The Meteer Family

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First Generation

The name of the parents of the earliest known McTeer family members are unknown at this time, although a case was made by Worth S. Ray in “Patriots Index: Tennessee Cousins”, p.290-291 in 1950 that brothers James and William McTeer of Augusta County, Virginia are the sons of Robert McTeer, who left a will in Lancaster County, Virginia in 1775. However, that will does not mention James or William. Mr. Worth further suggested that James and William along with several other siblings, were living in Nottingham Hundred of Cecil County, Maryland in 1750. Evidence shows that this couple did have a son named William McTyre who died in North Carolina about 1778. This means he cannot be the William Meteer with whom this history is concerned, who died in Montgomery County, Kentucky in 1803.

The Doak and Mitchell families were found there with them as well as in the records of Augusta County, Virginia. This is evidence that the Augusta County McTeer family may have originated in Cecil County, Maryland but so far, that is all that is available to support that theory.

Unknown McTeer – Married Elizabeth Wright. Probably the most solid evidence for the parentage of the Augusta County Meteers comes from a deed in that county in 1753. Samuel and Ann Braford sold 200 acres in Beverley Manor to “Elizabeth Mateer (McAttore), alias Wright”, identified as a widow. It was witnessed by William Finly and William Wright. In 1774, this deed was recorded by James Meteer in Augusta County. This deed indicates that an Elizabeth Wright, widow of a Mr. Mateer/McAttore, purchased land in 1753, which was deeded to her son James Meteer in 1774, probably after her death.

Issue:

i. Elizabeth McTeer
   m. Matthew Kinkead
   On May 28, 1764, Mathew Kincead witnessed a deed by David & Winifred Kincead in Albemarie Co. Virginia. Mathew wrote his will on June 2, 1775 in Augusta County, Virginia. Issue: David, John, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary Anne.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA. WILL BOOK NO. V. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Page 445.--2d June, 1775. Mathew Kincead's will, farmer--To wife, Elizabeth; to daughters; to children, infants; to eldest son, David, the upper plantation; to son, John, the lower plantation, infant; to child wife now bears; to daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah, Mary Anne. Executors, wife and William McTeer. Teste: William Kincead, John Hodge, Saml. Lockridge. Proved, 19th November, 1776, by Wm. Kincead. 19th November, 1776 (?), further proved by John Hodge and Lockridge. Elizabeth qualifies.
Second Generation

1. James McTeer, or Meteer, as the family name was more commonly known in later years, was born probably about 1735-40 to Mr. ___ and Elizabeth (Wright) McTeer. He is said by one researcher to have lived in Nottingham Hundred of Cecil County, Maryland in 1750. Worth S. Ray states that James married to Elizabeth Thankful Doak, born May 14, 1747 at Tinkling Spring, Augusta County, Virginia, to Samuel and Jane (Mitchell) Doak.

   The earliest reference we have to James came in August 1758 when he served in the French and Indian War from Augusta County, Virginia, in Captain Alexander Sayers’ Company. There is a reference in Rockbridge County, Virginia in 1765 for claims of horses and provisions impressed by the militia, for “James Mateer”. On May 20, 1772, James purchased 36 acres in Beverley Manor at Cave Hill. On June 10, 1772, he appraised the estate of Samuel Doack in Augusta County, Virginia (father of Elizabeth)

   This deed from 1753 was delivered to James Mateer in 1774: “Samuel Braford and Ann to Elizabeth Mateer (McAttore), alias Wright, widow. Sold by Beverley to Samuel Brawford in Beverley Manor. Cor. Samuel's tract purchased of John Buchanon; lines of John Mitchell and SAMUEL DOACK.”
This deed links James Meteer to his mother, Elizabeth (Wright) Meteer.

James Meteer wrote his will in Augusta County on August 2, 1793. It was probated in September, 1793. His will listed sons William, James and Samuel and wife Elizabeth. It was witnessed by David & Samuel Doak and James Mitchell among others. Worth S. Ray states that Elizabeth was the daughter of Samuel Doak and Jane Mitchell. Her brother Samuel Doak (1749-1830) was a famous pioneer preacher and the first president of Washington College near Greenville, Tennessee. Elizabeth (Doak) Meteer died on December 20, 1848 in Johnson City, Sullivan County, Tennessee.

Issue:

i. William Meteer b.

3. ii. James Meteer b.ca.1778 d. Dec 1812

iii. Samuel Meteer d.1804

Samuel witnessed the will of David Doaks on June 20, 1799. Samuel witnessed a marriage bond in Augusta County, June 9, 1801. Samuel wrote his will on June 24, 1803, which was probated March 26, 1804. He gave to brother James Meteer a tract given to himself by their brother William. He also listed sister Betsy, brother James and William, the son of his sister Sally. The will was executed by sister Betsy and brother James. He had no children.

iv. Elizabeth Meteer “Betsy”
m. January 1805 Michael Campbell Betsy inherited land owned by her brothers William and Samuel.

v. Sarah Meteer b.?
m. Mr. Moore Sally had a child named William.

2. William McTeer or Meteer was born about 1740-47, to Mr. ______ and Elizabeth (Wright) McTeer. He married about 1770 in Augusta County, Virginia to Sarah McKittrick, baptized in September 1747 at the Old Stone Church in Augusta County, Virginia, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Armstrong) McKittrick. William “Meteer” witnessed a deed on March 20, 1770 in Augusta County. William Meteer on April 7, 1770 purchased 520 acres on the Great Calfpasture tract in Augusta County, Virginia for 215 lbs from David & Winnifred Kinkead and John & Elizabeth Kinkead. The deed was recorded August 8, 1791 in Augusta County Court, just prior to his leaving for Kentucky. William’s last name was spelled as “Meteer” on most records in Augusta County.

On November 16, 1773 in Augusta County Court, William McTeer was appointed a road overseer. On June 2, 1775, William executed the will of Mathew Kinkead in Augusta. His wife is said to have been Elizabeth McTeer, probably a sister of William. During the American Revolution he performed patriotic and public service for the cause of the Colonial troops. William appraised the estate of James O’Neal on April 21, 1778. He appraised the estate of Lanty Graham on March 16, 1780.
According to a biography of his son Robert Meteer, William, his wife Sarah and their daughter Elizabeth Meteer came to Kentucky and was one of the earliest settlers in the district later known as McTeer Spring, situated on the present Lexington turnpike, 6 miles from the town of Mt. Sterling in Montgomery County. In September 1791 William Meteer, a ruling Elder of the Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church, had received a letter of dismission and recommendation from that congregation when they left to move to Kentucky:

Document signed and signed by a Presbyterian minister, John Montgomery, V.D.M. stated that “William and Sarah Meteer and daughter Elizabeth Meteer, were baptized into the church and partook of the Lord's Supper at Rocky Ridge – September 19, 1791”

This letter was found nearly 200 years later in an old trunk by family members. William built a good farm out of the wilderness and was highly respected in this community.

According to a biography of his son Robert Meteer, William, his wife Sarah and their daughter Elizabeth Meteer came to Kentucky and was one of the earliest settlers in the district later known as McTeer Spring, situated on the present Lexington turnpike,

William Meteer gave funds for a minister, Rev. Joseph Howe, as a member of the Little Mountain Congregation in Montgomery County, Kentucky, March 17, 1795. William deeded 100 acres located on the Hingston Fork of the Licking Creek to Andrew Hodge, December 6, 1802. He made a settlement that same day to Andrew and Isabella Hodge of Champaign Co. Ohio. William wrote his will in Montgomery County, which was probated on June 27, 1803. He left land in Bourbon County, Kentucky to sons Robert, William, Thomas and Samuel. The dates of birth for most of the children listed below came from a scrap of paper, possibly copied from a bible record, held by Gary L. Meteer of Pomona, California in 1968. He was a great-grandson of James Harrison Meteer (1833-1915).

Issue:

4. i. Isabella Meteer
   b.12-16-1769 d.12-6-1823
   ii. Elizabeth Meteer
   b.9-7-1772 d.ca.1839
   m.12-25-1794 John Hamilton Hodge (Clark Co. Ky.) (d.1802)
   Elizabeth wrote her will on August 10, 1839 in Montgomery Co. Ky., witnessed by her brother Thomas Meteer.
5. iii. William Meteer
   b.7-8-1773
6. iv. Thomas Meteer
   b.8-18-1775 d.8-19-1847
7. v. Robert Meteer
   b.8-30-1777 d.2-22-1835
   vi. Samuel Meteer
   b.ca.1779
   Samuel Meteer was a private in the 5th Regiment (Lewis’) of Kentucky Volunteers during the War of 1812.
   vii. Mary Meteer “Polly”
   b.8-17-1779 d. abt 1807
   m.12-29-1803 William Gilkey (Montgomery Co. Ky.)
Resided near Mt. Sterling, Montgomery Co. Ky. after marriage. The children are buried in the Machpelah Cemetery, Mt. Sterling.

Issue:
i. Sally Meteer Gilkey  b. 1-21-1805  d. 1-17-1827
ii. Charles Preston Gilkey  b. 7-27-1807  d. 6-13-1864

viii. Sally Meteer  b. 1-16-1782
Listed in the 1803 will of her father William.

Tombstone of Jane (Hill) Meteer, Springfield, Kentucky. Taken by Patrick Pearsey, 2004

ix. Jenny Meteer “Jane”  b.8-20-1788  d.7-1-1825
m.3-6-1811 Thomas Hill (Montgomery Co. Ky) (1781-1847)
Jenny is buried in the Springfield Church cemetery, near Sharpsburg, Bath Co. Ky.

Third Generation

3. James Meteer was born about 1778 in Augusta County, Virginia to James and Elizabeth (Wright) Meteer. James married in February 1805 to Jane “Jenny” Mitchell in Augusta County, Virginia, born December 1, 1782 to Thomas and Elizabeth (Wales) Mitchell. On March 11, 1796, a tract of land purchased by his father in 1772 was finally recorded by James. James witnessed the will of David Doaks on June 20, 1799. In 1804 he inherited land from his brother Samuel. James wrote his will on October 25, 1812 in Augusta County, which was probated in December of that year. He died in December 1812 according to Thomas Mitchell’s 1829 affidavit. He listed his wife Jane and children William McTeer, Mitchel McTeer, Eliza McTeer and Isabella McTeer and brother William. It was executed by wife Jane and David Mitchell Jr. His children used the spelling “Mateer”. After remarrying to William Mateer, cousin of her former husband James Meteer, Jenny died in September 1824, according to an affidavit in 1829 by Thomas Mitchell.
Issue:

i. William Meteer  
   b.ca.1805  
   d.ca.1844  
   m.8-27-1829 Sarah Hunter (Callaway Co. Mo.)  
   (1804-1842)  
   In 1834 in Augusta County, Virginia, William filed a chancery suit in court over the will of his father, along with his sister Eliza Hanna. He died in Gasconade Co. Mo. See Appendix for two letters he wrote 1827-1829 to a cousin, John McClure. They lived in Monroe County, Missouri, 1834-36 and Ralls County from 1839 onward.

ii. Eliza Meteer  
   b.ca.1808  
   m. David Hannah

iii. Isabella Meteer  
   b.ca.1810  
   d.1840-50  
   m.9-21-1837 John D. Hutchinson 1809-1881 (Callaway Co. MO.)  
   John D. Hutchinson graduated from medical school at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, 1837. He moved afterward to Callaway County, Missouri and married Isabella. He is buried in an unmarked grave in Montgomery Co. Ark.

In a letter from Callaway County, Mo., June 24, 1830, I read that Isabella Mateer was taken sick on her way out and that "Mr. Hannah took a carriage and brought her home." One would judge from the Augusta records that the Mateers, Mitchels, Doaks and Hannahs were related.

Source: Danny Watts.

iv. Mitchell Meteer  
   b.12-11-1812  
   d. 10-8-1861  
   m.8-12-1845 Mary B. “Polly” Hanna (Monroe Co. Mo.) (1811-Resided Monroe County, 1850. Polly Meteer was listed as an “Old Settler” of Monroe County, 1889.

Issue:

i. John W. Meteer  
   b.ca.1846
ii. James Porterfield Meteer  b. 2-21-1849  d. 12-12-1922  
m. Frances Margaret Upton  
Buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Paris, Monroe County, MO.

![Tombstone of Andrew and Isabella (Meteer) Hodge]
Asbury Cemetery, Clark County, Ohio
Photograph taken by Chris Dunn for Findagrave.com

4. Isabella Meteer, daughter of William and Sarah (McKittrick) Meteer, was born December 16, 1769 in Augusta County, Virginia. She married September 6, 1791 in Augusta County, Virginia to Andrew Hodge, born November 22, 1770 in Calfpasture, Bath County, Virginia, died March 7, 1858, Pleasant City, Clark County, Ohio. Isabella died on December 6, 1823 in Clark County, Ohio. This family settled in Clark County, Kentucky about 1791 with her father’s family, which became Montgomery County, Kentucky in 1796. In 1808, they moved to Clark County, Ohio.

The following biography comes from a 1900 genealogy on the Hodge family and details their family.

**Hodge Genealogy**  
Author: Orlando John Hodge  
1900

p.302-303  
ANDREW HODGE, OF VIRGINIA.
Born 1771, in Virginia, near a place then called Green Brier, where he grew up to manhood. Late in the last century he accompanied Daniel Boone from Virginia through Kentucky. He had a brother, Hamilton, who preceded him to Kentucky. Andrew returned to Virginia, where he married ISABEL MCINTYRE and soon after moved to Montgomery County, Ky., where he lived until 1808 and then became a resident of Clark County, O., where his wife died about 1825. A few years later he married JANE MCCLINTOCK, of Virginia. By his first wife he had six children, all born in Kentucky except the last. By his second wife he had no children. The descendants of Mr. Hodge have become quite numerous, a large number of them now residing in Clark County, O., in and about Springfield. Mr. James Milton Hodge, of New Moorefield, O., son of James H. and grandson of Andrew Hodge, has furnished about all the information here given of this family. Andrew Hodge died at his home near Springfield, O., in March, 1857, at a ripe old age. It is to be regretted that something is not known of his ancestry. Perhaps he was a descendant of one of the Hodge brothers who came to this country and settled in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1730. In this family the name Andrew appears quite frequently. (See "Philadelphia Hodge Family.")

Six children:
1. WILLIAM HODGE, the eldest son, m. Eliza Wolf and had two sons and a daughter; after his death she married a Dust and moved to Paris, Edgar Co., Ill., where family now resides.
2. JOHN HODGE, second son, m. a Miss Baird and had a son and four daughters, all of whom married. William, the son, resides in Clark Co., O., near Springfield; he has two sons and three daughters, all married, viz.: Charles who has Elmer and Harry, and John who has one young child. The three daughters, Susan, Amanda, and Dorcas, may each have children, but no account of any has been furnished. P.O. address, Springfield, O.
3. ELI HODGE, third son, m. Lavinia Spencer, and had eight children: James H., Andrew, Mathew, Mary Jane, Angeline, Isabella, Abigail, and Sarah. Mary Jane and Abigail d. young. James H. m. Matilda Hendricks, and has son Edgar. Andrew, Mathew, and Sarah are living unmarried. Angeline and Isabella are married. Eli, the father, d. Dec. 7, 1852, "aged 56." Res. of the families mostly near Springfield, O.
5. SARAH HODGE, the fifth child of Andrew, m. William Baird and had two sons and two daughters.
6. JANE MCINTYRE HODGE, sixth child, m. Jeremiah Yeasel; had twelve children, eight boys and four girls; all married.

5. William Meteer was born July 8, 1773 in Augusta County, Virginia to William and Sarah (McKittrick) Meteer. He married (1) May 13, 1806 in Rockbridge County, Virginia to Nancy Kirkpatrick and (2) November 1814 in Augusta County, Virginia to
Jane (Mitchell) Meteer, born December 1, 1782 to Thomas and Elizabeth (Wales) Mitchell. She was the widow of his cousin James. She died in September 1824. When his father took the family to Clark County, Kentucky in 1791, William stayed behind.

In 1820, William resided in Lexington, Rockbridge County, Virginia. William Mateer brought his family to Missouri in 1826. He patented land in Callaway County, Missouri, May 10, 1827. He was described by Thomas Mitchel in an August 27, 1829 deposition as a cousin of James Meteer (d.1812). Mitchel also said that William arrived in Calloway County in April 1827. There was a William Mateer in the 1830 census of Ralls County, Missouri. The children used the spelling “Mateer” of their surname. In the 1840 census of Nine Mile Prairie, Callaway County, William Mateer was aged 60-69 years of age. He was still there in 1844 in the State Census.

Issue:

Children by Nancy Kirkpatrick:
1. Catherine Meteer b.ca.1810
   m. 9-22-1831 Augustus Moore (Callaway Co. Mo.)
2. John Meteer b.10-18-1812 d.1-1-1885
   m. 12-21-1837 Susannah Bryan (Callaway Co. Mo.)
3. Polly Meteer b.ca.1814

Children by Jane Mitchell:
4. Sarah Mateer b.ca.1815
   m. 9-14-1837 James H. Payton (Callaway Co. Mo.)
5. Virginia Mitchell Mateer b.9-28-1824 d.7-6-1851
   m.12-16-1841 William W. S. Brooks (Callaway Co. Mo.)
   m.1-15-1845 William Miller (Callaway Co. Mo.)
7. Samuel Mateer b.ca.1819
   m.9-17-1846 Louisa Miller (Callaway Co. Mo.)
6. Thomas Meteer was born August 18, 1775 in Augusta County, Virginia to William and Sarah (McKittrick) Meteer. He married on December 4, 1804 in Montgomery County, Kentucky to Elizabeth “Betsey” Hill, born about 1778 to Thomas Hill. On March 17, 1795, he paid a subscription to have the Rev. Joseph P. Howe preach at the Springfield Presbyterian Church. On August 3, 1802, Thomas appears in the tax list of Montgomery County for the first time, being taxed for 200 acres on Flat Creek and one horse. He increased these totals to 250 acres and 9 horses over the years. Thomas never owned slaves.

Thomas served as the executor of his father’s will in 1803. While the rest of his family lived in Montgomery County, Thomas’ land was located in Bath County, Kentucky from its creation in 1811. Thomas and three others were directed to view and determine the best way to lay out a road beginning at the south end of Isaac Gray’s land in April 1818. He played host to Rev. Joseph Howe on Saturday, February 27, 1819 according to the latter’s journal.

Thomas Meteer was a surveyor of part of the Springfield Road in October 1823 and was assigned some men to perform that task. Reverend Howe conducted funeral services for Betsey Meteer after she died on July 10, 1825, aged 47. Thomas died on August 19, 1847 in Bath County, Kentucky. Both he and Betsey are buried in the Springfield Church Cemetery, near Sharpsburg, Bath County, Kentucky.

Issue:
9. i. William Ball Wright Meteer  b.9-20-1805  d.2-2-1836
10. ii. James Hill Meteer  b.11-21-1809  d. 5-18-1847
iii. Sally McKittrick Meteer  b.ca.1803
m.10-29-1829  Nathan Powell (ca.1798-) (Bath Co. Ky.)
Resided in Nicholas Co. Ky., 1830-70. Living with them were nephew
James H. Meteer, 16 & Emily A. Sweeney, 13 in 1850.
11. Issue:
i.  James H. Powell  b.ca.1832
ii.  Minerva J. Powell  b. ca.1834
iv.  Bell Meteer  b.ca.1805-10  d. By 1871
m.2-19-18--  ___ Goins (Nicholas Co. Ky.)
Mrs. Bell Meteer remarried on June 21, 1871 in Christian Co. Illinois to
Charles Shields.
v. Female  b.ca.1812
vi.  Minerva Jane Meteer  b.ca.1814
m. 1-9-1833  John Swinney (Bath Co. KY.)
vii.  Emily Meteer  b.ca.1816  d.ca.1875
7. Robert Meteer was born August 30, 1777 in Augusta County, Virginia to William
and Sarah (McKittrick) Meteer. He married (1) on July 16, 1793 in Augusta County,
Virginia to Jennet Youel and (2) on March 27, 1817 in Montgomery County, Kentucky to
Sarah Davis, born May 28, 1792, died March 14, 1872. Robert first appears in the
Montgomery County, Kentucky tax list of 1802, when he owned 200 acres on Flat Creek.
He also owned land in two other counties at that time: 829 in Martin County, 1,300 in
Fleming County, Kentucky. He had built his Montgomery County farm up to 450 acres
in 1805. Robert Meteer died on February 22, 1835 in Montgomery County, Kentucky.
Both he and Sarah are buried in the Machpelah Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.
12. Issue:
i.  Flora Jane Meteer  b.2-19-1818  d.9-5-1840
m. William Butler
ii.  Albert G. Meteer  b.11-4-1819  d.12-23-1838
Buried in the Machpelah Cemetery.
12. iii.  William Meteer  b.4-21-1821  d.1879
iv.  James Davis Meteer  b.3-22-1823  d.11-8-1859
Buried in the Machpelah Cemetery.
v.  Mary Meteer  b.6-25-1825  d.10-5-1841
Buried in the Machpelah Cemetery.
vi.  Samuel D. Meteer  b.10-5-1827  d.11-14-1865
vii.  Sarah Anne Meteer  b. 3-19-1830  d. 10-7-1906
m.10-16-1861 Richard E. Richart
Sarah buried in Ridge Park Cemetery, Marshall, Saline County, Missouri.
viii.  Elizabeth Meteer  b.10-9-1832
m.11-5-1853  Henry C. Pruett
m.7-2-1918  J. Burns
8. John Meteer was born October 18, 1812 in Rockbridge County, Virginia to William Mateer and Nancy Kilpatrick. He died January 1, 1885 in Callaway County, Missouri. He married December 21, 1837 in Callaway County, Missouri to Susannah Bryan, born April 5, 1817 in Kentucky, died July 21, 1894 in Williamsburg, Callaway County, Missouri. John farmed in Nine-Mile Township of Callaway County. They are buried in the Liberty Cemetery, Shamrock, Callaway County.

Issue:

i. Elizabeth M. Meteer b. 1-6-1839 d. 5-13-1858
   m. 1-11-1858 Elias Tharp (Callaway Co. MO.)

ii. Samuel Meteer b. ca.1839

iii. William L. Mateer b. 4-27-1841 d. 4-30-1903
    m. 3-23-1872 Elizabeth Lydia Gill (Callaway Co. MO.)
    He is buried in the Friedens Cemetery, St Louis County, MO.

Issue:

i. Clarence Bradley Mateer b. 12-8-1883 d. 11-23-1960
   Died in Springfield, Missouri.

iv. Nancy Meteer b. 3-3-1844 d. 1-13-1846

v. Mary Ann Mateer b. 10-18-1846 d. 12-13-1907
   m. 11-16-1869 Hescot Brown (Callaway Co. MO.)

vi. Emily Catherine Mateer b. 10-17-1849 d. 4-27-1916
    m. 10-23-1876 Charles P. Allen (Callahan Co. MO.)
vii. Benjamin Franklin Mateer  b. 10-4-1851  d. 3-18-1913  
m. 8-22-1882 Annie Boswell (Callaway Co. MO.)  
   Issue:  
   i.  John M. Mateer  b. 5-30-1883  d. 8-19-1885  
   ii.  Eva Mateer  b. 6-25-1884  d. 9-10-1885  
   iii. Mary Mae Mateer  b. 7-3-1885  d. 4-10-1926  
   iv.  Charles Mateer  b. 10-22-1886  d. 5-16-1956  
   v.  Myrtle Mae Mateer  b. 1-27-1894  d. 1-8-1978  

9. William Ball Wright Meteer was born September 20, 1805 in Bath County, Kentucky to Thomas and Elizabeth (Hill) Meteer. He married on March 26, 1829 in Nicholas County, Kentucky to Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Samuel Hall, born April 18, 1809 in Bath County, Kentucky, died October 24, 1838. William was elected as a deacon or elder in the Springfield Presbyterian Church, being ordained on September 20, 1828.  

   William W. Meteer purchased 40 acres of land in Sangamon County, Illinois while, listing that as his residence, on October 24, 1834. When the Presbyterian Church was founded in that community on June 21, 1835, he and Elizabeth were among its members. He later became an elder of the church. On November 4, 1835, William Meteer witnessed a deed between George Duff and Sarah Hall in Sangamon County. William died on February 2, 1836, Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois. He was buried in the Chatham Community Cemetery. His widow remarried on December 15, 1836 in Sangamon County to John H. Sudduth, who she bore a daughter, Sarah.
This 1856 photo depicts Sarah "Minnie Suddeth Meteer and her brother James Harrison Meteer, ages 18 and 23. They were the children of William B. & Elizabeth (Hall) Meteer. Provided courtesy of Gary L. Meteer, a great-grandson of James H. Meteer.

Issue:

i. Thomas H. Meteer  b.2-20-1830  d.7-4-1864
   m.10-5-1852 Mary Hardin (Nicholas Co. Ky.) Thomas H. Meteer enlisted August 14, 1862, in Co. K of the 106th Illinois Inf. He died of chronic dysentery at the regimental hospital then at DeVall’s Bluff, Arkansas. Widow Mary filed a pension on October 1, 1864. Mary (Hardin) Meteer was born 1831, died 1910 and is buried in the Indian Point Cemetery, Athens, Menard County, Illinois.
   Issue:
   i. William Wesley Meteer  b.9-3-1853  d.4-2-1923
      m. 1-17-1877 Ellen Stone (Menard Co. IL.)
      Born Chatham, Illinois, died Greenview, Menard County, IL.
   ii. Minerva Alice Meteer  b.9-18-1855  d.10-18-1909
      m. Mr. Schofield
      Buried in Indian Point Cemetery, Athens, Menard County, IL.
   iii. Charles Milton Meteer  b.abt 1858
iv. Thomas Meteer  
b. 4-8-1863  
d. 1-8-1864  
Buried in Chatham Community Cemetery.

ii. Samuel H. Meteer  
b. 12-28-1831  
d. 9-25-1906  
m. 2-27-1856 Elizabeth J. Pyle (Sangamon Co. Il.) (b. 1-26-1834  
d. 2-2-1906)  
In 1850, Samuel was working as a laborer in Nicholas County,  
Kentucky. This family was living in Martin County, Minnesota in  
1876. They are buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chaffee County,  
Colorado.

Issue:
i. Edward Meteer  
b. 2-16-1860  
d. Apr 1938

ii. Margaret Meteer  
b. 6-19-1867  
d. 2-25-1904  
m. 7-14-1897 James Newitt (Leadville, CO.)  
Born at St. Charles, MN., died Leadville, CO.

iii. Fred Meteer  
b. 8-1-1877  
d. 12-24-1953  
Born in New York state. Died in Delta, Delta County, CO.

iv. Myrtle Meteer  
b. 8-1-1877  
Born in New York state.

13. iii. James Harrison Meteer  
b. 11-16-1833  
d. 2-16-1915

iv. Elizabeth Meteer  
d. 10-24-1838  
Likely infant child of this couple. Buried in Chatham Community  
Cemetery, Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois.

Child of Elizabeth Hall and second husband John H. Suddeth

v. Sarah Minnie Suddeth  
b. 2-26-1838
10. James Hill Meteer was born November 21, 1809, in Montgomery County, Kentucky to Thomas and Elizabeth (Hill) Meteer. He married on July 18, 1835 in Bath County, Kentucky to Elizabeth Hill, born about 1814 in Kentucky. On October 8, 1842, James was elected deacon of the Springfield Presbyterian Church. James H. Meteer died May 18, 1847 in Bath County, Kentucky. He is buried in the Springfield Church cemetery. In 1850, his widow was living on $3,200 worth of land in Bath County, near Sharpsburg. Shortly afterward, she brought the family to Pana in Christian County, Illinois. She remarried to Larkin Anderson. She was living in Pana, 1880 with son Thomas.

Issue:

i. Male Meteer  b.ca.1836-37

ii. Thomas Meteer  b.ca.1838  d.12-4-1906
m.3-17-1886 Ella B. Ferris (Christian Co. Il.)
Thomas was residing in Pana, Illinois when he enlisted May 25, 1861 in Co. H of the 14th Illinois Inf. He mustered out on August 20, 1861. d January 1, 1864 in Co. M. 3rd Illinois Cav., serving til October 10, 1865. In 1880, Thomas Meteer was living a couple of doors away from his brother Charles in Pana, Illinois. At that time, Thomas was a plasterer. He was living with his widowed mother Elizabeth Anderson.

iii. Mary Jane Mateer  b.6-28-1839
m. William L. Morse
Mary’s husband owned a hardware store in Pana, Ill. They had 2 children.
iv. John Taylor Meteer  
   b. 1-28-1841  
   d. Jun 1915
   m.12-13-1870 Jennie Wilson (Macon Co. Il.)  
   m. 12-1-1885  Sue Rainey (Covington, KY.)  
   John T. Meteer while living in Pana, Illinois, was a recruit in Co. A. 14th 
   Illinois Inf.  He reenlisted as a veteran volunteer with the rank of sergeant 
   and served in Co. A of the 15th Illinois Infantry.  He filed for an invalid 
   pension, May 8, 1871.   In 1890, John worked as a yardmaster in St. 
   Louis, Mo. He was still there in 1900.  In 1910, he was living at Columbia, 
   Missouri.  He died in Henderson, North Carolina.  
   Issue:
   i. Leonard Rainey Meteer  
      b. 7-11-1887  
      m. Margaret 
      Leonard was living in Queens, NYC, 1942. 
   ii. Guy E. Meteer  
      b. 10-28-1890 d. 12-9-1954  
      m. Elsie Fenton (1894-1974)  
      Guy resided Spartanburg, S.C. (1917) , Indianapolis (1930) and 
      died in Irving, Texas.  
   v. Elizabeth A. Meteer  
      b.ca.1843  
      m.3-15-1867 Fredrick B. Slater (Christian Co. Il.)  
   vi. James H. Meteer  
      b.Oct 1843  
      m. 6-22-1869 Mary Elizabeth Elmore (Christian Co. Il.)  
      Resided Carlinville, IL., 1880-1910.  He was a tinsmith.  
      Issue:
      i. Walter James Meteer  
         b. 1-19-1876  
         m. Alice  
         Walter was living in Detroit, Michigan, 1910, working as a 
         brakeman for the railroad.  He was a clothing salesman there in 
         1917 for the S.L. Bird Co.  He was still selling clothes in the 1940 
         at Detroit. 
      ii. William Austin Meteer  
         b. 1-5-1880  
         m. Cora B.  
         William sold men’s clothing in 1920, Springfield, Sangamon 
         County, Illinois. He boarded the S.S. Atenas in Havana, Cuba 
         on January 19, 1927, arriving in New Orleans, Louisiana, 
         January 22, 1927.  He is buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, 
         Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. 
   vii. Charles W. Meteer  
      b.7-4-1846  
      m.5-5-1880 Ellen Eller (Christian Co. Il.)  
      C.W. Meteer was born in 
      Sharpsburg, Bath Co. Ky.  He worked most of his life for the American 
      Express Co. in Pana, Illinois.  He was a member of the Methodist faith, 
      Was school trustee and was a member of the Modern Woodsmen of 
      America.  Died in Pana, Illinois.  
      Issue:
      i. Alma S. Meteer  
         b. Aug 1881
ii. Harry Whaley Meteer  b. 5-3-1886  d. 10-31-1952
m. 9-30-1910 Anna Schuhl (Chicago, Cook, IL.)
Resided in Omaha, NE., 1935-40, died in Chicago.

iii. Elizabeth M. Meteer  b. Nov 1896

11. Emily Meteer was born about 1816 in Bath County, Kentucky to Thomas and
Elizabeth (Hill) Meteer. On January 9, 1845, she married Peter Hendricks McClure in
Nicholas County, Kentucky. He was born January 2, 1816 in Bath County to Samuel
and Jane (Hendricks) McClure.

    Peter and Emily had 4 children when they divorced, about 1850. He wanted to
move to Missouri and she did not. Their housekeeper, Sarah Ann Atchison, age 30,
living in their home in 1850, married Peter in 1853. He moved to the town of Needmore
in Owen County, Indiana, with the two oldest children, Minerva, age 5 in 1850 and
William, age 4. Thomas age 3, Elizabeth McClure and Sarah Amanda McClure, both
born in June 1850, stayed with their mother in Bath County. Emily raised her children
on her own, living in the Wyoming District of Bath County in 1870 with her three grown
children. Her son Thomas moved to Putnam County, Indiana near his father between
1874-77, which leads to the conclusion that Emily McClure had died between those
years.

    Peter McClure remarried on November 13, 1853 in Owen County to Sarah Ann
Atchison, who followed him to Indiana. They had several children of their own. By
1870 he was living in Cloverdale township of Putnam County on a 120-acre farm near
the town of Cloverdale. Peter and Sarah were members of the Second Church of Christ
there. Peter McClure died on February 2, 1897 near Cloverdale. Sarah died there on
March 24, 1915. Peter, Sarah, Minerva and William McClure are buried in the town
graveyard at Cunot (formerly called Needmore), Indiana.

Issue:

14. i. Minerva Belle McClure  b. Nov 1845  d.1-8-1902
m.11-24-1868 Sampson K. Jones (Putnam Co. IN.)

ii. William O.B. McClure  b.9-1-1846  d.4-27-1865
William Orlando Butler McClure, named for a general in the Mexican
War that his uncle David served under, died of pneumonia. It was related
a century later by a niece that the doctor told the family the exact day he
would die. He is buried in the Cunot Cemetery.

iii. Thomas McClure  b.11-30-1847  d.3-15-1915
m.11-9-1869 Amanda E. Anderson (1846-99)
Thomas lived at Mt. Sterling, Montgomery Co. Kentucky until between
1874-77, when he settled in Putnam County, Indiana.

iv.   Elizabeth McClure  b.June 1850
"Betty" was living with her mother in 1870, single.

v.    Sarah Amanda McClure  b.June 1850
Amanda was living with her mother in 1870, single.
12. William Meteer was born April 21, 1821 in Montgomery County, Kentucky to Robert and Sarah (Davis) Meteer. William inherited the family homestead near Mount Sterling in Montgomery County, Kentucky originally settled by William Meteer in 1791, his grandfather. The farm passed out of the family later and the younger William Meteer purchased what was known as the old Stark farm in 1865, a tract of 143 acres near Hutchison.

William Meteer developed one of the finest plantations in Bourbon County, Kentucky, also breeding stock. He took mules to market in the south and managed to become quite prosperous. He married a 19 year old orphan named Sally Simpson on July 13, 1864 in Madison County, Kentucky. In March of 1879 William died in Montgomery County. He was described as a devout Presbyterian and an elder in the Hopewell Church. Each generation of his family has supplied an incumbent of that office. Sally Meteer died in 1901, a member of the Methodist Church.

Issue:

i. Mary Meteer b.1865
   Died at the age of 16.

ii. Sarah Davis Meteer b.1867
    m. James Myers Lived in Orlando, Florida.

iii. William Meteer b.1869 d.1925
     m.1917 Elizabeth Demming (1880-1968) Issue: Betsy (1918- Resided on the family homestead.

iv. Robert Meteer b.9-11-1871 d.8-5-1944
    m.10-12-1899 Frances Claybrook Robert and Frances were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky, where he served as an elder for over 30 years. He was also a Commissioner for the Presbyterian General Assembly 3 times.
Fifth Generation

James H. Meteer (1833-1915), was working as a Presbyterian missionary on Columbia Street in New York City when this photo was taken in 1870. Photo courtesy of Gary L. Meteer.

13. James Harrison Meteer was born November 16, 1833 in Sharpsburg, Bath County, Kentucky to William and Elizabeth (Hall) Meteer. He married on June 23, 1870 in Montgomery County, Indiana to Jane Almira Ball, born May 26, 1843 in Montgomery County, Indiana to Solomon and Lucetta (Banks) Ball. James was orphaned at age 5 and was raised by his Aunt Sally (Meteer) Powell.

On August 12, 1862 at Indianapolis, Indiana, James mustered into Co. I of the 70th Indiana Infantry Regiment as a Chaplain. Benjamin Harrison, future President of the United States was their colonel. James was promoted to Sergeant. The regiment saw action throughout the Atlanta Campaign & the March to the Sea, before mustering out on June 8, 1865. Four letters of James Meteer written during his service in this regiment are now preserved in the Indiana Historical Society. They were written from Bowling Green, Ky. and Nashville, Tenn., telling of life in camp, civilian rebel activity, serving as a clerk in the Quartermaster’s Department, remarks of slavery, hospital experience and recruitment of Blacks. James was promoted to the rank of Captain and transferred to Company K of the 14th United States Colored Infantry. He was stationed with them at Greeneville, Tennessee until they mustered out, March 26, 1866.
He attended Wabash College in Indiana, being initiated into Tau Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He graduated from Wabash College in 1867. He attended the Union Theological Seminary, 1867-70, receiving his diploma. He came from a long line of Presbyterian ministers and followed that calling himself. On August 7, 1870, James was ordained by the Presbytery of New York. He was a missionary on Columbia Street of New York City from 1870-72. He moved that year to Parsons, Kansas where he served as a home missionary until 1874.

He held the title Stated Supply at Brazil, Indiana from 1874-77, then held that title as well as pastor, at Sullivan, Indiana from 1877-89. He moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana where he was Stated Supply in the years 1889-90. In 1890, James became superintendent of the Government Indian School, Sisseton Reservation, South Dakota. He held that position until 1891, when he became superintendent of the Government Indiana School, Pine Ridge, South Dakota from 1891-93. He held this same title at the Quapaw Reservation from 1893-94.
James served as a home missionary in Richfield, Utah from 1890-1908, where he maintained a residence during his tenure on the Indian reservations. In 1902, James and his son Dwight were master masons in Richland, Utah. They and 7 other master masons formed a new Masonic lodge, Hiram Lodge #12 on April 23, 1903. He moved to Long Beach, California in 1909 where he died on February 16, 1915, being buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery there. His wife Jane died on June 9, 1929 and was buried by his side.

Issue:

i. Harrison Ball Meteer  b.12-14-1871  d.8-25-1879
Description: John Hall Meteer (1872-1961) and Dwight Baker Meteer (1875-1949) were sons of James Harrison Meteer. Taken in 1896, this would have been taken in Richfield, Utah, where the Meteer family lived at the time. Owner: Gary L. Meteer

ii. John Hall Meteer
   b.12-11-1872       d.6-10-1961
   m.6-18-1902 Maude Mount (Kimberly, Utah)
   Died at Long Beach, CA. John served in 1st Troop, U.S. Cavalry from Utah during the Spanish-American War, holding the rank of sergeant.

iii. Dwight Baker Meteer
    b.6-10-1875       d.12-14-1949
    m.10-2-1899 Maude E. Bolitho (Sevier Co. Ut.) (1881-1971)
    m.2-23-1938 Augusta M. Poulson (Las Vegas, Nev.) (1881-1973)
    Dwight died at Big Pine, Inyo Co. California. Issue: Ford J. Meteer (1906-
Minerva B. McClure was born about 1845 in Bath County, Kentucky to Peter H. and Emily A. (Meteer) McClure. On November 24, 1868 in Putnam County, Indiana, she married Sampson K. Jones, born ca.1821 in North Carolina, of unknown parentage. He had been divorced in May of 1868 from Mary (Wilson) Jones, mother of three children. Sampson lived near Needmore in Jackson Township of Owen County, Indiana. He met Minerva undoubtedly when visiting his brother Jesse Jones who lived in adjacent Cloverdale Township of Putnam County, Indiana. Minerva’s family lived very close to Jesse Jones.

Sampson owned 81 acres of farmland near Needmore. His ex-wife Mary died August 2, 1869. Mary was buried in the Cunot cemetery, near their residence. In 1870, Sampson and Minerva lived in Jackson township of Owen County, Indiana (later He farmed $750 worth of land and owned $250 worth of personal property. He and Minerva could read and write.

Sampson signed a petition in February 1874 requesting a new bridge near Needmore on Mill Creek. Sampson Jones died between 1875-80. Dr. Jesse Jones of nearby Cataract (no relation) offered to adopt Minerva's daughters, but she refused. It is also said that her three daughters (Ettie, Ella and Emma) left home temporarily when she was considering remarriage. Minerva did remarry on March 26, 1884 in Owen County to John W. Williams. Minerva died on January 8, 1902 in Putnam County, Indiana of pneumonia. Her nickname was “Nerva”. Sampson and Minerva Jones are said to be buried at Cunot, but do not have stones.

Issue:
By Unknown:
  i.  Ettie “Ettie” McClure       b. 12-13-1866       d. 9-3-1884
     m. 8-15-1883 William T. McMains (Putnam Co. IN.) (1861-1922)
     Ettie is buried in the Cunot, Indiana cemetery.
Issue:
By Sampson Jones:

ii. Margaret Ella Jones b. Jul 1869 d.1898
m. 1-6-1891 John M. Devlin Jr. (1837-1904) (Owen Co. In.)

iii. Emma Ann Jones b.9-14-1875 d.4-26-1964
m.1-1-1893 James William Curtis Query (1869-1938)

Appendix

Source: [http://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_McClure_Family/Appendix](http://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_McClure_Family/Appendix)
Letters from William Meteer (1805-1844) to cousin John McClure.

"Caloway County, Mo., Dec. 20, 1827.

Dear Cousin,

I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well and hope that these lines may find you and family well. In the first place would let you know that I had a tedious trip to this country. I was two months and four days from time I left home until landed on Salt river, and found this country much what I expected to see in every shape and form; found a great quantity of good land and a vast quantity of prairie, and some poor looking land.

This country lays very level, but still roling enough to carry the water off the ground in a short time. I have been up the Mississippi 147 miles from St. Louis, and from there 75 or 80 miles up toward the headwaters of the Salt river, and from there across to the Missouri river. I have likewise been 200 miles up the Missouri from mouth and find the country much the same. Springs is very scarce, but I find the people that make use of creek water equally as healthy as them that have springs, and considered by some more so, but water can be had conveuyently by sinking wells from ten to thirty feet. Stilling is a good business in country where a man has a mill of his own to grind his grain. Mills are scarce in this country; almost all horse mills, and then you must grind yourself and with your own horses and give the sixth bushel. You can get stills in country from 20 to 25 per cent lower in the gallon than in Virginia, and the head threwed in. Whiskey is two shillings per gallon by the barrel and from 50 to 621/2 by the retail, and a great deal of it is sold in that way. Corn is one dollar per barrel, pork $2, beef $1.50, wheat 371/2, rye two shillings, coffee from 20 to 25 cents, sugar 12 cents, and store goods is as cheap as in Virginia; all but iron, that is ten cents, though but little of it made use of. Horses goe without shoes, and a man that has to get his plow-irons sharped twist a year thinks his blacksmith work a heavy tax on him.

There can be no good entries of land in this neighborhood; there can be a great settlement made about 6 miles from Henderson's on the headwaters of Eiver. There is no settlement within several miles, so a man may situate himself just as he sees proper. If you come to this country next fall, come through Kentucky, cross the Ohio at Albany 4 miles below the falls and from there to Vinsane on the Wawbash, which is 120 miles, and from there
to St. Louis 160 m., to St. Charles 20 m., from there here 85 m. The distance from where you live to St. Louis don’t exceed 770 miles that rout. Right me a letter and let me know your notion sertenly about coming to this country by the first of Aprile. I want you to fetch me a Virginia wife out here; some hansome and clever girl.

Tell Betsy young girls is ready sale here; but old maids rate at 25 cents a hundred. I have not room to write any more; give my compliments to uncle and aunt, Jane and Betsy. Likewise take them to yourself, and believe me your sincere friend,

William Mateer

Mr. John McClure, Greenville, Va."
John McClure, since the last letter, had made a trip to Missouri on horseback, with Matthew Pilson, his brother-in-law.

"Ralls County, Mo., December 20, 1829.

Dear Cousin,
I take this opportunity of informing you that I am well and hope that these lines may find you and your family well I have nothing to write worth your attention. David, Hannah and Eobert got to Salt river and all is well except Jane Henderson, and she is able to walk about, but mends slow. I see no change in times since you left here, only the people still continue coming into this section. I had forgotten when I said there had been no change or alteration since you left here; there has been one case of murder in New London a few days ago. We in the upper part of the county disown London altogether and wish them great success in killing one another until the place becomes properly clensed. I believe I have nothing more about our country or people. I would be glad to hear from you and know what part of Missouri you and Mr. Pilson is best pleased with and whether Mathew feels like moving since he has got home or running on a while longer. Write to me without delay. Give our respects to uncle and Betsy McClure, Mathew Pilson and Jane. Nothing more.

Your humble servant,

Wm. Mateer.