SILER FAMILY

A COMPILATION OF

Biographical and Historical Sketches Relating to the Descendants

OF

Plikard Dederic and Elizabeth Siler

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WITH OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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To
My Father and My Mother
This Book
is
Affectionately Dedicated
There is an immense amount of rubbish indulged in in this ancestry connection. We often hear of So-and-so who was "descended" from some famous personage of old, but if any number of generations have elapsed, the truth will be that this "descent" is so extremely diluted that it has no dominating influence and is nothing to boast of.

Good blood and good breeding are a fine thing; these are the substance, of which this ancestor worship is but the thin shadow.

If you have good blood in you, the way to do is to prove it by honoring it and acting up to it; names are nothing and "ancestry" is nothing. Many of the descendants of most worthy ancestors are utterly worthless. In that case their ancestry is something to conceal instead of to parade, for they are a disgrace to it.

We cannot be responsible for our ancestors, but we are responsible for ourselves, and our aim should be to live in such a way that our descendants will at least not be ashamed of us as their ancestors. We should look forward rather than backward.

We do not mean that people should neglect to find out all they can about their forebears; it is very interesting to trace back your family tree—but remember that every generation you go back you double the number of your ancestors, and that you are just as much a "descendant" of one as another. You may be nominally a Siler, but the chances are you belong equally to about every other family whose name is catalogued in the telephone directory.

For the purpose of this work, we follow only the direct
line of Siler and drop the ancestors of the outside families marrying into the Siler family.

It is impossible to keep out some inaccuracies in a work like this. We trust these will not be found so great as to seriously impair the value of the work.

Greatest credit is due my father, T. E. B. Siler, who has collected fragments of the family history for several years and has given me every assistance possible.

I also wish to thank Walter D. Siler, of Pittsboro, N. C., Wm. Stacy Siler, of Deweyville, Texas, Minnie Dean Siler, of Troy, Ala., M. V. Siler, of Jellico, Tenn., and all others who have so cheerfully assisted me in gathering data. I am also indebted to the committee that compiled the data on the Weimar Siler branch of the family, which data is included in full elsewhere in this publication.

A. O. Siler,
Marfork, W. Va.,
Raleigh County.

August 1, 1922.
How to Trace Your Lineage Back

Let the reader remember that all lines begin or end with No. 1, Plikard Dederic Siler, the original Siler ancestor in America, who came from Germany in 1741. Also, he may find the number of any name by tracing down from the beginning to the end of the volume, the last numbers to the right at the tops of the pages. Those numbers will be found in numerical order and will correspond with the chart shown on page 18.

Now let us run back the lineage from the seventh to the first generation. We take Jane Hughes. Look in the index and find Jane Hughes. After her name appears page 184, we find:
1. (a) Jane Hughes in 3rd margin. Run back second margin and strike;
2. 3. Rachel Smith-Hughes. Run back first margin and strike;
3. (D) Melda Siler-H. H. Smith. Now look to last number at top of page and find;
4. No. 677, Adam Siler. Next to left find;
5. No. 673, Benjamin Siler. Next to left find.
6. No. 601, Jacob Siler (then remember that all lines begin or end in No. 1 Plikard D. Siler).
7. No. 1, Plikard Siler.

Here Jane Hughes traces her line back seven generations. After you have traced your own lineage back or that of other members of our family, if you find any errors or can add any new information, please write me in full about it, referring to the page and names. Now that we have a record let us add to it. The Weimar Siler branch of the family has a reunion of the Siler family each year in the vicinity of Franklin, N. C. Attend the reunion often and keep in touch with the family.
The following is an article appearing Sept. 19, 1900, in "The Messenger," a newspaper published in Siler City, N. C.

Some of the Silers here have recently been asked by others abroad, for information relative to their nativity, etc. Hence, by request, we publish the following letter, which was written by a lineal descendant of the first immigrant of the name to this country, after the said writer had taken much plains to secure all available information in this regard.

A nephew of the writer of this letter has allowed himself to add a few dates, etc., which he feels assured his deceased uncle would have given in the order that they occur, had this letter been written for the purpose now in view by those asking its re-publication. In all other respects the following is the said letter verbatim:

"The village of Siler (so lately sprung upon us) with its mills, cotton gins, machine shops, stores and tobacco warehouses, is certainly an infant city. And far down in the ages that are coming, when all the Silers may have immigrated or "evoluted," somebody will want to know the origin of the name of the city.

"The name of 'Siler' originally signified a rope maker, or perhaps a dealer in, or worker with ropes.

"In the year 1741 a boat left its moorings high up in Germany on the classic banks of the Rhine, laden with emigrants bound for America. At Rotterdam they took a seagoing vessel and were landed on American shores. One of the party of emigrants was a small, dark skinned youth of twenty-two years, bearing the name of Plikard Dederic Siler (born in Germany, May 29, 1719). Another was a sprightly, fair haired, blue-eyed girl of fourteen summers, whose name was Elizabeth Hartsoe (born in Germany, September 29, 1727).

"The two became attached to each other during their
long voyage; a few years after which Plikard, under a law of the times, paid in leaf tobacco for the privilege of marrying Elizabeth, and they settled down as man and wife in Pennsylvania.

"After a while they heard that sweet potatoes could be grown in North Carolina, and that they were a delicious eatable, so they concluded to go down to that goodly land. On the way (and in Virginia), they struck the potato belt—bought some and boiled them with meat over their camp fire. They didn't like them, but bravely moved on, found the spot that suited them among the hills of Lacy's Creek, four miles north-west of where the village of Siler now stands, and near where Mr. Samuel Siler lived until his death, which occurred September 29, 1900, aged 90 years.

"Here they lived and raised a large family (six sons, whose names were Philip, Weimar, John, Frederick, Jacob and Plikard, Jr., and four daughters), and here they died—Plikard, December 15, 1784—Elizabeth January 16, 1816, and though now quietly sleeping in the old, old churchyard at Rocky River church (about four miles north of Siler City), Plikard and Elizabeth are very largely and very Respectably represented not only in the counties of Chatham and Randolph and in our mountain counties from Buncombe to Cherokee, but in almost every state North-west, West and South.

"The lands where the little city is going up has been the property of the Siler family for about one hundred years. The present owner was liberal with the Railroad Company, and it is to be inferred that the village was named in appreciation of his generosity and his high social standing.

"(No. 68) Solomon Siler, a grandson of Plikard, amassed the greatest wealth of any of the family. Between fifty and sixty years ago he moved to Alabama. Between twenty and thirty years ago he died leaving largely of
landed estates and over four hundred slaves. The writer of this, claims to be one of the family; and he is wanting in some few of the most distinguished features of real destitution such as—he don't hunt, he don't fish, he don't smoke, he don't have fifteen children, and he don't have nine dogs.”

Milo

(“Milo”) Calvin Siler, deceased, was a son of Elisha Siler, son of John Siler, son of Plikard and Elizabeth.)

During his lifetime Plikard succeeded in getting a large amount of land and a grist mill, which his wife, Elizabeth, engineered and operated after his death until her own. She had six brothers each over seven foot tall. It is not known whether they came to America or not.

Influence Which Brought Plikard Dederic Siler to America

Plikard Dederic Siler was one of the many Rhenish Palatinate immigrants who came to Pennsylvania between the years 1708 and 1770 seeking religious freedom and freedom from oppression of despotism. In this connection we believe the reader will be interested in the following, quoting from “Dutch and Quaker Colonies in America,” by Fiske, Vol. 11, page 90.

“At the time of our Declaration of Independence, the only states in which all Christian sects stood socially and politically on an equal footing were Pennsylvania and Delaware, the two states which had originally constituted the palatinate or proprietary domain of William Penn. As for Pennsylvania, if there was anything which she stood for in the eyes of the world, it was liberty of conscience. Her fame had gone abroad over the continent of Europe.
Penn was early converted to Quakerism and upon the death of his father, came into possession of a large debt due from the British government. He took the settlement in a grant of land in the New World. This grant consisted of Pennsylvania and Delaware. He conceived the idea of colonizing his grant—uppermost in his mind, however, was the hope of planting a free and self-governing community, wherein his own ideal of a civil policy might be realized. Irrespective of nationality, from the banks of the Rhine and Wesser, or from those of the Thames and Severn, he might draw people of various kinds and grades of free thinking, and deliver them from the vexations which pursued them in their old homes—absolute freedom of conscience was guaranteed to everybody—to all who should come, he offered land at forty shillings (equivalent to something between forty and fifty dollars) for a hundred acres. These inducements directed and attracted the Quaker immigrants to Pennsylvania,” and quoting Fiske further from page 349, “It was the coming of the Quakers to Pennsylvania that brought also the first Germans.” The reasons for their coming were closely connected with the sympathy between their views and those of the Quakers. William Penn made visits to Holland and extended them into preaching tours through portions of Germany. He thus discovered many kindred spirits and held out inducements for them to come to his new colony.

“Another emigration from Germany of a different kind and far more numerous was that which came from the Rhenish Palatinate. The nearness of that province to Alsace, Lorraine, and Franche-Comte, upon which Louis XIV waged a war of conquest, often brought serious trouble upon it. The first devastation of the Palatinate in 1674 is the one dark spot upon the honorable career of Turenne, but it had a strategic excuse. The second devastation, in 1688, partly intended as a chastisement for harboring
Hugenots, was far more barbarously performed. Sad havoc was wrought at Heidelberg and Mannhein, and that beautiful country did not recover itself for more than two generations. Thousands of peasantry were reduced to a state of abject poverty and misery.

"This attracted the attention of British statesmen in the reign of Queen Anne, and a systematic effort was made to induce them to come to England in order to be shipped to America. Thus, in the years 1708 to 1709 more than 30,000 Germans crossed the channel, and were soon afterward brought in English vessels to New York and the Carolinas, but above all to Pennsylvania. This was but the beginning of a vast stream of immigration in which Palatine peasants were taken down the Rhine to Rotterdam and there shipped to Philadelphia, and from there into the valley of the Susquehanna in such large numbers, and remained so long without much intermixture, that their language still survives in the dialect which we call Pennsylvania Dutch, but which is really high German with a quaint admixture of English.

"Not all the Palatine immigrants tarried in Pennsylvania, however, there were some, and those, I dare say, the most enterprising, who pressed onward and spread along the Appalachian frontier. Here they have played an important part, usually in association with a race of men of still more vigorous initiative, the so-called Scotch-Irish.

"Inasmuch as the earlier generations of Silers almost invariably intermarried with the Scotch-Irish, it is well to quote further a brief outline of the Scotch-Irish history. Fiske, Vol. 11, page 352: 'The name Scotch-Irish is an awkward compound, and in many quarters it is condemned, curiously enough, there is no one who seems to object to it so strongly as the Irish Catholic. While his feelings toward the "far downer" are certainly not affectionate, he is nevertheless anxious to claim him with his
deeds and trophies as simply Irish, and grudges to Scotland the claim to any share in producing him. From one point of view they were more Scotch than Irish. In 1594, Queen Elizabeth conceived the idea of putting into Ulster, Ireland, a Protestant population that might come to outnumber and control the Catholics. It was in 1611 that James I began to put this scheme into operation, sending from Scotland and the Northern counties of England a Presbyterian company of picked men and women of the best sort, yeomanry and craftsmen like those who settled Massachusetts and Connecticut, with many generations of ancestry behind them on a far higher level of intelligence and training than the native peasantry of Ireland. At the beginning of the eighteenth century the percentage of illiteracy in Ulster was probably smaller than anywhere else in the world. There were then more than a million of these Presbyterians in Ulster. About 1720 when they began coming in great numbers to America, those families that had been longest in Ireland had dwelt there but three generations, so that there is surely some laxity of speech in calling them Irish without some qualifying adjective. The English experiment of thus Scottishizing Ireland was defeated by a crass policy of protectionism combined with petty religious persecution. Flourishing linen and woolen industries had sprung up in Ulster, and sundry legislative handicaps were laid upon them for the "protection" of native industries in England. Thus did English government treat its own prisoners as "foreigners" whom it was meritorious to plunder. At the same time divers civil disabilities were enacted for Presbyterians. The result of this twofold tyranny was the largest exodus from Europe to America that ever took place before the nineteenth century. Between 1730 and 1770 more than half the Presbyterian population of Ulster came over to America, where it formed more than a sixth part of our
entire population at the time of our Declaration of Independence.'

"A great majority of these Scotch-Irish Presbyterians came to Pennsylvania and occupied the mountain country west of the Susquehanna. Thence a steady immigration was kept up southwesterly along the Appalachian axis into southern colonies. Now there was one very important respect in which these Presbyterians from Ulster (Scotch-Irish) had come to differ from their Presbyterian brethren of Scotland. In Scotland the church ruled things pretty much at its own sweet will, and was therefore in favor of keeping civil and spiritual affairs united. But in Ulster, whether in relation to their Catholic neighbors or more especially to the English parliament, Presbyterians were in a harassed minority, and therefore became convinced of the desirableness of divorcing church from state accordingly, in spite of a very rigid theology, they stood for a liberal principal, and other Protestant sects found it possible to harmonize with them, especially in the free atmosphere of Pennsylvania. The result was the partial union of two great streams of immigrants, the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians and the Palatinate stream. It influenced South Carolina and Maryland most powerfully, completely renovated society in North Carolina and broke down the sway of the Cavalier aristocracy of Virginia. From the same prolific hive came the pioneers of Kentucky and Tennessee, with their descendants throughout the vast Mississippi Valley and beyond. In all these directions, as I have shown elsewhere, this steady population, distilled through the Pennsylvania and Virginia alembee, has formed the main strength of American democracy, and its influence upon American life has been manifold."
Religion

With this historic background in mind we find Plikard D. and Elizabeth Hartsoe Siler, both of German birth, in Pennsylvania in 1741. From here they moved down the Shenandoah valley. The Bordens Land Grant in Augusta county, Va., was opened for sale between 1737-1743 and thousands of German and Scotch-Irish emigrants from Pennsylvania, came into this grant. Plikard and Elizabeth were among them. In Pennsylvania land titles were precarious, and patents could not be obtained. The future was dark and no improvements were made. There was nothing that encouraged industry. Quaker domination did not suit them so they moved on to this new country. They settled on Buffalo creek in Augusta county, Virginia. Later Plikard and Elizabeth moved on with other German and Scotch-Irish immigrants to North Carolina and settled in Chatham county on Lacy’s creek near the present “Siler City.” But in Augusta county, Virginia, they left some of their children for we find a record of the birth of Philip Siler, Jr., on February 14, 1764 on Buffalo creek in Augusta county, Virginia (near Lexington, Va.). From this Philip Siler, Jr. there is a long line of descendants still in Augusta and Rockbridge counties, Virginia, and in several other Virginian counties. You will find them treated elsewhere in this book.

As shown before, the best of these two streams of emigrants from Pennsylvania (German and Scotch-Irish) united and moved together down through Virginia into North Carolina, South Carolina and on into Tennessee and Kentuck, and thence throughout the Mississippi valley. This accounts for the almost invariable intermarriage of all the earlier generations of Silers. The Germans with the Scotch-Irish families, with the religious instincts of both types in mind, it is easy to understand
why all the Silers have been such staunch Christians. In all their tents you will not find an infidel. Many are Presbyterians, but several families have, through marriage, been carried into the Methodist and Baptist churches. These three predominate. Devoid of personal ambition, they prefer to elevate others, rather than to exalt themselves. You will find some preachers in every line of the family, some of whom rank with the best. Immorality in the family is unknown.

**Patriotism**

Not a Tory was found among the Silers in the Revolutionary war. All capable of bearing arms offered their services to the cause of Independence. In the war of 1812, many served in the American cause. The Mexican war had representatives from the family, and in the Civil war nearly all were in arms and scores fell in battle. The side they took depended a great deal upon the section in which they lived. Tennessee and Kentucky Silers almost without exception, went into the ranks of the Union army and several were commissioned officers. The Virginia and North Carolina branches nearly all went into the Confederate army, as did those in Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama. Whichever side they chose their motive was patriotism. Patriotic and courageous by nature they were always among the first to respond to the call to arms. In the late world war few were drafted, as those eligible for service volunteered before the draft. Crime is almost unheard of in any of the branches and we have never heard of one who has been in the penitentiary. A few have attained distinction as Statesmen and orators. Many are found who hold various state and county offices.
Other Attainments

A great many Silers are found in the pulpit, and in the learned professions. Others are farmers, diligent and attentive readers, quiet country gentlemen, given to hospitality, upright citizens, considerate husbands and lovely and accomplished wives. Few families can count more sons at college, or more daughters at female seminaries. They are zealous supporters of the church, and its enterprises of benevolence. Missions and Temperance enlist their active support. Not one in a thousand is intemperate. The church is their home. By sound judgment, consecrated lives and untiring zeal, some have earned the love, confidence and gratitude of mankind, and names that will not perish. The females are educated, accomplished and refined ladies. They are all members of the church and leaders in every good work. Wherever you find a Siler, male or female, you will find a leader in the community.

The Siler Genealogical Chart of Four Generations

We have thus far noticed the Silers as a family: We are now to regard them as individuals. There must be some order adopted for the sketches. I shall therefore take Plikard Dederic Siler as the first generation, calling him No. 1. His children will be the second generation, his grandchildren with be the third, etc. Those four generations will come in genealogical and consecutive order and husband and wife will count but one number. The chart will be a convenience for reference and will enable me in the early pages of the book to refer to names subsequently printed. In the multiplicity of Johns, Weimars, Jacobs, Williams, etc., I can be specific.

On the subsequent pages will be found the Siler Chart. The numbers in the sketches will correspond with the numbers in the chart.
# Chart of Four Generations of the Siler Family

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No. 2—Philip Siler Sr. Branch

Philip Siler, the first child of Plikard Dederic and Elizabeth, No. 1, was born in Pennsylvania, May 5, 1745, before his parents moved to Chatham county, N. C. He married Mary Crabtree, of Massachusetts. She was born August 31, 1745. Philip and Mary settled in Chatham county, N. C., where they raised a family of seven sons and __________ daughters.

The names of their sons were: John, Adam, Andrew, James, Josiah, Philip, Jr., and Solomon.

Philip, Sr. died in Chatham county, N. C., February 7, 1834, and Mary Crabtree Siler died November 15, 1801.

No. 3—John W. Siler

John W. Siler, son of Philip Siler, was born about 1780 (this date furnished by Dr. W. H. Siler, of Silerton, Tenn.) He moved to Franklin county, Tenn., and settled on Beans creek about 1815-1820. He had two boys, with probably other children. They were Jacob and Issac. He married either a Williamson or Thompson.

No. 4—Jacob Siler

Jacob Siler, son of John W. Siler, was born______________

= _______________ He was the father of the following children:

(A) John Wesley Siler, son of Jacob Siler, b______________

He was sent to school at U. of N. C. by his father and while there he got to spelling his name Syler
and many of this branch of the family now spell the name Syler. John Wesley's father never consented to the change as long as he lived and would refuse mail sent to him spelled Syler instead of Siler.

We trust the descendants of John W. Siler and Jacob Siler, No. 4, will return to the old way of spelling the name so as to keep from losing the family connection, which will be so easy if the name is spelled differently. Among probable others, John W. Siler has a son named Joe Siler, living at Estill Springs, Tenn.

(B) Robert Siler.
(C) Thomas Siler.
(D) Buck.
(E) Joseph Franklin Siler.
   1. Felix R. Siler, of Kirbyville, Texas, Druggist.
   2.
   3.
   4.
(F) George Siler, son of Jacob Siler, No. 4.
(G) Philip Siler, son of Jacob Siler, No. 4.
(H) Colonel Siler, son of Jacob Siler, No. 4.

No. 14—Adam Siler

Adam Siler was the second son of Philip Siler, No. 2. No further record of him. We have reserved numbers for his children, should they ever be located.
No. 25—Andrew Siler

Andrew Siler was the third son of Philip Siler (No. 2). We have never been able to find out anything more about him and are reserving numbers for his children.

No. 37—James Siler (about 1800)

James Siler was the fourth son of Philip Siler (No. 2), and lived at or near the present Siler City, N. C., and was a farmer. Married a Fox.

No. 38—James Siler, Jr. (about 1820)

James Siler, Jr., was the first son of James Siler (No. 37), b. , = Nancy Jones (information furnished by J. J. Siler, who lives at Toone, Tenn., and who is a grandson of Solomon Siler [No. 41]. James Siler, Jr., had four sons, James L., J. Q., Josiah and Edward, all of whom moved to West Tennessee after the Civil war.

(A) James L. Siler, son of James Siler, Jr. (No. 38), was born in Chatham county, N. C., 1840 and after the Civil war he moved to West Tennessee with his three brothers. He married a Rook in 1864 and had four children, as follows:
1. Groze Siler b. , = , has two boys and four girls.
2. Delphus Siler b. , = , has two boys.
3. Frank Siler b. , = , has three boys and three girls.
4. Henry Siler b. , = , has one girl.
(B) J. Q. Siler, son of James Siler, Jr. (No. 38), was born in Chatham county, N. C., 1844. During Civil war he fought in 26th N. C. Reg. Co. G. = Margaret Roson about 1866 and moved to Silerton, Tenn. He was magistrate of his district 25 years and tax assessor for 5 years. He then moved to Puxico, Mo., and died in 1916. His wife was born 1847 and died in 1920. His children were:

1. William H. Siler (M. D.), born May 12, 1868 at Silerton, Tenn. He attended lectures at Memphis, Tenn. in 1889, Nashville 1890, and again at Memphis in 1901. He still lives at Silerton, Tenn., and is a splendid physician. He married Margaret Tuley, 1890.
   (a) Arthur Preston Siler, b. 
   (b) Malockey Ann Siler, b., = Darthur Spurtus.
      (1) Lloyd.
      (2) Ralph.
      (3) Louetta.
      (4) Paul David.
   (c) Doncraty Siler, b., = Quincy Armour.
   (d) Carrie Siler, b., = Tilden Haynes.
   (e) Roger Henning Siler, b. 
   (f) Thomas Siler, b., studying for ministry at Jackson, Tenn.
   (g) Gladis Siler, b. 
   (h) Robert Siler, b. 

2. Edwin Merritt Siler, son of John Q. Siler, b, married, and has one boy and two girls, and now lives at Puxico, Missouri.
3. John Baxtor Siler, son of John Q. Siler, b............. married.............., and has five boys and one girl. Now lives at Puxico, Mo.

4. James Preston Siler, son of John Q. Siler, b............. married.............., and has five boys and five girls. Now lives at Puxico, Missouri.

5. Oren Clay Siler, b............... , d young.

6. Charles Crabtree Siler, b............... , married.............., and has two girls who live at Puxico, Mo.

7. Quincy Prentice Siler, b............... , married............... He has two boys and lives in St. Louis, Mo.
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(C) Josiah Siler, third son of James Siler, Jr. (No. 38), was born in Chatham county, N. C., After the Civil war he moved to West Tennessee with his brothers. He had four children.

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(D) Edward Siler, son of James Siler (No. 38), was born in Chatham county, N. C., . After the Civil war he moved to Western Tennessee and we hear no more of him after that.

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No. 39—Silas Siler

Silas Siler was the second son of James Siler (No. 37). He was born in Chatham county, N. C., , and no doubt died there. We have no record of his offspring.

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No. 40—Mathias Siler

Mathias Siler was the third son of James Siler (No. 37). He was born in Chatham county, N. C., , and we have no further record of him.

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No. 41—Solomon Siler

Solomon Siler was the fourth son of James Siler (No. 37).
He was born in Chatham county, N. C., 1810. He married Susan Bray and had nine children, as follows:

(A) Jesse R. Siler, son of Solomon Siler (No. 41), was born in Chatham county, N. C., December 25, 1830. He married Mary D. Hackney December 5, 1850. In 1859 he moved to Western Tennessee and was the first Siler to settle in Western Tennessee in Hardman county. He died in 1900 and his wife died in 1879.

1. Dr. M. J., son of Jesse R. Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C., about 1853. He was brought to Western Tennessee by his father in 1859. He married and by this union had ten children. He was an excellent physician and lived a long, useful life. He died, 1921.

   (a) Josiah.
   (b) 
   (c) 
   (d) 
   (e) 
   (f) 
   (g) 
   (h) 
   (i) 
   (j) 

2. J. J. Siler, son of Jesse R. and Mary Hackney Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C. in 1855. When he was four years old his father brought him with his other brothers to Western Tennessee. He married. He was a member of the county court of Hardeman county, Tenn. for eighteen years and was tax assessor for eight years. He lives at Toone, Tenn. at this time and is a very successful
farmer. His wife died 1922. They had eleven children.

(a) Earnest Siler, b, has four boys and lives at Memphis, Tenn.
(b) Belcher Siler, b, has two boys and lives at Memphis, Tenn.
(c) Bunion Siler, b, has one boy and lives at Diersburg, Tenn.
(d) Judson Siler, b, single.

3. O. T. Siler, third son of Jesse R. and Mary Hackney Siler, was born in . He married and now lives at Toone, Tenn., where he is engaged in farming. He has eight children.

(a) Walter Siler, b, has seven children and lives at Silerton, Tenn.
(b) Vernon Siler, b, single.
(c) Raymond Siler, b, has two children and lives at Silerton, Tenn.
4. W. D. Siler, son of Jesse R. and Mary H. Siler, was born at ____________ _____________. He married ____________. He was a Baptist minister and died in 1907. He had four children.

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(b)
(c)
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5. J. L. Siler, son of Jesse R. and Mary H. Siler, b ____________. He is living at Toone, Tenn. and is a merchant and farmer. He married ____________ ____________ and has five children.

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(b)
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(d)
(e)

6. G. D. Siler, son of Jesse R. and Mary H. Siler, b ____________. He married ____________ November 17, 1889 at Uptonville, Tenn., where he lived until 1905. He then moved to Jackson, Tenn. He was a traveling salesman. He died of heart failure at Paducah, Ky. November 14, 1921. His widow and children live at 207 Lexington Ave., Jackson, Tenn.

(a) Enola V., b August 20, 1890, married C. F. McCroney July 5, 1915.
(b) Henry R., b November 7, 1891, married Effie Snodgrass July 15, 1914.
(c) Douglass, b October 22, 1893, married Willie Steven February 9, 1916.
(d) Leland L., b October 19, 1895.
Philip No. 2; James No. 37; Solomon No. 41 (A)

(e) Harvey L., b May 11, 1898, married Evelyn Gardner June 20, 1918.
(f) Edgar S., b January 24, 1900.
(g) Lucy Mai, born May 1, 1905.
(h) Mary E., b May 1, 1910 in Jackson, Tenn.

7. Mary S. Siler, daughter of Jesse R. and Mary H. Siler, b., married Rook and lives at.

8. Leeo Siler, daughter of Jesse R. and Mary H. Siler, b., married Vaughn and lives at.


(B) Spencer D. Siler, b August, 1827, was a son of Solomon Siler of Chatham county, N. C. After the Civil war, in 1867 he went to Western Tennessee and died there. His wife was Hanna Brower whom he married in 1850. He lived in Hardeman county, Tenn., and had the following children:

1. Margaret O. C. Siler, b 1851, married.
2. Susan J. Siler, b in Chatham county, N. C. in 1853, she married.
3. J. John B. Siler, b in Chatham county, N. C. May 27, 1855, and lives at Bonham, Texas, Route No. 5. He married and has the following children:
   (a) Eugene W. D. Siler, b September 12, 1879, married Florence Woods, 1900.
      (1) Mamie Siler, b April 24, 1901, married John Stubbs, 1918, and they have one son named John Jr., b 1919.
      (2) Ethel Siler, b December ______, 1902, married Forest Owens in 1920 and
they have one son named Harold F., b 1921.

(3) Mauriene Siler, b March 19, 1905, married Willie Vance in 1921.

(4) Harold Siler, b May, 1907, and died in infancy.

(5) Rollie Siler, a twin of Ollie, b June 26, 1910.

(6) Ollie Siler, a twin of Rollie, b June 26, 1910.

(7) Vernon Siler, b January 29, 1913.

(8) J. B. Siler, b December 28, 1914.

(9) Edna E. Siler, b ........................., 1918.

(b) Cornelia Siler, b September 2, 1881, married.......................... and died..........................

(c) Lula L. Siler, born June 26, 1883.

(d) Esther C. Siler, b January 13, 1885, d 1902.

(e) Homer L. Siler, b April 5, 1889.

(f) Monnie B. Siler, b July 16, 1890.

(g) Anderson J. Siler, b July 31, 1894.

(h) Marcus E. Siler, b December 31, 1900.

4. Columbus S. W. Siler, son of Spencer D. and Hanna B. Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C. in 1857 and died.............................. in Tennessee.

5. Eliza C. A. Siler was born in Chatham county, N. C. in 1859 and brought by her parents to Tennessee in 1857.

6. Armenty Siler, b in 1861 at Chatham county, N. C., came to Hardeman county, Tenn., in 1867 with her parents. She married a Jones and has two children:

(a) Luther Jones.

(b) Flevus Jones.
J. Willis Siler, son of Solomon Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C. After the Civil war he went with his family to Hardeman county, Tenn. He died and is now buried in Hardeman county, Tenn. His children are:

1. Theodore O. Siler, son of J. W. Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C. Married and now lives at Silerton, Tenn. He has the following children:
   (a) Nael Siler.
   (b) 
   (c) 
   (d)

2. John D. Siler, son of J. W. Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C. Married and now lives at Silerton, Tenn.
   (a) Manson.
   (b) Clifford.
   (c) 
   (d) 
   (e) 
   (f)

3. James Peter Siler, son of J. W. Siler, was born in Hardeman county, Tenn. Married and now lives at Silerton, Tenn.
   (a)
   (b)
   (c) 
   (d) 
   (e) 
   (f)

4. Simon Siler, son of J. W. Siler, was born in Hardeman county, Tenn. Married and now lives at Silerton, Tenn.
(D) Horrace W. Siler, son of Solomon Siler, b. marries. His children are:
1. Walter Siler, son of H. W. Siler, b. marries.
7. Lacy Siler.

(E) Polly Siler, daughter of Solomon Siler, b.

(F) Adaline Siler, daughter of Solomon Siler, b.

(G) Susan J. Siler, daughter of Solomon Siler, b.
(H) Patsey (?) Siler, daughter of Solomon Siler, b. 

(I) Jane Siler, daughter of Solomon Siler, b. 

No. 42—Adam Siler

Adam Siler, son of James Siler (No. 37). We have nothing more about him.

No. 45—Josiah Siler

Josiah Siler was the fifth son of Philip Siler, Sr. (No. 2). He was born in Chatham county, N. C., near the present Siler City. He died. He married and was the father of fourteen children.

No. 46—John Siler

John Siler was the first son of Josiah Siler (No. 45). He was born in Chatham county, N. C., married. He died in Chatham county, N. C., leaving two sons and seven daughters.

(A) William J. (who was killed in the Civil war).
(B) John R. (now living).
(C) Mary Jane.
(D) Margaret.
(E) Elizabeth.
(F) Catherine.
(G) Mariam.
(H) Ruth.
(I) Sarah.

No. 47—W. Murchison Siler

W. Murchison Siler was the second son of Josiah Siler (No. 45). He was born in Chatham county, N. C. Murchison moved to Indiana, where he died about 1892 leaving two sons.

(A) James.
(B) John.

No. 48—Wm. Durgin Siler

William Durgin Siler, son of Josiah Siler (No. 45), b in Chatham county, N. C. He left and moved to Hillsboro, Ga. 1840 to 1845. He married Marie Dorsett of Chatham county, N. C. before moving to Georgia. He followed farming for an occupation and belonged to the Baptist church. He died leaving one son. Two having died young, leaving no offspring. Their names were Eldridge, b January 5, 1832, and Lorenzo, b, 1829.

(A) Wm. Durgin, Jr., son of Wm. Durgin Siler (No. 48), was born in Chatham county, N. C. December 7, 1834. He was taken to Hillsboro, Ga., by his
father. He had a common school education and belonged to the Presbyterian church and was a deacon of the church for many years. He married Rebecca J. Bigham. She was born January 19, 1842 and also belonged to the Presbyterian church. He was a prosperous farmer and when the Civil war came on he fought in the Co. H. of the 51st Alabama for two years. He also served two years in Ft. Delaware prison as a prisoner of war. His children were:

1. Emma Siler, b February 26, 1859, = Rollins.
   Her children are:
   (a) Adelade, b., married a Nichols.
       (1) Margaret Nichols, b.
       (2) (?)
   (b) Frederick Rollins.
   (c) Clifford Rollins.

2. Ada Siler, b August 30, 1860.

3. Anna A. Siler, b March 30, 1866, married Smith.
   (a) Raymond.
   (b) …

4. John E. Siler, b January 12, 1871, married.
   (a) Nettie Siler, b., married May.
   (b) Ruth Siler.
   (c) Beryl Siler.
   (d) Jacob Siler.
   (e) Million Siler.
   (f) Elvan Siler.

5. Raymond B. Siler, b May 25, 1873.

6. Clara Siler, b March 10, 1876, = Abbot.
7. Wm. Stacy Siler, b May 15, 1878, = ---------------------
   Lives at Deweyville, Tex.
   (a) Wm. Stacy Siler, Jr., of Deweyville, Texas.
   (b)
8. Arthur C. Siler, son of Wm. Durgin Jr., (A),
   born August 10, 1881.
   (a) Arthur C., Jr.
   (B) Lorenza Siler, son of Wm. Durgin Siler, Sr., (No. 48),
       b 1829, died, leaving no offspring.
   (C) Eldridge Siler, son of Wm. Durgin Siler, Sr. (No. 48),
       b January 5, 1832, and died leaving no offspring.

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No. 49—Andrew Siler

Andrew, fourth son of Josiah Siler (No. 45), was born
in Chatham county, N. C., = ---------------------

Andrew Siler died leaving one son
and five daughters.

(A) John W.
(B) Lucinda.
(C) Emeline.
(D) Emprier.
(E) Rilla.
(F) Lucassie.

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No. 50—Record Siler

Record Siler, fifth son of Josiah Siler, b... in
Chatham county, N. C., = ---------------------

He moved to Arkansas and died leaving the following children:
(A) James.
(B) John.
(C) Taylor.
(D) Dock.
(E) Mary Ann.
(F) Rachel.
(G) Martha Ann.

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No. 51—Solomon Siler

Solomon Siler died at an early age before reaching his majority, of course, leaving no offspring.

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No. 52—Josiah Davis Siler

Josiah Davis Siler, son of Josiah Siler (No. 45), b. __________ in Chatham county, N. C., married __________ Deliah King. He died in Chatham county, N. C. about 1888, leaving surviving him the following:

(A) Alson R. Siler, b. __________, married Nannie Jones_________. He died June 19, 1912, leaving following descendants:

   (a) Virginia Davis Siler.
6. Helen B., unmarried.

(B) William Murchison Siler, son of Josiah Davis Siler (No. 52), was born in Chatham county, N. C. He died in a Federal hospital from wounds received at the battle of Melvern Hill. Unmarried and left no descendants.

(C) Julia A. Siler, daughter of Josiah Davis Siler (No. 52), was born in Chatham county, N. C. married R. P. Ward. Her children are:
1. Mary E. Ward, married P. S. Siler. No issue.
2. Deliah Ward, married F. E. Womble. Issue, a number of children.

(D) Philip M. Siler, son of Josiah Davis Siler, b.in Chatham county, N. C., married Elizabeth Record, both of whom are now dead, having left one daughter.
1. Ettie Siler, married W. A. Brooks and has three children:
   (a) Morris Brooks, 
   (b) Catherine Brooks.
   (c) Margaret Brooks.

(E) Josiah Davis Siler, Jr., son of Josiah Davis (No. 52), born in Chatham county, N. C., He married Julia McMasters and died in 1912, leaving surviving him four daughters and one son:
1. William M., who has married Luella Hackney and has several children.
2. Daisy Siler, who is married to Thomas A. Staley.
3. Rosa, who is married to Benjamin F. Smith.
5. May, who is married to Edward Everett Wicker.
(F) Martha C. Siler, daughter of Josiah Davis Siler (No. 52), b. . . . . . . . . . . , married W. B. Cooper. She is dead having left the following descendants:
1. Claude A. Cooper.
2. Lannie Cooper.
3. Blanche Cooper.
4. Morris Cooper.
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(G) Fields A. Siler, b. . . . . . . . . . . , married Sue Poe. No issue.

(H) Crabtree Siler, son of Josiah Davis Siler (No. 52), b. . . . . . . . . . . in Chatham county, N. C. He is a very successful farmer and is now living near Siler City, N. C. He has many old relics handed down from his great-great-grandfather, Plikard Dederic Siler, among them being an old violin and an old lantern brought over to this country in 1741. He is unmarried.

(I) Cornelia Siler, b. . . . . . . . . . . , unmarried and still living.

No. 53—Philip Siler

Philip Siler was the son of Josiah Siler (No. 45), was a bachelor and died in Chatham county, N. C., and left no offspring. b. . . . . . . . . . . , d. . . . . . . . . . .

No. 54—Joseph Siler

Joseph Siler, son of Josiah Siler (No. 45), was b. . . . . . . . . . . married. . . . . . . . . . . He died in the Confederate army leaving the following:

(A) Fletcher.
(B) Vandalia.
(C) Philip S.
No. 55—Mary Siler

Mary Siler, b.__________, married Leonard Smith ________, and died in Chatham county, N. C.__________, leaving three children.
(A) Cicero.
(B) John.
(C) William P.

No. 56—Kathryn Siler

Kathryn Siler was b.__________, married Daniel Staley ________, died in the state of Washington ________, leaving surviving five children.
(A) John.
(B) Lindsay.
(C) Jasper.
(D) Margaret.
(E) Fletcher.

No. 57—Emprier Siler

Emprier Siler b.__________, married Malcolm McCay, and died in Alabama leaving no issue.

No. 58—Rachel Siler

Rachel, ____________, married Matthew Cooper and died in the state of Washington, leaving three children.
(A) Mary.
(B) Emily.
(C) Joseph O.

No. 59—Margaret Siler

Margaret died in infancy, b.

No. 60—Philip Siler, Jr.

Philip Siler, Jr., son of Philip Siler, Sr., (No. 2), b., married, d.

He had seven sons and daughters, as follows:

No. 61—Allen Siler

Allen Siler was the son of Philip Siler, Jr. (No. 60). Nothing more is known of him. He was born, d.

No. 62—Jackson Siler

Jackson Siler, son of Philip Siler (No. 60). No further record.
No. 63—Crabtree Siler
Crabtree Siler, son of Philip Siler. No further record.

No. 64—John R. Siler
John R. Siler, son of Philip Siler, Jr. (No. 60), was born in Chatham county, N. C. or Franklin, N. C., married Sarah A. Dean in Alabama in 1861. He moved to Orion, Ala. before the Civil war, about 1842, with his Uncle, Solomon Siler (No. 68). He was a merchant farmer. He died April 29, 1870, leaving three children.

(B) Mary W. Siler, b December 4, 1869 at Union Springs, Ala., married in 1891, Arthur Pierce.
(C) Samuel Dean, b November 27, 1865 at Orion, Ala., married Edna Morrison November 27, 1907. A merchant in New Orleans, La., in 1921, 930 Canal Street.

No. 65—Solomon Siler
Solomon Siler, son of Philip Siler, Jr. (No. 60), was born and died, without offspring so far as we know.

No. 66—Durham W. Siler
Durham W. Siler, son of Philip Siler, Jr. (No. 60), was born in Chatham county, N. C. He moved from Chatham
county, N. C. to Troy, Ala. with his brother, John R. and his Uncle Solomon (No. 68) before the Civil war, about 1842. He was a successful merchant and was Judge of the Probate Court of Pike county, Ala., for several years. He married Sallie Stanhope, a talented musician of Troy, N. Y. His children were:
(A) Octavius Siler.
(B) Magnolia Siler.
(C) Florence, married Carter.
(D) D. W., Jr.
(E) Solomon.

No. 67—Willis (Dock) Siler

Willis Siler was a son of Philip Siler, Jr. b......................, d..................

No. 68—Solomon Siler

Solomon Siler, son of Philip Siler, Sr., was born in Chatham county, N. C., April 22, 1788. He moved to Orion, Ala. before the Civil war, about 1842, and married Jane G. Park March 7, 1842. He died in Orion, Ala., January 23, 1854. He was a plantation farmer and before he died he had emassed a great fortune (see letter of Calvin Siler on tenth page), and owned over 4 hundred slaves. His descendants still live in Alabama and are among the most prominent people in that section of the country.
No. 69—Laurentina Siler

Laurentine Siler, daughter of Solomon Siler (No. 68), was born in Pike county, Ala., December 28, 1843. She married Pickett. She was a woman of unusual culture and polish and a consecrated Christian.

No. 70—Lenora Siler

Lenora Siler, daughter of Solomon Siler (No. 68), was born April 14, 1845 in Pike county, Ala., married d. She was a woman of culture and a gifted musician, and a consecrated Christian.

No. 71—Mary A. Siler

Mary A. Siler, daughter of Solomon Siler (No. 68), was born in Pike county, Ala., February 15, 1847. Married d. She was a consecrated Christian and a woman of refinement and a talented musician.

No. 72—Quintius Park Siler

Quintius Park Siler, son of Solomon Siler (No. 68), was born in Pike county, Ala., November 14, 1848. He was converted in childhood and belonged to the Baptist church. He was educated at Chapel Hill, N. C., and was a deacon of the church many years. He was a merchant and farmer.
and postmaster. He married Minnie Alice Dean of Opelika, Ala. She was converted in childhood and belonged to the Presbyterian church. She was born November 22, 1852. He died at Troy, Ala., August 15, 1885. His widow is living with her daughter at Opelika, Ala. The following is a clipping from the paper just after his death:

"When the weak bantling of a few summers is called from earth to companionship with the angels, there is comfort in the faith that it was too pure for earth and was only lent to parents to more closely rivet their relationship with heaven; when the old and infirm, bent down with weight of years and full of infirmities and weakness, are called by the angel of death, there is reconciliation with the loss in the happiness and joy the departed secure in exchange for their weight of woe and burdens of ills in life; but when vigorous manhood is stripped of his strength by disease and yields up the ghost in weakness, there is no balm for the heart, no comfort for the mind nor consolation for the reason, and the loss is overwhelming. The death of Mr. Q. P. Siler last Saturday night, in the prime of life and but a few days previous in the vigor of health, is peculiarly sad. Genial, affable, upright, accommodating and possessed of every instinct of the gentleman, his friends were numerous and his life was indeed a pleasant one, intensified in its enjoyment and happiness by the love of a devoted wife and the affection of bright children, while his circumstances were such that he could realize that ease from care and relief from toil which affords contentment. In the said dispensation of providence by which the happy home is broken up, the widow and orphans left without that natural protector whose pleasure was their gratification, there seems unusual hardship and irreparable loss, but 'He who doeth all things well' will in due season unravel the mystery and show that 'all things work together for good to those who love the Lord.' The grief and
anguish of the bereaved ones strike a responsive chord in hearts of a host of friends, who deeply sympathize with them in their misfortune.”

His children were as follows:

(A) Margaret Glenn Siler, b July 9, 1872, married J. M. Murphree of Troy, Ala., and have two children:
1. D. S. Murphree, b June 26, 1900.
2. Adalaid, married Jones, b September 26, 1904.

(B) Dr. Joseph F. Siler, b June 8, 1875. In 1912 he was a doctor in the U. S. Army, stationed at San Antonio, Texas. He is now Lieut. Colonel and stationed in Washington, D. C. No offspring.

(C) Quintinus Pickett Siler, b July 29, 1877. He was a banker at La Fayette, Ala. d March 14, 1917, leaving two children, Mamie, b August 2, 1905. Miriam, b July 3, 1908.


No. 73—Octavius Siler

Octavius Siler, son of Solomon Siler (No. 68), b June 4, 1851. d y.

No. 74—Crabtree Siler

Crabtree Siler, son of Solomon Siler (No. 68), b March 27, 1854. d y.

No. 75—WEIMAR SILER BRANCH

Weimar Siler was the son of Plikard Dederic and Elizabeth Hartsoe Siler.
We are not going to attempt an improvement in the work of the committee which so ably presented the Weimar Siler Branch of the family, and are therefore inserting the work of this committee in full herewith.

The publication of data relating to the Weimar Siler Branch was published by the Franklin Press of Franklin, N. C. in July, 1906, and was the work of a committee and was read at the Jubilee Reunion of the Weimar Siler Branch held in Macon county, N. C., August 28, 1901, as follows:

"On another page of this pamphlet will be found an account of the origin of the North Carolina Siler 'Family Meeting.' Starting with a New Year's Dinner, such as is common among large families, this annual reunion has developed into an Institution in the Siler family, having been kept up without a break for more than half a century. It is a movable feast, the day of meeting being changed, from time to time, to suit the convenience of a majority of the family.

"At the jubilee reunion, held at the residence of Mr. W. B. Lenoir, on the 28th of August, 1901, a number of biographical and other sketches were read, all relating to the family history. It was thought well to preserve these in permanent form, and a committee was appointed to superintend their publication. An excellent 'family tree' was prepared by Mr. T. S. Siler, and we regret that it was not practicable to secure a cut of the tree for this pamphlet. The work of publication was delayed a number of years, but at the meeting in 1905, the necessary funds were secured, and the committee was instructed to have the sketches pringed in pamphlet form by the time of the next annual meeting. The committee has discharged its duty, and the present pamphlet is the result. That some inaccuracies should have crept in, was almost unavoidable in a publication of this kind. We trust these will not be
found so great as to seriously impair the value of the work. "It is hoped that this fragmentary record of the family history by keeping green the memory of our ancestors, may lead to an emulation of their virtues by us, their descendants."

MRS. N. C. ARTHUR,
F. L. SILER,
PAUL JONES,
T. J. JOHNSTON,
Committee.

Franklin, North Carolina,
July 11, 1906.

No. 75—Weimar Siler

Weimar Siler was born February 28, 1755, in Pennsylvania. Margaret Rafferty, his wife, was born October 12, 1767, in Virginia. Her parents were born and married in Ireland, and coming to this country on a ship on which there were no other women, her mother disguised herself as a young man, and passed for her husband's younger brother. Landing at Philadelphia, she took off her disguise and her husband engaged board for her in a private family until he could succeed in obtaining a home. From here they soon moved to Virginia where Margaret was born. Weimar Siler enlisted at fifteen as drummer boy in the Indian war, and was promoted for his courage. During the Revolution he served under Francis Marion and Service. Among the places at which he fought were Sumpter, Kings, Mountain and Cowpens. He married Margaret Rafferty about the year 1783. They moved to Pendleton, S. C. about 1787, and from there to Turkey creek, in Buncombe county, N. C. in the spring of 1805,
and then to Macon county in 1827, where he died February 4, 1831. He was of quiet disposition, very genial in his manners, a great lover of little children and very industrious. Above all he was a deeply pious man, showing in his daily life a constant desire to live as a Christian. The day before his death he was seemingly as well as usual, and engaged all day in making his family more comfortable, but died in his bed during the night. His wife outlived him nearly eight years, dying on the 15th of January, 1839. As he was truly German in his disposition so she was truly Irish in hers—warm-hearted, impulsive and very energetic.

Their first child (No. 76), Esther, was born in Virginia March 12, 1786. She married James Lowry, of Buncombe county, N. C., October 9, 1804, and died March 15, 1849. Her husband died January 4, 1857. The second child, Elizabeth (No. 84), was born on July 3, 1788, in South Carolina, and married Jacob Weaver, of Buncombe county, N. C. She died October 3, 1867. Her husband died April 7, 1868. The third child, William (No. 92), was born September 6, 1790. Married Althea Swain, of Buncombe county, November 25, 1823, and died May 5, 1863. She died March 6, 1846. The fourth child, Jesse Richardson (No. 102), was born January 31, 1793, married Harriet Patton, of Buncombe county, June 23, 1818, died March 22, 1876. She died August 19, 1877. The fifth child, Jacob (No. 109), was born June 1, 1795, married first, Matilda Swain, of Buncombe county, second Mrs. Mary Thornton Highsmith, of Hartwell, Ga. He died September 27, 1871. Matilda died November 5, 1858. The sixth child, Thomas (No. 117), was born May 25, 1798. He went to Western Tennessee in February, 1822, where he died September 6th of the same year. Margaret, the seventh child (No. 118), was born December 16, 1800, married Martin Alley Gash, of Henderson county, N. C.
February 9, 1830, died February 9, 1850. He died February 18, 1850. The eighth child, John (No. 129), was born July 5, 1805, married Mary C. McKee of Haywood county, N. C., March 11, 1833, he died August 2, 1872; she died January 19, 1878. The ninth child, Mary G. (No. 136), born March 19, 1810, married John Henly December 13, 1831, died July, 1837.

No. 76—Esther Siler

Esther Siler was born in Virginia March 12, 1786. Soon after her birth her parents moved to Pendleton District, S. C. Her educational advantages were only such as were afforded in the frontier settlements, and consequently were limited. She enjoyed the advantage of a mother of rare good sense, whose education was better than that which fell to the ordinary woman of that day. Early in 1800, Esther made a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Foster, a sister of her mother, who resided on Beaverdam Creek, three miles north of Asheville, Buncombe county, N. C. It was while on this visit she had the pleasure of meeting Bishop Francis Asbury, who in his travels made the Foster home one of his resting places, and here it was that he gave her his blessing on his departure. And it was also here that she had the honor, as she so often expressed it, of bathing the Bishop's feet, and of combing his hair, he being at this time a very old man. It was also here that Esther met and became acquainted with James Lowry, who resided in the neighborhood. They were both then quite young, but when he grew to manhood, he still remembered the shy girl he had seen at the old block house on Beaverdam Creek, and visited her at her father's house in South Carolina. On the 9th of October, 1804, they were
married, after which they came back to Buncombe county, and settled on Turkey Creek. About the time of this marriage, her father, Weimar Siler, purchased land on Sandymush in the same county, and exchanged this with his son-in-law. In the spring of 1805, Esther and James Lowry took up their abode on Sandymush, then a new country; here they brought up their family, here they lived the remainder of their days, here they died, and in the old churchyard near by they lie buried. Esther Lowry was the mother of twelve children, three sons and nine daughters. Her life is beautifully portrayed by one of her daughters, in a letter when she herself was old and stricken in years, as a sheaf ripe for the harvest: "At the age of sixteen my mother embraced religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which she lived a pious and exemplary member to the time of her death. The church was unable to build houses of worship in the early settlement of the country, and her house was the home of the ministers of the gospel, and the preaching-place for some time, until churches could be built. She shrank from no duty, either public or private, she was amiable, and kind in her disposition, always ready to administer to the wants of the distressed or needy, and liberal with her means to the support of the gospel. At peace with God and in the faith of the Christian religion, she calmly passed away on the 27th of March, 1849."

No. 84—Elizabeth Siler

Elizabeth Siler was born July 3, 1788. Jacob Weaver was born September 13, 1786. They were married by the Rev. Thomas Snelson on the 12th of December, 1811. She died November 13, 1867, and he on the 6th of April,
1868. There has been no sketch of her life written for this work. No word is ever spoken of her but in highest praises of her beautiful Christian character, and her life was "as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

No. 92—William Siler

As the annual gatherings of the Siler family were introduced and kept up for some years during the life time of the four brothers, who settled in what is now Macon county, it has been decided to have a short biographical sketch of each to be kept in the records of the family. William Siler, the eldest son of Weimar and Margaret Siler, was born in Pendleton, S. C. September 5, 1790, living there with his parents until their removal to Buncombe county, N. C., when he was about twelve years old. There, in his new home on Turkey Creek, he lived for some years the life of a farmer's son, surrounded by the atmosphere of a Christian house, and gradually forming the character for uprightness and integrity which so distinguished him in after years. Full of life and energy, which he inherited from his mother, yet like his father in shrinking from publicity, he was ready to join in the sports common to the youths of that section, and after the press of the summer's work was over, he would go to the mountains for a several days' hunt with a select few, which was all the more enjoyable coming as a recreation and reward after labor. When about twenty-one he apprenticed himself to a carpenter and learned the trade, at which he worked several years. In the spring of 1822 he came to what was then Haywood county, now Macon, two of his brothers, Jesse and Jacob, having settled here before him.
Selecting his home in the then almost unbroken wilderness, he cleared, fenced and prepared his ground, with the aid of such Indians as he could hire, and succeeded in raising five hundred bushels of corn. In the fall of the year 1823, he returned to Buncombe and was married on the 25th of November to Miss Althea Swain. At the time the erection of a comfortable house in this part of the country was attended with very great difficulties, for though there was no lack of material in the extensive forests, there were no saw mills to convert it into lumber, and but few workmen. In the face of these discouragements, with his earnest wish to make his young bride as comfortable as possible, he, with wonderful energy, coupled with the blessing of health and strength, succeeded in putting up a good two-story log house, sawed plank by plank to floor it, ceiled and finished it neatly, putting in glass windows, the first in this part of the country, his trade serving him a good purpose in the absence of other workmen. After a number of years of happy married life, during which a family of eight daughters and one son was given him, his wife became gradually helpless from rheumatism, though living on for several years, teaching a lesson of Christian patience, and receiving from her devoted husband and children every attention that love could bestow. After her death, which occurred March 6, 1846, he seemed to strive to fill both her place and his own to the children. Ever watchful for their comfort, and careful for their best interests, he, by a bright and genial manner made their home happy and cheerful. That home was always open to ministers, to the traveler, to any who stood in need of hospitality, and also to his relatives and friends, whom he delighted to welcome and entertain; enjoying a quiet talk with those of his age, the lighter conversation and laughter of those younger, and especially entering into and enjoying the romping and noise of
half a dozen or more children; not at all annoyed by the confusion, but encouraging them in many ways, and causing those hours to be among their most pleasant recollections. When the Civil war broke out in 1861, too old himself to take an active part in it, he sympathized deeply with those who were called to leave home and friends, and with those who mourned the loss of dear ones; ever holding himself ready to help, in some substantial way, the many who were suffering around him. Thus passed the first two years of the war, the troubles of the country, and their affect upon himself and those he loved, appearing to ripen his Christian character, making him more patient, more uniformly cheerful, and to those who loved him and watched him closely, there seemed to be a daily looking forward to, and preparation for the hour that came at last, in the spring of 1863. Having taken cold from an exposure to a rain, it resulted in pneumonia, and so on May 5th, after a short illness, he entered into rest. Their children were as follows:

No. 93—Laura A. Siler

Laure A. Siler, b September 5, 1824, married Dr. J. M. Lyle September 25, 1850 and died April 9, 1866. She was the daughter of William Siler.

No. 94—Adelia Siler

Adelia Siler was the second child of William and Althea S. Siler. She was born in 1826 and died March 4, 1839.
No. 95—Antionette Siler

Antionette, daughter of William Siler, was born January 15, 1828 and died September 7, 1873.

No. 96—Albert Siler

Albert Siler was born February 1, 1829, married Joanna Chipman October 1, 1856 and he died March 14, 1904. His children are:

(A) Nettie C., b________________________, married________________________,
    Arthur________________________.
    1. Mabel.
    2. Louise.
    3. Rebe________________________. The following is a clipping from Franklin Press:
       “We regret to learn of the death of Miss Rebe Arthur, that occurred on Cartoogechaye last Thursday, from pneumonia. She was fourteen years of age. There was a peculiar sadness in the death of Miss Rebe Arthur, which occurred at the home of her grandfather, Mr. Albert Siler. Though young, she had already given promise of an unusually attractive womanhood. During a severe illness of nearly two weeks, she was a patient sufferer, and showed a tender solicitude for the comfort of her friends, which will always be a cherished memory.”—Franklin Press.

(B) Arthur L. Siler, b________________________, married Ethel Wallace, is still living at Franklin, N. C., Route No. 1.
No. 97—Cornelia Siler  
Cornelia Siler, daughter of William Siler (No. 92), was born August 4, 1830, married Jas. H. Bryson December 18, 1848, d..........................

No. 98—Eugenia Siler  
Eugenia Siler, daughter of William Siler, was b January 3, 1833. She married Jackson Johnson March 23, 1859. d..........................

No. 99—Caroline Siler  
Caroline Siler, daughter of William Siler, b April 18, 1834. She married Horace Nolen October 2, 1856 and died November 25, 1867.

No. 100—Mary Siler  
Mary Siler, daughter of William Siler, b November 30, 1835. Married Wm. McKee February 17, 1870. Died..........................
No. 101—Irene Siler

Irene Siler, daughter of Wm. Siler, b September 18, 1840. d March 5, 1868.

No. 102—Jesse Richardson Siler

Jesse, the fourth child of Weimar and Margaret Siler, was born January 31, 1793, in Pendleton District, S. C. The following sketch of his life was written by himself:

"I was brought up by affectionate and God-fearing parents, with four brothers and four sisters. My parents being religious, from my earliest recollection, I was, of course, restricted in my conduct. I remember very distinctly one violation of their laws. William and I were gathering grapes, when little boys. He was in a tree, and I below holding a hat, which had holes in it. As he would throw the grapes in, they would fall through, which aggravated me so much, that, to my shame be it said, I used language which was a very considerable breach of the order of the family. I was aware of the crime, and of the punishment that awaited me if my father found it out. William availed himself of this advantage of my weakness and kept me 'under his thumb' by threatening to report what I had said. So, finding I was in his power or must suffer punishment of my father, I concluded it was a bad business, consequently have never used profanity since to my recollection. Thus passing through the scenes of childhood and school boys days, I was scarcely ever ten miles from home until the year 1805. In the spring of that year my father took me to spend the summer with my brother-in-law, James Lowry, the husband of my sister, Esther, who was living in Buncombe county, N. C."
This separation from my home, the tender caresses of my mother, and the society of my brothers, from whom I was scarcely ever absent a night in my life, was to be a great trial; but I summoned up fortitude and bore it until the winter of that year, when my father moved to Buncombe county. In November 1814, I commenced clerk ing for J. M. Smith, of Asheville. Being awkward, uncultivated and timid and unaccustomed to confinement, I would have been much happier with my parents in the country.

"But having set out with the determination to succeed, I looked forward with bright hopes, and by dint of application, became tolerably expert in business. I determined not to push myself into society, but to act industriously and honestly, with the hope that I should rise by true merit to rank with those of the highest family. I still retained in a good degree, the religious impressions of my education, and, determined not to disgrace myself, or my parents by immoral conduct, I covenanted tacitly with my Maker, that if he would protect and direct me, and crown my efforts with success in business, I would endeavor to be useful to the church and society. After serving four years as clerk, Mr. Smith gave me an interest in business for three years, during which time I made the acquaintance of Miss Harriet D. Patton, sister of Mrs. Smith, who became my wife June 23, 1818. At the expiration of the three years, I bought land in the Tennessee Valley, and in the fall of 1821, moved to what is now Franklin, Macon county, and commenced business on my own footing. With gratitude I acknowledge that God's blessings have been showered upon me. In 1829 I joined the Methodist Church. We had no house erected for the worship of God, and remembering my promise to Him, I set to work to build a church. I proposed to give the sites and build the church. The good people aided me
and in 1830, it was dedicated by the Rev. John Barringer. I felt happy in being able to aid in erecting a little monument, dedicated to God, where my aged parents, who had moved to Macon county, with my children and friends, could assemble together in a comfortable situation and devote a portion of their time to the worship of God; and where, in the graveyard near by, our bodies will rest together, when time with us shall be no more.” Mrs. H. T. Sloan adds to this sketch: “My parents lived happily together nearly sixty years, and were ever faithful in their attendance at our family reunions, and while their vacant seats in our family circle cause a pang of sorrow and regret, yet we know they have gone to fairer regions, and await us in the family above.” Harriet Siler died August 19, 1877. It is said that Jesse R. Siler had a certain field, the yield from which he gave to the pastor of the church and that field always yielded plenty and was never known to fail. Jesse R. and Harriet Siler’s children were as follows:

**No. 103—Thaddeus Siler**


**No. 104—Julius T. Siler**

Julius T. Siler, son of Jesse R. and Harriet Siler, b December 23, 1825, married Mary Coleman, September 22, 1844. d June 8, 1866.
No. 105—Leonidus F. Siler

Leonidus F. Siler, son of Jesse R. Siler, b April 8, 1830, married Mary Trotter November 10, 1853. Married second, Susan Smith, August 2, 1870. d September 2, 1870.

No. 106—Roxana Siler

Roxana Siler, daughter of Jesse R. Siler, b June 29, 1832, married Dr. W. B. Moore on November 15, 1859.

No. 107—Harriett T. Siler

Harriett T. Siler, daughter of Jesse R. Siler, b May 24, 1835, married Wm. Sloane on December 23, 1856. d September 12, 1900.

No. 108—Jesse Weimar Siler

Jesse Weimar Siler, son of Jesse R. Siler, b June 29, 1838. He was killed in skirmish November 30, 1862.

No. 109—Jacob Siler

Jacob Siler was born in Pendleton District, S. C., June 1, 1795. His early opportunities for education were quite limited, though the saying that he never went to school a
day in his life was a mistake. He often told me that on a
certain occasion he was barefooted, and his tow pants
extended very little below the knee. He was standing on
a bench before the door of the school house one morning
"preaching" for the amusement of the other children
before the arrival of the teacher. Some of the boys agreed
to watch for the pedagogue, but were so deeply interested
in the sermon that they forgot their duty as sentinels,
and the teacher came on him unawares. The first inti-
mation he had of the presence of that dignitary was the
vigorouss application of about a four-foot black gum rod
around his naked legs. Without regard to dignity, he
leaped from the bench. Knocking over some of his most
devoted hearers, and to use his own expression "wound up
without singing the doxology." In the last war with
England he volunteered, but never saw active service.
In 1817 he and a young man by the name of William
Brittain left Buncombe county, and civilization, to seek
their fortunes among the Cherokee Indians, and to build
a house on some of the land there lately acquired by a
treaty from that tribe. They promised their sweethearts
to return for them as soon as they were able to make
them comfortable, and thought it safe to take them to the
homes, which they hoped to be able to provide for them.
Each mounted a good horse, carrying a long flint-lock
rifle, with shot bag and powder horn well stocked, with
ammunition and a hunting knife, a pair of old-fashioned
saddle-bags containing their wardrobe and other personal
baggage, while each led a sturdy pack-horse laden with such
goods and trinkets as they thought might be needed in
trading with the Indians. Thus they left their homes
and friends. After the first day, they pursued their way
through a country inhabited only by Indians and wild
animals, sleeping at night in the cabin of a friendly Indian,
when they could, and at the other times on their blankets
before a blazing log-heap fire, depending on their rifles for food for themselves, and on the luxurious wild grass for their horses. They went on until they reached the Hiwassee River, where they learned that the treaty only extended as far west as the Nantahala River. Then they retracted their steps into what is now Macon county, and stopped near where Wayah creek runs into the Cartooge-chaye. Here they spent the night with an old Indian, and bought his improvements. They built a ten-by-twelve foot shack, which they called their “store” and embarked in the mercantile business, having a stock of goods which two pack horses could carry, minus what they had exchanged on the way for provisions. They lived here, and fairly prospered, for two years, and then sold their claim to William Siler. Jacob Siler then bought the improvements from an Indian named Wallace, about two miles farther down the Cartooge-chaye, and Brittain bought another improvement lying between the two Siler brothers. On the 8th day of February, 1822, Jacob was married to Miss Matilda, daughter of Dr. George Swain, of Asheville, and her mother’s name was Caroline Lane. They had five children. After the death of his first wife, which occurred November 5, 1858, he married Mary Thornton Highsmith, and she died April 25, 1874. At the time of his coming to this part of the country, it was but thinly settled by whites, though there was a land sale held in the fall of 1820, and after that it filled quite rapidly. All of North Carolina west of the Buncombe line was then Haywood county. In 1828, Macon was cut off and made a county. Jacob Siler and others, having been appointed as magistrates in Haywood county and being in the territory cut off, were continued as such in the new county of Macon. He had learned practical surveying while acting as pack horse man and cook for Colonel Forney, in running out the treaty land, and was appointed, in connection with Colonel
Joseph Cathey, of Haywood, to mark out and establish the line between the two counties. He was then made county surveyor, which office he held until 1835, when he resigned to represent the county in the Legislature. This he continued to do until 1839-40, when he was appointed agent for the state in the matters relating to the Cherokee lands. He died April 21, 1871. The name of Jacob is "as ointment poured forth." He adorned every station in life in which he moved, with the dignity of a Christian manhood. An upright citizen, a thoughtful and kind husband and father, a friend to the friendless, and above all, an exemplary Christian, he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His sun went down without an obscuring cloud or rather as the morning star that goeth not down, but melts sweetly away into a cloudless day.

No. 110—Harriett E. Siler

Harriett E. Siler, daughter of Jacob and Matilda Siler, was born November 26, 1820. She married Alfred Slagle August 28, 1845 and d September 13, 1885.

No. 111—David Weimar Siler

David Weimar Siler, son of Jacob and Matilda Siler, b December 17, 1822. Married first Katherine Osborne, October 14, 1856; married second time, Martha Osborne, June 4, 1862.

(A) Rufus Theodore Siler, b April 11, 1863 at Franklin, N. C., married Josephine Landes December 3, 1886 at Mossy Rock, Wash. (See clipping p. 73.)
   (a) Ruth Elinor Siler, b December 13, 1916, Randal, Wash.
   (b) Jean Siler, b May 16, 1918.
2. Naoma Siler, b June 16, _______, died May 13, 1892.
   (a) Patricia Louise Magill, b July 17, 1921.
4. Louise Aileen Siler, b October 1, 1897 at Vance, Wash.

(B) Jacob Siler, b_____________ in Franklin, N. C., moved to Lowden county, Tenn., with his father and brother, Rufus T. and later moved to Washington (see clipping on p. 73), and settled at Raymond, where he now lives.

No. 112—Margaret Siler

Margaret Siler, daughter of Jacob and Matilda Siler, b May 21, 1825, d September 24, 1836.

No. 113—Thomas Summerfield Siler

Thomas Summerfield Siler, son of Jacob and Matilda Siler, b April 19, 1834. Married Louise Herren December 16, 1865, at Waynesville, N. C. He was for years county surveyor of Haywood county, N. C. He died April 6, 1916, at Maynesville, N. C. She died January 25, 1903.
(A) Archibald Theodore Siler, b February 1, 1858. Married Francis V. Conley December 9, 1880, d. 7-6-22.

   (a) Josephine Siler, b May 12, 1912.
   (b) Helen Siler, b July 16, 1915.
   (c) Jacob Siler, b 1917, d in infancy.
   (d) Robt. Siler, b August 1, 1921.

   (a) Esthel May Siler, b January 3, 1914.
   (b) Thomas Wesley Siler, b July 8, 1915.
   (c) Archibald Theodore Siler, b July 3, 1917.
   (d) Matilda Louise Siler, b September 5, 1919, d August 3, 1920.

3. Louise Siler, b March 6, 1889.

4. Eliza Siler, b June 22, 1892.

5. Theodore Siler, b January 4, 1897.

(B) Jacob Buttler Siler, b March 6, 1860. Married Emily Vaughn May, 1891. d June 25, 1916.

   (a) Thelma Orr.
   (b) Robt. Siler Orr, b...................., d y February 28, 1921.
   (c) Thomas Orr.

   (a) Emily Siler.
   (b) Anna Boone Siler.

3. Freddie Siler, b 1895, d y......................

4. Louis Siler, b January 3, 1897.

5. James Pinknet Siler, b March ?, 1899.

6. Harry Siler, b May, 1902.
8. Jacob Buttler, Jr., b March, 1907.
10. John Siler, b.................., 1914.

(C) Judson Sawin Siler, b June 14, 1863, in Franklin, N. C., moved from Franklin to Washington Territory in 1886. Married Thressa A. Lewis March 21, 1897 (see clipping which follows). He is now a member of the State Legislature of Washington. Lives at Vance. He has serves as Senator for eight terms. He has two children.
1. Harry A. Siler, b September 24, 1898.
2. J. Terry Siler, b August 14, 1905.

(D) —Alfred Weimar Siler, b May 31, 1868 in Franklin, N. C., moved to Washington territory in 1886, married Lenora O. Lewis September 5, 1900. He lives at Vance, Wash.
1. Frank Orville Siler, b November 26, 1902.
2. Ward L. Siler, b November 20, 1905.
3. Doris V. Siler, b December 9, 1910.

(E) Matilda Jane Siler, b September 7, 1870, married John LeRoy Davis at Waynesville, N. C. December 25, 1898 and had one son. She died December 18, 1919, buried at Waynesville, N. C.
1. LeRoy Davis, Jr., b October 16, 1899 at Vance, Wash.

(F) Harriett Louisa Siler, b October 1, 1872, married John LeRoy Davis, her brother-in-law, June 7, 1921, at Waynesville, N. C., and lives at Knoxville, Tenn., R. 9, Sevierville Pike.

(G) Sarah Iola Siler, b July 19, 1878, married Hawkins B. Freeman August 29, 1908 at Waynesville, N. C.
1. Jeffrie B. Freeman, b September 15, 1909.
2. Catherine Freeman, b April 9, 1911.
3. Hattie Freeman, b August 5, 1916.
(H) Carrie Herren Siler, b August 29, 1880, married Geo. D. Sherill, August 30, 1903, and lives at Waynesville, N. C.
1. Geo. D. Sherill, Jr., b May 9, 1905.
2. Virginia Kathryn Sherill, b September 3, 1913.

The Following is a Clipping Taken from a Washington State Paper

Lewis county watches race. Prominent citizens, cousins, same age, on opposing legislative tickets. Yet both may win fight. Hardy pioneers built beautiful farm homes and wrested fortunes from wilderness. State of Washington, Chehalis, November 2, 1912. Special to Poste Intelligencer: Lewis county presents an interesting political situation in the fight for representatives in the state legislature. Two prominent citizens of the Big Bottom Section, are candidates for the house, one of them, J. S. Siler, a Republican, and the other, R. T. Siler, a Democrat. The men are cousins, each is forty-nine years of age, there being but two months difference, and each is a pioneer in Eastern Lewis county. The country as a whole, is in the 27th representative district and is not divided into districts. Thus it is possible if the vote breaks right for these two men living in a rural district, 65 miles from the center of the population of the county, to each win and sit in the next legislature. A. W. Siler, of Vance, is a brother of J. S. Siler, while Jacob Siler, the well known sawmill man, of Raymond, is a brother of R. T. Siler. The latter, and Jacob Siler, came to the North-west originally from Louden county, Tenn. J. S. Siler came here from Macan county, N. C.

J. S. Siler or Jud Siler, as he is familiarly known to his friends, came to Washington in 1886. In the spring of 1887 he located on his homestead three miles from Randle
and has claimed that as his home ever since. He worked for about a year and a half at Winlock to earn money to improve his place, was married there and has two sons. He has a farm of ninety acres, forty of which are cleared and under cultivation. Besides dairying, Mr. Siler raises considerable stock. He has a good house, barn, and other comforts on his home place.

Rufus T. Siler located in this territory in 1885, securing 145 acres of splendid land in the Big Bottom Country. He has most of it cleared and enjoys life in an eight thousand dollar residence that is finished in hardwood cut on the place and finished in a Tacoma mill, whence it was shipped back to be used for doors, etc. His wife is a daughter of C. T. Landers, a well-known pioneer of Killickitat prairie, at Mossy Rock. They have three children. Mr. Siler is engaged in general farming, but is going more extensively into dairying, having some fine stock on his place, Jerseys, perhaps, predominating.

When J. S. Siler went into the Big Bottom Country, there were but two white women and two children within thirty miles of his home. There was a trail from Mossy Rock and Chehalis. It cost a dollar and twenty-five cents a hundred to get freight from Chehalis to Mossy Rock and three dollars a hundred to carry it from the latter point to Vance. Vance was the first P. O. east of Mossy Rock in Lewis county. It was established in 1887 with R. T. Siler as postmaster. Mail was received once a week. It is daily now.

With the great development of the Big Bottom Country, which has come despite the fact that there is no railroad connection nearer than Morton, many wonderful changes have occurred in that section. At Randle today there is a joint High School, which cost about six thousand dollars. A four-year High School course is maintained. Many beautiful homes adorn the valley, residences that are owned
by farmers who are comfortably rich. There are many railroad surveys all through the valley and early connection with Chehalis is very much hoped by all. However, until the railroad comes, there will be greater and more insistant demand than ever before for more and better wagon roads. The state road No. 5, which will connect eastern and western Lewis county, is the burning question, in that portion of the state. Jud. Siler won his nomination of that issue, and W. E. Arnold, of Morton, also a Republican candidate for the lower house from Lewis county, was also pledged to bend all his efforts for state road No. 5 from the inception of his campaign.

The Siler families, which are the subject of this story, are but types of dozens of others of the hardy pioneers who are making the Pacific North-West a great country, and whose impress will be felt in after years. These men are of the sturdy German stock originally. J. S. Siler's grandfather went into Western North Carolina ninety years ago, despite the fact that his own father, who is yet living at the age of 82, was a Confederate soldier, he has always been a Republican himself. He was converted to Republicanism by hearing Patrick Henry Winston, whose fame in this state is well known, when the latter spoke at Asheville, N. C., in 1884.

The father of Rufus Siler was also a pioneer in Tennessee.

No. 114—Rufus Siler

Rufus Siler, a son of Jacob Siler and Matilda Siler, b July 10, 1837, married Betty Jarrett July 12, 1860. He died September 2, 1862. They had only one child which died in infancy.
No. 115—Frank Siler

Frank Siler, son of Jacob and Mary Siler (Jacob’s second wife), b September 21, 1865, married Elizabeth Crawford October 10, 1888 the first time, and Emily Allen, the second time.

No. 116—Emma Siler

Emma Siler, daughter of Jacob and Mary Siler, b November 23, 1867.

No. 117—Thomas Siler

Thomas Siler, son of Weimar Siler, b May 25, 1798. He moved to western part of Tennessee in 1822 and died there the same year, September 6, 1922.

No. 118—Margaret Siler

Margaret Siler was born in Pendleton District, S. C., Dec. 16, 1800. She was married to Martin Alley Gash, February 9, 1830. She joined the Methodist church when she was about sixteen years of age, was a kind and affectionate wife, a loving mother, and a devoted Christian, who was loved and respected by her neighbors. Her house was always a home for the ministers. Much of her time was devoted to acts of kindness for the poor and distressed. After an illness of only nine days, she
died on the 9th of February, 1850, it being the twentieth anniversary of her wedding. Her husband took sick as she did, with pneumonia, the night before she was buried, and died nine days later. They left six children, four daughters and two sons, the youngest one being only eighteen months old.

No. 129—John Siler

John Siler was born July 5, 1805 and died August 2, 1872. On March 9, 1833, he was married to Polly Caroline, daughter of Colonel James McKee, of Haywood county. They had six children, two sons and four daughters. His sons both died in the hospital, one in Petersburg, and the other in Richmond, Va., in the year 1862. He was a man of strong mind and generous disposition, an ardent and vivacious temperment. His character as a high-toned, honest, moral man was unimpeachable. As a friend, he was as true as steel to the magnet. As a citizen, he was patriotic and public-spirited—a friend to a government administered in peace and justice, as a neighbor, obliging and kind, as a husband, faithful and indulgent, as a father, loving, yet firm, as a kinsman, warm-hearted and generous to a fault—the embodiment of unstudied open-hearted hospitality. Children of Polly and John Siler were as follows:

No. 130—Ariadne Siler

No. 131—Wm. Theodore Siler

William Theodore, son of John and Polly Siler, b February 18, 1837. Died in Civil war at Richmond, Va., July 24, 1862.

No. 132—James Weimar Siler

James Weimar Siler, son of John and Polly Siler, b January 28, 1839, died in Civil war at Petersboro, Va., April 8, 1862.

No. 133—Margaret Virginia Siler

Margaret Virginia Siler, daughter of John and Polly Siler, b December 15, 1841. Married Dr. B. B. Lenoir, May 14, 1872.

No. 134—Mary Lassafine Siler

Mary L. Siler, daughter of John and Polly Siler, b November 16, 1851, married King Tipton April 2, 1878 and died November 15, 1892.

No. 135—Florence Siler

Florence Siler, daughter of John and Polly Siler, b April 5, 1853. Married Dr. W. B. Lenoir June 28, 1890.
No. 136—Mary G. Siler

Mary G. Siler, daughter of Weimar and Margaret Siler, was born March 19, 1810. Married John Henley December 13, 1831 and died July 1837.
MINUTES OF THE FIRST FAMILY MEETING

Cartoogechaye, Macon County, January 1, 1853

Jacob Siler, having extended an invitation to his three brothers and their families to meet him at the festive board in a New Year's gathering, they accepted the invitation, and the several families, old and young, male and female, all repaired to his residence, and partook bountifully of the good things spread before them. All having assembled in the parlor, after the business of the table had been dispatched, a motion was made that the oldest one present should take the chair and the next oldest make a speech. It prevailed, and William Siler took the chair with great dignity, and with pleasure, as he hoped to be thereby excused from speech making. Jesse R. Siler, the next oldest, arose, and after remarking that he did not so well comprehend the object of the motion, begged that the chair would explain. After considerable time and a profound silence, William Siler observed, "The chair never speaks." After the merriment subsided, Jesse R. Siler made a few remarks and concluded, by suggesting that the speaking should proceed according to age. Jacob Siler spoke, and John Siler being called on, said he was unwell and believed he would take a bed. At the urgent solicitations of the company, however, he promised to speak if all the others would, if it killed him. Jesse W. Siler arose and said, "I thank you for your attention." Thomas S. Siler spoke a short time on the propriety of a speech from John Siler. Julius T. Siler and Albert arose at the same time and repeat, alternate lines of, "You would scarce expect one of my age, etc.," Having gone through the list, John Siler was boisterously called
for, who arose amidst the deafening applause of the audi-
tory and, with that dignity and suavity of manner pecu-
liary his own, wiped his mouth with a deer skin string for
his handkerchief, prepared his feet a la mode, and entered
upon his oration with the apt and appropriate words,
"Now I lay me down to sleep." After a validictory from
the chair, which consisted of "I never made a speech and
never expect to," the meeting adjourned to meet at John
Siler's on the first day of January, 1854. (Note—No secre-
tary was appointed at this meeting and the above pro-
ceedings are mainly a transcript from a letter written by
J. R. Siler to his son, L. F. Siler, who was then at Chapel
Hill. The meeting was characterized by great levity,
jollification and fun.)

MINUTES OF THE SECOND FAMILY MEETING

Cartoogechaye, Macon County, January 2, 1854

According to adjournment, the Siler family met at John
Siler's on January 2nd—the first being on Sunday. On
motion, Jacob Siler took the chair and delivered a very
appropriate inaugural, returning thanks to the Giver of
all good for the watchful providence which had assembled
us together at the beginning of a new year. He stated that
perhaps no one of the connection could tell the given name
of the father of Weimar Siler, nor could tell within five
years of the time when our ancestors crossed the Atlantic
from Germany. He thought he ought to know more of
our forefathers, and suggested the propriety of taking
some action in furtherance of such object. His speech
was tinctured with melancholy, utility and merriment.
It was moved by L. F. Siler, that the chairmen appoint
someone of the family as permanent secretary, who should procure a suitable book in which to keep the records of the annual gatherings, the names of those present now, and at each meeting, in order to mark what changes had taken place in the individuals. Carried. The chair appointed L. F. Siler. It was then resolved to appoint a committee of three, to gain what information they could in relation to our ancestry, in pursuance of the suggestion contained in the chairman's inaugural. Albert Siler, David Siler and Leoidnas Siler were appointed.

On motion, resolved that a committee of three be appointed to write brief and appropriate obituaries of those of the connection whose lives may terminate during this year, to be read at the next meeting and spread upon the journals. The chair appointed the same committee as under the last resolution. A motion was made to have speeches from all the males present, standing, and all the females sitting, in the order of their ages.

William Siler expressed his gratitude of being able to once more meet his friends, and his belief that he would not be present at any more of our festive meetings. Jesse R. Siler was also grateful for this privilege, and hoped the suggestions of the chair would give a cast of utility, to our proceedings, that would render them instructive to ourselves and interesting to our posterity. Jacob Siler indulged in some speculations in relation to the longevity of our ancestry, and deduced from such uncertain data, the probable period of the dissolution of the brothers now living, to be from seventy to eighty years. And as some of them are fast approaching that limit, it were well to be prepared and ready for the voyage through eternity. He hoped we would be an undivided family in heaven. John Siler excused himself from speaking because he was at home and was thus tied down. He, however, informed the company that the meaning of the meeting was dinner,
and did not include supper and breakfast, so that none would be expected to stay all night.

Julius T. Siler informed the crowd that he was now a resident of the village, and from his well known proclivity to light fingerism, his friends would meet with a supply of pork whenever they saw proper to call upon him. Leodanis F. Siler approved the improvement of our meetings by blending the useful with the agreeable. He thought there was room for improvement in the younger members of the connection, complimented the older members for their having done so well, and suggested that the younger ones take their lives as patterns and improve themselves according to their opportunities. Alfred H. Slagle, husband of Harriett E. Siler, was called on, but declined. Thomas S. Siler spoke a short time on the propriety of a speech from John Siler. Rufus Siler was not in the room, but was understood to have remarked that he would go in, but he would be asked to speak and he had not sense enough to do that and had not wit enough to turn it off. The ladies were then called upon, but all declined except Harriett D. Siler, who gave tearful utterance to her feelings on this occasion, and prayed God's blessing on every member.

Some of the remarks of Leon F. Siler having been thought disparaging to the ladies by C. Eugenia Filer, it was, at her suggestion, unanimously resolved to appoint a committee of three females nearest the age of old maids, who should inquire and report at the next meeting, whether any female of the name ever died an old maid. Eugenie Siler, Roxana Siler and Adelaide Gash were appointed. The evening having passed away pleasantly and it is hoped profitably, on motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at Wm. Siler's on the first day of January, 1855, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Leon F. Siler, Secretary.

THIRD MEETING OF THE SILER FAMILY

Cartoogechaye, Macon County, N. C., January 1, 1855

The connection assembled at Wm. Siler's and the meeting was called to order by the Secretary. On motion of Jacob Siler, Jesse R. Siler was requested to act as chairman. Upon the suggestion of Jacob Siler, the chairman requested the Secretary to open the meeting with singing and prayer, which was accordingly done.

Calls were then made for the inaugural from Albert Siler, who respectfully declined. His alternate, David W. Siler, was not present. In consequence thereof, there was no opening address at this meeting. The committees appointed a year ago, then reported as follows, viz: The committee on obituaries were thankful that no work had fallen to their lot this year by the dispensation of Providence, as no one of the connection had died during the
year. The committee to procure information in regard to ancestry reported that through John Gash, of Buncombe, they had learned that Weimar Siler, the father and grandfather of this connection, was a sober, industrious young man, and that his wife was a fine looking young lady. Frederick Siler, Weimar’s brother, was a lively, social, fox hunting, dancing, clever and very honorable young man. That he was fun-loving and frolicsome, but at the same time industrious and honorable, in all the relations of life. The committee to whom was referred the inquiry, whether any female of the name ever died an old maid, reported as follows:

"Being peculiarly interested in the determination of this point, we have earnestly engaged in the discharge of our duties. We have spared no effort to ascertain that old maidhood has never yet been visited upon our connections, anxiously hoping that it never will be, if we do as well as our ancestors. The peculiar fondness for union, and the proclivity for hymenial enjoyments possessed by the females of our family, induces your committee to believe that no one ever yet died an old maid, except one we have heard of, yet there is so much mystery connected with her, that we doubt the truth of the rumor. For the future alone, then, all our anxieties are excited. Old Maidhood may come upon us; its horrors would overwhelm us and its withering joys and chilling comforts we depreciate; but, we rejoice to know that if such tribulation shall come upon us, we will bear it with becoming patience.

(Signed) C. E. SILER,  
R. C. SILER,  
M. A. GASH,  
Committee.

The meeting adopted the report and adjourned to the
table, where they did ample justice to the viands and tasteful collation spread before them. After an hour spent in chat, smoking, dipping—for some of our females dipped snuff unfortunately,—etc., the chairman called the meeting to order. A motion was made and adopted that each of the males present address the meeting on whatever topic seemed appropriate. Wm. Siler expressed his thanks that God had spared all our lives and permitted us to assemble one time more. Was glad to see so many of his friends at his house, to which he bade them all welcome, and hoped we would spend the day agreeably and pleasantly. Jesse R. Siler thanked the meeting for the kind partiality, which called him to the chair, and from that fact, thought he would not be called for a speech. But, he was glad to see the grey-haired fathers and mothers, as well as infants ten or twelve days old, assembled together under his elder brother’s roof, rejoiced to see the unanimity of kind feelings among us, that friendship and brotherly love had united us ever here to fore, and he hoped they always would. And while up, he extended an invitation to the friends to meet at his house on next New Year’s Day, and, said he: “If I am gone to the silence and rest of the grave, come my friends, sympathize with and console my wife and children.”

Jacob Siler dealt in the statistical, and was never so forcibly struck with the fact that his father spent twenty-one years of his life under British tyranny, as he had lately. He had not then, as we have now, the proud privilege of boasting of his heritage as an American citizen. Governor Tyron had the rule on North Carolina, and also had the hatred and execration of all her virtuous citizens. And the prospect of an unending war crowded his vision when a plow boy.

John Siler spoke as follows: “Mr. Chairman, if I were in Congress, or the Legislature, or some place where I am
accustomed to speak, I could have something to say. But now, knowing my vast superiority to those around me, I dislike to tower among the everlasting hills, and play with the forked lightning, as I might do, as these younger ones would be ashamed. An hour, sir, would be as short a time as I could ask for, in order to say what I wish to, and as I am now minister of the Yancey, I will not condescend to waste my time before such a common crowd as this." He was encored, and sat down amidst the prolonged applause and convulsed laughter of the audience, after having made, as he said, the best speech of the occasion.

T. P. Siler was glad to be present at a New Year's gathering of the family, as he had never been at any before. He was not in the habit of speech making, but enjoyed what had been said and done. Dr. J. M. Lyle did not know where to begin but if there was some question for discussion, he might know where to begin. He would say no more, but hoped to hear from others. A. H. Slagle had no speech to make and begged to be excused. Albert Siler was called for, but retired to feed the hogs, and when he returned would not be prevailed upon to say anything. A. L. Copening was like some of the others, had nothing to say and resumed his seat. J. P. Siler was "out of soap" and could not say anything. He had no house now and could not even say what he did last year. Thomas S. Siler said he had got the benefit of making the same speech twice before and he would not touch that subject again, in fact he believed he would not speak. Theodore Siler, Jesse W. Siler and James L. Robinson, respectively, asked to be excused. T. P. Siler asked that the ladies be requested to speak. This motion was opposed by L. F. Siler on the grounds that if females were allowed to speak here it would encourage them to have Woman's Rights Conventions. It was advocated by the mover, J. T. and T. S.
Siler, and after frequent speeches, John Siler claimed the floor and said, “Paul, in some of his writings, said ye shall not be heard for your much speaking.” The vote was taken and the resolution lost. Jacob Siler appealed from the decision of the chair, in allowing the ladies to vote on the resolution. After some discussion on this appeal it was withdrawn, when Wm. Siler very gravely arose and said: “Mr. Chairman, I move the bill be laid on the table.” Mr. L. F. Siler thought we ought to blend the useful with the agreeable, and suggested that with a view to this, John Siler be solicited to address the meeting one year hence on “Grammar.” This was seconded by Jacob Siler, but finally withdrawn.

Jacob Siler moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at Jesse R. Siler’s at eleven o’clock, January 1, A. D. 1856. Motion carried. On motion the chairman appointed Jacob Siler with Leon F. Siler, as alternate, to address the meeting next January, in a speech of not more than half an hour’s length.

Jacob Siler moved that the thanks of this meeting be returned to the secretary for the manner in which he has discharged his duty in keeping the records of our meeting. Carried. The meeting then adjourned.

Leon F. Siler, Secretary.

Note—At this meeting J. R. and T. P. Siler were added to the committee to procure information in regard to our ancestors.

THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE SILER FAMILY

Franklin, Macon County, January 1, 1856

The connection met at Jesse R. Siler’s according to previous adjournment. The secretary called the meeting
to order, when all joined in singing and Jacob Siler offered up prayer to the throne of heavenly grace.

On motion John Siler was elected chairman, who entered upon his duties with so much reluctant modesty, that some time elapsed before the minutes were read.

The committees were called on for reports. The committee on obituaries rejoiced that, in the dispensations of an all-wise Providence, it had not fallen to their lot to offer an obituary of a single member of the family of mature years enough to participate in these meetings, though it had seemed good to the Ruler of the universe to remove from this unfriendly world to the abode of the blessed, some bright little treasures that had been loaned to their parents on earth.

The committee on ancestry had made no progress in collecting information in regard to the origin of our family. The committee on Old Maids intimated that they had a petition to offer. When the chairman was informed of the fact, he instantly called for its reading in the parliamentary language, "paraded it."

Upon a call, speeches from the various persons present, after an apology from the appointee to make the annual address, Jacob Siler and several members of the connection, led off in good style, in the midst of which dinner and refreshments being announced, a suspension of business was ordered for a time.

After Dinner

The chairman suffering very much from the fatigue of the morning's labors, called Dr. John M. Lyle to the chair. Speech making progressed on the part of the males present, until Rufus Siler, better known as "San-Tush," refreshed the meeting with a ludicro-comico-serious-speech in Indian-English which cannot be written, but which always speaks
for itself. On motion of Jacob Siler, it was agreed that the next meeting be at his house on the first day of January, 1857, at eleven o'clock, A. M. Upon motion it was also agreed that hereafter, the elder members now constituting the heads of the family, with their wives and husbands, remain all night together at the place where the annual meetings are held. On motion, the meeting adjourned.

L. F. SILER, Secretary.

Note—The secretary apologizes for the meagerness of this sketch of the proceedings, from the fact that the meeting was held in his father's house, and any attempt at over coloring the pleasure at the meeting would imply a eulogy of the host and hostess.

Recollections of the First Siler Family Meeting, by Roxana Siler Moore

On Christmas of 1852, Uncle Jacob and Aunt Matilda Siler were at my father's on a visit and while Ma, Uncle and Pa were engaged in conversation, Aunt and I were talking. I had been reading about family reunions, and told her that I thought as the four brothers lived so close to each other it would be very pleasant for us to have a reunion. She agreed with me, and told me if I would start it up and gather up the crowd that she would have us together at her house in January. I became greatly interested in the matter and talked to the different families about it, and all agreed that we would have it. I got up the young crowd, Sister Tim, Cousin Mary Jane Wells and Cousin Eugenia Siler. Some of my brothers and myself went up on horse back the night before the meeting to Uncle Wm. Silers. It rained on us as we went. Next morning we were up bright and early, old and young making preparations to go, and all of the family met at Uncle Jacob's.
We all enjoyed it and agreed to meet yearly at one of the brothers’ houses. Brother Leon was made secretary, and continued to hold that office as long as he lived. After his death the family made a present of the book that he recorded the minutes in to Sister Tim and me, but we gave it back to the family.

Recollections of the First Family Meeting by Thomas S. Siler

My father and mother, Jacob and Matilda Siler, spent Xmas of 1852 at Uncle Jesse Siler’s. It was agreed that Uncle Jesse and Aunt Harriette should spend New Year with them, and also that Uncle Wm., Uncle John and Aunt Polly should be invited. When they came home and reported, Cousin Addie Gash, my brothers and I persuaded them to extend the invitation to all the descendants of grandfather Weimar Siler, who could be notified in a limited time. To this they very readily agreed, so, on the first day of January, 1853, there was a tolerably full delegation of Silers assembled at my father’s house. After dinner, all gathered in the parlor where Uncle Jesse R. lead in a very appropriate prayer, thanking the Great Father for his blessings and mercy, and especially for, that so many of us were permitted to assemble, and under circumstances so favorable. After prayer, Uncle William, the oldest of the four brothers, was called upon to preside, and a kind of formal organization was gone into. I do not now remember who acted as Secretary at this meeting. L. F. Siler was permanent Secretary for many years, but I am not sure that he was present at this one—he may have been at the University. I can not say definitely. A short speech of welcome was made by my father, and responded to by my Uncle Jesse. Some one called for a speech from Uncle Wm; he replied the “chair never speaks.” Uncle
John was then called for. He was suddenly taken with a severe headache and turning to my mother, he said, "Matilda, is there a bed handy? I think I must lie down." But finally, being pressed, he arose and said, "Now I lay me down to sleep, thank you for your attention," and took his seat amidst roars of laughter. Julius and Albert arose together and repeated in alternate lines, "You would scarce expect one of my age, to appear in public on the stage." After a very pleasant meeting, Albert Siler moved to adjourn to meet at Uncle John's on the first of January, 1854.

Uncle John wished to amend, requiring Jule to bring his own butter, declaring that he watched him closely and that he ate at least a pound for dinner that day. I do not remember whether the amendment was entertained or not. But I do remember that on the appointed day we met, and had a very pleasant day at Uncle John's—so pleasant that some one moved to make the meetings annual and that hereafter they should always be held at Uncle John's. Uncle John replied that if they did he should certainly starve, as Polly and the girls had not given him a bit of butter for a month.

MINUTES OF THE JUBILEE FAMILY REUNION

Cartoogechaye, Macon County, August 28, 1901

The Siler family met for their jubilee reunion with the John Siler family at the home of William Lenoir. The morning being excessively wet, it was with great difficulty that many came, and others were prevented entirely. There were present one hundred and seventy-nine of the relations and six visitors. Some hours were spent in social
converse. A sumptuous dinner was then spread by the ladies, which was enjoyed by all. After dinner the formal meeting was called. In the absence of the chairman, Albert Siler, Julius Siler was called to the chair. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Eugene Siler. The obituary committee was then called and they made their report. The only obituary of this year was that of Mrs. Harriet Timexena Sloan, who died September 12, 1900, after which Dr. Fred Siler presented a handsome gavel, made from an oak tree that stood near where Jacob Siler held a council with the Indian chief about the Siler settlement in Macon county in 1818. On motion of F. S. Johnston, the gavel was accepted by the family. Then the jubilee program was taken up. Wm. Johnston was called on to read a sketch of the Siler family from a state paper. There were then read sketches of the elderly members of the Siler family, by their descendants. We had then “Recollections of the First Family Meeting,” two papers, one by T. S. Siler and one by Roxana Moore, each recollecting something forgotten by the other.

Rev. Eugene Siler then addressed us on the influence of these meetings on the family. Rev. Frank Siler addressed us on the responsibility of the descendants of the Siler family. There was presented to the family a “Family Tree,” by T. S. Siler, which was accepted with their thanks.

As usual there was much merriment at the expense of the old maid and bachelor communities. The motion that the next meeting shall be held with the Esther Lowry family at the home of J. C. Weaver, was adopted. Minutes read and approved.

T. R. Gray, Secretary

(Note—The following resolutions and preamble were passed:

WHEREAS, Prompted by a spirit of loyalty to the family, and proud of its history, our cousin, Thomas S. Siler, has
prepared and presented to the meeting, a family tree, therefore be it

RESOLVED, First, that we hereby express our heartfelt thanks to the donor for the valuable contribution to the archives of our family, and regret that he himself is prevented from being present on this our jubilee celebration.

Second, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the family meeting, and a copy sent to our generous cousin.

The Pow-wow

By Mrs. F. L. Siler

(Facts furnished by Thomas S. Siler, son of Jacob Siler)

In the Valley of the Tennessee, the red men of the Cherokees gather from across the mountains of the Nantahala (Nontoiyalah), The Cowee and the Blue Ridge once a year, bringing their dead chiefs and braves with them, to be laid in one common burying ground, "the Indian mound." The sober-faced squaws, with the bright-eyed pappooses, bound to their strong backs with a scarlet shawl, gaze over the shoulders as the solemn faced chiefs and warriors prepare their dead comrades for the happy hunting grounds. The little ones cling to their mothers' deer skin skirts, watching silently the earth fall on the winding blanket of the dead. Then the death march begins around the mound, with the wild and weird music that send the mild-eyed doe and the antlered buck galloping from the river banks to hide among the laurel on the mountain-side. Then the wigwams are pitched. The smoke curls upward from the camp fires, wafting with it the savory scents of broiling venison and bear meat. The rattlesnakes coil to strike, hisses at being disturbed in
his lair, and glides away to the river. The happy voices of the children as they play in the moonlight; the stern faces of the chiefs as they sit wrapped in their blankets around the camp fire and the quiet motion of the squaws as they go about their evening duties makes up the picture. The fog rises along the river, the whip-poor-will calls and the deer crops the dewy grass. The white man comes over the camping ground of the red man of the Cherokees, where, warring with each other, they have spilled their life blood. Around the Indian mound where their tomahawks waved in battle, beckons now the corn and pea vines. In the year 1818, two weary horsemen, following the bridle path amid the berry and briar, forded the Little Tennessee where the iron bridge now stands, "Indian file." They followed the warrior trail through rush, grass and mint, and passed the Indians' mound and camping grass. On up the hill crowned with splendid chestnuts and noble oaks, went the horsemen to a suitable camping place. Here they stopped for the night using their saddles for pillows and the green leaves above them for covering, through which the silver leaves look down from the blue walls of heaven. Tonight the same stars look down on the roof of the Franklin court house. The stars look down on changing scenes. We look up and find them ever the same. With the morning light, the two horsemen, Jacob Siler and William Britton, undisturbed by the red men, wend their way on beside the mirrored waters of the Cartoogechaye. Cartoogechaye gushing from the mountain side wends its silvery way beneath the "laving laurel" over the solid rocks around the trunks of chestnuts, gliding through the meadows dashing down the hillside, creeping into shadows and sparkling into sunshine! Cartoogeechaye, the loved stream of the red men with his bark canoe! The two horsemen followed the beautiful stream for miles up the valley between the hills, till its
alluring murmur caused them to pitch tents near its banks and begin making themselves a home amidst the red men’s haunts. Only a few day’s thereafter, they arose one morning to find an old chief with his braves in feathers and war paint with scowling faces, wrapt in their blankets and standing beneath a sheltering oak. The two “pale faces” went forward and asked what they wanted. “Begone home to your own house,” the old chief grunted. “Your name?” asked Mr. Siler. “Santeetla chief. My home, my land, my deer, and turkey. Pale face go back home, Indian brave get scalp.” Mr. Siler replied, “We are at home now. Your council of chiefs has sold all this land to pale faces. We have come to stay, and have brought you cloth, tobacco, gun powder and knives, which we will exchange for your deer, and bear skins, gin-seng and things that you do not want and we do. We want to be friendly with you, and you be friends and we help each other.” But the old chief would show no friendship and replied, “We sold no lands. You not go, two more moons, then heap Indians come with bow and arrow, and tomahawk. Pale face go now, while braves let him go.” Mr Siler replied, “Can’t run white man away from his own land. I go back in three weeks and bring paper and show you what your chiefs said about white man having this land.” “No use bring paper, can’t read,” replied Santeetla. “My young men’s fingers itching for bow strings; can’t keep them no shoot, not try two more moons; you go.” Mr. Siler replied, “You do not understand my speech, nor I yours very well. Go, bring man to talk for us and may be we can be friendly.” Santeetla shook his eagle feathers. The sight of pale faces brought unrest in that painted bosom. You were right, old Santeetla—it was the beginning of the end for you and yours. “Meet us under this tree in ten days and bring an interpreter, and we hold pow-wow.” Mr. Siler said. Finally, with
ill-grace they agreed, and their moccasined feet bent the
grass to the creek banks, the laurel branches parted, and
the Indians were lost from view. On the morning of the
day appointed when the two white men awoke, the valley
filled with Indians of all ages and sexes. The Indian boys
were amusing themselves by shooting at the cattle in the
pens with their blow-guns, and the squaws were laughing
and encouraging them. Old Santeetla, with threatening
face, accompanied by a half-breed Indian and negro and his
stolid Indian braves advanced to the tree where the last
meeting was held. Mr. Siler and Mr. Britten went for­
ward with a pleasant greeting but they were met with the
words, “You must leave at once. Your presence will not
be tolerated another day.” Mr. Siler replied, “It does not
suit us to go at this time. By the help of some of your
young men, we have put up a little store-house for our
goods, and built stables for our horses. We paid them for
their work, and they seemed well pleased. Some of your
women out there are now wearing the goods that we gave
them in exchange for articles that they do not want and
we do. We intend to stay here and continue the trade
with your people for we believe that most of your women
and a great many of your men desire us to do so.” “Oh!”
said Santeetla, “most of our women and a great many of
our men are fools, and want to be cheated. You have
choice—leave or die! As to your buildings, a chunk of
fire will soon dispose of them, and I can take charge of
your horses.” “Well,” Mr. Siler replied, “we are but two,
while you are many. We are going to stay. You can kill
us if you want to, but if you do, then many whites will
come and destroy you and your whole nation. More white
men back there than all the red men you ever saw. When
white man is killed his white brothers always kill his slayer.
Better be friends with all these white brothers.” For a
while the old chief leaned on his staff, his eagle feathers
drooping above his war-painted face. He stepped forward and shook hands with the two white men, and said, “One month you get paper, we talk here again,” and the pow-wow was ended.

After that the old chief and his tribe were friendly. He never called for the paper. Thus the Silers entered Macon county. But, what of the pow-wow tree? Gone, root and branch! And gone are root and branch of old Santeetla and his tribe! The broad oak leaves of the pow-wow tree, that witnessed the council of the chiefs for the last time has budded forth. The strong oaken branches that were a “shelter in time of storm” for the wild doe and her fawn, have gone up in smoke from the white man’s hearth! And the trunk of the noble old tree has been burned. And from the stump of the tree a gavel was made by a Siler descendant with which the Siler family meetings are called to order once a year. Above where the stump once stood grows and ripens the grain of Henry Slagle’s farm. Old Santeetla, did you see afar the white man’s family meetings and you and yours forever gone? May your bones rest peacefully and your spirits wander on forever in your happy hunting grounds! Perhaps we will meet in “The Islands of the Blessed, in the Lands of the Hereafter.” Who knows!
The following letters from Mrs. Nettie C. Arthur (No. 96) (A) might be of interest and are therefore given in full herewith:

Nonah, Macon Co., North Carolina,
November 21, 1895

T. E. B. SILER,
Lot, Ky.
Dear Mr. Siler:

My father, Mr. Albert Siler, received a letter from you last April asking him about the Silers. You speak of the first Siler who came here from Germany being Plikard Siler. We knew that they came from Saxe Weimar but did not know his name.

I regret that there is no record in the family farther back than Weimar Siler, my great-grandfather. Could you give me the date, or anywhere near the time the first one came to this country? If you can give me any other dates of births and who the Silers married, I will be so grateful. If you would like a record of the Silers who settled here, I should be glad to send it to you. We spoke to several of your letter and told them father had asked you to attend our family meeting this Fall. All were very much interested and were sorry you did not come.

I wish you would try to come next year. To give you some idea of how many there are of us, there were 152 present at the last meeting, and then a good many were absent. My grandfather, Wm. Siler, who died in ’65, has 75 living descendants.

Hoping to hear from you and that you can help me by giving me some valuable dates for the record, I am getting up to be kept by the Silers.

Very truly yours (Cousin)

NETTE C. ARTHUR.
Nonah, Macon County, North Carolina,
March 10, 1896.

My dear Cousin:

Please do not judge my appreciation of your kindness by my seeming neglect to thank you.

We are all so glad to know more of our ancestors. It is strange that our branch of the family should have kept no record. The names in both branches of the family are very much alike. The children of Weimar Siler were William, Jacob, Jesse, Thomas, John, Esther, Elizabeth, Margaret and Mary. Uncle Thomas died young. The other brothers were among the first white men in this county and did much toward setting a high standard of morality here. Though the Silers and their relations are many, you must have the advantage of us in numbers! Most of them here are Methodists, though our family through my mother's example, are Episcopalians. The men I think, without exception, are Democrats.

I am very sorry you could not have carried out your intentions of coming to the "Family Meeting" last September and bringing your wife and the others you spoke of. But I do hope nothing will prevent your being present at the next one. So many of the young people go off to school and so could not be with us. The day for meeting has been changed to the "First Wednesday in August." Could you not set the day of yours a few weeks after ours? Then you could at least tell our relations much about us, though I hope some of us could be with you.

There are quite a number of Silers in Chatham county, in this state and there are some somewhere in Alabama. Do you know anything of them? I suppose they must be descendants of Plikard Siler.

There is nothing remarkable to tell about our branch of the family. There are a peace loving people and crime is something almost unknown in the connection. The
present generation is developing quite a number of lawyers, doctors and preachers.

Thank you sincerely for your kind invitation to be present when you have your meeting, but it is a pleasure I can not even hope to have, as I am an invalid and can not leave my chair. There are times when I can not leave my bed. This is the reason I have delayed answering your letter so long. Father asks me to say that he never received your second letter—only when your letter to me came, found that you had answered him, as you spoke of it to me.

It is strange that one man's descendants should so have lost trace of each other until the fifth generation! Hoping we are soon to see you, I am

Very truly yours,

NETTIE C. ARTHUR.

Nonah, North Carolina,
September 22, 1898.

My dear Cousin:

From the paper found of Uncle Jacob Silers we make out that he thought our ancestors came to America about 1743 and that they settled in Chatham county, N. C., though there is a tradition that they stayed a while in Virginia. A branch of our family still lives in Chatham county. I hope to get an address soon and get some helpful information. I will try to find out just what that was about the four. I suppose Uncle Jesse Siler must have been the one who did it. He had a field he always gave a certain part of what was raised on it and I have heard that it never failed to produce.

Will try and write before the 30th.

Yours truly,

N. C. S. A.
No. 147—JOHN SILER BRANCH

John Siler was the son of Plikard Dederic and Elizabeth Hartsoe Siler. He was born and died. He married Margaret. Among probable others, two of his children were:

No. 148—Elisha Siler

No. 159—Samuel Siler

b August 25, 1810.

We know very little of this branch of the family and so far, have been unable to locate any other descendants of either of John's sons.

The following is a record of Samuel Siler's death from the "Messenger," a newspaper published in Siler City, N. C.:

Died at his residence, 3 1/2 miles northwest of Siler City, N. C., Sept. 29, 1900, Mr. Samuel Siler, aged 90 years, 1 month and 4 days.

Samuel Siler

Since Mr. Siler's death I have been thinking how unprepared, how unable is our country to give up such men. Their impress, like the ocean wave, is felt from shore to shore. How far we are from appreciating such men as we should, while they are with us! Exceedingly industrious—always busy with his hands or his mind—strictly tem-
perate and unusually prudent in all the habits and affairs of life. He was ever saying a kind, useful word, especially to the young, for he could look along their pathway, and see so many allurements and temptations to draw them aside, and get them into difficulties and troubles, and he could feel how much they need the warning and advice of age and experience. He was anxious to have every one so to act that life would be made pleasant, and a success. He could see that, let us do the very best we can, we shall have trouble enough.

How much he admired a person of steady, temperate habits and an honest, upright walk in life. He was truly a peacemaker, and in that way, and in so many others he was a public benefactor as far as his influence was felt, which was over a large extent of country. But he has left us. We can now only cherish in memory and emulate his many virtues. He would say to us, "Go thou and do likewise." He has gone to join the blood-washed millions; and among them so many of his own family, and so many, many friends that he made during his long and eventful life. We can only say, what a meeting! To attempt with language, to heighten the thought, would prove an entire failure. It is one of the conditions in life, where the heart feels most when the lips move not. What a meeting! Let us all try to get there.

RANDOLPH

**No. 225—ELIZABETH SILER BRANCH**

Elizabeth Siler was the daughter of Plikard Dederic and Elizabeth Hartsoe Siler. We know nothing more about her nor in what order of birth she came.
No. 300—“POLLY” MARY SILER BRANCH

Mary (Polly) Siler was the daughter of Plikard and Elizabeth Siler. We know no more about her than this nor in what order of birth she came.

No. 375—ESTHER SILER BRANCH

Esther Siler was a daughter of Plikard Dederic and Elizabeth Siler, but nothing more is known about her. We do not know the order of birth of the daughters.

No. 450—MARGARET SILER BRANCH

Margaret Siler was a daughter of Plikard Dederic and Elizabeth Siler, but nothing more is known about her. We do not know the order of birth of their daughters.

No. 525—FREDERICK SILER BRANCH

Frederick Siler, was the son of Plikard and Elizabeth H. Siler. We do not know in what order of birth he came. Tradition in the Weimar Siler branch has it that he was a bachelor, but it is quite possible that he married after John Gash knew him. (See minutes of Third Annual Reunion of the Weimar Siler branch.)
Plikard Siler, Jr., was the son of Plikard Dederic and Elizabeth Hartsoe Siler. Nothing more is known about him. The order of birth in which he came is not known. T. E. B. Siler tells the following story about him which came down through the Jacob Siler branch:

After his father died and he was eighteen or twenty years old he left home. His mother and brothers heard from him no more. Twenty years rolled by and a stranger rode up to the old homestead and asked Elizabeth, who was then about 85 years old, if he could find a night lodging there. She told him that a stranger was never refused shelter there, and, as was the custom in those times, she asked no questions as to his name and business.

Around the big log fire later in the evening, the stranger asked her if she didn’t have a son to leave home several years ago. Then it dawned upon her that this stranger was that son, Plikard, Jr.

There are no records as to whether he ever married or not. Some think he was born after Jacob.

The following is a copy of a letter clipped from the columns of the Whitley County Republican, a newspaper published at Williamsburg, Ky.:

A Letter from Jacob Siler and His Wife, Rachel Siler, to Relatives Here

Members of the Siler family in our county and their relatives and friends, will read with keen interest the
following letter. It was written by Jacob Siler, the direct progenitor of the family of that name in this section of Kentucky to relatives back across the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina in 1813 and gives an idea of conditions in this country as they were at that time. We get an idea of the fearless spirit of the old pioneer who proposes to go still further West than even this frontier section, when we read his proposal to go over the Ohio river, either on driftwood or white "Water" in order to explore the unknown "Indian territory." The region northwest of the Ohio, Illinois and Indiana were then called "Indian territory."

His reference to peace being made refers, of course, to the War of 1812.

Whitley County was a part of Knox at that time and our section little more than a wilderness; but the spirit of daring adventure and self-reliance which brought our forefathers across the mountains into this, their furthest west, was still strong enough in this robust character, then old enough to be exempt from military services, to drive him on into new lands in search of new adventures.

The people of Eastern Kentucky have a right to be proud of such a robust, rugged, fearless and self-reliant ancestry as Jacob Siler exemplifies.

State of Kentucky, Knox County,  
April 30, 1813.

Dear and loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters:

I take this opportunity to inform you that myself and family are well at present, through the mercies of God, and we wish to see you all once more, but never expect to see you all again in this world except you remove yourselves to some of our western counties, which I mean to explore this fall, if health remains and peace is made. I intend to go over the Ohio river either on driftwood or
White water on the Aubash river, high on some of them waters, in Indian territory there is allowed to be the best land country in the world, rand and fishing and following good and game of every kind and prospects of good trade lands comes at two dollars an acre. We have had several drafts in our country and I drew a price for a six months towers for which I paid one hundred dollars for a substitute, and I think myself clear by age, and wish some of you would search mother's Testament and big Bible and send me a record of my age, and my children's ages, if you please. We would be glad if you would leave them old sege fields and come to fresh range, and if none of you will come, write and let us know of your welfare. Mother, brothers, sisters and cousins, God bless you now and forever, and so conclude your son and daughter, and brother and sister, and uncle and aunt, until death.

JACOB SILER,
and
RACHEL SILER.

—WHITELEY REPUBLICAN.

The following letters from Albert Siler (No. 96), and Nettie C. Arthur (No. 96) (A), also throw some interesting light upon the Jacob Siler Branch of the family:

Nonah, Macon County, N. C.,
April 22, 1895.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your very pleasant letter of the 11th, I will say that your knowledge of our family history is more extensive than mine. I knew that a great-uncle of mine, named Jacob Siler, who went from North Carolina I thought to the southern part of Kentucky. I made in-
quiries in regard to his descendants while in that state during the war and heard of a number of Silers but did not meet with any of them.

My grandfather was named Weimar Siler and from what you say I infer that his father was also named Weimar (incorrect inference, A. O. S.). My grandfather had five sons, William, who was my father, was the eldest, then Jesse, Jacob, John and Thomas. Thomas went to west Tennessee about 1820 and died in a short time. The brothers all settled in this, Macon county, and a large number of their descendants are living here now.

I will say here that we have an annual family meeting on the first Wednesday in September of each year. May we not hope to see you at our next meeting? These gatherings are delightful and you would see a host of your relations.

I have written the above very hastily to be in time for the mail but hope it will be somewhat satisfactory. Hoping to hear from you again, I am,

Yours truly,

ALBERT SILER

Nonah, N. C.,
May 3, 1898.

MR. T. E. B. SILER:

My dear Cousin:

It has been a long time since I have heard anything from you, I believe. I have written twice since hearing. I wrote you just before last family meeting, telling you when it would be and I hoped you could come but when the others came home from it they told me you were not there. I was sorry you could not have been, as so many branches of the family were represented and it was the largest meeting we have ever had. There were about one hundred and seventy of the relations present, I believe.
Some time ago we came up with a bit of family history. Uncle Jacob Siler was a man who was very careful about making any statement. Wherever anything is found that he has written, no one is afraid to take that as conclusive evidence. Father found an old paper on which he had written down a few dates, etc. The fact that interested us most was that his father, Weimar Siler and your ancestor, Jacob O. Siler, were sons of the emigrant, Plikard Siler and Elizabeth Hartsoe. You remember perhaps telling me that there was perhaps another link but you did not know, so this paper set us at rest as to that and I thought you would be glad to know it.

I had hoped we could have Family Meeting here this year and that you would come but it is to be on the other side of Franklin thirteen miles from us, so I suppose I can not be at it again.

I have been able to resume work on the record again this spring, after having to leave it alone for two years. Am getting on very well with it now. Do you still think of trying to get a Family Meeting started among you? I do hope you can. Ours has been a great promoter of peace, and misunderstandings which might otherwise have been life-long, have melted out of existence. After one or two meetings. People hate to stay away to “cherise” their wrath and they can’t go and take it with them. Hoping to hear from you again and truly hoping you can come in August.

Your cousin,

NETTIE C. ARTHUR.

No. 601—JACOB SILER BRANCH

Jacob Siler was the son of Plikard Dederic and Elizabeth Hartsoe Siler. He was born in Pennsylvania or Chatham
county, N. C., but more probably at the old home place in North Carolina on Lacy’s creek, about 4 miles northwest of where the town of “Siler City” now stands.

He was born in......................, 1770. He married Rachel Teague in about 1789 in North Carolina. She was born ......................, 1772.

Jacob and Rachel first settled down in North Carolina where five of their first children were born. Jacob’s father, Plikard Dederic, died when Jacob was 14 years old (or December 15, 1784). Before his death he had succeeded in getting considerable land and a grist mill which Elizabeth tended till her death in 1816. More than likely Jacob and Rachel when first married, settled at his mother’s who was then 62 years old. Five sons were born to Jacob and Rachel while living in North Carolina.

(602) William.
(610) Weimar.
(615) John.
(628) Adam.
(639) Burgess.

In the Fall of 1799 or Spring of 1800, they left the old home and went by the way of Grainager County, Tenn., and settled at Cane Creek (now known as the John Lawson place), in Whitley county, Ky. (about 2½ miles north of Boston, now Lot postoffice). At that time Whitley county was a part of Knox county, Ky. Here they cleared the wilderness and erected a good, big comfortable log cabin. He was the only settler for miles around for a year or so. He bought the tract of land, it is said for a keg of corn whiskey which he brought with him from North Carolina.

After settling down in their new home seven more children were born:

(652) Mary
(661) Joseph T.
(673) Benjamin
Jacob and Rachel were very devoted to each other. They had often expressed that they hoped one would not outlive the other because the one left would so miss the companionship of the other, and so it happened that there was only eight days difference in the dates of their deaths. Jacob died March 22, 1839, and Rachel died March 30, 1839. A beautiful monument, a gift of the first and second Siler reunions, and unveiled at the third annual family reunion in 1900, stands marking the place of their burial in the old Cane Creek graveyard in Whitley county, Ky. They were both staunch Christians.

No. 602—William Siler

William Siler, the first child of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C., September 7, 1791. His father moved to Kentucky when he was 9 years old and his boyhood days after that were spent in the new home on Cane Creek in Whitley county, Ky. There were no schools in that section of the country at that time and his father and mother taught him to read and write and read the Bible, which was about the only book in the home. The first schools that came into that section were subscription schools. The teacher taught on a subscription of so much per month per scholar. His school age was passed long before even this kind of school came into the section. He married Nancy Teague about 1813. To this union there were born 7 children, Weimar, William Lambdin, Andrew, Mary, Lorey, Comfort and Downey.
He was a Baptist preacher and farmer. He died March 24, 1872, in Whitley county, Ky. His descendants are as follows:

No. 603—Weimar Siler

Weimar Siler, son of Wm. and Nancy Siler, b 1824, married ________________, d March 31, 1855. His children were:

(A) Calvin Siler, b______________, married_______________.

He took part in the Civil war and was in Co. C., 8th Ky. Regiment on the Union side. He was killed at the battle of Stone River, near Nashville, Tenn., leaving 3 children:

1. Susan Siler, b______________, = ________________,

   d______________.

2. Wm. Siler, b______________, = ________________,

   d______________.

3. George Siler, b______________, = ________________,

   d______________.

(B) Sarah Siler, b______________, = ________________Petree.

(C) Martha Siler, b______________, = Joe Brim.

No. 604—William Lambdin Siler

Wm. Lambdin Siler, son of Wm. and Nancy Siler, was born ________________, = ________________, d______________, leaving:

(A) Murphy Siler, b______________. He was a mathematical prodigy and was a bachelor.

(B) Adam Siler, b_______________. No offspring.
Jacob No. 601; William No. 602; Wm. L. No. 604. 113

(C) Nancy Siler, b .........................., = Hyram Tye (No. 616 [e]).

(D) Melton Siler, twin, b ..........................

(E) Fleming Siler, twin, b ..........................

(F) Mollie Siler, b .........................., = Elisha Collins. Her children are:
   1. Elbert Collins, b ..........................
   2. Cora Collins, b ..........................

(G) Brassie Siler, b ..........................

(H) Colonel Siler, b ..........................

No. 605—Andrew Siler

Andrew Siler, son of Wm. and Nancy Siler, b ..........................
He had no offspring.

No. 606—Mary Siler

Mary Siler, daughter of Wm. and Nancy Siler, b .........................,
married Adam Petree.

No. 607—Lorey Siler

Lorey Siler, daughter of Wm. and Nancy Siler, b .........................,
Nothing more is known of her.
No. 608—Comfort Siler

Comfort Siler, daughter of Wm. and Nancy Siler, b  
________________, = ______________. Nothing more is known of her.

No. 609—Downy Siler

Downy Siler, daughter of Wm. and Nancy Siler, b  
________________. No issue.

No. 610—Weimar Siler

Weimar Siler, second son of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C., January, 1793. His boyhood days were spent on Cane Creek, Whitley county, Ky. His education was limited, because there were no schools in his young days but his good mother taught him to read the Bible. He married Sarah Mode November 25, 1827. She was a sister of Margaret and Elizabeth Mode, who married Weimar's brothers, Jacob and Jesse Siler, respectively. Among probable others, he had the following children: James D. Siler, Alvis Siler, Isaac N., and Jane Weimar Siler died April 22, 1848. He was an expert with a violin. He once won in a contest a very noted fiddle that was played by Calahan before he was hanged. Calahan said he would play a difficult piece and after he played it over only once if there was any man in the crowd that could play it right he would give him his violin. Weimar was the only one that could play it and so won the fiddle. His descendants are as follows:
James D. Siler, son of Weimar and Sarah Siler, b. ... married. ... d. ... His children are:

(A) Susan Siler, b. ... = Ben Main, d. ...

(B) Sherod Siler, b. ... = ... d. ...

(C) Starling Siler, b. ... = ... d. ...

(D) Harvey Siler, b. ... = ... d. ...

(E) Lucinda Siler, b. ... = Lank Reynolds, d. ...

1. Joe Lee.
2.
3.
4.
5.
(F) Mary Ann Siler, b. __________, = Doff Boker, d. __________.

(G) Cynthia Siler, b. __________, = __________ Orr, d. __________.

(H) Jennette Siler, b. __________, = __________ Mahan, d. __________.

(I) Effie Siler, b. __________, = __________ Trontman, d. __________.

(J) Rachel Siler, b. __________, = A. Hann, d. __________.

No. 612—Alvis Siler

Alvis Siler, a son of Weimar Siler and Sarah Siler, was b. __________, = __________, d. __________. During the Civil war he was on the Union side in Co. ?, 7th Ky. Regiment. His children are as follows:
(A) Marshall Siler, b__________, = ____________, d__________.

(B) Joseph Siler, b__________, = ____________, d__________. He lived at Lot, Ky., Whitley county, and was a successful farmer. His descendants are:

1. George, b__________, = ____________.
2. Mary, b__________, = ____________.
3. Jerry, b__________, = ____________.
4. Flora, b__________, = ____________ Jones.

5. Laura, b__________, = ____________ Jones.

6. Josie, b__________, = ? Reynolds__________.

7. Lewis, b__________, = ____________, d__________.

(C) Jackson Siler, b. =

(D) Dr. John Siler, b. =

No. 613—Isaac Newton

Isaac Newton Siler, son of Weimar Siler, b. During the Civil war he was on the Federal side and fought in Co ?, 7th Ky. Regiment. He married and for many years was tax assessor of Whittley county, Ky., and served the office with credit. His children are:

(A) Alvis Siler, b. = d.
Bence Siler, b. = d.

No. 614—Jane Siler

Jane Siler, daughter of Weimar and Sarah Siler, was born, = John Swearinger, d. No further record of her family.

No. 615—John Wesley Siler

John Wesley Siler, son of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C., September 17, 1794. Like his two older brothers, Wm. and Weimar, his schooling was limited by the fact that there were no schools in the section of Knox county, Ky. (later made Whittley), in which his father settled. However, he could read well and write. He loved to read the Bible. He married Lucinda Evans September 14, 1817. A story goes that John W. dreamed a dream in which he saw the kind of a woman he was destined to marry. A month or so after that he and his brother, Benjamin, went to a dance somewhere in the vicinity of Boston, Ky. (now Lot, Ky.). At this dance there was a girl by the name of Lucinda Evans. Her father had been killed by lightning and she
was raised by old Aunt Patsy Murray in Big Creek Gap in Powell Valley where the town of LaFollette, Tenn., now stands.

She was a stranger to the parts around Boston. Benjamin first met her and while talking with her, John W. saw her. She reminded him of the woman he had dreamed of so he went to Benjamin and told him not to make her acquaintance because she was the woman he had dreamed was to be his wife. Ben then quit talking to her and John W. made her acquaintance and shortly afterward married her. John and Lucinda were both devout Christians. He belonged to the Baptist church but for some reason withdrew from the church in his later years. However, he never ceased his Christian efforts for he continued to be a great counsellor of the young, and many went to him for advice on religious and church affairs. He was a very successful farmer, and lived between Lot, Ky. and Highcliff, Tenn., in what is known as the Jimmy Faulkner place. During the Civil war he would travel across Cumberland and Pine Mountains on foot carrying food and corn to make bread with for his daughters, Rachel = Tye and Martha = Monroe and their families, whose husbands were in the war. It was on one of these trips that he contracted pneumonia and died April 20, 1864. Lucinda, b April 1, 1800 and d December 26, 1875. Their descendants are as follows:

No. 616—Rachel Siler

Rachel Siler, b______________ = ____________Tye, d
___________________________. Her children:
(A) John S. Tye, b_________ = Susie Jones________
d_________________________. John was a farmer. During the
Civil war he was on the Federal side as was all of the descendants of Jacob and Rachel Siler. He was a first Lieutenant in the 8th Ky. Regiment. His children were:

1. Willis
2. George
3. Mance
4. Maynard
5. Laura
6. Lizzie
7. Alice

(B) Henry C. Tye, b. ____________, = Emily Rose. No offspring. Federal soldier during Civil war in Co. C., 49th Ky. Regiment.

(C) James C. Tye, b. ____________, = Elizabeth Brummit, a sister of the wife of Jesse Bryant (son of No. 676). He was a Federal soldier during the Civil war in the 7th Ky. Regiment. His children are:

1. Hyram H. Tye, b. ____________, = ______________. Hyram H. Tye is one of the most prominent citizens of Whittley county and surrounding country. He lives at Williamsburg, Ky. and is a Judge. He is man of high ideals and good morals and a consecrated Christian. His children are:

   (a)
   (b)
   (c)
   (d)
   (e)

2. Orpha Tye, daughter of Rachel Tye, b. ____________. She married ______________ Orr. d. ______________. 

   (a)
   (b)
3. John Tye, b.................., murdered ..................
   No offspring.
4. James Tye, b................., = ........................
   d..................
(D) Geo. W. Tye, son of Rachel Tye, b.................., =
   Susie Bennett.
1. Speed Tye, b..................
2. Ben Tye, b..................
3. Rachel Tye, b..................
4. Lizzie Tye, b..................
5. Sarah Tye, b..................
6. Josephine Tye, b..................
7. Martha Tye, b..................
8. ................... Tye, b..................
9. Kate Tye, b..................
(E) Hyram Tye, son of Rachel Tye, b.................., =
   Nancy Siler, No. 604 (C). Their children are:
1. Ledford Tye
2. Granville Tye.
4. Lucinda Tye, b.................., = Joe Faulkner.
   No issue.
5. Elizabeth Tye, b.................., = E. Jones.
7. Martha Tye, b.................., = Wm. Siler
   (No. 648).
8. Margaret Tye, b.................., = ......................
   Wyley.
of Boss Faulkner of Lot, Ky., and the Faulkner man's wife shot him with a pistol concealed under her apron.

No. 618—William Siler

Wm. Siler, son of John Wesley and Lucinda Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., near the present town of Lot, Ky., at place between Lot, Ky. and Highcliff, Tenn., at farm known as Jimmy Faulkner place. He married and first lived in the old Weimar Siler place on Mud Creek. He then moved across the line onto Hickory Creek in Campbell county, Tenn. in 1851 and lived there till 1867, when he moved with his family to Ava, Mo., where he died in July or August in 1898. He was nicknamed Hickory Bill from the fact that he lived for a time on Hickory Creek. His descendants are:

(A) Calloway H. Siler, b October 4, 1844 in Whittley county, Ky., about 2½ miles east of Lot, Ky., at what is now known as the Weimar Siler place on Mud creek. His parents moved to Morley, Tenn., on Hickory Creek when he was seven years old. On the 13th day of June, 1863, he enlisted in the forces of the Federal army in Co. C., 49th Ky. Regiment and served till the close of the war. On November 22, 1867 he married and for four years lived at Ava, Mo., where his parents also lived. In 1871 he moved back to the old home place on Hickory creek at Morley, Campbell county, Tenn., where he now lives. He owns a great tract of land and a big, comfortable home. He has long been considered one of the most prominent citizens of Campbell county, Tenn. His children are:
1. Florence Siler, b. = Mit Clepper.
   (a) Ida Clepper.
   (b) Mary Clepper.
   (c) Andrew Clepper.
   (d) Lizzie Clepper.
   (e) Clayton Clepper.
   (f) Tom Clepper.
   (g) Nannie L. Clepper.
   (a) Kelly York.
   (b) Walter York.
   (c) Cora York.
   (a) Ethel Siler
   (b) Charlie Siler
   (c) John Siler
   (d) Mary Siler
   (e) Rachel Siler
   (a) Otie Siler
   (b) Harvey Siler
   (c) Maud Siler
   (d)
   No issue.
6. Wm. Siler, b. =
7. Nannie Siler, b. =
8. John Siler, b. =

(B) Dempse W. Siler, son of Wm. (Hickory) Siler. He was in Co. C., 49th Ky. Reg. on Federal side during the Civil war. He was b. = , d. = . His children are:
1. Billie
2. Horace
3. Mamie
(C) Hayes Siler, son of Wm. Siler, b. ___________________, = ___________________, d. ____________. His children are:
1. Martha, d y.
2. Tom
3. Hyram
4. Lucy
5. Gillis
6. Annie
7. Florence
8. Lillie
9. William
10. Jennie, d y.

(D) Otie Siler, son of Wm. Siler. Nothing further is known about him.

(E) Salathia Siler, b. ________________, = Lambdin. d ________________
2. Sam Lambdin
3. Rachel Lambdin
4. Nancy Lambdin
5. Jacob Lambdin
6. Isham Lambdin
7. Amanda Lambdin
8. Lillie Lambdin
9. Peter Lambdin
10. 

(F) Hiram Siler, son of Wm. Siler, b. ________________, = ____________________. He lives at Binville, Ark., and has several children.

(G) Evan Siler, son of Wm. Siler, b. ________________, = ____________________.

(H) Lucinda Siler

(I) Susan

(J) Armilda
No. 619—Weimar Siler

Weimar Siler, son of John Wesley Siler (No. 615), b January 4, 1825. He married Rachel Perkins 1860 and lived, till death, on Mud Creek, about three miles east of Lot, Ky., in Whittley county. He died June 15, 1903. She died November 22, 1915. Their children are:

(A) J. Lincoln Siler, b October 16, 1861, = LaForce and lives at Tuskegee, Okla.
   1. Lee
   2. Rachel
   3. Weimar
   4. Midge

(B) Cynthia Siler, b August 13, 1863, = Bob Hale and lived at Jellico, Tenn., for a number of years and now lives at LaFollette, Tenn., in the old T. E. B. Siler home at Highland Park. Her children are:
   1. Nona
   2. Cleda

(C) Rilda Siler, b May 6, 1865 = Smith. No issue.

(D) Maynard Siler, b June 28, 1867, = Ella Sharp, a sister of Minnie Sharp, who married No. 619 (e). Their children are:
   1. Cecil
   2. Everett
   3. Nellie

(E) Lucy Siler, b September 13, 1869, = first, Davis. No issue. = second, Dr. W. B. Rose. No issue. W. B. Rose is No. 640 (c).

(F) Tyson Siler, b July 6, 1871. = Minnie Sharp January 5, 1896 and lives at Moore, Okla. His wife was born in Claiborne county, Tenn., March 1, 1873. His children are:
   1. Earl Maynard Siler, b July 22, 1897, = Lula Routon October 27, 1917.
(a) Minnie Lou, b October 27, 1918.
(b) Earl Tyson, b November 6, 1920.

2. Irene, b December 21, 1899, married Guy Y. Neal October 27, 1917. No issue.

(G) D. Willis Siler, b March 25, 1873, married Christine Petree January 31, 1896. She was b February 12, 1879. Christine Petree is No. 641 (B) 2. They live at Knoxville, Tenn., 624 Luttrell St.

1. Lola Siler, b August 5, 1898.
2. Maynard Siler, b August 8, 1904.
3. Raymond Siler, b October 8, 1905.
4. Leymond Siler, b December 26, 1912.

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No. 620—Martha Siler

Martha Siler, daughter of John W. and Lucinda Siler, b., = Levi Monroe. Her children are:

(A) James Monroe, b., = , lives at Knoxville, Tenn.
1. Daughter ? = F. Petree, a brother of Adam Petree, who married (No. 620 [e]) and (No. 627 [e]).
2. Daughter ? = 

(B) Thomas Monroe
(C) Jefferson Monroe
(D) John Monroe
(E) Senatha Monroe, b., = Adam Petree, brother of Dr. Pascal (No. 627 [e]).
1. Rev. Azbill Petree
2.

(F) Mary Monroe, b., = Bill Goshen Petree.
(G) Lillie Monroe, b.
(H) Hester Monroe, b.
No. 621—Malinda Siler

Malinda Siler, daughter of John W. Siler (No. 615), d y.

No. 622—Elisha L. Siler

Elisha L. Siler, son of John W. Siler, b March 1, 1829. Married Elizabeth Faulkner, daughter of Boss Faulkner, August 8, 1850. She was b February 24, 1835. He died January 20, 1904. She died .................. His children are as follows:

(A) Ludlow, b................., = Cynthia Ball ..............
   1. Willis
   2. Dudley
(B) Ledford, b.................. No offspring.
(C) Evaline, b.................. No offspring.
(D) Seymore Siler, son of Elisha L., b..................... He married Ella Smith, a sister of the woman who married James Faulkner (No. 680 [g]). He lives at Yukon, Okla., and has come into considerable wealth since going West. His children are:
   1. Claude
   2. Earnest
   3. ?
   4. Opal
(E) John W. Siler, b June 30, 1866. Married Mary A. McBeel June 14, 1891. She was b August 20, 1862. He lives at 317 North Broad St., Knoxville, Tenn.
   1. Weimar G. Siler, b April 27, 1894. Coaches Knoxville High School Football team.
(F) Lucinda Siler, b................., = ..................
(G) Jason Siler, b ............... = ..................
(H) Geo. M. Siler, b ............. = ..................
No. 623—Rilda Siler

Rilda Siler, daughter of John and Lucinda Siler, b .........................., = John F. Murray, a mathematician and scholar. They lived for years at Ava, Mo., where John died. His widow outlived him some years and her children lived at Seligman, Mo.

(A) Geo. Murry, b .........................., = ..........................
lives at Los Angeles, Cal.

(B) Martha Murry, b .........................., = J. C. Bryant (No. 676 [A]), which number see.

(C) Rachel Murray, b .........................., = Green Siler (No. 650).

(D) Henderson Murray, b .........................., = ..........................
lives at Garfield, Ark.

(E) Maynard Murray, b .........................., = ..........................
lives at Garfield, Ark.

(F) John Murray, b .........................., d y.

(G) Perry Murray, b .........................., lives at Garfield, Ark.

(H) Samantha Murray, b .........................., = Addison Holt, and lives at Oswego county, Mo. They have a son named

1. H. B. Holt

(I) Mary Murray

(J) Lucinda Murray

(K) Josephine Murray

No. 624—John Wilburn Siler

John Wilburn Siler, son of John Wesley and Lucinda Evans Siler, was b at the place now known as the Jimmy Faulkner place about 2½ miles east of Lot, Whittley county, Ky., July 16, 1835. He married Nancy Jones,
whose father was Isham Jones, of English descent, from Virginia. Her mother was Jennie Stanfil, a sister of Samson Stanfil. Nancy Jones was b October 20, 1838. John W. Siler and Nancy Jones were married November 29, 1855. John W. died February 16, 1885. Nancy d January 16, 1918 and both are buried in the city cemetery at Jellico, Tenn. John Wilburn Siler was a prosperous farmer and lived at Lot, Ky., Whittley county, and in sight of the present railway station. At his death he owned a large estate which consisted of the best bottom lands on Clear Fork river and Mud creek, at the point of intersection. Nancy Siler outlived him thirty-three years, dying at the age of 80. Until within the last five years, she was very active and lived on the estate and managed it most successfully. The last few years she was too old to manage it and sold out to Geo. Rose and others and moved to Williamsburg, Ky., to live with her daughter, Miss Rhoda C. Siler, where she died. One will have to go far to find a woman that lived a more active, useful and beautiful life than did Nancy J. Siler. She was a member of the Baptist church and was ever a faithful attendant as long as she was able to go.

John W. Siler, during his life time, was one of the most prominent men in Whittley county. He was a great advocate of education. It was his constant advice to the young to go to school. He was the main support of the Boston High School, which was the main seat of learning for a distance of a hundred miles around. It was through John Siler's influence and efforts that the Boston school got the best teachers from the outside world year after year. The people who got their education at the old Boston school are some of the ones who founded Cumberland College at Williamsburg, Ky., and nursed it to its present greatness. The high standing of the citizenship of Jellico, Tenn., is a reflection of the training and influence of the
old Boston High School. Many of the young people who could not pay their expenses received financial aid from J. W. Siler. Some repaid it and some did not. He was looked to for advice on business matters by young and old alike. His descendants are now very scattered. But they still retain some of the virtues inherited from their noble ancestor. John W. and Nancy J. Siler's children are

(A) Thomas Evan Breckenridge Siler, b June 20, 1858 near the present town of Lot, Ky. He attended the old Boston High School. (Lot was then called Boston.) He finished the grades and had the equivalent of two years of High school work. He married Nannie Florence Stanfil, daughter of Louis Stanfil, of Elk Valley, Tenn. Louis Stanfil was the son of Sampson Stanfil. He bought from his father a part of the estate and began farming meanwhile he was also engaged in the real estate and lumber business more or less. He helped organize the Bird Eye Coal Co., and sold the greater part of the stock. During the panic of 1893 the Bird Eye Coal Co. went bankrupt due to the failure of some of the big banks in Louisville, Ky., and he lost about all he had and about thirty thousand dollars besides, directly and indirectly. But he preferred the policy of honesty and arranged to pay his part all off over a period of years. This he did in the course of twenty years. He sold out the farm in 1900 and moved to LaFollette, Tenn., where he lived for 11 years. While living there he was extensively in the real estate and insurance business, handling large tracts of timber, coal and oil lands in different sections of the country, while thus engaged he made connections with business men who figured
largely in his after business career in West Virginia. In 1911 he moved to Charleston, W. Va., and organized the Anchor Coal Co. and the Clear Fork Coal Co. He soon sold out his interest in these companies and organized the Seng Creek Coal Co. and the Marsh Fork Coal Co., in 1911-12, respectively. He is now President of both companies. In 1920 he bought the Birch Fork Co., of which he is also now President. He organized the Silush Coal Co. in 1915, of which he is President. He is a member of the Kanawha Presbyterian Church of Charleston, there being no Congregational church there. He was a member of the Congregational church of Jellico, Tenn., and at LaFollette, Tenn., when living at those places, and was one of the mainstays of each. He has always been a strong supporter of the prohibition cause and while living in Tennessee he was chairman of the Campbell County Civic Federation, which was very influential in making the state dry under the Patterson term as Governor. In Mr. Siler's dealings with his laboring men at the different coal mines, he has a reputation of treating them better than any of the other mining companies in that field and the men all call him "Uncle Tom." Some of his companies have carried $600.00 life insurance on each man employed, free of cost to the men, the company paying all premium charges. Just at this time when all the mines over the U. S. are closed down on account of the strike, two of his mines are working daily, which goes far to show the good feeling the miners hold toward him.

Mrs. Siler has been a devout Christian since her young girlhood days. Due to the death of her
mother when she was about seven years old and
the fact that her father still kept house, her edu-
cation was limited to a grammar school course
but she has never ceased to be a scholar. It fell
to her lot to play the part of mother to her three
young sisters and brothers when her mother
died, she being the oldest of the four children.
She has been a lover of good literature and due
to her constant study and reading, she has made
up for her early limitations for an education and
is a woman of culture and fine tastes and high
ideals. She takes an active part in her church
activities and the W. C. T. U., of which she has
been a member for several years. She has been a
true helpmate for her husband in all his troubles
and business vexations and has quite as good a
head for business as he has. Her judgment is
rarely ever wrong. In fact when there is a busi-
ness matter of consequence to be decided, she is
usually called into consultation. She was born
December 18, 1861, and although sixty years of
age, still does all her own house work and cooking
for the family which together with her other
activities, makes her a very active woman. They
have the following children:

1. Susan Ella Siler, b December 27, 1879 at Lot,
   Ky., married Geo. Arthur Smith of Powells
   Valley, July 10, 1901. He was born March 1,
   1880. They have two children and live at
   Sapulpa, Okla. where he has been quite
   prominent in real estate and oil promotion.
   (a) Geo. S. Smith, b October 5, 1908.
   (b) Mary Josephine Smith, b December 7,
       1915.

2. Frank Lesslie, b June 11, 1881, d July 26, 1881.
3. John Lewis Siler, b June 22, 1882. For a few years engaged in insurance business for himself and at present is sales manager for the Seng Creek and Marsh Coal Companies. Unmarried.

4. Rose Anna, b October 9, 1884, d June 18, 1887.

5. Sampson LaFayette, b November 28, 1885, d October 31, 1905. He was an excellent pianist. The following is clipped from "The Defender," published in New York City and dated November 23, 1905:

**HOW SLEEP THE BRAVE**

**Good Men, Young and Old, Pass on Before**

A brilliant young man who gave promise of great usefulness in the Prohibition cause, is lost to the movement in the death of Sampson Siler, of La Follette, Tenn. Mr. Siler was a student in the American University at Harri-man and during the past year was secretary of the Prohibition League there. Few young men are more careful and conscientious in their study of the Prohibition question than he, and he bade fair to become a remarkably well informed student of the subject in all its range. Mr. Siler was also a faithful and successful student in other lines, holding the respect of his teachers and the admiration of all who were associated with him. Personally he was of high and finely tuned character, with lofty ideals and grand purposes for life. There were two memorial services held for him besides the funeral which was held at La Follette, one at
Harriman and one at Williamsburg, Ky., where he had attended school.

6. Josephine R. Siler, b at Lot, Ky., = R. W. Burton of Oklahoma on August 23, 1920. He was a Lieutenant in the American Expeditionary forces in France where he was stationed for nearly two years during the world war. He is sales manager of the Birch Fork Coal Co., and Siler & Siler Coal Sales Agency. He lives in Charleston, W. Va., 604 Randolph St.

Their children are:

(a) Nancy Elizabeth Burton, b June 30, 1921.

7. Mamie Siler, b October 13, 1890, d October 13, 1890.

8. Arvid Ouchterlony Siler, b December 5, 1891 at Lot, Ky. He attended freshman year at Berea, Ky. and Sophomore year at the University of Tennessee. After that he was manager of the Silush Coal Co., till the war declared against Germany. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in the reserve force December 14, 1917. After being in the Navy seven months he was commissioned Ensign and sent aboard the U. S. S. Raleigh, which was Admiral Dewey's flagship in Spanish-American war. His ship was stationed off the coast of Florida for four months and while there he met Miss Jennie R. Russell, of Key West, Fla., whom he married about seven months after he got out of active service on July 21, 1919. He is at present General Manager of the Marsh Fork Coal Co., and lives at Marfork, W. Va. Jennie R. Siler, his wife, was born September 9, 1892. They have one son:
9. Mary Stanfil Siler, b December 17, 1894, at Lot, Ky., married F. H. Hieatt, of Winchester, Ky., June 10, 1915, who is now general manager of the Birch Fork Coal Co., and lives at Birchton, W. Va. They have two children.
(a) Joe Elenor, b June 21, 1917.
(b) Mary Floyd, b July 1, 1921.

10. Thomas Dederic Siler, b July 24, 1897 at Lot, Ky., married Hildreth Staggs, of Salt Lick, Ky. He lives at Silush, W. Va., where he is manager of Silush Coal Co. She was born December 27, 1900 and they were married September 12, 1918. Their children are:
(a) Thomas Jr., b July 20, 1919. d October 20, 1919.
(b) Nancy Lee, b June 25, 1921.

11. Edward Hoblitzell Siler, b October 25, 1902. He is a student at Cumberland College at Williamsburg, Ky. Unmarried.

(B) Lucinda Siler, daughter of John Wilburn and Nancy Siler, born at Lot, Ky., January 15, 1861. d January 25, 1861.

(C) Susan Alva Siler, b September 10, 1863, married Dr. J. L. Rose (No. 640 [b]) and they both are living at Jellico, Tenn. She belongs to the Baptist church and is a very prominent and active worker in the church, and is loved by everybody in Jellico. They were married........................ She d.................. He d.................. Their children are:
1. Clara, b__________, married Frank Smith and lives at Jellico, Tenn., and have one son.
   (a) Frank Milton Smith, b__________.
2. Debbie Rose, b__________, married Sam C. Baird, cashier of the Jellico First National Bank___________. They live in Jellico, Tenn., and have no children.
3. Josephine S. Rose, b November 28, 1891, married Claude Quillen, who was with the A. E. F. during the World war, a Lieutenant. While in France he suffered injuries from shell shock and has been in the hospital a great deal of the time since returning to America. Josephine R. Quillien died July 12, 1922 and was buried at Jellico, Tenn. They had no children.
4. John Ben Rose, b__________, drowned___________.

(D) Sarah Malinda Siler, b March 1, 1867, married H. H. Davis December 25, 1887. He was born March 14, 1864. They live at Sapulpa, Okla. Their children are:
2. Joe Hywell Davis, b September 29, 1890. Married Carmen West February 10, 1918.
3. Nannie S. Davis, b January 15, 1893, married James E. Payne May 25, 1918. They have two children:
   (a)
   (b) Louis Edwin Payne, b June 27, 1922.
4. Ruby C. Davis, b October 11, 1898 = ___________.
6. Chas. Raymond Davis, b June 10, 1905, d y.

(E) Rachel Siler, b January 3, 1865, died same date.

(F) Isham Oscar Siler, Ph. D., b November 8, 1869, married first Alma Hall, of Charlottesville, Va., about 1890. By this union there was born one child:

1. Annette J. Siler, b March 15, 1892. Married Thos. L. Eggleston, Jr., a brilliant young lawyer of 1227 13th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., since moved to Denver, Colo. She belongs to the Christian church and is an accomplished pianist.

Isham O. Siler and Alma were divorced after a few years and he married the second time, who died at childbirth, and the third time, May Clarke. By this union there were born the following children:

2. Weimar Clarke Siler, b

3. Ruth, b

Isham O. Siler is business manager of a News publication at Dawsonville, Ga. He was for years principal of several High schools in the South.

(G) Delfa Samantha Siler, daughter of John W. and Nancy J. Siler, born in Whittley county, Ky., February 15, 1872. Married first J. J. Smith in 1890. By this union there were born the following children:


2. Cora J. Smith, b 1895, married W. R. Ellis, lives at Nitro, W. Va.

(a) John Francis, b 1916.
3. Earnest Smith, son of Delfa Samantha Smith, b 1898. Unmarried.

(H) Rhoda Cora, daughter of John Wilburn and Nancy J. Siler, was born at or near Lot, Ky., Whitley county, June 29, 1876. She is in business for herself at Williamsburg, Ky. She is a member of the Baptist church and is very active in all the church’s activities and is known by nearly everybody in Whittley county and loved by all who know her. She is unmarried. She taught for years in Cumberland College at Williamsburg, Ky.

(I) Weimar Barton Siler, son of John Wilburn and Nancy J. Siler, was born at Lot, Ky., August 23, 1877. He married Beatrice Mary Stetson October 2, 1907. She was born at NorthEast, Pa., December 17, 1883. Mr. W. B. Siler has long been one of the most prominent business men of Jellico, Tenn., and of Whittley county, Ky., and Campbell county, Tenn. There is hardly a business man in the whole of the two counties and adjoining counties who does not know W. B. Siler. He is in the insurance and coal business. He and his wife belong to the Baptist church of Jellico, and take an active part in all its many activities. They have a family of unusually smart boys.
1. John Stetson Siler, b October 15, 1908.
2. Thomas Barton Siler, b January 18, 1911.
3. Robt. Ben Siler, b October 13, 1913, d November 18, 1913.
No. 625—Jane Siler

Jane Siler, daughter of Lucinda Evans Siler and John Wesley Siler, b.__________, married Joe Faulkner ____________.

(A) Isaac Faulkner, b.__________ and lives at Yukon, Okla.

(B) King Faulkner, b.__________, lives at Yukon, Okla.

No. 626—Mary Siler

Mary Siler, daughter of John W. and Lucinda Siler, was b.__________, = Flem Jones ____________.

(A) Union Jones, b.__________, = a Lawson.
   1. Delia Jones
   2. Elizabeth Jones

(B) Cynthia Jones, = a Bemis.
   1. Everette Bemis.
   2.
   3.

(C) Elisha Jones, d y.

(D) Lucinda Jones, b.__________, = John McClure.
   They have four children.
   1. Isham McClure
   2. Nodine McClure
   3. Mary McClure
   4.

(E) Isham Jones, b.__________, = ______________.
   1. Paul Jones
   2. Wayde Jones
   3. Harry Jones

(F) John Jones, b.__________, d.____________. No offspring.
No. 627—Green A. Siler

Green A. Siler, son of John Wesley and Lucinda Evans Siler, was born September 8, 1842, married Susan Jones January 24, 1861. Susan Jones was a sister of Nancy Jones who married John Wilburn Siler (No. 624), and also a sister of Flem Jones, who married Mary Siler (626). Green A. Siler died March 2, 1913. Susan J. Siler died 1922. She was born March 14, 1845. During the Civil war Green A Siler fought with Co. C., 49th Ky. Regiment. This Company was composed almost entirely of Siler’s and relatives of Siler’s.

(A) E. Marshall, b December 31, 1861. d March 5, 1882.

(B) Elizabeth Siler, b January 31, 1856, married F. Petree (see No. 620 [A] 1). This is same. She died December 8, 1900.

1. Claude Petree
2. Walter Petree
3. Malissa Petree

(C) Isaac Melton Siler, b December 13, 1867. d December 20, 1867.

(D) Matthew G. Siler, b November 30, 1868, = Hattie Billingsby.

1. Blanche B. Siler, b ..............
2. Elbert Siler, b ..............
3. Victor
(E) Flora Siler, b January 22, 1871, = Dr. Pascal Petree, a brother of F. Petree, who married (No. 628 a) 1, and of Adam Petree, who married (No. 620 e). Their children are:
1. Della
2. Eura
3.

(F) John C. Siler, son of Green A. and Susan Siler, b August 8, 1873, married Nannie McCorlie, d June 18, 1903. Their children are:
1. James
2. Rebecca
3.

(G) Ancil B. Siler, b May 6, 1876. Married Dove Britton.
1. May Siler
2.
3.

(H) Andrew L. Siler, b June 11, 1878. Married first Bessie Parrish, to which union there were born two children:
1. Mary Siler, b August 4, 1901.
Andrew married the second time Bertha Wright, and has one son named:
3. Geo. Siler, b December 5, 1911. He now lives at Haleysville, Okla.

(I) Maude Siler, b December 12, 1880. Married Clay Jones and lives in Oklahoma City, Okla.
1. Nannie Jones
2. Speed Jones

(J) Myrtle J. Siler, b .................., married R. M. McGimpsey and they have two girls.
2. Mary C. McGimpsey, b ..................
Adam Siler, son of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C., on May 27, 1796, and was brought into Knox county, Ky., later made Whittley county. We have a letter written by his son, Terrill, in 1912, just before his death, which will prove of interest to many and gives the life of his father. It is printed herewith:

Copy of Letter by Terrill Siler to A. O. Siler, Sept. 5, 1912, which was just a few months previous to his death

Jellico, Tenn.-Ky.
Sept. 5, 1912.

Mr. A. O. Siler,
Charleston, W. Va.
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter and will be very glad to give you any information that I may be able to about my father, Adam Siler. I know very little about the boyhood days of my father. He was born in North Carolina May 27, 1796. He married Polly Brock, August 20, 1817. He had very little education. His source of information and education was the Bible which he studied and read daily. His father’s name was Jacob Siler and his mother’s name was Rachel. He, Adam, raised his family near what is now Lot, Ky. He died October 20, 1882, near Pleasant View, Ky. Mother died December 15, 1881. His trade was that of a cooper, making barrels, pigins and churns.
He was a great hunter. He one time killed three bears and three deer in one the same day. He was a great instructor for the young people on religious matters. He always made his word his bond. He was a member of the Baptist church and lived a Christian life till his death. He was never known to swear. My mother was a hard-working woman. She was a great counsellor to the young. She belonged to the Baptist church a number of years, and died a devout Christian.

The names of my brothers and sisters were as follows: John Siler, Peggy or Margaret Siler, married Williams, b 1818, died 1903. Julia Siler, married Owsley; Lucinda Siler, married Lawson; Singleton Siler, Nancy Siler, married McCullough; Jacob Siler, Benjamin Siler, Wm. K. Siler. I can not give the dates of births and deaths. My father had sixty-eight grandchildren at his death and I can not tell how many great-grandchildren. I had two aunts, Polly Siler and Jennie Siler. The father of Lambdin Siler was the preacher, Wm. Siler. Lambdin was the father of Murphy and Melton Siler. Jacob Siler, the son of Joseph, can give you information in regard to his branch of the family. He lives on the Clearfork branch of the Southern Railway, but I do not know his address. Joe Siler, Lot, Ky., can give you information regarding the Weimar Siler Branch of the family.

I was born in 1836 and was married in 1860 to Mary C. Blakeley. She was born in 1841. The names of my children (Terrill), are as follows.

W. A. Siler, b 1861, merchant, married Kate Craig; Lillie Siler, b 1863, married H. S. Jones; J. M. Siler, b 1865, farmer, married Buddie Jones; Cynthia Siler, b 1868, married U. S. Jones. A. T. Siler, b 1870, lawyer, married Minnie Chandler; M. V. Siler, postmaster, b 1872, Jellico, married Diora Mahan; W. C. Siler, b 1874, married Gertrude McDougal; J. E. Siler, b 1877, doctor,
married Clara Lambdin; U. S. Siler, salesman, b 1879, married Amanda Archer. I have twenty-eight grandchildren and at this time one great-grandchild. My occupation is farming. I am a member of the Baptist church and have been an abstainer from strong drink for forty years and my advice to young people has always been along this line. I will be glad if this will help you in any way in your work.

Yours truly,

TERRILL SILER.

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No. 629—John Siler

John Siler, son of Adam and Polly Siler, b ................................
in Whittley county, Ky., = Harriette Owens.
(A) Peter Siler
(B) Jim Siler
(C) Susan Siler
(D) Mary Siler
(E) Nancy Siler, = James Ben Siler (No. 686), (which see).

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No. 630—Jacob Siler

Jacob Siler, son of Adam and Polly Siler, b ...........................
in Whittley county, Ky., near Lot, Ky., = .......................... His children were as follows:
(A) Sarah Siler, b ........................., = Marion Jones. The second time he married (see No. 677 [f]).
(B) Merrell Siler
Adam Siler, b................., d June 17, 1908, = Mary Siler (No. 685). She died 1922. Their children are:

1. James Siler
2. Tom Siler
3. Marshall
   (a) Joe
   (b) Lizzie
   (c) Nannie
4. Colonel Marcum, b ................., d December 24, 1905.
5. Prince, b ................., = Lizzie Bolton,
   (a) Maggie
   (b) Maurice
   (c) Ray
   (d) Birdie
   (e) .....................
6. Margaret Siler, b ................., = Wm. Rizner.
   (a) Lela Rizner
   (b) Minnie Rizner
   (c) Paul Rizner
   (d) Earnest Rizner
   (e) Flora Rizner
   (a) Condy Lambdin
   (b) Mary E. Lambdin
   (c) Ancil Lambdin
   (d) Myrtle Lambdin
   (e) James H. Lambdin
8. Carey Siler

Tom Siler; nothing more is known about him.
Isaac Siler, son of Jacob Siler. No more is known.
Joe Siler, son of Jacob Siler. No more is known.
Singleton Siler, son of Jacob Siler. No more is known.
(H) Polly Siler, daughter of Jacob Siler. No more is known.

No. 631—Benjamin F. Siler

Benjamin F. Siler, son of Adam and Polly Siler, was born 1829, d September ?, 1902. Married Martha Holt, who was b 1832. d January, 1904. Benjamin's descendants think he was Scotch but he, like his cousins, are descended from a mixture of the Scotch-Irish and German blood as explained in the first pages of this book, which blood made up the greater part of the blood which settled Kentucky and made it what it is today. He always stood unshakably and unerringly for the principles of justice, truth and righteousness. He was a Baptist, Republican and a farmer of Whittley county, Ky. He had eleven children, 53 grandchildren and 300 great-grandchildren and at present time about 30 great-great-grandchildren. From him have descended a number of noble sons, who are serving in the different professions of life.

The lack of good roads, schools and churches and the isolated position of his mountain county at the time he was growing up, handicapped him so that it was not possible for him to give the children a good education, but many of his descendants have made good, notwithstanding. His children were as follows:

(A) Samantha Siler, b November 9, 1850, = Hugh Lawson. d _____________. Had one child named:
   1. Martha Lawson.

(B) Rachel Siler, b May 13, 1851, = Rev. S. S. Hamblin, d ______________.
   1. Nancy Hamblin.
2. Martha Hamblin
3. Weslie Hamblin
4. Bruce Hamblin
5. Frank Hamblin
6. Juda Hamblin
7. Pollie Hamblin
8. Rachel Hamblin
9. Simon Hamblin
10. George Hamblin

(C) Adam Siler, b October 15, 1853, = Elizabeth Lawson, d .................
1. Simon S. Siler
2. Polly Siler
3. Martin Siler
4. Nannie Siler
5. Rachel Siler.

(D) Polly Siler, b June 10, 1855, = Wm. Sears. d .................
1. Manda Sears
2. Siler Sears
3. Phebe Sears
4. John Sears
5. Frank Sears
6. Jason Sears

(E) Lucinda Siler, b July 5, 1857, = Jack Kerr. d .................
1. Martha Kerr
2. Elizabeth Kerr
3. James Kerr
4. General Kerr

(F) Margaret Siler, b February 9, 1859, = Bill Lawson, d .................
1. Amanda Lawson
2. Hester Lawson
3. Silas S. Lawson
4. Wm. Lawson
5. Martha Lawson
6. Rachel R. Lawson
7. Nannie Lawson

(G) Martha Siler, b May 16, 1861, = Greenberry Lawson
     __________________, d __________________.
    1. Piercie Lawson
    2. Percilia Lawson
    3. Dan W. Lawson
    4. Calvin Lawson
    5. Frank Lawson
    6. Casie Lawson
    7. Martha Lawson
    8. Mary Lawson
    9. Verna Lawson
   10. Ida Lawson

(H) Elizabeth Siler, b June 22, 1864, = Calvin Croley,
     d __________________.
    1. Nannie Croley
    2. Benjamin Croley
    3. Samuel Croley

(I) D. Wilse Siler, b in Whitley county, Ky., March
    22, 1868, married Polly Lawson October 16, 1870.
    He is a baptist preacher. He was instrumental
    in the establishment of the postoffice at Siler, Ky.,
    Whitley county, and he lives there at this time.
    He has three children:
    1. W. Jasper Siler
    2. Benjamin H. Siler
    3. L. Oscar Siler, b _____________, graduated from
       the Normal Department of Berea College,
       1922, and is at present Illiteracy Agent of
       Whitley county.
(J) Nancy Siler, b March 22, 1868, = U. S. Pettrey.
1. Cable Pettrey
2. Geo. Pettrey
3. Martha Pettrey
4. Ellen Pettrey
5. Flora Pettrey

(K) John Siler, b August 31, 1871, = Amanda Foley,
d .................................... No offspring.

No. 632—Singleton Siler

Singleton Siler, son of Adam and Polly Siler, b.............. Whittley county, Ky., married Susan Blakeley, and moved to Indiana near Sharpsville. He had the following children who are still in Sharpsville:
(A) Singleton Siler d. 5-4-22
(B) Lizzie, married J. J. Barlow.
(C) Lottie, married Bachelor
(D)
(E)

No. 633—William K. Siler

Wm. K. Siler, son of Adam and Polly Siler, b............., married Nancy Lawson.................... He was a cripple and often went by the nickname of Cripple Bill Siler to designate him from the many other Williams in Whittley county, Ky. Their children are:
(A) Milford Siler
(B) Ledord Siler
(C) John Q. Siler
Terrill Siler, son of Adam and Polly Siler, b 1836, married Mary C. Blakeley in 1860. She was born in 1841. He died in 1912 (see his letter on the life of his father, No. 626). Terrill was a very successful farmer and lived at Lot, Ky., Whittley county. He left a large family.

(A) W. Ashbury Siler, b 1861, = Kate Craig.
(B) Lillie Siler, b 1863, = H. S. Jones.
(C) J. Madison Siler, b 1865, = Biddie Jones.
(D) Cynthia Siler, b 1868, = U. S. Jones, of Jellico, Tenn., who is one of Jellico’s most prominent businessmen.

1. Clyde
2. Everet

(E) Adam T. Siler, b 1870, = Minnie Chandler. He has been state railroad commissioner of the State of Kentucky for a number of years and lives at Williamsburg, Ky. He has children whose names are:

1.
2.
3.

(F) Marchal V. Siler, b 1872, = Diora Mahan. He was formerly postmaster of Jellico, Tenn., and is now connected with the Jellico Wholesale Grocery Co., and is a member of County Court of Campbell County.

(G) Weimar C. Siler, b 1874, = Gertrude McDougald. They have several children. Lives in Whittley county, Ky.
(H) Dr. John E. Siler, b 1877, = Clara Lambdin and has some children whose names we cannot furnish.

(I) U. S. Grant Siler, b 1879, = Amanda Archer.

No. 635—Margaret Siler, Married Grover Williams

Margaret Siler, daughter of Adam and Polly Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., 1818, = Grover Williams and died in 1903. Her children are:

(A) Addison H. Williams.

(B) Terrill Williams.

(C) Alexandera Williams.

(D) Martha Williams, = Petree.

(E) Emily Williams, = Petree.

(F) Julia Williams.

(G) Polly Williams.

(H) Aggie Williams.

(I) Margaret Williams.

(J) Lucinda Williams.
No. 636—Lucinda Siler Married Cas Lawson

Lucinda Siler, daughter of Adam and Polly Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., She married Cas Lawson and has the following children:
(A) Wm. Lawson
(B) George Lawson
(C) Lucinda Lawson
(D) Rachel Lawson
(E) Peggie Lawson
(F) Elizabeth Lawson
(G) Polly Lawson
(H) Nettie Lawson
(I) Martha Lawson
(J) Mary Lawson.

No. 637—Julia Siler

Julia Siler, daughter of Adam and Polly Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., Geo. Owsley and has a son named:
(A) Terrill Owsley.

No. 638—Rachel Nancy Siler

Rachel Nancy Siler, daughter of Adam and Polly Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., McCullough and has a daughter:
(A) Rachel McCullough.
No. 639—Burgess Siler

Burgess Siler, son of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born in Chatham county, N. C., April 18, 1799. He married Mary Crowley February 27, 1825. Like his four older brothers, his education was limited, but he made the best of it and learned to read and write. He was brought by his parents to the new home on Cane Creek in Whitley county, Ky., and after marrying, settled down in Whitley county and raised a family of twelve children. He died December 12, 1864.

No. 640—Clarinda Siler

Clarinda Siler, b about 1826, = Will Rose. Their children were:

(A) Benjamin F. Rose, b .........................., = ......................
   He lives at Williamsburg, Ky., and is a judge.
   1. Bessie
   2. Mary
   3.

(B) Joe L. Rose, b .........................., = Susan Alva Siler (No. 624) (C) and lives at Jellico, Tenn. He is a splendid physician and is recognized over the country as being one of the very best. He is a member of the Baptist church. His children are listed under No. 624 (C).

(C) W. B. Rose, b .........................., = first Jamaica Heatherly No. 694(a), (which see). He is a physician and lives at La Follette, Tenn. His children by this union are:
1. Mabel Rose = Ross Wheeler.
2. Wm. K. Rose.

W. B. Rose married the second time, Lucy Siler Davis, No. 119 (e). No issue.

No. 641—Joe Gray Siler

Joe Gray Siler, son of Burgess and Mary Siler, b.............., = ..................

(A) Susie Siler, b .................., = J. Polly.
   1. Pleasant Polly.
   2. Mary Polly.
   3.

(B) Mary Siler, b .................., = Dan Petree.
   2. Christine Petree married Dock Siler, No. 619 (g).
   4. Tom Petree.
   5. Mary Petree.

(C) Christine Siler, b .................., = Ellison, of Saxton, Whittley county, Ky.
   1.

(D) Thomas Siler, b .................., = ..................
   1. Joe Siler.
   2.
   3.

(E) Geo. G. Siler, b .................., = ..................
No. 642—Nancy Siler = Bryant

Nancy Siler, daughter of Burgess and Mary Siler, b = Ned Bryant, who was a farmer in Whitley county, Ky.

(A) Dr. Wm. C. Bryant, b, lives at Corbin, Ky.

(B) Burgess Bryant, b, lives at Corbin, Ky.

(C) Dr. F. Marion Bryant, b, = , 1. Ned 2. Lula 3. Jessie

(D) Isaac Newton Bryant, b, = , lives at Corbin, Ky.

(E) Dr. Jasper F. Bryant, b, lives at Corbin, Ky.

(F) Mary Bryant, b, = Taylor.

(G) Debbie Bryant, b, = Petree.

(H) Green B. Bryant b

No. 643—Elizabeth Siler

Elizabeth Siler, daughter of Burgess and Mary Siler, b, married G. B. Skinner.

(A) Burgess Skinner, b, lives at Corbin, Ky.

(B) Elisha Skinner.

(C) Lula Skinner, = Wyatt.
(D) Green B. Skinner, lives at Woodbine, Ky.

(E) Pallis Skinner.

(F) John Skinner

(G) Rachel Skinner = Manney.

(H) Martha Skinner = Steele.

(I) Mary Skinner = Floyd.

No. 644—W. Benjamin Siler

Benjamin Siler, son of Burgess and Mary Siler, b , married .

(A) Rhoda Siler, b , = Frost.

(B) Alcy Siler, b , = Perkins.
   1. Joe Perkins
   2. Siler Perkins
   3. Charlie Perkins

(C) Mary J. Siler

(D) Thomas Scott Siler, b , = , cashier of Bank of Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Ky.

(E) Wm. B. Siler.

No. 645—Rachel Siler

Rachel Siler, daughter of Burgess and Mary Siler, b , married Osborne , and lives at Red Rock, Okla.

(A) Wm. N. Osborne.
No. 646—Emily Siler

Emily Siler, daughter of Burgess and Mary Siler, b ________________ , married Bryant ________________ .

(A) Ancil Bryant.
(B) Rachel Bryant = Lynch.
(C) Addison Bryant.
(D) Wm. Bryant.
(E) Burgess Bryant.
(F) Edward Bryant.
(G) Martha Bryant.
(H) Clara Bryant.

No. 647—James M. Siler

James M. Siler, son of Burgess and Mary Siler, b ________________ , married ________________ . He was a twin of his next brother, Wm. H. Siler. He was a farmer in Whittley county, Ky. During the Civil war he served in the 8th Ky. Regiment on the Federal side.

(A) Dempsie Siler.
(B) S. Boyd Siler, moved to Washington State. (See clipping). Page 159,
(C) Joseph Siler, moved to Washington State (see clipping below).
(D) Elisha Siler, moved to Washington State (see clipping below).

No. 648—William H. Siler

Wm. H. Siler, son of Burgess and Mary Siler, b................., married first Martha Tye, No. 616 (E 7). Married the second time .................. Wells. During the Civil war he served in 8th Ky. Regiment on the Union side.
(A) Granville Siler.
(B) James Siler.
(C) Geo. W. Siler, moved to Washington State (see clipping below).
(D) Murphy Siler.
(E) Barney Siler.

The following clipping from the Louisville, Ky., Courier Journal, is of interest:

LEFT THEIR NATIVE LAND

Deserted the Mountains for Washington. A Couple Married on Train. Picturesque Scene at the Union Depot as the Train Left for the West

March 8, 1898.

Fourteen typical Kentuckians and their families from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky—the Kentuckians that John Fox, Jr., depicts so grandly in his latest work—left the state of their nativity over the Monon route last night at 8:10 o’clock, for the fertile lands of the State of Washington.
The party was composed of twenty-six people, representing truly the seven ages of man. It included the babe at its mother’s breast, the tall and lank mountaineer, who has made the Eastern part of the state famous, and a blushing bride and timid groom. Grouped, they formed a picture long to be remembered.

They came from the counties of Laurel, Knox and Whittley and go to Whitman county, Washington, to join a colony of Kentuckians which began forming there twelve years ago. They are Stephen H. Terrill, wife and son; Wm. Blair, wife and children; W. M. Foley, wife and four children; Silas Terrill, Jo Vanderpool, Frank Barto, wife and one child; Silas Boyd and wife, Emby Hart, Philip Moore, Joseph and Geo. Siler, James and John Hennamon and Geo. King and bride.

A Novel Wedding

Mr. King and bride were made husband and wife as the train pulled out for Chicago, and in the wedding the Monon enjoys the distinction of being the first route to have a ceremony performed in a passenger coach. It was the consummation of a happy thought which came to Ed. Bacon, who is entitled also the credit of securing the big party for his road.

As the train moved slowly off, the grinding wheels and engine’s puff made a medley that to the man with a vivid imagination, brought forth the strains of the Mendelssohn wedding march as faithfully as that of any pipe organ, and the bell on the locomotive pealed out its notes, so to speak, as clear as those from any church tower on a marriage eve. The couple who came to this rather unique hymenial altar were Geo. King and Susie Rodgers. The men doffed their hats and the women bowed their heads and the voices of the crying babes were for the moment
stilled. Then the minister arose, it was Rev. Geo. E. Foskett, pastor of the West Broadway Methodist church—and joined them in the bonds of matrimony. Congratulations followed, the hat passed around to buy a bridal present. With the proceeds a berth in the sleeper was secured and the conductor called out "Fourteenth street."

Adieux were said and the Louisville crowd which had accompanied the party, got off the train. The groom will be twenty-two and the bride twenty-one years old Thursday, both celebrating their birth anniversaries on March 10th. The bridal tour will be a long one, but it combines business with pleasure, as they go to begin life in a state which has adopted so many Kentuckians since its advantages became known.

Kentuckians in Washington

The party bound for Washington is led by Mr. S. B. Siler. He has been in the far Northwestern state for six years and came back to Kentucky a few weeks ago on a visit. While here his glowing descriptions of the country he had left led those of his friends and relatives in Laurel, Knox and Whittley counties to sell their mountain possessions and go thither with him. They will buy lands in Washington and begin farming at once. Each man in the party expects to purchase 160 acres. In speaking of the colony of genuine Kentuckians which is now forming in Washington, Mr. Siler said to the commercial at Union Station last night:

"The colony began by accident twelve years ago. I wrote an agent of the Northern Pacific Land Co., for a sectional land map. It was viewed by numerous neighbors and a decision made by fifteen of them that they would follow the advices given by old Horace Greeley years ago. All have succeeded better than the most san-
guine expected, and the knowledge of this fact has led those you see here tonight to join our colony in Washington. More will follow next fall and in a few years we will become a power in this far Northwestern country like the Kentuckian has in Missouri and Texas.

**Something of the Country**

“What of the soil?” was asked Mr. Siler. “It is very productive. We raise wheat, oats, barley and flax. The yield of wheat to the acre ranges from 25 to 60 bushels, and oats and barley from 80 to 100 bushels per acre. Settlers there have found it no trouble to pay for their land with one crop, the land costing from $12 to $25 per acre. Corn can not be successfully cultivated there. But for other agricultural resources, fruits, minerals and timber, you can’t paint the picture too bright.”

“Can stock be raised successfully in Washington, Mr Siler?” “Well, I should say; there is a bunch grass which grows there upon which horses and cattle graze the entire year. It is green about three months and then dries, leaving a hay that don’t have to be cut, and proves nourishing. We are close to three Indian reservations. The Spokane, Colville and Couer d’Lene. The Indians there have reached the highest state of civilization known to their race. They cultivate land and in raising crops excel the white man in many instances.”

The colonists will leave the Monon at Chicago, take the Wisconsin Central for St. Paul and thence, go over the Northern Pacific for Rosalia, Wash. They will locate about five miles from Rosalia and 35 miles South of Spokane Falls.
No. 649—JOHN WESLEY SILER

Uncle John Wesley Siler Dead. March 15, 1912

The man who was perhaps the best loved and most widely known in Whittley county, is dead. Uncle John Siler died in the hospital at Knoxville, Friday night, at 10:45 o’clock, the 15th day of this month. He was brought home on the fast train Saturday afternoon. Practically all of Williamsburg was out to the train to see him as he was brought back. His funeral was conducted from the First Baptist church, of which he had been a consistent and consecrated member since his conversion in 1886. He was laid to rest in a beautiful casket, and large and beautiful decorations of flowers, typical of the high esteem in which his neighbors held him, while he was alive, ornamented the pulpit and coffin. These floral tributes had been furnished by various friends of his in town, among whom was the student body of the Williamsburg Institute. The large church was crowded to the limit, to hear the funeral orations over the form of the dead. The last sad rites were performed by Prof. E. E. Wood, Dr. H. H. Risner and Rev. H. H. Hibbs. All the addresses were eloquent and fervid—full of the heartfelt pathos which comes from the loss of a friend so dear as Mr. Siler had most certainly been to all of them. And not only to them but to all of the great crowd who thronged the great auditorium of the great church, who had come from every corner of the county to be present at the last obsequies of the man who had, in his lifetime, made more of the history of Whittley county than any other man who has lived in this county. He had made a special request of the men who spoke of him in his funeral to not speak of him in extravagant eulogies, but to speak of him as he was with his faults as well as his virtues, for he said
he had faults and plenty of them and had always had them.

John W. Siler was born on Cane Creek, in this county, September 11, 1843. With the meager chances for a boy in his neighborhood to get an education at this day, his chances in life to make much of himself were slim indeed. There were no free schools in Kentucky then. The old time subscription school in the unspeakable log school house, with the dirt floor and backless bench was the sum total of the school equipment except the old time school master, whom the people wanting a school for their children, employed on the subscription plan. John W. being the fifth son and the tenth child of Burgess and Mary Siler, his opportunities for education can be better imagined then described. Six months of this kind of schooling was all the education that fell to his lot, except ten days he attended writing school to Lewis Renfro. But despite the fact that he was limited in his education to begin the battle of life, he never ceased to be a student throughout his entire life.

When the war came on he enlisted in the service as a private, but was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Co. C., 49th Ky. volunteers. He was entitled to a pension at the close of the war but he stoutly refused to accept it until within the last four years, being the last of the old soldiers in Whittley county to accept a pension for service done in the Civil war.

After he returned from the army he married Miss Debbie Buchannan, of Pulaski county, and lived happily with her until her death which occurred in July, 1907. He had no children, but was the friend of every child in the town. In 1867 he was elected to the office of County Court Clerk and held the same for four years. He was Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue from 1874 to 1882, in all, about eight years. He was a politician of the front rank. Governors, Congressmen, Judges, Sheriffs and all other
officers came to him for advice. He was an ardent Republican, but not a partisan. He was aggressive, but honest. The man has never lived who had less respect for a cunning, crafty politician. The man never lived who more savagely disdained the trickster in politics.

He was cashier of the Bank of Williamsburg from the time of its organization until May, 1909—a period of about twenty-five years. When the Williamsburg Institute was organized in 1880 he was elected as one of the trustees as well as its first treasurer. He was treasurer of the Institute, without compensation, until he became so old and infirm that he could no longer do the work. He was a member of the Free Masons, a charter member, which was organized in this town in 1869, and for many years he was the Master of the lodge. He leaves two brothers and a sister to survive him. His brothers are Addison W. and Green B. Siler, both of Tonkawa, Okla., and his sister is Mrs. Rachel Osborn, of Red Rock, Okla. His mother was a Croley before her marriage to Burgess Siler. He had as many relatives perhaps as any man in the county, and was as well beloved as could be by each and all of them. For many years he was Vice-President of the Kentucky Bankers' Association and was an honored and active member. While he was cashier of the Bank of Williamsburg there was not a half year passed but the directors declared a dividend. He was a success at everything he undertook to do. He was not satisfied with any mediocre success. Nothing short of the highest of his capabilities would satisfy him. In him was blended in perfect proportion the splendid qualities which made a politician, financier, Christian and philanthropist.

He is gone. While numbered with the dead, his deeds will live on and bless thousands yet to come. He made a will some time before his death, in which he bequeathed the greatest part of his property, which aggregates about
$40,000, to the Williamsburg Institute. This bequest shall be known as the Siler Endowment Fund, and shall be lent at interest and the interest added to the principal each year and lent again until the amount reaches $50,000, when the interest may be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the school. His gift to the First Baptist church to help to build the new church was $2,500. He was generous as well as economical, sympathetic, as well as aggressive. He will be missed by all Williamsburg. His home county will miss his activities as long as the present generation shall live. No one who ever knew him will ever forget him. Not only was he loved by all of Whitley county, but throughout the state, and in neighboring states was he well known and felt to be a loyal friend to all who needed a friend, and a brave companion of all that he believed to be for the advancement of right, justice and the education of the masses. He was on equal terms with the poor man in distress and the metropolitan millionaire. He hated poverty and disdained wealth. Nothing counted with him but pluck, patience and perseverance.

He was not perfect, neither did he claim to be. But there was as much in his life that could be profitably copied by the young men of the mountains as will be found in the lives of the men we read about in history and fiction. His faults omitted and his virtues emulated by the young men of our country would in a few years begin to pass the mighty change in the citizenry of our country that would have made “Uncle Siler” happiest to have seen.

The following nephews of John W. Siler were the active pall bearers at his funeral: Dr. W. C. Bryant, Dr. J. F. Bryant, I. N. Bryant, Burgess Bryant, Burgess Skinner, Joseph Siler, of Corbin, Ky., Green B. Skinner, of Woodbine, Ky., T. Scott Siler, of Woodbine, Ky., Wm. B. Siler, Judge B. F. Rose, of Williamsburg, Ky., Dr. W. B. Rose,
of La Follette, Tenn., and Dr. Joseph L. Rose, of Jellico, Tenn.

The following friends of John W. Siler were the honorary pall bearers: A. Gatliff, Gorman Jones, T. B. Mahan, J. M. Ellison, A. T. Siler, W. M. Perkins, Sherrod Staniff, Dr. C. G. Ellison, J. M. Mahan, I. L. Gentry, Fred L. Davis and Zeb Ward, of Williamsburg.

John W. and Debbie Siler had one child which died young.
(A) Harriette Julia.

No. 650—Green B. Siler

Green B. Siler, son of Burgess and Mary Siler, b.............., married Rachel Murray (No. 623[c]). In the Civil war he fought in Co. C., 49th Ky. Volunteers on the Union side. His family lives at Tonkowa, Okla.
(A) Virgil P. Siler.
(B) Joseph Siler, lives at Corbin.
(C) John Siler.
(D) Rufus Siler.
(E) Ed. B. Siler, twin of Ethel.
(F) Ethel Siler.
(G) Cora Siler.
(H) Fannie Siler.
(I) Laura Siler.
(J) Geo. Siler.
(K) Debbie Siler.

No. 651—Addison W. Siler

Addison W. Siler, son of Burgess and Mary Siler, b........................., married........................., and settled in Ton-
kowa, Okla., after the Civil war. During the Civil war he served in Co. C., 49th Ky. Volunteers on the Union side.

(A) Green B. Siler.
(B) Nancy Siler.
(C) Verna Siler.
(D) John Siler.
(E) Joseph Siler.
(F) Burgess Siler.
(G) Ben Siler.
(H) Thomas Siler.
(I) Isaac Newton Siler.
(J) Ralph Siler.
(K) Edward Siler.

No. 652—Mary Siler

Mary Siler or Polly, daughter of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born in the New Cane Creek home in Whittley county, Ky. (it was at that time Knox county), in the year 1801. She = Bill Lambdin and they settled down in Whittley county, Ky., and raised a family of eight children. She d August 12, 1851. Their children were:

(A) John (No. 653).
(B) Burgess (No. 654).
(C) Samuel (No. 655).
(D) Evan (No. 656).
(F) Andrew L. (No. 657).
(G) Siler Lambdin (No. 658).
(H) Geo (No. 659).
(I) James (No. 660)

If there were any girls we have been unable to locate them.
No. 653—John Lambdin

John Lambdin, son of Wm. and Mary Lambdin, was born in Whittley county, Ky., .......................... He had a family of five children as far as we have been able to ascertain:

(A) Wm. Lambdin.
(B) Lizzie Lambdin.
(C) Mary Lambdin.
(D) Evan Lambdin.
(E) John Lambdin.

No. 654—Burgess Lambdin

Burgess Lambdin, son of Bill and Polly Lambdin, was born in Whittley county, Ky., .......................... His children are:

(A) Craig Lambdin.
    1. Lonzo Lambdin, = John Faulkner's daughter.
    3. 

(B) Angeline Lambdin, = Teague, James.
(C) Jefferson Lambdin.
(D) Margaret Lambdin, = Teague, Craig.
(E) James Lambdin.
(F) Mary Lambdin.
(G) Calvin Lambdin.

No. 655—Samuel Lambdin

Samuel Lambdin, son of Wm. and Polly Lambdin, was born in Whittley county, Ky., .......................... No further record of him.
No. 656—Evan Lambdin

Evan Lambdin, son of Wm. and Polly Lambdin, was b in Whittley county, Ky., ......................
(A) John M. Lambdin.
(B)

No. 657—Andrew L. Lambdin

Andrew L. Lambdin, son of Bill and May Lambdin, b ...................... No further record of him. Pearl, Ky.

No. 658—Siler Lambdin

Siler Lambdin, son of Bill and Mary Lambdin, born in Whittley county, Ky. During the Civil war he served on the Union side in the 8th Ky. = .................. .................., daughter of Hiram Staufil. No further record of him.

No. 659—Geo. Lambdin

Geo. Lambdin was the son of Bill and Mary Lambdin. No further records.

No. 660—James Lambdin

James Lambdin, son of Bill and Mary Lambdin, b ......................
(A) Mary Lambdin.  
(B) Lizzie Lambdin.  
(C) Jeremiah Lambdin.  
(D) Oscar Lambdin.  
(E) Geo. Lambdin.

No. 661—Joseph T. Siler

Joseph T. Siler, son of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born on Cane Creek in Whittley county, in February 27, 1803. Whittley county was then still a part of Knox county. He married Mary Anderson August 23, 1825. We regret that we have been unable to get more of the history of his life. He had no school to go to and like his older brothers, suffered thereby. But he also learned to read and write and from all available records, was equally as zealous a Christian and as successful a farmer as his brothers. He raised a large family of ten children and judging from them, they had a good, Christian father and mother.

No. 662—Orpha Siler

Orpha Siler, daughter of Joseph and Mary Siler, b June 22, 1826. Died October 7, 1826.

No. 663—Elizabeth Siler

Elizabeth Siler, daughter of Joseph and Mary Siler, was

Jacob 601; Mary 652.

(A) Burgess Powers, d. y. No offspring.
(B) Alvin Powers.
1. Fairie Powers.
(C) Rilda Powers = Jack Terry.
1. Sarah Terry.
2. Lizzie Terry.
3. Rene Terry.
4. Ellen Terry.
(D) Mathew Powers.
1. Berdie
2. Ethel
3. Joe
4. Levernie
5. Geo.
6. Daniel
7. Caleb
8. Charlie Powers
9. Alvin
10. Lillie
(E) Charity Powers, = .......................... ..........................
Jesse Siler, son of Joseph and Mary Siler, b in Whittley
county, Ky., November 14, 1828. In the Civil war he
served on the Union side in 7th Ky. Regiment. He mar­
rried December 22, 1847, Emily Rose, sister of Will Rose,
who married Clarinda Rose (No. 640). His children are:

(A) Orpha Siler = Frank King.
   1. Silas King.
   2. Jason King.
   3. Lizzie King.
   4. Nannie King.
   5. Clara King.
   6. Anna King.

(B) Zepra = Cal. Remington.
   1. Dora Remington = J. Jones.

(C) Mary Siler = J. Jones.

(D) Clara Siler = Ed Kidwell.
   1. Bertha Kidwell.
   2. Lillie Kidwell.

(E) Granville Siler = Elizabeth Faulkner.
   1. Emma Siler.
   2. Anderson Siler.
   4. Ben Siler.
   5. Nannie Siler.
   7. Dora Siler.

(F) Sarah Siler = Seberry Woods.
   1. Tilda Woods.
   2. Orpha Woods.
Jacob 601; Joseph 661; Jesse 664 (F).

4. ? Woods.

(G) Luisa Siler = David King.
   1. Jesse King.
   2. James King.
   3. Geo. King (see clipping on a previous page).

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No. 665—William Siler

William Siler, son of Joseph T. and Mary A. Siler, born July 12, 1831 = Nancy Davis.
(A) Newton Siler.
(B) Nelson Siler.
(C) Jasper Siler, d y.

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No. 666—Mary Siler

Mary Siler, daughter of Joseph T. and Mary A. Siler, born September 22, 1835 = Alvin King.
(A) Aaron King.
(B) Joe King.
(C) 
(D) 
(E) 
(F) Sarah King = John Thomas.

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No. 667—Hiram T. Siler

Hiram T. Siler, son of Joseph T. and Mary Siler, was
born March 14, 1838 = Elenor A. , July 8, 1857. She was born June 7, 1841.

(A) Alice Siler.
(B) Florence Siler.
(C) Jacob Siler.
(D) Joe Siler.

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No. 668—Burgess Siler

Burgess Siler, son of Joseph T. and Mary Siler, was born June 14, 1840. Served in 8th Ky. Regt. during the Civil war. Never married.

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No. 669—Jacob Siler

Jacob Siler, son of Joseph T. and Mary Siler, was born June 12, 1843. During the Civil war he served with 8th Ky. Regt., and was wounded, which made him a cripple for life. He was often called Cripple Jake Siler to designate him from the many other Jacob Silers in the county.

See life of Jacob Siler (No. 688). He lived near Jellico, Tenn., and was a devoted Christian.

(A) Hendrick Von Bloom Siler, born January 25, 1867.
   1. Sandy
   2. Laura
   3. Nannie
   4. Minnie
   5. Floyd

(B) Epson Siler, born November 16, 1868 = Mary Chadwell.
1. McClellan Siler.
2. Rose Siler = E. Cosey.
3. Nancy
4. Jacob
5. Billie
6. Duff
7. Judith

(C) Lucinda Siler, born November 25, 1870 = Jim King.
1. Lillie King.
2. Ida King = Hunt.
3. Nellie King.

(D) Mary Siler, born October 10, 1873 = Joe Fuston.
1. Lizzie = Powers.
2. 
3. 

(E) Burgess Siler, born January 26, 1876 = Mary Carr.
1. Bloom Siler.
2. Docia Siler.
3. Lee Siler.
4. Edith Siler.

(F) Kizzie Siler, born .................., = Bray.
1. Mary Bray.
2. Jacob Bray.
4. Andrew Bray.
5. Epson Bray.

(G) Minerva Siler, born .................., = Garfield Maiden.
1. Elsie Maiden.
2. Bettie Maiden.
3. Arthur Maiden.
5. 
(H) Moses Siler, born .........................., = Jane Lambdin.
   1. Walter Siler.
   2. Bessie Siler.
   3. Ida Siler.
   4. Marian Siler.

(I) Judith Siler, born .........................., = George Gipson.
   1. Elizabeth
   2.
   3.
   4.
   5.

No. 670—Joseph T. (Jr.) Siler

Joseph T. Siler, son of Joseph T. and Mary Siler, was born August 17, 1846. In the Civil war he served on the Union side with 49th Ky. Regt., Co. C. He married Alice Hapson May 20, 1899. She was born March 4, 1869. He died September 12, 1908. He lived in Campbell county, Tennessee. He followed farming mostly.

(A) James Siler.
(B) Jennie Siler = Will Branham.
   1. Eunice Branham.
(C) Weimar Siler.
(D) Austin Siler.
(E) Polly Siler.
(F) Joe Siler.
(G)

No. 671—John Siler

John Siler, son of Joseph T. Siler, born May 30, 1848, d. y.
No. 672—Margaret Siler

Margaret Siler, daughter of Joseph T. and Mary Siler, born September 21, 1850, = Deat Cosey.
(A) Arthur Cosey.
(B) Albert Cosey.
(C) Elden Cosey.

No. 673—Hederick Benjamin Siler

Hederick Benjamin Siler, eighth child of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born on Cane Creek, then in Knox county, Ky., on January 25, 1805. His daughter, Mrs. Margaret Faulkner, wrote a letter, which we insert in full herein.

Letter Written by Mrs. Margaret Faulkner

Lot, Ky., Aug. 26, 1912.

Mr. Arvid O. Siler.
Dear Arvid:
Your letter received and as you requested me to write you all the information I know of the Siler descendants of Jacob Siler, I will do the best I can though there are a good many things that I would like to tell you that I have forgotten.
First I will write what I know about my father, Benjamin Siler. He was born in the date 1805, January 25th and died August 8, 1883. He married Jennie Warren in 1825. Jennie Warren S. was born April 30, 1808, and died October 5, 1883.
I know but very little of his boyhood days. His education was limited. He only went to school five days but
he was eager to learn and studied and read at home. He became to be an excellent Bible reader and a great Scriptorian. He would sit and read his Bible for hours in his old age. Father and mother were both strong Baptists in their religious beliefs. His occupation through life was farming, though in his young days he was not very strong and not very able to work on the farm. He spent a great deal of time in hunting and providing well for his family. He was a great hunter. He killed bear, deer, wild turkeys, and all kind of wild game which was so plentiful then. He lived up to the old saying “Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man Healthy, Wealthy and Wise.” He would get up early of mornings and be out hunting before it was light. My father and mother both lived to be old. He to be 78 and she to be 75. There was only two months difference in their deaths. Their family was fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls. Thirteen of the number lived to be grown and one died in infancy. Eight are living now—four girls and four boys. In raising his family, father was very mild. He was not harsh with his children and did not rule them by the rod, instead he was a great councilor and advisor and his children always took what he said as law, and he had no trouble in controlling his family. The names of father’s children are:

(A) W. B. Siler = Lizzie Snyder, d August, 1906.
(B) Sallie Siler = Al Mahan, d 1860.
(C) Nannie Siler, = Joel Bryant, d January, 1900.
(D) Adam Siler = Nancy Snyder.
(E) Jessie Siler = Mary Hamblin.
(F) Rachel Siler, = Mike Broyles, d April, 1900.
(G) Linda Siler = John Lawson.
(H) Margaret Siler = Joseph Faulkner.
(I) Henry Siler, = Margaret Ausbarn.
(J) Biddie Siler = James Faulkner; second = Mr. Bailey.
(K) Joe Siler, d Sept. 10, 1868.
I can not give you anything about my grandfather Jacob Siler as he died before I was born. I have heard something about him but I can’t tell you anything very correct about him, however, from the information I can gather, his children were all born in North Carolina. I don’t know that they were all born there but, think they must have been. There was one of his children named David and the best I can find out he died when a small boy. The date of grandfather and mother’s death was 1839 and there was only eight days difference between their deaths. They had always said they wanted to die at the same time. He died first I believe.

I am very glad to know that you are taking so much interest in the Siler family and it is as you say, the older ones will soon pass away and I am glad you have taken it up and hope you will have success in gathering the information necessary. Sister Mary and myself have given you this as best we could. I would advise you to write to Uncle Adam Siler, Jellico, Tenn. He is the oldest Siler now living (80 years), and he would be able to give you more information than anyone I know of.

Lovingly,

MARGARET S. FAULKNER, and

MARY S. SILER

No. 674—William B. Siler

William B. Siler, son of Benjamin and Jennie Siler, b. __________, = Elizabeth Snyder ____________. He died August, 1906.
(A) James Ben Siler = Dishman, b.
   1. Myrtle Siler.
   2. Nora Siler.
   3. Wm. M. Siler.
   5. Johnnie Siler.
   6. 

(B) Henry Siler, b. =
   1. Wm. McKinley Siler.
   2. Walter Siler.
   4. Frank Siler.
   5. Julia Siler.

(C) Isaac Siler, b. d. y.

(D) Patsy Siler, b. d. y.

No. 675—Sallie Siler

Sallie Siler, daughter of Benjamin and Jennie Siler, b = Alfred Mahan and died 1860.

(A) Wm. Milton Mahan.
   1. Paris Mahan.
   2. Crittenden Mahan.
   5. Elmer Mahan.

(B) James Marshall Mahan.
   1. Nina
   2. Mae
   3. Arthur = Jessie Bryant, No. 442 (c).

(C) Rachel = Reynolds.
   1. Exie
   2. Zorah
No. 676—Nancy Siler

Nancy Siler, daughter of Benjamin and Jennie Siler, b. = Joel Bryant, a brother of Ned Bryant (No. 642). Joel Bryant was a magistrate for a number of years in Whittley county, Ky. Nancy died January, 1900.

(A) John Crittenden Bryant = Martha Murray No. 623 (B).

(B) Perry Bryant, b. = Lawton. Lawson.

1. Susie Bryant.
3. Florence Bryant.
4. Dillard Bryant, = Dora Siler, No. 682 (B) 1.

(C) Emanuel Bryant, b. =

1. Lucinda Bryant.
2. Nannie Bryant, = Petree and lives at Hazard, Ky
3. Mayard Bryant.
4. George Bryant.

(D) Jesse Bryant = Brummitt.

1. Mance Bryant.
2. Joel Bryant.
3. Alice Bryant.

(E) Meldre Bryant = J. Jones.

(F) Wm. H. Bryant.

(G) Lucinda Bryant = Cruther.

(H) Nannie Bryant.

(I) Rebecca Bryant = Ryle.

(J) Margaret Bryant = McKay.
No. 677—Adam D. Siler

Adam D. Siler, son of Benjamin and Jennie Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., April 4, 1832. He began teaching school when young and later began farming. He married Nancy Snyder. She was born 1836. She died in 1920 and Adam Siler just celebrated his 90th birthday on the 4th of April, 1922. He is still strong and walks about wherever he wants to. He was blind for five years but recently had an operation which restored his eyesight. He has been one of Whittley county, Ky’s most successful farmers and is one of her most respected citizens. He is a member of the Baptist church and belongs to the Republican party. He is at present (1922) the progenitor of one hundred children, grand and great-grandchildren, most of whom are living and some of whom we have been unable to get their names. At the present time he lives with his daughter, Mrs. D. D. Scott, of Jellico, Tenn.

(A) Amanda Siler = Marion Archer and lives at Barboursville, Ky., Knox county.

1. Arthur Archer.
2. James Archer.
3. John Archer, d. y.
   (a) Mildred Evans.
   (b) Marie Evans.
   (c)
5. Ethel Archer = Stewart.
   (a) Anna Stewart.
   (b)
6. Laure Archer, d. y.
7. Ira Archer, d. y.
8. Emerson Archer.
(B) Hester Siler = Josiah Smith.
   1. Walter G. Smith.
      (a) McLain Smith.
      (b)
   2. Wm. L. Smith.
      (a) Willie Lee Smith.
      (b)
      (a) Mildred Smith.
      (b) Robert Smith.
      (c) Roscoe, died young.
      (d) Alfred.
   4. Lottie Smith.
   5. Stephen Smith.
   6. Mary Smith.
   7.
   8.

(C) Minerva Siler, d. y.

(D) Melda Siler = H. H. Smith and lives in Knoxville, Tenn.
   1. Martha Smith = Frank Brummit.
      (a) Wm. B. Brummit, d. y.
      (b) Gorman Brummit.
      (c) Walter Brummit.
   2. Stella Smith = D. Lawson.
      (a) Charlie Lawson.
      (b) Mary Lawson.
      (c) Lucile Lawson.
   3. Rachel = Huges and lives at Knoxville, Tenn.
      (a) Jane Huges.
      (b) Billie Huges.
      (c)

(E) Mary Siler = Will Smith.
   1. Wayland Smith = Gertie Baird.
      (a) Harry W. Smith.
(b) Jack Smith.
(c)

2. Charlie Smith.
   (a) Charlie, Jr.
   (b)

3. Roxie Smith.

4. Odessa.

5. Nannie Smith = Conley.
   (a) Alfred Conley.
   (b) Mary Conley.

6. Alfred Smith.

7.

(F) John Siler = Cordelia Jones, daughter of Marion Jones by his first wife. Marion Jones married No. 630 (A). The second time he married John Siler's widow. Lives in Jellico, Ky.
1. Herman Siler = Sidney Smallwood.
2. Maud Siler, unmarried.
   (a) Josephine Siler Cooley.
   (b)

4. Fred Siler.

5. Nannie Siler.

6. Rhea Siler.

(G) Simon Siler = Elizabeth Sharp.
1. ? d. y.
2. Entha Siler = Charlie Clark.
   (a) Ruth Clark.
   (b) Marie Clark.

(H) Rachel Siler = first Lee Mahan.
1. Thomas Lee Mahan.
2. Ida Bell Mahan, d. y.
She married the second time D. D. Scott.

(I) Lucy Siler = G. W. Nicholson.
2. Lela Nicholson.

(J) Ben F. Siler = Ella Bryant. He was salesman for Jellico Wholesale Grocery Company for a number of years. He left Jellico, Tenn., in September 1916 and went to Owensboro, Ky., where he went into the wholesale business for himself and is making a big success. He has four children:
1. Nona Siler, is a graduate of Georgetown College and is a teacher.
2. Mary Siler is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.
3. Roy Siler.
4. Truett Siler.

(K) Dr. L. Steeley Siler = Nannie Tye and is an excellent physician. He lives at Corbin, Ky.
1. Floyd Siler.
2. Lucy Siler.
3. d. y.
5.

(L) Dora Siler = Whit Roach.
1. Adam Siler Roach.
2. John Roach.
4. ?

(M) Everett Siler = Emma Vanderpool.
1. Mary Siler.
2. Martha Lee Siler.
3. ?
No. 678—Jesse Siler

Jesse Siler, son of H. Benjamin Siler and Jennie Siler, b ____________, = Mary Hamblin and lives at Brummit, Ky.
(A) Otie Siler.
2.
(B) Mance Siler.
1.
2.
(C) Crittenden Siler.
(D) Dow Siler.
(E) Ben Siler = Lula Bryant 642 (C) 2.
(F) Mollie Siler.

No. 679—Rachel Siler

Rachel Siler, daughter of H. Benjamin and Jennie Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., = Nicholas Broyles. We have been unable to reach their descendants.
(A) Dr. Otis Broyles lives at Chilcothe, Mo.

No. 680—Margaret Siler

Margaret Siler, daughter of H. Benjamin and Jennie Siler, b April 30, 1840 in Whittley county, Ky., = Joseph Faulkner, grandson of Boss Faulkner March 18, 1855.
She was a zealous Christian and lived a long and useful life. Joseph Faulkner died about 1875 and Margaret was living the last we heard from her. Their home was at Lot, Ky., Whittley county.

(A) Minnie D. Faulkner, b March 5, 1856 = F. Snyder.
   1. Susie
   2.

(B) John W. Faulkner, b December 21, 1857, =
   Johnnie Faulkner is one of the most successful farmers in Whittley county, Ky.
   1. Hubert Faulkner.
   2. Fred Faulkner.
   4. Mary Faulkner.
   5. Margaret Faulkner.
   6. Debbie Faulkner.

(C) Rachel Faulkner, b January 19, 1860, d March 5, 1877.

(D) Martha Faulkner, b May 8, 1862, d April 25, 1863.

(E) Malinda Faulkner, b April 11, 1864, = Lanzo Smith, brother of No. 680 (F).
   1. Blanche Smith.
   2. Blevins Smith.
   3. Rubins Smith.
   4. Walter Smith.
   5. Lottie Smith.

(F) Bell Faulkner, b June 28, 1867, = Orlando Smith, (see No. 680 [E]). She died November 18, 1907.
   1. Pearl Smith.
   2. Della Smith.
   4. Eugene Smith.
   5. Margaret Smith.
   6. Fred Smith.
7. Dale Smith.
8. 
(G) James S. Faulkner, b October 30, 1869, = Smith, a sister of No. 622 (D).
   3. Lottie C. Faulkner.
   5. ?
(H) Lottie Faulkner, b June 29, 1872, = Ellison and lives at Jellico, Tenn.

No. 681—Malinda Siler

Malinda Siler, daughter of H. Benjamin and Jennie Siler, was b in Whittley county, Ky., = John Lawson.

(A) Perry Lawson.
   2. Margaret Lawson.
   4. Isham Lawson.
   5. Dock Lawson.

(B) Perneda Lawson.

(C) Almenda Lawson.

(D) Dortha Lawson.

(E) Green Lawson.

(F) John Lawson.
No. 682—Henry Ben Siler

Henry Ben Siler, son of H. Benjamin Siler, b. \ldots\ldots, married Margaret Ausborn \ldots\ldots. Lived in Whitley county, Ky.

(A) Silas Siler, b \ldots\ldots. Lives at Jellico, Tenn.
    Married \ldots\ldots.
    1. Ruth Siler.
    2. Jennie Siler.
    3. \ldots

(B) Simon Siler, b \ldots\ldots, = Jane Lawson.
    1. Dora Siler = Dillard Bryant and lives at Jellico, Tenn. Dillard Bryant is No. 676 (B) 4.
    2. Frank Siler.
    5. \ldots

(C) Rebecca Siler, b \ldots\ldots, = N. Reedy.

(D) Jane Siler, b \ldots\ldots, = J. Steppe.
    2. \ldots

(E) Laura Siler, b \ldots\ldots, = Gabbard.
    1. Estelle
    2. \ldots

(F) Rachel Siler.

(G) Wilse Siler.

(H) Charity Siler.
(I) Bill Siler.
(J) Samantha Siler =
  1. Nannie
  2. Estil

No. 683—Obedience Siler

Obedience Siler, daughter of H. Benjamin and Jennie Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., = first J. Faulkner.
(A) Thomas Evan Faulkner.
(B) Eveline Faulkner.
(C) Lottie Faulkner.
   Obedience = second time J. Bailey.
(D) Jesse Bailey.
(E) Nellie Bailey.
(F) Ben Bailey.
(G) Edwin Bailey.

No. 684—Joseph Siler

Joseph Siler, son of H. Benjamin and Jennie Siler, b =, was murdered young September 10, 1868.

No. 685—Mary Siler

Mary Siler, daughter of H. Benjamin and Jennie Siler, was b June 3, 1850, = Adam Siler who is No. 630 (C), which number see for list of children. She died in March, 1922.
No. 686—James Ben Siler

James Ben Siler, son of H. Benjamin and Jennie Siler, was born in Whitley county, Ky., = Nancy Siler, daughter of John Siler (No. 629).

(A) Peter Siler.
   1. Esthel
   2.
   3.

(B) Caloway Siler.
   1. Clara Siler.
   2.
   3.

(C) Jennette Siler = LaForce.
   1. Ethel LaForce.
   2. James LaForce.
   4. Ben LaForce.
   5. Albert LaForce.

No. 687—David Siler

David Siler, son of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born on Cane Creek, Knox county, Ky., January 25, 1805 and d. y. without offspring. He was a twin of H. Benjamin (No. 673).

No. 688—Jacob Siler, Jr.

Jacob Siler, tenth child of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born on Cane Creek in Knox county, Ky., February 12,
1809. Following is a letter written by his son, V. Perry Siler, a short while before his death. Jacob died June 17, 1903. He married Margaret Mode January 31, 1833. She was born February 16, 1811. She died in 1896.

A Brief Sketch of the Life of Jacob Siler by His Son, V. Perry Siler

Jacob Siler, Jr., better known as Uncle Jake, was born February 12, 1809, same date as the birth of Abraham Lincoln. His educational advantages were very limited as the country was new and thinly settled. The Free school system, if there was any at this date was not good, but by close and hard study, by night by light of pine knots and tallow candles, Jacob succeeded in obtaining a fair education for his time and chance, in fact, it was said of him that he was the best reader and speller in the country. He was married in 1833 to Margaret Mode. To them were born nine children, five boys and four girls, all of whom lived to have and raise families.

689 Elizabeth, the oldest child, b in 1834, was the mother of 10 children.
690 Rhoda, b in 1836, was the mother of 10 children.
691 Palace L., b in 1838, was the father of 4 children.
692 Milton, b in 1840, was the father of 16 children.
693 Francis M., b in 1842, was the father of 9 children.
694 Damaris, b in 1844, was the mother of 12 children.
695 Rachel, b in 1847, was the mother of 8 children.
696 Perry, b in 1849, was the father of 9 children.
697 LaFayette, b in 1852, was the father of 10 children.

Jacob was, therefore, the grandfather of 88 children. We have no means of knowing the exact number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren there are at
this writing (1912), but a reasonable estimate would place the numbers of his descendants at 400. Politically he was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, after which he was a staunch Republican as long as he lived. He voted in every Presidential election from Jackson, 1832 to McKinley, 1896. In 1900 he was 91 years old, blind and too old to go to the polls. He was a member of the Baptist church. He and Peggy, as he called his wife, joined the church the same day, and soon after were ordained Deacons. There was probably not a more ardent student of the Bible found among the professions of religion than he. His total blindness for over 25 years of his life was attributed to his close reading and study. Few men were better posted on the scripture than he was. He was able to quote almost any text until his death. He was never known to miss attending his church meetings, even after he was blind he would have someone to lead him to church. He was invariably called upon to lead in prayer during the services, as he was remarkably able in prayer. The people of the surrounding community believed and claimed that his prayers were answered to a remarkable degree. Two instances of which we will here relate. In the war of 1860 to 1865, Jacob Siler, Jr., a son of Joseph Siler and nephew of Uncle Jake, was a soldier in the Union army. He was taken sick with typhoid fever and laid in the hospital for months at New Orleans, La., was discharged and sent home, supposedly to die. (The writer has frequently heard young Jacob relate these circumstances.) After arriving at home while lying on his bed reduced to a mere skeleton, he viewed his condition hopeless. He says, "I knew I was a sinner and if I died in this condition I was lost. I tried to pray and in my distress I sent for Uncle Jake. He came at once. I told him my condition and asked him to pray for me. He said, 'I will do so, but, want you, in the meantime, to pray for
yourself’ and kneeling down by my bed, he implored the Lord’s mercies on me and my family. The prayer was so fervent, so earnest and so faithful, I believe that the Lord heard and answered it. I felt relieved almost immediately. I believe the Lord, for Christ’s sake, pardoned my sins, and I was made to rejoice. I joined the Baptist church, was baptised and although I go on crutches, I have been trying to preach Christ to a perishing world ever since.”

Another incident as related to the writer by Adam Siler, son of Benjamin and nephew of Uncle Jake. Adam says: “Uncle Jake and Aunt Peggy had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Rhode Snyder, at Williamsburg, Ky., and, on their return home, they stopped off to spend the night with me and my family at Jellico, Tenn. During the evening I was telling Uncle Jake that there was a meeting going on in Jellico. The meeting was conducted by a noted Revivalist by the name of Smith. I told Uncle Jake that the people seemed cold and was not taking the interest that Brother Smith wished, and he was thinking of closing the meeting that night. I told Uncle Jake that I wanted him to hear Brother Smith preach and I led him by the hand to the church that night. I introduced him to Brother Smith, and told Brother Smith that this was my Uncle, Jake Siler, that he had been blind for a number of years, and that I wanted him to call on Uncle Jake to lead a prayer that night. Brother Smith had a conversation with him and was greatly impressed with the knowledge that the old man possessed in the Scripture. His mind so alert, his memory so good and his faith was so strong. So, after singing and some introductory remarks by Brother Smith, he called upon Uncle Jake to lead in prayer. Uncle Jake prayed so fervently, so earnestly, and so impressively that the congregation became interested. The preacher took new strength and courage and from that hour a
Revival broke forth that resulted in the conversion and addition of many to the church.” We could go on and relate many other instances and acts of his private and Christian life that would be of much interest but space forbids, and we will only add that although Uncle Jake was deprived of the sight for many years and the companionship of his wife for seven years, he was never known to murmur; but, with a faith so strong in a time when trials and sufferings of this life would be supplanted by the joys of celestial peace, he made his life a benediction to all with whom he was associated. He was universally loved and respected by all who knew him. He died June 17, 1903.

No. 689—Elizabeth Siler

Elizabeth Siler, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Siler, was b in Whitley county, Ky., February 11, 1834, = W. L. Lawson.
(A) Oma Lawson.
(B) Sterling Lawson, d. y.
(C) Melton
(D) Margaret
(E) Wm.
(F) Perry
(G) Frank
(H) Sidney
(I) Della
(J) ?
Rhoda Siler, daughter of Jacob and Margaret, was born November 10, 1835, in Whitley county, Ky., married a Snyder, lives at Williamsburg, Ky. Their children are scattered now as far west as the State of Washington. Rhoda Snyder is still living with her daughter, Jermima, though Mr. Snyder has been dead many years. Her children are as follows:

(A) Evelyn Snyder.

(B) Martin D.

(C) Willis d. y.

(D) Frances, b __________, = J. A. Clark __________.

They now live in the State of Oregon at Oswego, Route 1, Box 54-A.

1. Mae Clark, b __________, = __________.
   (a)
   (b)
   (c)

2. Laurence Clark, b __________, = __________.
   (a)

3. Nellie Clark, b __________, = __________.
   (a)
   (b)
   (c)

4. Wm. Clark, b __________, = __________.
   (a)

5. Albert Clark, b __________, = __________.
   (a)

6. Charlie Clark, b __________, = d__________.

(E) Jermima Snyder, b __________ is unmarried and is living at her mother’s old home in Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Ky. Her mother is 87 years old.

(F) Nannie Snyder, b __________.
No. 691—Pallis Siler

Pallis Siler, son of Jacob and Margaret Siler, b December 14, 1837. He lived in Whittley county, Ky., neat Lot, Ky., or Highcliff, Tenn. He was a farmer and a Christian.

(A) Jamaica Siler = first Geo. Osborn. By this union there were born two children.
2. Ezra Osborn.
   The second time she married Alex Branham and they have two children.
4. Francis Branham.

(B) Ezram Siler = first Mary Peace.
1. Walter Siler.
2. Clara Siler = Kimsey.
   Ezram = second time Lizzie Parker.
5. Fred Siler.
6. Reba Siler.
   Ezram = third time Mary Morgan.
7. Pallis, d. y.
8. Clarence Siler.
Jacob 601; Jacob 688; Pallis 691.

(C) Serepta Siler = Marlow.
   1. Grace
   2. Nannie
   3. Roscoe
   4. Lonzo
   5. Viola
   6. ?
   7. ?

(D) Clementine Siler, d. y.

No. 692—Milton Siler

Milton Siler, son of Jacob and Margaret Siler, was b February 2, 1840 in Whittley county, Ky. He married first Sarah Sproul, October 20, 1873. By this union there were ten children. Sarah Sproul, his first wife, was b September 26, 1846 and d January 24, 1888. He married the second time, Cynthia Marlow, November 15, 1890. During the Civil war Milton served on the Union side in the 49th Ky. Regt.

(A) Emmett Siler, b 4 April 22, 1875.
   1. Harry Siler.
   2. Edward Siler.
   3. Maggie Siler.
   4. Darrian Siler.
   5. Clarence Siler.
   6. ?

*(B) Cora Siler, b July 18, 1878, d October 14, 1882.
*(K) Mossie Siler, b January 2, 1892, d March 19, 1895.
(L) Mattie Siler, b July 29, 1895, d November 5, 1896.
(M) Findley Siler, b November 8, 1897.
(N) Mode Siler, b October 12, 1899.
(O) Damaris Siler, b August 28, 1902.
(P) Brownlow Siler, b October 20, 1905, d August 19, 1911

*Note—(B) to (K) are omitted because we failed to have record of all the children.

No. 693—Charlie Siler (Francis M.)

Francis M. Siler, son of Jacob and Margaret Siler, was b June 4, 1842. He married Marion Brummit and lived in Whitley county, Ky. He followed farming as an occupation. During the Civil war he fought on the Union Side with the 8th Ky. Regt.

(A) Josephine Siler = Lawson.
1. Jane Lawson.
2. Marion Lawson.

(B) Ferdinan Siler = a Young.
1. Ben
2. Charlie
3. Nellie
4. Mary
5. Lela
6. Marion
7. John E.

(C) Granville Siler = a Marlow.
1. Ruby Siler.
2. Beatrice Siler.
4. John Siler.
5. Paul
6. Pernie
7. Mary
(D)  Lassie Siler = a Chitwood.
    1. Walter Chitwood.
    2. Horrace Chitwood.
    3. Nannie Chitwood.
    4.

(E)  Minnie Siler = Lawson.
    1. Everett Lawson.
    2. Ida Lawson.
    4. Edward Lawson.
    5. Nathan Lawson.

(F)  We have been unable to get any record.

(G)  We have been unable to get any record.

(H)  We have been unable to get any record.

No. 694—Damaris Siler

Damaris Siler, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Siler, was born in Whitley county, Ky., in 1844, = Geo. Heatherly and was the mother of 12 children.

(A)  Jamaica Heatherly, = Dr. W. B. Rose, No. 640 (C).
    1. Mabel Rose = Ross Wheeler.
    1. Wm. K. Rose.

(B)  Willie Heatherly.

(C)  Rose Heatherly = Harry Sharp.

(D)  Mattie Heatherly = Weaver.

(E)  John Heatherly.

(F)  F to L inclusive are omitted, because we have been unable to get the records.
No. 695—Rachel Siler

Rachel Siler, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., in 1846. She married Elden Rose and was the mother of 8 children:

(A) Geo. Rose.
(B) Joe Rose.
(C) Lela Rose.
(D) Jacob Rose.
(E) Nannie Rose.
(F) Cora Rose.
(G) Damaris Rose.
(H) James Rose.

No. 696—V. Perry Siler

V. Perry Siler, son of Jacob and Margaret Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., August 1, 1849, = Margaret Bolton on December 9, 1870. She was born August 25, 1856. He died April 5, 1914. He was the father of nine children. He was a Christian gentleman and a highly respected citizen. He followed farming and lived on Mud Creek near Lot, Ky., Whittley county.

(A) Mollie Siler, b January 29, 1872, = S. M. Eubank December 31, 1891.
   1. Clarence Eubank, b May 19, 1894.
   2. Lola Eubank, b 1896, = Lloyd Meadows September 29, 1919.
   3. Raymond Eubank, b 1898.
   4. Benjamin Eubank, b 1900.
   5. Lucile Eubank, b 1902.
   6.
(B) Susan Siler, b November 23, 1877. = Ed Richardson February 23, 1896. She died August 19, 1917.
   1. Porter Richardson, b 1896.
   2. Bernard Richardson, b 1898.
   3. Mae Richardson, b 1904.
   4. Myrtle Richardson, b 1906.
   5. Sophia Richardson, b 1910.

(C) Willie Siler, b October 30, 1880, d October 26, 1884.

(D) Charlie Siler, b November 15, 1883, = Melvia Gilbreth in 1909.
   1. Edna Siler, b April 20, 1910.
   2. Charlie Siler, b 1912.
   3. Perry Siler, b December 20, 1913.
   5. Virginia Siler, b 1917.
   8.

(E) Bertha Siler, b April 13, 1886, = M. C. Marshall September 17, 1905.
   1. Perry Marshall, b 1906, d 1906.
   2. Margaret Marshall, b 1908.

(F) Scott Siler, b March 24, 1890, = Nellie Marshall in 1909.
   2. T. Scott Siler, b 1911.
   3. Minnie Siler, b 1913.
   4. Perry Siler, b 1915.
   7. Raymond Siler, b 1920.
   8.
(G) Homer Siler, b November 29, 1893, = Minnie Davis January 17, 1914. He lives at Jellico, Tenn., Route 1, Mud Creek.
1. Margie Siler, b April 9, 1915, d October 11, 1916.
2. Tandy Jacob Siler, b April 5, 1917, d October 13, 1921.
4.

(H) Ada Siler, b April 11, 1895. = Tom Marshall in 1911.
1. Edward Marshall, b 1912.
3. Dorothy Marshall, b 1918.

(I) Bradley Siler, b December 9, 1897. = Lucy Howard in 1918. No children.

No. 697—LaFayette Siler

La Fayette Siler, son of Jacob and Margaret Siler, b 1850, married Nannie Reedy. He was a farmer and lived in Whittley county, Ky. He was a Christian and member of the Baptist church and like his father and brothers, he was a Republican and a highly respected citizen of his county. He was the father of ten children.

(A) Martin Siler, b ................., d in Spanish-American War.

(B) J. Fred Siler, b ................., = .................
1. Mary N. Siler.
2. Margaret Siler.
4.

(C) Hattie Siler, b ................., d. y.
(D) Laura Siler, b = Yount.  
1. Laura Yount.  
2.  
(E) Luther Siler, b = Lula Lawson.  
(F) Laurence Siler, b .  
(G) Marion Siler, b = Laura Lambdin.  
(H) Marshall Siler, b .  
(I) Albert Siler, b .  
(J) Margaret Siler, b .  

No. 698—Jesse Siler  

Jesse Siler, the eleventh child of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was born on Cane Creek in Knox county, Ky. (that part of Knox county has since been cut off and made into Whitley county), on July 17, 1811. He married Elizabeth Mode, who was a sister of Sarah Mode, who married Weimer Siler, a brother of Jesse and Margaret Mode, who married Jacob Siler, a brother of Jesse. He had a family of eight children. After the Civil war he moved with his family to Walker county, Georgia, where he died a few years afterward. His sons all moved to Ava, Mo., after that and played an important part in the development of the new country there. His sons, Benjamin F. and James M. are still living and also two of his daughters.  

No. 699—Starling Siler  

Starling Siler, son of Jesse and Elizabeth Siler, b in Whitley county, Ky., and d. y. in Walker county, Ga.
No. 700—Granville L. Siler

Granville L. Siler, son of Jesse and Elizabeth Siler, b in Whittley county, Ky., and was raised in Walker county, Ga. He moved to Ava, Mo., where he died in 1897. He was a Baptist and a Republican. He was a very prosperous farmer. In the Civil war he served in the 8th Ky. Regt on the Union side. He married Nancy Jane Bohart.

(A) Geo. M. Siler, Jr., b July 28, 1864, = Rachel Ann Jennings at Rome, Ga., November 30, 1887. He settled at Ava, Mo., and for 16 years was county assessor and Judge of Probate Court, always running ahead of his ticket, which was Republican. He was a fine Christian gentleman. He was converted when a young man and belonged to the Methodist church. He died April 22, 1914. His widow and children live at Carning, Cal. (Box 444.) She was b March 24, 1869.

1. Ira Vivian Siler, b September 4, 1888, d December 5, 1889.

2. Granville Clyde Siler, b February 8, 1890. Lives at Carning, Cal.

3. James Curtis Siler, b November 10, 1891, = Mary A. Gupton July 12, 1920. (Carning, Cal.)

4. Raymond Dempsey Siler, b March 26, 1895, = Lois Felton May 27, 1920 and they have a daughter.

(a) Louana, b December 26, 1921.

5. Ralph Lewis Siler, b February 6, 1904. Student at Carning, Cal.

6. Ruth Elizabeth Siler, b September 21, 1906. Student at Carning, Cal.

(B) Jesse G. Siler, son of Granville and Nancy Jane Bohart Siler, was b June 14, 1869. He married
Emma Small of West Plains, Mo., June 3, 1892. Four children were b to this union. Jesse Grant Siler was engaged in the mercantile business in the Indian territory and when statehood, was declared he was elected the first District Clerk of the new County McClain. He died at Purcells, Okla., March 2, 1911. He was the father of four children.

1. Eunice Siler, b .........................., = A. Howard Fish February 11, 1920, who is a druggist. She is a graduate nurse and was in the service of the Red Cross, being released from the army Nurse Corps to be married. They now live at Chico, Cal.

2. Fay Siler, b at Harrison, Ark., 1897. Graduated from the U. of Cal. and is teaching in the High School at Ferndale, Cal.

3. Mary Bohart Siler, b 1895 at Harrison, Ark., a graduate of U. of Cal., where she is now taking post graduate work.

4. J. Granville Siler, b at Byard, Indian Territory, 1903 and is now a student in Chico, State Teacher's College.

(C) James P. Siler, son of Granville L. Siler, lives at 1122 W. 4th St., Riverside, Cal. No children. b March 10, 1871.

(D) Sissie (Nonie E.). No issue. b February 3, 1866. d 1893.

(E) B. F. Siler lives at Brown Branch Mo., or Mulberry, Kan. b April 11, 1873.

1. Platt Siler.
2. Ovid Siler.
3. Ora Siler.

(F) Christa Siler, b March 3, 1874. Lives at 1503 Euclid Ave., Springfield, Mo.

(G) Richard Siler, b 1876, died in infancy.
(H) Sam Siler, b July 2, 1878, lives at 1203 Missouri Ave., Springfield, Mo.
(I) M. C. Siler, b 1880, lives at Rogersville, Mo.
(J) Hattie Siler, b 1882, lives at 142 W. 3rd St., Riverside, Cal.
(K) Arthur G. Siler, b 1885, lives in Oregon.

No. 701—Marshall Siler

Marshall Siler, son of Jesse and Elizabeth Siler, b in Whittley county, Ky. He served in the 8th Ky Regt during the Civil war. He settled in Texas after his father died in Georgia. Sporger.

(A)
(B)
(C)
(D)
(E)

No. 702—Josephine Siler

Josephine Siler, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth Siler, b in Whittley county, Ky. She was raised in Walker county, Ga., and married first Snodgrass and lived in Ava, Mo., for a number of years. Married second Craine and now lives at McClung, Mo.

(A) Porter Snodgrass, lives at McClung, Mo.
(B) Fad Snodgrass.
(C) Lloyd Snodgrass.
(D) Bert K. Snodgrass, lives at Ava, Mo.
No. 703—Geo. M. Siler

Geo. M. Siler, son of Jesse and Elizabeth Siler, b. in Whitley county, Ky., served in Co. C, 49th Ky. Regt. He was a Baptist preacher and died April 17, 1878. He lives at Brown Branch, Mo.

(A) Geo. M. Siler, Jr., d

(B) Ellen Josephine Siler, d

(C) James P. Siler, b, lives at Brown Branch, Mo.
   1. Fremont Siler lives in Oklahoma.
   2. Viola d.
   3. Russell Siler, lives at Brown Branch, Mo.
   4. Eldon.
   5. Claudie.

(D) A. J. Siler lives at Brown Branch, Mo.
   1. Elmer Siler lives at Brown Branch, Mo.
   2. Vernon Siler lives at Brown Branch, Mo.
   3. Orville Siler lives at Brown Branch, Mo.
   5. Eulah Siler lives at Brown Branch, Mo.
   6. Erma, d.
   7. Gertie, d.
   8. Goldie, d.

(E) Fred E. Siler, lives at Cotter, Ark.
   2. Mary Siler = Shirley.
   3. Rae Siler = Medley and lives at Gasville, Ark.
   5. Verlie
   6. Lexie
   7. Geo.
   8. ? Baby

(F) Florence C. Siler, d. y.
No. 704—James M. Siler

James M. Siler, son of Jesse and Elizabeth Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., and was raised in Walker county, Ga. After his father's death he moved to Brown Branch, Mo., where he is now living. He has been a very successful farmer and though now getting pretty old, he is still very active.

(A) Porter Siler lives at Brown Branch, Mo.
(B) Bell Siler = Biglow and lives in Oklahoma.
(C) Dora Siler = Johnson.
(D) Jesse Siler.
(E) Dona Siler = Walker and lives in Okla.
(F) Jimmy Siler, d.

No. 705—Phebia Siler

Phebia Siler, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., and was raised in Walker county, Ga. She married Spencer Tanner.

(A) Frank Tanner lives at Olympia, Wash.
(B) Lella Tanner lives at Olympia, Wash.

No. 706—Benjamin F. Siler

Benjamin F. Siler, son of Jesse and Margaret Siler, was born in Whittley county, Ky., in 1853 and raised in Walker county, Ga. Moved to Ava, Mo., and from there to
Macksville, Kans., in 1906. He is a very successful farmer and for several years was in the mercantile business. He married Rebecca Osborne in 1881 and is the father of eight children. Rebecca was born in 1859 and is still enjoying good health.

(A) Effie Siler = James Lindsay and lives in Coldwater, Kans.

(B) Edward Siler, d.

(C) Charlie Siler, lives at Delhart, Texas, where he is foreman in the Railroad shops.

(D) Lizzie Siler, Macksville, Kans.

(E) Jesse Siler, d.

(F) Sarah Siler = Bruce Blont, Macksville, Kans.

(G) Walter Siler lives at Coldwater, Kans.

(H) Ruth Siler = Tat. Dean and lives at Silverdale, Kans.

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**No. 707—William Siler**

Wm. Siler, son of Jesse Siler, d. y.

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**No. 708—Mary J. Siler**

Mary J. Siler, daughter of Jesse Siler, d. y.

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**No. 709—Jane Siler**

Jane Siler, daughter of Jacob and Rachel Siler, was b in Whittley county, Ky (then a part of Knox county), on September 30, 1814. She married Josh Ozley and died
July 28, 1833. She was the mother of two children, the descendants of whom we have never been able to locate.

(A) Terrell Ozley.
(B) Joe Osley.

RECORDS, LETTERS, ETC.

Record of the First Annual Reunion of the Jacob Siler (No. 601) Branch of the Family

FAMILY REUNION

Gathering of the Siler Family at Lot, Ky., September 30, 1898

This, their first, was a success in every particular—about 700 in attendance—pleasant people, and pleasant weather makes the occasion an enjoyable one for all present.

The writer, in company of a dozen or more immediate members of the family, boarded the train at Williamsburg on last Tuesday evening, for the meeting above mentioned, which met in the beautifully cleared grove around the Smith mill, one-half of a mile north of Lot.

The train furnished addition to our crowd, of a cousin from off the C. S. Railroad, near Somerset, one from Central Kentucky and a couple from Corbin, which crowd grew constantly, and at nearly, if not quite at all the stations along the way; some others had driven through from Williamsburg in carriages, others had gone through on the morning train; while a large number is one way and
another, reached Lot from the different sections of Whittley and Campbell county, Tenn., above 700 were present.

The moonlight ride on the train to our crowd was extremely delightful. This ride was extended by a hack ride from Jellico, to Lot, which was made within about 25 minutes (so much for good roads).

After supper which was awaiting; for which three fine large beeves, two sheep and more or less smaller quadrupeds and bipeds had been killed, light bread in abundance had been bought as well as bananas and other things.

An innovation was now enjoyed to behold the beautiful moonlit grounds which were substantially seated and on which a cross of tables had been prepared by the generosity of Messrs. Martin Huffman, of Williamsburg, and T. E. B. Siler of Lot, who had from their mill, near Lot, hauled the lumber for seats and tables, free of expenses, supplementing the seats by hauling quite a number of the time-honored seats of the Boston High school. Having spent some three hours in a gossipy, chit-chat way, our crowd of several persons hied our way a-home.

Early on the morrow we arose, but too late; the country urchin was enjoying the great swing with hearts merry and gay; the day was beautiful, the sky clear-covered; the air, cool. Thus began the day of days to the Silers. One might look out at the rumble of wheels and the clink of hoofs but it is only a few cousins, who were being constantly followed by an ever increasing throng all agog and on their way to the meeting so initiatory and grand.

At 10:30, the meeting began. We observed in looking about us that Hon. Wm. O. Douglass, of the Jellico Advance Sentinel, occupied a seat on the rostrum; Judge B. F. Rose objected to Hon. R. Bird and others, who had lost their identity with the family being off of the rostrum, a half of a dozen of these old times were, thereupon, ushered to the rostrum and given a seat of honor.
Jacob Siler, Sr., called the meeting to order and led in a tender prayer. "All Hail, the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung with enthusiasm and very impressive.

Judge H. H. Tye was away and his subject was deferred. John W. Siler took his place by narrating forcibly the meaning of the meeting.

Jno. W. Siler, by request, called "Hon. T. E. B. Siler," who delivered the best speech of the occasion as to studiousness. He gave "History Date." He said Plikard Dederic Siler lived in Hamburg, Germany, about 1743 he married Elizabeth Hartsoe. From Germany the family moved to Pennsylvania, thence one shoot of the family removed to Chatham county, N. C., the other shoot (there were only three children in this family: Jacob, Weimar and John), to Ohio, Marion county, thence the progeny were settled in Illinois, at New Hebron, Crawford county; thence to Indiana, thence to Oklahoma, as it is now called, thence to Missouri and West Virginia, where Geo. Siler, the prize fighter referee lived until recently; those who went to N. C. soon spared, from their number a few whose hearts beat strong and young and who longed for Northern mountains, subsequently we find them about one mile from Lot, in Tennessee; some, later moved over to Lot, one of whom = "Boss" Faulkner. He "owned the earth," hence the name Boston. Others married Crowleys, Roses, Lawsons, Perkins and others, until the Siler family is perhaps the largest family in the mountains. Three things are to be observed about these people, their sociability makes them very companionable, and they nearly every one of them marry; they live long, and are very prolific. The Siler name is honorable from them that are without. One of the best medical authorities is a Dr. Siler, of Philadelphia. The Probate Judge of Douglas county, Mo., is Geo. M. Siler. You find the Silers important teachers in Alabama and North Carolina where a
town of 2,500 is named Siler City, and where Siler graduates fill, chiefly Presbyterians and Methodists pulpits; and in other states, as good citizens and worthy business gentlemen. John W. Siler called him (T. E. R. Siler), the Primum-mobile of this occasion. He modestly, publicly objected and said that his cousin, Mrs. Nettie Arthur Siler, of North Carolina, had studied the Silers so devotedly that she provoked him to study them with the reunion as a result.

Judge R. F. Rose spoke on "Past History of the Generation." He interjected that the Silers had intermarried with the Roses, Lawsons, Mahans and others until they had got to be pretty good citizens, but he insisted that the Roses needed the least helping of them all.

W. B. Siler, Sr., supplemented these statements by discussing the individual personages of the older ones.

A. T. Siler was at his best. He ought to quit politics and practice law. He divided "Educational Culture" into the moral, physical and mental, and discussed them in this relation to each other. The Silers have all been trained to hit an iron wedge; they want to be trained to hit a proposition in logic, it is higher; a cultured man throws a rock and hits a bull’s eye, throws at a squirrel 100 yards away and hits him in the eye.

The Silers are culturing themselves. They have always been a cultured, moral, Christian people. There has never been a more moral people. There never has been but one Siler as we can learn who has committed murder, and we have a strong hope to believe him innocent of murderous intent.

"Talks on Agriculture" were discussed by Adam D. Siler, who pictured agriculture as the bottom of the earth. John S. Tye, a Lieutenant of the late Civil war, Calloway and Alvis Siler, next in turn spoke of the Patriotism of the Race. Mr. Tye spoke of the different fields of action of
the 19 different Silers with whom he fought. Alvis Siler recounted their tenderness in battles; Calloway Siler would not say much, willingly, of these bloody days. The Social Life of the family was next discussed by Isham O. Siler. He said among other things: “Wherever you find a Siler you will find a tender, affectionate, sociable creature, one who lives intensely. However much poverty may confront them in their homes at the heads of these hollows (pointing east) the Silers are always ambitious, hopeful and happy.”

Geo. W. Nicholson next concluded the speaking program. He is well liked here, and his speech was sober, serious and good.

The following committees were appointed: Executive Committee, Green Skinner, John Tye, I. N. Bryant, Dr. J. L. Rose, T. E. B. Siler, Wm. Siler, Calloway Siler, S. P. Siler, M. B. Snyder, A. P. Siler, Geo. Heatherly, James B. Siler, Geo. W. Nicholson, Alvis Siler, J. M. Mahan, Rev. A. S. Petree, Judge H. H. Tye and Wm. Wyatt. Committee to buy monument for Jacob Siler, the Kentucky and Tennessee forefather, John W. Siler, of Williamsburg. To meet this expense $67.50 was within a few minutes subscribed and a large part of the amount was paid on the ground. Committee on Foreign Correspondence to solicit family data, John W. Siler, B. F. Rose and T. E. B. Siler. President, John W. Siler; Secretary, M. V. Siler; Corresponding Secretary, T. E. B. Siler. Obituary Committee, A. T. Siler, V. P. Siler and T. E. B. Siler. Old Maids and Bachelors Committee, whose duties are to note the progress of the old maids and bachelors of the family, Misses Roda C. Siler, Evelyn Snyder, Laura Tye, Weimer C. Siler, H. H. Tye and Isham O. Siler. Committee to visit the North Carolina Silers, T. E. B. Siler, W. B. Rose, A. T. Siler, J. W. Siler and I. N. Bryant and their wives.
A resolution was passed asking all those who are related to the Siler's, either by blood or marriage, to send the names of their parents to Marshall Siler, Secretary. This data is desired to show the exact family relations and in order to keep us informed as to each other.

Notes

John W. Siler was the exact man for President; his voice was so stentorian.

Judge Rose paid a very high tribute to John W. Siler, deceased, of Lot: "I met him one day and he put his hand on my shoulder and said: 'Ben, go to school,' pointing toward the Boston High School just over yon hill. 'It will pay'. It did pay. And of John W. Siler, of Williamsburg, he said: "Gen. Green Clay Smith said of him that he (Siler) was the nearest a Katy-Did of any man he ever saw."

Three hundred beautiful printed souvenir badges of silk about four inches by one and one-fourth inches were pinned on the lapels of the coats of the girls and boys. We needed about two hundred more. The next reunion will be held here, at which time the monument mentioned will be dedicated. It will cost about $100.00 and will be only one mile from Boston.

John W. Siler demonstrated some ability as a preacher; he can collect whether one wants to give or not.

W. B. Siler, Sr., became so much affected by the thought of his father that he could not be prevailed on to go any further on the subject. Oh, blessed example of paternal reverence to our children.

Uncle Jacob Siler, the chairman of 1899, is 92 years old. The time of the next meeting will be decided upon by the Executive Committee later, but will likely be held September 30, 1899. At that meeting fully 1200 are expected.
The chairman seeing a young man inclined to horse swapping, as they sometimes are on a special occasion, reprimanded him severely in public. This is a bad omen for those whose actions mar the meeting.

Isham O. Siler was made special reporter for the occasion. A general regret was felt that Judge Tye was away but it was hoped that our loss is his gain.

Four dollars and ten cents was collected to have a booklet printed containing the names of the family, a bit of its history, announcement of the next year and other matters of interest. This will soon be printed. About 300 names were obtained from the audience present, only those that were present being mentioned.

This number will be augmented from day to day. A collection of $17.00 was collected to defray incidental expenses. Weimar B. Siler was elected treasurer for the next year. Elder A. Petree's absence left the pulpit to be filled by Elder Thomas Owens. A great sermon he preached at night to an interested audience and in his usual tender style. It was truly reminiscent to the full.

Several persons stayed for a day to enjoy the homes provided by the Committee on Entertainment.

Three hundred programs were printed and distributed among the auditors.

The writer is now very loath to turn from so very pleasant a scene to apologize to the readers hereof for so long an account of the occasion, from which many hearts on last Friday evening at 2:45 so reluctantly turned away for another 12 months.

E. W.
A Partial List of Names of Silers and Relatives Present at First Annual Reunion of the Jacob Siler Branch of the Family Held in the John Wilburn Siler Grove at Lot, Ky., September 30, 1898.

Jacob Siler, son of Jacob and Rachel Siler and their only living child, aged 89 years and 8 months.

John W. Siler and wife, Debbie.
Bill (head) Siler and wife, Elizabeth.
Adam Siler and wife, Nancy.
Henry Siler, son of Bill (head) and grandson of Benjamin Calloway Siler and wife, son of Wm. (Hickory).
Ben Siler, Sr., and wife, Martha, son of Adam.
Jacob Siler and wife, son of Adam.
Wm. Siler and wife, Nancy, son of Adam.
Terrill Siler and wife, Mary, son of Adam.
James B. Siler and wife, Nancy Siler, son of Benjamin.
Alvis Siler and wife, son of Weimar.
Newton Siler and wife, son of Weimar.
LaFayette Siler and wife, Nannie, son of Jacob.
Milton Siler and wife, son of Jacob.
Perry Siler and wife, son of Jacob.
Ned Bryant and wife, Nancy Siler.
G. A. Siler, Sr., and wife, Susan.
G. A. Siler, of Williamsburg.
E. L. Siler, of Oklahoma Territory.
Weimer Siler, Sr., and wife, Rachel.
Nancy Siler, Sr., wife of John Wilburn Siler, on whose property the reunion was held.
Nancy Siler, wife of Charlie Siler.
T. E. B. Siler and wife, Nannie.
I. O. Siler, son of John Wilburn.
Weimer Barton Siler, son of John Wilburn Siler.
Rhoda C. Siler, daughter of John Wilburn Siler.
John Smith and wife, Samantha Siler.
H. H. Davis and wife, Malinda Siler.
Dr. J. L. Rose and wife, Susan Siler.
Judge B. F. Rose and wife, son of Clarinda Siler Rose.
Dr. Bird Rose, son of Clarinda Siler Rose.
Mrs. Rachel Tye, daughter of John Wesley Siler.
John S. Tye and wife, son of Rachel.
H. C. Tye and wife, son of Rachel.
Hyram Tye and wife, son of Rachel.
Geo. Tye and wife, son of Rachel.
Peggie Williams, daughter of Adam Siler.
Addison H. Williams, son of Peggie.
Alex Williams, son of Peggie.
Terrill Williams, son of Peggie.
Mrs. Martha Williams Petree and husband.
Mrs. Emily Williams Petree and husband.
Joel Bryant and wife, Nancy Siler.
Mrs. Linda Lawson, daughter of Benjamin Siler.
Rhoda Snyder, daughter of Jacob Siler.
Jermima Siler, daughter of Rhoda.
Julia Wilson and husband, daughter of Rhoda Snyder.
Ben Snyder, son of Rhoda.
Joe Snyder, son of Rhoda.
Mrs. Maggie Daniels and husband, daughter of Rhoda Snyder.
Andy Lambdin, grandson of Jacob.
Evan Lambdin, grandson of Jacob.
James Lambdin, grandson of Jacob.
Bird Lambdin, grandson of Jacob.
S. B. Davis and wife.
John Lambdin and wife, grandson of Jacob.
A. L. Lambdin and wife.
C. G. Lambdin and wife.
Dr. Wm. C. Bryant and wife, grandson of Burgess Siler.
Dr. J. F. Bryant and wife, grandson of Burgess Siler.
Dr. F. M. Bryant and wife, grandson of Burgess Siler.
G. B. Bryant and wife, grandson of Burgess Siler.
I. N. Bryant and wife, grandson of Burgess Siler.
Burgess Bryant and wife, grandson of Burgess Siler.
Isaac Siler, grandson of Adam Siler.
Singleton Siler, grandson of Adam Siler.
Merrill Siler, grandson of Adam Siler.
Thomas Siler, grandson of Adam Siler.
Marion Jones and wife, Sarah Siler.
Adam Siler and wife, Mary, grandson of Adam.
Peter Siler and wife, grandson of Adam.
Kernel Siler, son of Wm. Lambdin Siler.
V. P. Siler, son of Jacob Siler.
Tyson Siler, grandson of John Wesley.
D. W. Siler, grandson of John Wesley.
Lucy Davis Siler, daughter of Weimar and Rachel.
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Thomas Siler, son of Joe Gray.
Geo. Siler.
Mrs. Dan Petree.
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Bob Jones and wife.
Pleasant Polly, son of John Polly.
H. S. Jones and wife.
J. M. Siler and wife, son of Terrill Siler.
U. S. Jones and wife, daughter of Terrill Siler.
A. T. Siler and wife, son of Terrill Siler.
M. V. Siler and wife, son of Terrill Siler.
W. C. Siler, son of Terrill Siler.
Dr. John E. Siler, son of Terrill Siler.
U. S. G. Siler, son of Terrill Siler.
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J. Melton Lawson and wife. (Mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob.)
Wm. Lawson and wife. (Mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob.)

S. S. Siler, son of Adam Siler.

James Ben Siler, Jr., son of Wm. B., grandson of Benjamin.

Otis Siler, son of Jesse, grandson of Benjamin.

Thomas Scott Siler and wife, son of Benjamin, grandson of Burgess.

Wm. Siler and wife, son of Benjamin, grandson of Burgess.

Roscoe Siler.

Elmore Siler.

Jim Siler, son of Calloway Siler.

Russell Siler, son of Calloway Siler.

Milton Siler, son of Wm. Lambdin Siler.

Merth Siler, son of Wm. Lambdin Siler.

Wm. Lambdin Siler.

Bob Hale and wife, Cynthia Siler.

Jeff Lambdin and wife.

Wm. B. Bennett and wife.

Ben Bennett and wife.

Emanuial Bryant and wife, grandson of Benjamin.

Jesse Bryant and wife, grandson of Benjamin.

Perry Bryant and wife, grandson of Benjamin.

Sherman Roe and wife.

Ancil Roe and wife.

Geo. Rose and wife, son of Rachel Siler Rose.

G. B. Skinner and wife, son of Elizabeth, grandson of Burgess.

Bird Skinner and wife, son of Elizabeth, grandson of Burgess.

Pal Skinner and wife, son of Elizabeth, grandson of Burgess.

G. W. Nicholson and wife, Lucy Siler (Adam) (Benjamin).

P. Lee Mahan and wife, Rachel Siler (Adam) (Benjamin).

J. A. Jones and wife, son of Mary, grandson of John Wesley.

J. L. Jones and wife.

E. L. Jones and wife.
Silas Siler, son of Henry B., grandson of Benjamin.
Wilse Siler, son of B. F. Siler, grandson of Adam.
John Siler.
Wm. Rose and wife.
J. M. Mahan and wife, son of Sallie, grandson of Benjamin.
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Martin Snyder and wife, son of Rhoda, grandson of Jacob.
H. F. Snyder and wife, Minnie Faulkner, daughter of Margaret Faulkner.
Peter Siler, grandson of Benjamin.
Calloway Siler and wife, grandson of Benjamin.
J. F. Faulkner and wife, grandson of Benjamin.
Bettsey Skinner, daughter of Bird Siler.
Evelyn Lambdin, son of Wm.
John M. Lambdin, son of Evan.
Mary Lambdin, wife of Evan.
Ledford Siler, son of Wm. (Cripple).
Milford Siler, son of Wm. (Cripple).
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Fannie Siler, daughter of Green B.
Ethel Siler, daughter of Green B.
Henry R. Gibson, son of Polly.
James Maiden.
Silas Lawson, son of Wm. Lawson.
Bird Powers, son of Elizabeth, grandson of Joseph T.
Morton Lambdin, son of Craig Lambdin.
James Davis, son of John W. Davis.
L. C. McGhee, son of W. L. McGhee.
Laura Lambdin, wife of Marion Siler, grandson of Lafallette.
Geo. Lambdin, son of James.
Perry Bryant, son of Joel.
Ella Siler, daughter of T. E. B. Siler.
J. Lewis Siler, son of T. E. B. Siler.
Sampson LaFallette Siler, son of T. E. B. Siler.
Josephine Siler, daughter of T. E. B. Siler.
A. O. Siler, son of T. E. B. Siler.
T. D. Siler, son of T. E. B. Siler.
Mary S. Siler, daughter of T. E. B. Siler.
Caroll and wife.
Martha Lambdin.
Melda Smith, daughter of Adam, granddaughter of Benjamin.
Harvey Siler, son of James D., grandson of Weimar.
Dempsee Siler, son of Wm. (Hickory), grandson of John Wesley.
Martha Siler, daughter of Calloway (Wm.), grandson of John Wesley.
Nannie Siler, daughter of Calloway (Wm.), grandson of John Wesley.
Jennett = LaForce, daughter of James Benjamin, grandson of Benjamin.
Geo. Siler, son of Calvin, son of Wm. Siler.
Harriett Siler.
Amos Siler.
Willie Siler, son of Calvin Siler, son of Wm. Siler.
Clarence Rose.
Roscoe Rose.

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FIRST ANNUAL
Kentucky and Tennessee
SILER REUNION
September 30, 1898
Lot, Kentucky

Programme

1. Meeting called to order by Jacob Siler, Sr.
2. Song “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.”
3. Prayer by Jacob Siler, Sr.
6. Historic Data by T. E. B. Siler.
11. “Motives to Inspire to a Higher Standard of Life,” speech by V. P. Siler.
15. The song service led by T. Scott Siler, James Faulkner, Adam D. Siler and Misses Lottie Faulkner, Rhoda Siler and Ella Siler.

**Committee on Entertainment**

M. V. Siler  
W. B. Siler, Jr.  
Mrs. John W. Faulkner  
Mrs. Terrill Siler  

W. C. Siler  
Lucy Davis  
Nannie F. Siler  
Dr. Marion Bryant

**Committee on Arrangements**

Terrill Siler  
Jim Siler  
Mrs. John W. Faulkner  
Mrs. Margaret Faulkner  
Mrs. John W. Siler, Sr.

J. W. Faulkner  
Perry Siler  
Mrs. J. L. Rose  
Nannie D. Snyder

It is intended that all subjects are opened for short talks from anyone connected with these people, and that no one will make a long speech, and that this is to be a reunion in fact. Dinner will be served on the grounds to those wearing the Siler badge, indicating that they are one of and a part of the family, by baskets furnished by those living near the place of meeting, at 1 o’clock p. m. and that part of the programme not finished up to dinner will be taken up promptly at 2:30 p. m. and continued until completed.

Preaching services conducted by Revs. Asbell Petree and Jacob Siler, Jr., at 7:30 p. m.

Your obedient servant,

T. E. B. Siler
SECOND SILER REUNION

Jacob Siler Branch, September 30, 1899

It was on last Saturday, September 30th instant, that the Silers and their immediate relatives to the number of about 400 and their friends and the students of family history to the number of about 100, assembled to the Boston High School building to witness the exercise contingent to the second annual family reunion of the Silers of Kentuckv and Tennessee.

At about 11 a. m. John W. Siler, Sr., commensurate with the dignity and patriotism of the occasion, called the assembly together. One who knows said: "I have never in many years of constant acquaintance heard 'Uncle Siler' say so many fit things, nor have I ever seen him so much pervaded by the pious spirit of family unity."

Isham O. Siler was re-elected secretary and M. V. Siler, recording secretary for the ensuing year, after which the former read the necrology of the family, which was approved whereupon he was retained for another year. John W. Siler then announced $81.00 as a monument fund to Uncle Jacob Siler, the pioneer of this section, which was announced would be unveiled with appropriate exercises next year. He urged a great monument to cost $200 and said, "We will certainly have it, too." About $30 was within a few minutes paid and subscribed.

The audience now sung "Revieve us again" and were led in prayer by our old revered and most Godly patriarch, nearing his 92nd birthday, Jacob Siler.

The address of welcome which was to be given by Judge Tye was placed upon T. E. B. Siler. Thomas did well. Many hearts beat fast and continuous as he welcomed with an unfeigned lip and voice the vast array of onlookers. To him was, however, the rapid eloquent and fervent
touch of the life of our ancestry in the old "Pine Tree State," so unexcited and so pious are they.

Dinner at 1 p. m., which was abundant, good and well served, gratified the heart of old and young and was a most happy prelude to the excellent speech, full of tenderness and devotion, which our cousin, Wm. Johnston, of Franklin, N. C., delivered.

Marshal V. Siler reported on the family and said that Ben “HOLT” Siler was the father, grandfather and great-grandfather of 104 children.

T. E. B. Siler moved that all Silers give like data, which was seconded by B. F. Rose. It was then moved by M. V. Siler, seconded by Isham O. Siler, that we should give the religious affiliations of each, which was unanimously approved. Speeches were delivered by Judge B. F. Rose, Claiborne Wilson and A. T. Siler. While these speeches were each and all importune, they were full of inspiration.

Routine business came as follows: A motion was made by Judge Rose and seconded by Wm. "Head" Siler, to hold our next reunion on the second Saturday in August in 1900 at the Siler graveyard opposite the late Daniel Petrey’s, about two miles northeast of Lot, and was amended by A. T. Siler by making it annual in perpetuity and by making it also a basket picnic affair.

Jacob Siler was made president with John W. Siler as his vice. An “old maid’s committee” composed of Judge Tye, Miss Rhoda C. Siler and the writer was appointed.

“His honor” appointed a committee on “family data”. They are Isham O. Siler, A. T. Siler and T. E. B. Siler.

The visitors to North Carolina to attend the Siler reunion there, which will be the forty-ninth annual one, are B. F. Rose, T. E. B. Siler and M. V. Siler.

John W. Siler made some timely remarks after which a motion was carried to adjourn.

Adam Siler, Sr., led “All Hail the Power of Jesus’
Name," which was such as to make the welkin ring, so heartily and pathetically did the audience sing.

Before closing, it is wise to pay to, as it is also kind to think about, John S. Tye, Geo. W. Tye, Bird Lambdin, Nathan Lawson, Rev. V. B. McGarrity and especially the ladies who showed such culinary skill in the devisement of so excellent a dinner, a tribute of our only warm hearts, praying that they may be honored upon another occasion for having done "what they could" to make the occasion memorable. After our usual lingering for the last salutation of friendship, thus we turned to our homes like the Sunday-school boy of tender years, who in mid-week remembers the past Sabbath with joy and who with fondness anticipates the coming one, expecting as we did that ere one more reunion some would be called before "the Great Assize."

By the Secretary.

Somewhere in Oklahoma,
Sept. 25th. 1906.

MR. M. V. SILER, Secretary,
Tennessee and Kentucky Siler Reunion Association,
Jellico, Tenn.
To the Siler Tribe Assembled in the Eighth Annual Meeting at Lot, Ky.:

Realizing that I will not be able to be present at your meeting on the 30th instant, to enjoy the meeting of my many kinsman and to speak upon the subject assigned me, I must get in touch with the meeting through letter. First, I want to express my most sincere regret at the awful calamity that has befallen Jellico since I have left. Could it, or not, be God's judgment upon Kentucky Jellico? You know some times the innocent have to suffer for the
wicked and guilty. Christ himself was no exception. I want to apologize for joining in an attempt to only have a committee meeting to make record of deaths, marriages, etc., in our family, as it was suggested to me that on account of Uncle Bill, the president having died and there being so much sickness and further, the great burden of the preparation for the meeting being thrown on so few at Lot. I unwillingly gave my consent, but I was very promptly informed by my brother, that the meeting could be held without myself or John W. Siler, as it had been done before. On that information I decided that I would seek a new field for Siler reunion, so I promptly hied myself to Oklahoma so as not to be outdone and on September 22nd we organized the Oklahoma Siler reunion, to which organization quite a number of Tennessee and Kentucky Silers become members and if time would permit I would be very glad indeed to give you the names of the charter members of the Oklahoma organization, the number of Smiths, Patricks, Jones and Silers and Endees numbered 25 and the table that was spread for this occasion was equal to anything the old Boston school house ever witnessed. Would like to discuss the subject assigned me, but I am in a great hurry to leave at once for Siler City, Okla., a point near the Texas line, and then for Texas, so as to get at least two more organizations before your meeting on Saturday, then when I get all the other states in the union organized we will see if we can't plan to have a grand reunion in this Oklahoma country, the grandest country on earth.

With best wishes for the betterment, spiritual and moral advancement of my people, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

T. E. B. SILER.
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