county, Virginia, where he met a beautiful young lady by the name of Elizabeth Stepps, with whom he immediately fell in love and she with him, and they were married. This marriage took place in 1744 and their first home was in the territory that became Culpepper county in 1749. They lived in that section until 1774. Most, if not all, of their children were born
in Culpepper county. In 1774 the whole Harris family moved into what afterwards became West Virginia. Again I quote Col. W. S. Laidley:

"It has been conceded by all persons that pretend to know anything of the history of this valley that William Morris and his family were the first white people that made a permanent settlement in the Kanawha Valley, and that they arrived here in the spring of 1774 or the fall of 1773, the exact time not now being known. He came from Culpepper county, but whether he came directly or stopped on the route, is uncertain."


It is certain that the Morrises did not stop, at least for any length of time, enroute to the Kanawha Valley. Some say they came to Muddy Creek, now Alderson, Greenbrier county, in 1765 or 1766, but I believe this a mistake for the following reasons: Previous to 1760 several families had moved into the Greenbrier section and made two settlements, one in the Big Levels, and the other on Muddy creek. In 1763 Indians visited and destroyed both these settlements, and Greenbrier was uninhabited for the six years following, or until 1769. A royal edict had been issued from Richmond ordering persons not to settle in that region at that time so that peace could be made with the Indians. William Morris' youngest son, Benjamin, was born in Culpepper in 1770, and Jane Morris, William Morris Jr.'s daughter was born in Culpepper county Nov. 3, 1770. The Morrises all came together, hence there was no stop on the way. They brought all they had with them, household goods, cattle, bear dogs, guns, ammunition, farm implements, etc. Doubtless some of them occupied the log cabin erected by Walter Kelley whom the Indians
bad killed, while other cabins were erected to house all the families. These cabins were built of logs notched at the corners, either stone or "cat-and-clay" chimneys were built at one end of the house. The stones were put up rough and the "cat-and-clay" chimneys were built of sticks and mud, both the outside and inside were plastered with mortar made of clay. The roof was of clapboards split from wood "bolts" with a frow, an instrument resembling a butcher's cleaver with a handle and driven into the end of the wood with a wooden mallet. These boards were placed on "rib-poles" running from end to end of the house, and the boards were held in place by poles laid on the boards. The floor was made of "puncheons", logs split into two pieces and the split side smoothed with a broad-axe. The round sides were beveled at the ends and placed on the "sleepers." Not long after their arrival in the valley a fort was built, known as the Morris Fort. This fort stood about 200 yards from the Kelley cabin; and served as a protection against the Indians. Miss Julia Wintz wrote a series of articles for the Charleston Daily Mail on the Morris Family, and in one of these articles she says:

"Several years ago, some workmen, excavating for a cellar near the site of the old fort, broke through into the underground tunnel that had been constructed as a means of escape in case the fort were taken. It led some distance toward the Kanawha river where a spring bubbled up in a clump of bushes. In case of a siege they thus had access to water. The timbers were decayed and fell into dust when the earth was removed."

-( Charleston Daily Mail, March 25, 1934 ).

William Morris, Sr., and his family were the first perma-
ment white settlers in the Great Kanawha Valley. The streams running into the Kanawha river were not then named, but acquired their names afterwards. Kelley's creek, named for Walter Kelley; Len's creek, named for Leonard Morris; Morris creek, named for the Morrises; Hughes' creek named for the Hugheses. A street in Charleston is named Morris street in honor of this pioneer family.

MORRISSES WERE BAPTISTS

These early Morrises were Baptists in their religious faith. William Morris, Sr., was converted and baptized into a Baptist church by Rev. James Irland, a prominent Baptist preacher in Virginia. Rev. Mr. Irland was pastor of Happy Creek Baptist church, and also pastor of Water Lick church. His body lies in an unmarked grave in an old graveyard at Buch Marsh church, one half mile from Berryville, county seat of Clark county, Virginia. - (Semple's His. Va. Baptists, p. 416). There is a tradition that a Baptist church was constituted in 1777, composed in the most part of the Morrises and their connections. The following names appear on the roll: William Morris, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth; William Morris, Jr., and his wife, Catherine; Leonard Morris, Levi Morris; John Hansford and later his wife, Jane, and Benjamin Morris, Edward Hughes, and Nancy Harriman, who became the wife of Gallatine Hansford. It appears this church was constituted without a preacher, but some time after its constitution Rev. John Alderson visited the community and preached for them. John Alderson was born in New Jersey, 1738 (See West Virginia History, Vol. II, p. 572, for information).
and ordained to the Gospel ministry in Virginia in 1775. He was a son of Rev. John Alderson, Sr., who was born, 1699, in Yorkshire, England, and died in 1781. Col. Laidley says:

"This church stood close to the spot where the little brick church now stands, and we hear that the records of this church are with some of the descendants to this day."


I again quote from Col. Laidley:

"The family of William Morris was of such number and strength that an ordinary Indian party was not willing to make an attack upon them, and the Morrises made arrangements to remain and if necessary to fight it out on these lines. They were on the ground when General Andrew Lewis with his little army marched from Lewisburg to the mouth of the Kanawha, or from Camp Union to Point Pleasant, which was in the fall of 1774. The sons of William Morris, John and Henry, went into this army, and were at the battle of Point Pleasant. Afterwards as the children of Walter Kelley became of age, William Morris presented each with a horse, saddle and bridle, although said heirs had no title to the land and had no claim against Morris, but to satisfy them that he did not want to take from them any claim they might have had, without compensation, as Kelley had cleared a small patch and had tried to raise a crop and made some improvements, he paid this compensation. It seems that William Morris and family went to work immediately upon his arrival in this new country, and with his family made rapid progress in opening farms and building houses, and making preparations of defense against marauding parties of Indians, which for many years afterwards, were constantly prowling through the country." - ( W.Va.His.Mag., April, 1905, pp. 66, 67 ).

The Morrises made their settlement in the Valley when there were no markets, no transportation except on foot or horseback, no stores nor mills nor factories. They had to manufacture their own cloth or wear the skins of animals. They had to go away back east for powder, for there was no connections
in the west, as they were then on the western frontier. The
Clendennins came fourteen years after the Morrises, and one
year after their arrival Kanawha county was organized, and at
this time it is claimed there were but thirteen voters in the
new county, and 118 residents in the county in 1792.

In 1792 William Morris, Sr., made his will, and in January
of the following year it was admitted to probate in Kanawha
county. This was the first will to be recorded in Kanawha county,
and may be found deed book A, p. 30, at the court house in Char­
le斯顿. The executors of his will were two of his sons, John
and Leonard, and the witnesses were Jacob Skiles, John Carmel,
William Morris, Jr., John Jones and Franky (Frances) Jones.
John Jones and Levi Morris signed the bond of the executors,
in the penalty of one thousand pounds. His personal estate
was appraised by Jacob Casdorph, John Moss, and John Carmel,
which was worth three hundred and sixty pounds. He had five
slaves,—Dudley, Jim, Daria, Sally, and a girl whose name is not
given.

William Morris, Sr., lived through the Indian wars, the
Revolutionary war, and witnessed the inauguration of the
United States, saw Kanawha county organized, and saw the town
of Charleston established. What would the old Patriarch and
Pioneer of the Valley think should he now come back and see
the great changes in this Valley? Then there were no roads:
now there are great paved highways everywhere. The only
mode of locomotion was a-foot or horseback; now there are
railroad trains, buses, cars and trucks in abundance, and the
Kanawha and Ohio rivers, with their lock and dam systems, car-
ty millions of tons of freight. Just recently near the first Morris settlement some men were working the road and, while some dirt and rock were being removed from the road, our car was held up just twenty minutes. During this time two lines of motor vehicles formed, one on each side of the debris. The line opposite our car passed us before we were allowed to move. There were ninety five cars in that line, and I am sure there was an equal number in our line. What would Pioneer William Morris think if he could have seen what our eyes beheld?

William Morris, Sr., died December 1, 1792, and his wife, Elizabeth, died 1793. Both are buried in the beautiful Kanawha Valley which they loved so much.

William and Elizabeth (Stepps) Morris were blessed with ten children, eight sons and two daughters. During many years I have gathered what information I could concerning these children and their descendants. Much remains to be gathered yet, which I hope some member of the family will gather and preserve. The ten children are as follows:

A. William Morris, Jr., married Catherine Carroll, of Maryland.
B. Henry Morris, married Mary Bird, of Bath County, Virginia.
C. Leonard Morris, Sr., married (first), Margaret Price; (second), Margaret Larkin.
D. Joshua Morris, Sr., married Frances Simms.
E. John Morris, Sr., married Margaret Droddy.
F. Archillas Morris, Sr., married Elizabeth Garrett.
G. Levi Morris, married (first), Margaret Starke; (second), Margaret Jarrett.
H. Benjamin Morris, Sr., married Nancy Jarrett.
I. Elizabeth Morris, married Michael Sea.  
J. Frances Morris, married John Jones.
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ANCESTORS of ELIZABETH STAPP MORRIS
from will and deed records

Wills of Essex Co., Va.
Will of EDWARD COFFEY dated 14 Feb 1715/16 - 20 Nov 1716 (will & deed Bk 14,6
Wife- Ann (Powell) marr before 2 Mar 1700 — (marr index p 192) & below
Children:
John Coffey under 16 received land - one cow
Edward " " 16 " 
Martha " 16 one cow (husband Joshua Stapp-see p iii
Ann " 
Austes "
Elizabeth Coffey
...At decease of my wife all rubles to be divid equal among my six children...

Will of Thomas POWELL dated 2 Mar 1700 - 10 Apr 1701 Bk 10 p 75
Wife - Mary PLACE b ca 1648 marr ca 1665 (p 52 of Tylers 410 of Lucas)
Children: (in order named in will)
Place Powell b ca 1666 received land (age p 54 Tylers)
Honoria " b ca 1668/9 one shilling-deeded 100 A. 1694 (" 54)
Thomas Jr " b ca 1680 received land (wife Mary Gibson- p 412-Lucas)
William " b ca 1682 d 1705 for education (minor) (p 410,411-Lucas)
Frances " b ca 1671 received cows
Elizabeth Salmon ca 1674 one shilling
Anne Coffee b ca 1677 one shilling
When wife deceased, her third to go to sons Place and Thomas Powell,
Elizabeth Salmon and Anne Coffee.
Executors: Sons,Place and Honoria Powell and son-in-law John Salmon (411 Lucas)
(in marriage index it noted Thomas Powell marr 1723 Mary Gibson, dau of
William Gibson..p 192)

Lancaster Co., Va Deed Bk 2 p 104 dated 11 Aug 1655 (p 411 of Lucas)
FRANCIS PLACE Deed of gift to daughter, Mary Place, when she arrives at 13 years, land he had patented 7 Sep 1654 formerly in Isle of Wight Co.
He noted a youngest daughter, Margaret Place.

30 Sep 1667, Mary and her husband, Thomas Powell sold the above land.
Mary is noted to be daughter of Francis Place.
Rappahannock Co., Va Deed Book 3 p 317 (p 51 Tylers; p 410 Lucas)

Sources from the Archives in the Capitol Complex, Charleston, W.Va.
The Powell Families of Virginia and the South by Rev. Frank Silas Lucas pp410-11
Tyler's Quarterly Magazine Vol 30 -1948-49 pp 49-57
Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia,
1655 to 1900, by Eva Eubank Williamson - 1953 pp 172,192,221.
WILL OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, by Sweeny, page 73—
Will of Thomas Moss, dated 31 March 1678, probated 13 June 1678
(page 97 of the Will Book of the Co.)

To my beloved wife, Elizabeth Moss, and my two daughters,
Elizabeth and Frances—all lands and personal estate, etc;
Wife, Elizabeth, to be executrix; witness: Abraham Stapp,
Henry Moncaster. (no son mentioned) Elizabeth, widow, married as
her second husband, Captain Edmund Crask, and her will was dated
Nov. 18, 1683, probated Jan. 3, 1683/84 (pg 16 of Co will Bk) and
shown in Mr Sweeny's book at page 96. This is a long will and
mentions many legatees, among them, Frances Moss, dau to my former
husband, Thomas Moss; my goddaughter, Elizabeth Moss, dau to William
Moss. To my sister-in-law, Rebecca Moss. To my brother-in-law, Robert
Moss. Signed Elizabeth Crask.

Sweeny's Wills, page 117—Will of William Moss, Sr., dated
21 Apr 1685 (no pro date given) names following children and legatees.
Son, William Moss, Jr., total 1580 acres. *b 1668 in Rapp.Cd-wife Margaret
Dau, Frances Moss, total 400 acres. (Wm d 1722 (w 1670-1698 Jopkins)
Dau, Elizabeth Moss, total 350 acres.
Brother, Robert Moss, a new suit of clothes.
To Thomas New, one silver scale given to me by my sister Craske.
Son, William, to be executer. Witnesses: Robert Moss, Elias
Wilson, and Thomas New. (his wife died in 1676 Lady Jane North)
*(William died 5 Jul 1685 in Rapp. Co. Vol 7 p 63- from Rose Moss Scott)

Mr Sweeny's Wills, page 141—Will of Robert Moss, dated
Aug 8, 1685, probated Apr 3, 1689:
To my son, Robert Moss, all my lands in Virginia and elsewhere.
To my beloved wife, Rebecca Moss.
To Laomedan Tucker or his two children already born, to-wit,
Daniel and Mary. To Daniel Tucker.
To brother Thomas Moss'es two daughters, Elizabeth and Frances Moss.
To William Moss'es son and two daughters, to-wit, William Frances
and Elizabeth Moss.
To my two granddaughters, the daughters of Abraham Stapp by my
daughter Dorothy, to-wit, Rebecca and Martha, and
To my daughter Dorothy, wife of Abraham Stapp.
To Jeremiah Parker, the son of Thomas Parker.
My beloved wife, Rebecca, and son, William Moss, executors.

Robert Moss Jr, son of Robert Moss, Sr, died 1689 (above), will
was probated in Essex Co, Va., in 1714 and revealed he had a
wife, Martha and the following children: Thomas Moss, William
Moss, Richard Moss, John Moss, Robert Moss 3rd, Ann Moss, and
Frances Moss. Essex Co., Va., Deed & Will Book 14, page 745 or
Vol 8 p 244 (from Fleet)

From CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS by Nugent:
Page 167, 26 June 1646—Thomas Moss came to Va. with Joseph
Groshawe.
Page 187, 14 Mar 1649—Wm Moss came to Va. with Arthur Allen.
Page 197, 22 May 1650—Robert Moss came to Va. with Richard
Axum and Thomas Goodwin who were granted 100 acres
on S. side of Rappahannock River in Breckneck Bay.
To son Abraham Stapp all land on N side of Road of "my now dwelling plantation."
To son William all land on S side of road.
To son Jacob Stapp upper part of land bought of Edw. Moseley.
To son Joshua Stapp the lower part bordering on Robt Brooke.
To young sons Joseph and James Stapp 25 acres each of lower land.
Jacob and Joshua to buy them 100 acres each elsewhere.
To wife Dorothy all property during her lifetime.
To dau Ruth Stapp cattle, etc.
To two daua Rebecca and Martha Stapp a shilling each.
Signed Abraham Stapp
Wit: Robert Moss, Peter Holloa, Will Harte, his mark.
Bond 8 Apr 1714. L 300 Sterling. Dorothy Step Extx Abrà Step
Wit: John Pickett signed Dorothy Stapp
Daniel Brown
John Hart Rec 8 Apr. 1714

Will of Edw Coffee 14 Feb 1715/16 Pro 20 Nov 1716
Wife, Ann. Children: John, Edw., Martha, Ann, Anasta(r) and Eliz.

"July 14, 1847
" I am this day fifty-five years of age and now commence a
memorandum of the prominent features of my life, for the use of my children......I hope that some one of my children and some one of their children will take care of it carrying down the genealogy for at least two hundred years to come." "Milton Stapp, (not me) died while a very young babe in 1791! (His genealogy is copied in M.C. Gibbs compilation)

EXCERPT from MOSS OF VIRGINIA, Court records, queries, brief lineages, genealogical notes by
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page 12.- "Robert, Thomas and William Moss, 1654 - Grant 800 acres in Lancaster Co., Va. for importing 16 persons. Book 3 p 309 (stated to be brothers and original immigrants and that Robert Moss was assessed for tobacco in York So., 1654, in an article in the Researcher - Jan.1927, pp 9, 114)"
THE STAPP - STEPP - STIPP FAMILY OF VIRGINIA
Henry p. Scalf, Author of the STAPP / STEPP FAMILIES OF AMERICA SAYS

"Few families have been carried through three centuries with such valiant physical features and mental attributes as have the Stepps. Many lived to be centenarians, and tradition says one, Moses Stepp, attained the age of 120 years. They have been solid citizens, actuated by an awareness of civic needs, and attracted to the teaching profession and public office."

"The family came to America when Jamestown was still a living memory with the elderly and from the date of 1670 when Abraham Stepp made his first purchase of land in Old Rappahannock, now Essex County, Va., they were on the advancing frontier for a century and a half. America had only approximately 114,000 people and Virginia half of them, when Abraham and Joshua Stepp (Stapp) first settled in their seaboard homes and became the progeniture of a vast concourse of descendants. Succeeding generations of Stepps have thus witnessed every event of American history for three hundred years."

The name is derived from the old Norse word, Staup, meaning "a dwelling on a steep slope." The English version of the word means "a dwelling at the stepping stones."

The first settlers in America spelled the name Stapp. This gradually evolved to Stepp and in the case of Elizabeth, Stippes. I can't help but feel this was the result of the spelling of some clerk or record keeper. For a period of over a hundred years members of the same family spelled their names both ways, even the same person sometimes used both spellings.

Genealogists believe that one John Stapp in Rockinghamshire, England who died in 1640 is the ancestor of the American Stapp family. This has not been documented.

One John Stapp was the master of a ship, William and Ann, in the 1690s. The ship was 180 tons out of Fowey, England. He was operating on the Potomac River, probably picking up cargoes of tobacco. Thus the Stapp or Stepp name is associated with shipping in early colonial America.

Abraham Stapp, b ca 1650, d. Apr 1714, settled first in Old Rappahannock Co., now Essex County, Virginia. In the Essex clerk's office is noted a purchase as part of a "pattent" from James Gaines (or Ganes). James Anderson was a joint purchaser along with Abraham Stapp, Nov 17, 1670. (Deed Bk 4 P 365, Rappahannock Co., records).

Abraham was probably a tobacco planter, as were many of his neighbors. He appears in many old Rappahannock and Essex records. He acquired slaves, appraised estates, bought and sold land, appeared as a witness many times, witnessed wills and acted as juror.

He was married to Dorothy Moss, daughter of Robert Moss. Much confusion has ensued among genealogists because an index of Essex marriages lists Abraham Stepp as marrying Dorothy North. Thus many thought there were two Abrahams, perhaps a father and son. However, Mr Rudolph Stepp, family researcher, examined the original records and found the name to be Dorothy Moss. The confusion probably came because of the method of making the double S in those days.

The Moss family came from England. Edward Moss came from Lancaster County, England, settled in York Co., Va. in 1644, died in 1646. He was married in England to Ann Belt. They had four sons, all educated in England: Robert, Thomas, Edward, and William. About 1653-54, Robert, Thomas and William moved to Old Rappahannock Co., in Va. In 1660 they owned a grant of 800 acres of land (Land patents of Va., Bk 3 p 300). Mrs H. Montgomery of Hampton, Va., a descendant of Robert says, "These three brothers seemed very close and engaged in more than one land deal. The brothers, Robert, Thomas and William, left a clear record. It
is a distinctive picture, unlike most families of that time. They were wealthy, and apparently well educated, and certainly accustomed to gracious living—associations with people of the same ways and tastes. There was an unusual closeness among the brothers and their families."

The children of Edward and Ann Belt Moss were as follows, though not necessarily in order of birth:

I. Edwards will 1716
1. Rebecca m. 1st William Armistead, m. 2nd Richard King
   a. Robert Armistead
   b. Moss Armistead
   c. Edward Armistead
   d. Hannah, m. Miles Carey
   e. Judith m. John Robinson, Jr. Rebecca's will was probated 1 Aug 1758
2. Elizabeth m. 1st Henry Hayward, m. 2nd Thomas Tabb. Henry was the son of John Hayward, had been married before and had 9 children.

II. Thomas Moss, d Mar 31, 1678. Married Elizabeth
1. Elizabeth
2. Frances
3. William Moss, baptized 17 Feb 1681 (St Peter's Parish records, New Kent Co., Vir.)
   a. John, b Nov 18, 1723 (St Peter's records)

   Elizabeth, widow of Thomas m. 2nd Captain Edmund Craske (Index to marriages of Old Rappahanock and Essex Co., Vir.)

   1722. Married Margaret Hopkins, dau of Robert Hopkins. Margaret was born 1670, d. 1698 in Old Rappahanock Co., Va.
   Their children were: Nathaniel, William Henry, John and Lucy.
2. Elizabeth m. John Craske
3. Frances m. William Brown

   Elizabeth Moss Craske mentions in her will: Frances Moss, dau. to my former husband, Thomas, my god-daughter, Elizabeth Moss, dau to William; to my sister-in-law, Rebecca Moss; to my brother-in-law, Robert Moss.

IV. Robert Moss, will dated Aug 8, 1685, probated Apr 3, 1689, was born ca. 1630 in England. Married Rebecca Wales, dau. of John Wales. John was born ca. 1605 in England, lived in Isle of Wight Co., Va. Rebecca was born ca 1630. (Some researchers have thought Elizabeth Moss Craske was also a Wales and sister to Rebecca. Wording of the will of Elizabeth does not suggest this.)
1. Robert Moss, Jr. (will probated 1713-14 in Essex Co) wife Martha
   a. Thomas Moss
   b. William Moss
   c. Richard Moss
   d. John Moss
   e. Robert Moss III
   f. Ann Moss
   g. Frances Moss
2. dau who married Laemedon Tucker, or his two children
   a. Daniel Tucker
   b. Mary Tucker
3. dau. who married Jeremiah Parker, son of Thomas Parker (no records)
4. Dorothy Moss, who married Abraham Stapp

The children of Abraham and Dorothy Moss Stapp were: (9 according to will)
1. Abraham Stapp, probably was the oldest since he was mentioned 1st in his father’s will. Born ca 1679, was a tobacco planter. No record of his marriage.

2. William Stapp, b. ca 1680, d ca 1720. No record of his marriage.

3. Jacob Stapp, b ca 1691, d ca 1720. No record of his marriage.

4. Joseph Stapp, b ca 1690/91, d just previous to May 20, 1755. No record of his marriage.

5. James Stapp, was a prominent resident of Caroline Co., Va. by 1736
   a. James Jr.
   b. Richard Stapp

6. JOSHUA STAPP, was the most prominent of the sons of Abraham and Dorothy. Born ca. 1688, died just prior to March 27, 1783. From the Essex and Old Rappahannock County record books he moved to Caroline County, and last to Orange County, Virginia. Joshua’s mother, Dorothy, had begun at her husband’s death signing her name Stepp, and eventually most of the family followed this custom and spelling although they were not always consistent in using this spelling.

   Joshua was wealthy in land and slaves. At one time he owned 17 slaves. One of them was referred to as “My Man” by Joshua. There were also Bett, Bett, Jr., Narick, Frank, James, Wina, Bacus, Lett, Lewis, Moses, Abraham, Kate (Gate), Abraham Jr., Jack, Ben and Kate.

   Joshua was married to Martha Coffee, the dau of Edward Coffee: (d 1715/16 Essex Co. Records) and Ann Powell (Old Rappahannock and Essex records). Ann(e) was dau of Thomas Powell and Mary Place b ca 1648, d Dec 1710, dau of Francis Place (Old Rappahannock and Essex Records). The children of Joshua and Martha Coffee Stepp were:

   1. John Stepp, oldest son, was born ca 1710/11, d just prior to May 21, 1751 in Culpeper Co., Va. leaving 5 children. He was married to Anne Salmon, dau of Thomas Salmon. John was a tobacco planter, but owned no slaves. In 1738 he was fined 50 lb of tobacco for not attending church in Caroline Co., Va.
      a. James Stapp, was born 1733/34 and died just prior to Feb 23 1794, in the present Madison County, Ky. He married Lucy (Lucie) Golston, (1733-1795), dau of Anthony Golston (Golson)
      Married 1st Elizabeth Medley, 2nd Patience Phelps
      c. d and e. There were five children in all, and John’s father Joshua became guardian of them. (Culpeper County Court records, May 16, 1754. Joshua filed guardian’s account for them) In the meantime, John’s widow had remarried to Henry Gains, who then became guardian, as well as administrator of the John Stapp estate. The reason for the filing in Culpeper County was because that county had been formed from Orange in 1749 and John’s family had become Culpeper residents.

   2. Joseph Stepp m Elizabeth Lucas, dau. of William Lucas. Joseph had a considerable estate of slaves. Last Virginia record for Joseph was 1775. He is thought to have migrated to North Carolina, Caswell County. Record of one son, Joshua Stepp m. Nice Dollerhide, Caswell County, Feb 6, 1789.

   3. Joshua Stepp, Jr., b. ca. 1724, d. July 1814. Was married to Hannah Durham (1725-1796). Joshua is on the 1792 Orange County tax list with 9 white souls and 3 blacks. In 1787, having decided to move to Western Va., now Central Ky., he sold his property in estern Va. His children were:
      a. Achilles (1755-1849)m. 1st Margaret (Peggy) Vawter of English and Scotch ancestry.
         2. Elias, b Jan 4, 1786, m Susan Brenham, Had 8 sons 1 daughter.
         3. Nancy, b Nov 10, 1788, m Robert Brenham. Had 2 dau., 1 son
4. Milton, b 1791, d. 1791
5. Milton, b July 14, 1792, m 3-16-1814 Elizabeth Branham
6. Silas, b Apr 16, 1795, m a Shannon
7. Mary, b Nov 7, 1797, m 1st William Branham, 2nd J.J. Vail
8. Meriah, b Mar 12, 1800, m Vivian Brooking—had 7 children
9. Jameson, b Mar 5, 1802, did not marry
10. Jeptha, b 1804, d 1805

Achilles married 2nd Anna Willbanks Delph, a widow
11. Eliza Ann, b 4 Dec 1814, m Reuben Lyter 11/2/1832
12. Martha, b Sep 23, 1816 m John C. McGuffin 12/4/1838
13. Melita, b Jul 16, 1818 m Jonas Marke Kleiser 6/8/1843
14. Margarette, b Mar 8, 1820 m John P. Gray 2/28/1845

b. Thomas Stapp, b ca 1750, d ca 1805. m Elizabeth (Betsey) Burbridge
c. James Stapp, b 1765, m Sally Burbridge
d. Benjamin Stapp, m a Sparks
e. Lucy Stapp, b 1747, Orange Co., Va. m John Willheit, a Rev War soldier, the son of Matthias Willheit and Mary Ballenger.
f. Agness Stapp, m a Sidebottom
g. Anne Stapp, m a Worlin & had no children
h. Sally Stapp, m a Creel, their children live in Ky.
i. Betsey Stapp, m a Rife
j. Martitia Stapp, m John Field

(note This information of Joshua Jr. family is from THE MEMOIRS OF MILTON STAPP (#5 above). He gives information on his brothers and sisters and his aunts and uncles, but fails to list his own children.)

2. James Stepp b ca. 1730/31. Believed to have died during the Rev. period
m. Elizabeth Lucas
5. Anaster Stepp m. Captain William Simms, Rev. soldier, on Aug 6, 1751.

According to Brockman, they had 3 children:
a. Elizabeth Simms, b 12/3/1753
b. Major James Simms, b 5/10/1755. m Mildred Durette, dau of Richard and Elizabeth Davis Durette. Children of James and Mildred include:
   Richard, William, Isaac, James, Jr., who m Lucy Thompson Early, James, possibly Reuben Howard Sims, b 5/19/1783.
c. Lucy Sims, b 3/24/1757, m John Dalton

Anaster died ca 1759 and William Sims m. a 2nd time to Agatha Stepp, dau of James and Elizabeth Stepp, niece of Anaster. According to Brockman, the following children are by his second wife, Agatha.
d. Mary Sims, m John Dwing
e. Joanna Sims, b 2/14/1762 m Jas Ormsby
f. Nancy Sims, b 1/17/1763, m Ambrose Brockman (1764-1823). Children include: John, b 4/8/1795, Albemarle Co., Va., William Mason,
b. 5/2/1798, Willis, b 7/29/1800, Frances, b. 12/28/1802,
   Ann b. 12/20/1805, Peggy b 12/20/1805.
g. John, b 2/10/1765 -1797, had children: John, Frances, Nathaniel, and a dau who married Isaac (Jason or Ison) Walton
h. William Jr. b 12/25/1766, d 11/20/1838, m Nancy Watson.
i. Ann (Anastar)b 1768, m Samuel Brockman
j. Agatha, b 3/25/1769, m William Caterton
k. Frances, m Richard Flint
l. Rosamond m Jos. Williams
m. Richard, b 8/2/1787, d 4/12/1861, m Mary Terrill

7. Eve Stepp m Anthred Salmon
6. Elizabeth Stepp, b 1729, d 1795. m William Morris, Sr. in 1746.
   Their children:
a. William Morris Jr. b Dec 17, 1746 - 1803 m. Catharine Carroll
b. Henry Morris (1747 - 1828) m Mary Byrd of Bath Co., Va.
c. Leonard Morris b 1748 m 1st Margaret Price, m 2nd Margaret Lykens (Larkin)
d. Joshua Morris (1752 - 1824) Tombstone indicates he was born in 1755. This throws other dates off. m Frances Sims, dau of Thomas Sims, Jr. and Mary Nal_e Sims of Culpeper Co., Va. Frances b ca 1755 d 1847.
e. Levi Morris, (1755 - 1834) m 1st Margaret Stark, m 2nd Margaret Jarrett.
f. John Morris (1755 - 1818) m Margaret Droddy
g. Achilles (Caroles, Carlus) Morris m Elizabeth Jarrett.
h. Benjamin Morris (1770 -1829) m Nancy Jarrett
  i. Elizabeth Morris b 1772 (?) m 1st to Michael See, who was killed by an Indian in a field outside Fort Randolph, Point Pleasant, W.Va. m 2nd Thomas Cobb.
* j. Frances (Franky-Fannie) b 1773 (?) m John Jones (1755 - 1838) of Culpeper Co., Va.

7. Ruth Stapp
8. Rebecca Stapp
9. Martha Stapp

Note: Re the family of Martha Coffee Stapp —Other children of Edward and Ann Coffee were: John, Edward, Ann, Anates (or Anster or Anaster) and Elizabeth. 14 Feb 1715/16 Pro 20 Nov 1716 (Essex Co, Va. Wills & Deeds by Fleet, vol 9 1714-1717

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*There is a ? on their birth because of when their children were born. A.H. Morris, whose manuscript in the Archives, Capitol Complex, Charleston, W. Va. judge them to be much older. (this added)
William Morris, Jr., oldest child of William and Elizabeth (Stepps) Morris, was born in Culpepper county, Virginia, December 17, 1746. He was married to Catherine Carroll, of Maryland, May 10, 1768. She was born March 15, 1751. She was probably a relative of Daniel Carroll, who was a member of the Confederation Congress in 1780-84, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, a member of Congress in 1789-91, and in 1791 he was appointed on the commission to survey the District of Columbia. A part of the city of Washington, D.C., now stands on what was the farm of Daniel Carroll. Mrs. Catherine Morris was a woman of refinement and noble attainments and made friends by her amiable and affable disposition.

William Morris, Jr., was in the Virginia Legislature from Kanawha county in 1792 to 1794, and again in 1796 to 1798, and again in 1800. He was sheriff of Kanawha county in 1801. When Kanawha county was organized in 1789 he was one of its justices, and when the city of Charleston was organized he was one of its Aldermen.

A Bible was printed in 1791 by Isaiah Thomas in Massachusetts, and a copy of this Bible became the property of William Morris, Jr., whose name seems to have been entered upon a flyleaf, June 2, 1796, and the following record was made in the Book:

"August 19, 1794, William Morris and Catherine Morris, his wife, were taken into the Baptist church, and on the 20th she was baptized."
April 2, 1816, we find this Book in the custody of John Morris, Sr., and later the ownership was transferred to Mrs. Catherine Morris, but September 3, 1823, she died, and in 1824 John Mansford, Sr., son in law of William Morris, Jr., became its custodian. In 1854 the Book passed into the hands of Felix O. Mansford, and in April, 1905, the precious treasure belonged to Bradford Noys Hansford. At this time (1938) I do not know who is in possession of it.

William Morris, Jr., owned much land. 1791, he had 360 acres on Kanawha opposite the mouth of Elk. 1793, he had 660 acres in Campbell's creek bottom. In 1800, he owned 100 acres on Kelley's creek, and near Kelley's creek, 100 acres. On the head waters of Kelley's creek, 250 acres. In 1787, he had 260 acres on Gauley river, and another tract on Kanawha river of 934 acres, and another tract of 400 acres. He owned 525 acres on Muddy creek, in Greenbrier county, and another tract in that county, 110 acres. In 1793, he had 70 acres on Gauley river and 160 on Rich creek of Gauley river, and 237 acres on Meadow river of Gauley.

In Henning's General Statutes of Virginia, it is stated that on December 19, 1795, the General Assembly of Virginia, enacted the following legislation:

"That forty acres of land, at the mouth of Elk river, in the county of Kanawha, as the same are already laid off into lots and streets, shall be established a town by the name of Charlestown; and Reuben Slaughter, Andrew Donnally, Sr., William Clendennin, John Morris, Sr., Leonard Morris, George Alderson,
Abraham Baker, John Young, and William Morris, (JR) Gentlemen, are appointed trustees."

This was William Morris, Jr., as William Morris, Sr., died three years before this enactment of the General Assembly. This city, the name of which was later changed to Charleston, West Virginia, had, 1930, a population of 60,000, and is the Capital of the State. It is also to be noted that John Morris, Sr., and Leonard Morris, brothers of William Morris, Jr., were trustees of the city of Charleston.

It is reasonably certain that William Morris, Jr., came to the Kanawha Valley with the other members of the family in 1774. As he came on horseback across Gauley mountain he was attacked by an Indian who seemed to have a desire for his scalp. Morris had his four years old daughter Jane in front of him on the horse, but soon dismounted, placed Jane behind a tree, and by making signs convinced the Indian that there were other white people in the immediate rear, and he ran away.

In 1798 William Morris, Jr., erected a house one half mile above the mouth of Kelley's creek where he lived until his death. This house stood until 1874 when Mr. John Tompkins removed it to make room for a brick mansion. This brick house is probably still standing. The first house was built for Mr. Morris by Charles Venable, and was known as the White House, which became a resting place for travelers.

The following story was written by Mr. Samuel Williams, and published in the Ladies Repository, in 1852, a copy of which
as furnished me by Prof. Williams, of Cincinnati, Ohio:

"On the organization of Kanawha county, Mr. Morris was chosen by his fellow citizens one of their first representatives in the Virginia Legislature. On reaching Richmond, the seat of Government, he laid aside his hunting shirt and mocassins for a fashionable suit of broadcloth and fairtop boots,—the first time he had ever been thus arrayed. It is said, that, in the evening, when a servant laid down before him a boot-jack and a pair of slippers, Mr. Morris, not comprehending at once the design of such movements, a parley something like the following took place:

'What do you want, boy?'
'Your boots, massa, to black 'em.'
'But what is that thar thing for?' pointing to the boot-jack.
'To draw your boots wid, massa.'

Taking the boot-jack in his hand Mr. Morris placed the fork on the heel of one of his boots and vainly assayed to push it off his foot; while Pompey, looking on a few moments, enjoying the perplexity of the backwoods legislator, and grinning a smile that showed his double row of ivory, stepped forward to his relief.

'Dis way, massa,' said he, gently taking the jack out of his hands and placing it on the floor before him — 'stand on it wid one foot, massa, and put t'udder heel in here, while I hold on by de toe, and den pull your foot out.'"

It has been claimed that William Morris, Jr., was buried near the mouth of Kelley's creek, and the Cedar Grove brick church was afterward erected over where he sleeps. This is only a matter of tradition, and I suppose his wife sleeps by his side awaiting a glorious resurrection. The William Morris Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has erected a "marker" for William Morris, Sr., and a "tablet" for William Morris, Jr., at this little brick church at Cedar Grove, West Virginia.

These self-sacrificing pioneers served well their day and generation, and now "they rest from their labors, and their
follow them." Many of their descendents will join them in the glittering glory land where the dreadful tomahawk will never again be seen and the fearful war-whoop will not be heard.

William Morris, Jr., and Catherine (Carroll) Morris, his wife, had the following:

CHILDREN:

Jane Morris, the oldest child, was born in Culpepper county, Virginia, November 3, 1770, and came to the Kanawha valley with the family in 1774. She had a bright intellect and pleasing manners, and was a genuine Christian. November 15, 1787, probably at Kelley's creek, though some think at the fort in Greenbrier, she became the wife of John Hansford, who was born in Orange county, Virginia, Feb. 16, 1765. His father, William Hansford, married Mary Hyde in England, and afterwards came to Orange county, Virginia, where both died with smallpox. It is claimed by some that John Hansford and his sister Sallie came to Kanawha valley in 1778. Sallie married Samuel White in 1784. White was born in 1732, and lived to be near 100 years old. He was much Sallie's senior, as she was born in 1768.

John and Jane Hansford lived on the north side of Kanawha river, and near the home of William Morris, Jr., until 1788 when he built a house and moved over to the south side of the river. This house was just below Paint creek, and was erected and given them by Jane's father, William Morris. When this house was completed it was the best in the entire valley. It
was a frame building, two stories high, and contained six good rooms. The lumber in the building was cut, sawed and dressed by hand, as there were no saw-mills and planing-mills in those days. The nails in the building were also made by hand and carried on horseback from Virginia. Some of the descendents claim the brick used in this building were brought from England, but William Fenton Morris (born in 1838) believed that the Hansfords made their own brick since John Hansford and his sons were splendid brick makers. Some of the inside of the house was finished in cherry and walnut.

Mrs. Martha Jane Smith, a granddaughter of John and Jane Hansford, says that John Hansford "was a handsome, clean shaven man, and always dressed in blue broadcloth and silk hat, and entertained most hospitably." At the age of 80 he could get on and off his horse as quickly as a boy. It was his privilege to represent Kanawha county in the House of Delegates at Richmond from 1811 to 1818. There were no railroad palace cars or Greyhound buses in which to ride to Richmond, and hence Mr. Hansford did well to ride his pohey there and back. He was in Richmond the night a theatre burned and twenty persons perished, among them the Hon. George W. Smith, Governor of Virginia. This was December 26, 1811. While in Richmond Mr. Hansford purchased several articles for his family, among them a dozen silver spoons with the initials "J.H." on them. These were the initials of both John and Jane Hansford. I understand some of these spoons are still in the family. For a time Mr. Hansford served as justice of the peace in Kanawha county.
He was also Captain in the militia of Virginia. Hon. George W. Smith, while Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, appointed him, July 3, 1809, Captain in the 80th regiment in the 13th brigade in the 3rd division of the Virginia militia.

Mr. Hansford owned two salt furnaces, one of which he operated himself, and the other he rented out. He owned a number of slaves who lived in small houses near his dwelling. He was kind to them and they loved him, calling him "ole Massa John." He was a good farmer. He did much toward the erection of a Baptist meeting house near his home. This was the old Kanawha Baptist church. In politics he was a Whig, in religion, a Baptist. Official records show that he owned 2,210 acres of land, divided into different tracts.

Jane Hansford would often gather her family about her and relate to them the trying incidents of her life in the wilderness. Often while she was milking the cows her husband stood by her, rifle in hand, to protect her from Indians and wild beasts. Mrs. Hansford was an invalid for twenty years, and confined to her bed the last seven. She pushed out from the earthly shore and went over to the heavenly landing, August 12, 1854, where she joined her husband who had passed in through the gates of that celestial city, October 6, 1850. Both were buried on the hill in the cemetery near their home.

CHILDREN:

I. Herman Hansford married and settled in the west.

II. William Hansford, born June 6, 1790, moved to Owens-
III. Sarah Hansford, b. Jan. 19, 1792, m. William Morris, son of Joshua and Frances (Simns) Morris, her second cousin. William Morris was b. in Culpepper county, Virginia, 1787. They were married in 1814, and lived and died at Gauley Bridge, W. Va. (For their children and his second marriage see p. 166)

IV. Morris Hansford, b. Jan. 18, 1794, d. April 24, 1860, m. 1818, Catherine Morris, daughter Major William and Mary (Barnes) Morris. She was b. Sept. 15, 1800, d. Nov. 15, 1881. (See p. 29).

CHILDREN:

1. William Hansford, b. March 2, 1819, d. 1900, m. (first), 1856, Eliza J. Howrey, b. July 4, 1823, d. Feb. 28, 1848. After her death William married three times, making four marriages in all.

   Only child of William and Eliza J. Hansford was:

   (1) Sarah C. Hansford, b. Oct. 8, 1846, m. Feb. 23, 1865, d. Sept. 6, 1869. Captain William Schultz, b. 1830, d. Sept. 6, 1869. William and Sarah C. Schultz had six children, viz:

      (a) Edna Schultz, b. Feb. 13, 1866, m. William Patterson. One child.

      (b) Louis Schultz, b. Aug. 3, 1867, d. Dec. 8, 1932, m. Mary A. Walls, and had two children, a son and a daughter.

      (c) Albert Morris Schultz, b. Dec. 24, 1868, d. Dec. 25, 1869.

      (d) Otto Schultz, b. March 28, 1874, m. but no issue.

      (e) Katharine S. Schultz, b. Nov. 10, 1875 (see further).


(1-c) Katharine S. Schultz, b. Nov. 28, 1899, m. John H. Hansford, b. July 24, 1864. They have two children,-


4. Enelyne Hansford, b. in Clarksville, Mo., age one year.


Felix and Sarah (Frazier) Hansford had five children,-

2. Martha Jane Hansford, b. Dec. 12, 1824, m. John Samuel Smith, Charleston, S.C. They had three children, —

(1) Mary Gilbert Smith, b. March 26, 1851. Never married.
(3) Carrie Smith, b. May 3, 1853, m. 1877, Chas. H. Frazier.


(7) John H. Hansford, b. July 24, 1864, m. Nov. 28, 1899, Katherine S. Schults, b. Nov. 10, 1875. They had two children, —
(b) Edward M. Hansford, b. at Pratt, W.Va., Aug. 31, 1907.

(For another line connecting here see p. )

5. Bettie Hansford, b. April 26, 1830, m. James E. Middleton, b. 1830, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, d. March 11, 1904. The Baptist General Association of West Virginia, in session at Wheeling, October 12, 18, 1904, adopted the report of the Obituary Committee as follows:

"OBITUARY: J.E. Middleton died at his home in Charleston, age 74 years. He was a prominent member of the Baptist church and did much as superintendent of that Sunday School, and in other ways to bring the church to a position of standing and influence in the city in its early history. He was a good man and firm in his faith in Jesus during his last illness."

I suppose by "the Baptist church" the committee meant what is now the Baptist Temple in Charleston, whose pastor for more than forty years was Dr. Thomas C. Johnson, and whose present (1940) pastor is Dr. Strother A. Campbell.

6. Delphia Hansford, b. Feb. 8, 1834, m. William S. Hobson, of Richmond, Virginia. If they had children, I have not learned their names.

1. Mary Jane Hansford, b. 1828, d. Aug. 1900, m. 1853, Dr. John Walls, of Winchester, Va.

For children of John and Maria (Morris) Hansford, see p. 32.

It is said John Hansford was killed by train on Coal river bridge.


VIII. Charles Hansford, b. Aug. 14, 1800, m. a daughter of John and Mary (Duke) Morris, a first cousin. (See p. 33.) They settled in Illinois where he practiced medicine and was a member of the State Legislature.

IX. Alvah Hansford, b. May 7, 1803, d. in 1888 in St. Albans, West Virginia. Single. In 1830 owned 75 acres of land on Paint Creek.


XI. Gallatine Hansford, b. Dec. 17, 1808, m. Nancy Harriman, b. May 23, 1818, daughter of John and Nancy (Morris) Harriman. Her grandfather owned land in Kanawha and Mason counties. In 1794 he was living at the mouth of Lower Venable branch, two miles above Charleston, and was killed by Indians. He was the last person killed by Indians in the valley. The name of the grandfather killed was Shadrach Harriman. In 1834
Galatine Hansford owned 82 1/2 acres of land on Paint creek. He died September 2, 1853, and Sept. 10, 1863, his widow married Sylvester Thompson. Galatine Hansford's children were:

1. Nancy E. Hansford, born February 11, 1840.

XII. Melton Hansford, born June 22, 1811; married (first), Mary Parks; (second), Mrs. Brooks, a widow.

Gabriel Morris, second child of William Morris, Jr., and Catherine (Carroll) Morris, born December 27, 1772. I have no further information concerning him.

William Morris, third child of William Morris, Jr., and Catherine (Carroll) Morris, born December 16, 1775, died 1840. He was known as "Major Billy Morris." In 1798 he married Mary Barnes, daughter of Joseph Barnes, of Shepherdstown. Her mother was a sister of James Ramsey, inventor of the steamboat (See W. VA. HIS. MAG in April, 1905). She died, 1861. After the death of William Morris his widow, Mary, married Edward Hughes.

"In 1831, William Morris, or 'Billy' Morris, as he was familiarly known, a very ingenious and successful well borer, invented a simple tool, which has done more to render deep boring practicable, simple and cheap, than anything else since the introduction of steam. Here this tool has always been called 'slips' or 'jars.' It has a long double link, with jaws that fit closely, but slide loosely up and down. They are made of the best steel, are about thirty inches long, and fitted top and bottom, with pin and socket joint, respectively. Its object is to let the heavy sinker and bit have a clear, quick, cutting fall, unobstructed and unincumbered by the slower motion of the long line of augur poles above. In case of a fast augur or fast tool in the well, they are also used to give heavy jars upward or downward, or both, to loosen them..."
Billy Morris never patented his invention, and never asked for nor made a dollar out of it, but as a public benefactor, he deserves to rank with the inventors of the sowing machine, reaping machine, planing machine, printing cylinders, cotton gin, etc." - (HISTORY OF KANAWHA, by Atkinson, pp. 232-33).

What would Mr. Morris say if he were to come to life and see wells in that section now more than five thousand feet deep?

CHILDREN:

I. Joseph Barnes Morris, married Sallie Hughes.

II. Catherine Morris, born September 15, 1800, died Nov. 15, 1881, married, 1818, Morris Hansford, born January 18, 1794, died April 24, 1860. Morris Hansford was son of John Hansford, Sr., and Jane (Morris) Hansford. Morris and Catherine Hansford were first cousins. Morris Hansford moved to Clarksville, Missouri, but later moved back to Paint creek, West Virginia, where he died and was buried. (For their children see p. 25).

III. Roxalana Morris, married, June 7, 1824, Joel Alexander.

She died, 1872, and he died 1879. Their children were:

1. Mary Alexander.
3. Catherine Alexander, b. in Kanawha County, May 2, 1832; m. July 11, 1850, Thomas Jefferson Gardner. Their children were—
   (1) Charles H. Gardner, b. March 31, 1851.
   (2) Roxalana J. Gardner, b. Aug. 15, 1852, n. R. Royal.
   (3) Sarah A. Gardner, b. May 19, 1854, n. J. W. Bracken.
   (8) Pinkard Gardner, b. Nov. 16, 1863.
   (10) Lida N. Gardner, b. Aug. 16, 1867.
   (12) Kate Gardner, b. Jan. 11, 1870.
   (14) Thomas J. Gardner, b. May 17, 1874.

4. Sallie Alexander, m. (first), Joseph Woody; (second),"

3. Dryden Alexander.


Concerning her, Rev. G. W. Huddleston, her pastor, wrote:

"Mrs. Ellen E. Wood, died at the home of her son, Dr. Dr. J. A. Wood, Sunday, Oct. 22, 1905. Sister Wood has been a great sufferer from stomach trouble for several years. Notwithstanding her long illness and suffering she bore it patiently, always expressing herself as being ready to go when her Master should call for her. She was born Oct. 20, 1841. She was the mother of eleven children; 6 preceded her to the spirit world; 5 are left to mourn to loss of a kind and good mother. God grant that they may so live as to be an unbroken family in heaven. Sister Wood professed faith in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Old Kanawha Baptist church in the year 1871. She was true to the church and her pastor. She was loved and highly respected by all who knew her. And truly a mother in Israel has fallen. A large concourse of relatives and friends followed her remains to the Morris Cemetery at Pratt, W. Va., where she was laid to rest until the resurrection morn. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor assisted by Elder T. F. Holt."

Mr. and Mrs. Wood had the following children:

(1) Dr. Joseph Alexander Wood, b. Nov. 24, 1857, m. Harriett A. McGraw, Dec. 13, 1882. Mr. Wood is a prominent and successful physician, and for some time was secretary-treasurer of the Wacoma Coal Co., Pratt, W. Va. He and his wife are still living at Pratt, and are members of the Baptist church there. They have six children,

(a) Fred G. Wood, b. Sept. 23, 1883.
(b) Herbert F. Wood, b. March 27, 1886.
(c) Robert D. Wood, b. Aug. 27, 1883.
(d) Joseph A. Wood, b. Nov. 25, 1891.
(e) Frances Ellen Wood, b. March 14, 1895.
(f) Ruth Vernon Wood, b. Nov. 10, 1897.


(3) Mary E. Wood, b. Jan. 7, 1863, m. Seth Daum, no children.
I studied in the state of Washington.


V. William Norris, b. 1805, d. 1834, m. 1833, Julia Mitchell, b. 1818, d. 1876. They had the following children:

1. William Grandville Norris, m. Mrs. Henry Bruce, his second wife.
2. Fanny Norris, m. James Fanestall.
3. Hamiollion Norris, m. Fred Sprague.
4. Bettie Norris, m. George Clayton.

Their children are:

(i) Laura Bradford, b. Sept. 25, 1872.
(iii) William Hugh Bradford, b. April 5, 1880.

Sarah Bradford, b. Jan. 21, 1891, Charles Bodeann Ellis, b. March 31, 1865. Their children are:

(a) Mildred Norris Ellis, b. March 26, 1899.
(b) Julia Morris Ellis, b. March 17, 1903.

VI. Cynthia Norris, b. 1810, d. 1888, m. William White, b. Sept. 26, 1807. Their children are:

1. Janetta White, b. 1829, d. 1893, m. Osman Trimble, b. 1815, d. 1893. Their children are:

(i) Elizabeth Norris Trimble, d. young.

(b) Samuel Jasper Trimble, b. Nov. 7, 1877, m. America Frances Adams, b. May 11, 1852. Two children are:

(aa) Mildred Elizabeth Trimble, m. Franklin Harry Backus. One child-

(ba) Frankline Harry Backus, Jr.
(bb) Maxine Louise Trimble, m. Paul Smith.

(c) Mary Lucile Trimble, b. Dec. 13, 1873, m. James P. Shields, b. Nov. 21, 1874. No children.

(d) Bettie Lanella Trimble, d. in infancy.

By second marriage are:

(e) Archibald Trimble. Single.
(c) Mary Wilson Trimble, m. William Naughman. No children.

(d) Corrinna Smoot Trimble, m. Leslie Nugen. No children.

(e) Margaret Trimble, m. Charles Jarrett. No children.

(f) Osman Trimble, m. Virginia White. Two children,-

(aa) James McDonald Trimble, b. Nov. 3, 1930.

(bb) George David Trimble.

(g) Jannetta Trimble, m. George Montgomery. No children.

(h) Mary Ellen Trimble, m. Richard Smoot. No children.

(i) Lee Davis Trimble, m. Alice Peyton. No issue.

(j) Minnie A. Trimble, m. John W. Walton. Three children,-

(a) Peyton Morris Walton, d. young.

(b) JOHN TRIMBLE WALTON, m. Louise Page. No issue.

(c) Dorothy Musgrave Walton, m. James Ballard Smith. One child,- (aa) James Ballard Smith, Jr.

(j) Ida Janetta Trimble, d. Young.


3. Mary Barnes White, b. Feb. 5, 1836, m. L. S. Branham. Their son, H. H. Branham, lives at 220 Tenth Avenue, South Charleston.


6. Ellen White, b. 1841, m. George Bragg.

VII. Mary Morris, m. Bourbon N. Thomas.

Catherine Morris, fourth child of William Morris, Jr., and Catherine (Carroll) Morris, b. Jan. 15, 1778, m. Charles Venable. No issue. Their home was a happy meeting place for young people. He was the first slave owner to set his slave free in the Kanawha Valley.

Carroll Morris, fifth child of William Morris, Jr., and Catherine (Carroll) Morris, b. Nov. 2, 1779, m. Frances Sea. He was drowned in Kanawha river just below Upper Creek Shoal. They children were:

1. Maria Morris, b. Dec. 25, 1807, d. April 26, 1841, m. John Hansford, b. Jan. 1, 1798, son of John and Jane (Morris) Hansford, a first cousin. (See p. 27). Their children were:

(2) Carroll Morris Hansford, b. June 1, 1836, d. Nov., 1900.

(3) Victoria Frances Clay Hansford, b. Nov. 26, 1837, d. Sept. 21, 1903, m. Francis A. Teays.


II. Catherine Frances Morris, b. Nov. 30, 1818, d. 1900, m. Feb. 2, 1842, Dr. William Bailey Sutherland, b. 1821, d. March 18, 1885.

(For their children see p. 220)

III. Harriett Morris, married James Clark.

IV. Minerva Morris, m. Silas Reynolds.

V. Letitia Morris, m. Norris L. Whitaker, January, 1832, and he was b. in Charleston, 1808. (See p. 220).

VI. Panthia Morris, m. (first), M. Greenlee; (second), Dr. Warren Day, Everett.

VII. Carroll Morris, Jr., d. single.

VIII. Michael See Morris, d. young.

(For further information concerning Carroll Morris' family see p. 220).

John Morris, sixth child of William Morris, Jr., and Catherine (Carroll) Morris, born Aug. 24, 1783, m. Mary Duke. It is claimed that he moved to Missouri, having sold his farm to Aaron Stockston. When he reached a decision to go west he built a large flat-boat on which he loaded his slaves, family, wagons, farm tools, cattle, etc. When they were all aboard the entire neighborhood assembled on the bank of the river and held a religious farewell service, and prayed for their safe voyage. John and Mary (Duke) Morris had a son killed in the Black Hawk war. His name was Granville Morris. If they had more children I have not been able to learn of them.
Cynthia Morris, seventh child of William and Catherine (Carroll) Morris, born Jan. 5, 1792, d. Aug. 1, 1872, married July 20, 1807, Isaac Noys, born May 26, 1785, d. in Charleston, W. Va., 1871. Mr. Noys was a member of the Presbyterian church, in Charleston. Atkinson's History of Kanawha says of him:

"Of the many pious members of this church, Isaac Noys, Esq., was one than whom I doubt if a more pious man or purer Christian ever lived in this Valley. He, like Enoch of old, for over fifty years literally 'walked with God,' having his 'conversation in heaven;' 'from whence he also looked daily for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.' Although possessed of great wealth at the time of his conversion, still he literally gave up all, and 'counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus;' gave up business altogether, manumitted all his slaves that he held in his own right, and patiently waited for the coming of the Master. He died in 1872, as it were in sight of the promised land, at the age of ninety years. Obeying the divine injunction to the patriarchs of old, he taught the religion he professed to his children, and his children's children, nearly of whom are following in his footsteps, and are worthy members of the church of their father. Few, if any, contributed more to the promotion of religion and morality in the Kanawha Valley than did Isaac Noys. (P. 209).

Mr. Noys was born in Columbia county, New York, and came to Kanawha in 1804. At first he engaged in the fur business and readily made money; afterwards he was in the salt business where he also made money. He was also a successful merchant. He was active in business until 1848, when he retired, having made a fortune. In 1823 he was converted, and after retiring from business twenty years later he devoted his time, talents and means to the cause of Christ. His wife was a confirmed invalid and Mr. Noys gave special attention to her needs. In 1828 he took her to New Orleans for her health, and nursed her himself. It was while they were in
that southern city that he was converted upon a housetop.
After his conversion and earnest prayers for himself and wife, she became better and he returned with her to their home in the Valley. When he died his funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the county. He was a noted musician, was chair director in the Charleston Presbyterian church, and played the bass viol. His daughter, Mrs. B. H. Smith, was organist.

CHILDREN:

I. Roxalana Noys, born Sept. 11, 1809, married, Dec. 19, 1828, Col. Benjamin Harrison Smith, born in Rockingham county, Virginia, Oct. 31, 1797. Mr. Smith's father was Benjamin Smith, his grandfather was Daniel Smith, and his great-grandfather was John, a Captain in the English army. Benjamin H. Smith attended school in Harrisburg, Virginia, he also attended school in Ohio. In 1815 he entered the State University of Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1819. March 22, 1822 he opened a law office in Charleston. In 1833 he was elected to the Senate of Virginia, and at the end of his first term he was re-elected. He refused to run again, but was elected, and after serving one year resigned. While in the Senate, the Ohio University gave him his Master of Arts degree which he had merited eighteen years previous, but had been delayed because the university could not by law grant honorary degrees. As a lawyer Mr. Smith specialized in land cases, and from 1831 to 1874 there was scarcely a land case of importance that he was not engaged on it. He won about nine out of every ten of his cases. In 1849 he was appointed District Attorney of the United States, for the Western District of Virginia,
President Taylor. He remained in this office during the administration of Taylor and Fillmore. In 1852 he was re-appointed by President Lincoln, and remained in office five years and resigned. In 1852 he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention, and took prominent part in the debates in that body. He was in the Convention when West Virginia was formed and made a strong plea that all the territory west of the Blue Ridge be included in the new state. He served one term in the House of Delegates of Virginia and one in West Virginia. He practiced law before the Courts of Appeal of West Virginia and Virginia, also argued cases before the Supreme Court of the United States. In his old days he devoted most of his time to his large farm then seven miles below Charleston on the Kanawha river.

CHILDREN:


2. Isaac Noys Smith, born November 29, 1860, married Caroline S. Quarrier. He was a prominent attorney.


II. Ellen Noys, born Oct. 17, 1820, d. April 14, 1903, m. William Rand, Feb. 16, 1837. Mr. Rand was a member of the Presbyterian church, and died in 1868. Their children,


IV. Jane Noys, born July 3, 1323, married James S.O. Brooks. Their children:

1. Cynthia Frances Brooks
2. William Bradford Brooks
3. Benjamin Smith Brooks
4. Ellen Rand Brooks
5. Channey Noys Brooks
6. Emma Smith Brooks
Henry Morris, Sr., second son of William Morris, Sr., and Elizabeth Stepps Morris, born in Orange County, Virginia, either in the fall of 1747 or the spring of 1748. (As per my reasons for this date, see p. 35). Possibly his birth occurred in what is now Culpepper County, but that county was not formed until 1749.

Henry was an intelligent industrious boy whose early life was spent amid the wild, romantic scenery of the wilderness. The country was sparsely settled and opportunity for obtaining an education meager, hence it is reasonable to suppose that his literary training was limited. Many of the best citizens in that day could neither read nor write. However, he had ample opportunity for developing his gifts in a way that proved useful to himself and others. The bleating of the deer, the howling of the wolf, the barking of the fox, the screaming of the panther, the gobbling of the turkey, the incursions of the bear when he desired a fat hog, and the occasional visit of the Indian would induce him to take practical lessons in the science of gunnery. Later in life he demonstrated the fact that he could use a gun.

Henry grew to manhood and selected as his life companion Mary Bird, also of Bath County, and a more suitable one could not have been found. He needed a wife who could and would brave the dangers and hardships of frontier life;
one who understood the manners and customs of the Indians. All this and much more did he find in Mary Bird. Having been captured by the Indians and carried across the Ohio River to Chillicothe, one of their towns, when but seven years of age, where she was held a captive for nine years, or until she was sixteen years of age, gave her an incite into Indian life that she could not have otherwise obtained. Here she learned their language, their attitude toward prisoners, their hatred for white people, and their war tactics.

Col. Charles William Bell, teacher, attorney, historian, says:

"The Indians made an incursion in the vicinity of Fort Dinwiddie on the Jackson River in September, 1756, in which they killed thirteen people and took twenty-eight prisoners. Among the slain was John Bird. His wife and six children were carried into captivity. Mary Bird remained with the Indians until Bouquet's treaty with the Indians in 1764, when the Indians gave up all their captives. One of Mary's sisters had married an Indian, and when the captives were released she chose to remain with the Indians and was never heard of afterward.


The John Bird mentioned above was Mary (Bird) Morris' father. John Bird married a Dean, and their six children were: The girl remaining in captivity; Katherine ("Kate"); Sarah, born 1743; Thomas; Mary, born 1747; John, Jr., born 1748. After the return from captivity the children would often frighten the settlers with their vicious yells and savage war whoops. It was somewhat difficult for the children to become reconciled to real home life again. Having
I learned the language of the savage as well as their customs of civilized people. It was like beginning life anew, and this is not always smooth sailing. I have heard my grandmother Campbell tell some interesting stories of early families. She was a granddaughter of Mary Bird, and was born before Mary died. It is probable she had firsthand information concerning Mary's experiences with the Indians. When my grandmother became old enough to understand there were many people living who had been born before the Birds returned from Chillicothe in 1764. In those pioneer days a child's education consisted largely in committing to memory the traditions of his forefathers, and therefore it is reasonable to suppose that family history was better known then than now.

One day Catherine Bird and her sweetheart to whom she was engaged were together and some Indians came upon them, when one of them in broken English said: "There my Kate," and seized her and was carrying her away. Her sweetheart saw he was no match for that band of Indians and began negotiations for her release. He persuaded them to accept two blankets for her and they went on their way without her.

I have seen a spinning wheel that was probably used by Mary (Bird) Morris in making yarn for the clothing of her family. (See p. 88).

Much has been written about Henry Morris. Hon. George W.
Otkinson says:

"He was small of stature" (His. Of Kanawha, p. 204).

Col. W. S. Laidley says:

"Henry was a large stout healthy man" (W. Va. His. Mag., April, 1905, p. 78). Silas Zane Morris, grandson of Henry, wrote me from Kansas City, that Henry Morris was five feet ten inches high and his average weight for several years was one hundred and eighty pounds.

Atkinson further says of Henry:

Henry Morris was a man of remarkable courage and physical strength. He was small of stature but his activity, nerve and courage rendered him a foe, when enraged, who was feared wherever he was known. He could turn a summersault as easily as a circus tumbler; and struck with such force that one blow was generally enough to lay out an adversary in a fisticuff fight. It is claimed for him that he could kick a hat from the top of a nine foot pole without losing his balance. He was the most noted pugilist in the early history of this country, and was champion, not only of the "light weights," but was master of the heavy weights also, at every muster of militia, where the championship between shoulder-hitters was always determined.

-(His. Of Kanawha, p. 204).

Col. W. S. Laidley says:

He was an athlete and no man could cope with him in any game, where strength, skill and endurance were required, such as running, jumping and wrestling. Some one in speaking of Henry Morris, said that he was a physical giant, an athlete and dare-devil. That he was as fearless as he was powerful and as determined as fearless.


Silas Zane Morris, Henry’s grandson, said he could use both arms in a fisticuff fight, and could strike as heavy
a cow with one fist as with the other. This gave him the advantage over an adversary, for when he was watching one fist Henry would hit him with the other. Once a pugilist declared no one could hit his head, and Henry accepted his challenge. Morris acted as if to strike with his right fist and hit the man's head with his left. The man exclaimed: "I was not looking for that fellow." Morris and a pugilist were to match their strength in a fight, and just before the fight and when the crowd had gathered, the man, thinking he would learn where Morris' strength lay, asked him to show him. Henry gave him a left-hand blow that knocked the man unconscious. This closed the contest, for the man then refused to fight.

Perhaps the nearest Henry Morris came to being defeated in a fight was when he met a man in what is now Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Morris heard of this man and walked through two counties to the man's cabin. Calling the man out he told him his business. The man expressed delight at his coming and invited him to eat with him. The neighbors were called in and the fight was staged. The first pass the man made at Morris he knocked blood from his nose and ears. Morris immediately perceived he had met his equal, and backing a couple of steps, he made one leap forward striking the man and kicking him at the same time. This knocked the man unconscious. He was carried into the house where Morris nursed him several days, then returned to his home on Peter's Creek.
In those days men did not fight with guns, stones, knives and clubs, but usually with their fists. As in preparation for war today soldier drill to fight with modern methods, even so in that day much of the prize-fighting was to train men to fight the Indians.

Much that has been written about Henry Morris' hatred toward the Indians is not true to fact. Because Henry's two girls were murdered by Indians a greater percent of Indian killing is charged to him than he deserves. Perhaps some of the revenge taken on the Indians was done by Benjamin, Henry's youngest brother.

When the historic Battle of Point Pleasant was fought between Indians and white men, October 10, 1774, Henry Morris, his brothers, Leonard and John, and his brother-in-law, John Jones were in it, and no soldiers made a better record for bravery and efficiency than they. As General Lewis marched past the Morris settlement with his little ill-equipped and poorly organized army these men joined them and all marched down the Great Kanawha river together. They fought all day, and when the white army was divided and three companies, commanded by Captains Isaac Shelby, George Matthews and John Stuart went into a flanking movement by marching up Kanawha river thence up Crooked creek where they attacked the Indians in their rear, Henry and John Morris were with them. It is said that in that battle, when the bullets were flying thick and fast, Henry Morris and a man named Wilson saw an Indian "draw a bead" on them and
oth leaped behind the same tree. The tree being too small to protect them a bullet crashed through Wilson's head, spattering both blood and brains in Morris' face. Morris said that two days after the battle he picked Wilson's brain out of his own whiskers. The two armies fought from sunrise to sunset with unabated vigor. The Virginia army had twenty-five men killed and one hundred and forty wounded, but it was not possible to ascertain the loss in the Indian army. Twenty-one were found dead on the battlefield, and twelve others were found covered with logs and brush.

It was John Jones' habit to sleep nude, and when he awoke from his slumbers in his bed of weeds and leaves the guns were roaring. Not having time to completely dress he fought all day without his pants.

William McBride made a gun for General George Washington with britch pin bushed with gold, but when the work was completed he found some defect in the gun. Wishing to present Washington a "perfect" gun McBride gave this one to Henry Morris. Henry kept this gun while he lived and after his death his son John came into possession of it, and when John died William B. Summers got hold of it. Mr. Summers prized this relic very highly, but was finally persuaded to let it go when it fell into the hands of Leonard Morris, brother in law of Summers. After this the family lost sight of it. This gun was known among the settlers as "Old Gold Bottom." When the settlers were in the Clendennin Fort at mouth of Elk and the Indians were firing...
then from the south side of the river, and those in the fort were returning the shot, it was discovered that the guns were not of sufficient range to reach the enemy. John Young said to Henry Morris: "Put two chargers of powder in old gold bottom, double the patch and hand it to me." The gun was made ready, and Young aimed just above an Indian's head and fired. The Indian fell. When night came the white men got into canoes and went across the river where they found the Indian dead.

In 1775 William Morris, Jr., and his Negro servant Peter went up Gauley river on a hunting trip. They struck camp on a small stream which is now known as Little Elk. One morning as they started out to find game they became separated and Peter followed a trail leading up the creek and across the low gap which is fourteen hundred feet above sea level. This mountain, now called Little Elk Mountain, divides Little Elk from Otter Creek. Peter went down Otter Creek until he came to a much larger stream, now known as Peter's Creek. Here he found fine bottom land and good hunting grounds. Re-tracing his steps Peter found himself back at the camp on Little Elk. As Morris and Peter sat beside the camp fire that night discussing their experiences during the day Peter told Morris what he had found. They decided to inspect that section the next day, Morris telling Peter that the new creek should be named for him. Early next morning they set out for the new territory, and were so pleased with it that they built a bark
Camp and remained there several days. This camp was one half mile above what is now Line Creek of Peter's Creek. Morris returned home leaving alone. But before Morris departed they planted peach seeds, which was one of the pioneer customs of claiming title to land. These seeds would become trees and others would recognize the land as belonging to Morris. This was in the fall, and the following winter being severe Morris did not return until the next spring, when he found Peter doing well. He had lived on wild game and other things such as the forest produced.

Morris having already decided to remain in the Kanawha Valley he traded this land to his brother Henry, who took his family there 1776. Henry built his cabin near what is Fairview Baptist church, but on the opposite of the present highway. Paul Jones Summers, a great grandson of Henry now lives near the spot where Morris' log cabin stood. In 1791 he built another house, perhaps a more commodious one. I have seen some of the logs that were in this latter house.

For some time Henry Morris had no near neighbors. In 1791 Edward McClung built a log house at what is now Keslers Cross Lanes, and moved his family there. Captain George Fitzwater came with McClung and lived with him for a time. About the same time Conrad Young built a long cabin about one mile above Morris on Peter's Creek, and on the opposite side of the creek from that of Morris. Ed-
Osward McClung was drowned in Kanawha River near Moles Island.

Henry Morris lived on Peter's Creek until his death in 1824. His log cabin was a palace, his daily food of bear meat, venison and fowl was better than a king's dainties, and his children were like "green olive trees round about his clap-board table." But there were times when all was not sunshine. Comfortable conveniences were few, the winters were usually severe, clothing was scant, sugar had to be made from sugar trees in the spring time, salt had to be carried from a distance, iron nails were sometimes carried on horse back from Virginia, shoes that did not amply protect the feet were crudely made of the skin of animals, houses were built of round logs notched at the corners, and the cracks between filled with mud, chimneys were built of rough stone or sticks and mud, some times bedsteads were built in the corner of the house with only one leg and poles going into the walls with "slats" or raw hide stretched from side to side. After they began growing wheat straw-ticks were very common. "Bolsters" or pillows were also made of straw. Meal was made from corn either beaten in a trough with a pestle or ground in a "hand-mill." All guns were loaded from the muzzle, bullets were melted in a ladle and run in a bullet mould. Guns were loaded by putting a piece of "patching" or cloth over the muzzle then push the bullet with this cloth into the barrel the size of the bullet, then clip this cloth off with a sharp knife,
On a ramrod made of seasoned tough hickory was used to push the bullet and patching down to the powder which had been previously poured into the gun barrel. The powder was measured in a charger made either of lead or the tooth of an animal. The firing tube was connected with a pan into which a small amount of powder was placed and a flint was also connected with this pan. The hammer struck the flint, making a spark of fire and this ignited the powder in the pan and then the fire went through the tube into the powder in the gun barrel. Sometimes the powder in the pan would only flash and not get into the barrel at all. Shooting a gun then was more of a process than an act.

One winter when Henry Morris had to go to the settlement on the Kanawha River for food, his feet were so frozen when he arrived that he could not resume the return trip for several days. When he reached home his family were at the point of starvation. He brought with him some baked bread which he gave them and this tided them over until food could be prepared. Next morning one of the cows was dead in the yard.

In 1793 Morris held patent for 600 acres of land on Peter's Creek, and in 1820, fifty acres on Line Creek, and 1823, fifty acres in another tract on Peter's Creek. He cleared out a large farm on Peter's Creek, and after his death his son John came into possession of it. Mary (Bird) Morris lived several years after the death of her husband, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Janes, on Elk
Henry Morris lived to be about 76 years of age, and died on his farm on Peter's Creek, Nicholas County, West Virginia, and his body lies near where his cabin stood. No detachment of state troops attended his funeral; no soldiers fired a parting salute over his grave; nor was he laid to rest with military honors; but a few sorrowing friends and relatives gathered around the dead hero, and, having taken a last view of the venerable and stately form, lowered it into its house of clay, where he calmly and peacefully sleeps, undisturbed by the storms, the strife, the wars and worries of earthly life. For more than a hundred years no marker stood at his grave. However nature furnished some dogwood bushes to reveal where he was buried, until relatives and friends removed them and placed there a small tombstone. He sleeps beside his murdered children whose double monument will be discussed when and where their murder is considered. (See p. 76, 81.)

Col. Charles William Bell says:

"When Peter Morris spent his first winter in his bark camp it was in Botetourt County. When Henry Morris received grant for his six hundred acres of land it was in Greenbrier County. His daughters were murdered in Kanawha County. He is sleeping his long sleep in Nicholas County."


The "bridle path" over which these pioneers traveled has given way to a fine paved highway with a stream of buses, cars, and trucks constantly moving along.

Henry Morris, Sr., and Mary (Bird) Morris had seven
children, six daughters and one son. The nearest approach to accuracy in the order of the births of these children will appear in the following:

I. SARAH MORRIS, born, 1776.
II. MARGARET MORRIS, born, 1778.
III. ELIZABETH MORRIS, born, 1781.
IV. MARY MORRIS, born, 1783.
V. LEAH MORRIS, born, 1785.
VI. CATHERINE MORRIS, born, 1787.
VII. JOHN MORRIS, born, 1789.

This order will be observed in the following sketches of the children of Henry and Mary Morris.
Sarah Morris, oldest child of Henry Morris, Sr., and Mary (Bird) Morris, b. March 29, 1793, Charles F. Young, b. March 1774, in that part of Augusta County, which afterward became Rockingham County, Virginia. The marriage ceremony was performed by P. Watkins. Charles F. Young was son of Conrad Young, b. in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Conrad Young was the second son of Conrad Young, b. in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was three times married. His first wife was Anna Margaret Franciscus who was also b. in Pa. By her he had two children, one d. in infancy and John Young, b. in Lancaster County, Pa., August, 1730, and Keziah Tackett, d. in Lancaster, Pa., August, 1739. Keziah Tackett, d. in Lancaster, Pa., was the mother of Margaret Franciscus who was also b. in Pa. By her he had two children, one d. in infancy and John Young, b. in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Conrad Young took his son John to Augusta County, Virginia, and settled in what afterward became Rockingham County. In 1735 Conrad Young made a deed to land in Rockingham County, and it is possible that he had purchased in 1770, and in that same year a survey was made on Mussel Creek, Greenbrier County.

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the family moved from Rockingham County to Muddy Creek that
same year. Records show that Conrad Young, Matthias Young
and Charles F. Young were on Peter's Creek with Henry Morris

By his second marriage (wife's name unknown) Conrad
Young had three children, viz: Matthias Young, b. in Virginia,
1770; Elizabeth Young, b. in Virginia, 1772, m. April 10, 1792,
Thomas Smith, and settled in Nicholas County, now W. Va; Charles
F. Young (of whom see further). By his third marriage (wife's
name unknown) Conrad Young had William Young, b. 1785 (of whom
see further); George Young and possibly Henry Young.

Charles F. Young assisted his father in the building
of the first cabin below Coal River when he was but twelve
years of age. It is claimed that the Youngs went with Henry
Morris to Peter's Creek. After their marriage Charles F.
and Sarah (Morris) Young settled on Elk River where they
lived and died. They had the following children,

I. John B. Young, b. 1794, d. 1861, m. Aug. 14, 1816, Margaret
Young, b. Jan., 1794, d. 1864. She was a daughter of John and
Keziah (Tackett) Young, a first cousin. They had issue of,

1. Sarah Young, b. 1831, m. Nov. 20, 1858, Franklin Baxter, b.
1826. They had one child, Fenton Baxter.

2. Nancy W. Young, m. Jan. 27, 1863, William Ransom. They
have five children,

(1) Maggie Ransom, (3) Thomas Ransom,
(2) Bettie Ransom, (4) Milton Ransom,
(5) Henry Ransom.
J. James Strother Young, b. 1832, d. 1866, m. Oct. 3, 1850, Mary E. Griffith, b. 1836, d. 1909. They had seven children,—

(1) Jasper Young, m. Henrietta King
(2) Porus J. Young, b. May 26, 1860, m. Mary Boyd, b. 1867, d. 1900.
(3) Bruce Young, m. Alice Darlington.
(4) Perry S. Young, m. Annie Geary.
(5) Hillerd Young, b. Nov., 1853, m. William Brawley.
(6) Laura Young, d. Oct. 25, 1928, m. James M. Belcher, d. 1922.
(7) Mary Young, m. John R. Snyder.

4. Harvey Humphrey Young, b. 1834, m. Dec. 29, 1869, Annie Ferrill, b. 1852, d. 1935. They had eight children,—

(1) Staunton W. Young, m. Lillie Copen
(2) Loy Orten Young, m. Florence Ullman, b. July 20, 1872.
(3) Harvey Hutson Young, m. Olive Buckley.
(4) Coy O. Young.
(5) Philip Chilton Young.
(6) James Corbett Young.
(7) Cora A. Young, b. Aug. 7, 1873, m. William Walton.
(8) Esther Young, m. William Coots.

5. Harriett Young, m. (first), Samuel Matheny, Aug. 23, 1839; (second), Wilton Woods, April 8, 1850. By first husband two children,—

(1) William Matheny, (2) Sarah Matheny.

6. Jacob Armstrong Young, m. Oct. 17, 1850, Julia Mary Geary.

Feb. 21, 1897 I made my second and third efforts at preaching, and it was at Barren Creek on Elk above Clendenin, and I spent the time from Saturday to Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Armstrong Young. When I met Mr. Young he pleasantly said: "I am somewhat of a Scriptorian and, young man, I will sound you through before you leave here." We had a good time talking over the Scriptures. On Sunday night I preached on the immortality of the soul, and Floyd Young, who was an Adventist preacher, but later drifted into Universalism, endeavored to reply to me. Mr. and Mrs. Young had seven children,—
(1) Floyd J. Young, b. Bell Samples.
(2) Albert C. Young, b. Jane King.
(3) John Milton Young, b. E va Eden.
(4) Josephine Young, b. Feb. 4, 1855, m. Thomas Cummings.
(5) Elizabeth Young, b. Feb. 27, 1863, m. Alonzo Jenkins.
(6) Nora Young, b. 1869, m. David Taylor.
(7) Amy Young, m. William Hudkins.


II. James A. Young, b. July 14, 1826, Rachael James, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Morris) James, a first cousin. She was b. Oct. 10, 1804. (See pp. 83, 84). Their children,—

1. Clinton Young, b. May 1, 1869, Mary J. Spradling.
2. Clark Young, b. June 6, 1854, Sarah E. Young, d. William and Nancy J. (Gordon) Young, a first cousin. (See p. 61). They had two children,—

   (1) Vincent Young, (2) Hamilton Young.
3. Ellen Young, b. Rawscl Elswick. Two children,—

   (1) Eli Elswick, (2) James Elswick.
4. Elizabeth Young, b. 1832, m. May 28, 1856, William Martin.
5. Charles A. Young, b. 1846, m. (first), July 5, 1866, Jerushia A. Light, b. 1852; (second), Malisa D. A. Ingran, June 13, 1865.
6. Edmond P. Young, b. April 7, 1864, Catherine Johnson.
8. Talitha Young, b. Squire Ferrell.

III. Charles W. Young, b. Sept. 6, 1809, m. Sept. 13, 1832, Elizabeth Given, b. Aug. 21, 1813. (For a genealogy of the Given Family, see another work by the compiler of this genealogy).
Charles V. Young was a good marksman, an essential qualification in those pioneer days. He killed his first deer when but eight years of age. Mr. Young d. Aug., 1901, and she d. 1837. They had twelve children,-

1. Margaret Jane Young, b. Aug. 6, 1833, d. March 25, 1866, m. Jan. 19, 1866, James A. Higginbathan, b. 1837. It is to be noted that she lived but two month after marriage.

2. Elizabeth Sarah Young, b. Dec. 4, 1835, m. May 23, 1855, James Madison Buckner. They had ten children,-

   (1) George Buckner, (6) William Buckner,
   (2) Charles Buckner, (7) James Buckner,
   (3) Jane Buckner, (8) Erma Buckner,
   (4) Archibald Buckner, (9) Lee Buckner,
   (5) Lizzie Buckner, (10) Strother Buckner.

3. Matilda Young, b. Nov. 1, 1837, m. Sept. 25, 1856, Nathan Hannah. They had seven children,-

   (1) Charles Hannah, (4) Simett Hannah,
   (2) Catherine Hannah, (5) Georgia Bratton Hannah,
   (3) Jemima Hannah, (6) Alcinda Hannah.

4. Samuel M. Young, b. Dec. 22, 1839, m. May 2, 1865, Mary Margaret Roy, b. Sept. 29, 1846. They had eleven children,-

   (1) Ida May Young, b. Aug. 24, 1866, m. Feb. 17, 1885, George S. Morgan. He was once mayor of the city of Charleston, W. Va. Their children were,-

      (a) Maysel Morgan, b. Jan. 22, 1886, (d) Daniel Morgan,
      (b) Mary Morgan, (e) Harry Morgan,
      (c) Hattie Morgan (f) George Morgan.

   (2) Mary E. Young, b. Sept. 6, 1868, m. Oct. 21, 1885, Lewis Williams. Their children were,-

      (a) Hertha T. Williams, (c) Chester Williams
      (b) Flora Williams, (d) William Ernest Williams.

   (3) Evelyn Young, b. Sept. 27, 1870, m. Nov. 22, 1893, John E.
Cain. They had four children,-
(a) Ophelia Cain, (c) Charles Cain,
(b) Gladys Cain, (d) Frank Cain.

(4) Leatitia A. Young, b. Sept. 30, 1872, d. April 20, 1873.

(5) Nathanael L. Young, b. May 15, 1874, m. Bell Montague.

Three children,—

(a) Bevil Young, (b) Mary Young, (c) Randolph Young.

(6) Flora J. Young, b. Jan. 15, 1876, m. William Mahan.


(9) Christopher C. Young, b. June 22, 1880.

(10) Nona D. Young, b. Aug. 10, 1883.

(11) Mishia Young, b. Jan. 11, 1886, m. (first), Walter Jarrett;
     (second), name not known.


They had five children,—

(1) Strother Young, (3) Mary Young,
(2) Frederick Young, (4) Chlora Young,
(5) Helvin Young.

6. Henrietta Young, b. Feb. 5, 1844, m. Charles Page. They had

seven children,—

(1) Elizabeth Page, (4) Enoch Page,
(2) Willian Page, (5) Isabell Page,
(3) Janie Page, (6) Bertha Page,
(7) Strater Page.


8. Carolyn Young, b. April 9, 1848, m. William Scruggs.


They had four children,—

(1) Lucinda Young, (3) Mary Young,
(2) Elizabeth Young, (4) Margaret Young.

10. Emily F. Young, b. July 6, 1853, m. Green Meadows. They had
our children,-

(1) William Meadows, (3) Charles Meadows,
(2) Ida Meadows, (4) Sidney Meadows.


12. Charles E. Young, b. Nov. 30, 1858, m. Adaline Brown, and
had three children,-

(1) Matilda Young, (2) Charles Young, (3) Julia Young.

IV. Edmond Young, m. Feb. 23, 1837, Elizabeth Gordon.

V. Benjamin S. Young, m. Lucinda Huffman. Two children,-


VI. Elizabeth Young, b. June 29, 1795, in Greenbrier County,
W. Va., m. 1815, Edmund Price, b. 1775. She d. Oct. 3, 1882 (P. 55).

VII. Margaret Young, m. 1822, John Jarrett. Had three child-
ren,-

1. William Jarrett, m. Mary Atkinson. Six children,-

(1) Strother Jarrett, (4) John Jarrett,
(2) Fudge Jarrett, (5) Palina Jarrett,


VIII. Sarah Ann Young, m. Jan. 13, 1825, William Burdett. She
d. May 7, 1861. They had issue of,-

1. Miles Burdett, went to Kansas and drowned in a cloud-
burst.

2. Sarah Burdett, m. Harvey Burdett.

3. William Burdett, b. on Coopers Creek, Kanawha County, b.
Jan. 6, 1839, m. Malinda Jones, July 17, 1859; and she was b. May
10, 1840, in Kanawha County. They had issue of,-

(1) William Burdett, b. June 10, 1860, m. Alice Burdett (m. 60).
(2) Mary M. Burdett, b. Dec. 27, 1861.
4. Caroline Burdett, n. Willis Cavender, and lived on Coopers Creek, of Elk. Their children are,—

(1) Squire ("Tobe") Cavender, n. Wash Hall, and had four children,—
   (a) Albert Cavender, (b) Billie Cavender, (c) Clifford Cavender, (d) Dora Cavender.

(2) William S. Cavender, n. (first), Leatha Medley; (second), Hina Miller. Children by first wife,—
   (a) Ira W. Cavender, b. Aug. 3, 1879, n. Laura Miller,
   (b) Minnie Cavender, n. Walter Hall, son of Bailey and Sallie Hall, of Coopers Creek,
   (c) John Albert Cavender.

(3) Samuel Cavender, n. Florence and had three children,—
   (a) Selva Cavender, (b) Gornie Cavender, (c) Delbert Cavender.

(4) Lewis Cavender, n. (first), Nannie Samuels; (second), Octavia Paulcy, b. Dec. 17, 1858; (third), Lillie Jordan.

(5) Nancy Cavender, n. Benjamin Hughart, and had four children,—
   (a) Felix Hughart, n. a Hughart,
   (b) Ida Hughart, n. Paddy Moss,
   (c) Lizzie Hughart, n. George Fields,
   (d) Evans Hughart.

(6) Dottie Cavender, n. John Segnan, and had three children,—
   (a) Della Segnan, (b) Hilton Segnan, (c) Bertha Segnan.

(7) Elizabeth Cavender, n. Albert Caldwell, son of John Caldwell, a deacon in Mt. Pisgah Baptist church. Albert and Elizabeth had seven children,—
   (a) Myrtle Caldwell, n. D. S. Shanlin.
(b) Fred Caldwell, b. 1836, m. Laura Pace, b. 1836. Two children b. to them,-


(c) Helva Caldwell, m. J. C. Jordan.

(d) Pearl Caldwell, m. J. H. Hughart.

(e) R. B. Caldwell, m. Annie Given, d. Lewis and Sadie Given (See Given Genealogy).

(f) J. W. Caldwell, m. Mary Burdett, d. Lewis Burdett.

(g) Ada Caldwell, m. Cineat Hughart.

5. Charles Burdett, b. 1827, m. Delilah Burdett, b. 1835.

ten children,-

(1) Henrietta Burdett, b. 1851, m. Nov. 7, 1869, Joel B. Jones, b. 1850.

(2) Sarah Jane Burdett, b. 1852, m. Feb. 6, 1860, W. L. Jones, b. 1846.

(3) Alice Burdett, m. William Burdett, first cousin. (p. 58).

(4) John W. Burdett, m. Mary F. Walker.

(5) Preston W. Burdett, m. Martha Walker.

(6) Edmund Burdett, m. Nancy E. Walker.

(7) Charles Clarkson Burdett, b. June 17, 1862.

(8) Lewis Burdett, m. Ada Walker.

(9-10) Two d. in infancy.

6. Harvey Burdett, m. Mildred J. Copenhaver, b. Aug. 16, 1848. They had nine children,-

(1) William Burdett.

(2) Thomas H. Burdett, m. July 10, 1901, Mamie L. M. Zimmerman, of Fayette County, A. W. Morris officiating.

(3) Florence Burdett, m. Dr. J. A. Word.
(4) Ida Burdett, d. young.
(5) Emma Burdett, m. Prof. A. M. Morris.
(6) Lizzie Burdett, m. (first), Jack Gibson; (second),

C. C. Dev. By first marriage two children,

(a) Lealia Gibson, (b) William Gibson, b. March 10, 1894.

(7) Rosa Burdett.

(8) Myrtle Burdett.

(9) Lovell Burdett, accidentally shot himself.

7. Harriett Burdett, m. (first), A Cavender; (second), A Facenyers. Children by first marriage,


IX. William Young, d. Feb. 16, 1883, n. Nov. 20, 1829, Nancy J. Gordon (See p. 55). Their children -

1. Sarah Young, m. Clark Young, son of James A. and Rachael (James) Young, a first cousin. (See p. 55).

2. Lucinda Young, b. Feb. 8, 1833, d. July 13, 1882, m. April 18, 1859, John Wesley Elswick, b. March 3, 1835. Mr. Elswick was a very busy man and the many positions he held show the People’s estimate of his character and ability. He was popular teacher, a constable, a justice of the peace, treasurer of Elk District (in Kanawha County), president of the board of education, a notary public, and deputy sheriff. They had nine children,

(2) Sarah L. Elswick, b. March 18, 1863, d. April 20, 1863.
(4) Jennings Elswick, b. Dec. 14, 1867.
(5) John W. Elswick, b. April 18, 1869.
(7) Thomas W. Elswick, b. May 25, 1874.
(9) George H. Elswick, b. Aug. 8, 1878.

THE MURDER OF THE
MORRIS CHILDREN
MARGARET M. MORRIS, second child of Henry and Mary (Bird) Morris, born on Peters Creek, 1778, died at the hands of Indians, 1792.

ELIZABETH MORRIS, third child of Henry and Mary (Bird) Morris, born on Peters Creek, 1780, died at the hands of Indians, 1792.

MURDER OF THE MORRIS CHILDREN

Many and varied are the traditions of the murder of Margaret and Elizabeth Morris. Much of this traditional matter has found its way into print, but a great deal of it is transmitted "by word of mouth." Some of the members of the family have adopted one story and some another until there is much confusion. So firm are some of them in their belief in the story as handed down through their particular branch of the family that they seem to agree to disagree and not discuss the subject. Most historians who have written about the matter have adopted one or the other of these traditions and have not examined records to establish conclusions.

Hon. George W. Atkinson, once Governor of West Virginia, has written at some length (HISTORY OF KANAWHA COUNTY, pp. 121-2). So has Dr. J. P. Hale, the historian, (TRANS-ALLEGHANY PIONEERS, p. 277). Hon. W. S. Laidley published
an article in the WEST VIRGINIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, April, 1905, covering twenty seven pages, in which he discussed the matter. Edward Campbell wrote a series of articles on the EARLY SETTLERS OF NICHOLAS COUNTY, and these were published in the Nicholas Chronicle in 1883-4. In these articles he discusses the subject at some length. William R. Summers also wrote on the subject and his two articles were published in the Nicholas Chronicle in 1902. John D. Sutton mentions the tragedy in his HISTORY OF BRAXTON COUNTY, (p.90). Charles William Bell, historian and teacher, has written a great deal on the subject, and has broken "new ground" in his investigation of the subject. It was he who induced me to change my views regarding the matter, and to make further investigation. His writings have somewhat clarified the atmosphere.

It would now be impossible for any one to give all the facts, or to write an account that would be free from error. In justice to Mr. Laidley it should be said that he gave my views of the story when his article was written, but further investigation convinced me I was wrong.

I have read everything accessible on the subject, have consulted some of the oldest surviving relatives and friends, and have carefully compared their statements, have been on the traditional spot where Margaret was scalped, have stood beside the graves of Morris and his murdered children, have been some of the logs of the Morris cabin, and yet I must confess I do not have all the facts. I can write nothing
than what I regard as a reasonable story of this tragedy.

There are three phases of the subject, viz: First, Conflicting stories; Second, Who killed the Morris children? Third, The murder of the children.

CONFlicting STORIES

For the purpose of showing the difference in the traditional accounts I select two of the most generally believed among the family and place them in parallel columns.

In 1792 a man by the name of Girty (probably the feindish Simon) was temporarily residing with Henry Morris. One day Morris started out hunting, and when he was about one mile from the cabin a peculiarity seemed to possess him, and he decided to return and see if anything was troubling the family. On reaching home, and not seeing Girty (sometimes called Young) about the premises, he made some inquiry concerning him, and was told by his wife that he had just put on his moccasins and gone out. In a few minutes Girty came in with a bundle of withs and laid them down in the floor. Morris asked him what he was going to do with the withs and Girty said he was going to whip his horse with

Late in the autumn or winter of 1791 a man visited Henry Morris and asked the privilege of spending some time with him, and said his name was Allen. Morris agreed and the longer Allen remained the more Morris became attached to him. They hunted together and killed much game. In the spring Morris visited his relatives of the Kanawha and told them of his visitor, when a man told that it was his opinion the man was Simon Girty, the white traitor. Morris was slow to believe it, and he was told to push back the man's hair and see if there was a scar above his ear. Upon his return home Morris pushed back the man's hair and found the scar. Then Morris told the man that he was Simon Girty, and he was going to kill him for practicing deception, but both Girty and Morris' wife begged Morris not to kill him,
Then Morris replied: "You're going to whip my family with that," and from this a quarrel ensued which resulted in Girty being driven from the Morris cabin.

In about two weeks Morris was hunting on Otter creek. His dogs treed a bear, and Morris killed and skinned it, cut it in pieces and fed it to his dogs. After this he hid in a thicket while the dogs ate the meat. Soon his dogs came to him with their "bristles up." Morris could not understand this, and decided to return home.

Upon reaching home he asked his wife about the children and she said it was time for them to go for the calves, but Morris told her he believed there were Indians in the vicinity and it would not be safe for the children to go for the calves. It was customary for Margaret and Elizabeth to lock arms and walk together, and in this way they walked out the door. Their father, believing them to have gone into the yard to play, went to the spring for water.

Immediately Mrs. Morris screamed that the Indians were after the children.

Margaret and Elizabeth had gone for the calves notwithstanding their father's fears.

Morris ran toward the children but too late to save them. The Indians saw Morris coming and ran under the creek bank. Morris agreed for him to remain until morning. Girty and the family retired but Morris sat up all night with his gun across his lap. Next morning Morris not wishing to see Girty depart, took his gun and went into the forest to hunt. When Girty started he endeavored to take Morris' gun, but Margaret called the dog back to the house. This made Girty mad and he told Margaret he would "get even with her," and went on without the dog.

A few minutes afterward Capt. George Fitzwater, of Cross Lanes, came in; and a few minutes after this Girty came in with three withs. Fitzwater asked what he was going to do with the withs, and Girty said he was going to lead the dog off. Doubting his statement Fitzwater told him he believed he was going to whip Morris' family, and added, that if Morris was there he would kill him. Fitzwater told him he would not stop much to do it himself.

Girty departed, and in about two weeks Morris went across the mountain to old Thomas Hughes' mill. In the afternoon he left the mill and started home, but had not gone far until his dogs scented Indians and kept close to his feet. The dogs were not mistaken, for it was afterward discovered that Indians, and perhaps Sol Carpenter, had camped on Robinson's fork of Twenty-Mile creek.

Morris came home and found John Young there. He asked his wife about the children and was told that Margaret and Elizabeth had gone for the cows. Morris asked Young if his gun was well charged, and Young said it was. Morris, having only a squirrel load in his gun, discharged and re-loaded.
ris also saw Girty, with whom he had trouble two weeks previous, Sol Carpenter, and another white man run with the Indians.

Margaret was found first, and she said: "O papa, I'm killed," and expired in his arms. The other girl was then searched, and found in a few minutes.

Other stories are as contradictory as these. One of the stories related above speaks of a man by the name of Girty, who was sometimes called Allen; the other speaks of him as sometimes called Young. One says Girty came in with a bundle of withs; the other says he came in with three withs. One says it was Capt. George Fitzwater who was going to kill Girty; the other says it was Morris who was going to do it. One says it was Morris who was present when Girty came in with the withs; the other says it was Fitzwater. One says Girty was going to whip his horse; the others says he was going to lead a dog off. One says Morris was hunting on Otter creek; the other has him at Thomas Hughes' mill. One has Margaret and Elizabeth already gone after the calves; the other says they went after Morris came home. One story says they went for the cows; the other claims they went for the calves. One says Elizabeth was found in a few minutes; the other says she was not found until next morning. One says John Young was at the Morris cabin; the other does not mention him. One says Morris fired and re-loaded his gun; the other has him going to the spring for water.
Certainly both stories could not be true, though both contain much truth. Some things in these stories are unbelievable. For instance, one says that Henry Morris, after sitting up all night with his gun across his lap to keep Girty from injuring his family went off into the forest next morning and left Girty with his family. If Morris believed that Girty would whip his wife and children with hickory whips then why was he so careless as to leave them with him at the house while he went hunting? It is not likely that a man of Morris' temperament would do such a thing.

I would not even intimate that the advocates of these different stories are not honest and sincere. They are among the very best people in the land, but it is possible for good people to get things twisted out of their proper shape.

WHO KILLED THE MORRIS CHILDREN?

An important question is, "Who murdered these children? Were the murderers all Indians? Or, were there some white men there? Both stories claim white persons participated in this crime. It is claimed that Solomon Carpenter, Simon Girty, the white traitor, and "another white man" helped kill the children. What are the facts?

I shall take the position that Simon Girty and Solomon Carpenter had nothing to do with this affair, and I shall buttress my position with historical facts. The Indians, just how many I do not know, were responsible for this tragedy. The evidence will be cited in due time, and will show
that it was a physical impossibility for Solomon Carpenter to have had any part in the murder, and that Girty was not within hundreds of miles of the scene.

Why do I believe Solomon Carpenter was not there? Has an injustice been done a man and his family that should be corrected? I think so. If it can be shown by reliable documents that Simon Girty and Solomon Carpenter were not on Peters Creek in 1792 then all minds should be at rest. For many years I held the traditional belief that these two white men were co-murderers with the Indians, but further investigation convinced me that the theory was not supported by facts.

Now, let us investigate the story concerning Solomon Carpenter. Hon. G.W. Atkinson, in his History of Kanawha County, pp. 57, 58, says that, in 1792, following a trail blazed through the woods by Adam O'Brien in 1791, Indians made a raid on a settlement in Braxton county, killing Benjamin Carpenter and wife and burning their house. He quote Withers' Chronicles of Border Warfare, p. 306, as follows:

The burning of Benjamin Carpenter's house led to the discovery of these outrages; and the remaining inhabitants of the neighborhood, remote from any fort or populous settlement to which they could fly for security, retired to the mountains and remained several days concealed in a cave."

- HISTORY OF KANAWHA COUNTY, p. 57.

Among those seeking refuge in the cave were Jeremiah Carpenter and wife. Jeremiah was the son of William Carpenter, killed by Indians on Jackson river in 1764. Jeremiah was the first permanent settler in Braxton county.
Speaking of this caye experience of these white settlers, John D. Sutton says:

He and his family - that is, Jeremiah Carpenter, then made their way to a camp under a cliff of rocks near the head of Camp run, a branch of Laurel creek, about four miles above his residence at what is now known as the Skidmore bottom. Camp run is remarkably rough, and near the head are cliffs that look to be over a hundred feet high, with gullies and broken stone below, raising the whole mass stand above the tallest pines which skirt the water's edge. It is on the top of this mass of rock, a few yards back from it precipitous edge where the famous Carpenter camp was, there being a large projecting rock which formed a room 25x30 feet and 8 feet high. Between this camp and the edge of the cliff is a public road. It is related that Jeremiah Carpenter and his family waded up Laurel creek and Camp run to avoid making any sign by which they might be tracked by Indians.

- HISTORY OF BRAXTON COUNTY, p. 363.

On page 360 Mr. Sutton says: "Solomon, who was the first child born in the county, his birth place was under a cliff of rocks." He further says: "The massacre of Benjamin Carpenter and wife occurred in the spring of 1792. (Same p.). Mr. Sutton's history was published in January, 1919, and at that time William Carpenter, son of Solomon Carpenter, was living in Sutton. William's picture is on p. 360.

Speaking of this incident, Mr. William C. Dodrill says:

He, Jeremiah Carpenter, took his wife and a scanty supply of necessary articles with him and went up Laurel creek to the mouth of a small run. Here he found a safe retreat under a large, projecting rock. His oldest son, Solomon, was born the first night spent in that strange habitation.

- MOCCASIN TRACKS, p. 121.

Historical facts show that Solomon Carpenter was born in the spring of 1792, and that the Harris children were murder-
In May, 1792, Solomon Carpenter was a baby but a few days old when Margaret and Elizabeth Morris were killed, and hence it was an impossibility for him to have participated in that crime.

Why has Solomon Carpenter's name been unjustly associated with the murder of these children? Perhaps it is because the two events occurred about the same time. There was only a brief interval between the murder of Benjamin Carpenter and wife and the killing of the Morris children. Solomon Carpenter being the first child born in Braxton county would of course be mentioned a great deal among the early settlers, and as the years rolled by the story would be unconsciously changed until he was thought to be associated with the crime. William, Solomon's son, was born in 1829 and his father, at the time of William's birth, was 37 years old. Mr. Sutton could get first-hand facts from Mr. William Carpenter.

Having shown that Solomon Carpenter was innocent of the murder of the Morris children, I turn to Simon Girty, and will show that it was not probable that he had anything to do with the killing.

Simon Girty was born in 1741, the son of Simon Girty, Sr. The elder Girty was an Irishman from the Emerald Isle, and came to Pennsylvania. He was a drunkard and sold the Indians "fire water" and made them drunk. He had a fight with an Indian whose name was "The Fish," and the Indian killed him. The mother of Simon Girty, Jr., was an English woman.
of good character and belonged to a good family.

When the Revolutionary War came on Simon Girty enlisted at Fort Pitt and became interpreter for the Indian agent stationed there. His services not being satisfactory he was dismissed, which seemed to fire his hatred for the Americans.

May, 1783, peace was declared, and conditions became more settled.

Mr. Harry Edmund Danford, in his "OHIO VALLEY PIONEERS" devotes one chapter to Simon Girty, and I will quote from this valuable work.

After the war, up to the time of Wayne's victory in 1794, Girty continued in the employ of the British government, with headquarters in Detroit. (p. 150).

Girty fell in love with Catherine Malott, a captive white girl half his age.

And in August, 1784, he went for Catherine and shortly led her out of the wilderness and to Detroit, where they were married. They crossed the river to the Canadian side and made their home on a 100-acre tract of land given to Girty by the British government. Here three children were born to them—two daughters and one son—and here the renegade spent the last years of his life. (p. 150).

In 1791 Girty was in the battle between the Indians and Americans, near Fort Recovery, Ohio, and was in command of the Wyandotts. In this battle he received a severe wound from an American soldier, though he killed the American. (p. 153). In the fall of 1792 Girty arranged for a meeting with representatives of all the Indian tribes west of a place known as "The Glaze." Seven nations of Canada were also rep-
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resented. The Indians met the Americans at the "Battle of Fallen Timbers" on the Maumee, in northwestern Ohio, and were defeated. Girty, Alexander McKee and Matthew Elliott,

The three renegades escaped to a boat on the river and lost no time in getting back to Detroit. (p. 155). Girty died in 1813 at the age of seventy-seven, and was buried on his Canadian farm with military honors as a loyal subject of Great Britain (p. 156).

Col. Charles William Bell says:

It is a known fact that Simon Girty was at St. Clair's defeat in 1791 and that in 1792 he was at Detroit acting as Indian Interpreter for the British government. Now, then, that being the case, he could not have spent a year with Henry Morris on Peters Creek and at the same time been with the Indians at St. Clair's defeat. Neither could he have been at Detroit acting as interpreter and at the same time assisted in the murder of Margaret and Elizabeth Morris on Peters Creek. (See Butterfield's Lives of the Girty's, and also Simon Girty by McKnight).

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These facts are sufficient to convince the most skeptical that Simon Girty and Solomon Carpenter were not connected with the murder of these children. Therefore Indians perpetrated this dastardly deed.

THE MURDER OF THE MORRIS CHILDREN

It is reasonably certain that there were at least three families living in what is now Nicholas county in 1791. Henry Morris built a cabin about one half mile in the bottom above Otter Creek, not far from where the Fairview Baptist church now stands. Conrad Young built his house about one mile above Morris on the opposite side of Peters Creek. This place came to be known later as the Robert Neil farm. Edward McClung built his cabin at what is now Tester's Cross.
Lanes. Captain George Fitzwater lived with McClung. There was no road between these cabins except a foot-path. It was about eight miles from Morris' cabin to Cross Lanes. Now different things are there now. A fine highway runs from Gauley Bridge up Peters Creek connecting at Summersville and other places with other highways leading to different parts of the state. One highway leaves the Peters Creek road, going up White Water and across the mountain to Cross Lanes; another leaves the Peters Creek road, going up Laurel Creek and connecting with the White Water road at Cross Lanes. It seemed to these early settlers that this section would be a safe place to live, as the Indian trails did not run near here. Here they could clear their farms, raise their horses, cows, sheep and hogs, and live in peace. Occasionally visits were made to the settlement on the Kanawha river where salt and other necessities were secured, and there was an abundance of game in the woods.

The Morrises had a number of cows and calves, and it was their custom to herd the cows in one direction from the house and the calves in the other. This was done by driving the cows up the creek and the calves down the stream. It appears that the children's task was to look after the cattle and see that they had proper grazing places, and to bring them to the house late in the afternoon. Four of the children were large enough to assist in the chores about the place. These were: Sarah, age 16; Margaret, age 14; Elizabeth, age 12; Mary, age 9.
One day in May, 1792, the cows had been driven about half a mile, and late in the afternoon Margaret and Elizabeth locked arms, as their custom was, and walked leisurely up the path. At times they would take their three years old brother John, but for some unexplained reason he was left at home this time.

That morning Henry Morris took his gun and bear dogs and went hunting. He went down Peters Creek to the mouth of Otter Creek, thence up that stream to its headwaters and across Little Elk mountain, which has an elevation of more than fourteen hundred feet. Striking the headwaters of Little Elk he turned his dogs loose and spent several hours hunting. In the afternoon he started home and when he came near the mouth of Otter Creek his dogs acted in a peculiar way, sneaking up close to him with their "bristle up," and whining. This convinced Morris that there were Indians in the vicinity, and he hurried home and found things as usual. John Young had called upon the family for a friendly visit, and they talked of Morris' hunting, and Morris told them how the dogs had acted, and that he thought Indians were near. He asked Young if his gun was well charged and was told it was. Morris, thinking to kill a squirrel on his way home, had put but one charger of powder in his gun, and decided to discharge and reload his gun with a heavier load. The smoke had not cleared away until they heard the children screaming. Both men ran but Morris out ran Young and reached the scene first. Margaret was swift of foot and was making her escape, having reached to within about three hundred and fifty yards of the house when a snare caught.
her dress, which detained her until an Indian over took her. In his haste to scalp her and get away before being caught he gave her a quick jerk over his knee and broke her back. Then he scalped her and ran into the woods. Elizabeth was not as swift of foot as the other girl, and was caught, killed and scalped, the Indians using a large knife with which to kill and scalp her. As to the time it took to find Elizabeth I am inclined to the tradition which says they found her in a few minutes. It is not reasonable that these brave warriors would allow her to remain in the woods all night it were possible to find her. The Indians did not hide her, and she would be near the path, making it easy to locate her. Margaret was still living, and when her father took her up in his arms she said: "Father, I'm killed, a yellow man killed me," and expired as he bore her toward the house. Laying her upon a bed the two men went after Elizabeth and soon brought her to the house already dead.

Certain signs discovered after the tragedy showed that the Indians had built a "gnat smoke" near the path between the cabins and were sitting by waiting an opportunity to kill any one who might pass that way and to raid the cabins. The "gnat smoke" had been built about half way between the Morris and Young cabins, and the children unsuspectingly went too near the savages to make their escape.

Some time during the day Captain George Fitzwater and Edward McClung went hunting in different directions from Cross Lanes, and both heard the report of a gun, and Fitzwater heard some one blow on a gun charger, becoming a-
Anez both went home, and, after consultation, decided to sit up and watch. About midnight Matthias Young appeared at the McClung home, bringing the news of the tragedy. He had taken his life in his hands and traveled through the woods in the night eight miles to carry this information and to warn others of danger. They continued to sit up until just before day, then started for the Morris home. Taking the guns, dogs, Mrs. McClung and the three children — each man carrying a child on his back — they started for Peters Creek. The last time they were in the Morris home there was health and happiness but now there is sorrow, sadness, suffering and death. To secure a casket was not to be thought of, hence they took pieces of puncheon and fastened them together, wrapped the girls in a homespun blanket, placed them in this crude box and buried them together in one grave.

When the children were buried the three families made their way to the Morris fort on the Kanawha river. When they reached the fort and told of the horrible massacre a band of men with dogs and guns went to Peters Creek and made a search for the Indians, but they had time to get away before the men arrived. Finding no further trace of the Indians at the Morris and Young cabins, they went to Cross Lanes and found the Indians had taken some things together with some horses that had been placed there to graze and to keep them away from the Indians.

For many years there was no marker at the graves of
of these children. About thirty-five years ago there were some
tone that had been placed by their grave and a dogwood
bush was growing above them. In 1916 a $600 monument was e-
rected in the court house square at Summerville to their
memory, and in 1919 a double tomb-stone was placed at the
grave. This tomb-stone was unveiled by the Morris Chapter
of the Daughters of the American Revolution in a beautiful
ceremony. George Henry Clay Alderson was largely responsi­
ble for the monument, giving most of the money himself.
Col. Charles William Bell, who has taken great interest in
gathering and preserving the history of the family, was
present at the unveiling of the double monument and had a
part on the program.

Many traditions center in the years immediately follow­
ing the murder of the Morris children. Some of these pict­
ure Morris a blood-thirsty Indian hater, swearing vengeance
on all Indians. They have him shooting and cutting Indians,
cutting strips of skin from Indian's backs and using them
for razor-strops, etc. A great many cruel deeds done by oth­
er white men are attributed to him. Some of these might be
justly attributed to Benjamin Morris, Henry's youngest broth­
er, and some to others, but certainly Henry was not guilty of
many things with which he is charged. I wish to relate one
incident to show how far from the truth are some of these
traditions.

It is said that Henry Morris followed a large Indian
several days up Elk river, overtaking him just after dark. He
ed the Indian until just before day, then shot him and took a strip of skin from his back the length of his body. Taking this strip home with him he tanned it and used it many years as a razor-strop. This is another case where there is a mistaken identity, as the following will show.

After the murder of Benjamin Carpenter and wife, Jeremiah Carpenter, Benjamin's brother, a man by the name of Hughes and "another white man," whose name is not given, followed the Indians, overtaking them on Steer creek. The Indians had taken Nancy Carpenter, a sister of Benjamin and Jeremiah, a prisoner. When the white men located the Indians three of them were brought down by their trusty rifles, and another Indian endeavored to tomahawk the young woman. He threw a tomahawk at her, but she dodged and it missed her. He then ran toward her, but Hughes, "like an infuriated wild beast, sprang after him and buried his hatchet in his head." Speaking of this incident, William C. Dodrill says:

"The Indians were not scalped, but Carpenter cut a strip of skin about three inches wide and two feet long from the back of one of them, beginning at the base of the skull and including a tuft of hair. This strip was afterwards tanned and used by him for a razor-strop. It became an heirloom in the Carpenter family. It was in possession of John L. Carpenter at the time of the Civil War. William Perrine carried it off, and when he was captured by Federal soldiers that gruesome relic of the days of barbarity and savagery was taken away from him, but what disposition was made of it is not known."

- HUCCASIN TRACKS, P. 120.

It is clear that this incident has become mixed with Henry Morris, and he has been done an injustice.
MARY Morris, fourth, child of Henry and Mary (Bird) Morris, b. Oct. 10, 1783, on Peter's Creek, near what is now Lockwood, Nicholas County, W. Va., Nov. 16, 1803, Jesse James, b. Feb. 10, 1779, in Bath County, Virginia. He was son of Samuel and Rachael James. Jesse d. in Kanawha County, 1845. His property was appraised Oct. 24, 1845. I do not know when Mary died, but both are buried at Falling Rock, on Elk. Jesse James owned a farm on Seabert's branch, of Peter's Creek. David VanBibber and William Stanard later owned it, and Burt Stanard and Mrs. Zeta Springston now own part of this farm. George Henry Clay Alderson once owned a part of it and built a beautiful and substantial dwelling on it. David McClung now owns the Alderson property. Soon after their marriage Jesse and Mary settled on Otter Creek where he cleared out a large farm. It is said Jesse weighed 218 pounds. In 1813 he bought 69 acres from his father, Samuel James, and in 1806 Henry Morris had sold him 134 acres. In 1811 he sold the land he had bought from Morris, and in 1814 he bought 600 acres from Jonathan Matthews, of Greenbrier county. The land records show that in 1829 he held patent for 50 acres on Peter's Creek, and in 1829, 50 acres on Little Elk. If he ever lived on the land he owned on Seabert's Creek I have no record of it. He remained on his farm on Peter's Creek until all his children were grown, then moved to Elk River where both died.

CHILDREN:

I. Rachael H. James, b. Oct. 10, 1804, m. July 14, 1826, in
Nicholas County, James A. Young, son of Charles F. and Sarah (Morris) Young, a first cousin. (See p. 53).

II. Henry Morris Janes, b. Nov. 24, 1806, d. Oct. 30, 1879, m. April 14, 1831, Rebeca Young, b. Feb. 10, 1810, d. May, 177, daughter of William Young, of Conrad. They settled on Elk river, and had issue of,—

1. Thomas H. Janes, m. (first), Dec. 21, 1866, Harriett Price, d. John and Lovina Price, a third cousin (See p. 41); (second) he m. Matha Keeling.


3. Rebecc James, m. a Young.
4. Mary Janes m. John Isenhower, June 1, 1852
5. Elizabeth Janes.


1. Strother Janes, b. 1840; d. Nov. 8, 1872, m. May 5, 1864, Mary L. Riley.
3. Jesse James, b. 1847, d. 1931, m. Sept. 16, 1869, Nancy Isabell
Jarrett, b. 1847. Nine children,-

(1) Elderige James, d. young.

(2) Minnie James, m. George Stump, of Hunt, W. Va. He practiced law and was a civil officer. Their children,-
   (a) Eller Stump  
   (b) Beunie Stump  
   (c) Stella Stump  
   (d) Delia Stump.

(3) Mamie D. James, b. April 16, 1874, m. Sept. 8, 1892, James Cart, b. Oct. 19, 1872, son of Taylor and Sallie (Jarrett) Cart. Two of their sons were bathing in Elk river near Charleston, and were drowning. Mr. Cart swam to them in an effort to save them, and the three were drowned. Their children,-
   (a) Sadie Bell Cart, b. July 5, 1893.  
   (b) Vada Cart, b. July 20, 1895.  
   (c) Carliss Cart, b. July 17, 1897, d. young.  
   (d) Clarence Cart, b. March 7, 1900.  
   (e) Garrett Cart.

(4) Wheeler James, m. Fannie James, a cousin.

(5) Ethel James, m. Ada Poling.

(6) Ethel James, m. Toney Price, a relative. Their one child was
   (a) Elsie Price, m. John Poling. She was drowned in the Ohio river at LeSage, above Huntington, 1925. One child,-
      (aa) Bunny Poling.

(7) Clyde James (twin)

(8) Palina James (twin).


IV. Sarah Elizabeth James, b. Aug. 4, 1810, d. Nov. 18, 1882, m. Dec. 19, 1830, John Darian Young, b. Feb. 10, 1799, d. April 2, 1870, son of John Young and grandson of Conrad Young. John D. Young was Second Lieut. Co. L 7th Regiment W. Va. Cavalry, up to May 24, 1864; was transferred to Co. K June 3, 1865, mustered
out June 30, 1865. Children of John D. and Sarah Young,—


   (1) Erna Bly Young, m. William Simpson Johnson, son of Wiles and Caroline (Woodrum) Johnson. Mr. Johnson was reared in Fayette County, W. Va. He was supt. of schools of Fayette from 1892 to 1896; State Senator, 1904-1912. During this time he secured enactment of the state's pistol law, the first of its kind in the United States. He was State Treasurer of W. Va., 1916-1933. He also secured passage of a depositary law. He originated the plan of selling State Bonds to State Banks. He is a Methodist, member of Sons of The Revolution, a Mason, a Shriner, Knights Templar, member Knights of Pithias, member Moose, Executive Secretary W. Va. Society Crippled Children. Mr. Johnson was born Nov. 13, 1870, and their marriage took place in 1919. Mrs. Johnson is also very prominent. She taught in Charleston's public schools eighteen years; a member of the Methodist Church and President of the Young People's Society, and treasurer Ladies Aid Society, treasurer Charleston Young Woman's Club; organized the John Young Chapter D.A.R., 1930; organized Fort Tackett Society, 1933, of which her daughter is a member through her father's Revolutionary ancestry. Her daughter also belongs to the Huguenot Society of the the Founders on Manakin in the Colony of Virginia. They have two children,—

   (a) William Garry Johnson, b. & d., March 6, 1921.

   (b) Virginia Bonduarant Johnson,

   (NOTE,—For pictures and sketch of the Johnson family see FAYETTE HISTORY, pp. 535-6, 461-2).


6. Martha Young, b. June 24, 1814, d. Aug. 10, 1873, m. April 28, 1832, Charles Conrad Young, b. Feb. 1, 1807, d. Feb. 9, 1905, son
of Olliam Young and grandson of Conrad Young, Sr. Mr. Young was b. at Forks of Line creek, Nicholas County, and d. near Gauley Bridge, Fayette County. Mr. Young and Bill Silket were out bear hunting and the dogs chased a bear into a hole in the mountain. Young decided he would crawl into the hole and shoot the bear, and Silket remained outside to watch. The bear became aroused and made a dash for the mouth of the hole, and Young, realizing his predicament, lay flat on the ground, as the bear passed over him, almost squeezing the life out of him. Silket became so excited that he did not think of shooting the bear and let him run away. They had twelve children,-

1. Maria Young, b. 1833, m. June 24, 1856, Joseph T. Morton.

Their children were,-

(1) Mary Morton, m. (first), William Martin; (second), William Oliver.

By first husband she had,-

(a) Charles Martin, (d) Susan Martin
(b) Cleveland Martin, (e) Annie Martin
(c) James Martin
(f) Nancy Martin m. Charles Laywelg.


(3) Lucy Morton, m. George Arbogast.

(4) Alice Morton, m. William Sheldon.

(5) Jasper Morton, m. Esther Hill.

(6) Charles Morton, d. young.

(7) Sophrona Morton, d. young.

(8) Jesse Morton, d. young.

2. Jesse James Young, Nov. 5, 1834, m. May 9, 1859, Harriet Price, b. Aug. 14, 1837. In 1905 they were living on Fayette
mountain near Gauley Bridge, and I spent the night of June 5th of that year in their home. Mrs. Young showed me a shoe knife that had been in the family about one hundred years, and spinning wheel which had belonged to Sarah (Morris) Young, and was probably used by Mary (Bird) Morris. I got valuable information from these Youngs.

Jesse James and Harriet D. (Price) Young had seven children, viz:

(1) Charles E. Young, b. Sept. 9, 1861, m. (first), Mary Sparks; (second), Nora McCutchen; (third), Ellen Zimmerman. By first marriage he had

(a) Thomas Jasper Young; and by second marriage,

(b) Clara Lee Young,

(c) Lillie Bell Young,

(d) Lola Virginia Young, and by third marriage,

(e) Mary Dickinson Young.

(2) William B. Young, b. March 31, 1867, m. Julia Young, a widow. They had three children,—

(a) Daisy Young, (b) Sherman Young, (c) Clyde Young.

(3) James A. Young, b. Oct. 16, 1869, m. Elizabeth Lilly, a widow. They had three children,—

(a) Eva Young, (b) Harlen Young, (c) Randolph Young.

(4) Mary A. E. Young, b. Oct. 16, 1872, m. William S. Woods. They had five children,—

(a) James Clarence Wood, (c) William Otis Woods,

(b) Walter Edmond Woods, (d) Harriett Jane Woods,

(3) Mary Emma Woods.

(5) Maribell Young, b. June 20, 1874, m. William L. Acree. They had seven children,—

(a) Fannie Myrtle Acree, (d) Earnest Luther Acree,

(b) George Lee Acree, (e) Annie May Acree,

(c) Howard Rosco Acree, (f) Mark Casie Acree,

(g) Hollie Agnes Acree.
(6) Sarah Catherine Young, b. Feb. 20, 1877, m. James L. Hunt. Mr. Hunt was a cousin of John E. Hunt and m. Webster Hunt, prominent teachers, and John H. Hunt, a successful attorney of Charleston. Mr. Hunt was b. Sept. 5, 1871, and their marriage took place April 5, 1893. They had six children,—

(a) Bonnie E. Hunt, b. April 13, 1894, (c) Luther E. Hunt, b. April 1, 1902. 

(7) Benjamin Strother Young, b. May 14, 1884, m. June 26, 1903, Maggie Cobb, a widow. Alfred Nelson Morris was the officiating minister.

3. Mary Young, m. Joseph Woods.

4. Rachael Young, b. 1839, m. Sept. 10, 1863, Jeremiah Meadows, b. 1829. They had five children,—

(1) Burl Meadows, (3) Harvey Meadows, 

5. Martha Young, b. 1840, d. May, 1927, m. Sept. 4, 1864, John Robert Buckner. They had six children,—

(1) William Buckner, (4) Mose Buckner, m. James Payne, 
(2) Albert Buckner, (5) Stell Buckner, m. William Bailey. 
(3) Samuel Buckner, (6) Dollie Buckner, m. Sheridan Jones, 
One child, Maysel, b. June 6, 1893.

6. Saphrona Young, b. 1844, d. 1853.


(1) Maud Stanley, a teacher, (3) Hamie Stanley, teacher, musician, 
(2) Mary Stanley, m. Delcher, (4) Mabel Stanley, teacher, m. Thomas Grafton.

8. William Young, m. Sallie Louise Mace. Five children,—
(1) Charles Young, (3) Virgia Young
(2) Martha Young, (4) Virginia Young.
(5) George Young, kicked and killed by horse.

9. Hariet Young, m. Washington Wintz. Seven children,-
(1) Henry Wintz, (4) Lewis Wintz,
(2) George Wintz, (5) Robert Wintz,
(3) Fannie Wintz, (6) Emma Wintz,
(7) Lucy Wintz, m. Henry McBride.

10. Lewis W. Young, m. Sarah Jane Seabolt. Six children,-
(1) Rufus Young, (3) Lola Young, (5) William D. Young,
(2) Walter Young, (4) Nannie Young, (6) Charles Young.

11. Charles Young, b. Dec. 26, 1855, m. Hattie Bell Woody. Three
children,-
(1) Blanche Young, (2) George Young, (3) Bessie Young.

12. John F. Young, b. Dec. 22, 1862, m. Nancy B. Seabolt, sister
of Sarah Jane, wife of Lewis W. Young. It is said they had
eight children whose names I have not learned.

VI. Jesse James, Jr., b. Nov. 15, 1816, d. 1845, m. June 6, 1844,
Mary Jane Given, daughter of George Bratton and Margaret
(McGuffin) Given. Mary Jane's father was b. Nov. 11, 1784,
and her father and mother are buried in Given (Reynolds)
cemetery, near Elkview, Kanawha county. Jesse and Mary
Jane (Given) James had but one child,-

1. Lewis Jane, b. 1845, m. Nancy Roseann Melton, daughter
of Benjamin Albert and Sarah Frances (Jarrett) Melton.
She was b. 1849, and they were m. Oct. 8, 1863, and she d. 1935.
Their home was on Elk near Elkview. Their children,-
(1) Lizzie James, b. July 13, 1870, m. (first), Lewis Brookman, of
William Brookman; (second), Edward Burdett. Children by first marriage,-

(a) Cary Brookman (c) Lydia Brookman
(b) Hattie Brookman (d) Ada Brookman.

Children by second marriage,-

(e) Sedley Burdett, m. Ida Solsberry.
(f) Nellie Burdett, m. a Siders.
(g) Eva Burdett, m. Frank Brown, of Tennessee.
(h) Frank Burdett, m. a Shefley.
(i) Forest Burdett.

(2) Cynthia Annie James, b. March 16, 1873, d. Oct. 30, 1902, m. Rev. William Naylor. They had seven children,-

(a) Edwin E. Naylor (d) Ada Naylor
(b) Ludie Naylor (e) George D. Naylor
(c) Manerva Naylor (f) Earl Naylor
(g) Blanche Naylor

(3) Maggie Janes, b. Oct. 8, 1874, m. William Given, son of Bratton Given, Jr. They live in Charleston. Their children,-

(a) Lewis Given (b) Nellie Given (c) Bertha Given
(d) Virginia Lee Given, m. Lewis Andrew Morris, son of Clark and Sarah (Flowers) Morris. They have three children,-

(aa) Harold Clifford Morris
(bb) Maggie Morris
(cc) Lois Ann Morris

(4) Chloe James, b. Dec. 27, 1876, m. Emanuel Taylor. Their children are:

(a) Clara Taylor, m. George White.
(b) Lewis Taylor, b. Nov. 11, 1896, m. Jane Blanjenisship, b. Feb. 9, 1902. Their children are:

(cc) Arlene Taylor, b. Oct. 24, 1922
(ee) Mary Taylor, b. 1926.
(gg) Marjorie Taylor, b. April 12, 1932.

(c) Ollie Taylor, m. Elderige Walls.
(d) Frederick Taylor, m. Lula Woodall
(e) Lilly Taylor, m. John Dorsey.
(f) Herbie Taylor, m. Ollie Dorsey.

(5) Ida Mae James, b. Feb. 2, 1878, m. April 24, 1895, J. R. Stump, b. May 6, 1876. Their children,-
   (a) Dollie Stump, b. Sept. 10, 1897, m. Curtis Melton, son of James Melton.
   (b) Henry H. Stump, b. Dec. 29, 1898.
   (c) William R. Stump, b. Feb. 29, 1900.
   (d) Alma Stump, m. Ed. Nichols.

   (a) Viola Lynch, b. Oct. 6, 1903.

(7) John James, b. March 18, 1815, m. Bertha Cart, d. ("Bulldog") John Cart. Children,-
   (a) Hilda James, m. Jo Carper
   (b) Opal James, m. Dess Crowder.
   (c) Vera James, m. a West Fall.
   (d) Nancy Lou James.

VII. Debora D. James, b. Nov. 27, 1818, m. (first), Johns Ashley; (second), Thomas William Hoges.
   By first husband, three children,-
   1. Lewis Ashley, m. Mary High.
   2. Harriett Ashley, m. Thomas Mason.
   3. Johns Ashley, m. (first), Mary Frances Price, d. Murdett and Analiza Carolyn, a fourth cousin (see p. ). They were divorced and he m. (second), Emma Nutter. By first marriage he had,-

   (1) Nancy E. Ashley, m. Fritz Lynch. Their children,-
       (a) Walter Lynch
       (b) Carl Lynch
       (c) Viola Lynch
       (d) Eugene Lynch
       (e) Myrtle Lynch
       (f) John Lynch.
(2) Alice Ashley, m. Christopher Huffman. One child,-
   (a) Bevis Huffman.
(3) Burdett Ashley, m. Daisy Kindred. Three children,-
   (a) Arliss Ashley, (b) Wilber Ashley, (c) Cecil Ashley.
   By second marriage John Ashley had two children,-
(4) Tobe Ashley. (5) Samuel Ashley, killed by rolling log.
4. Mary Ashley, m. a Martin.

VIII. Jane Hamilton James, b. Nov. 5, 1821, m. (first), John Slack; (second), m. Jan. 6, 1859, William Martin. Children by Slack,-

1. Mary Comfort Slack, m. Columbus Jarrett. Their children,-
   (1) Fannie Jarrett, m. Stephen Stoffle.
   (2) John Jarrett, drowned in Elk river.
   (3) Chloe Jarrett, m. Henry Copenhaver, son of Thomas Copenhaver. Henry was once sheriff of Kanawha county. He built a brick house at mouth of Blue Creek on Elk. He also owned a great deal of real estate.
   (4) Alice Jarrett.
   (5) Lawrence Jarrett.
   (6) Orland Jarrett.

2. Catherine Slack, m. a Belcher.


4. America Vienna Slack

Jane Hamilton James' children by Martin,-
   (1) Lizzie Osborn, (2) Thomas Osborn, (3) Benjamin Osborn.


7. Ella Debora Martin, never married.

8. Margaret Jane Martin, m. Charles Young.
IX. James Davis James, b. March 5, 1824, m. June 3, 1852, Pricy Tinson (or, Was it Pricy Clarkson?). Their children:

1. Jesse Morgan James, m. Sarah Morris,
2. Deliah James, m. George Gibbs, a teacher of England,
3. Mary James, d. age 20.
5. Rebecca James
LEAH MORRIS, fifth child of Henry Morris, Sr., and Mary (Bird) Morris, born 1785, married Archibald Price. He belonged to Captain John Wilson's company of riflemen in the war between Great Britain and the American Colonies in 1812-14. This company belonged to the regiment commanded by Colonel John Ambler. The soldiers were honorably discharged at Richmond, Virginia, December, 1814.

After their marriage Archibald and Leah settled on Elk river. In 1813 he held patent for one hundred acres of land on Elk river. They raised their children on this land, and here both died "in a good old age," his death occurring in 1868, but the time of her death is not known. Both were buried near the mouth of Jordan's Creek, on Elk.

They had seven children:

I. John Price, d. Oct. 15, 1854, m. Lovina Drake, d. Dec. 19, 1851. Their children were:


2. Harriett Price, m. Dec. 21, 1866, Thomas H. James, a third cousin. (See p. 84).

3. John Price, Jr., m. June 29, 1852, Sarah Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Henry Hill.

II. Calvin Price, never married.
III. Edmund Price, never married. Lived and died on the mouth of Jordan's creek, on Elk. For some time before his death he drew a "blind man's pension," as he had been in the Federal army, and was almost blind.

IV. Sarah Price, b. Oct. 7, 1827, m. 1850, Lemons Rucker, b. April 10, 1825. They lived many years on their farm on the head waters of Wills Creek, of Little Sandy, where both died. He belonged to no church until he was very old, then united with the Adventist denomination. She was a member of Jordan Light Baptist church, on Wills Creek. Their children,-

1. Beatrice Rucker, m. John Strickland, and settled on Hurricane creek of Little Sandy. Their children,-

   (1) Mary Strickland.
   (2) William R. Strickland, m. Belle Huffman.
   (3) Henry Strickland, m. Florence Camp.
   (4) Araminta Strickland, m. Harvey Oxier, his second wife.
   (See p. 206)
   (5) Clayton Strickland.
   (6) Columbus Strickland.
   (7) Stella Strickland.

2. Nancy Rucker, m. Henry Naylor. Their daughter Sallie, m. Samuel Rucker, son of Joel Rucker, who was in the war of 1812. There were four other children: Lucy Naylor, Everett Naylor, Vicie Naylor.


V. Juliana Price, d. March 8, 1893, m. Benjamin Franklin Rucker, Jan. 13, 1853. He d. Oct., 1893. He was brother of Lemons Rucker. They lived and died on their farm on Wills creek. Their children,

1. Mary Rucker, m. Harvey Oxier, his first wife (See p. Their children,

(1) Cora Oxier, m. William Paxton, of Roan County.
(2) Virginia Mae Oxier, m. William Young, of Elk river.
(3) Walter Oxier
(4) Icie Oxier
(5) Durt Oxier
(6) Noah Oxier.

2. Jane Rucker, m. Henry Bird, son of Tyrus P. and Polly (Taylor) Bird, his third cousin. (See p. Their children,

(1) Winsford W. Bird, m. Florence Chandler, but she soon d. and he m. again.
(2) Mayford Bird
(3) Leala Bird
(4) Della Bird
(5) Chloe Bird.

3. Caroline Rucker, m. Sylvester Chandler. Their children,

(1) Bertha Chandler, m. Lewis Canterberry
(2) Lula Chandler, m. Gilbert Bowen.
(3) Georga Chadler
(4) Robert Chandler
(5) Alphus Chandler
(6) Charles Chandler

4. Van Rucker, m. Henry Allen. Lived on Jordan's Creek.


7. Malisa Rucker, m. J. William Newman. She did not live long and he m. again. After her death he united with the Adventist denomination and became a prominent preacher. He was conference evangelist for Virginia and West Virginia. Sept. 9, 10, 1898, he and I debated the following proposition:

"RESOLVED: That the Bible and Science teach that
man is wholly mortal, and is unconscious between death and the resurrection."

He affirmed: I denied. The debate was held at mouth of Wills Creek of Little Sandy, Kanawha County, W. Va. Large congregations attended.

VI. Mary Price, m. Benjamin Caudill.

VII. Margaret Price, b. 1834, m. March 17, 1857, James H. Rucker, b. 1829.
Catherine Morris, sixth child of Henry and Mary (Bird) Morris, b. on Peter's Creek, 1737, d. in Clay County, Dec., 1853, m. William C. Bird. The name "Bird," as applied to human beings, is a nickname, possibly applied to some one because of his musical qualities and propensities. The name is found at an early date in England where the original family lived. The name occurs as far back as 1295. The branch that is related to the Morrises is probably as follows:

Henry Bird, m. Joan Deauchamp. Their son, William Bird, m. Joan Tindall. Their son, William Bird, m. Emma Gospatrick. Their son, Adam Bird, m. Joane Threlkeld. Their son, William Bird, m. a Martin-dale. Their son, Roger Bird, m. Jane Crakenthope. Their son, John Bird, m. (?). Probably (though by no means certain), George Bird, m. (?). Their son, William Bird, m. Catherine Morris. It is claimed that William and Catherine were first cousins. William Bird was b. 1779, d. in Clay County, W. Va., 1859. After their marriage they settled on Peter's Creek and spent several years, but later located on Twenty Mile of Gauley. Finally they settled on Sycamore Creek of Elk, where both died and were buried. In 1858 he held patent for 110 acres of land on Donagar Creek.

William and Catherine (Morris) Bird, issue of:

I. Mary, D. Bird, b. June 6, 1808, d. 1880, m. 1827, Henry Morris, b. Dec. 1, 1807, d. in Ohio. Henry was son of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, and he and Mary were first cousins. (See p. 111) for their children.

II. Henry Morris Bird, m. Nov. 7, 1833, Virginia Jones, daughter of Hillery and Mary Jones, a fifth cousin (See p. 234). They had ten children,-

1. Levi M. Bird, b. 1841, m. July 24, 1864, Rebecca Jane Belcher, b. 1844.
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2. Benjamin Bird, m. Sarah M. Summers, b. Dec. 24, 1848, d. 1891. She was a daughter of William B., and Mattie (Morris) Summers, a third cousin. (See p. 142).

3. William Bird, m. Jennie Dorsey, and had three children,-

2. Walter Bird.


5. Sarah Bird, m. John Elliott. They had issue of -

   (1) Mary Elliott, (4) Esteline Elliott, (7) Columbus Elliott,
   (2) Bettie Elliott, (5) George Elliott, Elliott,


7. Margaret Bird, m. W. Newton Bird, son of Tyrus P. and Mary (Taylor) Bird, a fifth cousin. (See p. 107). They had the following children:


   Benjamin M. Bird was licensed to preach by the Jordan Light Baptist church. He is now living at Dixon, W. Va.

   (2) Almeda Bird. (3) Mary Bird. (4) John Bird.

8. Emily Bird, m. (first), William Copeland; (second), Miriam Moore.


III. Matilda Bird, b. in Bath County, about 1817, m. Aug. 6, 1835, William Campbell, son of George Robert Campbell, of Botetourt County, Va.-Matilda d. 1897, and William d. many years previous. They had the following children:

1. Virginia Campbell, m. William Nichols, and had issue of:
   (1) Mary Nichols, d. single, age about 20.
   (2) Arabell Nichols, m. Thomas Carg
   (3) Aramatha Nichols, m. William Arnold.
   (4) Levada Nichols, d. young.
   (5) Ward Nichols.

2. Hamilton Campbell, m. Adaline Sides, but they separated.

3. Elizabeth Campbell, m. Carter C. Lowe, and had issue of:
   (1) Jefferson Lowe, (4) Fannie Lowe,
   (2) Alice Lowe, (5) Wellington Lowe,
   (3) Sallie Lowe, (6) Hattie Love,

4. McKager Morgan Campbell, b. about 1845, m. Elizabeth Strickland, daughter of Jonathan Strickland. Mr. Campbell was a fine singer and was much in demand. He owned a farm on Wills Creek where he lived and died. He and his wife belonged to the Jordan Light Baptist church, and for a time he served his church as clerk. They had eight children:
   (2) Rone Campbell, d. young.
   (3) Lloyd Baltimore Campbell, m. Susan Nyda.
   (4) Peter Dodson Campbell, m. (first), Ella Shaffer; (second), a daughter of Kajor Kinser.
(6) Hansford Ervin Campbell, b. Dec. 2, 1836, d. May 3, 1896, m. Laura——, and had four children,—

(a) Mayzel Campbell, m. to Rudge. (c) Janes Campbell, d.
(b) Stella Campbell, Nov., 1935, m. a Reynolds.
(d) Howard Campbell.

(7) Asa Campbell.

(8) Effie Campbell, m. E.E. Canterbury.

5. James Campbell, m. (first) Julia Parker; (second), Sana Cavender. By first wife he had four children,—

(1) Cecil Campbell, (3) Cleveland Campbell,
(2) Daniel Campbell, (4) Disy Campbell.

By second wife James Campbell had one child, (5) Harry Frances Campbell, b. Sept. 29, 1894.

6. Harvey Campbell became a Baptist preacher, and was pastor of churches. His first wife was Cole Samples, by whom he had two children—

(1) Myrtle Campbell, (2) Gertrude Campbell.

His second wife was Dolly Hill.

IV. John Christy Bird, b. in Highland County, Va., 1814, d. Oct. 19, 1866. He was three times married. (first), Lucinda Hindman; (second), Jane Robertson; (third), Aug. 7, 1860, Rebecca (Cobb) of Pleasant T. Board. Children: John N.Bird, Joseph D. Bird, Nancy Ann Bird, Todd Board, & widow. b. in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Apr. 22, 1830, d. March 20, 1900.

Children by first marriage,—

1. Frances Bird.

2. Sarah E. Bird, m. May 19, 1864, Andrew Jackson Campbell.

By him she had seven children,—

(1) William Campbell, b. April 5, 1865, m. Ida Hindman, b. March 17, 1872. They have seven children,—

(a) Catherine Anna Campbell, b. 1896, killed by automobile, 1905.
(b) Lee Gladstone Campbell, b. 1898, single.
(c) Paul Spurgeon Campbell, b. 1900, m. Helen Armstrong.
(e) Clyde Campbell, b. 1906, m. Lafalda Settle.
(f) Frances Elizabeth Campbell, b. 1912.
(g) Virginia Campbell, b. 1916.

(2) Joseph Campbell, m. a Copeland; (4) Watson Campbell, d. young.
(3) Thomas Campbell, d. young; (5) Burton Campbell, m. Hooker.


Children of John Christy Bird by second marriage.

8. William H. Bird, b. Aug 20, 1861, m. March 25, 1884, Hettie Steele. He owned a farm and a mercantile business on Cabe Creek of Big Left Hand, Roane County. They had many children.

9. George S. Bird, b. April 5, 1863, m. Dec. 2, 1899, Sarah E. Keffer. When he brought his new bride home for the "infare" I remember there were thirty-eight of us surrounded the house and surrounded him until he brought out a good supply of Ben Davis apples and treated. We were admitted to the house and had a jolly time. 10 children born.

10. Lewis Melvin Bird, b. March 21, 1865, m. April 9, 1896, Alice Turpin, of Roane County.

11. Crawford Lee Bird, b. Feb. 17, 1867, m. Feb. 24, 1839, Jennie Turpin, of Roane County. They had sharing children - Stephen, Lizzie, and Susan. Their son, John, was born on June 12, 1874.

V. Rachael Jane Bird, daughters William and Catherine Bird, b. in Bath County, Jan. 23, 1822, d. on John's Fork of Little Sandy, Kanawha County, March 9, 1893, m. Micajah Hodson Campbell, 1839. He was born in 1808 and died 1885 on Big Left.
When Jane was about three years old her father settled on Twenty Mile of Gauley, where he remained several years. I remember hearing her tell of the wolves killing sheep in pens built near the residence, and the bears carrying off hogs. Her mother would blow a horn until late in the night to keep the wolves away. One evening all the young cattle, except one steer, came running home, and when they went to look for him found nothing but bones. The wolves had killed and devoured him. One evening Jane and Matilda went up Twenty Mile looking for the cows and suddenly there appeared on the opposite bank of the creek a large bear, and his vicious growls and movements suggested to them that he was thinking of coming over to them. The girls ran home and told what they had seen, and some men took guns and bear dogs and went in search of the bear. The dogs were kept at their heels and but little noise was made, hoping to take "Mr. Bruin" unawares. But just as they were nearing the place one man became scared and hissed the dogs, and the bear got away.

Rachael Jane Bird was converted at the age of 14 and baptized by Rev. William G. Margrave, a pioneer Baptist minister. At the time of her death her membership was in the Jordan Light Baptist church.

Micajah Dodson Campbell was a son of George Robert Campbell of Bottetourt County, Virginia. Before her marriage his mother was a Dodson. George Robert Campbell was a cultivator of a large farm, his major crop being tobacco.
This tobacco was packed in hogsheads and shipped. He owned many slaves and was prosperous. He gave his children an education, as good as the average in those days. By a former marriage McKager Campbell had two sons. One of these was John H. Campbell, b. 1833, m. Caroline Strickland, March 19, 1858; and the other was George W. Campbell, b. 1835, m. Delilah Strickland, July 21, 1862. Caroline and Delilah were daughters of William and Elizabeth Strickland. Both had large families. John H.'s children were: Irene, m. John Smith; George; William, n. Victoria Withrow; Martha, n. William Lowe; Henry, single; Aramatha, n. John Pauley; Elizabeth, m. Edward, m. Laura Hayes. George W.'s children were: Norman, n. Etta Schoolcraft; Jesse Nile, n. Effie Light; Mariah, n. William, m. Josephine Rollins; Arabell, m. Peter Pauley; John Taylor, m. Rose Campbell, daughter of Almerine Jackson, a widow, George.

After their marriage Micajah and Rachael Campbell settled on Elk river just below Falling Rock, but the time of their settlement there is not known. They were there before the War Between the States. At that time there was large machinery on Falling Rock developing oil from Cannel coal. They moved from there to Big Thoroughfare Creek, of Big Sandy Creek. Here their house with all its contents burned, and then they settled on Billy's Fork of Wills Creek, in the bottom below where Jordan Light Baptist church was built. Again their house burned, and we find them living in the cove on the head of Doctor's Creek. Here they
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remained until after the death of John Silas Morris, in 1830, then they went to live with his widow on Buffalo Lick. They made their home with her until both died, her death in 1893, and his in 1885. Both are buried in the Osborn cemetery near Clendenin, W.Va.

Micajah, and Rachael Jane (Bird) Campbell had four children,-

1. Henry Campbell, b. about 1840, d. about 1847. He was buried in the bottom opposite the mouth of Cotton Tree on Big Left Hand Creek, in Roan County. There were several graves there, and in 1885 large plum trees were growing above these graves, but in 1937 I visited the place and found no trace of the grave, as the bottom was under cultivation. Time changes sentiment and scenes.

2. William Campbell, b. in Kanawha County, about 1843. He belonged to the 22nd Virginia Regiment in the War Between the States, and, because he was fleet of foot, and expert with a gun, and strong in body, was very valuable to his regiment. After the war he married a woman whose first name was Fannie, and settled in South Carolina. Members of his family kept in touch with him several years and then all connection ceased. I have made diligent effort to contact some member of his family but failed. He had several children but I can remember the names of but four.

   (1) Mattie Campbell,   (3) William Campbell,
   (2) Ada Campbell,      (4) Lula B. Campbell.

3. Mary Catherine Campbell, b. in Kanawha County, April 1, 1845, d. Dec. 6, 1866, John Silas Morris, b. Jan. 14, 1845, son of Thomas Bird Morris and Leah (Ellis) Morris, a third cousin. He d. Feb. 4, 1880, and she d. Jan. 23, 1894. Both buried in
the Osborn Cemetery near Clendenin. (For their descendants see p.125).

4. Aramatha Campbell, b. about 1847, d. single about 1881.

VI. Tyrus P. Bird, b. in Bath County, Aug. 19, 1823, m. Mary ("Polly") Taylor, Feb. 8, 1844. He was prosperous and for a time a successful merchant. He lived and died on Doctor's Creek of Big Sandy Creek. They had four children,-

1. Lydia Jane Bird, b. Jan. 2, 1845, m. July 13, 1865, Oscar F. Pauley, b. 1839. They lived many years on Little Sandy Creek. They had nine children,-

   (1) John William Pauley, m. Emma Rumsey. They had one child,
      (a) Arie Pauley, b. May 2, 1894.

   (2) James Pauley, m. Fanny Lacy.

   (3) Albert Pauley, b. Jan. 1, 1873, m. Florence Burgess, 1893, and she was b. July, 1878. Their children,-

      (a) Bessie May Pauley, b. Aug. 6, 1894.
      (c) Garrett Hobart Pauley, b. May, 1898.
      (d) Lavada Belva Pauley, b. April 5, 1900.
      (e) Franklin Monroe Pauley, b. April 6, 1905.

      (4) Luvern Pauley, m. a Strickland.

      (5) Earnest Pauley, m. Julia Carter.

      (6) Mark Pauley.

      (7) Lunda Pauley, m. Olin Simmons.

      (8) Ethel Pauley.

      (9) Chloe Pauley.

2. W. Newton Bird, b. July, 1847, m. (first), Margaret Bird, daughter of Henry and Virginia (Jones) Bird, a first cousin. (See p. 107). (Second), Harriett Walker.

3. Henry J. Bird, b. Dec. 23, 1850, m. Jane Rucker, daughter of
Benjamin F. and Julia Ann (Price) Rucker, a third cousin. They lived on Doctor's Creek. (See p. 97).

4. Edmund Bird, b. Sept. 21, 1856, m. May 17, 1879, Fannie Huffman. He was a merchant on Doctor's Creek. In the spring of 1899 I bought a clock from him that is still running and keeping good time. They had eight children,-

(1) Joseph P. Bird, b. March 12, 1881, m. Lunda Wood. I have name of one child though doubtless they had others, -

(a) Elliott Bird, b. Sept. 3, 1903, was only child he wanted of that name.


(3) Lydia A. Bird, b. Dec. 10, 1884, m. Oct. 25, 1903, W. C. Marks, of Roan County, and moved to Akron, Ohio.

(4) Lizzie Westie Bird, b. March 18, 1888, m. William Campbell, Nov. 15, 1903.

(5) Lewis M. Bird, b. March 6, 1891.


VII. William M. Bird, b. about 1825, d. in Roan County, Oct., 1886. While wrestling one of his hips was dislocated and was never reset. He was then but 14 years of age, and he was a cripple all his life. He walked with a cane. He was a school teacher. He m. Jan. 12, 1853, Rhoda Jeffery, daughter of Ezekiel Jeffery, b. June 21, 1835. Their children,-

1. Benjamin Mordica Bird, m. (first), Cealia Estep, d. Mastic and Sarah Estep; (second), Rebecca Jane Anderson. By first marriage he had one child,

(1) Lucy Bird, died young.
By second marriage he had seven children—
(2) Pasidia Bird, m. F. M. O'Brien.
(3) Emmer Bird, m. Elvin Pritchett.

2. Mary Letitia Bird, m. (first), Daniel McGlauthlin, of Roan County; (second), a Mr. McGintis, of Charleston; (third), William Stanley.

3. Talitha Bird, died young.

4. Adison Bird, died young.

5. Henry M. Bird, b. 1866, d. Nov. 28, 1866.

6. James Mark Bird, b. about 1868, m. Elizabeth Swiney, d.

William S. and Mary (Taylor) Swiney, of Buffalo Lick, of Big Sandy Creek. He d. about 1900. Their children—
(1) William Clayton Bird, (4) Minnie Bird,
(2) Charles Elvin Bird,
(3) Lunda Bird, (5) Myrtle Bird.


8. Alice Bird, deaf and dumb, never married.


10. Lunda Bird, b. 1878, m. William Seabolt, son of Lewis and Jane Seabolt. After their marriage he became a Baptist preacher and was pastor of churches near Sunbright, Tenn.

Their children, —
(1) Henry Seabolt, (3) Amanda Seabolt,
(2) Biddy Jane Seabolt, (4) Roxalana Seabolt.

11. Edna Bird, died young.
JOHN MORRIS, seventh and youngest child and only son of Henry Morris, Sr., and Mary (Bird) Morris, b. on Peter's Creek, near what is now Lockwood, V. Va., Feb. 7, 1789, d. near where he was born July 30, 1865, m. March 13, 1807, Jane Brown, b. March 31, 1786, d. Oct. 25, 1855. She was the daughter of William Brown, Sr., of Monroe County, now W. Va. In her father's "last will and testament," under date of March 20, 1806, he names the following children: John Brown, Alexander Brown, Mary (Brown) Byars, Jane Brown, William Brown, Sarah Brown, Peggy Brown, Rosy Brown. This will shows that he had agreed to allow Absalom Leach to live on his plantation for a period of three years. This contract was protected and Capt. James Jones was to have charge after his death. All Mr. Brown's property was to be sold, and after debts and funeral expenses were paid, the remainder was to be divided equally between the children. All his "body clothes or wearing apparel" he left to his son William. His brother, John Brown, and James Nelson were appointed by him as the executors of the will, and the witnesses were: John Hogshead, Jane Gullett, Jane Leach, Katherine Leach. His real estate consisted of 146 acres he had patented March 5, 1792. The deed to this property is recorded in Will Book No. One, p. 76, in Monroe County Clerk's office. On p. 4057 of this Will Book a record is made of the sale of this land by John Brown to Henley Chapman, Dec. 20, 1803, in consideration of $610.00, and this is on record in Monroe.
County Clerk's office, Deed Book "c" (1808-1812), p. 4. Evidently Brown died before 1808, and Jane Brown had married John Morris, as her share was given to John Morris.

John and Jane Morris were buried on Peter's Creek, on the Morris farm near where the murdered children sleep.

John and Jane Morris had twelve children as follows:

I. Henry Morris, b. on Peter's Creek, Dec. 1, 1807, d. in Ohio, m. 1827, Mary D. Bird, b. June 6, 1803, d. 1880. Mary was daughter of William and Catherine (Morris) Bird, a first cousin. (See p. 99). They had nine children,

1. George Morris, b. April 14, 1828, m. Rachael Sawyers, and had eleven children,-

   (1) Analiza Morris, m. Loring Manshaw.
   (2) Mary A. Morris, d. single.
   (3) Nancy Morris, m. John M. Summers, b. Sept. 30, 1842, d. Sept. 23, 1890. He was son of William B. and Mattie (Morris) Summers, and he and Nancy were second cousins. (See p. 141). They had issue of,-

      (a) Theodore Summers, (b) Charles Summers,
      (b) Hadora Summers, (c) William Summers,
      (c) Albert Summers, (f) Eddie Summers.

   (4) Martin B. Morris, m. (first), Susan Holcomb; (second), Alice Seagar. Children by first marriage,-

      (a) Viatt Rippetoe Morris,
      (b) Mary Morris, m. Homer Fitzwaters, a fourth cousin. (See p. 142).
      (c) Palina Morris.

   (5) Analyn Morris, m. John Baxter, and had issue of,-

      (a) Bertha Baxter, (b) Felix Baxter.

   (6) Reze Morris, m. Tabitha Rose, and had seven children,
(b) George Morris. (c) Victoria Morris. (d) Octava Morris.
(e) Ida Morris. (f) Theodosia Morris. (g) Ethel Morris.

(7) Virginia Morris, m. Samuel Grose, and had two children,-
(a) Lola Grose. (b) Maggie Grose.


(9) George W. Morris, b. near Lockwood, W. Va., Oct. 24, 1865, d. at Benkelman, Nebraska, Aug. 18, 1928. He lived in Nicholas county until March 5, 1909, when he moved to Nebraska. There he became an extensive farmer and accumulated a great deal of this world's goods. He provided well for his family, was a devout Christian and did much good for his Lord. His body rests in the cemetery at Benkelman, Nebr. He was united in marriage Aug. 4, 1892, at Beverly, W. Va., with Geneva A. Oxier, d. June 21, 1933 as a result of being hit by an automobile in Denver, Col., June 5th. She was buried beside her husband in Benkelman. She was a consecrated Christian. They had eleven children, as follows:

(a) Bessie D. Morris, b. near Lockwood, W. Va., May 18, 1893, m. Sept. 21, 1918, at Trenton, Nebraska, Ernest H. Arrants, of St. Francis, Kansas. They have two children,-
(aa) Bonnie June Arrants, b. Sept. 4, 1921.

The present home of the Arrants is Barr Lake, Colo.

(b) Earl E. Morris, b. Jan. 5, 1895, m. Feb. 3, 1919, Emma V. Kimsey, of Nebraska. Seven children born to them,-
(cc) Dorothy May Morris, b. June 23, 1923.
(dd) Boddy Earl Morris, b. Sept. 10, 1925.
(ff) Ruth Blain Morris, b. March 8, 1929.
(gg) Detta Joan Morris, b. Dec. 9, 1933.

All the family live at Benkelman, Nebraska.

(c) Ray B. Morris, b. near Lockwood, Aug. 15, 1896, m. Nov. 30, 1918, at Webster Springs, W. Va., Fay Friend. One child,-

(d) Lewis H. Morris, b. near Gilboa, W. Va., Sept. 16, 1898, m. June 20, 1922, Gretta J. Giles, of Ainsworth, Nebr. Four children,-
(aa) Patricia Ann Morris, b. March 8, 1924.
(bb) Donna Lou Morris, b. July 1, 1926.
(cc) Lewis Giles Morris, b. Nov. 20, 1923.
(dd) Nancy Jane Morris, b. Feb. 3, 1933. They all live at Lincoln, Nebraska.

e) Ezelle C. Morris, b. near Gilboa, W. Va., Jan. 31, 1901, m., April 28, 1920, Guy A. Billington, at St. Francis, Kansas. They have five children,-
   (bb) Guy A. Billington, Jr., b. July 10, 1925.
   (cc) Billy Burton Billington, b. Oct. 12, 1927.
   (dd) Gene Wesley Billington, b. Feb. 9, 1929.
   (ee) Violet Rae Billington, b. June 15, 1933. They all live at Bird City, Kansas.

(f) George C. Morris, b. near Gilboa, W. Va., April 8, 1903, d. April 22, 1922.
(g) Bert L. Morris, b. near Gilboa, W. Va., Jan. 24, 1905, m., Dec. 27, 1927, at Lamar, Colo., Lillie Parks. Two children,-
   (aa) Anita Mae Morris, b. Dec. 8, 1929.

(h) Dainty G. Morris, b. near Vaughan, W. Va., Oct. 23, 1906, m. Sept. 9, 1925, at Selden, Kansas, Ralph Young. Three children,-
   (aa) Lloyd Laverne Young, b. Jan. 9, 1927.
   (cc) Jim Dale Young, b. May 13, 1933. They all live at Albany, Oregon.

(i) Cecil O. Morris, b. near Gilboa, W. Va., Nov. 9, 1908, m., Sept. 30, 1936, at Fairmont, W. Va., Leota M. Williams. They live at Fairmont.

(j) Fred W. Morris, b. at Benkelman, Nebraska, Sept. 9, 1913, m., Oct. 17, 1936, at Corvallis, Oregon, Shirley Vanderburg. They live at Corvallis.

(k) June M. Morris, b. at Benkelman, Nebraska, June 18, 1916. She lives at Eugene, Oregon.

(10) Nona Morris, m. Ottis Nutter.

   (a) Gracie McPeak, b. Sept. 19, 1896, at Ansted, W. Va., m., 1915, Emerson J. Beard. One child,-
       (aa) Mary Beard, b. April 6, 1917.
   (b) Vergie McPeak, b. at Ansted, July 23, 1898, m., Nov. 4, 1924, Don Gallagher. No issue.
   (c) Isa McPeak, b. at Ansted, Sept. 19, 1902, m., 1920, Harrison Mullens. Five children,-
       (aa) Blanche Mullens, b. 1921.
(bb) Davis Mullens, b. 1923.
(cc) Ruth Mullens, b. 1925.
(dd) Roma Mullens, b. 1928.

(d) Ethel McPeak, b. March 17, 1904, at Ansted, m. Tom Holden. They have four children,-

(aa) Davis Holden, b. Nov. 12, 1923.

(e) George C. McPeak, b. Oct. 29, 1918, single. Graduated from Englewood High School, 1934, and has also studied in the University of Colorado.

Z. Caperton Morris, b. Oct. 26, 1830. Wife's name unknown. I have name of one child,-

(1) Rebecca Morris, m. Columbus Alexander Morris, s. Thomas Bird and Leah (Ellis) Morris. (See p. 137). Second cousins.

3. Levi Morris, b. Dec. 27, 1833, m., Nov. 27, 1862, Mary Pennington.

4. Carolyn F. Morris, b. Feb. 3, 1837, m. (first), John Pearson; (second), George Garnes. Children by first marriage,-

(1) Mary Pearson, b. July 7, 1864, m. William Summers, and had issue of:

(a) Hulda Summers. (d) William C. Summers.
(b) Carolyn Summers. (e) John M. Summers.
(c) Susan Summers. (f) Elsie Summers.

(g) Gladys Odell Summers.

(2) Davis Pearson, b. June 27, 1856, m. (first), Martha Doggs; (second), Rebecca Smith; (third), Levicie Paxton. By first
marriage three children,-

(a) Minnie Pearson, (b) Osee Pearson, (c) Ava Pearson.

By second marriage three children,-


By third marriage one child,- (g) Stacie Pearson.

(3) Samantha J. Pearson, b. Oct. 24, 1867, m. (first), John Milam; (second) a Pease. One child by first marriage,-

(a) William Milan. Children by second marriage,-

(b) Gladys Pease, (c) Lilly Pease, (d) John Pease.

(4) Henry Pearson.

(5) Charlotte Pearson.


6. John B. Morris, b. June 1, 1841, m. March 5, 1863, Elizabeth Milam. Their children,-


(2) Louis Morris, never married.

(3) Margaret A. Morris, m. William Summers.

(4) Florida J. Morris, m. Theodore Grose, and had issue of,-

(a) Oner Gore, (b) Viola Grose.

(5) Wiatte Morris.

(6) Julia B. Morris, m. Nathan Hudnel.

(7) V.B. Morris.

(8) Rosa Morris.

Children by first marriage,—

(1) Morgan L. Morris, b. June 20, 1868, m. May 31, 1889, Elizabeth Rader, by whom he had two children,—

(a) Annie V. Morris, b. March 17, 1889.
(b) Clarence Morris, b. Oct. 26, 1890.


(3) John W. Morris, b. June 10, 1872, m. Sept. 5, 1897, Mattie A. McMillian, and had two children,—

(a) Iva Morris, (b) Mary Morris.


(5) L. Scott Morris, b. Dec. 26, 1875, m. Aug. 23, 1911, Rosa Armstrong, and had four children,—

(a) Pairs Morris, b. Dec. 12, 1914.
(b) Floughie Morris, b. Oct. 25, 1918.
(c) Robert W. Morris, b. Oct. 21, 1924.


(8) Benjamin B. Morris, b. Sept. 27, 1881.


(10) Minnie A. Morris, b. Aug. 16, 1886.


By his second marriage William Henry Morris had one child,—

(12) Allen Chilton Morris, b. March 3, 1894, m. Sept. 1, 1917, Edith Margaret Walker, daughter of James N. and Nora A. (Hicks) Walker. Mr. Morris has a large garage and service station in Summersville, W. Va. He is also salesman for the Chevrolet automobile. Edith is a member of Alderson Baptist church. They have three children,—
(a) Pauline Elizabeth Morris, b. June 5, 1919. Pauline graduated from Nicholas County High School. She also graduated from Catawba college, Salisbury, North Carolina, May 30, 1939, with Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. After her graduation she served for a short time as assistant dietitian in Camp Carlyle, at Asheville, N.C. Then she accepts a position in the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D.C.

(b) Elnora Jane Morris, b. Feb. 5, 1922.
(c) Ralph Chilton Morris, b. Sept. 16, 1930.


9. Virginia Morris, m. W. R. Sparks. They had five children,-
   (a) Robert Sparks.  (c) N. S. Sparks.
   (b) Henry Sparks.  (d) John Sparks.
   (e) Norman Sparks.

II. William B. Morris, son of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peter's Creek, Nov. 10, 1809, d. May 5, 1886, m. (first), Jeannette Gray; (second), Rhoda Darlington. He was commonly known as "Doctor Billy." Children by first marriage,-

1. Archibald Morris, drowned in Peter's Creek, age 13.


3. Alexander Morris, m. June 1, 1861, Isabell Brown, b. 1842.

Their children were:
   (1) Floyd Morris, m. (first), Alafair Murphy; (second),
       Amanda Hughart; (third), Mary J. Painter.

   (2) Alexander Clark Morris, b. Jan. 1, 1865, m. Fannie
       Foster, and had issue of:
       (a) William Hansford Morris, d. single.
       (b) Bertha Morris, m. William Nutter.
       (c) Floyd Morris, b. 1895, m. Oct. 4, 1926, Mrs. Fannie
           (nee Judy) King. They have two children,-
           (bb) Floyd Randall Morris, b. Oct. 6, 1928.
       (d) Silas Morris.
       (e) Maggie J. Morris.
       (f) Ruth Jane Morris.
       (g) Mary Morris, m. John Bennett. They live on Laurel
           Creek of Peters Creek.
(3) Archibald T. Morris, m. (first), Ann Bell Foster; (second), Sona Keenan.

(4) Alfred Harmon Morris, m. Nannie Laura Keenan. He died suddenly in his home, Nov. 7, 1904. They had issue of,-

(a) Lula Morris, m. Selven Derrick, and had two children,-

(aa) Dilbert Derrick, m. a Shoemake, and had two children,-

(aaa) George Shoemake, (bbb) Davis Jean Shoemake

(bb) Clark Derrick,

(cc) Metha Derrick,

(dd) Coolie Derrick.

(b) Verga Morris, m. Ferdinand Gray, and had issue of,-

(aa) Harmon Gray, (ff) Ferdinand Gray,

(bb) Herman Gray, (gg) Charles Gray,

(cc) Mauley Gray, (hh) Vera Gray,

(dd) Verlia Gray, (ii) Laurence Gray,

(ee) William Gray, (jj) Hazel Gray, d. age 2,

(kk) Alfred Gray, d. age 3 months.

(c) Ida Morris, m. Eward Gray, and have seven children,-

(aa) Ruby Gray, m. Harry Cole, and had one child,-

(aaa) Harry Cole, Jr.

(bb) Selven Gray, (cc) Eeva Gray,


(dd) Hollis Gray, (gg) Juanita Gray.

(d) Lemons Morris, m. Beulah Grouse, and have six children,-

(aa) Ernell Morris, (dd) James Morris,

(bb) Jennith Morris, (cc) Josephine Morris,

(cc) Maxine Morris, (ff) Mary Morris.

(e) Pearl Morris, d. age 7.

(f) Georgie Morris, m. Leon Gray, and have five children

(aa) Ida Bell Gray, (cc) Louise Gray,

(bb) Lula Gray, (dd) Leon Gray, Jr.,

(cc) Harry Gray.

(g) Ray Morris, m. Lilly Ford, and have issue of,-

(5) Arthur Morris, d.young.

(6) Philip Morris, d.young.

(7) Mary C. Morris, m. July 11, 1902, Charles F. Morris, b. May 6, 1877. They were sixth cousins. (See p.

(8) Sarah J. Morris, m. William S. Nutter, son of Elijah Nutter.

4. Mary Ann Morris, m. (first), Lafayett Rippetoe, brother Rev. Alexander Nicholas Rippetoe; (second), E.C. Milan. By first marriage she had issue of,-

(1) William J. Rippetoe, m. Ada Walker, d. Lewis Walker. I have name of one child,

(a) Jesse L. Rippetoe, m. Martha Anick. He is a deacon in the Dunbar Baptist church, and his address is P.O. Box 1439, Charleston, W. Va. By second marriage five children,-

(2) Lewis Milam, m. Vina Campbell, d. A. N. Campbell.

(3) Mary Elizabeth Milam, m. Charles I. Hill, by whom she had the following children:

(a) Eva Hill, a teacher. (Possibly m. Henry Tully, of Fayette County, W. Va.
(b) Nora Hill, (f) Guy Hill,
(c) Forrest Hill, (g) Mark Hill,
(d) Vida Hill, (h) Elva Hill,
(e) Carrie Hill, (i) Charles Ervin Hill.


(5) Richard Milan.

5. Mary E. Morris.

6. Clark Morris. (May have m. Sarah Flowers; if so, his son, Lewis Andrew Morris, m. Virgie Lee Given, d. William and Maggie Given).

7. Marian Morris, m. Mary J. Sims, and had issue of,-
8. Thompson Morris, m. (first), M. E. Morris, a second cousin
(See p. 144); (second), Maria Hardway.

9. Sallie Morris, m. John A. Grose, and had three children,
(1) Mary Grose, (2) Jacob Grose, (3) George Grose.

III. Leonard Morris, third child of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peter's Creek, 1811, m. Feb. 11, 1834, Eliza Ann Jones, d. Hillery and Polly (White) Jones, a third cousin.

Eliza Ann d. 1865. They had eight children,-

1. William Morris, m. (first), Nancy J. I'Iswick; (second),
Victoria Holcomb. (See p. 123). Children by first marriage,-
(1) Benjamin Morris, m. a Cantrell.
(2) George Morris, m. Lydia Elliott.
(3) John Morris, m. Ella Bird, d. William and Jennie (Dorsey) Bird, a fifth cousin. (See p. 100).
(4) Walter Morris.
(5) Evelyn Morris.

By second marriage two children,-
(6) Ann Morris,
(7) Harlen Morris.

2. Hillery Morris, m. Mary Ann Horton. Their children,-
(1) Sylvester Morris, d. young.
(2) Leonard Morris, m. Arie Oxier.
(3) Wiatc Morris.
(4) Eliza Morris, m. a Davison.
(5) Leal A. Morris.

3. Rev. John B. Morris, b. March 7, 1853, d. Dec. 14, 1925, m. Walker. John was a good Baptist preacher, a teacher, was County School Superintendent of Clay 1880-91. He preached in Nicholas, Fayette, Clay, Kanawha and other counties, and for a time he worked for the State Board of Missions in West Virginia. He was highly esteemed by those who knew...
Their children were,-

(1) Mattie Morris, m. Henry Morton.
(2) Edna Morris, m. Henry Bird, son of William and Jennie (Dorsey) Bird, a fifth cousin. (See p. 100).
(3) Rebeca Morris, (6) Stephen Morris,
(4) Jessie Morris, (7) John Morris,
(5) Minnie Morris, (8) Herbert Morris,
(9) Frank Morris, m. Ellen Morton,
(10) William Morris, m. a Harvey.


Henry Morris taught in the public schools for fifty years.

He was County School Superintendent of Clay 1899-01, and

from 1903 to 1907. He was also a Baptist preacher, and in

1936 was living at Quick, W. Va. They had five children,-

(1) Everett Morris, b. Feb. 7, 1893, had one son,

(a) William Eugene Morris, b. May 23, 1933.

(2) Saul L. Morris, b. April 21, 1895. Single.

(3) Edgar H. Morris, b. April, 1897.

(4) Anna Morris, b. Sept. 4, 1886, m. J. C. Ferguson.

(5) Mary Florence Morris, b. Feb. 21, 1889, m. J. W. Daubenspeck. Their children,-

(a) Inez Daubenspeck, b. 1908, m. C. L. Morris.
(b) Nina Daubenspeck, b. 1912, m. Cecil Sizemore.
(c) Alma Daubenspeck, b. 1917, m. Raymond Morris.
(d) Nellie Daubenspeck, b. 1913.
(e) Harding Daubenspeck, b. 1921.

5. Mary J. Morris, b. 1838, m. Rice Moore, b. 1830. Their children,-

(1) Eliza Catherine Moore, b. May 2, 1853, m. Simpson B. Neal.
(2) John Melvin Moore, b. Oct. 12, 1855, m. Elizabeth Jane Kinard, b. April 11, 1860. Their children,-

(a) Rice W. Moore, b. Feb. 4, 1879, d. single.
(b) Eliza C. Moore, b. May 2, 1880, m. Oscar Lucas.
(c) Mary A. Moore, b. May 17, 1882, m. N. H. Jones.
(d) Howard F. Moore, b. May 31, 1885, m. Ollie Jeffrey.
(c) Millie J. Moore, b. May 27, 1887, d. single.
(f) Elizabeth M. Moore, b. May 7, 1809, m. Thomas Osborne.
(g) John W. Moore, b. March 17, 1891, m. Amanda Legg.
(h) James G. Moore, b. July 17, 1894.

John Melvin Moore married a second time, Jan. 1, 1910, to Luverna Johnson, b. Jan. 8, 1875. By her two children,-

6. Martha Morris, d. age 16.


8. Ann Morris, m. (first), Recie Pritt; (second), Frank Holcomb.

IV. Thomas Bird Morris, fourth child of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peter's Creek, Sept. 26, 1813, d. on Donagar of Sycamore, Clay County, April 16, 1876, m. Aug., 1849, Leah Z. Ellis, of Monroe County, b. March 27, 1819, d. April 8, 1861.

After their marriage they settled on Wolf Creek, Monroe County, now W. Va., later they resided on Laurel Creek of Peter's Creek; and finally they located on Donagar Creek of Sycamore in Clay County. Here Thomas died and was buried; but Leah died at the home of her brother in law, Robert Harris, at Green Sulphur, Summers County, and I suppose she was buried there.

Thomas Bird Morris in his youth had red hair, but as he grew older his hair turned black and when he was fifty his hair was black. He was six feet tall and his average weight was 175 pounds. At fifty he could jump up and strike twice his feet together before coming down to the ground. In his early days he was a Methodist but later changed his church relations to the Baptists.

Thomas Bird and Leah Z. Ellis) Morris had the following
children:

1. Margaret J. Morris, b. March 27, 1841. m. Frank Holcomb, and had issue of ten children:

   (1) James Holcomb, d. young.
   (2) Cyrus R. Holcomb, m. Nancy Morton, and had three children:
       (a) Raleigh Holcomb, (b) Ollie Holcomb, (c) Thos. Holcomb.
   (3) Ellis Holcomb, d. age 18.
   (4) Thomas C. Holcomb, m. Annie Burhan.
   (5) John Holcomb, d. age 28.
   (6) Victoria Holcomb, m. William Morris, son of Leonard and Eliza Ann (Jones) Morris, a second cousin. (See p. 120) She was his second wife.
   (7) Mary L. Holcomb, m. Willis Cantrell.
   (8) Cora B. Holcomb, m. Booker Mullins.
   (9) Nancy A. Holcomb.
   (10) Ellen Holcomb, d. young.


3. Louisa S. Morris, m. J. W. Mullins.

4. John Silas Morris, b. in Clay County, now W.Va., Jan 14, 1845, d. on Buffalo Lick of Big Sandy Creek, Kanawha County, Feb. 4, 1880, m. Dec. 6, 1866, Mary Catherine Campbell, b. April 1, 1845, d. Jan. 23, 1894, daughter Micajah Dodson Campbell, b. 1808, d. 1885, and Rachael Jane (Bird) Campbell, b. Jan. 28, 1822, d. March 9, 1893. John Silas and Mary Catherine (Campbell) Morris were third cousins. (See p. 106).

John Silas Morris was six feet one inch tall and his average weight was 145 pounds, his hair was black as a raven and walked with his toes turned neither to the right nor to the left but straight before him. His body was erect and his movements graceful. He never sang but enjoyed whistling. They first settled on Donagar, then moved to Will's Creek, Kanawha County, but later settled on Buffalo
Lick. Their first house here was double hewed log house with a nicely dressed stone chimney with big fire place. Here they lived until he built a good house down the creek a few hundred yards where they lived until his death. Mary Catherine continued here for three years, then, about 1884, John D. Campbell, a relative, persuaded her to move to his farm at mouth of Gabe Creek of Big Left Hand, Roane County, promising her that no rent would be charged and she could have the place as long as she lived. She sold her possessions on Buffalo Lick and moved. Here the family prospered for two years. The second winter came on with barns full, two good cows, two horses, plenty of hogs for meat, a large quantity of fine apples in holes in the ground, and the family resting easy. But alas! Mr. Campbell's daughter in law came one day and informed her that the farm was sold and possession was wanted immediately. Mary Catherine's cousin had bought the farm and he showed no mercy toward the family. She disposed of her stuff as best she could and gave possession. Being in the dead of winter this exposure was too much for her, and she began to fail in health until the end came some years later. She gave her last horse for thirty acres of land on John's Fork of Little Sandy and her sons, with the help of some good friends, built a house where she lived until death. John Silas and wife, Mary Catherine, were buried in the Osborn Cemetery, near Clendenmin, where they await the "first resurrection." Both were members of Doctor's Creek Baptist church, but after
his death, and after the Jordan Light church was constituted, she transferred her membership to that church, and this was her church until death. Her funeral was preached by Rev. Presley S. Chandler in this church. While her health remained she provided well for her children, even better than some strong men, but after her health failed they lived without many of the necessary things of life.

John Silas and Mary Catherine (Campbell) Morris had five children,-

(1) Madora Isabell Morris, b. May 14, 1868, d. May 19, 1891, m. 1890, Robert Lee Donahoe, of Roane County, W.Va. To this union was born one child, - (a) Curtis Egil, b. April, 1891, d. May 8, 1892. Madora Isabell was buried in the Frail Cemetery in Roane County. She attended the public schools and had a splendid education. Her "McGuffey's New Sixth Eclectic Reader" is now in the possession of her brother, Alfred Nelson Morris. Isabell was industrious, patient and kind to all.

(2) Falicey Arabell Morris, b. Jan. 18, 1871, d. Oct. 21, 1871, buried on Wills Creek on the hill opposite the mouth of Billy's Fork. Her father built around the grave a picket fence which stood many years, but finally gave way to the ravages of time, and there is now nothing to mark her grave.

(3) Charles Wilburn Morris, b. on Buffalo Lick, Oct. 19, 1872, d. at Sunbright, Tenn., Dec. 21, 1936, m. Mary Susan Seabolt, d. Lewis and Jane Seabolt, May 3, 1896, Rev. W. E. Shaffer officiating. They owned a residence at Clendenin where they lived
several years, then purchased property at Sunbright, Tennessee, where they lived until he died, and his widow still lives there. Mary Susan was a Christian and belonged, I think, to the Doctor's Creek Baptist church when they were married, but he did not become a Christian until several years later. May 30, 1909, his brother Alfred Nelson, preached in the Clendenin Baptist church at the morning service and Charles Wilburn was received at that service for baptism, which baptism was administered by his brother that afternoon in Elk river just below the bridge. Concerning his life and death the local paper at Wortburg, Tennessee, had the following editorial:

"Death has once more visited the Sunbright Community and claimed as its victim Charles Wilburn Morris. Mr. Morris died at 11 o'clock Monday morning, Dec. 21, 1936, after an illness of only a few hours...Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Ridge Church Wednesday, December 23 at 2 p.m., by Rev. Walter Stringfield. Interment was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. It is a consolation to relatives and friends to know that Mr. Morris remained steadfast in his devotion to Christ until the end."

He served his church as deacon and Sunday School superintendent and enjoyed the work of the Lord. In his younger days he was a good singer and took great delight in praising the Lord in song.

Charles Wilburn and Mary Susan Morris had the following children:

(a) Mavie Pearl Morris, b. on Buffalo Lick, W. Va., March 25, 1897, m. Dec. 16, 1913, Conde Howard White and had one child,—
(aa) Ivan Gerard Davis, b. Sept. 19, 1918. By second marriage, one child.


(cc) Harold Dean Brown, b. July 31, 1930.

(dd) Bettie Lou Brown, b. March 14, 1932, d. March 26, 1934.


(d) Dorfee Mae Morris, b. June 19, 1905, d. in infancy.

(e) Unnamed infant, b. & d. Feb. 22, 1910.

(f) Artie Oneeta Morris, b. March 31, 1912, m. June 22, 1932, Joe Thompson Adair. Artie Oneeta graduated from Sunbright High School, April 21, 1933. Joe Thompson Adair graduated from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, with A.B. degree, June 5, 1928. HONOR S: Williamson Scholarship, 1925; President C.R.C. Club; member Delta Kappa Phi Fraternity. Their home is at Dixon, Tenn. They have two children.


(4) Alfred Nelson Morris, b. on Buffalo Lick, four miles from Clendenin, May 14, 1875, m. Feb. 2, 1899, at Copenhaver, W. Va., Virginia Bell Given, b. Aug. 26, 1877. She is a daughter of Amos Given, b. Dec. 6, 1851, d. May 25, 1909, and Mary Lucy (Melton) Given, b. Feb. 10, 1856. Virginia Bell's grand-parents were: Robert McQuiffin Given, b. Nov. 14, 1809, and Elizabeth (Judy) Given, b. Oct. 14, 1814; her great-grand-parents were: George Bratton Given, b. Nov. 11, 1784, and Margaret (McQuiffin) Given. Her great-great-grand-parents were: William Given, b. 1746, and Nancy Agnes (Bratton) Given. William Given's father was Major John Given, b. in Ireland, 1719, and his father was Samuel Given who came to this country 1738 and died 1740. The Given family is of Scotch and Irish extraction, as the name appears in the early history of Glasgow, Scotland.
none appears in Scotland as early as 1379 A.D., but it is likely the family migrated to Ireland at an early date.

Virginia Bell (Given) Morris' maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Sarah (Jarrett) Melton.

Virginia Bell Given was educated in the public schools of Kanawha County, was baptized into the fellowship of Sandy Grove Baptist church, where her membership remained until after her marriage. Concerning her Dr. B. J. W. Graham, who published several large volumes of Baptist Biography, says:

"Mrs. Morris is a daughter of Mr. Amos and Mrs. Lucy Given, Kanawha County, West Virginia. Her father and mother are prominently connected in the affairs of the county and State. Mrs. Morris has been and is the helpmeet indeed of her husband, sharing his sorrows as well as his joys, gladly going with him as he felt the Lord's call to new and untried fields. She loves her home and believes it one of her essential duties to bring up her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Without any reflection upon the husband in the activities of his life, it may be said that she has been the prime factor in the making of a home in which mutual love is the crowning virtue."


Her husband heartily endorses the above and would make another of Dr. Graham's statements his very own, viz:

"The crowning achievement in Mr. Morris' life was winning the heart and hand of Miss Virginia Bell Given with whom he was united in marriage Feb. 2, 1899, Rev. T. L. Melton, her uncle, performing the ceremony."

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Alfred Nelson Morris was converted Dec. 21, 1894. It was on a tall mountain dividing Buffalo Lick and Doctor's Creek, and not far from the spot of his natural birth, while hewing rail road ties that beautiful Friday after-
noon, that the Light came and the "burden rolled away." A revival meeting was in progress at the Jordan Light Baptist church and that night he was received as a candidate for baptism, which baptism was administered the following Sunday after the morning service at the church. The place of the baptism was in Will's Creek just above the residence of M.M. ("Pomp") Campbell. Several others were baptized at the same time. That night at the church the pastor asked him to lead in public prayer; and he made the effort but never remembered what he said as he was so completely paralyzed with "stage-fright." After uniting with the church the way opened for him to enter Shelton College where he did his best under some of the best qualified instructors in the State.

At times he was asked if he did not feel a call to preach the Gospel, but he would always evade the answer, as he felt the time had not come for him to make known a deep impression he had often felt. But one day Mark Bird, a cousin, put the question to him again, and he answered that he had felt that call for some time. The next Saturday was conference day at the Jordan Light church, and after the sermon, he went out of the church. The notion was made and "duly seconded" that "Brother Alfred Morris be licensed to preach the Gospel," and was unanimously passed. The pastor announced that the young preacher would preach the next day. The text was Acts 2:41-47, and he preached twenty three minutes. There were five preachers present to hear his first sermon. Mark Jarrett was the pastor, one of the best men that ever lived, and he lived a long and useful life, passing over.
the Crystal River to the other landing in 1933.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 1899, the Poca Fork Baptist church, in conference, extended a call to him to become their pastor for one Sunday per month, and asked the Jordan Light church, where he had his membership, to ordain him for them. A council was convened at this church, June 22, 1899, and after a rigid examination, conducted by Rev. Jonathan Smith, the body recommended ordination. The following ministers composed the council: Jonathan Smith, J. W. Smith, A. H. Bailey, P. S. Chandler, Mark Jarrett, E. E. Melton, F. B. Fitzwater. He preached to churches in Kanawha, Nicholas and Fayette Counties until the close of 1905, when he resigned Amsted, Lansing and Jenett churches to enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in which institution he matriculated in January, 1906. After leaving the Seminary, he became pastor at Russell, Ky., then went from there to the church at Jackson, Ky., and from there to Georgia where he spent twelve years serving churches. At Donalsonville, Ga., he led in the erection of a church edifice, the first that church had. He was pastor at Vienna, Ga., four years, and resigned to take charge of the church at Norman Park, Ga., and where he also taught the Bible in Norman Junior Baptist College. Being called back to Kentucky, he served the Fordsville church four years, and resigned to accept the Livermore church, and after three and a half years went back to Georgia where he served the Doerun church more than five years. His last pastorate in Georgia was Jeffersonville, from which pastorate he resigned to return to his native state, West Virginia, where he is now pastor of
First Guyandotte Baptist church, Huntington.

E. H. Alfred Nelson and Virginia Bell (Given) Morris have six children, as follows:

(a) Alvah Wayland Morris, b. in the low gap between Buffalo Lick and Billy's Fork of Will's Creek, Jan. 20, 1900. He was graduated from Vienna High School, Vienna, Ga., 1916, graduated from Locust Grove Baptist Institute, Locust Grove, Ga., 1917, attended Mercer Baptist University, Macon, Ga., and took a business course in Norman Baptist Junior College. Taught school for a time, married Georgia Mc. Neal, daughter of George and Mattie (Mullers) Mc. Neal, of Ashland, Ky., Aug. 12, 1925. Both attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., taking a layman's course; he in the regular seminary and she in the Woman's Training School. From there they went to the Calvary Baptist church, Lexington, Ky., where he served as educational secretary and she as office secretary. After resigning their work there they settled in Ashland, Ky., where they still live. They bought a nice home on Gartin Avenue. He is with the Post Office in Ashland. Georgia finished her educational course in Ashland, studied music in Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and also studied at Norfolk, Va. She has been successful in her profession of teaching music. She has served as president of the local P.T.A. She has also served as pianist for the First Baptist church of Ashland.

Alvah Wayland was baptized by his father into the fellowship of the Baptist church, Donelsonville, Georgia, being
the first baptizing in the new baptistry. They both belong to the First Baptist church, Ashland. They have two children,—

(aa) Jo Marilyn Morris, b. July 1, 1926.

(b) Rome Basil Morris, b. on Nuttall mountain, Fayette county, W. Va., Aug. 13, 1901. Graduated from Vienna High School, and from Norman Junior college, studied three years in Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, and graduated from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., with three degrees, viz.: Bachelor of Oratory, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Law. He married, May 30, 1922, Bernice Hart, of Savannah, Ga. At the time of her marriage she was a student in Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga. He is an attorney at law with office at 17 Drayton St., Savannah, Ga. They have three children,—

(aa) Anne Morris, b. and lived but a day and a half. Buried at Sylvania, Ga.
(bb) Archie Lovett Morris, b. May 18, 1926.
(cc) Virginia Cornelia Morris, b. Dec. 17, 1928.

(c) Emmett Gabrer Morris, b. in the pastorium, seen on point diagonally across from famous "Lover's Leap," at Ansted, W. Va. Graduated from Pinehurst (Ga.) High School. Matriculated Mercer University, Macon, Ga. Trekked with parents to Kentucky and registered at Bethel College. Attended Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, while employed at night by Pennsylvania R.R. Co. Earned degree in Arts. Member Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity, Beta Phi Delta honorary, President sophomore class, President Philomatheon society, President President Thespian club. Won letters Basketball, Basketball Track, Tennis. Second to eagle, Pert, and Professor at Yale, for highest college medal. Joined national organization of S.S. Kresge Co. Earned promotion after promotion, gaining ex-
perience and friends in Cincinnati, Washington, Richmond, Boston and other cities. Now (1940) in Wheeling, W. Va. Have one child,-

(aa) Brockman Albert Morris, b. March 31, 1934.

(d) Lucy Beulah Morris, b. at Copenhagen, W. Va., March 14, 1906. Graduated from both the Pinehurst (Ga.) and the Fordsville (Ky) High Schools. Graduated from Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky., January, 1926. She was a student in Ky. State Normal and Teachers College, Bowling Green, Ky. Studied music under special teachers in Huntington, W. Va., and other cities. Taught music several years. Married, Jan. 22, 1933, Overton W. Wright, b. Sept. 12, 1904. They live in Alexandria, Va. Mr. Wright holds a position at the Navy Yards, Washington, D. C.

(e) Virginia Olive Morris, b. at Russell, Ky., April 25, 1907. Graduated from Fordsville (Ky) High School, and from Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky., May 31, 1923. Also a student in State Normal and Teachers College, Bowling Green, Ky. She has taught music several years. Married May 23, 1930, Clifton B. Norris, Marrowbone, Ky. They own a residence and business at Marrowbone. They have two children,-


(f) Vera Nelson Norris, b. at Donaldsonville, Ga., Oct. 24, 1912. Graduated from Livermore (Ky) High School, 1929. Graduated from Georgetown (Ky) College, 1932 with Bachelor of Arts degree. She specialized in music and was graduat-
ed from same institution in Public School Music, and received Teacher's Certificate in piano. She studied pipe organ one year. She held teachers certificate to teach in junior colleges in Georgia. She was married to Rev. Hugh Raymond Peterson, June 5, 1934. Mr. Peterson graduated from Georgetown College, and also from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and in addition to the regular degree he took post graduate work and was granted a Ph.D. degree. He holds the position in the seminary of Student Consultant. He is also pastor of Sonora Baptist church. They live in Louisville, Ky. They had two children: 

(aa) Virginia Peterson, b. in Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, Ky., June 2, 1936, and lived but twelve hours.

(bb) Stewart Peterson, d. at birth, 1937.

(c) Hugh Peterson, d. 1941

(5) Ida Viola Morris, b. on Buffalo Lick, Jan. 18, 1878, n.

Pearl Dollison, who d. in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 25, 1927. She and Pearl and their daughter belonged to the First Baptist church, of Columbus, O. They had one child:

(a) Mary Catherine Dollison, b. July 9, 1917, n. William Neal Arrington, Dec. 16, 1933. One child:

(aa) Neal Arrington, Jr., b. 1934.


6. Columbus Alexander Morris, n. (first), Rebecca Morris, d. of Caperton Morris, a second cousin. (See p. 114); (second), Elizabeth A. Connally.

al services. Children by first marriage,-

(1) Rosalie D. Morris, b. March 6, 1876, d. Dec. 29, 1877.

(2) James A. Morris, b. March 14, 1878, d. June 24, 1884.


(a) Herbert N. Wood,  (d) Charles N. Wood,  
(b) Harry C. Wood,  (e) Frederick F. Wood.

(4) Amanda J. Morris, b. May 2, 1881, m. Sept. 11, 1901, John Harrack, A. K. Morris officiating. I have name of one child,-

(a) Clarence N. Harrack.


(6) Walter A. Morris, b. Feb. 9, 1886.

(7) Seth T. Morris, b. April 2, 1888.

(8) Beatrice Morris, b. April 1, 1890.

Children by second marriage,-


(10) Maud M. Morris, b. March 4, 1898.

(11) Violet M. Morris, b. March 27, 1900.

(12) Clara M. Morris, b. April 10, 1902.


9. Harlen Ellis Morris, b. April 4, 1859, m. Aug. 30, 1888,  
April 21, 1921. They had but one child,-

(1) Joseph II. S. Morris, b. Dec. 21, 1896, m. Pearl Fox, July 
6, 1923. They have five children,-

(a) Helen Morris, b. 1925.  
(b) Sherman Morris, b. 1928.  
(c) Harold Morris, b. 1930, d. at birth.  
(d) Robert Lee Morris, b. 1933.
(e) Charles Jackie Morris, b. 1936, d. 1937.

Harlen Ellis Morris is buried at Edmund, Fayette County, West Virginia, beside the old McVey graveyard.

Mrs. Harlen Ellis Morris is buried at Lansing, Fayette County, West Virginia.

V. MARY MORRIS, fifth child of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peters Creek, 1816, d. 1843-4, m. Thomas Brown of Monroe County, Va. I have names of three children,

1. Alexander Brown, d. in Texas.
2. John Brown, d. in Texas.
3. William Brown, d. in Texas.

VI. EDWARD RYAN MORRIS, sixth child of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peters Creek, Feb., 1818, d. in Kansas, 1869, m. May 4, 1841, Sarah A. Jones, b. 1820, d. in Kansas, Nov. 18, 1891, daughter of Hillery and Mary (White) Jones, John Johnson officiating. They were third cousins ( p. 33 ). Both were members of a Baptist church. In the spring of 1869 they moved to Kansas where he died that year. They had seven children, -

1. Frazier Morris, b. Aug. 1, 1842, m. May 1, 1867, Margaret Walker, b. Oct. 28, 1846. Their children,
   (1) Hilton E. Morris, b. Nov. 9, 1869, d. May 5, 1896, m. Pryble Nichols. I have names of two children,
      (a) Bertie R. Morris, b. Feb. 11, 1893;
      (b) Ella M. Morris, b. Feb. 9, 1895.
   (2) Hansford Morris, b. Aug. 12, 1875. Wife's name unknown.
      Two children,
(a) Elmer D. Morris, b. April 2, 1900.
(b) Clarence C. Morris, b. Dec. 23, 1902.
(3) Sarah Morris, b. April 6, 1878, m. G. F. Johnson.
(5) Remely Morris, b. -- -- 26, 1834.


Their children are:

(2) Louise Morris, b. March 1, 1875, m. J. E. Black, and settled in Wray, Colorado.
(3) Elvin F. Morris, b. March 11, 1877.
(4) Elliott E. Morris, b. Sept. 5, 1878.

(a) Phlema Morris, b. 1903; (b) Laid Morris, b. Feb., 1905.

(7) Silas A. Morris, b. Feb. 7, 1881)

(9) Bertha A. Morris, b. Jan. 6, 1885, m. John E. Emory.
(10) Mary E. Morris, b. Aug. 30, 1886.
(12) Clarence E. Morris, b. April 27, 1890.
(14) Goldie V. Morris, b. Aug. 27, 1893.
(15) Ryan H. Morris, b. March 27, 1895.

4. John E. Morris.
5. Evelyn Morris, m. (first), James Walker; (second), Mr. Pilgrim.

6. Jennie Morris, drowned in a cloud-burst in Kansas, Sept. 3, 1869. She was buried in the sands and was discovered by part of her dress having caught on a snag above the sand.

7. Victoria Morris.

VII. M A T T I E M O R R I S, seventh child of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peters Creek, April 27, 1820, d. March 19, 1903, m., Nov. 17, 1836, William B. Summers, b. Feb. 27, 1811, d.
Jan. 21, 1901. They owned and occupied the old Henry Morris farm on Peters Creek, where they raised their fourteen children, whose names follow:

1. John M. Summers, b. Sept. 2, 1837, m. (first), Evelyn O'dell; (second), Ann Fitzwater. Children by first marriage,
   (1) William Summers.
   (2) Susan Summers.


Their children were:
(1) Dorothy Keenan, m. Bud Williams.
(2) Eliza Keenan, m. Lee Walker. Their children,
   (a) Ed. Walker, lives at Enon, Nicholas County.
   (b) Grover Walker, lives in Fayette County.

(3) Martha Keenan, m. W. F. Sawyer. They live at Tipton, Nicholas County. They have one child, (a) Orange Sawyer.
(6) Joan (Jodie) Keenan, m. Walter Grose. They live at Lockwood.
(7) Lydia Keenan, m. J. E. Nichols, and they live at Lockwood.
(8) Blanche Keenan, m. Charles Elbert Drennen. They have six children,
   (a) Opal Drennen, m. Burn Brown, and live at Alloy, W. Va.
   (b) Edith Drennen, m. Gilbert Dorney, and they live at Saxman, W. Va.
   (c) Herschel Drennen, m. ——— ——— ——— ———.
   (d) Ted Drennen, m. a Justice, and they live at Jodie.
   (e) Ruby Drennen, m. a Scaggs, and they live at Sparks.
   (f) Golden Drennen, m. Angeline Underwood.
(9) Alexander Rippitoe Keenan, m. in Nebraska.


5. Eliza Summers, b. Nov. 15, 1844, d. Dec. 25, 1879, m. Owen Hicks. Their children are:
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(1) Laonidas Hicks, 3. Henry Hicks,
(2) Glendora Hicks, 4. William Hicks, d. Dec. 25, 1879.

6. William II. Summers, b. Oct. 1, 1846, m. Sept. 1, 1870, Victoria Y. Sims. Their children are:

(2) Lula Summers, b. Aug. 17, 1874, m. John B. Neal.
(3) Joseph B. Summers, b. Apr. 5, 1876, m. Clara Brock.
(6) J.R. Summers, b. Aug. 11, 1885, m. Laura Samples.
(7) G.W. Summers, b. June 26, 1887.
(9) Annie M. Summers, b. Aug. 19, 1897.


9. Mary E. Summers, b. Oct. 5, 1853, m. G.W. Fitzwater. Their children are:

(1) Homer Fitzwater, m. Mary Morris, d. of Martin B. and Susan (Holdob) Morris, a fifth cousin. (See p. 111).
(2) William Fitzwater, m. a Duckland.
(3) Lemon Fitzwater, m. Maggie Cox.
(4) Edward Fitzwater.
(5) WJatt Fitzwater, m. a Morris.
(6) Lonnie Fitzwater.
(7) Eugene Fitzwater.


11. Silas C. Summers, b. Feb. 17, 1858, m. (first), Ida Simms; (second), Arie Martin. About March 5, 1937, the Associated Press carried the following news item:

"Silas C. Summers, 79, of Pond Gap, Kanawha county, died of a heart attack Sunday morning at the home of Grover Butler, near Maycei, Clay county. The body was removed Hardman and Hardman mortuary at Clay. Funeral services are to be conducted at the Fairview Baptist church at Lockwood, Nicholas county, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Burial is to be in the Summers cemetary at Lockwood. The Rev. M.R. Cavender is to officiate. Surviving are two sons, Gordon Summers of Pond Gap and Cecil
Sunners of Hazelcrist, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Hande Smith of Ronceo, Va., and Mrs. Gladys Petty of Cabin Creek; two brothers, A.S. Sunners of Hartland and Paul Sunners of Lockwood, and one sister, Mrs. Minerva Sevey of Rico." He d. March 4, 1937.

12. Paul Jones Sunners, b. Feb. 21, 1860, (first), Mary E. Morris, b. April 23, 1866, d. Oct. 27, 1891. She was a daughter of John B. and Elizabeth (Milan) Morris, and she and Paul were second cousins. He m. (second), May 3, 1894, Julia Cutlip. She b. Jan. 11, 1871, d. Sept. 7, 1903. Their home was on part of the old Henry Morris farm on Peters Creek. Mr. Sunners is still living. (See p. 115). Children by first marriage,

(1) Newman Sunners, b. Oct. 24, 1882, m. Mamie Legg, April 1, 1911. Both d. Dec. 10, 1913, and buried in same grave. Three children,

(a) Cecil Sunners, b. Dec. 1, 1914.
(b) Georgie Sunners, b. Dec. 5, 1916.


(3) Lionel Sunners, b. March 5, 1887, m. April 7, 1909, Jennie M. Rader. Their children,

(a) Everett Sunners, b. March 4, 1910, m. a Donalson, and two of their children are:

(aa) Frances Sunners. (bb) Bobby Sunners.


(c) Edith Sunners, b. Aug. 5, 1914.
(d) Pansie Sunners, b. Aug. 9, 1916.
(e) Paul Sunners, (the II), b. Aug. 3, 1918.
(f) Carvel Sunners, b. March 9, 1919.
(g) Lottie Sunners, b. Sept. 13, 1923.
(h) Amie Sunners, b. March 10, 1926.

(4) Lula Pearl Sunners, b. March 5, 1890, m. James F. Drennen, Nov. 20, 1910. They have eight children,

(a) Charles William Drennen, b. Sept. 10, 1911, m. Edna Stephenson. Three children,

(bb) Phyllis Drennen, b. March 6, 1934.

(b) Festus Paul Drennen, b. Jan. 25, 1915.
(c) Donnie Elizabeth Drennen, b. May 11, 1917.
(d) Mary Patria Drennen, b. May 26, 1920.
(e) Julia Luvena Drennen, b. June 5, 1922.
(f) James Harold Drennen, b. Jan. 6, 1927.
(g) Arthur Lee Drennen, b. May 5, 1930.
(h) Hurress Carden Drennen, b. March 1, 1933.

By his second marriage, Paul Jones Sunners had four
children as follows:

(5) Dr. Festus Paul Summers, b. March 2, 1895, d. Dec. 22, 1922, Helen Page, b. Aug. 30, 1895. They have one child, -

(a) Jane Maxwell Summers, b. July 16, 1921.

Dr. Summers is a teacher in the history department of the West Virginia University at Morgantown. He holds the position of State Archivist. He is author of books that are highly commended. One of these books is titled, "Johnson Newlon Camden; A Study in Individualism," and is published by G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, price $5. He has a brilliant and well trained mind.

(6) Rusa D. Summers, b. June 12, 1896, - single. She teaches in Nicholas County schools.

(7) Daisy C. Summers, b. April 8, 1898, d. Dec. 10, 1920, R.R. Long. They have two children, -


(b) Thelma Long, b. June 16, 1925.

(b) Manerva L. Summers, b. April 24, 1863, d. Rosco Sevey.


VIII. John D. Morris, eighth child of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peters Creek, 1822, d. July 28, 1855, d. Sarah Morris, d. of William and Annie (Chapman) Morris, a third cousin. (See p. 173). Their children are:

1. Benjamin Morris, m. Lydia Jane Lykens.

2. Mary E. Morris, m. Thompson Morris, s. of William and Jennett (Gray) Morris, a first cousin. (See p. 120). Their children were:

(a) Edgar Morris, d. age 17.

(b) Newman Morris.

(c) Lilly Morris.

3. Margaret Morris, m. William Morris, s. of Joshua and Nancy (Seay) Morris, a fifth cousin. (See p. ).

4. Ernest S. Morris, m. Lila Querry, and had six children,-

(a) Mack H. Morris, m. Annie McCormick. Their children,-

(b) Nellie Morris, (b) Edith Morris, (c) Eva Morris.

(2) Charles B. Morris, b. Dec. 10, 1874, d. at Ansted, W. Va., Gussie F. Hayes, b. Nov. 12, 1878. One child,-

(a) Cecil Morris, b. Sept. 12, 1902.

(3) William W. Morris.

(4) Victoria W. Morris, m. Samuel R. Brown.

(5) Uttie A. Morris, m. William Shull.

(6) John Morris, d. age 3.
IX. JANE COLEMAN MORRIS, the ninth child of
John and Jane (Brown) Morris, born on Peters Creek, Sept 24,
1824, died, Feb. 11, 1904, m. Nov. 23, 1844, Rev. Alexander Nicholas
Rippetoe, born, in Nelson County, Virginia, May 10, 1823,
died in Nicholas County, West Virginia, Aug. 15, 1886. He was
saved and baptized into the Zoar Baptist church, Kessler's
Cross Lanes, October, 1849, the baptism being administered by
Rev. W. G. Hargraves, a pioneer Baptist preacher. Mr. Rippetoe
was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry by
the Bell Creek Baptist church, March 23, 1861. In January,
1860, the Fayette County court gave him legal authority to
perform the marriage rite. He served, as pastor, the follow-
ing churches: Bell Creek, Mt. Zion, Zoar, (22 years), Enon, (21
years), Gauley Bridge (12 years), Salem (10 years), Connel-
town, Summersville. In addition to his busy pastorates he
did a great deal of evangelistic work, and a multitude
were led to Christ through his ministry.

Alexander Nicholas Rippetoe, whose life was spent in un-
selfish service for his Master, deserves more than a pass-
ing notice. His father, James Rippetoe, was born in 1796, and
died Jan. 12, 1887, and is buried in the Zoar cemetery at
Cross Lanes. "Uncle Alex." spent the most of his life in
Nicholas County.

I never knew him personally, but when I was a mere lad I
heard mother and grandmother speak of "Uncle Alex.," and
it was always with words of praise. Men who knew him have
told me he was the most powerful exhorter they ever heard. It was with great difficulty that men withstood his powerful pleading for them to give up sin and accept Christ as Savior and Lord. Many times while he was tearfully pleading for surrender to Christ men would hold to their seats and tremble. He was also a powerful singer, and would make the atmosphere bloom with musical sounds. I became pastor of some of his churches fifty years after his death, and his foot-prints were still there.

On a beautiful knoll near Cross Lanes there was built about the year 1830 an up-to-date log house. The logs were smoothly dressed and mechanically notched at the corners so that the walls inside and out were smooth. According to the standards of architecture of that day this was a fine house. It consisted of four large rooms, two up stairs and two down with a large hallway running from front to rear. From this hallway narrow stairs went up to the second floor. The rooms and the hall were all ceiled with virgin yellow poplar. About 1863 this house became the property of A.K. Hippetoe, and he lived here until he went away to live in the home above the stars. Many of the old landmarks have given way to modern progress and this house is not an exception. In the fall of 1908 the old house was taken down. It is not far from here where the veteran minister and his faithful companion rest from their labors and their works follow them.

A.K. Hippetoe was not a college trained man, but his edu-
cation was far in advance of the average of his day. His father was a school teacher and saw that his children had the best he could give them. "Uncle Alex" was a student as long as he lived, kept abreast of the educational movements of his day.

His brethren trusted him and put him in places of honor and responsibility. In 1871 the Greenbrier association met at Alderson, with Rev. Matthew Ellison, moderator, and Rev. Martin Bibb clerk. At this session the question of forming a new association was discussed. Elder Rippetoe advocated the new association, and was opposed by Matthew Ellison, Martin Bibb, I. C. Cavendish, J. P. Campbell and George Henry Alderson. When the vote was taken the new movement had won and machinery was set up for the constitution of the new association. A committee was appointed to work out the plan. This committee met the following January and Elder Rippetoe was elected chairman of the meeting. The committee arranged for the first session of the new association to meet at Zear church the following September. When it met Elder Rippetoe was elected as moderator. The new organization was named "The Hopewell Baptist Association." He was continued in this office four years, and in 1883 he was again elected to this position.

A. M. Rippetoe was also a Sunday School man. He was president of the Sunday School Convention of Hopewell Association in 1872 and 1874. He preached the annual sermon before the association in 1877.

Jane Colerden (Morris) Rippetoe was a consecrated servant
of the Lord. While her husband was away caring for his ministerial work she was at home bringing the children up "in the nurture of the Lord." If any one gets a higher seat in heaven than the faithful minister of Christ it will be his faithful and sacrificing companion. Jane Coleman Rippeteoe will not be an exception, but, no doubt, will have a star-bedecked crown.

After the death of Elder Rippeteoe, Rev. A. T. Morrison, M.R., pastor, said concerning him:

"He was firm in his belief in the Holy Scriptures and accepted them as the only rule, and sufficient rule, both of faith and practice. To him they were a precious treasure, and by him regarded as a clear and complete revelation to man of the Divine mind. To him the Bible was the voice of God.

He had a truly sympathetic nature and so could weep with those who wept and rejoice with those who rejoiced. By him the truly penitent soul was lovingly pointed to the fountain of joy. The weary down-cast pilgrim was often comforted by his words of cheer, even when his own poor heart was burdened with the disappointments of life. In him the sick, the dying, the bereaved had one of the most tender and deeply sympathizing friends. His life was fully consecrated to God."

Dr. J. L. McCutcheon, a student in Rochester Theological Seminary, and later became pastor First Baptist Church, Morgantown, West Virginia, said of this man of God:

"When last I saw him only a few weeks before he was called away he spoke as if he had premonitions of what was coming. Indeed it was a letter bearing upon this very point that took me home to see him. And when I saw him and heard him talk, I felt the truth of his prophecy and, though an unwelcome thought, I could not banish it from me. In our last farewell he seemed to realize that we should not meet any more down here, and in his trembling tones and tearful eye I read a
mystic meaning which had its meaning in anoth­
er world.- Even then, so weary and so worn was
he that there came to him a homesick longing
of the soul for which the earth had no healing.
At length in due time and sooner than I had
dreamed, thus came to him the realization of that
good old German beatitude,

'Blessed are the homesick,
For they shall reach home.'

Gone he is, and yet not far, or long... But this
is a poor expression of love I give him, who in
my childhood was my guiding spirit, and in my
young manhood, my father-friend and brother. And
since he is gone, Heaven does not seem so far a-
way, and so fit was he for the many mansonied
home that I think the angels must have been glad
to see him come. In the days that remain to us,
be they few or many, we will fill the measure of
our usefulness as well as he did happy indeed,
as he now is, will we be beyond the skies and
stars. And setting ourselves at this task remem-
bering him the while we work and wait in patience,
'Until the day dawns and the shadows flee away.'"

"The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not
found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and charity,
and did turn many away from iniquity"- BIBLE-Mal.2:6.

Alexander and Jane Coleman Rippetoe had the following
children:


2. Prof. Watf Rippetoe, b. June 30, 1848, d. at Alderson,
Greenbrier County, July 4, 1912, and was buried there. He never
married. He was one of the greatest singers and sacred mu-
sic teachers West Virginia has ever produced. He taught in
the following counties of W. Va: Fayette, 177 schools; Nicho-
kelas, 62 schools; Greenbrier, 50 schools; Braxton, 3 schools;
kanawha, 20 schools; Harrison, 2 schools; Preston, 2 schools;
Putnam, 10 schools; Summers, 2 schools; Webster, 1 school;
He also taught four years in the state of Ohio. The schools
aforementioned do not include his work the last seven years
of his life, as I did not have his record for that period.

His teaching was done in churches and he taught the old
church hymns. I have seen him teaching these old songs to young people and children and they were intensely interested. He weighed near three hundred pounds, and was very serious in his deportment. He had a rich, mellow voice, and was accurate in both time and accent. The Hopewell Association met at Anwell church, Greenbrier County, in 1937.

Rev. E. E. McClung was leading the singing, and the second day he had a choir made up of members of a class taught by Prof. Rippetoe many years before. Some came in on crutches, some came in on the arms of others, but they got there, and sang two of the old songs of their childhood days. Was it a foretaste of Heaven to hear them? Most assuredly it was.

Wiat Rippetoe was a man deep consecration and strong conviction. He was converted and baptized by his father into the Zoar Baptist church in 1873.


Their children were:

(1) Agnes E. McCutchen, b. Feb. 6, 1873, m. March 28, 1893, Benjamin C. Shelton, b. Nov. 11, 1868. They live near the Fairview Baptist church, and he owns a part of the old Henry Morris farm on Peters Creek. They are seventh cousins (see pp. 174, 175 for their children).

(3) Marble C. McCutchen, b. March 20, 1876.
(7) William N. McCutchen, b. April 28, 1885.
(8) Rufus McCutchen, b. June 8, 1887, d. Feb. 12, 1895.
(9) Pearl M. McCutchen, b. Oct. 21, 1889.
   (a) Hunter McCutchen, b. April 27, 1921.
   (b) Boyd Stanley McCutchen, b. Oct. 10, 1923.
   (c) Lois McCutchen, b. May 27, 1927.


   m. Sept., 1881, Joseph S. Thurmond, d. at Alderson, Feb., 1934.
Their children,-
   (1) Walter Rippetoe Thurmond, (4) Mary Thurmond,
   (2) Allen Thurmond, (5) William Thurmond,
   (3) Watt Thurmond, (6) Lorena Thurmond.

   m. Feb., 1888, Margaret F. Hereford. Hansford Rippetoe was a good gospel singer, and since his death his church and community have missed his musical leadership. People once came for many miles to old Zoar church to hear the singing. Among the singers were Watt and Hansford Rippetoe, and their sister Sarah ("Piney") Vaughan. But things have changed. Hansford and Margaret Rippetoe had five children,-
   (1) William Rippetoe, b. 1889, m. Ruby ______, and had two children,
      (a) Edith Rippetoe, (b) Harry Rippetoe.
   (2) Mary Rippetoe, b. 1891, m. Walter Kirkwood, and had one child,
      (a) Virginia Kirkwood, m. Stuart Lewis. Their children,-
   (3) Annie Laura Rippetoe, m. James Desmond Harden, of Sutton, W. Va. They own a residence in Huntington, and also residences in White Sulphur Springs and Oak Hill, W. Va. They have two children,-
      (a) Sarah Margaret Harden, (2) Annie Laura Harden.
   (4) Phala Rippetoe, m. Dr. A. M. Showalter, of Christiansburg,
Virginia. She is a talented musician, is well educated, has traveled a great deal in America and Europe, has conversed personally with the King and Queen of England. Dr. Showalter visited Scotland and received a degree in Masonry. They have a son whose name I have failed to learn.

5. Edmond Rippetoe, m.Bettie Young, of Monroe County, W.Va. They live at Glen Rogers, W.Va., where he holds a position with a coal company, and he is also deputy sheriff.


8. Sarah Piney Rippetoe, b. April 14, 1864, m. Oct. 31, 1886, Arthur L. Vaughan, b. Feb. 3, 1858. They own a home at Cross Lanes. During the Civil war their house was used by soldiers and officers. A wounded general was laid on their porch. Mrs. Vaughan is a member of Zoa Baptist church, but Mr. Vaughan is not a member of any church. Their children are:

(1) Gay Vaughan, b. Feb. 29, 1889, m. July 24, 1912, Attorney Thomas West Peyton, b. at Huntington, W.Va., Aug. 13, 1891. He is a son of Capt. Thomas West and Mary T. (Hoyt) Peyton. Five generations back his ancestor came from England. Henry Peyton, Jr., was b. in London in 1630, came to America and settled in Virginia, where he died, 1659. His grandson, Valentine Peyton, served as an officer in the Revolutionary war. Thomas West Peyton's great-grandfather, Thomas West Peyton, the I, was Capt. in the First Regiment, District of Columbia, Militia, during the War of 1812. His son, Thomas West Peyton, the II, was born in Cuba, May 13, 1818. While a young man, his home was at Alexandria, Va. Later he moved to New Orleans, where he lived until the Civil war. He died at Murfreesboro, January, 1863. His wife, Sarah O'Dowd, was born in Ireland, Feb. 22, 1834. Thomas West Peyton, the III, was born at Barboursville, W.Va., Aug. 10, 1860, died in Huntington, June 10, 1912. He lived in New Orleans until 1873 when his widowed mother moved to Huntington. He graduated from Marshall College at the age of 16. Capt. Thomas West Peyton, the IV, studied in the public schools of Huntington, then in Morris Harvey College, when it was located at Barboursville, then spent one year in the University of West Virginia. For two years he read law with his father in his law office. In October, 1912, he became deputy County Court clerk of Cabell County, and after serving until December, 1914, he became Circuit Court clerk of Cabell County, and deputy Criminal Court clerk of Cabell County. April 6, 1915 he received license to practice law by the Supreme Court of West Virginia, and em-
tered upon his duties Jan. 1, 1916. He was elected mayor of Barboursville, Jan. 5, 1922. He belongs to the M.E. Church, is a Democrat, and belongs to several fraternal orders.

Mrs. Gay (Vaughan) Peyton was graduated from normal school and taught in the public schools of Nicholas County. She also graduated from the Huntington General Hospital and served as a Red Cross nurse in the World war.

2. Van Vaughan, b. Sept., 1890, m. Annie Lee Craig. One child, -
   (1) Arthur Craig Vaughan, b. 1916, m. and lives in Moundsville, W. Va.
4. Golda Vaughan, b. 1897, m. Earnest C. Echols. One child, -
   (1) Earnest Vaughan Echols.
5. Guy Vaughan, b. 1899, m. Hainty Sims, of Summersville. They have three children, -
   (1) Bonita Vaughan, (2) Jean Vaughan, (3) Guy Alex. Vaughan.
7. Iver Vaughan, b. 1902, m. His wife was killed in an automobile accident.
8. Maurien Vaughan, b. 1907, Edward V. Browning. Two children, -
   (1) Florence Gay Browning, (2) Clara Inid Browning.

X. MARGARET M O R R I S, tenth child of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peters Creek, Nov. 8, 1826, d. Nov., 1900, m. Allen Nebbogall in 1850.

XI. SARAH MORRIS, eleventh child of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peters Creek, November, 1828, m.,
1849, Joseph H. Hizey. They had eight children, -


XII. SILAS ZANE MORRIS, twelfth child of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, b. on Peters Creek, April 1.
Sarah Ann Legg, b. Feb. 27, 1839, d. April 4, 1888. She was a d. of Eli and Matilda Legg. Eli’s Father, William Legg, married Vincent, and had twenty-two children. Two of Eli’s brothers originated the Lenox Soap Company, of North Carolina.

Silas and Sarah Ann Morris had eleven children,—

1. Theodosia J. Morris, b. Nov. 2, 1855, m. Sept. 10, 1889, John Kanatzar. I have none of but one child,—
   (1) Harry Homer Kanatzar, b. Dec. 10, 1890.


4. Virginia M. Morris, b. March 14, 1863, m. July 20, 1892, Elmer Richardson. I have none of one child,—
   (1) Eunice Catherine Richardson, b. March 13, 1899, m. a Miller and settled in Chicago.


8. Luvina C. Morris, b. Feb. 6, 1873, m. Sept. 11, 1895, William Eisele (pronounced, I’ze le). Mrs. Morris and I visited them in Kansas City in 1923. They had but one child,—
   (1) Alta Margaret Eisele, b. Aug. 17, 1897.


11. Eunice Bell Morris, b. Nov. 6, 1878, m. Oct. 15, 1900, Charles Miller. They had at least three children, one son and twin girls, but I failed to get the names of the girls. The son’s name is,
   (1) Charles Delbert Miller, b. Aug. 23, 1901.
LEONARD MORRIS, SR.

LEONARD MORRIS, SR., was perhaps the third child of William Morris, Sr., and Elizabeth (Stepps) Morris. He is named third in his father's will, and perhaps he was born the latter part of 1748 or the spring of 1749. William was born Dec. 17, 1746, and Henry is named second, and this would place Leonard's birth about where I have indicated. The place of Leonard's birth was in Orange County, Virginia; or, possibly in Culpepper after that county was formed in 1749. Miss Julia Wintz, who wrote much on the Morris family, says:

"He came to Kanawha with his father, at the time having a rather large family."

- CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL, April 1, 1904.

Leonard Morris was married in 1770, and therefore could not have had a large family four years later. Col. W. S. Laidley makes a similar mistake when he says:

"William Morris...had a wife and ten children when he arrived, eight sons and two daughters, probably each of his sons had a wife with some children."

- W. VA HIST. MAG., April, 1905, p. 68.

The oldest child of William Morris, Jr., was but four years of age when they came to the Valley; Henry Morris' wife, Mary, did not return from her Indian captivity until 1764, and their marriage took place after that; Joshua was married, 1771; John Morris was married 1772; Levi was married 1780; Archillas was married 1784; Benjamin was born 1770. Therefore it is clear that "each of his sons did not have a wife with some children."
not have "some children."

Leonard Morris, Sr., was in the Valley in 1774 and joined General Lewis on the march to Point Pleasant and was in the battle between the white men and the Indians, Oct. 10, 1774. He built a cabin at Slaughter's creek, but soon moved to what is now Marmet, where he built a small fort to protect himself and others from the Indians. While occupying this fort Morris received from the governor of Virginia a guard of ten soldiers who remained here until the white settlers were safe from the Indians. Miss Julia Wintz says:

"One of the last raids was when they kidnapped Sallie the colored maid, and though Morris and twenty men followed them as far as Guyandotte they were unable to obtain her release. It was a large war party of a couple of hundred braves, and as it was suicide to attack them, and their offers of ransom were refused, they could only come home and leave Sallie to her fate.

-(Charleston Mail, April 1, 1934, p. 2).

When Kanawha county was formed in 1739 Leonard Morris was one of its "gentlemen justices." Dec. 19, 1794 the Virginia Legislature incorporated Charleston as a town, and Leonard Morris was one of its first "trustees" or councilmen. Again I quote from History of Kanawha, p. 123:

"Shortly after the beginning of the present century James Staten, Leonard Morris, Billy Morris, John Young, and John Jones came to Charleston to attend court. After remaining for several days and finishing the business that had brought them to the county-seat, they started to their homes, which were in the vicinity of Kanawha Falls. Late in the afternoon, as they were crossing a small branch, immediately below the village of Cannelton now opposite Montgomery they were fired upon by a squad of Indians in ambush. Staten was killed, but two or three of the others were slightly wounded, and, letting their horses
out to the top of their speed, made their escape. This branch was, from this circumstance, called 'Staten's Branch.'

Len's Creek, on the Kanawha river, was called "Len's Creek," because at one time he owned all the land on the creek.

The records at Charleston show that Leonard Morris was sheriff of Kanawha county in 1798. At one time there was a controversy between some claimants to the Burning Springs 250 acre tract of land, previously patented to Washington and Lewis, and Leonard Morris testified in court that, in 1775, he saw the surveyors making a survey of the tract.

In Orange county, Virginia, in 1770, Leonard Morris married his first wife, whose name was Margaret Price, possibly a daughter of Meredith Price. Margaret died in 1787, and March 27, 1789, Leonard married his second wife, whose name was Margaret Larkin. By first marriage there were six children,

I. John Morris, went to Missouri where he died in 1831.
II. Meredith Morris, possibly settled in Missouri.
III. Mary Morris, married Lawrence Bryan Nov. 9, 1794.
IV. Sarah Morris, born in Donnally's Fort, Greenbrier county, 1775, d. Oct. 23, 1836, m. Fleming Cobbs, Sr., b. Dec. 23, 1767. They were married in 1795. They lived and died at Spring Hill, W. Va., and are buried in the family cemetery near the Kanawha Country club.

It is claimed that Fleming Cobbs killed the last Indian in the Valley. The savage was on Wilson's Island, six miles from Charleston, and Cobbs shot from the south side of
Kanawha river, a distance of 200 yards. The first fruit trees in the Valley was brought here by Fleming Cobb from eastern Virginia. In 1790 or 1791 the Clendennin Fort at the mouth of Elk, now Charleston, became short of ammunition, and the inmates of the fort were somewhat troubled, fearing the Indians might attack them when they would not be able to defend themselves. At this juncture Fleming Cobb volunteered to go to Donnally Fort at the mouth of the Kanawa river for a necessary supply. Preparations were made, Cobb in his canoe started down the river. It was dark when he left Clendennin's Fort, and by day break next morning he had made fifty miles of the trip. Fearing the Indians he decided to push his canoe into the mouth of Ten Mile creek and rest under the overhanging trees until night. Some time during the day he saw about twenty Indians going up the opposite side of the river, and this impressed him there might be danger on his return trip. Night came and he went on without molestation to the fort. He rested here until next night, then taking his load of flints, lead and powder he started up the river. He had not gone far before he was discovered and pursued by three Indians, but they were on the opposite side of the river. He kept his canoe near the bank and went on in comparative safety until day light. Near the mouth of Coal river one of the Indians endeavored to swim the river and get Cobb from the other side. Cobb readily discovered his danger, and, reversing his course, with full speed pulled toward the Indian. When within the proper distance he fired upon the Indian, wounding him. The other two Indians fired upon Cobb from the
shore but to no effect. While the two Indians were trying
to rescue their partner Cobb pushed up the river and reached
the fort safely about 10 o'clock that day. He had made
the fifty nine miles without food or sleep, most of the way
persued by Indians. His powder bottle, made of hickory wood,
and used on this trip, is in the West Virginia Museum in
the Sta Theatre Capital at Charleston.

Fleming and Sarah (Harris) Cobb had the following child-
ren.

1. Kiran Cobb, m. Partena Spencer
2. Waddy Cobb, settled in Missouri.
4. Fleming Cobb, Jr., b. June 5, 1810, (first) Lucy Wilson,
   Dec. 23, 1841. In 1864 she died, and in 1873 he m. (second).
   Martha Gardner, daughter Alexander and Nancy Gardner. Martha
   was b. in Montgomery County, Va., April 10, 1843. Children by
   first marriage,-
   (3) George Wilson Cobb. (4) Harry A. Cobb.
   (7) Joseph K. Cobb. Children by second marriage,-
   (8) Harrison Cobb. (9) Lawrence C. Cobb.

5. Katherine Cobb m. Meredith Corley.
10. Roswell Cobb, b. Sallie Bryant. I have none of one child.-
(1) Richard Cobb, b. Sept. 3, 1832, d. March 19, 1827, m. Sept. 10,
   1854, Caroline Chandler, daughter of Richard and Kitty (Harris)
   Chandler, a distant relative. (See p. 177). Caroline (Chand-
   ler) Cobb, was b. Oct. 1, 1835, and d. January 19, 1879. They had
   seven children,-
   (a) Thomas E. Cobb, b. Sept. 10, 1855.
   (b) Ralph H. Cobb, b. February 15, 1858.
   (c) Chauncey Cobb, b. April 6, 1862.
   (d) Kitty Cobb, b. Sept. 20, 1864, m. J. S. Westerson, and lives
   at St. Albans, W. Va.
   (e) Richard Cobb, b. April 6, 1868.
   (f) Sallie A. Cobb, b. Nov. 11, 1870.
   (g) Charlotte E. Cobb, b. Aug. 10, 1870.
V. Elizabeth Morris, m. Robert Lewis, and settled in Teay's Valley.

VI. Leonard Morris, Jr., m. Ann Austin in 1805. Went west.

By second marriage Leonard Morris, Sr., had ten children.

VII. Charles Morris, b. in Kanawha county, 1790, m. Lucinda Crocket, of Frankfort, Ky. She was b. in 1795. He d. March 3, 1861, and she d. April 13, 1833. They had eight children.


2. Hamilton Morris, Sr., b. in Kanawha county, Nov. 10, 1821, d. May 1905. M. (first), Elizabeth T. Bousman, Dec. 17, 1846. She d. 1851. She and her baby, but a few days old, were buried in the same grave at Hughes creek. His second marriage was to Ellen C. Donnelly, April 19, 1856. She was b. in Charleston, Aug. 22, 1833. She was daughter of Van B. and Mary B. (Wagoner) Donnelly. Her father was b. Aug. 10, 1809, and her mother was b. May 7, 1805.

Hamilton and Ellen C. (Donnelly) Morris had four children,

3. Charles Morris, b. Aug., 1867. He was a minister in the M.E. Church, South.

Hamilton Morris, Sr., was for some time captain of a steam boat. For this reason he was known as "Captain Ham Morris." He served as Clerk of the Kanawha county court from Jan. 1, 1879 to Dec. 31, 1884, and the county has never had a more honest and efficient clerk.

3. Frances Morris, died young.

4. Andrew Morris, b. 1823, went to Texas and d. 1875.
The following bit of personal history fell into my hands Feb. 15, 1943:

"Died, at her residence in Brownstown, W. Va., July 3, 1972, of cancer in her face, Mrs. Farthenia Crockett, in the 78th year of her age. Sister Crockett was the daughter of Margaret and Leonard Morris, who were among the first white citizens of Kanawha Valley. She was born in her father's fort September 15, 1794. She was the last child known to have been born in one of those forts erected for the protection of the whites against the Indians in Kanawha Valley.

Sister Crockett united with the Baptist church about 35 years ago, where she lived a pious and Christian life. She was a member of the Kanawha Salines Church, which was broken up in the beginning of the war. She was blessed with the ministration of faithful and devoted children in her old earthly career. Amid her affliction she maintained her faith, and this comforted and consoled her in the hour of her greatest need, which made her willing and even anxious to die, and go home to dwell with her Redeemer. The Lord's time came and she is gone to rest in the spirit land with those who had gone before. Therefore, let me say to those who feel their loss most keenly the Lord hath done it. And listen to His blessed word saying, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. Yea, saith the spirit, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Her funeral was preached to a large congregation composed of relatives and friends, by the writer, after which she lay by the side of her husband, who died three years ago, in the graveyard at the Ebenezer Church at Brownstown.

"Gone to thys rest beloved one,
No more cares of life to share,
Rest 'till the resurrection morn,
We'll meet thee there."

"Burning Springs, Yan., County, July 5th, '72."

NOTE: The name of the writer of this obituary is not given in connection with the sketch. She married John Bluford Crockett, of Frankfort, Ky.
5. Charles Morris, b. 1827, m. Fanny Foster. He was also a steamboat captain. Their children were,-

(1) Lewis Morris
(2) Charles Morris
(3) Leonard Morris, drowned when young.
(4) William Morris

6. Margaret Morris, b. 1829, m. Judge Isaac N. Samuels, Jan. 18, 1852. Their children were,-

(1) Claude Samuels, died single.
(2) Cora Samuels, m. John Sattes.
(3) Lula Samuels, m. B. H. Curry, of Hamlin, W. Va.
(4) Mary Catherine Samuels, m. Joseph Murnberger. They settled at St. Albans.

7. Parthenia Morris, b. 1831, m. Thomas Swindler, of St. Albans, W. Va. Their children were,-

(1) Lena Swindler, m. Prof. Milner, of S. C. She was a gifted musician.
(2) Lucile Swindler, died single.
(3) Eliza Swindler.
(4) Leonard Swindler.

8. John Morris, b. 1833, m. Segus Abton. He was a teacher, and I have been told had a large family.

VIII. Nancy Morris, m. John D. Shrewsberry.
IX. Hiram Morris was a farmer and large stock raiser, and never married.

X. Joshua Morris, m. a Jarret, daughter of Jonathan Jarrett.

XI. Parthenia Morris, m. John Bluford Crockett, of Frankfort, Kentucky. They lived in the west end of Harriet near what was called "the big spring."

XII. Peter Morris, m. a daughter of Jonathan Jarrett.

XIII. Andrew Morris, never married. In 1822 while in Indiana looking after his salt business he died of Yellow fever. His father brought him back and buried him in the family
cemetary.

XIV. Cynthia Morris, b. Samuel Hensley. She was educated in a girl's school where they taught needlework, and until her death she could make exquisite embroideries. She died old in years but young in spirit.

XV. Madison Morris, b. 1804, m. Nancy Spurling, on Len's creek, in 1838. Their children were,


Their children were,

(1) Charles A. Morris  (5) Mary Morris
(2) Robert H. Morris  (6) Seymore Morris
(3) Elizabeth Morris  (7) Josie Thena Morris
(4) Georgiana Morris  (8) Cleveland Madison Morris, M. Ballard.

2. Charles Morris, b. 1841, m. Martha E. Gardner, 1861. One child, Mary Morris.

3. Seymore S. Morris, b. 1842, m. Lizzie Beaver, 1867.


5. Hamilton C. Morris, b. 1846, m. Nancy Epling, in 1875.

Their children,

(1) William Morris,  (4) James Newton Morris
(2) Okey D. Morris,  (5) Mary Phebe Morris
(3) Leonard Madison Morris  (6) Bertha S. Morris.

(7) Carrie E. Morris, m. Walter Barker, and had two children, viz.

(a) Everett Barker, (b) Velvie Barker

G. Stephen Morris, b. in 1848.

XVI. Dickinson Morris, m. Susan Morris, daughter of James and Sarah (Shelton) Morris, and granddaughter of Levi and Margaret (Starke) Morris, a fourth cousin. (See p. 208). They
lived at Pratt on the Kanawha river. Their daughter,

1. Amanda Dickinson, b. May 13, 1850, m. Julian E. Dickinson, of Louisa county, Virginia. Mr. Dickinson died several years ago. Mrs. Amanda Dickinson spent her full life at Pratt, where she died February 16, 1829. In 1866 she professed saving faith in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Old Kanawha Baptist church by Rev. Martin Bibb; and for 63 years she lived a consistent Christian life within the fellowship of this church. For more than 30 years she was a Sunday School teacher and a faithful and useful worker in the Missionary Society. She was regent of the Morris Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was also a member of the Charleston Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Dickinson was a noble Christian, a sincere and earnest worker in the Master service, and her rich experience and Christ-like example made her an outstanding character in her community. Her faith in things eternal did not waver and no one coming in contact with her could help but feel an influence that was pulling others heavenward. Those who knew her loved, and when she crossed the crystal river to the other landing they had a longing to go that way too. Rev. Thomas E. Jeffers conducted funeral services on February 18th, and her body was laid to rest until the "first resurrection."

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson had two children, viz:

(1) Robert Lee Dickinson, died before his mother.

(2) Emma Dickinson,
Joshua Morris, Sr.
Joshua Morris, Sr., son of William Morris, Sr., and Elizabeth (Stepps) Morris, born in Culpepper County, Virginia, 1752, died in what is now West Virginia, 1825, married, 1771, Frances Sime, b. in Virginia, 1757, died in 1795.

Joshua Morris, Sr., came to the Kanawha Valley with the rest of the family in 1774, but later settled in Teays Valley. The Indians became so troublesome that he went back to Virginia. Later he returned to Teays Valley where he lived and died. He owned much land in Putnam and Cabell counties. His home was on Mud River, and his descendants are among the best citizens in these and other counties. His "last will and testament" was dated July 31, 1824, and was recorded Sept. 13, 1824, in Will Book, No. 1, p. 46 in Kanawha County. Witnesses to his will were: E. J. Leamonds, James Mann and David Corbin. Edmund Morris, John Morris and Joshua M. Chapman were named as executors of his will. Children of Joshua and Frances (Sime) Morris were:


The marriage ceremony was performed by John Morris, perhaps a brother of Bishop Thomas A. Morris. Children by first marriage:

1. Fenton Mercer Morris, b. 1816, d. 1892, m. March 23, 1837, Rebecca Loyd, of Rockbridge County, Virginia. Mr. Morris op-
crated a saw mill on Gauley river, now known as Beech Glen, opposite the present town of Jodie. This was some time during the 60's. In 1876 he located at what is now Boomer on the Kanawha river, where he had a saw mill and a merchantile establishment. (See FAYETTE HISTORY, p. 531). Kenton M. and Rebecca (Loyd) Morris had issue of,

(1) William Fenton Morris, b. March 11, 1839, d. 1914. He lived in Fayette County, near the Kanawha county line. He is the one who furnished me with surname of the wife of William Morris, Sr. Up until that time she was simply known as Elizabeth by the writers, but when he gave me the name "Stepps" I furnished it to public and so it has been going ever since. William Fenton Morris was four times married.

(First), he married May 10, 1865, Nancy Simms; (second), he married Jane Dickinson Stockton, b. 1836; (third), he married Fannie Burgess; (fourth), he married Eliza Jane McCoy. By first wife he had one child,—

(a) Llewellyn Lewis Morris, d. in Boone County, W. Va., m. William Felix. By second marriage W. F. Morris had one child,—

(b) Luther Boresford Morris, found dead on railroad track near Boomer, and supposed to have been murdered.

(2) John Hunsford Morris, b. May 13, 1840, d. Feb. 25, 1895, m. Felisita Hill, b. May 21, 1841, d. Jan. 13, 1905. They had issue of,—

(a) Dr. Joseph Venable Morris, b. Oct. 18, 1861, d. July, 1903, m. Rena White. Their children,—

   (aa) Jesse Morris.
   (bb) Frankie Morris.
   (cc) John Hunsford Morris, in infancy.


   (aa) Daniel Morris, died in infancy.

(c) Annie Laura Morris, b. July 31, 1865, d. 1925, m. Charles E. Mahan, of Fayetteville, W. Va. They had four children,-

(aa) Annie Morris Mahan, (dd) Catherine Mahan,
(bb) Bertha Mahan, (cc) Charles E. Mahan, Jr.

(d) Moses Philip Morris, b. July 28, 1867, d. Feb. 22, 1936, m. Effie Hickerson, b. 1889, d. 1929. Mr. Morris a native of Nicholas County, where he received his education and where he was in business before moving to Huntington in 1915. In Huntington he assisted in founding the W. Va. Standard Coal Co. His partner was Harvey Morris. In 1916 Mr. Morris became connected with the internal revenue department where he was an accountant for twenty years, only resigning two years before death on account of failing health. He was a member of the Church of the Disciples, a member of the Masonic and the Elk lodges. He was buried in Salt Lick cemetery, Kentucky. Their daughter, Pauline Morris, married Ivan A. Mynes, and they live in Huntington, W. Va.

(e) Fenton Mercer Morris, b. Aug. 15, 1860, m. (first), Emily Brown; (second), Olive Brown. By first m. three children,-


(f) Jane Morris, b. May 9, 1871, d. 1920, m. (first), L. P. Cheney; (second), Mr. Veith. She was buried in Tacoma, Wash. By first marriage five children,-

(aa) Morris Cheney, (cc) Mary Cheney,
(bb) Fenton Lambert Cheney, (dd) Helen Cheney,
(ce) Danon Cheney.

(g) John Hansford Morris, b. Aug. 1, 1873, m. Nina Tucker. Two children,-

(aa) John Hansford Morris, Jr.,
(bb) Catherine Flournoy Morris.

(h) George Isaac Morris, b. 1875, d. 1929, m. Minnie McIntire. Four children,-

(aa) Helen Morris, (cc) Robert Morris,
(bb) George Morris, (dd) Margaret Morris.

(i) Kate Gaines Morris, b. March 6, 1876, d. Feb. 28, 1926. Twice married; (first), Dr. William E. Dempsey; (second), David Twohig (To-wig).

(j) Robert Alexander Morris, b. Feb. 26, 1880, m. Lillian Adkins, b. May 21, 1886. Their children,-

(aa) Robert Alexander Morris, Jr., b. Nov. 27, 1913.
Harriett Ligon, of Lynchburg, Va. They have one child,-

(aaa) Robert Alexander Morris, III.

(bb) Martha Lee Morris, b. April 3, 1914, m. Julian Porter. They have one child,-

(aaa) Jane Lee Porter, b. 1937.


(2) Mary Lewis Morris, b. Jan. 20, 1884, m. J. L. Davis, b. Sept. 24, 1830. Mr. Davis was a son of H. T. and Mary (Jones) Davis, and a seventh cousin of his wife. (See p. 232). They live at Lakeland, Fla. They have three children,-

(aaa) Thenton Lowell Davis, b. July 18, 1904, m. Virginia Dupree. They have two children,-

(aaa) Thenton L. Davis, Jr., b. July 18, 1923.


(bb) Helen Morris Davis, b. July 2, 1907 - single.


(dd) Mary Lee Davis, b. Feb. 27, 1912.

(3) Venable Morris, b. May 12, 1842, m. Minnie Frazier Anderson. They had two children,-

(a) George H. Morris, m. a Cooper, and went to California in 1869, where died in 1893.

(b) Bessie Morris, m. a St. Clair. They live in Winters, California.

(4) James Dickinson Morris, b. June 25, 1845, m. Edna Lewis, and settled and died in Indiana. They had issue of,-

(a) Ada Morris, m. a Smith, (d) Mary Morris, d. at 18.

(b) Jennie Morris, m. a Hindman, (e) Arthur Morris.

(c) William Morris, (f) Harry Morris.

(5) Sallie Hansford Morris, b. Aug. 31, 1843, - single.


(a) Harvey Hansford Morris, b. April 11, 1873, m. Sept. 7, 1902, Anabel Davis.


(aa) Will Carlton Brown, b. April 22, 1898, d. 1927. He was twice married - (first), m. to Mattie E. Jackson; (second),
He m. Blanche D. Dawson. By first marriage one child,-

(aaa) James Sherman Brown, b. July, 1911. By second marriage one child,-

(bb) Yvonne Fenton Brown, b. in Canada, 1920.

(bb) Opal Fenton Brown, b. Oct. 30, 1894, m., 1911, Robert T. McManus. They have two children,-

(aaa) Annette Fenton McManus, b. Nov. 30, 1912, m., Dec. 31, 1936, George Ladshaw Dozier, in Charlotte, N.C.


(cc) Eril V. Brown, b. April 7, 1898, m., 1911, Harry L. Bishop. They have five children,-

(aaa) Harry Bishop, Jr., b. Feb. 22, 1912.

(bbb) Helen E. Bishop, b. Oct., 1913, m., Joseph Hilly, and they have three children,

Joan Helen Hilly, b. 1933.
Enel Carroll Hilly, b. 1935.
Van Hilly, b. 1937.

(ccc) Mary Esther Bishop, b. Jan. 9, 1914, m. Ted Hayne.


All the Bishop children live in Florida.


(ee) Eliza Jane Brown, b. Dec. 31, 1900, twice married. (First), m. 1924, Benjamin Lawton Daniel, of Atlanta, Ga. No issue. (Second), m. 1937, Dr. James Bell Carothers.

(ff) Helen Summerfield Brown, b. May 22, 1903, m. Lieutenant Keller Fletcher Melton, April 7, 1920, in Atlanta, Ga. He was b. July 5, 1900. They have one son,

(aaa) Keller Fletcher Melton, Jr., b. Sept. 13, 1924.

(7) Joseph Morris, d., age 2.

(8) William Loyd Morris, b. Aug. 20, 1848, m. Jennie Riggs. They have two daughters,

(a) Julia E. Morris, m. a Gates and they live in Indianapolis, Ind.

(b) Alice Morris, m. Neil Calvert.

(9) Ezra Walker Morris, b. Nov. 25, 1849, m. Dec. 25, 1871, Lydia E. Simms, b. May 6, 1850. They had eight children,-

(a) Wilton W. Morris, b. March 29, 1875, m., Aug. 24, 1896, Mary E. Slack.

(b) Charles F. Morris, b. Nov. 6, 1877, m. July 11, 1902, Mary E. Morris.
(c) Eberazar O. Morris, b. May 6, 1879, m., Oct. 7, 1901, Millie M. Sims.
(e) U. Cameron Morris, b. Jan. 14, 1884.
(f) Leila J. Morris, b. Oct. 9, 1886, m., April 1, 1905, H. P. Cunningham.
(h) Thomas B. Morris, b. Sept. 17, 1892.

(10) Araminta Morris, b. April 20, 1855, d. Dec., 1856, m., Feb. 27, 1873, James McConihay. They had four children,
(a) Charles McConihay, b. April 15, 1875.
(b) Samuel McConihay, b. Feb. 19, 1877.
(c) John McConihay, b. Feb. 11, 1883.
(d) Robert McConihay, b. Dec. 1, 1884.

(11) Bell Morris, b. May 15, 1860, d. in infancy. Twin.
(12) Everett A. Morris, b. May 15, 1860. Twin. She m., 1892, Aaron Stockton, grandson of Aaron Stockton, Sr., who owned the Stockton Tavern, at Falls of Kanawha. (See HISTORY OF FAYETTE, by Peters and Carden, pp. 129, 136). I have names of two children.
(b) Alice Elizabeth Stockton, b. Sept. 9, 1890, m., 1910, Ben H. Youell. Their children are:

(ee) Rebecca Lloyd Youell, b. Sept. 30, 1918.
(ii) Rachael Suzanne Youell, b. March 6, 1928.
(jj) Sallie Ann Youell, b. Feb. 9, 1930.

(14) Ella Morris, b. Sept. 27, 1856, d. 1874.

(15) Charles Irvin Morris, b. Aug. 6, 1861, m. (first), Alice Guthrie; (second), Elizabeth Holtz.


2. Joshua Morris, Jr., son of William and Sarah (Hansford)
Morris, b. 1817, m. May 25, 1843, Nancy M. Seay (see), ceremony performed by George C. West. They seem to have settled on Leatherwood of Elk. Their children,—


It was my privilege to visit him at his home on Twenty Mile about one year before he died, and as we were separating he said to me: "If we meet no more on earth we shall meet in Heaven." He owned a farm and grist mill on Twenty Mile. The week following his death the Nicholas Chronicle said:

"He professed faith in Christ when he was 18 years old and had lived a faithful, consistent Christian life until his death. He was baptized by Rev. Anderson Neal about fifty years ago, and united with the Twenty Mile Baptist church in 1906."

Fenton and Frances Morris had seven children,—

(a) Albert Morris.
(b) Theodore Morris, m. Lydia Nichols, d. George and "Pink" (Campbell) Nichols. The full name of Lydia's mother before her marriage was Julia Ann Sarah Frances Margaret Jane Campbell. She was a d. of John D. Campbell.
(c) Fenton Morris.
(d) Dorothy Morris, m. a Salisbury.
(e) Aaron Morris, deceased.
(f) Minnie Morris, deceased.

Fenton Morris, at the time of his death, had thirty-four grandchildren, fifty great-grandchildren. Rev. Ed. Nichols conducted his funeral service, and he was buried in the Williams cemetery.

(2) Henry Morris, of Richmore, W. Va.
(3) Mrs. Line (Morris) Munford, of Clay, W. Va.

3. John Morris, b. 1817, twin of Joshua. John m. Melvina Rose, and moved to Indiana in 1830. I have names of two of their children,—

(1) Sallie Jane Morris, (2) Mintie Morris.
William Morris had, by his second wife, Ann Chapman, two children as follows:


5. Mary Morris, b. Sept. 25, 1822, d. March 15, 1905, m. (first), Hale Simms; (second), John McClung, Jan. 15, 1857. Two children by first marriage,-

(1) Jennie Simms, b. 1845, d. in Missouri, m. William Hunt.
(2) Eunice Simms, b. 1846, m. Henry Binns, and d. in Mo.

By second marriage there were four children,-


(b) Estella May Mc. Clung, b. Oct. 2, 1884, m. Sept. 6, 1905, James Lewis Forren, a Baptist preacher. They have one child,-


Two children,-


(f) Unnamed infant, b. and d. 1895.
(i) Unnamed infant, b. April 19, 1900, d. June 28, 1900.
(k) One dead born.


(6) Lizzie Mc. Clung, b. Dec. 8, 1864, m. J. Frank Cavendish, his second wife. They settled at Lookout, Fayette County, but later located in Huntington. He was a successful business man and accumulated splendid possessions, having a good home in Huntington and one in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was an efficient and faithful secretary of the Hopewell Baptist Sunday School Convention from its meeting at the Jeanett church in 1877 to its meeting at the Hopewell church in 1897. Both he and his wife were consecrated Christians.
6. Benjamin Morris, son of William and Ann (Chapman) Morris, m. Fannie Shelton. Their children are:

(1) Dora Morris, m. J. W. Smith, and went south.
(2) Acenith Morris, m. Linus Hughes.
(3) Anna Maria Morris, b. Feb. 23, 1862, d. Oct. 1978, Lee B. Young. She was b. on Twenty Mile in Nicholas and d. in Clay County. Her home was a meeting place for relatives and friends. She d. June 10, 1930. In early life she united with a Baptist church, and lived a consistent life. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. R. F. Newman at Bethel church, Odessa, W. Va., June 15th, and interned was in the Bethel church cemetery. They had nine children:

(a) Mrs. J. W. Norton, Nitro, W. Va.
(b) Mrs. L. W. Finney, Charleston.
(c) Mrs. Fred Shuttles, Waywood, Cal.
(d) Mrs. R. W. Horton, Ellijay.
(e) Mrs. A. R. Durham, Ellijay.
(f) J. W. Young, Indore, W. Va.
(g) Carl B. Young, Marmont, W. Va.
(h) Preston B. Young, eldest son, d. 1935.
(i) Clarence M. Young, a teacher, and Superintendent of Schools of Clay County.

(4) Elizabeth Morris, m. Walter Koontz, and they live at Enon, W. Va.
(5) Winston Morris, d. young.
(6) Charles Morris, d. young.

9. Harrison Morris, m. and settled in Cal.
10. Angeline Morris, b. Nov. 17, 1841, m. John Hardway, b. Oct. 3, 1843. They had seven children:

(2) John C. Hardway, b. Sept. 16, 1872, never married.
(3) B. Chapman Hardway, b. May 25, 1875, m. a Williams.
(4) Edward Hardway, b. Oct. 30, 1877, went to Texas.

11. James Morris, single, d. in Confederate Army.
12. Analiza Morris, d. in Clay County, m. William Shelton. (See p. 229). Their children are:

(1) Benjamin C. Shelton, b. Nov. 11, 1863, m. March 23, 1883, Agnes McCutchen, b. Feb. 6, 1872, daughter Allen and Lelia (Hippeto) McCutchen, a seventh cousin. (See p. 150). Their children are:
(a) Hodge Shelton, b. 1895, m. J. G. Greenlief.
(b) Hugh Shelton, b. June 3, 1893, m. Lizzie Neal.
(c) Harman Shelton, b. June 3, 1893, m. Maysel Drennen.
(d) Ray Shelton, m. a Pierson.
(e) Frank Shelton, m. Vernon Johnson.

(2) James Shelton, b. 1871, m. a Pierson.
(3) Winston Shelton, b. 1878, m. Myrtle Jones.
(4) Richard Shelton
(5) John Shelton, b. 1864, m. Georgie Keenan.
(6) Anna Sarah Shelton, b. 1872, m. William Cochran.
(7) Robert Shelton, b. 1890, m. May Stephenson.
(8) Fenton Shelton, b. 1895, m. Pearl Crooksrank.
(9) Nanny Shelton, b. 1897, m. Opal Keenan.
(10) Catherine Shelton, b. 1865, m. Elmer Dahlenspeck.
(11) Margaret Shelton, b. 1866, m. Fearing Bell.
(12) Maria Shelton, b. 1897, m. Joseph Dorsey.


II. Edmund Morris, second child of Joshua Morris, Sr., and Frances (Simms) Morris. I have failed to secure his wife’s name, but he was married and had one child, whose name is,-
1. Roxalana Morris, b. Aug. 25, 1859, m. R. J. Coffery. They had seven children,-

(1) Charles Morris Coffery.
(2) Sarah V. Coffery, m. N. B. Fowler, and they had a daughter who married T. J. Hoyt, and were living in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1814.
(7) Oliver Cromwell Coffery.

III. Henry Morris, third child of Joshua Morris, Sr., and Frances (Simms) Morris, d. 1856. Married Ann Summers, daughter of Thomas Summers, of Winfield, W. Va., Jan. 22, 1824. After Henry’s death Ann married Richard Chandler, a widower, whose first wife was Catherine Morris, d. of Thomas and Sallie (Win- nard) Morris. (See p. 177). Thomas and Henry were brothers.

Henry and Ann (Summers) Morris had nine children,-
1. Floyd Morris, went to Pennsylvania after the Civil War.
Mr. Morris was a prominent attorney in Charleston.

6. Harriett Morris, also went to Little Rock, Ark.
8. Ferdinand F. Morris, b. May 30, 1834, m. Louise Pudding, of Hurricane, W. Va. She was b. Aug. 17, 1836. Their children are:

(1) Lloyd Morris, b. 1856, m. Lizzie Marshall, of Putnam County. They had four children,
   (a) Fannie Morris,
   (b) Edgar Morris,
   (c) Ella Morris,
   (d) Eugene Morris.

(2) Charles Hamilton Morris, b. Oct. 8, 1855, m. Maggie J. Harshbarger, b. Jan. 5, 1861. Dr. Morris has practiced medicine for more than half a century, and still going in "high gear." He and Mrs. Morris live in their commodious home at Milton, W. Va. N. D. and Mrs. Morris are members of the Methodist Church. They have four children,
   (a) Edith Morris, d. single, age 7 years.
   (b) Dr. Harry D. Morris, dentist, d. Nov., 1919.
   (c) Oral Morris, single, living at home.
   (d) Mary Lucile Morris, m. C. J. Hollandsworth, and they live at Longview, Texas.

(3) Ira L. Morris, b. 1857, d. 1883.
(4) Ann Morris, m. Henry Rees, of Mason County. She d. age 60.
(5) Cassie Morris, m. Geo. McCallister, Winfield, W. Va. Two children,
   (a) Mediline McCallister,
   (b) Morris McCallister.
(6) Bertha Morris, b. 1863, m. William Roberts, of Kanawha County. They had five children,
   (a) Fred Roberts,
   (b) Bill Roberts,
   (c) Edgar Roberts,
   (d) Clyde Roberts,
   (e) Russell Roberts.
(7) John W. Morris, b. 1865, m. Maggie Murray, Scott, W. Va. They had four children,
   (a) Grace Morris,
   (b) Louise Morris,
   (c) Fred Morris,
   (d) John Morris.

IV. Elizabeth Morris, fourth child of Joshua Morris, Sr., and Frances (Simms) Morris, m. Edmund Price. (My authority: Miss Julia Wintz).

V. Lucy Morris, fifth child of Joshua Morris, Sr., and Frances (Simms) Morris, d. 1802, Joseph Chapman.

VI. Nancy Morris, sixth child of Joshua Morris, Sr., and Frances (Simms) Morris, married John Harriman.
VII. Mary Morris, seventh child of Joshua Morris, Sr., and Frances (Sims) Morris, married Joseph Chapman. They had five children:

1. Mary Chapman, m. Malon Sims Morris, first cousin.
2. Nancy Chapman, m. Armistead Asher Morris, first cousin.
5. Malon Chapman.

VIII. Thomas Morris, eighth child of Joshua Morris, Sr., and Frances (Sims) Morris, born in Culpepper county, Virginia, 1774, died 1833, m. Sallie Kinnard, of Culpepper county, Va.

Their children were:

1. Catherine Morris, b. in Culpepper Co., Va., 1810, d. in Kanawha county, now W. Va., 1854, m. 1834, Richard Chandler, b. in Albemarle county, Va., 1802, d. in Kanawha County, 1875. Catherine was his first wife. After her death he married, 1856, Ann (nee Summers) Morris, widow of Henry Morris, son of Joshua Morris, Sr. (see p. 175). Henry was Catherine's uncle. After Richard's death Catherine moved to Arkansas. Their children were:

   1. Morris C. Chandler, b. Dec., 1837. Enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private and was killed in battle at Droup Mountain.


   4. Fannie Chandler, b. Feb., 1845, m. May 25, 1870, Collin F. Griffith, b. Aug. 27, 1840. He was son of Adam and Jennie (McCleod) Griffith. Collin's mother-Jennie (McCleod) Griffith,
Joshua and Frances Simms Morris had a son Thomas Morris, born 1774, died 1833, married, 1795, Sallie Kinnard, and they had a daughter Mary Morris who married Alfred Ellis, son of James and Celia Ellis. They had a son, George Ellis, who married first Mary Summers (born Jan. 28, 1833; died April 18, 1856). They had a son, John Franklin Ellis, born October 18, 1857, married, March 19, 1885, Grace Shank who was born 1865. John F. & Grace Ellis had a son, Robert Ellis born July 6, 1887, and is now a member of the Congress of the United States. (See page 173 of my "A Genealogy of the Morris Family".)

-A. N. Morris.
was b. 1793, d. March 26, 1883. Children of Collin and Fannie (Chandler) Griffith were:

(a) Dana M. Griffith, b. May 23, 1871, m. Feb., 1903, Mayne Armstrong, of San Jose, Calif. They live in Los Angeles, Calif.


(c) Collin Edward Griffith, b. Feb. 4, 1876.

(d) Frank Griffith, b. April 30, 1878, m. June, 1902, Marjorie Heslep, dau. of W. A. Heslep, M. D., of St. Albans, W. Va.

(e) Cassius H. Griffith, b. June, 1887.

(f) E. W. Chandler, b. May 1849, m. Sallie Hudson.

2. Malon Sims Morris, m. Aug. 18, 1829, Mary Chapman.


(Mary and Nancy (Chapman) Morris were double first cousins to each other and first cousins to their husbands. — My authority: Mrs. Fannie (Chandler) Griffith.)


5. Frances Morris, m. Thompson.

6. Mary Morris, m. Alfred Ellis (see separate sheet).

7. Juliana Morris, m. Jan. 24, 1831, Robert N. B. Thompson, who came from Virginia in 1842 and settled near where the town of Hurricane now stands. I have sought but failed to obtain information concerning this family, further than what is recorded here and that Robert N. B. and Julianna (Morris) Thompson had a son, Joseph P. Thompson, and he had a son, W. E. Thompson, Director of Public Assistance, Putnam county, with his residence at Winfield, W. Va.


9. Cassandria Morris, m. June 15, 1835, John Dudding. They
had a son, J.S. Dudding, a druggist and liveryman, located at Hurricane, W.Va.

IX. John Morris, ninth child of Joshua and Frances (Sims) Morris, born in Culpepper county, Virginia, 1794. His father, as previously stated, on account of Indians, had gone back to Culpepper county, and while there John and other children were born. John owned a residence and a tavern on the old turnpike just west of the present town of Culloden, W.Va. He was an extensive farmer and stock raiser, and represented his county in the State Legislature. He was a man of much wealth. During the war between the states he was a strong Southern sympathizer, and at the beginning of the war he went with his slaves to Wythville, Virginia, where he died in 1862. During his absence his home was burned and much of his property confiscated by Federal troops. A new house was later built on the site of the old by T.J. Berkeley who married Ida Morris, daughter of Charles Morris. John Morris was twice married. His first wife was Mary Everett whom he married Dec. 10, 1814, David Harbour performing the ceremony. After her death, he married Sept. 17, 1818, Mary Kinard, d. 1800, died, 1876. By first marriage there was one child,

1. Elizabeth E. Morris, m. May 31, 1832, William A. Love, E. Humphrey performing the ceremony. William and Elizabeth Love had one child,

(1) Peter Everett Love, m. Elizabeth Ann Simmons, Feb. 12, 1867, the ceremony being performed by W.T. Smith, a Baptist minister. Named in Peter Love's will are the following
children:

1. Charles A. Love, 5. L.L. Love,
2. Henry E. Love, 6. A.Y. Love,
3. C.S. Love, 7. Mary E. (Love) Williams,

After the death of Elizabeth E. (Morris) Love, William A. Love married again and had several children. One of these, Annie Love, married Rev. Bayles Cade, and another, America Love, married Dr. P.B. Reynolds.

Feb. 11, 1852, William A. Love made his will, and this was probated in Cabell county, Aug. 10, 1870. The following beneficiaries are named:

Martha A. Billups, William A. Love,
Elizabeth L. Ellison, Martha J. Eastham,
and the heirs of

Elesha Manifin (?), Susan C. Kinard,
Sophia P. Rece, Joseph L. Rece,
Lewis A. Love, Cynthia A. Rece,
America Thomas, David A. Love.

Dec. 8, 1910, Peter Everett Love made his will, and this was probated Dec. 17, 1912. This will is recorded in Will Book V, Cabell County, pp. 496-7. The executors of his will were:

Henry E. Love and Charles A. Love.

II. Charles Kinard Morris, m. Martha A. Kilgore. Their children were:

1. Mary Morris, m. Dr. V. R. Moss. Both died in Barboursville, West Virginia.
2. John Albert Morris, m. 1866, Emily Guinn, of Green Bottom, W. Va. She was a daughter of Henry Guinn.
3. Ellen Morris, m. 1869, Arthur Williams.
4. Edna Eugenia Morris, b. 1849, m. 1870, T. Heber Rees.
1847, son of Edmund C. Rece, and grandson of Abia Rece. T.
Heber Rece was killed by a boiler explosion in Hunting-
ton in 1887. Edna Eugenia Rece d. in Huntington in March,
1933. Their children,-
(1) W. L. Rece, b. 1871, m. 1904, Norma Keenan.
(2) Edmund C. Rece, b. 1873, m. 1899, Kathleen Ellis.
(3) Ashby S. Rece, b. 1876, d. 1932, single.
(4) Ellen L. Rece, b. 1878, m. 1906, Wilson W. Stevens.
(5) John C. Rece, b. 1880, m. 1909, Mary Giddings.
(6) Lena A. Rece, b. 1885, Single
(7) Clyde Rece, b. 1883, d. 1888.
T. Heber Rece belonged to Company D. 8th Va. Cavalry, C.S.A.

5. Ida Virginia Morris, m. 1881, Thomas J. Berkeley. She
lives on the old Morris farm near Culloden, W. Va. (1940).

6. Charles Randolph Morris, m. Myrtle Myers. She is now
(1940) a widow and has a position at Marshall College,
Huntington, W. Va.

III. Arthur A. Morris, never married.

IV. Joseph William Morris, m. Oct. 15, 1844, Sarah Russell,
daughter of John and Rebecca (Buffington) Russell. Her
father, John Russell, was b. Sept. 18, 1798, d. Jan. 7, 1847, and
is buried in Spring Hill cemetery, Huntington. Rebecca
Russell was b. March 24, 1801, d. Jan. 10, 1837. John and Re-
becca Russell were married March 1, 1820. Joseph William
Morris was Capt. in the 16 Va. Cavalry, C. S. A., and was killed
on the Monocacy River, near Frederick, Md., July 9, 1864.

Children of Joseph W. and Sarah (Russell) Morris were:
1. John 0. Morris, b. July 12, 1845, d. July 4, 1913, m. March
4, 1867, Eliza Love, d. William A. and Elizabeth E. (Morris)
Love, a first cousin. John 0. Morris served as first ser-
geant in his father's company during the war between the states, and after his father was killed, he took command, and was afterwards made captain and served until Lee surrendered at Appomattox. After the war he was deputy sheriff and sheriff many years in Putnam county. (See W.VA.HIS., VOL.II, P.98). Their children were:

(1) Russell Love Morris, b. Nov. 14, 1868, d. Dec. 21, 1900, Olive Hite, daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Mennen) Hite. Mr. Morris studied in the free schools of Putnam county, spent one year in the graded school at Alderson, then entered the University of W.Va., from which he was graduated in 1895, with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering. In 1897 he received his Master's degree. He became an instructor in the University in 1895 and was instructor in various departments for many years. He taught longer in the University than any other teacher. His services were in demand in his home state, Kentucky and Maryland. I have the name of but one of their children,-

(a) John Hite Morris, b. 1911.

(2) Guy Leland Morris, b. Aug. 29, 1872, d. Letha Richardson. They had three children,-

(a) Letha Morris, (b) Mildred Morris, (c) Fannie Morris.

(3) Anna Morris. (4) Lena Morris.

2. Mary Rebecca Morris, m. Fred G. Handley, and settled at Scott, W.Va. Their children,-

(1) Claud E. Handley, m. Laura Mc Masters.
(2) Gordon Handley, m. Kate Wahrheit.
(3) Stella Handley, died young.
(4) Ida Josephine Handley, m. R.R. McGregor.
(5) Fred G. Handley, m. Harlan Bleney.
(6) Frank A. Handley, m. Grace Johnson.
(7) Charles Handley, single.
(8) Sallie Handley, m. W.R. N. Hereford.
(9) Mary Handley, m. L.W. Baker.
(10) Clifton Handley, m. Gladys ______ of Gloucester, Ohio.


4. James Morris, a physician, settled at Stanford, Ky.

5. Joseph Morris m. Lucy Chinn, and located in Ashland, Ky.

V. Edna E. Morris, b. Jan. 25, 1844, Addiston T. Buffington, a steamboat man, and settled in Parkersburg, W.Va., where many of their descendants now live.

VI. James Reed Morris, b. 1830, d. 1910, m. Helen Russell, b. 1829, d. 1895. She was a daughter of John and Rebecca (Buffington) Russell (see p. 167). James Reed Morris was second lieutenant, 16th Va. Cavalry, C.S.A. Speaking of Joseph William and James Reed Morris, Col. W.S. Laidley says:

"Joseph and James, both attended school at Marshall Academy, and they married sisters, who lived between the town of Guyandotte and the Academy, on the Ohio river. They were the daughters of John Russell"—(WVA. HIS. MAGAZINE, April, 1905, p. 84).

"Marshall Academy" is now (1940) Marshall College, enrolling some 2,000 students, and "the town of Guyandotte" is incorporated with Huntington and there are solid blocks of houses all the way down the river. The city was just a village then, but now 82,000 people reside here, and the city limits from east to west is about 14 miles, and a five cents bus fare will take one clean across the city. James Reed and Helen (Russell) Morris had the following children:

(2) Albert McKendree Morris, b. Dec. 19, 1868.
(3) Edwin L. Morris, b. March 10, 1872. (Roswell, N.Mex).
(4) Eva Garland Morris, b. April 5, 1874, m. Frank S. Rockwell.

(Note: - I tried to get further information of this family but failed).


3. Walter Thomas Morris, b. 1855, d. 1934 - single. Walter Morris' will is dated: Aug. 6, 1931, and was probated, Jan. 19, 1934. Recorded in Will Book 10, p. 294, Cabell County, W.Va. The will provides that after debts are paid, funeral expenses are met, and a monument cost no more than $300 erected at his grave, the remainder of his wealth go to the Morris Memorial Hospital near Milton, W.Va. This includes 200 acres of land, known as the "Morris Home Place," etc. His money to be invested by the Bank of Milton, whom he made the executors of his will, and the interest be used for the hospital, as a trust fund. The will also provides, That in case the property is not used for the original purpose as designated in the will it be returned to his legal heirs. He had no children, and I suppose this means his nearest kin. This hospital is a great institution and is too manifold to be written here. It speaks for itself and a large
voluminous would be required to record its history and work. It is an institution of which the whole Morris family should be proud. The original donation gave it its name. Dr. Arthur S. Jones is at its head and has associated with him a fine staff of physicians and helpers.

5. Frances Morris, m. James H. Blackwood, his first wife. They had two children,
   (1) Owen Blackwood; (2) Helen Blackwood. (Charleston, W. Va).

6. Eugene Morris, m. Mattie F. — He died and his widow lives at 707 W. 25th St., Austin, Texas. Their children,
   (1) Guy A. Morris, Archer County, Texas.
   (2) James Morris, Seymour, Texas.
   (3) Cline Morris, Seminole, Texas.
   (4) Katherine R. Morris.
   (5) Erie R. Morris.
   (6) Blanche F. Morris.
   (7) Ruth Morris, m. Noyland, 707 W. 25th St., Austin, Tex.
   (5) Mary F. Morris, m. Hannan, Green Bay, 640 S. Webster, Wis.

7. Beaurgard Morris, m. Cora A. — He died and his wife lives at Seymour, Texas. Their children,
   (2) Fannie D. Morris. (7) G. B. Morris.
   (3) Lawrence S. Morris. (8) Cora E. Morris.
   (4) George A. Morris. (9) Helen C. Morris.

8. Addison Ford Morris, b. 1866, m. June 5, 1901, Emma Barrett, b. 1875. He graduated from the law school of the W. Va. University in 1888. They live in a beautiful home at 2760 Third Avenue, Huntington, W. Va. He has law offices in Huntington and at Logan, W. Va. Their children,
   (2) James E. Morris, b. Oct. 28, 1905. Graduate of Marshall College. Married Virginia McVey. They have two children,
      (a) James Addison Morris, d. age 2 and 1/2 years.
      (b) Barrett McVey Morris, b. June 28, 1936.
   (4) Florence Morris, b. Feb. 15, 1911. Graduated from Kentucky University.

9. Girtrude Morris, b. 1873, d. 1928, m. Dr. James Reynolds, b. 1830, d. 1910.
VI. Mary S. Morris, m. (first), Ira T. McConihay; (second),
Jolin P. Sebrell. After the last marriage Mary and her hus-
band settled in Putnam county, W.Va., on the Kanawha river
near Arbuckle. Two children by first marriage,
1. A daughter (whose name I do not have) m. Dr. Stuart, of
Huntington, W.Va.
2. John M. McConihay, b. near Milton, W.Va., in 1853. While
he was quite young his parents moved and settled on Kanawha
river in Kanawha county. Here he attended the public schools.
Later he completed his literary training in Denison Uni-
versity of Ohio. In 1876 he was graduated from the Ken-
tucky School of Medicine, at Louisville, with his M.D. de-
gree. After more than a decade of arduous country practice
he was a faithful and efficient physician. He was a member
of the County State and American Medical Associations.
He held the honorable position of past grand master of the
grand lodge of West Virginia, past grand high priest of the
grand lodge of the Mystic Shrine, and past command-
er of the Mystic Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and past com-
er of the Royal Arch Masons, W.Va.
He was an active Mason from 1860 to the close of his life.
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at Washington, D.C., conferred upon him the supreme honorary thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite.

John H. McConihay married Anna Evelith, of Tennessee, though of West Virginia ancestry. They had five children,—

(1) Mrs. Evelith (McConihay) Wilkerson.
(2) Mrs. Alma (McConihay) Wilson.
(3) Mrs. Pauline (McConihay) King.
(4) Miss Vivian McConihay.
(5) Morris McConihay.

(See W.VA. HISTORY, VOL. II, p. 191).

NOTE: I received much help in preparing manuscript of the Joshua branch of the Morris family from "CABELL COUNTY ANNALS AND FAMILIES, pp. 458-462)."
JOHN MORRIS, SR.

JOHN MORRIS, SR., son of William Morris, Sr., and Elizabeth (Stepps) Morris, born in Culpepper County, Virginia, 1751, d. in Cabell County, now West Virginia, August, 1818, m. 1778, Margaret Droddy, b. in Augusta County, Virginia, d. in Cabell County, August, 1818.

Their first home was near the mouth of Campbell's Creek, in the Kanawha Valley, above Charleston. Rev. John F. Farley, A.M., says of this home:

"The house in which the Morris family resided stood on a beautiful swell of ground, near a never failing spring of pure water, commanding a fine view of picturesque scenery for many miles up and down the river. It was a pleasant rural home embowered in orchid and forest trees, far removed from the noise and unhealthy excitement of city life."

(LIFE OF THOMAS A. MORRIS, D.D., p. 9)

As to the training of their children, Farley says:

"The parents of Morris were pious and devoted members of the Baptist Church, and had given much attention to the early training of their children." (p. 14).

Speaking of the death of John and Margaret Morris, he says:

"Their end was tranquil and peaceful; for they had both been, for many years, experimental, practical Christians." (p. 49).

John Morris, Sr., was in the battle of Point Pleasant, Oct. 10, 1774. He was one of the first councilmen of the city of Charleston, W. Va. There is on record in the court house in Charleston the following:
"Ordered, that George Clendenin be recommended to His Excellency, the Governor of Virginia, for County Lieutenant; Thomas Lewis, Colonel; Daniel Boone, Lieutenant Colonel; William Clendenin, Major; Leonard Cooper and John Morris, Captains; James VanBibber and John Young, Lieutenants, and William Owens and Alexander Clendenin, Gentlemen Justices."

(HISTORY OF KANAWHA COUNTY, p. 28)

George Sheiden Wallace, historian, speaking of John Morris' removal from Kanawha County, says:

"John Morris came from Kanawha near the mouth of Campbell's Creek and settled near Bethesda Church. He served in George Rogers Clark's Illinois Expedition, 1778, 1780. He was Captain of Kanawha Militia and served with Virginia troops in the Whiskey Rebellion in Pennsylvania. John Morris died in August, 1813."

(CABELL COUNTY ANNALS AND FAMILIES, p. 70)

August 6, 1793, the following item of business by Kanawha County Court was transacted:

"Ordered, ... Having carried John Shepherd and John Carter, soldiers then in service, who belonged to Captain John Morris' ranging Company of Militia, who were wounded, the former on the 11th day of May, 1792, and the latter on the 4th day of July, 1792, and taking care of them."

(HISTORY OF KANAWHA COUNTY, pp. 231-2)

John Morris exchanged his farm on the Kanawha for 22,000 acres of land on Mud river, and moved to Tay's Valley in 1804. Here he spent the remainder of his life.

John and Margaret (Droddy) Morris had the following children:

I. Elizabeth Morris, m. Joseph Hilyard, in 1796, James Johnson performing the ceremony. They went west.

II. Edmund Morris, b. about 1782, m. Sallie Estil, Sept. 3, 1803. He was a noted orator and politician. G.W. Atkinson says of
VII  Captain John Morris b ca 1751 to 1755 (historians aren't sure) in Culpeper Co., Va. d Sep 1818 in Cabell Co., W.Va. s/o William, the Pioneer and Elizabeth Stepp (Stap) Morris. (1722-1792)(1729-1795) respectively. Elizabeth a dau of Joshua and Martha Coffey Stapp. He married ca 1778 Margaret Droddy (d Aug 1818) born in Augusta Co., Virginia. Parents not proven yet. Both buried in Old Guyandotte Cem., in Cabell County, W. Va. They were early members of the Baptist Church. John, with his brother Leonard were executors for their fathers will. He moved his family to the Big Bend of Mud river, along the state road about 1804 in the part of Kanawha Co., that became Cabell Co., in 1809. Margaret was called Peggy in the several deed of gift to their children. Sources: F.B. Lambert Genealogical notes, Alfred N. Morris, Morris Genealogy Inventory record 22 Sep 1818, in Cabell Co, W.Va. Deed Bk 2 p 314. Deed Bk 2 p 636-38 in which all the children are named. Son John was executor of the estate. (no will) They had eight children all born Kanawha Co., W.Va. Deed Bk 1 p 28 gift of 278 acres to Joseph Hilyard, 15 Feb 1806 by John and Peggy Morris, land on Mud river cornering Eden Morris survey. The last account of the Hilyard land was 24 Mar 1823 and 14 Apr 1823 Deed Bk 3 pp 642 & 644. The family moved to Sangamon Co., Ill. soon after. Elizabeth Morris b 7 Mar 1780 d 28 Mar 1842 m 10 Nov 1796 to Joseph Hilyard b 29 Apr 1771 d 9 Jun 1847, both in Jackson Co., Iowa, where they had moved before 1840. According to their grandson they lived on Lick Creek in Sangamon about eight miles down from her brothers John and William O. and their son John Morris Hilyard. They lived in Macoupin Co, Ill. for awhile. Nine children were born to this union.


1.  Mount Calvary Hilyard b ca 1818 d 5 Sep 1835

a.  John Morris Hilyard b 27 Feb 1843 d 1 Oct 1902 m 16 Feb 1865 to Clara Weatherford

b.  Montague Morris " b 9 Sep 1844 d 15 Jun 1921
c.  Achilles " b 20 Apr 1846 d 6 May 1921
d.  William " b 2 Sep 1848 d 4 Apr 1913 m 2 Mar 1871 Martha Jimmerson Eifrain James
e.  Margaret (twin) " b 2 Sep 1848 d 16 Jan 1924 m
f.  Elsa " b 21 Oct 1850 d 12 Aug 1851
g.  James M. " b 30 Mar 1852 d 24 Sep 1858
h.  Edom Dixon " b 1854 d 7 Aug 1907
i.  Joseph S. " b 6 Feb 1856 d 4 Nov 1926
j.  Sibble " b 1858 d 10 Apr 1865
k.  Jarrett " b 5 Jan 1860 d 19 Mar 1909
l.  James P. " b 10 Dec 1861 d 28 May 1885
m.  America " b 3 Oct 1864 d 3 Mar 1897 m
n.  Manford " b 1 Mar 1868 d 24 Mar 1950

3.  Joseph " b 26 Oct 1821 d 21 Jan 1895 m Virginia Morris wife Virginia d/o Achilles and Leah Morris
a.  Leah Virginia " b 9 Jun 1827 d 1845 age from 1850 census of Sangamon Co., Ill
b.  Mary " b 1847 " " "
c.  Martha " b 1848 " " 
d.  Mount " b 1850 " " 

b. Jemima Powell Hilyard b 20 Jun 1847 d 21 Aug 1927 m Emily Jane Wood
Sarah " b 12 Mar 1853 d 13 Feb 1938 m William Barnes, a Cou.
c. Eliza " b 3 Nov 1854 d 2 Oct 1856
d. Mary " b 11 Oct 1856 d 1 Apr 1886 m Adam Taggart, bro to Sarah.
e. Lewis " b 25 Feb 1859 d 15 Sep 1906 m Sarah Lenetta Taggart
f. John " b 20 May 1861 d 11 Sep 1862
g. William B. " b 23 Jan 1863 d 7 Aug 1864
h. Walter " b 18 Apr 1865 d 14 Jan 1939 m 17 Mar 1886 to Idell Pennington Moore b 10 Jan 1862 d 20 May 1955 d/o Benjamin & Harriet Scofield Moore. Six children born Macoupin Co., Ill. moved to Jackson Co., Minn. 1911

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2. Lois Elaine " b 8 Jul 1946 d 27 Jul 1956
(b) William Elai Egge b 18 Dec 1930 in Jackson Co., Mn m 12 Oct 1955 to Gladys Arlene Baumgard b 16 Apr 1927 in Brewster, Minn. Six children: all born Fairmont, Minn.
1. James William Egge b 8 Nov 1956
2. John Roger " b 23 May 1958
3. Robert Allen " b 11 Jun 1959
4. Randall Elai " b 23 May 1962 d 21 May 1985
5. Mary Ann " b 30 Oct 1963
6. Marilyn Virginia " b 19 May 1966

(2) Harry Hilyard Moore b 14 Oct 1898 Four children: all born Clinton, Iowa. m Gladys Katherine Coville (div) (ca 1946)
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(b) Kenneth Carl " b 1933
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A. children of John Morris Hilyard and Mary Gray continued
5. John Morris Hilyard b 1825 d 1847 in Mexico
6. Elizabeth Mary " b 3 Sep 1828 d 10 Aug 1897 m James M. Wood
7. Matilda Jane " b 26 Apr 1830 d 14 Jan 1900 m Lot Bullman, bro to
8. Leonard " b 5 Jul 1832 d 1 Oct 1910 m Charlotte Bullman
   (2) Elizabeth Hume
9. Virginia Cox " b 23 Jul 1834 d 5 May 1909 m William Smalley
   (2) Henry Hilt
10. Samuel " b 26 Oct 1836 d 27 Feb 1896 m Susan Sabrina Ruxford
11. Morris " b 7 May 1839 d 27 Nov 1915 m Rachel Tabitha Meisenheimer
12. Edmond " b ca 1841 d 7 Dec 1843

Children of Joseph Hilyard and Elizabeth Morris continued
B. Miriam Hilyard b 6 Oct 1800 m 24 May 1821 James Cox Jr.
C. Morris George " b 7 Nov 1805 d 27 Nov 1881 m Elizabeth Denton
   (2) Rebecca Reed - to Cal.
D. Almedia " b 14 Apr 1808 d m 13 Dec 1827 Peyton Seamand
E. Margaret " b 15 Jan 1806 d in Cal., 1877 m 1 May 1828 John W. Cox
F. Leonard Morris " b 30 Apr 1814 d 19 Mar 1870 m Mary E. Reed - to Cal.
G. Martha " b 5 Oct 1816
H. Elizabeth A. " b 4 Apr 1819 m William P. Kavanaugh - to Cal.
I. Thomas Joseph " b 18 Mar 1825 d 9 Dec 1917 m Margaret Reed, she died/
   After his wife died he moved to Cal; died in Exeter / in Oregon in 1867.
   The three Reed girls were sisters.

In the 1880 census of Tulare Co., Cal. p 1 family 7 and p 2 family 15
Morris and Thomas J. Hilyard were listed with some of their family,
On page 29 families 223 & 224 are some of their sons.

Source: Bible record and family records in possession of Evelynne Mohr,
a descendant, 8201 Stevens Ave., Bloomington, Minn. 55420. and
Autobiography of James Powell Hilyard (1820-1898) 1883.

Excerpts following:
"... when I was four years old my father and mother, Johny and Polly,
moved from the state of Virginia to Illinois, Sangamon County arriving
16 Jun 1823. They settled on the head of Lick Creek near a place aban­
donned by the Indians, it gave my mother and the little children a lot of
fear.
"My father was good with the axe and he went cutting house logs. In
a few days, he got them cut and then he went and got his neighbors to
help raise his log house. In about ten days, they got it finished with
good clapboards on it. We moved in our house and it was fine to live in
once more...I felt well and had no fear with father around.
We moved to Illinois in a two wheel cart and one horse to pull us in.
That was the first wagon that I had ever seen in my life. We had to camp
out for a while. Mother had to bake bread in an old dutch oven. Her sister
came with us to help mother." "After about two years grandparents Gray came."
"I picked cotton, then the seeds had to be picked out. This was a little
the worst work I thought was ever done. Next spring father planted some flax.
This I helped pull. This was almost as bad as cotton yet mother gave us to
understand that it must be done or we would have no shirts. She carded and
spun and wove it, later we all had a new shirt that came below the knees
so we were ready for winter."

He noted that his grandparents Gray settled about eight miles down
the Creek near his grandparents Hilyard. Also that his family lived
within "hollering" distance of his fathers uncles, John and William D.
Morris, brothers of his grandmother Hilyard. He noted two other of her
brothers, Calvary Morris and Thomas Morris,"the oldest Methodist Bishop,
I think in the United States."
The spring of 1839 after the family had moved to Macoupin county, Ill. "Father had two cousins to come to see us by the name of Morris, Monticue and John, the younger, who was about two years older than me and had gone to the first school with me in 1828 to teacher, John Morris, this young man's father.

"John commenced at me to go home with him and go to school, that he was going to teach a three months school that summer. I felt ashamed to go where all was so far in advance of me....I did consent to go for a visit. We met Monticue at Carlinville and got to Uncle John Morris's about six in the evening. The next morning school commenced and I went to see Uncle William Morris and uncle John Morris went with me. I visited Achilles Morris, a cousin of my grandmother Hilyard, whose daughter he later married) "The family persuaded me to come back to school, and I knew it would please Father and Mother."

"My schooling in all was about ten months,...three months when I was eight in summer of '28; Three months in '30; six weeks in '37; 3 months in '38; then six weeks in 1839."

(II) John Morris b ca 1782 m 1802 Jane Jordan (Kanawha Co., W. Va. records) His parents, John and Peggy Morris gave him land on which he was living by Mud river 15 Feb 1806. Deed EF 1 p. 27 recorded 1810 in Cabell Co., W. Va. This family and brother William D. Morris moved to Sangamon Co., Ill. after 6 Oct 1825. Bk 4 p 49 & 107 Cabell Co., W. Va.

John was a Baptist minister (performed many marriages in Cabell Co) a farmer and teacher. He moved to Dade Co., Mo. by 1840 census.

Four known children:

A. Calvary J. Morris b ca 1806, in Jackson Co., Mo. 1850; B. Monticue b ca 1803 d before 1850. wife Elizabeth Greenwood b 1806.


5. Lucinda b 1839 ages from 1850 census of Dade Co., Mo. Moved later to Ill.


d/o Jacob Sample and Mary Vanhooser. (6 known children)

a. Jacob Edmund Morris b 5 Dec 1862 d 14 May 1950 Morgan Co., Ill. m 30 Mar 1905 Mary Louella Seymour b 24 May 1878 d 4 Feb 1961 all " " " 3 children d/o James Pulliam Seymour and Mary Elizabeth Rawlings.


a. Clyde Edmund Morris b 1936

(b) Gerald Patrick " b 17 Mar 1935 in Alton, Madison, Ill m 2 Sep 1968 to Jane Ann Diliberti, at Milwaukee, Wisc.

(c) Stephen Lynn Morris b 1948

(2) Martha Elizabeth Morris b 1909 m Donald Meeney.

(3) Ella Marie Morris b 1 Oct 1911 m 26 Dec 1943 John Peter Meifer in Jacksonville, Ill.

(a) John Edmund Meifer b 21 Dec 1953

b. John A. Morris b 12 Sep 1865 d 6 Aug 1905 m 14 Aug 1895 Jeanette Seymour c. Sarah Margaret b 1867 d 1902 m Harry W. Seymour

d. Allen J. Morris b 1869; e. Mary b 1871; Lenora b 1875.


8. Elizabeth " twin b 1844 " " " m 5 Jan 1862 Samuel Samples in Morgan Co., Ill 4 known - Lucinda b 1863; George b 1867; Hulbert b 1875; Nelle b 1877.


source; Gerald P. Morris 2767 S 43rd St, Milwaukee, Wis. 53219 and Myra Martin of Waverly, Ill, a professional genealogist.
Edmund Morris b ca 1784 married Sally C. Estill 10 Jan 1804. (Kanawha Co. Rec.)

The next date for him was 8 May 1809 when he was appointed Clerk of the newly formed Cabell Co., W.Va. He held that position till his successor was appointed in his place 13 May 1816. Deed Book 2 p 83. of Cabell Co., W.Va.

The last date Edmund Morris signed a deed he recorded as Clerk was 8 Dec 1815. Deed Bk 2 p 82. He was a good writer.

5 Mar 1816 He made a quit claim deed to clear title to John Morris Sr, Thomas A. Morris, Joseph Hilyard and Manoah Bostick. He was interviewed by William Buffington and John Hannan that day. John Samuels was Clerk. Bk 2 p 142.


"I Edmund Morris do swear that my removal to the State of Kentucky...with an intention to become a citizen thereof and that I have brought with me no slave or slaves and will bring no slave or slaves to this state with intent of selling them. He signed it. Deed Book F p 32. He had some later.

He bought his first land in Christian Co 8 Jun 1816. Bk G p 30

land near East fork of Little river.

7 Jul 1818 Deed Bk K p 123 he was shown as deputy sheriff.

22 Oct 1818 and 21 Dec 1819 he was shown as High sheriff. Bk K pp 487, 559.

By 14 Dec 1820 he was no longer sheriff. Bk L p 188.


Although John Morris Jr was executor of the estate of Edmund and Sally C. his wife, of Christian Co., Ky. signed first in a transfer of title from the rest of the family to Esmo Hannan as an heir with them of John Morris Sr. who was recently deceased. The Hilyards signed 2nd and John and Jane 3rd.

By 11 Jun 1819 Edmund and Sally had begun to sell property, near East fork of Little river.

Mar 29, 1824 he gave as security to Edom Morris (a 1st cousin) et al what appears to be every thing he owned, including six slaves. At the same time they sold to Mount Etna Morris, all of Christian Co., Ky. 131 acres on waters of East fork of Little River, being the tract on which the said Edmund Morris now lives. Deed Book P pp204/5 and p 382.

He was no longer in the indexes. He was in tax lists from 1816 to 1825.

His brother Levi lived near him for a few years. See later.

12 May 1827 Mt Etna Morris was co-bondman with Josiah Harrison, who married Elvira Morris 13 May 1827. Christian Co., Marr and bond and minister return. He signed it M. A. Etna Morris. (nice writing) no Bk or page.

11 Apr 1828 M. A. Etna Morris to Eddin Morris et al 5 slaves and a lot live stock part of which "I hold with my brother Roan".

(note here Eddin Morris was son of Benjamin Morris and Nancy Jarrett, thus a 1st of cousin of Edmund)

We found no record of Mt Aetna selling the above land he bought of his parents. According to the 1820 census of Christian Co., Ky. Edmund Morris has only three children. 1 male 20-45, 2 males 10-16; 1 female 26-45 and 1 f 10-16.

On p 22 of 1830 Josiah Harrison 1 m 20-30, 1 f 20-30, 1 m & 1 f under five. They were in the index of 1840 in Ky.

On page 23 of 1830 Mount Etna 1 m 20-30, 1 f 40-50 (age to be his mother) and 1 f 15-20 and 2 or 3 f under 5. No record of his marriage in Christian Co., Ky.

Again to Cabell Co., W. Va. Deed Book 5 p 522-524 2 May 1834. All the children of John Morris Sr and Margaret Droddy Morris were named except Edmund and Miriam Morris Hannan. Several Hannan children were named. And Etna Morris and Elvira Morris Harrison were named, in clearing a title to William Jordan.

Thus the three children of Edmund Morris and Sally C. Estill

A. Hamilton Roan Morris b ca 1804/05 m Margaret Jarrett b 15 Feb 1810 in W.Va.
d/o Jonathan Jarrett and Sarah Anderson.
A. Hamilton Roan Morris b ca 1804/05 in Kanawha Co., W. Va., in the area that became Cabell county in 1809. He moved to Christian county Kentucky with his parents in March 1816. He had moved to Sangamon county, Illinois before 1830, as he was in that census newly married. He served in the Mexican war of 1846 and 1847, listed among those that served from Sangamon County in Company D, and mentioned by James Powell Hilyard in his autobiography, who also served. The family moved to Texas in the early 1850s.

Children of Hamilton Roan Morris and Margaret from 1850 census of Sangamon county, Ill., taken 3 Oct 1850 p 171 family 439.

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B. Mount Aetna Morris b ca 1806 in W. Va. No more known of him unless he is the M.A. Morris in the 1840 census of Sangamon Co., Ill., alone, also mentioned by James Powell Hilyard of Sangamon County, Ill., as M.A. Morris.

C. Elvira Morris b ca 1808 in W. Va., married in Christian Co., Ky., to Josiah Harrison, 13 May 1827. (Bond and ministers return—no bk or page)
A. William Droddy Morris b 1790 d 16 Jun 1867 in Sangamon Co., Ill. m Clarinda b 1794 in Ky. (1850 census of Sang. Co., Ill.)

10 Mar 1813 William D. Morris received 300 acres from his parents, on Mud river in what is generally known by Big Bend, joining land of Esom Hannah, Edmund Morris and William Greenwood.

William D. Morris and family moved to and settled on the head of Lick creek in Laomi Township, Sangamon Co., Ill., after 6 Oct 1825, his last land sale in Cabell Co., W.Va. (Deed Book 4 p 107)

Known children:

1. Martha Angeline Meacham
2. Frances Virginia
3. Milton Morris
4. Clarinda Parthena
5. Milo M d 22 Nov 1859
6. William Drawdy
7. James Todd H.

B. John A. Morris b (35-1815) 1815 W.Va. still single 1860
C. Melissa b (32-1815) 1815 W.Va. m 29 Nov 1837 to: William Heridith.

1. Catalina Heridith b (8-1850) 1842 Ill.
2. Caroline b (6-1850) 1844
3. Mary b (4-1850) 1846
4. William b (1-1850) 1849 census of Sangamon Co., Ill.

D. Milo Morris b (29-1815) 1821 W.Va. m Barbara Avida Robison b ca 1827 Ill.

1. George b (4-1850) 1846 Sang. Ill. census
2. William b (2-1850) 1848

E. Edward Morris b (22-1815) 1828 Sang. Ill. d before 1867
F. Leah Morris b (20-1815) 1830 Sang. Ill. m Ashley Walker 1820 in Tenn.

1. George Walker b (1-1850) 1849 (served in the Mexican War)

G. Martha Morris b (1-1850) 1833 Sang. Ill. m Preston

H. William Milton died in Mexican War 1847

Very likely two others, Kinsey and William Milton, who served and died in the Mexican War. Each mentioned by James Powell Hilyard in his autobiography. They were very close neighbors.


History of Morgan Co., Ill. p 448 states William and Clarinda had 4 sons and 4 daughters that grew to adulthood. Kinsey was probably John's daughter. (this learned later)
Miriam Morris (5th child of John and Margaret Droddy Morris) b 16 Mar 1792
d ca 1828 m 1807 to Esom Hannan (1784-1866) s/o Thomas Hannan & Elizabeth
Henry. (Esom marr 2nd 14 Apr 1831 Sarah Switzer Guthrie) Miriam and Eva
are buried in Gwinn Cem. Glenwood, Mason, W.Va.
7 children This family lived a while in Cabell Co then later in Mason Co. W. Va.
Minerva Hannan b 17 Feb 1808 d 8 Jan 1850 m Thomas Spurlock 2 Jul 1831 in Mason.
known children.
2. Sarah E. " b (14-1850) 1836 "
3. Eliza A. " b (6-1850) 1844 "
4. Elizabeth Hannan b 17 Feb 1808 d 8 Jan 1850 m Thomas Spurlock 2 Jul 1831 in Mason.
5. Eliza A. " b 1806 Va.
7. Minerva Hannan b (40-1850) 1810 Cabell Co., Va m Feb 1830 Zachariah Cox in Mason Co.
This family lived for awhile in Missouri, later to Richardson Co., Neb.
1. Thomas Cox b ca 1831 in W.Va.
2. Calvin " b (17-1850) 1833 "
3. Edmond Sloan Cox b 9 Nov 1835 " d 7 Feb 1910 in Neb. m 15 Sep 1861
   in Holt Co., Mo. to Mary Jane Harris b 15 Dec 1844 d 4 Jul 1919.
   d/o Jepthe W. and Elizabeth Bowman Harris.
16 children born in Richardson Co., Neb:
Joseph Thomas Cox b 7 Oct 1862 d 31 Dec 1816 unmd
Edmond Albert " b 10 Jun 1864 d 7 Sep 1865
Sarah Elizabeth " b 20 Nov 1865 d 15 Jul 1868
James Alexander " b 20 Nov 1867 d Dec 1877
Calvin Monroe " b 28 Jun 1869 d 1 May 1952 m 10 Jan 1906 Martha Jane Townley
   b 19 Jan 1874 d 4 Apr 1959 d/o William & Jane G Townley.
   1 child (all three died in Los Angeles, Cal.)
Susan Eliza Cox b 17 Oct 1870 d 27 Oct 1931 m ca 1900 Waldo J. Root
   b 26 Feb 1864 d 27 Jun 111
   children
   2. Lloyd F. " b 2 Nov 1894 Richardson Co., "
   4. Johnie Calvin " b 21 Feb 1900 "
   5. not known " b ca 1898 "
   6. Jesse Grant " b 25 Oct 1910 "
   7. Mary Ellen Cox b 6 Jan 1872 d 15 Feb 1916 m 24 Mar 1887 Luallen Harvey Mobley
      b 7 Sep 1862 d 19 Aug 1919 s/o Thomas Jefferson Mobley and
      Hannah Deaver.
      children
      2. Dora Ellen " b 30 Dec 1889 d 5 Aug 1960 m 1 Dec 1909 Clarence M. Sawyer
      3. Lula Gertrude " b 25 Jun 1892 m 31 Jan 1912 Henry John Nitzel
      5. Mary "Elizabeth" b 13 Apr 1895 d 5 Sep 1918
         m(2) Nov 1946 Margaret Johnston
      7. Maudie Irene " b 13 Apr 1899 m 26 Sep 1925 Andrew S. Hanson
      8. Anna May " b 31 Jan 1901 m 26 Sep 1918 Ralph W. Hudson
     10. Roy Andrew " b 5 Apr 1904 d 10 Nov 1970 m 4 Jun 1931 Nellie Ethel Ormond
     11. George Calvin " b 28 Jul 1905 d 8 Apr 1931
     12. Charles Richard " b 17 Sep 1906 d 19 Dec 1963 m 21 Feb 1933 Ada Lillian Backes
     13. Robert Clarence " b 27 Dec 1908 d 24 May 1966 m 1 Mar 1930 Verne M. McHenry (div)
     14. Harvey Woodrow " b 17 Mar 1913 m 22 Nov 1933 Beulah C Harrop
Family records (38 grandchildren)
h. Ida May Cox b 8 Jul 1873
i. William Taylor b 17 Nov 1874 d 16 Mar 1898 m 16 Mar 1898 Mabel Newell
j. Charles Henry b 16 Dec 1876 m 3 Aug 1800 Kattie Newell
k. John Matthew b 20 Jan 1878
l. Maude Alsada b 15 Sep 1880 d 14 Sep 1950 m 22 Apr 1902 Charles E. Moore
m. Albert Edward b 15 Feb 1882 d 15 Dec 1926
n. George Cox b ca 1884
o. Nellie May b 7 May 1888 d 6 Dec 1957 m 15 Jan 1910 Frank G. Morganthal
p. Rosa Lee b 24 Sep 1890 d 22 Dec 1949 m 17 May 1905 Fred Simpson (div)

4. Joseph Cox 4th son of Zachariah and Elizabeth Hannan Cox
   b Sep 1837 d 12 Jun 1923 m 12 Sep 1867 Mary J. Tyler
   b (27-1880) 1853 d/o John and Eliza Tyler
   children
   a. Elizabeth Cox b (11-1880) 1869
   b. Alice J. b (9-1880) 1871 m 24 Jul 1885 William B. Moorehead
   c. Martha b (7-1880) 1873
   d. John b (3-1880) 1877

5. Susan b (10-1850) 1840 Mo.
6. Sarah b (7-1850) 1843
7. George W. b (4-1850) 1846 m Sarah Etta children from 1885 census of Richardson Co., Neb.
   a. Walter E. Cox b 1876
   b. Julia J. b 1878
   c. Merit (Male) b 1880
   d. Elmer b 1882

8. Eastham Cox b 1850 d before 1860

C. Thomas Henry Hannan b (39-1850) 1811 3rd child of Miriam and Esom Hannan
   m May 1833 Vienna Guthrie d/o William and Sarah Switzer Guthrie.
   Eight known children from 1850 census of Mason Co., Va.
   1. William G. Hannan b 1833
   2. Morris M. b 1836
   3. Jackson E. b 1838
   4. Sarah J. b 1840
   5. Thomas H. b 1842
   6. Elizabeth b 1845
   7. Virginia b 1847
   8. Eliza b 25 Dec 1853 d 3 Apr 1854

D. Eliza Hannan b (39-1850) 1811 m Sep 1832 Peter Hunter in Mason Co., five known children from 1850 census of Mason Co., Va.
   1. Esom Hunter b 1836
   2. Peter b 1838
   3. Stephen b 1840
   4. Miriam b 1843
   5. Aaron B 1846

This family disappeared from records in W.Va after this.
E. Edmond Slone Hannan b 16 Oct 1820 d 1897 m 26 Jun 1857 Sarah Jane Campbell in Gallia Co., Ohio; b 9 Feb 1834 in Mason Co, d/o Daniel Campbell and Sarah Ross.

six children
1. Virginia Hannan b 28 Sep 1858
2. George Washington Hannan b 5 Jan 1861 m 25 Apr 1883 Emma Sowards
3. Thomas Jefferson b 5 Jan 1861
4. Albert Galiton b 5 Sep 1862
5. Rosa Lee b 16 Jun 1869
6. Minnie Frances b 23 Apr 1872

This family are the only descendants of John Morris and Margaret Droddy that stayed in W. Va.


"Edmund S. Hannan born near Glenwood, Hannan district, Mason Co. (date above) is descended from two families closely identified with the pioneer interests of the Virginias. This district is named after his grandfather, Thomas Hannan. He settled between Mercer and Green bottoms about 1790. He helped build the fort at Point Pleasant prior to the battle of October 10, 1774. He married Elizabeth Henry in Botetourt county in 1781.

Edmund S. Hannan's mother's father, John Morris came to this area about 1770, from eastern Virginia, and as he was crossing the mountains fell and broke his leg. The one man who was traveling with him constructed a cabin, and laid him in it beside a trough of water, and recrossed the mountains for help, leaving him to four weeks of suffering. John Morris first discovered salt on the Kanawha river while hunting buffaloes...

Rev. Thomas Morris, the late Methodist bishop and Rev John Morris, of the Baptist Church were sons of this John Morris and brothers of Miriam Morris who married Esom Hannan."

"Mr and Mrs Hannan have six children—all live at home. Mr Hannan is a prosperous farmer, his address Glenwood, Mason Co., W. Va."

F. Eva Hannan b ca 1824 d young buried by her mother.
G. Sarah b 1827 d " m 31 Jul 1852 Robertson Waugh one child: b 1823.

Sources not cited above—marriage records - Mason Co., Court Records in file boxes for several marriages that hadn't had a return. Deed and will records. Several years census records. All of the various Counties.
(VI) Thomas Asbury Morris, 6th ch. of John and Margaret Droddy Morris
b 29 Apr 1794 d 2 Sep 1874 m 23 Jan 1814 to
Abigail Scales b 18 Jan 1793 in Patrick Co., Va. d 17 May
1842 in Cincinnati, Ohio, dau of Nathaniel
Scales and Mary France.

Two children:
d 30 Nov 1842 m 1836 Joseph Guest Rust
B. Francis Asbury * b 3 Sep 1817 Marietta, Ohio d 23 Sep 1881 St Louis, Mo.
m 14 Oct 1845 Mary Fielding b ca 1827 d 1908

Francis Asbury was also a Rev in the Methodist church. They had
one child and several grandchildren. Flora M. Beeler Morris and
Jarrets of of West Virginia p 79.

Thomas Asbury Morris married twice more—no issue.

Sundrie Histories. Thomas A. was a well known Methodist minister in Ohio

(VII) Levi Morris b 1 Jan 1796 d 14 Sep 1873 m 24 Oct 1816 W. Va.
Frances Dabney Maupin b 8 May 1795 d 30 Sep 1873 LaSalle Co., La.
d/o Thomas and Judith Cobbs Maupin

10 Feb 1817 Levi Morris received 250 acres in Cabell Co., W. Va.
from his parents, on Mud river about six miles from Barboursville
adjoining and on east side of publick road which runs through
said county...joins land of William D. Morris, and Fudge creek.
Deed Bk 2 p 203

25 Feb 1820 was the last time Levi and Fanny or Frances showed
in deed records in Cabell co when they sold land along Fudge

creek. Deed Bk 3 p 123 except

20 Sep 1820 when they were interviewed in connection with
selling their share of his fathers land. Deed Bk 4 pp 162-164


13 Sep 1822 Levi bought 100 acres on waters of Little river
east fork in Christian Co., Kentucky. He said he was of the state

22 Aug 1825 He sold same land. Deed Bk Q p 168

2 children born there. They then moved to Louisiana and

lived in several parishes till they died in LaSalle parish.

10 children were born to this union

A. Preston Morris b 6 Apr 1818 d Aug 1893
B. Thomas Maupin * b 23 Mar 1820 d 1884
C. Mary Jane * b 12 Nov 1822 d m Agrippa Haynes
D. Elvira Rebecca * b 30 Dec 1824 d 11 Sep 1887 m 1 Jul 1841 to

Samuel Paul b 16 Feb 1813 d 20 Dec 1875 s/o George Paul

Twelve children born Summerville, LaSalle, Louisiana

1. Levi Morris Paul b 16 Oct 1842 d 25 Jan 1863
2. Martha Jane * b 30 Aug 1844 d 10 May 1914 m 19 Feb 1862 Albert Gilmer
3. Preston Maupin * b 9 May 1846 d 5 Feb 1925 m 20 Mar 1867 to
Mary Jane Taylor b 3 Aug 1850 d 19 Mar 1923 d/o William Henry Taylor &

Eleven children - 5 b Catahoula-6 b Sabine La. Margaret O'Neal
a. Martha Jane Paul b 20 Jan 1869 d 4 Feb 1935 m Joseph S. Cooper
b. Margaret Elvira * b 10 May 1870 d 18 Nov 1925 m William J. Self
c. Sarah * b 1871 d young
d. Joseph Henry * b 6 Jun 1873 d 13 Mar 1925 m 9 Nov 1905 Cassie E. Byrd
e. Willie * b 1875 d young

(1) Jewell May Paul b 6 Dec 1905 m 19 Jun 1957 William King HUNT
(2) Elsie Wilbur " b 27 Apr 1909 m 21 Dec 1932 Melvin Muse
(3) Otis Preston " b 13 Dec 1912 m 5 Dec 1934 Eraine Erline Rhodes
(4) John Carl " b 9 Apr 1916 m 21 Dec 1940 Tina Wade
(5) Harold H. " b 29 May 1918 m 27 Jun 1948 Alta Ovida Litton

g. Daughter Paul b 1882 d child
h. Annie Jeanette " b 21 Oct 1885 d m 11 Nov 1903 William Ernest Sibley
i. Lou Alice Paul b 29 Jan 1887 d 21 Oct 1947 m 31 Oct 1901 John Erasmus Broadway
J. Emie Dessie " b 8 Mar 1891 d m 5 Mar 1910 Oscar J. Nichols
K. daughter " b 1893 d 1893

children of Elvira and Samuel Paul continued

4. George Alexander b 18 Jun 1848 d 27 Sep 1865
5. John Samuel Paul b 6 Nov 1850 d 10 Jul 1883 m 31 Jul 1879 Mary E. Boddie
6. Fannie Abigail " b 9 Jul 1852 d 25 Nov 1914 m 8 Aug 1893 W.R. Carley
7. Joseph Asbury " b 12 Aug 1854 d 30 May 1926 m 3 Feb 1886 Estelle R. Valentine
8. Thomas Agrippa " b 15 May 1857 d 29 Dec 1905 m 13 Oct 1891 Allie Simmons
9. Mary Lalette " b 22 Apr 1860 d 7 Jul 1902 m 29 Dec 1881 Matthew Thomas Bradford
10. William Henry " b 6 Oct 1861 d 7 Feb 1935 m 9 Nov 1892 Emma D. Jones
11. Charles Westley" b 15 Aug 1863 d 4 Oct 1865
12. Son " b 28 Jan 1866 d 3 Feb 1866

children of Levi and Frances Morris continued

E. Henry Morris b 3 Feb 1827 d 1914
F. Asbury " b 23 Mar 1829 d 6 Feb 1851
G. John Edmond " b 14 Dec 1830 d 9 Feb 1914 m 23 Feb 1858 Mary Elizabeth Turnley
H. Martha Ann " b 3 Jan 1833 d 16 Jan 1914 m Allen John Davis
I. William Turnley" b 23 Nov 1834 d
J. Abigail Morris b 27 Mar 1837 d 24 Nov 1920 m (1) 24 Apr 1853 William C. Aber (2) Rev. Edwin W. Yancey

* from Jewell Paul Hunt, she used family and Bible records and The Caldwell Watchman, Jan 29, 1976 by H. Ted Woods and cemetery records.

Richard R. McIntyre 3802 Knoxville Av., Tulsa, Ok. 74135 is of this lineage also, through # J. Abigail Morris. He has that of Levi and Frances Morris also. The following is his contribution.


Married (1) 24 Apr 1853
William Charlesb 15 Apr 1825 in New York, New York
Aber d 24 Oct 1868 bur by wife.
(2) see later.

Eight children for this union next page
Eight children born Summerville, LaSalle, Louisiana

1. Charles William Aber b 1 Aug 1854 d 24 Jul 1856
2. Thomas Alexander " b 5 Jul 1856 d 21 Nov 1924
3. Louise Electra " b 18 Apr 1858 d 3 Dec 1908 m 10 Oct 1877 Uriah T. Whatley
4. Martha (Minnie) " b 21 Dec 1859 d 22 Apr 1931 m 3 Jul 1879 to Richard Gibson Rawlings b 17 May 1835 d 30 Dec 1911

Six children born in La.

a. Harry Baker Rawlings b 9 May 1880 d 9 Nov 1939 m 10 Feb 1917 Mary Caroline Robinson

b. Laurie " b 14 Nov 1882 d 17 Nov 1882

c. Richard Holloman " b 11 Apr 1885 d 11 Oct 1911

d. Minnie May " b 1 Dec 1886 d 20 Aug 1979 m 12 Oct 1910 Archibald Ormsby McIntyre b 31 Oct 1878 d 21 Mar 1948 in Houston, Harris, Tx.

Six children born in La.

(1) Mary Shelley McIntyre b 4 Dec 1812 m 5 Aug 1943 Ruth Blossom
(2) Richard Rawlings " b 22 Nov 1914

Three children born Houston, Tx, DeRidder, La. & Tulsa, Ok respectively

(a) Richard Rawlings McIntyre II b 20 Nov 1946 m 23 Dec 1973 Bonnie Antoinette Kimball
(b) Richard Rawlings McIntyre III b 8 Dec 1978
(c) Stephen Joel " b 21 Nov 1949 m 24 Apr 1976 Div. 1977
(d) Allen David " b 5 Apr 1951 m 27 Mar 1983 Susan Kathleen Handey b 24 Jul 1951 in San Antonio, TX.

One child born El Paso, TX.

(3) Erin Clair McIntyre b 17 Jan 1984
(4) Verna Marguerite " b 25 Feb 1929

DeAlvaro (Dan) Rawlings b 10 Oct 1888 d 17 Oct 1981 m 8 Jan 1916 Frances Agnes Cuff

Levere Aber Rawlings b 24 May 1894

continued

5. Janet ABER b 1861 d 1923 m 12 Apr 1888 Wm. H. Hill (rev)
6. Mary E. " b 18 Dec 1863 d 25 Jul 1910 m Erastus Thompson, MD
7. Kate Anna Aber b 22 Feb 1866 d 21 Jun 1954 m 15 Dec 1887 Baxter Lincoln Thompson, MD
8. Frances Abigail Aber " b 1868 d 19 m 26 Nov 1884 Samuel Barr

#J Abigail Morris Aber married second to Edwin W. Yancey b 20 Aug 1818 d 13 Feb 1897 (Methodist Reverend)

Four children born Summerville, La.

1. Lillie Marshal Yancey b 21 Apr 1874 d 8 Feb 1934 m 28 Nov 1895 James M. Whatley
2. Walter " b 3 Jul 1878 d 20 Feb 1946 m Annie Price
3. Henriette " b m Will Womack
4. Sena " b m Johnny Womack

The latter two lived in Orange, TX.

* Sources used by Richard R. McIntyre:
The Rawlings and Yancey Bibles, family records of Mrs Archibald O. McIntyre and his own personal knowledge.
(VIII) Calvary Morris b 15 Jan 1798 d 13 Oct 1871 m 5 Mar 1818 Mary (Polly) Jewett b 24 Jul 1797 d 20 Jul 1874 d/o Dr Leonard Jewett and They married in Athens Co., Ohio. Mary Porter
Calvary was still a minor and hadn't been given any land by his Parents.
He moved to Athens, Athens Co., Ohio in 1819. He engaged in wool growing and merchantile pursuits, served as sheriff for several years, as Congressman for many years. He lived in Cincinnati, Ohio for awhile, returned to Athens Co., and was elected probate judge of Athens Co., in 1854, which title he held till he died, in Athens Co., Ohio.
To this union were born 4 known children. all born Athens, Athens Co.,Ohio
A. Jewett Morris b 3 Feb 1819 d 17 Jul 1821
B. Emeline " b 27 Apr 1821 d 19 Sep 1827
C. Charles " b 13 Nov 1823 d 18 Jan 1845 m (1) 28 Jan 1845 Lydia Warren b 25 Jan 1828 d 12 Nov 1854 d/o unknown four children.all born Athens, Athens, Ohio.
1. Leonidas Morris b 1847
2. Mary Elizabeth b 1848 m 24 Dec 1868, Adolphus Benjamin Frame
a. Flora Pierce Morris b 25 Dec 1885 d m 22 Apr 1908 Sylvester Homer Everett (1888-1908)
two children.
(1) Morris Everett b 13 Feb 1910 Cleveland,Oh. m 5 Oct 1935 Eleonor Egan
(2) Homer " b 13 Jan 1912
b. Charles Pierce "b 1896 d 1896
from Compendium of American Genealogy vol 7 p 154 by Frederick A. Virkus
4. Joseph Warren Morris b 1854 d m 21 May 1874 Eliza Martin
D. Martha Morris b 1833 d m 5 Nov 1855 to William H. Young b 1833. He was professor of languages and American Consul in Carlshuo Baden in 1871 (note in Calvary's will 1871)
three known children
a. Frank M. Young b 1856 1860 census of Athens Co.,Oh.
b. Ella V. " b 1857 "
c. Laretta " b 1859 "
#C Charles Morris b 13 Nov 1823 d 18 Jun 1919 m (2) 18 Aug 1855 to Celinda Gudgeon b 1838 Ohio d/o Alexander and Mary Gudgeon two children
1. Mattie Morris b 1859 1870 census m Carrigan
2. Harriet " b 1862 " m 2 May 1878 Louis A. (Hattie) VanVorhes
#C Charles Morris b 13 Nov 1823 d 18 Jun 1919 m(3) 11 May 1870 to Ellen Martin b 1842 New Jersey d/o William and Mary Ann Martin no children
"he was tall and slender, of a fine personal figure, and withal very handsome, and of exceedingly graceful and engaging manners, and an eloquent popular speaker."

- HISTORY OF KANAWHA COUNTY, p. 173.

Cabell County was organized in 1809, and Edmund Morris was its first clerk. In 1816 we find him located in Christian County, Kentucky; and in 1829 we see he has settled in Louisiana.

III. John Morris, b. about 1784, m. Jane Jordan, April 20, 1804.

IV. Levi Morris, b. about 1786, m. Penny He moved to Christian County, Kentucky, and later to Louisiana.

V. Calvary, b. about 1788, m. Mary

VI. William Morris, b. about 1790, m. Clarinda

VII. Miriam Morris, b. March 13, 1792, d. Oct. 3, 1825, m., 1807, Eason Hannan, b. May 29, 1784, d. Feb. 26, 1867. Mrs. Hannan was buried at Swann Creek Ferry. Eason Hannan was son of Thomas and Elizabeth Hannan. In History of Kanawha, p. 20, it is said Thomas Hannan settled at Green Bottom, Cabell County, in 1796, having come from Botetourt County, Virginia, and was perhaps Cabell County's first settler. His home was on the Ohio river about eighteen miles above Guyandotte.

After the death of John and Margaret (Droddy) Morris it appears that Eason Hannan bought the shares in the estate of the other children, and deeds were made accordingly. In Deed Book A, p. 228, Kanawha County, record was made of this transaction, and the following heirs, with their companions, signed the deeds: Edmund, John, Elizabeth, William D., Thomas A., Levi, Calvary.
VIII. Thomas Asbury Morris, b. April 28, 1794, near the mouth of Campbell’s Creek, Kanawha County, (now) West Virginia, d. at Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 2, 1874—noon. His funeral service was conducted in the High Street Methodist Church, Springfield, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. L. Clark, in the presence of a great congregation. Afterward he was laid to rest in Fern Cliff Cemetery near the city.

The most that I shall say about Bishop Morris is gathered from "THE LIFE OF THOMAS MORRIS, D.D," by Rev. John F. Farley, and published by the Methodist Book House in Cincinnati. This book contains 407 pages, and has a good picture of Bishop Morris. The following sketch of his life is taken from different parts of the book.

In August, 1813, Thomas was received into the Methodist Church as a "seeker after religion," though he had not yet had evidence of pardon. One day, while in the Cabell County court house in the office of clerk, he sought and found the Lord. (P. 22). On Feb. 1, 1814 he was given license to exhort, and his first sermon was in his father’s house on Mud River. This was before he was baptized. At a quarterly meeting he was taken into full connection of the church, "when he solemnly knelt by the water’s edge and the presiding Elder poured the water on his head" (p. 26).

Bishop Thomas A. Morris was three times married. His first marriage was on Jan. 23, 1814, to Miss Abigail Scales, b. Jan. 18, 1793, d. May 17, 1842. She was a daughter of Nathaniel Scales, native of Virginia. Concerning her Mr. Farley says:

"In the little class of which he was leader,
there was a gentle and lovely maiden, whose Christian graces and personal charms so won his confidence and esteem, that his mind became agitated with the question whether he should ever find a more worthy and suitable helpmeet than in the person of Miss Abigail Scales (p. 24).

After their marriage "he addressed himself to the no easy task of building a cabin, kitchen, crib, meat-house, etc" (p. 29). In the autumn they moved into their new home, calling it "Spice Flat Cottage." It was "situated on a slight swell overlooking a beautiful piece of table-land, embowered amid forest-trees and shrubbery." Thomas had already become the assisitant of his brother Edmund in the clerk's office, and "the county had, before he became a preacher, appointed him commissioner of the revenue for that year in Cabell County (p. 29). In August, 1818, Bishop George ordained Thomas A. Morris a deacon. At the Ohio Conference, in session at Chillicothe, he was elected to elder's orders, and ordained by Bishop Roberts (p. 57). This was in 1820. He served charges in Western Virginia, and Ohio, and then he was transferred to Kentucky, as his brother Edmund had already gone to that State. He located at Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky, in 1821. Here he served a large field, including the counties Christian, Todd, Muhlenburg, parts of Butler and Logan, and parts of Montgomery and Stewart counties in Tennessee. In 1824 the General Conference met in Baltimore, and Thomas Morris was a delegate. He rode horse-back requiring twenty days each way. In 1825 the Kentucky Conference met in Russellville, and he was made Presiding Elder over 'Green River District'. In 1828 he was transferred back to the Ohio Conference, and after serving the Lebanon
Circuit for two years he was appointed to the Columbus Station in 1830. In 1831 he was a delegate to the General Conference in Philadelphia, May 1, 1832. He then went to the Cincinnati station for two years. He was appointed Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District in 1833. However, he had but entered upon his work when he was "directed by the authorities of the Church to return to Cincinnati to take editorial charge of the Western Christian Advocate." The authorities of the Church had recognized in Mr. Morris the peculiar and rare qualities that were demanded for such work. He was even then known widely as a writer who wielded a facile, chaste, and ready pen; and also as a man of rare good sense, wide observation, sound judgment, and great practical wisdom." (p. 126). "The Western Christian Advocate has never been more popular with its patrons than when conducted by Thomas A. Morris" (p. 127). May 23, 1836, Thomas A. Morris was elected and consecrated Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The final rite making him bishop was on the 27th.

Some of the Conferences attended by Bishop Morris are as follows: Pittsburg, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, Wisconsin, Texas, Ohio, Michigan, Washington D.C., New York, New Jersey, Iowa, Vermont, Missouri, Rhode Island, Delaware, Massachusetts, beside Conferences in the Territories. Some of these Conferences he attended many times, and presided over many of them. He would ride horse-back from west
Kentucky to Baltimore, Md., and from Cincinnati to Augusta, Ga.

Bishop Morris came through the strife in his Church over the question of slavery and his wise leadership helped to straighten out many wrinkles. After the smoke of battle was over he was found on the side of the North, though he was a strong southerner in sentiment in most of his thinking. His son Francis Asbury Morris became a Southern Methodist preacher.

As already stated, Bishop Morris was married three times.

His first wife—Abigail Scales Morris, d. May 17, 1842. She was a true wife and mother, and it took more grace for her to remain at home and do the work required there than it did for him to do what he had to do. The following sketch will show something of her trials: Two days before she died,

"When she embraced her husband, who had been absent nearly seven months, and her only son, whom she had not seen for three years, and never expected to see again, she exclaimed, with a trebulous voice, 'Now, Lord, I am ready to depart when it is thy will' ( p. 193 ).

Funeral services were conducted for her May 19th in the Fourth street Methodist Church, Cincinnati.

Thomas A. Morris and Abigail Morris had three children,—

1. Jane E. Morris, b. at "Spice Flat Cottage," Cabell County, West Virginia, Feb. 27, 1815, d. Nov. 30, 1842, m. 1836, Joseph Rust, of Cincinnati. Her father said of her:

"When Jane left Science Hill Academy, at Shelbyville, Kentucky, in the fifteenth year of her age, she had acquired all the essential elements of a sound and useful education, and some of the ornamental branches, and bid fair to excel in literary attainments. The state of her health, however, about that time, rendered it necessary that she should exchange the sedentary labors
of life for the more active employments of the domestic household" (pp. 100, 200).

Ten days before she died she said to her father:

"Pa, I have been thinking today what a happy meeting I shall soon have with ma, where we shall roam the blessed fields together, and on the banks of the river shout hallelujah for ever and ever. Oh, what a blessed thing to be free from all suffering and sorrow; and, best of all, to see Jesus as he is, and praise him as we ought" (pp. 203, 204).

Joseph C. and Jane (Morris) Rust had three children whose names are not given.

2. Francis Asbury Morris, D.D., b. at "Spice Flat Cottage" 1818. I know not when he married nor when he died. In early life he became a Christian, and became a preacher in the Methodist Church, South. He attended Ohio University when it was located at Athens, Ohio, (p. 11). He spent at least three years in Texas (p. 90). He was at the bedside of his mother when she died (p. 103). He belonged to the Missouri Conference of the M.E. Church, South (p. 363). He was Professor of Languages in St. Charles College, St. Charles, Mo., in 1844, and was at his father's funeral in 1872.

Bishop Morris' second wife was Mrs. Lucy Herriweather, of Louisville, Ky, whom he married June 25, 1844 (p. 212). She was b. in S.C., May 27, 1800, and d. Nov. 6, 1871. She united with the M.E. Church, Louisville, Ky., 1810. No issue.

Bishop Morris was married a third time June 6, 1872, to Miss Sarah Bruscup, but he lived only a few months after their marriage.

Bishop Morris was author a volume of sermons which constituted a part of the reading course of M.E. young preachers. Also author of a volume called "Miscellaneous."
ACHILLES MORRIS, the subject of this brief history is sixth son of William Morris Sr, called the Pioneer, and Elizabeth Stepps (Stipps, Stapp) will include a few descendants researched from original records, not given in any published history. (A number of nicknames have been recorded for him, Carlos in his father's will (of which he only received a share of personal property) Kellis, Archilles and copied Willis in a printed copy of Greenbrier marriages. Never-the-less it was Achilles when he sold land in Cabell county, West Virginia after he moved to Henry County, Indiana. His son used the same)

William Morris, the Pioneer is the first known of this line to be in the Colonies. It is said the history of the Morris family is the history of Kanawha county. That may be true for part of the family, but there is very little for our subject or his sister Elizabeth.

According to information left by some of their descendants, William the second, John and Leonard had ventured over the mountains early down the Kanawha River, surely with an interest in places to settle. Alvah Hansford, a grandson of the latter William Morris, states that his grandfather bought the land on Kelley creek from the family of Walter Kelley who was killed there, and was in a fort there in 1774 when General Andrew Lewis led an army to the Ohio River to settle Indian troubles. John Morris and their brothers-in-law to be, Michael See and John Jones fought with William Jr, who was wounded, at the Battle of Point Pleasant 10 Oct 1774. The former three were not yet married. They may have joined the army as it journaled from Eastern Virginia. Mrs Virgie Moore of Farmington, Utah using service records of John Jones, notes that he married Frances Morris in Culpeper County 17 November 1775 (placing the family there then) All later served in the Revolution and protecting their homes on the Kanawha River from Indians.


Some historians place the Morris family in the area of Muddy Creek near the present day Alderson in the early 1770s. Wayland does connect William Jr with Reverend John Alderson, who married sisters; and the Carrolls, Sees and Jarretts were in the area early. All were later neighbors on the Kanawha River near where the Kentucky trace left the river going straight west toward the present Huntington. It was later referred to as the State road, and was one of the only routes from Eastern Virginia to the Kentucky Territory. Sundrie Deed records of Kanawha County; Greenbrier Co.Hist.

One author called William Morris, the Pioneer, "a quiet peaceable patriarch, whose only wish was to care for and protect his family." He was born 1 Jan 1722 in England. Died Dec 1792 in Kanawha County, W. Va. He married 1 Jan 1746 Elizabeth Stapp, born 1729 died 1795, d/o Joshua and Martha (Coffey) Stapp, in Orange County, Va. and made their home in the area that became Culpeper in 1748, where their children were born.

Ten children were named in the will. Deed Book A p 30 of Kanawha Co. 

William b 17 Dec 1746 d 1803 marr. Catherine Carroll 10 May 1768 (will 1803)
Henry b ca 1747 d 1824 " Mary Hyrd
Leonard b " 1748 d 1831 " (1) Margaret Price
Joshua b " 1752 d 1824 " Frances Simms
John b " 1755 d 1818 " Margaret Droddy ca 1778
William Morris family continued

Elizabeth b ca 1757 d marr. Michael See ca 1778 He died 1792
George marr. Polly
Frances " Carroll Morris (1st cousin) 1800
Michael b 1 Apr 1785 " Nancy Greenlee 29 Jun 1808 in Mason Co., W. Va.
Frederich
William b 1792 " Sarah Fruit
Mason Co. marr and cemetery records compiled by V. Machir.

Achilles Morris b ca 1760 d marr. Elizabeth Jarrett 7 Dec 1784 in Greenbrier Co.
(see children later) d/o David Jarrett
Frances b ca 1760 d marr. John Jones 17 Nov 1775 in Culpeper Co.
Levi b ca 1763 d 1834 marr (1) Margaret Stark (2) Peggy Jarrett 22 May 1788
Benjamin b ca 17 ? d 1829 marr Nancy Jarrett 12 Nov 1788 d/o James Jarrett (marr and will of Greenbrier Co.)

Sources: Sundrie histories, Greenbrier county marraiges as recorded in the 1979 issue of the Historical Society Journal, a note in that states that the first two years records were taken away with the first clerk, thus that counties begin 1780. Those no doubt hold dates we need. Alfred N. Morris in his Morris Genealogy estimated the ages. Kanawha records began 1790.

The mode of travel as they first entered the Valley was by saddle and pack horses following Indian and animal trails over the mountains and down the creeks. Soon after the Morris family settled on the Kanawha river boat yards were set up for the purpose of supplying transportation on down the River to the Ohio River, the business remaining in the family for many years. Alvah Hansford, mentioned above says he, as a young man, built himself a boat in his father's yard, in which he and his brother traveled to St Louis, Missouri to visit an brother and uncle.

7 September 1795 Thomas Lewis, Leonard Cooper, John Morris, John Jones, Reuben Slaughter, John VBibber, Abraham Baker and George Clendenen were put under bond "for the purpose of cutting, clearing and making a wagon road from the mouth of Elk Creek to the mouth to the Kanawha River and for other purposes in said act specified...they do well and truly execute the business agreeable to said act of assembly." Deed Bk A page 240.

Bonds are recorded in the first Deed books appointing William Morris the 2nd, his sons William 3rd and Carroll and Leonard Morris sheriff of the county. William 2nd was appointed to the legislature the summer of 1792. Those names appeared: many times as witnesses, justices or executors. Henry, Levi, Benjamin, John and Joshua appeared as they sold or bought land.

Achilles name appeared only in his father's will and as a buyer at inventory sale of his father-in-law, David Jarrett. The only other times found so far was in the 1815 tax list of Cabell county and 1820 census of same, and in Deed book of Cabell county #4 page 191 when he sold land to Leonard Morris of Kanawha, 4 July 1826. Achilles was living in Henry county, Indiana. Two of his sons and a daughter were married in Henry County.

Even though some of the older Morris sons could not read or write, early records prove they wanted their children taught. Henry was in a court suit early with a teacher whom he had hired for six months and agreed to furnish a room for the purpose of teaching his own as well as others in the neighborhood. The teacher had quit after three months.
One can assume from later records that the children of Achilles were well taught. In estate records in Macon County, Illinois, where the sons and some of the grandchildren had occasion to sign, each had done so in beautiful penmanship. (Estate File Boxes 3, 6 & 12 of Macon Co., Ill)

In several places in Deed Book J of Macon Co., Ill., note is made of sons William, Achilles and son-in-law John See Sr serving as School Trustees, and David as Justice of Peace. He performed a number of marriages, including several of his nieces.

It is not known when the family left Cabell County, West Virginia, only that there was time for a son to court and marry a young wife in Henry County in 1824. They were there approximately ten years. The three sons, David, Achilles and William each patented land in Macon county, Illinois in November 1832. Whether they had brought their families then is a question as the 1850 census shows some of the their children were born in Indiana in 1833. As there is no estate record for Achilles Sr, his death date is unknown.

It was a custom of the times for several families of relatives and neighbors to migrate together. A note from memories of a woman who made a move with her parents in that period of time would fit here. She says, "When I was about nine years of age my parents and an uncle and aunt and I don't remember how many others moved from Tennesse to Indiana. We traveled in covered wagons with the furniture and other household goods in them. Everyone except the youngest children walked. My grandfather, riding his big bay mare traveled with us three days to the Kentucky line, where he turned back. I never saw him again."

If a man can be judged by the number of grandchildren and nephews that are named after him, Achilles Sr must have been a respected and well loved brother and father.

His sons and son-in-law never became wealthy. They broke the prairie sod. One of them owned several hives of bees. They were upright and law abiding citizens, their names never appearing in court records until their estate records were recorded. With the help of those records along with marriage and census records we found the first generation families. The later full dates were supplied by descendants. Achilles's known children are numbered with Roman numerals thus I, II so on. Their children numbered with capitols A, B ect. The third generation numbered with small l, 2, ect. 3rd generation numbered with small letters a, b, ect. The later are underlined or placed in ( ).
There were probably older children but these are the only ones we can prove with a degree of certainty. The four were born in West Virginia.

Achilles Morris b ca 1760 W.Va. marr 7 Dec 1784 Elizabeth Jarrett, d/o David Jarrett

I - William Morris b ca 1795 d 29 Sep 1847 marr. 27 Sep 1819 in Cabell Co. to Mecky Brown b ca 1798 Nine known children.
A. Achilles b ca 1820 d before 1848
B. Mary b ca 1822 d before 1848 marr. 21 Jul 1837 in Macon Co., Ill. Calvary Stinson ca 1816 Two children.
1. William Stinson ca 1839
2. Calvary ca 1843
C. Robinson Crusoe ca 1823 marr. 6 Sep 1854 Julia M. Adams
D. Fairizina b ca 1824 marr. 10 Sep 1843 John Washburn (1st) " 30 Jun 1854 David Cottrell(2nd)
E. Elizabeth b In.1825 marr. 24 Dec 1841 James E. Everett from 1850 census b 1829 in Tenn.
1. Delila b II.1844 marr. John Washburn (2nd) from 1850 census
2. John F. b " 1846
3. Mary J. b " 1848
F. Lucinda J. b In.1828 from 1850 census m. 23 May 1848 Henry A. Lord b 1831 0.
1. Mary E. b II.1849
G. Micca (Micky) b 3 Nov 1830 In. d 1924 marr 1 Aug 1850 in Macon Co., Ill. d 1890 Missouri See b 1 Apr 1828 In. s/o George & Nancy Wilson Lee
1. Francis M." b 4 Dec 1850 Ill.d 1936 marr 187 Amanda Corbin
   a. Myrtle " b 6 Jan 1870 1a
   b. Nellie b 15 May 1874 1a
   c. Bert b 31 Jan 1876 d.1903 " Eva Lind
   d. James b 6 Aug 1878 "
   e. Margaret E.b 3 Mar 1881 d. 1882
   f. Bula b 2 Jun 1882 "
   g. Mary b 4 1884 "
   h. Benjamin b 20 Jan 1888 " 12 Apr 1920 Emma M. Gaetzche
   i. Bess b 27 Mar 1890 "
   j. Bertha b 26 Dec 1894 "
   k. William J. b 16 Nov 1896 " all Storey county.
son of Francis M. See.

h. M. Benjamin See b 20 Jan 1888 d 20 Jan 1948 d/o Erdman & Anna Todes Gaetzhe
Emma M. Gaetzhe b 9 Oct 1887 marr 7 Aug 1943 Clarence Rowain

1. Marian b 5 Dec 1922 Mt
2. Corbin b 7 Aug 1925 Mt

their children
(1) Alan B. b 8 Sep 1952 Mt.
(2) Joe D. b 25 Feb 1954
(3) Tom N. b 23 Mar 1953
(4) Ted D. b 19 Apr 1955
(5) Terry D. b 16 Jan 1957
(6) Wayne S b 11 Apr 1961

2. Andrew Jackson b 10 Oct 1852 Ill. d 1894

3. Eliza Ann b 5 Jun 1857 Ia. d 1928 marr 5 Dec 1876 Oliver D. Pierce

   a. Mary
   b. Louisa
   c. Ike
   d. Charlie
   e. Lester

5. Delilah Alice b 24 Jan 1862 Ia d 1933 marr 25 Feb 1787 in Florence, Ia to
   John Morris b 1 May 1862 Ont.d 1940 s/o John & Rose N.McCord Morris
   children
a. William Edward b 22 Dec 1887 Ia marr Elva Sims
b. Hazel Belle b 22 Aug 1889 d 1975 12 Jun 1912 Albert Ludwig 1st
   3 Oct 1932 Clark Elwel 2nd
   c. Mickey Zina b 22 Mar 1891
   d. John Russell b 23 Jul 1897
   e. Ervin Ray b 17 Apr 1899 d 1965 marr 16 Feb 1920 Beulah Christian
   f. Howard Ross b 8 Jan 1901 d 1973 22 Dec 196 Charlotte Christian

6. General McLean b 27 Sep 1867 d 1880 single

7. Lucy Belle b 25 Feb 1867 d 1928 marr 11 Feb 1890 in Nevada, Ia to
   Thomas Robinson b 4 Jul 1867 Queb.d 1951
   children
a. Maude L. b 1 May 1891 Ia d 1948 marr 10 Aug 1910 John J.Coughlin
b. Florence Alice b 30 Oct 1893 Ia d 1961 2 Feb 1921 Charles F. Hanson
   c. Ray Arthur b 21 Apr 1896 Mo. d 1962 24 Apr 1919 blank space
   d. Margaret Jane b 28 Nov 1899 d 30 May 1942 A.J. McGuire
   e. Lucy Angela b 3 Oct 1901 Ia d 1969 21 Oct 1920 C.R.1son
   f. Charles Thomas b 20 May 1904 d 1969 m Elvira 1st Margi 2nd
   g. William Edgar b 6 Sep 1906 d 1962
   f. Mary Leola b 8 Aug 1909 d 1910

8. Mary Elizabeth b 3 Nov 1871 d 1948 marr 1 Jan 1891 in Story Co., Ia to
   Nathaniel Arba Stimson b 11 Mar 1867 Ill. d 1940
   their children
a. Mary Goldie b 17 May 1892 Ia. d 1968 Otto Mittel
   Mildred Putnam b 14 Jun 1896 Ill. d 1963 d/o Henry & Katherine(Egler) P.
   one child
Children of Mervin Henry and Mildred (Putnam) Stimson

   Julie Cheesewright b 22 Dec 1943 d/o Robert W. & Gwendolyn (Milner) Cheesewright
   (1) Alexandra Llewellyn b 15 Apr 1968 S.F. Co, Ca.

   Source: William A. Stimson, a son, 3256 Washington St., San Francisco, Ca. 94115

2. Elsie Laverne Stimson b 1 Aug 1903 marr 25 Nov 1925 Thomas Patterson

   Source: William A. Stimson, a son, 3256 Washington St., San Francisco, Ca. 94115

William Morris children continued

H. Eliza Ann b ca 1835 in Macon Co., Ill.
I. William b ca 1838 in Macon Co., Ill.

(The 1st 4 and latter 2 not found in 1850 census, simply not enumerated)
Sources: 1820 census of Cabell Co., W. Va. p 87; 1830 census of Henry Co., Ind. p 92; 1840 census of Macon Co., Ill. p 15; 1850 census of Macon Co., Ill. for # E, F. & G. Full dates of Mickeys descendants from them via William A. Stimson. Marriage records of Cabell Co., W. Va. Ek 1 p 20; Macon Co., Ill. Ek 1 several pages. Deed patent of Macon Co., Ill showing they bought land there in 1832. and Morris & Jarretts of West Va. by Flora M. Beeler p 93. 1974; Estate record of Wm. Morris file box 12, in Macon Co., Ill.)
Children of Achilles and Elizabeth (Jarrett) Morris continued.

As this family is in two histories — Morris and Jarretts of Va. & Alfred N. Morris — Morris Genealogy — I will copy here including any information not in them which we researched, no further.

II - Achilles Morris b 1799 W.Va. d 1872 marr 16 Dec 1824 in Henry Co., Ind. to Mary Watkins b 1808 " d 1860

Children:

A. Faroxina b 16 Sep 1825 Ind d 1900 marr 18 Feb 1845 Hartwell Robinson (1)
1. Mary E. b 1846 Ill 1850-60 census Macon Co. b 1815 Vermont
2. Olive b 16 Jul 1849 " marr 28 Jul 1859 Levi Abernathy (2)
3. Cyrus b 3 Aug 1851 " b 1803 Ill.
4. Philo b 11 Apr 1854 "
5. Harriet b 26 May 1856 " marr Daniel McCaskill

(Harriet furnished much of the information for this and her aunts and uncles; The marr dates came from records in Macon Co., Ill)

B. Martha b 26 May 1827 Ind. d 1877 marr 20 May 1845 to Thomas Bradley b 1825 Ky.
1. George W. b 1846 Ill. from 1850 Christian Co., Ill. Census pl 45
2. Mary A. b 1848 " ditto

C. Elizabeth A. b 2 Feb 1829 Ind d 1913 marr 15 Mar 1849 to Charles Renshaw b 1827 Ill.

D. Amistead b 9 Mar 1831 Ind marr Mary Ann Cheek

E. Achilles b 6 Feb 1834 Ill d 1880 marr 16 Feb 1858 H. Elizabeth Ellis

F. Thomas A. b 29 Apr 1837 Ill. d 1875 marr Rebecca Shaw

G. Julia Ann b 8 Dec 1841 " marr 22 Nov 1860 George W. Watkins

H. William A. b 3 Nov 1842 " Rachel Brown

I. John Rea b 11 Apr 1846 "

J. Marcus Lindsay b no more data -not in census. All others were.

K. David W. b 21 Jun 1850 " d 1840 marr 30 Aug 1861 Emma McCune

(Other children are listed by A. N. Morris — Bion F. was not)

III - David Morris b ca 1803-04 W.Va. d 7 Jul 1847 in Macon Co., Ill. marr Polly b ca 1810 " d before 1847, 23 Feb 1828 in Henry Co, Ind.

children

A. Elizabeth b (20-1850) 1830 Ind. census of Macon Co., Ill. p 162

B. Nancy Jane b (17-1850) 1833 Ind. " " Piatte " " p 11 marr George C. Anderson b (22-1850) 1828 Ohio marr 26 Nov 1849

C. Mary b (17-1850) 1833 Ind. 1850 census of Macon Co. p 162

D. Achilles b (14-1850) 1836 Ill ditto marr 16 Feb 1858 H. Elizabeth Ellis

E. Margaret b (11-1850) 1839 Ill 1850 census of Piatte Co., Ill.

(she was in home of Nancy Jane)

This information from court record of David Morris when guardian was appointed for minor children; #E marr in Macon Co, Ill records. #D marr in Piatte Co. records. Parents ages estimated from 1830 and 1840 censuses

(note— David and his children were very closely associated with George See (he was coadministrator in George's estate and the See sons were active in favor of his heirs in David's estate. Three of the Morris children were in home of the Sees in 1850) Was David a son-in-law of George See?)
continued—children of Achilles Morris & Elizabeth Jarrett d/o David.

  John See  b (57-1850) 1793 in W. Va. He was her first cousin, being  
  son of John See and Margaret Jarrett also a daughter of David Jarrett.

A. Mary See  b ca 1827 in Henry Co., Ind. m 30 Mar 1851 Elias C. Reed  
B. Michael    b ca 1828 “ ” “ ” m 1 Apr 1828 Amanda VanMeter  
C. Sidney    b ca 1830 in ditto m 8 Apr 1856 Jesse VanMeter
  children  
  1. Nancy D.  b ca 1857-1860 census Story Co., Iowa  
  2. C.S.      b ca 1859 ditto
D. John      b ca 1832 in Henry Co., Ind. d 1864 m 10 Jan 1854 in Piatt Co., Ill. to Nancy Craig

E. Achilles  b ca 1833 ditto  
F. David     b ca 1836 in Macon Co., Ill.  
G. George    b ca 1839 ditto  
H. Nancy     b ca 1842 “ ”  
I. Silas     b ca 1844 “ ”  
J. William E. b ca 1846 “ ”  
K. Charles   b ca 1849 “ ” or Piatt.

Sundrie records placed them in Macon county till late 1840s.

Marriage records of Henry Co., Ind.; Piatt Co., Ill. for #s A & D.; some dates  
from a See relative. 1850 census of Piatt Co., Ill.; and 1860 of Story Co., Iowa  
pp 9 & 81.

John See Sr served as a school trustee with Nancy’s brothers Achilles  
and William. Her brother David served as a justice of peace.

Deed Book J of Macon Co., Ill. on several pages.
Leonard Morris House and Stockade

Mr. Morris built his two-story log house with its back to the river, the trees on the bank screening it from any passing Indians. The bank was rather high, and the land, sloping downward in front of the house, was cleared in a large area and entirely surrounded by a stockade. Following the contour of the land, it rambled up and down, and enclosed a granary and other farm buildings, and also provided ample space for horses, cows and other animals, with a second barrier nearer the house.

The Indian trails followed the river so this stockade was very necessary for protection.

This pioneer home evidently stood for a great many years, as the drawing is not imaginary, but made from a faded picture in possession of Morris descendants.

The stockade was built by fastening upright poles together all way around.

The Morris cabin, having two stories, was really a very commodious dwelling for the time, with large stone chimneys at each end, a small window in each of its four rooms, and a little porch in front. It is located near to the present day Marmet.

It is said that often someone had to stand guard while another family member milked the cows.

Excerpts and picture from PIONEERS AND THEIR HOMES ON UPPER KANAWHA by Ruth Woods Dayton 1947. drawings by Naomi S. Hosterman. Map by Ashton Woodman Reniers
AN HISTORICAL MAP
of the
GREAT KANAWHA VALLEY
Showing the early migration routes
cross the mountains and the James
River and Kanawha Turnpike.

This region originally
was a part of Orange County
in 1733. Augusta later
divided into other counties.
Greenbrier was formed in
1771 and from it and
Gimory counties Kanawha
was created in 1777.
ARCHILLES MORRIS, SR., seventh child of William Morris, Sr., and Elizabeth (Stepps) Morris, was born in Culpepper county, Virginia, 1760, died in Franklin county, Indiana, 1821, where he is buried. He came with the family to the Kanawha Valley in 1774, but later went west. He was married in Kanawha Valley, Dec. 7, 1794, to Miss Elizabeth Jarrett. It seems that soon after their marriage they settled in Indiana where they remained until death. Their descendants are numerous in several states, and some have become prominent.

I do not have a complete list of his descendants, and what I do have I learned from Miss Julia Wintz and Mrs. Harriett McCaskill, of Decatur, Illinois. For many years after I began my research work on the Morris family I could find no trace of Archilles Morris except the record of his marriage at Lewisburg.

He was sometimes called "Achilles," "Carlos," and "Kelles." His real name was probably the one initiating this sketch. When he applied for marriage license at Lewisburg he gave his name "Archilles." He is also known in history as "Carroll," though this was not his name.

All the names that follow are the descendants of Archilles Morris, Jr., son of the senior Archilles Morris. He was b. 1799, d. in Springfield, Illinois, April 11, 1872, m. at New Castle, Indiana, Dec. 13, 1824, Mary Watkins, b. in Indiana, 1808. In 1832 they settled in Decatur, Illinois, but later moved to Springfield. They had eleven children.
I. Fairanzina Morris, b. in Henry county, Indiana, Sept. 16, 1825, d., 1900, m. 1845, Hartwell Robinson, b. at Royalton, Vermont, 1815. Their children were:

1. Mary Elizabeth Robinson, b. 1846, 1859.
3. Cyrus S. Robinson, b. Aug. 3, 1851, d. 1915, m. Minnie Matthews, b. 1864. They had four children,
   (1) Hartwell Robinson, Jr., b. 1885, m. (first), Lucy Humphreys (divorced); (second), Olive Clark. Children by second marriage,
      (a) Jerome Leslie Robinson, b. 1908.
      (b) Shirley Robinson, b. 1910.
      (c) Mabel Lucretia Robinson, b. 1914.
      (d) William Robinson, b. 1916.
      (e) Charles Robinson, b. 1918.
      (f) John L. Robinson, b. 1923.
      (g) Grace F. Robinson, b. 1926.
   (2) Lucretia Robinson, b. 1887, Single.
   (3) Walter Robinson, b. 1891, m. 1914, Van Neida. Three children,
      (a) Bonnie Louise Robinson, b. 1916.
      (b) Glona Robinson, b. 1926.
      (c) Walter Crey Robinson, b. 1928.
   (4) Jerome Robinson, b. 1893, m. Maria Simmons (divorced). Two children,
      (a) Dorwin Everett Robinson, b. 1915.
      (b) Richard Jerome Robinson, b. 1918.
4. Philia H. Robinson, b. April 11, 1854, d. June 8, 1919, in Decatur, Ill., m. Bridget Ryan, b. 1860, d. 1926. Five children,
   (1) Mary Olive Robinson, b. 1882.
   (2) Allene Robinson, b. 1885, d. 1919.
   (3) John D. Robinson, b. 1887, d. 1927.
   (4) Edgar Robinson, b. 1894.
   (5) Philia Robinson, Jr., b. 1896.
   (The above five live in Decatur, Ill.)
5. Harriett H. Robinson, b. May 26, 1856, in Decatur, Ill., m. Daniel McCaskill, b. in Brown county, Ill., Sept. 21, 1845, d. April 27, 1923. They were married March 13, 1875. Mrs. McCaskill furnished me most of the data on this branch of the Morris family. She is living (1940) in Decatur, Ill. The McCaskills lived in Colorado 16 years, in Chicago, 23 years, finally settling in Decatur in 1921. Mr. McCaskill was a successful attorney at law. Their children are:
   (1) George E. McCaskill, b. Dec. 20, 1875, d. March 9, 1881.
(2) Oliver Leroy McCaskill, b. in Taylorville, Ill., Dec. 6, 1877. Moved with his parents to LaVeta, Col., where he attended public school. Later his parents moved to Pueblo, Cola., where he entered school in 1890, and where he was graduated in 1895. In 1896 they moved to Chicago where his father established a law office. Leroy was graduated from the University of Chicago in 1901, and from the law department of the University in 1905. After graduating he practiced law with his father six years. Nov. 1, 1912 he married Miss Fannie Bell, of Streator, Illinois. She was b. Oct. 17, 1896. They moved to Morgantown, W. Va., where he taught in the State University three years. From here he went to Cornell University where he taught ten years in the law department. From here he went to the University of Illinois where he has been teaching since. They have two children,-

(b) Daniel McCaskill, b. Sept. 5, 1920, at home.

II. Martha Morris, b. May 16, 1827, d. July 23, 1877, m. May 20, 1845, Thomas Bradley, b. Sept. 23, 1823, d. 1895. They were married in Macon county, Illinois. Their children,-


(1) Ira Curtis Bradley, b. Feb. 6, 1874, d. 1931.
(2) Effie May Bradley, b. Sept. 1, 1875, d. 1881.
(3) Laura Naud Bradley, b. Feb. 22, 1877, d. 1899.
(4) David Oscar Bradley, b. Nov. 21, 1878, d. 1920, m. April 8, 1908, Olive C. Marshall. Children,-

(a) Kermit Royal Ennis Bradley, b. Jan. 9, 1909, m. June, 1923, Mabel Hand.
(c) Robert Oscar Bradley, b. Dec. 20, 1913.
(e) Mary Louise Bradley, b. Nov. 8, 1919.

(5) Edna Bradley, b. May 9, 1884, m. Feb. 1, 1912, Clyde W. Pocock. Their children,-

(a) Clyde Wesley Pocock, b. June 27, 1923.
(b) Margaret Ella Pocock, b. Aug. 12, 1912.
(c) Iola Esther Pocock, b. June 9, 1914.


(1) Edward Handel, b. Aug. 20, 1872, d. April, 1924.
(2) Ralph Handel, b. Oct. 18, 1874.
(3) Joseph Handel, b. Sept. 25, 1876.
(6) Dott Handel, b. Sept. 15, 1884.
(7) James Handel, b. Nov. 28, 1886.

3. Lunetta Laura Bradley, b. May 27, 1860, m. July 8, 1878.


(b) Jane Lenora Anderson, b. Sept. 6, 1929.

(2) Ocie Danford, b. July 26, 1881, m. Otto E. Kunard.
(3) John C. Danford, b. Aug. 21, 1883, m. Alna J. Law, 1906.
(4) Clyde F. Danford, b. May 16, 1885, m., 1911, Mary T. Anderson.


Charles and Elizabeth (Morris) Renshaw were m. March 15, 1849 in Decatur, Illinois. She died, Feb. 2, 1913, at Henesey, Okla. Their children were:

1. Charles Renshaw, b. March 2, 1851, m. a Maris.
2. William Achillas Renshaw, b. April 11, 1853, m. (first), Laura Platt; (second), Maggie McCarty. One child,-
   (1) William Renshaw, Jr.
3. Edward Renshaw, b. at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Dec. 28, 1853, m. twice but I know the names of neither of his wives.
5. Governor L. Renshaw, b. Aug. 21, 1863, m. also a McCarty, and had two children.
7. Olive Hattie Renshaw, b. June 11, 1872, m. a Kinnett, and had one child,-
   (1) Herrin Renshaw. (Two boys died infants).

IV. Armstead Morris, b. March 9, 1831, m., 1860, Mary Ann Cheek, b. Feb. 8, 1834. They settled in a village in Kansas which was named "Achilles" for his father.

V. Achilles Morris, the III, b. Feb. 6, 1834. In 1860 he went to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he married Maria T. French. In 1862 he moved to North English, Iowa, and in 1899, he moved to Tyler, Minn., and again he moved in 1912, to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he d. Oct. 24, 1914. His wife d. April 23, 1920. Their children are:

  (this family was in Macon Co., Ill. 1860, a carpenter, with one child, Bion F. age 1) Page 22.
1. William C. Morris, m. Ella Romans in 1887. Their children:
   (1) Bion F. Morris,
   (2) McKinley H. Morris,
   (3) Gail Morris,
   (4) Wallace Morris,
   (5) Edna Morris,
   (6) Nola Morris,
   (7) Ruth Wilma Morris,
   (8) Harriett Morris.

2. Thomas A. Morris, m. Pearl Divilbliss. He is in the retail hardware business in Keota, Iowa. Their children:
   (1) Sheldon Morris,
   (2) Thomas Morris,
   (3) John Morris,
   (4) Marion Morris
   (5) Dorothy Morris
   (6) Harriett Morris.

(Notes - Thomas A. Morris was b. 1869).

3. Frank C. Morris, b. May 7, 1874, m. 1896, Jennie May Huddleston, b. April 3, 1869. They have been living Fort Dodge, Iowa, since 1905. Their children:
   (1) Willia Clare Morris, b. March 18, 1897, single. Lives at Omaha, Neb.
   (2) Achilles Clyde Morris, b. April 17, 1900, d. Nov., 1900.
   (3) Paul F. Morris, b. Oct. 9, 1905, m. Nov. 1, 1927, Audrey Doan, divorced, May 31, 1931. They had one son,
   (a) Thomas Charles Morris, b. May 18, 1931.
   (4) Cleo M. Morris, b. Aug. 20, 1905, m., 1917, George H. Porter. They live in Dayton, Iowa. Children,
      (a) Ellen M. Porter, b. April 25, 1918.
      (b) Cleo Maria Porter, b. June 6, 1921.
      (c) Thomas H. Porter, b. Dec. 14, 1925.
   (5) Mary Gail Morris, b. Nov. 27, 1902, m., 1923, William Schuleenburg. One child,
      (a) Jack Adrian Schuleenburg, b. March 14, 1926. They live at Fond du Lac, Wis.

4. Charles R. Morris, b. Dec. 28, 1876, m., June 2, 1904, Floy Clark, b. 1881. Their children,
   (1) Philip Morris, b. July 27, 1907. He is in the Aviation Department U.S. Navy.
   (2) Winnefried Morris, b. May 3, 1912, and lives in Ottumwa, Iowa.

5. Lizzie Bell Morris, m. in Kansas City, Mo., Charles H. Smith. He was a newspaper publisher. He established the "LINCOLN SUN" in Lincoln, Ark., in 1925. He d. in 1929. His son,

VI. Thomas Morris, b. April 20, 1837, m. Rebecca Shaw. No issue.
VII. Julia Ann Morris, b. Dec. 8, 1841, m. Dr. George Watkins, of Kokana, Ind. One child,—


VIII. William A. Morris, b. Nov. 3, 1843, m. Rachael Brown. He served throughout the War Between the States in the Union army. Children,—

1. Fred Morris, 4. Raymond Morris,
2. Otis Morris, 5. William Morris,

IX. John R. Morris, b. April 11, 1848. Perhaps died young.

X. Marcus Lindsey Morris.

XI. David W. Morris, b. June 12, 1850, m., 1881, Emma Mc. Cune, b. 1832. Children,—

1. Ersel Morris, b. 1882, m., 1907, Mary Whistler. Living at Atwood, Kansas. Children,—

(1) Wayne Morris, b. 1907; (4) Vilder Morris, b. 1915,
(2) Claud Morris, b. 1909; (5) Vonda Morris, b. 1917,
(3) Warren Morris, b. 1911; (6) Ersel Morris, b. 1920,
(7) Gerald Morris, b. 1925.

2. Ray Morris, b. 1895, m., 1906, Cricket Bruce. Children,—

(1) Willa Morris, b. 1906;
(2) Devon Morris, b. 1908;
(3) Erman Morris, b. 1910, m., 1926, Ray Alderick. One child,—

(a) Donald Eugen Alderick, b. 1931.

(4) Yearel Morris, b. 1913.

(5) Reva Morris, b. 1915. (8) Bruce Morris, b. 1923, d. 1927.
(7) Cleo Morris, b. 1920. (10) Beaverly Morris, b. 1930.

3. Pearl Morris, b. 1906, m., 1904, C. A. Robbins. They live in Achilles, Kansas. Children,—

(1) Thelma Robins, b. 1906. (3) Vclidean Robins, b. 1909.
(2) Vance Robins, b. 1907. (4) Anna Robins, b. 1917.

4. Audrey Morris, b. 1890, m., 1905, G. A. Bruce. They live in Hisshey, Nebr. Children,—

(1) Merle Bruce, b. 1906.
(2) Thomas Bruce, b. 1908, m., 1931, Gladys Shank. One child,—

(a) Thomas Dean Bruce, b. 1931.
(3) Delphia Bruce, b. 1912, m., 1923, Stewart Coker. Children,—

(a) Corrinna Joyce Coker, b. 1920.
(b) William Stewart Coker, b. 1922.

(4) Harold Bruce, b. 1914.

5. Mayne Morris, b. 1890, m. (first), a Mr. Ford, by whom she
had one child, viz:

(1) Lulah Ford, b. 1908. Mayme Morris n. (second) C. E. Whistler, 1912, by whom she had three children,
(2) Theda Whistler, b. 1912.
(3) Jessie Whistler, b. 1915.
(4) Garnett Whistler, b. 1919.

6. Roxalana Morris, b. 1892, m., 1912, G. W. Bruce. Children,
(1) Erna Bruce, b. 1912
(2) Harlan Bruce, b. 1917.
(3) Billy Bob Bruce, b. 1930. NOTE, G. W. & ROXALANA BRUCE

LIVE AT BEDFORD, KANSAS (1940).
LEV I M O R R I S, S R , son of William Morris, Sr., and Elizabeth Stepp Morris, was born in Virginia, 1763, died in what is now Kanawha county, W. Va., 1834. He secured license at Lewisburg, now W. Va., and married, May 22, 1888, Margaret Jarrett. He was previously married to Margaret Starke, but as the marriage occurred in Virginia I have no record of this first marriage nor the time of her death.

It is claimed that Levi Morris came to Kanawha Valley in 1770. This is certainly a mistake, for at that time he was but seven years of age, and there is no authentic record that he entered the Valley in advance of the others who came in 1774. It seems that Levi, after his first marriage, settled at Alexandria, Virginia, opposite side of the Potomac from Washington, D.C. There is a tradition that he rode a mule from Alexandria and carried with him shop-made nails used in the first house built on the site where the city of Montgomery, W. Va., now stands. It is also claimed that Levi Morris was the permanent white settler in Fayette county (See "HISTORY OF FAYETTE," Paters & Carden, pp. 504-5). I quote:

"Levi Morris owned the lands from upper Creek near Handley to Armstrong Creek, his home site being at the mouth of Morris Creek upon the knoll now known as the 'Old Riggs Place.'...In the year 1837 in the partition deed between the heirs of Levi Morris an acreage was set aside to Amanda Brannon, his granddaughter, which with adjoining acreage acquired by purchase from other heirs of Levi Morris, comprise the present site of the city of Montgomery"--

(HISTORY OF FAYETTE COUNTY, p. 406).

LEVI and Margaret (Jarrett) Morris had the following children:
I. Cynthia Morris, married Lawrence H. Brannon. In 1834 Mr. Brannon owned 32 1/2 acres of land on Kanawha river, and in 1857 he owned 506 acres on New River.

Lawrence H. and Cynthia (Morris) Brannon had but one child,

1. Amanda Brannon, who died July 3, 1851. She married James C. Montgomery, b. Jan. 1, 1813. After Amanda's death Mr. Montgomery married, Jan. 6, 1853, Bridget S. Rice Muse. Mr. Montgomery was the founder of the city that bears his name. Miss Amanda Brannon was sent away to school by her parents and highly educated according to educational standards of that day. The land given her by her grandfather, Levi Morris, is where the city now stands. Concerning her I quote Peters and Cardon:

"Amanda Brannon was sent away to school by her parents and was educated according to the standards of the women of her day. A valued beaded bag being in the possession of her family, and so far as is now known being all that is in existence of her personal school-day creations. She came to her husband with two faithful servants, Clara and Milton, and with feminine finery that was unusual for the pioneer women of her day, and settled down to life as a farmer's wife in a farm-house built near the log house which was used for servant quarters. These buildings were near what is now the property of Mrs. T. J. Davis, commanding a view of a fertile farm and what has always been a beautiful valley." (HISTORY OF FAYETTE COUNTY, p. 406).

James C. and Amanda (Brannon) Montgomery had six children as follows:

(1) Lawrence B. Montgomery, b. 1840.
(2) Cynthia Montgomery, b. 1841.
(3) Henry S. Montgomery, b. 1843, m. Mary E.
(4) James W. Montgomery, b. 1846, d. 1920.
(5) John C. Montgomery, b. 1848, d. 1918, m. Margaret J.

I have the name of their only child,
(a) Dr. Lawrence C. Montgomery, d. Oct. 26, 1913, during the awful flu scourge.

(6) Samuel E. Montgomery, b. 1850.

*NOTE:* Some one should write a history of these Montgomeries as they have contributed a great deal to the prosperity and progress of the Kanawha Valley.

II. William Morris, second child of Levi and Margaret (Jarrett) Morris, m. Sarah Spurlock.

III. Benjamin Morris, m. Amanda Hamilton, and moved to Ray Co., Missouri. Miss Julia Wintz says: (1850 census and Ray Co., History)

"They traveled in ox wagons, with their cattle, household goods and slaves, making quite a caravan. His descendants are in the west." (CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL, APRIL 8, 1934).

IV. James Morris, b. 1796, d. 1868, m. Sarah Shelton, ceremony being performed by John Morris. They had twelve children,

1. George Washington Morris, fell on the ice and killed himself.
2. Levi Morris, m. Mary Voirs, and settled in North Carolina.
3. Benjamin Morris, b. 1844, m. Jan. 1, 1867, Anna Mary Montgomery, b. 1849. I have name of one child, m. Alfred O. Lea.
5. Susan Morris, m. Dickinson Morris, son of Leonard Morris by his second wife, Margaret (Larkin) Morris, her second cousin (See p. 163).
6. Amanda Morris, m. E.F. Flagg.
8. Ellen Morris, m. Silas Custer. One daughter, m. a Hinkley.
10. Margaret Morris, m. Joshua Harriman.
11. Emma Morris, m. (first), Dr. B.H. Early; (second), Gen. William Riggs. He lived at Glen Ferris.
12. Mary Morris, d. young.

V. George Washington Morris, m. March 12, 1834, Sarah A. Hamilton.

VI. Frances Morris, m. William Spurlock. Both died of Cholera.
They had seven children,—

1. Julia Spurlock, m. John Dean.

2. Cynthia Spurlock, b. 1811, d. 1874, at Frances (Hatten) Spurlock's home, South Point, Ohio. She m. Johnson Hatten, 1826. They had six children,—
   (1) Eliza Hatten, b. 1827, m., in West Virginia, Jesse Stith. They settled in Minnesota. They had a daughter, Frances.
   (2) Alvin Hatten, b. 1829, married Corrida Dwyer. Their children were,—
      (a) Geneva Hatten, m. and settled in Calif.
      (b) Leonidas Hatten, killed in a zinc mine by premature explosion. He was home on a vacation from school which he had been attending in Boston where he was studying law and was working during his vacation.
      (c) Lennie Hatten, d. at age 16 in Carthage, Missouri.
      (d) Lewis Hatten, m. Blanche Dale, of Carthage, Mo. He was drowned while bathing trying to save a friend at Little Rock, Ark.
   (3) Frances Hatten, b. 1833, m. Francis Marion Spurlock, b. 1833. They were no relation. He was from Cincinnati, Ohio. Both died, 1916, just 13 days apart. Their children,—
      (a) Thomas Spurlock. (d) William Spurlock.
      (b) Effie Spurlock. (e) Augusta Spurlock.
      (c) Margaret Spurlock. (f) Minnie Spurlock.

3. Evelyn Hatten, b. Shade Harriman.

4. Carolyn Spurlock, m. Stacy.

6. Marshall Spurlock, m. (first), a Gates; (second), Maggie

7. Martha Ann Spurlock, b. March 31, 1820, m. George Roberts Burgess, b. 1813. Married, 1836. They had 14 children,-

(1) Judge Goebel G. Burgess, m. Barbara Ferguson.
(2) Dr. George Roberts Burgess, m. Clara Ferguson.
(3) Rev. Strother Burgess, m. Carline Kinnes.
(4) John B. Burgess, m. Era Garrett.
(5) William Burgess, m. Tracy Holms.
(6) Octavia Burgess, m. George W. Andrews.
(7) Sarah Burgess, m. David Kinnes.
(8) Susan Margaret Burgess, b. 1845, m. John B. Wellman. Their children,-

(a) William Mc. Guffy Wellman, m. Alice May Goebel.
(b) Ceres Wellman, b. 1867, m. Ben Williamson. Their children,-


(bb) Geraldine Burgess Williamson, b. Feb. 13, 1898, m. May 10, 1922, Davis Pearl Geiger. Two children,-

(aaa) Ceres Wallace Geiger, b. July 26, 1924.


(c) Ben Williamson, Jr., b. March 3, 1900. Attended University of Virginia three years, m. Elizabeth Guthrie, of Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 1, 1923. They have two children,-

(aa) Margaret Lynn Williamson, b. April 23, 1924.


(9) Amelia Burgess, m. Perry Powell.

(10) Virginia Burgess, m. Columbus Pritchard.


(a) George Burgess Martin, b. Jan. 11, 1880.

(b) Davis S. Martin, b. July 10, 1884, m. Frances B. Kenna, b. Sept. 25, 1880. One child,-


(12) Alice Burgess, m. Prof. Taylor McClure.

(13) Catherine Burgess, m. Alfred Strother.

(14) Leonora Burgess, d. in infancy.

8. Sarah Spurlock, m. Sam Dean.
BENJAMIN MORRIS, SR
BENJAMIN MORRIS, SR., eighth son of William Morris, Sr., and Elizabeth (Stepps) Morris, b. in Culpepper county, Virginia, 1776, died in what is now Kanawha county, July 6, 1829. Thus it may be observed that he was but four years old when the family came to the Kanawha Valley in 1774. He owned much land and had many servants. In 1824 he built a brick house, just below where Montgomery, W. Va., now stands, on the north side of the river. In its day this was one of the best houses in the county. The fact that it still stands is evidence of the good workmanship and the sound material of which it was constructed. Over the doorway of this fine old mansion is a stone cut by the mason who did the work. When he came to the inscription to be put into this stone Mrs. Benjamin Morris suggested the following: "BEN MORRIS, BEAR HUNTER." This, of course, sprang from a sense of humor because he was one of the most successful hunters of that day. Of the ability of Ben Morris as frontier marksman, G. W. Atkinson, says:

"Benjamin Morris killed thirteen bears during one afternoon's hunt in the Kanawha bottom a few miles above Charleston, and it was not considered, by any means, extra hunting, though he was one of the best hunters of his day" - (HISTORY OF KANAWHA, P. 75).

There were plenty of bears in those days, the valley being full of them. There was a "bear crossing" in front of where the court house now stands. They would swim the Kanawha river going north and south. Atkinson says:

"The wide, level bottom on which Charleston stands, was studded formerly with beech timber, and the pin-
neer hunters would come here every fall, from all the neighboring settlements, to kill their winter's bear meat. The bears would get so fat and lazy from eating the beech mast, that they would hardly move out of the way of the hunter. I am informed the hunter would walk in among the hundreds of bears, which would be busily occupied, with their noses concealed in the leaves, rooting for mast, and that, after selecting only the fattest, he would place the muzzle of his rifle almost against his victim's heart, and shoot him dead, without even momentarily disturbing the scores of others still rooting round them. Hundreds of bears were killed here in this manner every fall, and salted down by the pioneers, for winter use" - (HISTORY OF KANAWHA, p. 75).

In addition to being a good hunter and sportsman, Benjamin Morris was a level-headed, far-sighted business man. At his death he left a large estate, both in Kanawha and Greenbrier counties.

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Benjamin Morris married, Nov. 12, 1798, Nancy Jarrett, daughter of James Jarrett, Sr., of Muddy Creek, Greenbrier county. Elder John Alderson, a pioneer Baptist preacher, performed the ceremony. Nancy (Jarrett) Morris died in 1832. She and Benjamin belonged to the old Kanawha Baptist church.

Their children were:

I. Achilles Morris was a captain in the Mexican war and died in Mexico, leaving 11 children. He was appointed in his father's will to purchase land for his sister, Frances.

II. Frances Morris, married William Shelton. It was he who built the brick house for his father in law, Benjamin Morris. He was a good and skilled workman. I am informed he migrated west.

III. Virginia Morris, married J. Kincaid, of Ohio.

IV. Catherine Morris, married Miles Hanser. Miss Julia
Wintz, writing in the "CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL," April 15, 1934, says: "Laidley states she married Dr. Miles Manser, but that is an error. Eva, granddaughter of Levi, married Dr. Manser." Let us examine this matter and see if there were not two Miles Mansers. The Miles B. Manser that married Eveline (not "Eva") H. Morris, Levi's granddaughter, was born in 1831, and Eveline was born in 1836. By reference to the records of Fayette county we find a Miles Manser before 1831, when one of them was born. He was a county "trustee" Jan. 29, 1830; the county court met at his house in May, 1831; he was a member of the county court in 1834; he had a store in 1835; he was appointed toll collector for the James River and Kanawha Co., Dec. 30, 1837; the governor of Virginia appointed him sheriff in 1842. More could be given, but this should clear away the difficulty. Mr. Morris Harvey was born in 1821, and was seven years of age when Benjamin Morris, Sr., died, and was ten years old when the Miles Manser who married Eveline H. Morris was born, and was fifteen years old when Eveline was born. I visited Mr. Harvey in his beautiful home in Fayetteville and he gave me much information. He gave me the names of the Manser children. There were five of the children,-

1. Edna Manser;
2. Eunice Manser;
3. Miles Manser, Jr;
4. Augustus Manser;
5. Virginia Manser.

V. Jane Morris, married Jacob Johnson, of Monroe County, now West Virginia. They settled in Bloomingdale, Illinois, in 1854. They had ten children as follows:
1. Morris Johnson; 5. Virginia Johnson; 
2. Clark Johnson; 6. Madora Johnson; 
3. Lewis Johnson; 7. Eliza Johnson; 
4. Achilles Johnson; 8. Bell Johnson; 
9. William Johnson, located at Bloomingdale, Illinois, where he owned a beautiful suburban home, surrounded by one thousand acres of fertile and valuable land.

10. Evelyn Johnson, b. Nov. 25, 1823, married Ira Jarrett, great-grandson of James Jarrett, whose daughter, Nancy, married Benjamin Morris, Sr. Ira Jarrett was born Oct. 3, 1809, died Jan. 11, 1855. They had five children,-

(1) Johnson Jarrett, b. Aug. 10, 1843, d. April 15, 1862.
(2) Leonard Jarrett, b. Nov. 17, 1845, m. 1868, Nora Deal, of Bloomingdale, Illinois. Their children were,-
   (a) Myrtle Jarrett, m. Rev. T. S. Fowler, of Nebr.
   (b) Evelyn Jarrett, m. a Mr. Haynes, of Lincoln, Nebr.
   (c) Alice Jarrett.
   (d) Lytton Jarrett.

(3) Andrew Jarrett, b. Dec. 17, 1847, m. Alice M. Argubright, of Muddy Creek, W. Va. They had three children,-
   (a) Laura Jarrett, b. June 27, 1872. Lived with her parents at Genoa, Wisconsin.
   (b) Delta Ira Jarrett, b. Feb. 26, 1874, m. Maud Tinton. They located in Chicago where he practiced law. Three children,-
      (aa) Alice Margaret Jarrett.
      (bb) Evelyn M. Jarrett.
      (cc) Lucile Jarrett.
   (c) Ora Johnson Jarrett, Dec. 4, 1875. He practiced law in Bloomingdale, Illinois.

   (a) Myra Jarrett, b. Aug. 1, 1890.
   (b) John J. Jarrett, b. April 2, 1892.
   (c) Clark S. Jarrett, b. Oct. 11, 1893.

(5) Mary Catherine Jarrett, b. March 10, 1852, m. Oct. 8, 1879, John Campbell, a physician. They also settled in Bloomingdale, Illinois. I have name of but one child,-
   (a) Mattie J. Campbell, b. March 18, 1881, d. July 31, 1889.

VI. Celia Morris, died Jan. 4, 1836, m. Captain John Harvey, Feb. 16, 1816. He was born Feb. 4, 1778, died April 1, 1849.

Their children were:

1. Nancy Harvey m. George P. Huddleston. Their home and farm were where the town of Boomer now stands. He had a good home and kept summer boarders. Mrs. John Kyle, now (1940) of Trinidad, Colo., says: "He had a nice, comfortable
home and kept summer boarders. It was a beautiful place to live and the surroundings were always well kept"—"HISTORY OF FAYETTE," p. 596). They had three daughters,—

(1) Celia Huddleston, m. Warren Hibbard, and settled in Pasadena, Calif. I have names of two children,—
(a) Lee Hibbard;
(b) Ollie Hibbard.

(2) Octavia Huddleston, m. (first), T. J. Barger, a physician; (second), Moses A. Trimble. Two children by first marriage,—
(a) Blanche Barger, m. Alfred Preston.
(b) Nellie C. Barger, m. R. J. Stegall.

(3) Minnie Huddleston, m. Samuel Burgessley, and settled in Toronto, Canada.

1. Morris Harvey, born Feb. 16, 1821, died, April 5, 1903, m. May 4, 1871, Rosaltha Moore Dickinson, daughter of Hudson M. and Bettie A. (Landcroft) Dickinson. She was born Dec. 7, 1844, died Dec. 1, 1921. Mrs. Harvey's father was born in Nelson county, Va., Sept. 23, 1805, and her mother was born Jan. 6, 1811. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey are buried in Fayetteville, W. Va. Mr. Harvey was born near Prosperity, now Raleigh county, W. Va., and Mrs. Harvey was born in Fayetteville, W. Va. When Mr. Harvey was four years of age his parents moved to Cannelton, Kanawha county, where his early years were spent and his early education acquired. In 1871 Rev. R. C. Wiseman was holding a revival meeting when Mr. Harvey was converted, and joined the Methodist Church, South. In 1884 the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church was organized, and Mrs. Harvey became the treasurer, which position she held until her death in 1921. A beautiful granite monument marks the resting place of Morris and Rosaltha Harvey. They owned a beautiful home in Fayetteville. It was my privilege to visit them in their home and share their hospitality, which was always generous. Mr. Harvey was worth considerable money, at one time this amounted $200,000, and at his death his estate was $58,000. He gave large sums to the college bearing his name. This college was first located at Barboursville, W. Va., but later moved to Charleston. The buildings at Barboursville still stand. In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey gave their entire fortune to the college, and the name was changed to Morris Harvey College. This is an institution that the Morris family may be justly proud, much of its success being made possible by one in whose veins course the Morris blood. The Harveys had no children.

3. Elizabeth Harvey, b. 1823, m. J. W. Pryor, a physician. No issue.

4. Eddin Harvey, b. 1825.

5. Octavia Harvey, m. Robert Pryor, a physician. Their children,—
(a) Sarah Pryor, m. G. F. Cook, a physician, his first wife.
(b) Emma Pryor, m. G. F. Cook, his second wife.
(c) Fannie P. Pryor, m. Smith Pottenger.
6. Frances Harvey, m. (first), Baldwin L. Thacker, Nov. 20, 1849; (second), Captain Snelling C. Farley, of steamboat fame. By first marriage, one child,—

1. Walter E. Thacker, m. Rozena Martin. By second marriage, two children,—
2. Fannie Farley, m. (first), W. H. Fisher; (second), Daniel Blake.
   By first marriage two children,—
   (1) Harvey Fisher; (2) Clyde Fisher.
   By second marriage, three children,—
   (3) Barnard Blake; (4) Julia Blake; (5) Shirley Blake.
3. Harvey M. Farley, m. Ola Delaney. Two children,—
   (1) Prentice Farley; (2) Frances Farley.

VII. Eddin Morris, m. a Miss Edgar, of Greenbrier County.

VIII. Leah Morris, m. a Purdy. (see over)
ELIZABETH MORRIS, oldest daughter of William Morris, Sr., and Elizabeth (Stepps) Morris, was born in Virginia and came to Kanawha Valley with the family in 1774. While her name appears ninth in the list in her father's will, it is probable that she was older than Benjamin, or even the senior of Levi. Her only daughter Frances was married in 1800, and her husband, Carroll Morris, was born Nov. 2, 1779. She married Michael See who came from the South Branch of the Potomac River, near Moorefield. He was probably a son of George See and brother of Adam. After their marriage Michael and Elizabeth settled near the mouth of Kanawha river, in what is now Mason county. Concerning the death of Michael See, Atkinson says:

"In May, 1791, a party of eighteen whites were attacked by about thirty Indians, about one mile north of the fort at Point Pleasant, near the field now (1876) belonging to David Long. The whites were defeated. Michael See and Robert Sinclair were killed, Hampton and Thomas Northrop, and a black boy, belonging to See, were taken prisoners. This boy was a son of Dick Pointer, who acted so bravely a few years before at the attack on Donnally's fort, in Greenbrier. He became an Indian chief, and in the late war with Great Britain took part with the friendly Indians against the enemy" (HISTORY OF KANAWHA, p. 53).

Dr. J.P. Hale, in his "HISTORY OF KANAWHA VALLEY," speaks of Michael See living in his cabin near the walls of Fort Randolph long before "a white man had found a home at Marietta." The name of the negro boy mentioned above was Jonathan Pointer, and he had a brother belonging to Leonard Morris, Sr., whose name was Dick. After Dick grew to young manhood he decided to visit his brother among the Indians.
Morris furnished him a horse, bridle and saddle, and gave instructions as to how to travel in the direction of his brother. Dick started off with a jubilant spirit to visit his Indian Chief brother Jonathan. He was gone but two or three days when he returned. When asked why he returned so early, he explained that he thought it safer for his brother to visit him than for him to visit his brother in the Indian settlement.

After See died little is known of Elizabeth. Probably she remained in that section until the time of her death.

I have the name of but one child, and it is likely she had no more.

FRANCES SEE married Carroll Morris, son of William Morris, Jr., and Catherine (Carroll) Morris, and grandson of William Morris, Sr., and Elizabeth (Stepps) Morris. The marriage took place in 1800. They were first cousins. He was born Nov. 2, 1779. (See p. 29). Their children were:

I. Maria Morris, b. Dec. 25, 1807, d. April 20, 1841, m. John Hansford, a first cousin. (See p. 27). (32)

II. Harriett Morris, married James Clark.

III. Panthia Morris, m. (first), M. Greenlee; (second), Dr. Warren Day Everett.

IV. Minerva Morris, married Silas Reynolds.

V. Carroll Morris, Jr., died single.

VI. Letitia Morris, b. 1832, Norris L. Whitaker, b. 1808. It is said he was the first child born in Charleston, W. Va. (See "HISTORY OF KANAWHA," p. 35).
VII. Michael See Morris, died single.

VIII. Catherine France Morris, b. Nov. 30, 1813, d. Sept. 8, 1900, m., Feb. 2, 1842, Dr. William Bailey Sutherland, b. 1821, in Maysville, Ky., died at St. Albans, W. Va., March 18, 1885. Their children,—

1. Alice Sutherland, b. Oct. 21, 1843, in Aberdeen, Ohio, d., in St. Albans, Jan. 15, 1914, m., Oct. 5, 1864, Frederick W. Carel, b. in Gallipolis, Ohio, May 12, 1841, d. May 29, 1914. Both buried in Teays Hill Cemetery, St. Albans. At one time Mr. Carel owned and edited "THE ST. ALBANS REPORTER." He was a good writer. One of his editorials on "The Lumber Industry in W. Va.," was carried far and wide. During 1896, 1897, while I was a student in Shelton College, one of my "hang-out" places was Fred. Carel's printing office, where there was always a friendly welcome. They had six children,—

(1) Morris Whitney Carel, b. July 10, 1865, in Gallipolis, Ohio, d. May 12, 1924, at St. Albans, m., Nov. 26, 1914, Jenky Champe, b. in Fayette county, W. Va., July 5, 1890. They have four children,—

(a) Frederick Champe Carel, b. Sept. 27, 1916.

(b) Morris Whitney Carel, Jr., b. March 22, 1918.

(c) Mary Catherine Carel, b. Sept. 15, 1922, m. Dec. 15, 1936, Clarence Hancock.

(d) Davidson Carel, b. April 3, 1925.

(a) Audia Alice Davidson, b. April 22, 1895, m. June 9, 1920, Thomas David Peek, of Roanoke, Alabama, b. Dec. 4, 1885. One child,-

(aa) Saralice Peek, b. Jan. 11, 1927.


NOTE.- The second wife of Francis George Davidson, Sr., was Ruth Bevins.

3) Maria Madaline Carel, b. 1869, died 6 months old.


(a) John Frederick Chatham, b. July 19, 1893, d. Aug. 24, 1897.
(b) Charles Carel Chatham, b. April 30, 1895, m. Carolyn Kranse. They live in Erie, Pa.

5) Rose Smithers Carel, b. Sept. 13, 1873, m. June 20, 1893, James W. Shotwell, b. Nov. 7, 1866. They live in Norwood, Ohio. Their children,-

(a) Alda Marie Shotwell, b. Dec. 12, 1895.
(b) William James Shotwell, b. Dec. 16, 1897, m. Sept. 14, 1932, Mildred Marie Eller. They live in Indianappolins, Ind.

6) Frank Sutherland Carel, b. Dec. 5, 1876, m. Myrtle Thompson, of Meadow Bluff, W. Va. They live in Fresno, Calif. Their children,-

(a) Erna Thompson Carel, b. July 12, 1814, m. A. Ray. They live Fresno, Calif.
(b) Alice Charleen Carel, b. April, 1916, m. Delmas Mc.
Murtry. Residence in Salina, Calif.

(c) Marie Carel, m., and living in Fresno, Calif.

(d) Frances Carel, m., and living in Fresno, Calif.

(7) Catherine See Carel, b. Aug. 31, 1879, m. (first), Henry Staggs, of Kentucky; (second), Guy L. Burns. Children by first marriage,

(a) Marion Frederick Staggs.
(b) Clarence Staggs. Both living in Fresno, Calif.


Children by first marriage,

(1) John V. Sutherland, m. a Miss Linham.


Their children,

(a) Herbert Bryan
(b) Elizabeth Bryan
(c) Garrett Bryan

By his second marriage John H. Sutherland had two children,

(3) Henry Bailey Sutherland, m. Ella Holloran, and had four children,

(a) Eleanor Sutherland (c) Edward Sutherland.
(b) John Sutherland. (d) Henry Bailey Sutherland.

(4) Clifford Sutherland.
FRANCES MORRIS, named tenth in her father’s will, was born in Culpepper county, Virginia, but I do not know the time of her death. She may have been older than Benjamin, though those who write of her seem to think she was the youngest child. She also came to the Valley with the family in 1774. I do not know when she died, but her death occurred in the Kanawha Valley, and she sleeps in the Valley beside her husband. She married John Jones, born in Virginia in 1755. He was an Indian spy and scout, and was reared when times were perilous. In 1774 he came to the Kanawha Valley with General Andrew Lewis’ army, and fought in the battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774. Some think he was wounded in that skirmish, but others think this a mistake, and so the truth of it may never be known. He was a brave and very positive man. After the battle of Point Pleasant he returned to Culpepper county, enlisted in the Revolutionary War and fought until its close. He then returned to the Kanawha Valley where he remained until his death.

There is a family tradition that he could not sleep with any clothing on, and when the army reached Point Pleasant, October 9, 1774, the officers and soldiers had to look out for themselves a place to sleep. John Jones piled up some weeds and leaves, undressed and crawled under the pile, where he slept soundly until morning. The Indians attacked early and he was aroused from his slumber by the roaring of guns. Leaping from his improvised bed with nothing on his body
but his tow-linen shirt, he seized his gun, rushed into battle and began firing. In this garb he fought until the sun went down. He was not "court-marshalled" for being on "dress parade" during the battle, but, as Atkinson suggests, was permitted to live and tell the "naked" truth concerning the battle.

John and Frances Jones owned a great deal of land. In 1792 he owned two tracts of land on Kanawha river, one containing 359 acres, and the other 430 acres. In 1797 he owned 400 acres in Teays Valley, and a large tract on Paint Creek. The town of Clifton, later called Dego, now known as Pratt, was located on his land. The Jones home was on the spot where the beautiful home of Mrs. Emma Dickinson Early now stands at Pratt.

The following story will indicate the dangers to which pioneer settlers were exposed:

"Shortly after the beginning of the present century James Staten, Leonard Morris, Billy Morris, John Young, and John Jones came to Charleston to attend court. After remaining for several days and finishing the business that had brought them to the county-seat, they started to their homes, which were in the vicinity of the Falls of Kanawha. Late in the afternoon, as they were crossing a small branch, immediately below the village of Cannelton (now Montgomery), they were fired upon by a squad of Indians in ambush. Staten alone was killed, but two or three of the others were slightly wounded, and, letting their horses out to the top of their speed, made their escape" - (HISTORY OF KANAWHA, by Atkinson, p. 123).

Speaking of John Jones, W. S. Laidley says:

"In the Clifton Cemetery, just above the mouth of Paint Creek, on the Kanawha river, there will be found a modest marble monument, on which is engraved

"In memory of John Jones, who departed this life Jan. 7, 1833, aged 83 years. He was a member of the Baptist church 42 years."

Laidley also says the church to which Mr. Jones belonged was located at the mouth of Kelley's Creek, and was built by the Morrises and their friends, in the year 1796. This was the Old Kanawha church.

After his death the will of John Jones was probated. In this will he left his estate to Frances, his wife, who enjoyed its provisions until her death several years later. Some years ago the William Morris Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, visited their graves in a body, and restored their tombstones which had been greatly defaced by the weather.

John and Frances (Morris) Jones had eleven children, as follows:

I. Gabriel Jones was named for the great lawyer, Gabriel Jones, but if they were related I do not know it. Perhaps his father named him for the lawyer because of the high esteem in which he was held. Gabriel Jones did not remain with the family in the Valley but located in Culpepper county, Virginia. Further than this I know nothing.

II. William Jones, married and settled in Wayne county, Indiana.

III. Nancy Jones, married John Paddy Huddleston. He died Nov., 1862, and she died July, 1865. Mrs. John Kyle, speaking of the Huddleston home, says:

"Some people speak of this place as the Huddleston cabin, but this is an unwarranted appellation for this famous historic spot. It was at one time a most beautiful home, and the weeping willow trees gave it a very picturesque appearance. This historic tavern
was known as Traveler’s Inn. Daniel Boone stayed here on several occasions. He and John Paddy Huddleston were great friends and often trapped beavers on Gauley and Kanawha rivers. Mr. Huddleston in disposing of his property gave his sons the land and his daughters the money in hand." (FAYETTE HISTORY, p.589).

John Paddy Huddleston and Nancy (Jones) Huddleston, had several children. I have names of but two,-

1. Nathan Huddleston, m., Sept. 7, 1837, Elizabeth Rowland, the ceremony being performed by John Johnson. It is said they had six sons and six daughters, but I have names of only two,-

   (1) Mrs. Edna Clark-Valch; (2) Mrs. Nannie Rader.

2. Allen Huddleston, d. 1889. I have failed to learn his wife’s name, but it is claimed he had eight children, five sons and three daughters. I have names of but four,-

   (1) H. O. Huddleston, lived at Boomer, W. Va.
   (2) A. B. Huddleston, lived at Boomer.
   (3) Edward Huddleston, settled in Kentucky.
   (4) Mrs. John Creasy, lived in Kanawha county.

IV. Thomas Jones, died single.

V. Levi Jones, married Mary Thomas, and settled in Wayne county, Indiana.

VI. Frances Jones, named for her mother, married Sandifer Shelton. I have the name of but one child,-

1. Honorable Winston Shelton, b. 1816, married Mary Drennen, and had eleven children,-

   (1) Fannie Shelton, m. Benjamin Morris, son of William and Sarah (Hansford) Morris, a second cousin. (See pp. 25, 166).
   (2) Sarah Shelton, m. a Dunbar.
   (3) Maria Bell Shelton, m. Samuel Bell.
   (4) Blanche Shelton, m. Newman Winebrenner. Their children,-


(bb) Gayle Winebrenner, b. July 1, 1918.
(dd) Delmus Winebrenner, b. April 18, 1923.
(ce) Lola Blanche Winebrenner, b. Nov. 28, 1925.
(9g) Unamed, b. Feb. 18, 1930.
(hh) Ruth Winebrenner, b. March 17, 1934.

Mr. Winebrenner and his children are good singers, and I have been royally entertained in his home. He is nephew of the late George A. Winebrenner, who died in Greenbrier Co.

(b) Elsie Winebrenner, m. George Dunbar, by whom she had nine children.

c) Mamie Winebrenner, d. age 11.

d) William Winston Winebrenner, m. Ola Dorsey, and had three children,

(aa) Miriam Winebrenner.
(bb) Blanche Winebrenner.
(cc) William Winston Winebrenner, Jr.

e) Ida Winebrenner, m. Walter Robbins. Two children,

(aa) Ernest Robbins, m. Hazel White.
(bb) Stewart Robbins, single.

(f) Omega Winebrenner, m. Elmer Caldwell. Two children,

(aa) Elmer Caldwell, Jr.
(bb) Paul Caldwell.

g) Anna Winebrenner, m. Jerry Keeny. Two children,

(aa) Milicent Keeny.
(bb) Jack Keeny.


(6) John Winston Shelton, Jr., m. Margaret Neal. Children,

(a) James Shelton, d. age 21.
(b) Edward V. Shelton, m. Flora McCutchen. Two children,

(aa) James Shelton; (bb) Margaret Shelton.
(c) Julia Shelton, m. Walter Rader. Two children,

(aa) Mena Rader, m. Rev. Fred Messa, of Gauley Bridge.
(bb) Anna Mae Rader, m. an Odell (second husband).
(d) Needle Shelton, m. Edward Ford. Four children,

(aa) Harry Ford, m. Gladys McMillian.
(bb) Fonda Ford, m. Dana Dale, a music teacher. They live on Peter's Creek, near Gilboa.

(cc) Dayton Ford.
(dd) Alexander Ford, m. a Butcher.
(e) Grace Shelton, m. Arch McCutchen.
(f) Manning Shelton, m. Ruby Hill.
(7) Samuel Shelton, m. Adaline Stephens.
(8) Joseph Shelton, m. Anna Poage.
(9) Richard Shelton, m. (first), Annie Jennings; (second), Dora Downey.
(10) Taylor Shelton, d. young.
(11) Unnamed infant, d. at birth.

VII. Edward Jones settled in Wayne County, Indiana.

VIII. John Jones, probably m. Helen Willson, John Bragg performing the ceremony in Fayette County.

IX. Hillery Jones, m. Mary White. She died in 1865. They first settled at Paint Creek, Kanawha County, later in Fayette County, where they lived and died. They had eight children:

1. John Jones, m. Albertine Mooney. They had two children,—
   (1) Mary Jones; (2) William Jones.

2. William Jones, d. single.

3. Hansford Jones, m. Harriett Alvis.

   (2) Mary C. Jones, b. May 6, 1852, d. Sept. 20, 1887, m. Nov. 21, 1871, George Henry Clay Alderson, b. Oct. 23, 1844, d. July, 1936. He was son of Col. George Alderson and Eliza Ann (Davis) Alderson. While Col. George Alderson was toll collector for the James River and Kanawha Turnpike Co., at Lookout, Fayette County, in 1844 Henry Clay spent a night with him. Mr. Alderson asked his honorable visitor to name his baby, and Mr. Clay answered, "Name him for the two greatest men in the United States,— yourself and myself." Hence his name was George Henry Clay Alderson. George Henry C. and Mary C. Alderson had the following children:
   (a) Ida May Alderson, b. Dec. 2, 1872, d. June 17, 1907, m. Agustus Masters, son of William Masters. They lived for a time in Ansted, W. Va.; then moved to Paint Creek. While at Ansted I was Mrs. Masters' pastor. Gus's father owned the home in which we lived, letting the church use it without rental. They had the following children:
      (bb) Julian Jones Masters, b. Sept. 19, 1902. He was educated at University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins and Har-
vard University. Position: Cashier in bank, Lewisburg.


(c) Evalena Alderson, b. March 5, 1875, m. Sept. 11, 1912, Frederick A. Hummel, who d. April 13, 1923. No issue. She taught at Mt. Hope, W. Va.

(d) Cecil Warren Alderson, b. Nov. 8, 1876, m. July 1, 1921, Maude Nearns. Living in Charleston, W. Va., one child,


(e) Alice Eloise Alderson, b. Nov. 7, 1879, m. April 8, 1903, Isaac Henry Fry. Living at Princeton, W. Va. They have nine children,


(dd) Phil Henry Fry, b. July 16, 1907. Student in Aviation school, Panama Canal Zone.

(ee) Hale Fry, b. June 17, 1909.

(ff) Donald Klein Fry, b. Sept. 5, 1910.

(gg) Lena Eloise Fry, b. July 26, 1913.


(f) Zela Irene Alderson, b. Feb. 22, 1883, m. June 12, 1901, Arch Wesley Grant. No issue. In is ne the jewelry business, Memphis, Tenn.

(g) Herbert C. Alderson, b. Sept. 2, 1887, m. Nov. 30, 1916, Etma V. Smith, of Oakland, Calif. He d. Dec. 6, 1928, in Spokane, Wash. Two children,

(aa) Virginia Alderson, b. Nov. 8, 1918.

(bb) Winona Lee Alderson, b. 1921.

(h) Roy C. Alderson, b. Dec. 21, 1895, m. May 2, 1916, Mattie Hutchison. Living in Summersville, W. Va. Children,

(aa) Nancy Marian Alderson, b. May 8, 1918.

(bb) Bettie Jo Alderson, b. Dec. 18, 1919.

(cc) Peggy Anita Alderson, b. May 15, 1921.

(dd) Dorothy Lee Alderson, b. May 20, 1923.

(ee) John Henry Alderson, b. April 22, 1925.

(i) Nancy Jones, b. March 7, 1854, d. May 25, 1882, m. M. T. Davis. Their children,

(a) Ira Davis.

(b) Marie Davis, d. single.

(c) Madison Morris Davis.
(d) J.S. Davis, b. Sept. 24, 1880, m. Mary Lewis Morris, daughter John Hansford and (Felicity (Hill) Morris, a seventh cousin, b. Jan. 20, 1884. (For their children see p. 169).


(5) John Hansford Jones, b. Dec. 29, 1855, d. about 1909, m. Lilian Hosten, of Glasgow, Missouri. Their children,


(aa) Margaret Ward Jones, b. April 20, 1911, d. Sept. 21, 1937, m. Oct. 12, 1935, Max Walter Zuber, of L.Gail, Switzerland. One child,

(aaa) Margaret Ward Zuber, b. Sept. 21, 1937.

(bb) Barbara Jones, d. in infancy.

(b) Claud Ashton Jones, m. Margaret Cox. Two children,

(aa) Frank Cox Jones.

(bb) Peggy Boyd Jones.

(c) Ida Dakata Jones, single. With Kanawha Valley Bank, Charleston, W.Va.

(d) Ray Levi Jones, m. Carol Henderson. Three children,

(aa) Christine B. Jones.

(bb) Shirley Jones.

(cc) Dave De Lancy Jones.


(a) Grace Hamilton.

(b) Clarance Hamilton, a stenographer.

(c) Edward Hamilton, m. and lives at Oak Hill, W.Va.

(d) Nellie Hamilton.

(e) Bernard Hamilton, dentist.

(f) Elizabeth Hamilton.

NOTE—I endeavored to get further information of this family from members of the family but failed.


(a) Bestrem Rush,

(b) Clyde Rush,

(c) Leslie Rush,

(d) Howard Rush,

(e) Lillian Rush, m. J. Pettit.


(10) Minnie Levi Jones, b. Aug. 16, 1867, m. May 22, 1886, James L. Philips. Seven children,

(a) Annie C. Philips, b. March 1, 1887, d. Sept. 13, 1893.

(b) Kathleen Dillian Philips, b. Oct. 5, 1888.
(c) Leathia May Philips, b. Feb. 17, 1891.
(e) Madge Louise Philips, b. March 19, 1895.
(g) Hester Lee Philips, b. Jan. 1, 1898.

Two children,-
(a) Elsie Jones. (b) Frances Jones.


Charles Augustus and Madge Annie (Jones) Montgomery had two children,-
(a) Carl Huse Montgomery, b. 1892, d. Dec., 1929. He served overseas in the World War as 1st Sgt Medical Corps.
(b) Hale Montgomery, b. April 21, 1894, m. Oct. 10, 1924, Helen Clark, b. in Jefferson City, Mo., May 12, 1902. He served overseas in the World War as 1st Lieut. Infantry 336 Machine Gun Co. Mr. Montgomery is now with ADAMS & PECK, 63 Wall Street, New York City, N. Y. They have two children,-

5. Sarah Ann Jones, b. 1820, d. in Kansas, Nov. 18, 1891, m. Edward Ryan Morris, b. 1813, son of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, a third cousin. He d. in Kansas, Oct. 22, 1869, where he had settled the same year. He was b. on Peters Creek, Nicholas County, W. Va. (See p. 126 for their seven children).

war between the states he was a member of the Fayetteville Rifle Co. 22 Virginia Infantry. At the battle of Lewi-
sburg, May 23, 1862, 21 men out of 36 were killed, and William Sandige was among them. (See FAYETTE HISTORY, p. 219).

(2) Mary E. Sandige, b. Nov. 16, 1843, d. Aug. 18, 1855.

(3) E. Monroe Sandige, b. June 21, 1849, m. Dec. 27, 1877, L. C. Harshbarger. Seven children,-

(a) Earl H. Sandige, b. Sept. 17, 1889.
(b) Rosa B. Sandige, b. Oct. 1, 1878.
(c) William A. Sandige, b. March 19, 1882.
(d) Ludell L. Sandige, b. Jan. 10, 1884.
(e) Cay E. Sandige, b. March 27, 1890.
(f) David N. Sandige, b. April 21, 1888.
(g) Stuart N. Sandige, b. May 4, 1895.

(4) Joseph A. Sandige, b. July 27, 1852, d. in the summer of 1925. Married, March 12, 1872, Estella Nichols. They settled at Hico, on the Kanawha & James River Turnpike, in Fayette County, W. Va., where he owned a good farm. For some time he was postmaster at Hico. They were members of the Sunday School Baptist Church, and he was a faithful deacon. They had eight children,-

(a) Laura E. Sandige, b. Feb. 11, 1874, d. May 2, 1899.
(b) Wilbert N. Sandige, b. Oct. 11, 1875, killed by a large stone falling on him, June 25, 1895.
(c) Frederick L. Sandige, b. Sept. 3, 1877, m. and moved to Ohio.
(d) Frank E. Sandige, b. Sept. 2, 1882.
(e) Seth S. Sandige, b. Sept. 11, 1884.
(g) Nettie G. Sandige (twin), b. Sept. 10, 1887, m. George McVey. Their children,-

(aa) Eugene McVey, b. March 31, 1912, m. Dec. 24, 1934, Garnet Ewing. One child,-

(cc) John Edward Mc. Vey, d. in infancy.
(dd) Martha Mc. Vey, b. April 3, 1918.
(ee) George G. Mc. Vey, d. in infancy.
(ff) Richard Mc. Vey, b. May 9, 1927.
(h) Howard L. Sandige, b. June 23, 1893.

(5) R. W. Sandige, b. Nov. 17, 1854, m. 1883, Nannie Nugen. One child,-

(a) Eva M. Sandige, b. 1889.

7. Eliza Ann Jones, m. Leonard Morris, b. 1811, son of John and Jane (Brown) Morris, a third cousin (See p. 120 for their children).

8. Virginia B. Jones, m. Henry Bird, son of William C. and
Catherine (Morris) Bird, a fifth cousin. (For their children see p. 99).

X. Cynthia Jones, m. (first), a Funk; (second), Jabez Spinks.

XI. Benjamin Jones. I do not know whom he married, but it has been claimed that he was the father of Col. Duehring H. Jones, of the 60th Va. Infantry, Southern Confederate Army. Both Laidley and Miss Julia Wintz say he died at Lewisburg, and Miss Wintz says he was buried there. I have endeavored to ascertain the facts concerning his parentage and also his death and burial at Lewisburg, but have found nothing more than these bare statements which were given without proof. I consulted State School Supt., Hon. W. W. Trent, and he did not know. Being interested himself, as his father belonged to the 60th Va. Infantry, he wrote the school supt. of Greenbrier to make an investigation, but I heard nothing further from it. None of the histories consulted give me light upon the matter. Col. Jones was a resident of Fayette county (see FAYETTE HISTOBY, by Carden & Peters, p. 375), and was taken prisoner and confined in prison on Johnson's Island, in Lake Erie. While in prison he wrote books, one of which was: "Prison, Prose and Poetry," and another he wrote was a history of Rev. William G. Margrave, a pioneer Baptist preacher. My maternal grandmother was baptized by Rev. Mr. Margrave (see p. 96). For sketches of the career of Col. B. H. Jones, see FAYETTE HISTORY, pp. 184, 186, 191, 375, 743; and on pp.
he tells his own story of "THE DIXIE RIFLES," or his "BLUNDERS AS A CONFEDERATE CAPTAIN." This amusing and authentic story is worth repeating here but I have not the space.
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