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Lillie Frank
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Jim O'Hare
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Michele Gorman Robbins
Vicki Grant Shulheis
Emmett Leo Skaggs
Bodey Smallwood
Ralph Wagner
Barbara Wright
Steven Wright
Descendants of William H. Bell

Descendants of William H. Bell

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM H. Bell (JASON1) was born Abt. 1823 in Washington county, KY, and died November 22, 1901 in LaRue county, Kentucky. He married (1) ELIZABETH BAYNE. She was born in KY. He married (2) NANCY JANE ABELL2 May 24, 1848 in Larue co, KY, daughter of SYLVESTER ABELL. She was born Abt. 1829 in Marion county, KY, and died October 09, 1902 in Mt. Tabor, LaRue county, KY.

More About WILLIAM H. BELL:
Burial: Mt Tabor Baptist Cemetery, Mt. Tabor, Larue co, KY

More About NANCY JANE ABELL:
Burial: Mt Tabor Baptist Cemetery, Mt. Tabor, Larue co, KY

Children of WILLIAM BELL and ELIZABETH BAYNE are:

i. SAMUEL FRANKLIN3 BELL, b. November 19, 1857, LaRue county, Kentucky; m. SARAH GILKEY, August 15, 1886. Larue co, KY; b. IN.

Children of WILLIAM BELL and NANCY ABELL are:

iii. JAMES M.3 BELL, b. February 15, 1846, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. Bef. 1901, KY; m. MARTHA ANN PRUITT. March 06, 1873. Larue co, KY; b. Abt. 1856, KY.

Notes for MARTHA ANN PRUITT:
from LaRue marriage records 1843-1876
page 77
James W. Bell and Martha Ann Pruitt 3 Mar. 1873. Lady’s father present consenting. Gentleman aged 20 and lady 17: both born in LaRue county. Married 6 March 1873 at Wm. Pruitt’s in presence of Waller Willen by J.P. Bryant

iv. ELIZABETH J. BELL, b. January 06, 1848, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. May 02, 1864, LaRue county, Kentucky.

More About ELIZABETH J. BELL:
Burial: Mt Tabor Baptist Cemetery, Mt. Tabor, Larue co, KY

3. v. GEORGE A. BELL, b. Abt. 1850, Marion county, KY; d. March 08, 1922, Malden, IL.

4. vi. JOHN M. BELL, b. May 1853, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. Aft. 1910, IL.

vii. JEFFERSON M. BELL, b. November 1854.

5. viii. WILLIAM E. BELL, b. Abt. 1858, Hardin county, KY.

6. ix. MARY C. BELL, b. April 28, 1859, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. Abt. 1880, KY.

x. MARY KAY BELL, b. Abt. 1860, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. Abt. 1890, KY.

More About MARY KAY BELL:
Burial: Mt Tabor Baptist Cemetery, Mt. Tabor, Larue co, KY

xii. ROBERT N. BELL, b. Abt. 1862, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. June 11, 1887, Mt Tabor, LaRue county, KY.

More About ROBERT N. BELL:
Burial: Mt Tabor Baptist Cemetery, Mt. Tabor, Larue co, KY

xiii. ALICE F. MARTHA BELL, b. Abt. 1865, KY.

xiv. SARAH BELL, b. Abt. 1870, KY; d. Abt. 1890, KY.
2. SAMUEL FRANKLIN\textsuperscript{3} BELL (WILLIAM H.\textsuperscript{2}, JASON\textsuperscript{1}) was born November 19, 1856 in LaRue county, Kentucky. He married SARAH GILKEY August 15, 1886 in Larue co, KY. She was born in IN.

Children of SAMUEL BELL and SARAH GILKEY are:

i. DOE\textsuperscript{4} BELL, b. KY;
ii. EDGAR BELL, b. March 20, 1888, KY;
iii. FRANK BELL, b. Abt. 1891, KY
iv. SIDNEY BELL, b. Abt. 1897, KY
v. CHARLES BELL, b. Abt. 1901, KY
vi. A. LLOYD BELL, b. Abt. 1906, IL.

3. GEORGE A.\textsuperscript{3} BELL (WILLIAM H.\textsuperscript{2}, JASON\textsuperscript{1}) was born Abt. 1850 in Marion county, KY, and died March 08, 1922 in Malden, IL. He married CLARISSA G. BREWER January 20, 1875 in Green county, KY, daughter of PETER BREWER and MILLY CARTER. She was born July 03, 1850 in LaRue county, Kentucky, and died March 04, 1931 in Bureau township, IL.

Notes for GEORGE A. BELL:

1870 census LaRue county, KY Buffalo PO page 10

George A. Bell farm laborer

1880 census Oak Hill, Taylor county, KY household #209 June 1, 1880

John Guterman head of household
Jane Guterman wife

George Bell age 26 born KY parents born KY tenant farmer
Clarasy wife 24 KY KY KY keeping house
Emmett son 8 KY KY KY
James son 6 KY KY KY
Elizabeth daughter 5 KY KY KY
Mary daughter 2 KY KY KY

school census records 1899-1900 LaRue county, KY

James Bell male age 18 born to Geo. A & Clarisy Bell March 22, 1881
Helin Bell male age 15 born to Geo. A & Clarisy Bell November 15, 1883
Annie Bell female age 14 born to Geo. A. & Clarisy Bell May 10, 1885
Ellice Bell male age 12 born to Geo. A. & Clarisy Bell January 10, 1887
Hetson Bell female age 10 born to Geo. A. & Clarisy Bell May 10, 1889
Susan E. female age 8 born to Geo. A. & Clarisy Bell June 23, 1891

1920 census Bureau county, IL Berlin township ED #2 household #64

George A. Bell 75 retired KY KY KY
Clarissa wife 78 KY KY KY

It is said George Bell was a prince of a man. He left Clarissa, but came back after a short time.
obit in the Princeton, IL paper

George Bell, 82, committed suicide yesterday afternoon (March 8, 1922) at Malden by swallowing carbolic acid. He took the fatal dose shortly before 12 o'clock and expired at 1:45.

Mr Bell had been troubled with insomnia for a long time and had threatened to end his life. Yesterday morning he told his wife that he had passed a dreadful night.

"I'll never pass another night like that," he stated.

Shortly before the noon hour he asked Mrs Bell for a cup. He said he wanted to take some medicine. She procured the cup and gave it to him and he withdrew to his bedroom. There he poured the contents of an ounce bottle of carbolic acid into the cup and drained it.

A few moments later Mrs Bell heard a noise and went into the bedroom. As she entered the door she saw her husband sitting on the edge of the bed unlacing his shoes. A moment later he fell back on the bed unconscious. Dr L L Wickersham was summoned and hurried to the house, but the deadly poison had done its work. The doctor did everything possible to save his life, but Mr Bell passed away without regaining consciousness.

Mr Bell was a resident of Malden for about ten years. He formerly worked on the section until he got too old to labor and since then has been living retired. He is survived by a widow and five children. One of the daughters, Mrs Ed White, lives north of Malden. An inquest will be held this morning by Coroner A H Malm.

George Bell, an aged resident of Malden, who has been in very poor health for some time, ended his earthly career last Wednesday by taking a dose of carbolic acid. He passed away shortly after dinner. The funeral services were held at the house on Friday afternoon conducted by Rev A E Ashton. Internment at Malden Cemetery. The family have the sympathy of the community.

He suffered from terrible nosebleeds. It is said he carried the carbolic acid in his pocket so long the label was worn away.

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More About GEORGE A. BELL:
Burial: Malden cemetery, Malden, IL lot 33
Cause of Death: drank carbolic acid

Notes for CLARISSA G. BREWER:
obit

Bureau County Republican dated Thursday March 12, 1931

Mrs. George Bell was born in LaRue County Kentucky, July 3, 1850. She moved to Illinois about 30 years ago and had resided in or near Malden since. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward White, March 1, at the age of 81 years. She was preceded in death by her husband and three children, Emmett and Leland Bell and Mrs Liza Sanders.

Early in life Mrs. Bell accepted Christ as her Savior and joined the Methodist church at the Benningsfield Chapel in Larue. Funeral services we held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from her home in Malden in charge of Rev. Calloway. Internment was in the Malden Cemetery.

Mrs. Bell leaves to mourn three sons, Robert, James and Alec Bell, all of near Malden, four daughters, Mrs Laura Cundiff, of South Pekin, Mrs Bertha White, of near Kasbeer, Mrs Nettie Grant of Buda; Mrs. Susan Albrecht of
Peoria; two brothers, John and Thomas Brewer of Kentucky and 29 grandchildren.

Mrs. George Bell passed away Sunday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ed White after a short illness. She has been failing for some time was coming to her home here last week, but took sick last Tuesday. Funeral services were held here at her home Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. Calloway. Burial was in the Maiden Cemetery. Friends here extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

Clarissa used to sit on the edge of her bed to read her Bible and berate her husband. It is well known by the family how badly she treated him. She also enjoyed smoking a pipe.

More About CLARISSA G. BREWER:
Burial: Maiden cemetery, Maiden, IL lot 33
Cause of Death: hypostatic pneumonia

Children of GEORGE BELL and CLARISSA BREWER are:
8. i. GEORGE EMMETT BELL, b. Abt. 1872, Hodgenville, KY; d. Abt. 1912.
9. ii. ELIZA J. BELL, b. August 25, 1875, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. Bef. 1907, KY.
10. iii. ROBERT HERSCHEL BELL, b. December 25, 1876, Larue county, KY; d. May 31, 1969, Rock Falls Nursing Home, Rock Falls, IL.
11. iv. LAURA ELLEN BELL, b. July 07, 1879, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. June 19, 1956, Peoria State Hospital, Bartonville, IL.
12. v. JAMES BELL, b. March 22, 1881, Hodgenville, KY; d. September 27, 1965, Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton, IL.
14. vii. FIELDING BELL, b. November 15, 1883, Hodgenville, KY; d. Abt. October 18, 1904, Green Oak, IL.

Notes for FIELDING BELL:
He was also known by Felin, Fielden and Leland. He played the banjo really well.

article in LaRue County (KY) Herald News dated October 20, 1904

The remains of a son of Mr. George Bell, living near Mt. Tabor, arrived at Hodgenville last evening and will be interred in the burying ground at Mt. Tabor this afternoon. The young man died last Monday, of typhoid fever at Green Oak, IL. Further particulars could not be obtained in time for press this morning.

More About FIELDING BELL:
Burial: Mt Tabor Cemetery, Larue county, KY
Cause of Death: Typhoid fever

15. ix. NETTIE GREEN BELL, b. May 10, 1889, Hodgenville, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. December 13, 1948, Dixon, IL.

4. JOHN M. BELL (WILLIAM H., JASON) was born May 1853 in LaRue county, Kentucky, and died Aft. 1910 in IL. He married MARTHA E. STILK Abt. 1878 in Larue co, KY, daughter of GEORGE STILK and MARGARET BELL. She was born April 1857 in KY, and died in IL.

Notes for JOHN M. BELL:

1900 census Buffalo, LaRue county, KY

John Bell head of household born May 1854 KY age 46 married 22 years farmer rents farm can't read or write can speak
Marthy E. wife born April 1857 KY age 43 4 children 3 living can't read or write can speak
James C. son born March 1883 KY 17 single 5 mos at school can read can write can speak
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

Robert T. son born June 1888 KY 11 single 5 mos at school can read write and speak
Mattie daughter born May 1891 KY 9 5 mos at school can't read or write can speak

This family lived next door to his parents, William H. Bell and Nancy Jane Abell in 1900

1910 census Bureau county, IL Berlin township

John M. Bell head 58 KY KY KY can't read or write laborer on RR section
Martha E. wife 51 KY KY KY can read can't write
James C. son 26 single KY KY KY can read and write laborer on RR section
Robert M. son 21 single KY KY KY can read can't write
Mattie daughter 19 KY KY KY can't read or write

1910 census Bureau county, IL Westfield township

Samuel Bell head widower 51 can read write speak general farm laborer KY KY KY
Frank son single 19 can read write speak general laborer, odd jobs KY KY IN
Sidney son 13 KY IN
Charles son 9 KY IN
A. Lloyd son 4 IL KY IN

1920 census Bureau county, IL Berlin township

Robert Bell head 39 married 1 year KY KY KY laborer RR section
Minnie wife 24 born IL parents born IL
Robert son 2 IL KY IL
Mabel daughter 9/12 IL KY IL

Children of JOHN BELL and MARTHA STILK are:
  i. JAMES C. BELL, b. March 1883, KY; d. IL.
  17. ii. ROBERT BELL, b. March 15, 1888, KY; d. IL.
       iii. MATTIE BELL, b. May 1891, KY; d. IL.
        iv. UNKNOWN BELL, b. Unknown, KY; d. KY.

5. WILLIAM E. BELL (WILLIAM H. 2. JASON 1) was born Abt. 1858 in Hardin county, KY. He married LEILA B. HOWARD October 18, 1880 in Larue co, KY, daughter of AUSTIN HOWARD and ELIZABETH F. She was born January 1864 in KY.

Children of WILLIAM BELL and LEILA HOWARD are:
  i. FRANCIS BELL, b. KY.
  ii. JEMIMA BELL, b. July 1881, KY.
  iii. JOHN HAMPTON BELL, b. September 1883, KY.
  iv. ALMA A. BELL, b. Abt. June 1886, KY.
  v. ANNIE BELL, b. Abt. 1890, KY.
  vi. HATTIE E. BELL, b. November 1891, KY.
  vii. CARMEN BELL, b. Abt. 1893, KY.
  viii. MARY C. BELL, b. October 1895, KY.
  ix. MILES AUSTIN BELL, b. July 1899, KY.

6. MARY C. BELL (WILLIAM H. 2. JASON 1) was born April 28, 1859 in LaRue county, Kentucky, and died Abt. 1880 in KY. She married JOHN WILLIAM BREWER Abt. 1878 in Larue co, KY, son of PETER BREWER and MILLY CARTER. He was born June 23, 1857 in South Fork, Larue county, KY, and died Abt. 1930 in KY.
Notes for JOHN WILLIAM BREWER:

Children of MARY BELL and JOHN BREWER are:

i. CHARLES W. B. BREWER, b. 1878, KY.
ii. WILLIAM HARVEY BREWER, b. KY.
iii. CLARISSA BREWER, b. KY.

7. SARAH B. BELL (WILLIAM H. 2, JASON 1) was born Abt. 1870 in KY, and died Abt. 1890 in KY. She married JAMES J. LAWLER February 13, 1889 in Larue co, KY, son of MIKE LAWLER and NANCY J. He was born August 1859 in KY, and died December 28, 1926 in Hart county, KY.

Child of SARAH BELL and JAMES LAWLER is:

i. MIKE H. LAWLER, b. December 1889.

Generation No. 3

8. GEORGE EMMETT BELL (GEORGE A. 3, WILLIAM H. 2, JASON 1) was born Abt. 1872 in Hodgenville, KY, and died Abt. 1912. He met (1) UNDERWOOD, daughter of UNDERWOOD and SKAGGS. She was born in KY. He married (2) MATILDA E. CUNDIFF January 23, 1896 in Larue county, KY, daughter of ELSA CUNDIFF and MATILDA STILLWELL. She was born Abt. 1876 in Mt. Sherman, KY, and died November 22, 1898 in Mt. Sherman, KY.

Notes for GEORGE EMMETT BELL:
Emmett Bell left his wife and son to go to Illinois and never went back. There is a family story that he killed a man during a card game and had to leave Kentucky. I can find no proof of this.

This might not be the right George Bell, as there were at least three living in Larue county at the same time. It does fit his pattern of behavior, though.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. George Bell, Wood Maupin and Jack LaFollette
indictment issued in December 1911

Unlawful offense of gaming with each other, engaging in a hazard or game of chance, to wit, a game of cards or dice in which game money, property and other things of value was but won or lost contrary to the form of the Statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, signed Frank E. Dougherty
Commonwealth’s Attorney
May 7, 1912
This day came and Commonwealth attorney and announced ready for trial and Wood Maupin and Jack LaFollette, defendants, failing to enter a plea thereupon came the following jury to wit:


who were impanelled and sworn to try the case. After receiving the instructions of the Court, they were permitted to go to their room to consider of their verdict. After some time they returned into open court the following verdict, to wit:

We the jury find the defendant guilty and fix fine for each at $20.00 and if fine is not paid each shall be placed at hard work.

N. L. Bowling
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

Wherefore it is adjudged that the plaintiff recover the defendants, Wood Maupin and Jack Lafollette, the sum of $20.00 each and the cost of this prosecution, and if the fine and costs be not paid or replevied that the defendants be placed upon some public works of this county at hard labor until said fine and costs be paid: but such work and confinement shall not exceed one day for each one dollar of the fine and cost and copies may issue.

It is ordered this indictment be and the same is hereby abated by the death of George Bell.

filed July 27, 1912 case No. 2590
W M Elliot, foreman of the Grand Jury
witnesses
Clarence Braden and Henry Gilkey
L M Goven ? Circuit Court Clerk

We the jury find the defendants guilty and fix the fine for each at $20 and if the fine is not satisfied, each shall be placed at hard work.
signed N L Bowling ?

More About GEORGE EMMETT BELL:
Burial: Buda, IL not proven

Notes for UNDERWOOD:
This Underwood was not married to George Emmett Bell. She later married a Skaggs

More About MATILDA E. CUNDIFF:
Burial: Mt. Tabor Baptist Cemetery, LaRue county, KY

Child of GEORGE BELL and UNDERWOOD is:
  i. HAZEL UNDERWOOD BELL, b. Unknown, KY.

Child of GEORGE BELL and MATILDA CUNDIFF is:
  18. ii. EARL STRATHER BELL, b. March 27, 1897, Buffalo, LaRue county, KY; d. May 08, 1961, Mt Tabor. LaRue county, KY.

9. ELIZA J. BELL (GEORGE A.3, WILLIAM H.2, JASON1) was born August 25, 1875 in LaRue county, Kentucky, and died Bef. 1907 in KY. She married ELISHA B. SANDERS January 16, 1896 in KY, son of JOHN SANDERS and MARY BELL. He was born Abt. 1874 in Upper Bushy Creek, Green county, KY, and died in KY.

More About ELIZA J. BELL:
Burial: George W. Bell Cemetery, Green county, Zero, KY

More About ELISHA B. SANDERS:
Burial: George W. Bell Cemetery, Green county, Zero, KY

Children of ELIZA BELL and ELISHA SANDERS are:
  i. FRANK SANDERS4, b. December 15, 1897, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. Abt. 1930, Springfield, IL T.B. Sanatorium not proven.

Notes for FRANK SANDERS:

1930 census Malden, Bureau county, IL

Clara Bell widow age 88
Frank Sanders grandson 33 no occupation
More About FRANK SANDERS:
Burial: Unknown
Cause of Death: T.B.

ii. ARTHUR L. SANDERS15,16, b. Abt. 1906, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. IL not proven; m. (1) HELEN STONE, March 18, 1929, Princeton, Bureau county, IL; b. Abt. 1910, Kasbeer, IL; m. (2) EDITH I. WHITTLE, August 22, 1952, Tiskilwa, IL; b. Abt. 1910, Whitefield, IL.

Notes for ARTHUR L. SANDERS:
He and his brother worked as farm hands during harvest for their uncles in IL. He also worked at a door stop factory at Tiskilwa, IL.

10. ROBERT HERSCHEL4 BELL (GEORGE A.3, WILLIAM H.2, JASON1)17,18,19 was born December 25, 1876 in LaRue county, KY, and died May 31, 1969 in Rock Falls Nursing Home, Rock Falls, IL. He married MARY SUSAN AINK March 17, 1902 in Larue co, KY, daughter of AMERICUS AINK and LOUISA FORD. She was born January 02, 1873 in Green county, KY, and died May 22, 1961 in Prairie View Nursing Home, Princeton, IL.

Notes for ROBERT HERSCHEL BELL:
He was always called Cricket because he had such black hair and eyes and his skin was so dark.

A school official went up in the woods to seek out kids that weren't enrolled in school. She met Cricket playing in the woods and asked him his name. He said Cricket. They went to find his mother, and when asked his name, she said Cricket. Paul Lund, a grandson tells that he was named Cricket when he was born. When he went to school and the teacher asked him his name he responded by saying Cricket Bell. She said what is your real name. He said that is it. She said nobody can have a first name of Cricket. She named him right then and there and said from now on your name is Robert Herschel Bell. My mother said his name was Robert.

One time Cricket, Jim and Ellic made some bad moonshine and they all went blind for a couple of weeks, Didn't teach them anything, as they went right back and made some more. He could be mean and hit his wife a few times. She waited until he went to sleep, tied him up in the bedding and beat him half silly with a broom handle. Told him he would never have another good nights sleep if he ever hit her again. He and his brothers would come down out of the hills and go into town for turkey shoots. He was a good shot and won a lot. It was a big event and party time with a lot of drinking of moonshine. When they would return to the hills they would have their guns and would be shooting at almost anything that moved. Cricket always smoked a pipe. He also worked at a cheese factory in Tiskilwa. He lit the fire and coated the cheese with wax. His death record says he was a crasher, but nobody knows what it means.

obit May 31,1969

Robert Bell dies: Rites on Saturday

Robert (Cricket) Bell passed away early Thursday (May 31) morning at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home, Rock Falls. He was born Dec. 25,1876 in Kentucky, the son of George and Clarissa Brewer Bell. He married Mary S. Aink Milby March 19,1902, in LaRue county, KY.
Survivors include one son, Leslie, Sterling; one daughter, Mrs. Bertha Whitehead, Sterling; two step-daughters, Mrs Charles (Mary) Burton and Mrs. Burley Warren, both of Tiskilwa; 22 grandchildren; several great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild; two sisters, Mrs. Susan Albrecht, Peoria, and Mrs. Bertha White, Prairie View Nursing Home, Princeton.
He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, four brothers and three sisters.
Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 P.M. at the Norberg Memorial Home, with the Rev. L.E. Welsh officiating. Internment will be in the Malden Cemetery. Friends may call at the Norberg Home Friday afternoon and evening.

The marriage of Robert Bell and Mary Susan Milby was found in the LaRue county, KY marriage book 21 on page 514.
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

1910 census, Louisville, Jefferson county, KY
5th ward
Robert Bell head of household age 33 molder wagon works KY KY KY
Susan wife 37 married 8 years KY KY KY
Mary L. daughter 11 KY KY KY
Bertha daughter 3 KY KY KY

1920 census, Bureau county, IL Berlin township
Robert Bell age 43 farmer
Susie wife 45
Bertha daughter 12
Leslie son 8

1930 census Bureau county, IL Berlin township
Robert H. Bell age 52 farmer
Susan wife 57
Leslie son 18

copied as appeared in census

More About ROBERT HERSHEL BELL:
Burial: Maiden Cemetery, Maiden, IL lot 46S NE of 46 1/2

Notes for MARY SUSAN AKIN:
Also known as Sude

She had been married to John Robert Milby and widowed before she married Cricket. I can't remember her ever saying much. Just kind of standing behind Cricket. They had a mean rooster and he would chase people all the way to the outhouse and wait and chase them all the way back to the house. Sude got sick of it and killed and cooked him.

Her grandfather, Moses Aikin, was a notorious preacher in Kentucky. He lived with two sisters at the same time. Also spelled Aiken.

obit in the Princeton, IL paper

Funeral services for Mrs. Robert (Mary Susan) Bell, 88, were held at 2 PM Wednesday with the Rev. Ernest Swanson officiating. Burial was in Malden Cemetery.
Mrs Bell died Monday at Prairie View Nursing Home. Her home was in Maiden where she had lived for the past 35 years.
The former Mary Susan Aikin was born January 2, 1873, in Green county, KY, daughter of A.V. and Eliza Ford Aikin She was united in marriage to Robert Bell on March 19,1902 in KY. Mrs. Bell was a member of the Baptist Church.
Survivors include her husband: four children, Mrs. Emmett Warren, Tiskilwa, Mrs. Roy Funderberg, Magnolia, KY, Mrs Everett Whitehead, La Grange and Leslie Bell of Rock Falls. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren, one sister, Bernettie Warren, Mt. Sherman, KY, nieces and nephews.
She was preceded by her first husband, parents, and two children, one of whom died in infancy, and one son, William Milby.

a tribute published in the Peoria Journal Star, Peoria, IL dated May 24,1961

Princeton -- Mrs. Robert (Mary) Bell, 88, of Maiden died Monday evening in Prairie View Nursing Home near
Princeton, where she had been a patient 12 days. She had lived at Malden 35 years.
Born January 2, 1872 in Green County, KY, a daughter of A.V. and Eliza Ford Aikin. She was married March
19, 1902 in Larue county, KY to Robert Bell who survives her.
In addition to her husband she is survived by four children: Mrs. Emmett Warren of Tiskilwa, Mrs. Ray
Funderberg of Magnolia, KY, Mrs. Everett Whitehead of La Grange, IL., and Leslie Bell of Rock Falls: 19
grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren, and eight great great grandchildren, and one sister Bernettie Warren of Mt.
Sherman, KY. She was preceded in death by her first husband, one son and one child in infancy, one sister and
one brother.
She was a member of the Baptist Church.
Funeral services were held today in Norberg Memorial Home with the Rev. Ernest Swanson officiating. Burial
was in Maiden Cemetery.

More About MARY SUSAN AIKIN:
Burial: Maiden Cemetery, Maiden, IL lot 46S NE of 46 1/2

Children of ROBERT BELL and MARY AIKIN are:

20. ii. LESLIE BELL, b. May 18, 1911, Louisville, KY.

11. LAURA ELLEN BELL (GEORGE A. 3, WILLIAM H. 2, JASON 1) was born July 07, 1879 in LaRue county,
Kentucky, and died June 19, 1956 in Peoria State Hospital, Bartonville, IL. She married GEORGE THOMAS
CUNDIFF November 10, 1897 in LaRue county, KY, son of ELISHA CUNDIFF and MATILDA STILLWELL. He was
born April 25, 1875 in KY, and died September 17, 1959 in Peoria, IL.

Notes for LAURA ELLEN BELL:
Went by the nickname of Dude. She could out spit the men with tobacco chaw.

obit in the Peoria (IL) Journal Star

Mrs. Laura Ellen Cundiff, 76, formerly of 304 Lincoln Ave., died at 2:15 Tuesday (June 20, 1956)
Born July 7, 1879 in Larue County, KY., she was a daughter of George and Clarissa Brewer Bell. She married
George T. Cundiff in 1897 in Buffalo, KY.
Surviving are her husband, three sons, John A. Cundiff of Chicago, George R. Cundiff and Jack (Jesse) Cundiff,
both of Peoria: two brothers, Jim Bell and Robert Bell, both of Malden, two sisters, Mrs. Sude Albrecht of Peoria
and Mrs. Ann White of Bureau County; and eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Her parents and one
son preceded her in death.
Funeral services will be at 2:30 PM Friday at Endsley and Son Funeral Home with the Rev. Burtram Betteridge
officiating. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday afternoon and
evening.

She died at the Peoria State Hospital in Bartonville, IL.
dearth certificate #67413

More About LAURA ELLEN BELL:
Burial: Parkview cemetery, Peoria, IL Section I #75
Cause of Death: cerebrovascular accident/ cerebral arteriosclerosis

Notes for GEORGE THOMAS CUNDIFF:

1930 census Peoria, IL.
R.R #9

George Cundiff head age 54 junk collector cannot read or write KY KY KY
Laura wife 47 at home cannot read or write KY KY KY
George son 27 not employed cannot read or write KY KY KY
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

Laura Bell 5 granddaughter
Harrold Lloyd Bell 3 grandson

obit from Peoria (IL) Journal Star 1959

George Cundiff, 84, of 2316 W Millman St., a retired farmer, died at 3:05 am Thursday (Sept 17, 1959) after an extended illness. He was born in KY April 25, 1875, a son of Lash (Lish) and Jane Stillwell Cundiff and married Laura Ellen Bell in Larue County, KY. She died here in 1955.

Surviving are three sons, Jack (Jesse) Cundiff of Peoria, George Cundiff and John Cundiff both of Chicago; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. A daughter and a son preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 10 am Saturday at the Davison Funeral Home. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 9 tonight.

More About GEORGE THOMAS CUNDIFF:
Burial: Parkview cemetery, Peoria, IL Section I #75

Children of LAURA BELL and GEORGE CUNDIFF are:

i. ANSEL H. CUNDIFF, b. November 24, 1898, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. January 12, 1926, Peoria, IL; m. GLENA DIXON, November 1925, IL.

Notes for ANSEL H. CUNDIFF:
obit Peoria (IL) Journal Star dated Jan 13, 1926

Just seven weeks after his marriage to Miss Glena Dixon, A.H. Cundiff, 26 years old, died at his home, 2022 S. Washington ST, Tuesday, (Jan. 12, 1926) following a period of two years of ill health. He was born in Larue County, KY, November 24, 1898 and came to Peoria four years ago. He was employed as a meat packer for the Wilson Provision Company.

Surviving him are his widow and father George Cundiff, also three brothers, John Cundiff, Robert Cundiff and Jesse Cundiff all of Peoria. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Kennedy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ii. GEORGE ROBERT CUNDIFF, b. May 17, 1907, Ladd, IL; d. September 05, 1990, Pekin, IL.

iii. JOHN A. CUNDIFF, b. November 20, 1920, IL; d. October 1976, IL.

iv. JESSE CUNDIFF, b. September 22, 1922, Peoria, IL.

v. DAUGHTER CUNDIFF, b. Unknown.

12. JAMES BELL (GEORGE A.3, WILLIAM H.2, JASON*)24, 25 was born March 22, 1881 in Hodgenville, KY26, and died September 27, 1965 in Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton, IL.26 He married MARY JEFFERSON JOHNSON27 January 16, 1910 in Larue County, KY, daughter of ARABELLA SKAGGS and JOHN JOHNSON. She was born November 27, 1882 in Larue county, KY, and died December 12, 1988 in Prairie View Nursing Home Princeton, IL.

Notes for JAMES BELL:

Marriage bond Jan. 15, 1910 LaRue county, KY
James Bell RR #1 Ohio, IL
Mary Johnston Hodgenville, KY age 28 2nd marriage born Green co. KY principal F.A. Kinsey
to be married at F.A. Kinsey on January 16, 1910

1920 census LaRue county, KY Edlyers district
household #25 next to Alex Bell
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

James head 37 cannot read or write farmer KY KY KY
Mary wife 37 cannot read or write KY KY KY
Audrie daughter 7 KY KY KY

1930 census Bureau county, IL Berlin township
household #28

James Bell head 47 married 26 years farmer can read, not write KY KY KY
Mary wife 47 can read, not write no occupation KY KY KY
Audry Skaggs daughter 18 cannot read or write KY KY KY
John Brewer uncle 80 widower retired cannot read or write KY KY KY
Ernest Speoria 17 laborer on farm can read and write KY KY KY

Jim had two Cocker spaniels named Judy and Boozo he taught to smoke a corn cob pipe. I saw one of them as a child.

He had a hollow stump with a spigot and a barrel of moonshine buried underneath.

He used to wear his overalls until they were so dirty they would stand up by themselves. He would throw them up in a tree so Aunt Mary couldn't get them. She would have to get a long pole to reach them.

He once walked into Princeton from Tiskilwa barefooted trying to find somebody to paint his toenails.

He really used to tease people.

One time he took the O'Hare children on a sleigh ride at Christmas time.

They always had at least one kid living with them. Both Glen and Jim O'Hare spent summers there.

He chewed tobacco and always had a spittoon next to his chair. When he rode in the car, he usually sat in the front because he would spread his knees and spit on the floor board.

He, Cricket and Ellic would play cards and always had a fight and accuse each other of cheating. They would threaten each other with guns and knives. A few days later it would blow over and they acted like nothing happened.

obit Princeton, IL paper died September 27, 1965

Funeral services for James Bell, 83, Maiden, were held Wednesday at 1:30 P.M. at Norberg Memorial Home, the Rev. Everett Chambers officiating. Internment was in the Maiden Cemetery.

Mr. Bell died Monday at Perry Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient for eight days.

The deceased was born March 22, 1882, in LaRue county, KY, a son of George and Clarisie Brewer Bell. He is survived by his wife, Mary Bell, who he married on January 16, 1910, in Hodgenville, KY. Also surviving are one brother, Robert Bell, Maiden, two sisters, Susan Albrecht, Peoria, and Mrs. Edward White, Prairie View Home, nieces and nephews: also, one foster daughter, Mrs. Audrey Jones, Princeton. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

More About JAMES BELL:
Burial: Maiden cemetery, Maiden, IL lot 46 N 1/2 W 1/4

Notes for MARY JEFFERSON JOHNSON:
Mary was a tiny person, but Jim was big, so they made an unusual couple. They had a baby boy who died at an early age, so that's probably why they always had children around them.
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

One time she had a couple of baby pigs that she raised and they followed her around like puppies. Jim slaughtered them and she had a fit about it. Broke her heart.

A relative took her to the movies before she lost her eyesight. A Western was playing and she was picking the movie apart, saying the horses were hooked up backwards and wouldn't know where to go and the fashions, etc. Somebody complained and the manager came and sat behind them and was asking her all kinds of questions.

When she was really old and blind, she could recognize someone's voice from years ago. She never made a mistake.

She was always quiet and retiring. Never talked back to Jim. Waited on him hand and foot.

She and Jim raised her niece Audrey Skaggs

Princeton, IL Republican 1982
Park View resident marks 100th birthday

Mary Jean Bell celebrated her birthday quietly with a dinner at her daughter's (niece) home on Saturday, Nov. 27 (1982). The only thing remarkable about the celebration was the number of years it marked.

Mrs Bell was 100 years old that day. She now lives at Prairie View Nursing Home near Princeton.

The day the Republican reporter visited her to take her 100th birthday photograph, Mary was dressed in a bright yellow sweater and white bead necklace. A staff member commented that Mrs. Bell wears only bright, cheerful colors and refuses to wear dark colors.

"Dark colors are for old people," Mary has been known to remark.

Mary Bell was born 100 years ago in Hodgenville, KY. "I was raised up by an old man and lady who took me and some of the others (siblings) - you see, my parents died when we were still little."

The family lived on a farm and "they raised me to do a lot of work," Mary recalled. "Why sometimes I'd take my hoe and go in the field, and I'd chop and cut bushes down."

She also remembered washing the laundry in an old wooden tub with a washboard. A kettle stood under the apple tree and was used to heat the washing water.

"Later on, after I was married, I had better things then - a good washing machine, and things like that," she added.

She married James Bell in 1909, when she was 27 years old. They lived in the Malden area most of their married life. They moved to Malden "when he got so he couldn't do much work anymore." James Bell died in September of 1965, at the age of 85.

A great tragedy of Mary's life was the death of her son. He was 10 months old when "something was going around - I think they called it brain fever," Mary told us. "We didn't have good doctors like they have now." Her older sister's son also died within a few weeks of the same disease.

Mary Bell's family today includes a foster daughter whom "we raised up from the time she was real little," Audrey Jones of Princeton. Mrs. Jones' entire family lovingly refers to Mary as 'Granny,' she is an important part of their lives and is the first of five generations in that family.

Mrs. Bell is also part of an extended family tracing its roots to Kentucky. The Prairie View staff commented that she receives a lot of mail from relatives in Kentucky and elsewhere.

She has been a resident of Prairie View for the past six years. Mrs. Bell says of the home, "It's all right: you get plenty to eat here." She added, "They seem to think a lot of me here. And I think a lot of them because they're all good to me.

I tell 'em, I hope I get so I can walk better, like I used to." Mrs. Bell now walks with assistance, to guard against falling. She is almost completely blind, a fact which bothers her immensely. "I sure wish I could see you," she tells those who pause to visit with her.

Mrs. Bell also is hard of hearing now, but she still loves to talk and visit. The highlight of her week is her regular Thursday visit from the Rev. Bob Adkins of the Methodist Church in Malden.

"I tell him, I hope I can get to Heaven someday when I die," she murmured.

obit Princeton, IL paper died December 12,1988 aged 106

Princeton -- Mary Bell, 106, of Prairie View Home, Princeton, formerly of Malden, died at 6:25 P.M. Monday Dec. 12, at the home.

She was born on Nov. 27,1882 in LaRue county, KY, the daughter of John and Arabell (Skaggs) Johnson. She
married James Bell who preceded her in death on September 27, 1965.
She is survived by one daughter, Audrey Jones of Sheffield, three grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, eight
great-great grandchildren: two nieces and one nephew. Also preceding her in death were two sisters and two
brothers.
During her lifetime, she farmed with her husband. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of LaRue
county, KY.
Services were held on Thursday at Norberg Memorial Home, Princeton, with the Rev. Wesley Anderson of
Princeton First Baptist Church officiating. Visitation was held on Wednesday at the memorial home.
Burial was in the Malden Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

More About MARY JEFFERSON JOHNSON:
Burial: Malden Cemetery, Malden, IL lot 46 N1/2 W 1/4

Children of JAMES BELL and MARY JOHNSON are:
23. i. AUDREY MAE SKAGGS, b. July 04, 1912, Green county, KY; Foster child.
   ii. SON BELL, b. Abt. 1911, unknown; d. Abt. 1911, unknown.

More About SON BELL:
Cause of Death: brain fever

13. BERTHA 4 BELL (GEORGE A. 3, WILLIAM H. 2, JASON 1) was born May 10, 1882 in Buffalo, KY, and died
county, IL, son of LEANDER WHITE and FETNA HEINTZ. He was born October 19, 1885 in Hollowayville, IL, and
died May 11, 1962 in Kasbeer, IL.

Notes for BERTHA BELL:
Also known as Annie and maybe Mary

Obit Princeton (IL) paper January 16, 1971

Mrs. Bertha White, 78, of Princeton, died Saturday (Jan 16) in Prairie View Nursing Home.
Born May 10, 1882 in Buffalo, KY, the daughter of George and Clarissa Bell, she was married to Edward C.
Surviving are one son, Warren of Littleton, Colorado, 10 grandchildren: several great grandchildren, and one
sister, Mrs. Susan Albrecht of Peoria. She was preceded in death by two sons, Donald and Roger.
Mrs. White was a member of the Kasbeer Community Church.
Funeral services were held today with burial in Elm Lawn Memorial Park (Princeton, IL)

Bertha seemed to have some modern things such as a water pump in the kitchen, but still had an outhouse. They
had a lot of chickens.

More About BERTHA BELL:
Burial: Elm Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Princeton, IL

Notes for EDWARD C. WHITE:
He was a farmer and always was never dressed in work clothes when we visited

1920 census Bureau county, Berlin township, IL
district 6

Edward White head of household age 34 can read and write IL Germany Germany farmer
Bertha wife 28 read and write KY KY KY
Donald son 7 reads and writes IL KY KY
Roger son 2 IL KY KY
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

1930 census Bureau county, Berlin township, IL
district 6

Edwin White head age 44 can read and write born IL parents born Germany farmer
Bertha wife 39 can read and write born KY parents born KY
Donald son 16 single can read and write born IL
Rodger son 11 single can read and write born IL
Warren son 9 single can read born IL

More About EDWARD C. WHITE:
Burial: Elm Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Princeton, IL

Children of BERTHA BELL and EDWARD WHITE are:
  i. ROGER WHITE, b. Abt. 1913.
  ii. DONALD WHITE, b. Abt. 1918.
  iii. WARREN WHITE, b. Abt. 1921.

14. ALEXANDER BELL (GEORGE A.3, WILLIAM H.2, JASON1) was born January 10, 1887 in Hodgenville, KY, and died February 11, 1954 in Dover, IL. He married LENNIE MAE THOMPSON December 25, 1908 in Hodgenville, KY, daughter of ABRAHAM THOMPSON and CORDELIA WARREN. She was born September 23, 1889 in Henderson, KY, and died January 16, 1985 in Morrison Hospital, Morrison, IL.

Notes for ALEXANDER BELL:
Alex was known by Ellic

obit Bureau County (IL) Republican page 15 dated Thursday, Feb 11, 1954

Alec Bell, son of George and Clarisa Bell was born in Larue County, KY, Jan 10, 1887 and passed away at the Dixon Public Hospital at the age of 67 years, one month, one day.
Surviving are the widow and six children, Mrs. Loren (Mary) Capp, Rock Falls, Howard, Peoria, Willard, Mcleansboro, John, Edwardsville, Kenneth, Gary, IN, Clarence, Rock Falls. 3 sisters, Mrs Laura Cundiff, Mrs. Susan O'Hare Albrecht, Peoria, Mrs.Bertha White, Kasbeer. Two brothers, Robert Bell, Maiden and James of Bureau Junction.
He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons Arvin Bell and Francis Bell and one daughter Dorothy in infancy, two brothers, Emmitt and Felin and two sisters Lizzie and Nettie.
Funeral services were Sunday in the Melvin Funeral Home, Sterling officiated by the Rev. James Smucker, Dover, and burial was in Malden Cemetery.
He had been employed by the Bureau County highway department.

Ellic once had a team of two large horses that were related to each other. If he happened to put them in the harness the wrong way, they wouldn't work.
He also was a tenant farmer for many years and was a lock keeper on the Hennepin Canal

1920 census LaRue county, KY Edlyers district
household #24

Alex Bell head 33 cannot read or write can speak KY KY KY farmer
Linnie wife 31 cannot read or write can speak KY KY KY
Howard C. son 11 IL KY KY
Arvin son 10 IL KY KY
Mary E. daughter 8 IL KY KY
Jesse R. son 7 IL KY KY
Willard son 3 IL KY KY
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

baby son 10/12 IL KY KY (Kenneth)

household #25 next door

James Bell 37 cannot read or write can speak farmer KY KY KY
Mary wife 37 cannot read or write can speak KY KY KY
Audrie daughter 7 KY KY KY

1930 census Selby, Bureau county, IL
household 55-6

Alex Bell head 43 married 21 years can read cannot write renter farm KY KY KY
Linnie wife 41 can read cannot write no occupation KY KY KY
Howard C. son 21 can read and write laborer at tractor factory IL KY KY
Marian daughter 17 can read and write IL KY KY
John R. son 16 can read and write laborer farm IL KY KY
Willard R. son 13 can read and write IL KY KY
Kenneth L. son 10 can read and write IL KY KY
Clarence L. son 8 KY KY KY
Francis A. son 2 KY KY KY

More About ALEXANDER BELL:
Burial: Maiden Cemetery, Maiden, IL lot 46 S 1/2
Cause of Death: liver cancer

Notes for LENNIE MAE THOMPSON:
obit in Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois Gazette dated January 17, 1985

Lennie Brown

Lennie Bell Brown, 95, formerly of Rock Falls, died Wednesday evening (Jan 16) at the Sterling Care Center. Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday at the Melvin-Shilling Funeral Home, Sterling, followed by a 1 PM grave side service in the Maiden Cemetery, Maiden, IL. The Rev. Edwin Burdell O'Neil, pastor of the Marantha Baptist Church, Rock Falls will officiate. Visitation will be on Friday from 6 to 8 PM at the funeral home.

A memorial has been established. Lennie Brown was born on Sept. 23, 1889 in Mt. Sherman, KY. the daughter of Abraham Thompson. On Dec. 25, 1908 she married Alexander Bell in Hodgenville, KY. He preceded her in 1954.
Surviving are two sons. Willard Bell, Mcleansboro and Kenneth Bell of Hobart, IN., two brothers, Barsel Thompson, Scottsburg, IN and Gilbert Thompson of Louisville, KY, one sister Mrs William (Necia) Crain, Rock Falls, 15 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Preceding her in death were five sons, two daughters, two sisters and four brothers.

One of her sons took her shopping at a mall and she refused to use the escalator. He had to pick her up kicking and yelling and carry her and put her on it.

More About LENNIE MAE THOMPSON:
Burial: Maiden Cemetery, Maiden, IL lot 46 S 1/2

Children of ALEXANDER BELL and LENNIE THOMPSON are:
24. i. HOWARD CECIL BELL, b. October 15, 1908, Amboy, IL; d. December 25, 1975, Peoria, IL.
   ii. ARVIN ROBERT BELL, b. December 20, 1910, Amboy, IL; d. August 10, 1929, Selby township, Bureau county, IL.

More About ARVIN ROBERT BELL:
Burial: Maiden cemetery, Maiden, IL lot 33
Cause of Death: pulmonary T.B.

iii. MARY EDNA BELL, b. September 23, 1911, IL; d. September 1988, Rock Falls, IL; m. LOREN CAPP.

Notes for MARY EDNA BELL:
She also went by the name of Marian.

iv. JESSE RUBIN BELL, b. May 11, 1913, IL; d. February 26, 1981.

Notes for JESSE RUBIN BELL:
Rubin was mischievous as a child. He once put a cat on the hot stove and his mother, Linnie, put his hands on the stove to show him how it felt.

His thumb was bitten off by a sow. Ellic, his father was castrating pigs in the barn and asked him to go for a lantern, but he fell down among the upset sows and one of them bit off his thumb.

He lost a leg in a truck accident in Iowa. A car hit the truck he was riding in and broke his leg. The doctor put a tight cast on his leg and he had to have it amputated.

25. v. WILLARD RAY BELL, b. June 16, 1916, Ohio, IL.
   vi. KENNETH BELL, b. March 27, 1919, IL; d. December 13, 1987, Hobart, IN.
   vii. CLARENCE LEE BELL, b. August 19, 1921, KY; d. August 21, 1979, Fulton county, IL.
   viii. DOROTHY MAY BELL, b. August 27, 1925, IL; d. March 13, 1926, Macon twsp, Bureau county, IL.

Notes for DOROTHY MAY BELL:
She was also known as Dottie and Dot
A family story is that she tried to eat a shot gun shell and was poisoned.

More About DOROTHY MAY BELL:
Burial: Maiden cemetery, Maiden, IL lot 33
Cause of Death: acute ileum colitis


Notes for FRANCES A. BELL:
Served in World War 2. Killed in a car accident

More About FRANCES A. BELL:
Burial: Maiden cemetery, Maiden, IL
Cause of Death: car accident

15. Nettie Green Bell (George A.3, William H.2, Jason1)31 was born May 10, 1889 in Hodgenville, LaRue county, Kentucky, and died December 13, 1948 in Dixon, IL. She married MICHAEL JOSEPH GRANT52 January 15, 1906 in Indiana, son of WALTER GRANT and MARY CRONIN. He was born April 11, 1878 in Minonk, IL, and died November 16, 1963 in Colonial Acres Rest Home, Rock Falls, IL.

Notes for Nettie Green Bell:
Also known as Hettie.

obit Sterling (L) paper

Mrs Michael Grant 61, of RR 2 Forreston, passed away Monday (Dec. 13, 1948) morning in the Dixon Public Hospital following a lingering illness. Her body was taken to the Melvin Funeral Home in Polo, where the rosary will be recited Tuesday at 8 PM.
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

There will be a requiem mass on Thursday at 9 am in the St. Mary's Church in Polo, after which, the body will be taken to Sheffield for committal in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Mrs. Grant was born June 20, 1887 at Hodgenville, KY. A daughter, Mrs. Geneva Bennett and son, Orville Grant, reside in Rock Falls.

Nettie was old-fashioned. Every Sunday every one of the children came home to eat. She was very generous, didn't have many worldly possessions to work with, but would put out a big meal. She had to have her chickens. She worked at Green River for a long time. Had Leukemia and went to Polo every week for shots. Nettie could really get angry and used to take after the kids with a stick or wooden spoon.

More About Nettie Green Bell:
Burial: St Patrick's Cemetery, Sheffield, IL
Cause of Death: aplastic anemia/leukemia

Notes for Michael Joseph Grant:

1920 census Bureau county, IL Ohio ED #24
household #37
Mike head age 43 born IL father Ireland mother Ohio can read and write farmer
Nettie wife 31 KY KY KY can read and write
Mark son 11 IL KY IL
Margaret daughter 10 IL KY IL
Joseph son 5 IL KY IL
Earl son 4 IL KY IL
Geneva daughter 1 7/12 IL KY IL

1930 census Bureau county, IL Macon township Dist 31
household #26
Mike head 52 IL Irish Free State Ohio can read and write farmer general farming
Nettie wife 40 KY KY KY can read and write
Joseph son 16 IL KY IL can read and write
Geneva daughter 13 IL KY IL
Earl son 11 IL KY IL
Delbert son 9 IL KY IL
Everett L. son 5 IL KY IL
Harold J. son 2 11/12 IL KY IL
James Grant brother 49 single farmer

obit in Sterling, IL paper

Michael J. Grant of RFD 2, Rock Falls, died late Saturday (Nov 16, 1963) at Colonial Acres Rest Home at the age of 85.
Grant was born in Minonk April 11, 1878, the son of Walter and Mary Cronin Grant. He was married Jan 15, 1906 to Nettie Bell in Indiana. They farmed for many years retiring three years ago.
He is survived by six sons, Mark of Rock Falls, Joseph of Castle Dale, Utah, Earl of Tiskilwa, IL, Everett of Polo, Orville of Dixon, Harold of Lanark; two daughters, Mrs Stanton (Geneva) Bennett of Rock Falls with whom he made his home and Mrs Clifford (Mildred) Powell, Jr of Polo; one sister Mrs Margaret Vollmer of Berwyn; 21 grandchildren, and one great grandchild; many nieces and nephews.
Prayer services will be at 9 am Tuesday at the Wheelock-Allen Funeral Home and requiem mass at 9:30 am in St Andrew's Catholic Church with burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery at Sheffield.
Friends may call at the funeral home where rosary will be recited at 8 PM Monday.

Mike was really even tempered and easy going, but drank to excess. He told Arlene (wife of Joseph Stanley),
"Oh, if I could do it over again I wouldn't have put Nettie through what I did."

More About MICHAEL JOSEPH GRANT:
Burial: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Sheffield, IL
Cause of Death: skin cancer

Children of NETTIE BELL and MICHAEL GRANT are:

i. SAINT MARK GRANT, b. February 28, 1909, Ohio, IL; d. May 13, 1979, Rock Falls, IL; m. MARCELLA BOHM, December 25, 1929.

Notes for SAINT MARK GRANT:
Mark Grant and Willard Bell hit a horse with a touring car about 1930 outside of Seatonville, IL. It broke the windshield of the car. It is said by the family he was a bounder, heavy drinker and real different from the others.

ii. MARGARET MARY GRANT, b. September 19, 1910, Ohio, IL; d. November 27, 1925, Kewanee, IL.

Notes for MARGARET MARY GRANT:
She died of an infection from a burst appendix. The doctor didn't catch it in time to save her.

More About MARGARET MARY GRANT:
Burial: St Patrick's Cemetery, Sheffield, IL
Cause of Death: ruptured appendix and infection


v. GENEVA MAE GRANT, b. May 18, 1918, Ohio, IL; d. May 03, 1985, Sterling, IL; m. STANTON JOHN BENNETT, December 17, 1938, Sterling, IL.

Notes for GENEVA MAE GRANT:
Geneva was starting to smoke and hid it in the outhouse. One day when she was smoking out there, Mike (her father) hosed her off the building. When Geneva came sputtering out hollering what was he doing, Mike said, "Oh. I thought it was on fire. I saw smoke coming out of it." After that she smoked out in the open.

More About GENEVA MAE GRANT:
Burial: Oak Knoll Mausoleum, Sterling, IL
Cause of Death: cancer

28. vi. EVERETT LEE GRANT, b. February 26, 1921, Amboy, IL; d. September 11, 2003, Rockford Memorial Hospital, Rockford, IL.

29. vii. MILDRED MARIE GRANT, b. April 18, 1922, Bureau county, IL.

30. viii. ORVILLE CHARLES GRANT, b. March 08, 1925, IL.


x. JOHN GRANT, b. September 19, 1929, IL; d. September 19, 1929, IL.

More About JOHN GRANT:
Burial: St Patrick's Cemetery, Sheffield, IL
Cause of Death: stillborn

16. SUSAN EMILY BELL (GEORGE A. 3, WILLIAM H. 2, JASON 1) 33 was born June 23, 1891 in Hodgenville, KY, and died December 06, 1986 in Highview Nursing Home, Peoria, IL. She married (1) PHILLIP JOSEPH O'HARE 11 November 28, 1910 in Spring Valley, IL, son of PATRICK O'HARE and BRIDGET HANRAHAN. He was born May 23, 1879 in Ohio, IL, and died July 15, 1917 in Spring Valley, IL. She married (2) PETER ALBRECHT 33 June 23, 1923 in Ottawa, IL, son of JOSEPH ALBRECHT and EMMA KNUTH. He was born February 02, 1877 in Ohio, IL, and died January 01, 1948 in Peoria, IL. She met (3) EDWARD J. MCCARRON 26 Abt. 1942 in Peoria, IL, son of WILLIAM MCCARRON and MARGRET GRIFFIN. He was born April 01, 1889 in Emmetsburg, Iowa, and died December 20, 1966 in St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, IL.

Notes for SUSAN EMILY BELL:
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

1920 census Bureau county, IL Ohio ED #24
household #116

Susan O'Hare 27 KY KY KY can read and write
Lucille daughter 7 IL KY IL
Glen son 4 IL KY IL
Phyllis daughter 3 IL KY IL

1930 census Peoria, IL ward #4

Peter Albrecht 43 IL IL IL can read and write machinist at garage
Susan wife 38 KY KY KY can read and write
Madeleine daughter 15 single IL PA can read and write
Stanley son 10 IL PA
Lucille O'Hare step-daughter 18 single IL IL KY
Glen step-son 15 single IL IL KY
Phyllis step-daughter 13 IL IL KY

She was called Suddie by her family. Susan was born in KY and never had shoes or stockings until she came to IL. She was a hard worker all her life and kept her home just so. She lost her first child and her husband at an early age. She took in laundry and cleaned others homes to support her family.

She learned to read and write along with her children. She would always have a spare room rented out for extra income. She also worked at Caterpillar Tractor Co. She said it was the easiest job she ever had. Just about any time she went somewhere, she would run into someone she knew. She enjoyed visiting with her brothers and sister in Bureau County, IL in the autumn when the leaves started to turn.

obit Peoria IL Journal Star died Dec. 6, 1986

Susan E. Albrecht, 95, a former resident of St. Joseph's Home, died at 12:40 P.M. Thursday at Highview Nursing Center.
Born June 23, 1891, in Hodgenville, KY to George and Clarissa Brewer Bell, she first married Phillip J. O'Hare, who preceded her in death. She later married Peter Albrecht, who also preceded her, as did one son, one daughter, three sisters and six brothers.
Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Leslie (Phyllis) Bodley of Peoria; one son P.M. O'Hare of Mapleton; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
She worked at Caterpillar, Inc. for 15 years, retiring in 1957. She was a member of Caterpillar Retirees Club, Neighborhood House and Glen Oak Retirees clubs.
Services will be at 11 A.M. Saturday at Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel, where visitation will be one hour earlier. Monsignor Robert G. Peters will officiate and burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

More About SUSAN EMILY BELL:
Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery, Peoria, IL

Notes for PHILLIP JOSEPH O'HARE:

1880 census Lee county, IL East Grove township

Patrick O'Hare head 55 born Ireland Ireland Ireland farmer
Mary Ann daughter 15 single IL Ireland Ireland keeping house
John son 14 IL Ireland Ireland at home
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

James son 12 IL Ireland Ireland at home
Ann daughter 10 IL Ireland Ireland at home
Bridget daughter 10 (twin) IL Ireland Ireland at home
Patrick son 7 IL Ireland Ireland at home
Thomas son 5 IL Ireland Ireland
Margaret daughter 3 IL Ireland Ireland
Phillip son 1 IL Ireland Ireland
Edward Devin other 45 born Ireland Ireland Ireland farmer

obit in the Bureau County (IL) Republican dated July 26, 1917

Philip Joseph O'Hare of Ohio, died in the Spring Valley hospital, Sunday night, July 15 at 10 o'clock. He had been suffering severely for years from serious kidney complaint, but it was not until about three weeks ago that he submitted to an operation as the only means of relieving acute suffering and the only hope of prolonging life. The malignant disease, however, had gained too much headway to yield to surgical treatment.

Mr. O'Hare was born in East Grove Township, Lee County, May 23, 1879. After attending the neighborhood school, he worked on the farm of his brother James for a number of years. Later on he conducted the general store at Green Oak for a period of five years. About two years ago he settled in Ohio, where he was engaged in the poultry business up to the time of his death.

He leaves his widow, who was Miss Susan Bell, of Green Oak, and also four children to mourn his loss. He is survived too, by four brothers and four sisters, who are Mary Done of Spokane, Washington, John of Paxton, IL, James of Othello, Washington, Mrs William Gorman, Mrs. James Tobin, Mrs. Michael Warkins, and Patrick and Thomas O'Hare, all five residents of Ohio.

More About PHILLIP JOSEPH O'HARE:
Burial: St. Mary's Cemetery, Lee county, IL
Cause of Death: kidney disease

Notes for PETER ALBRECHT:
It is said he was a gifted mechanic, but was a heavy drinker.

1920 census Bureau county, IL Ohio ED #24
household #98

Pete Albrecht head 35 can read and write IL IL IL auto repair
Bessie May wife 30 can read and write PA PA PA
A. Ramona (?) step-daughter 12 can read and write PA PA PA
Madeline daughter 4 IL IL PA
Stanley 6/12 IL IL PA

1930 census Peoria, IL Ward #4

Peter Albrecht head 43 IL IL IL machinist at garage
Susan wife 38 KY KY KY
Madeline daughter 15 single IL IL PA
Stanley 10 IL IL PA
Lucille O'Hare step-daughter 18 single IL IL KY
Glen O'Hare step-son 15 single IL IL KY
Phyllis O'Hare step-daughter 13 IL IL KY

Peoria Journal Star dated January 2, 1948 page 13
Hurt by fall, man dies in hospital

Pete Albrecht, 64 of 1721 S. Adams St., who was injured in a fall downstairs died at St. Francis Hospital.

An investigation by Coroner Chauncey Wood. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Boland Mortuary.

Peoria Star dated Saturday January 3, 1948

Pete Albrecht (Albrecht), 64, of 1721 S. Adams St. who was injured in a fall on some stairs, December 13, died Thursday at 7:50 PM at St. Francis Hospital. Funeral arrangements by the Boland Mortuary.

Funeral services for Pete Albrecht (Albrecht), 1721 S. Adams St. who died at 7:50 PM, Thursday at St. Francis Hospital, will be held at 1:30 PM at the Boland Mortuary. The Rev. E.L. Fernandes will officiate and burial will be in Springdale Cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary after 11 AM Monday.

Pete got both Howard and Willard Bell jobs at Butternut Bakery

More About PETER ALBRECHT:
Burial: Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, IL
Cause of Death: fall down flight of steps

Notes for EDWARD J. MCCARRON:

1920 census Iowa Falls, Iowa ED #189
household # 394
Henry B. Griffin head 50 single Iowa Iowa Iowa carpenter house (an uncle or cousin)
Edward J. McCarron 32 partner single Iowa Iowa Iowa carpenter house
Otto Schreth 18 single roomer Iowa Ohio Iowa welder plumbing

household #155
John C. McCarron widowed 55 Iowa Ireland England carpenter bridge works
Margaret McCarron sister 73 single PA Ireland England

1930 census Chicago, IL dist 938 taken April 3, 1930
residence #36
Julia Dansi ? widow 60 Poland Poland Poland speaks Polish
Livie Dansi daughter single 30 WI Poland Poland steno business office
May Clausen 10 IL IL IL
Leona Young 42 Texas US Texas cook restaurant
Robert Young 43 IL England England
David Young son 10 WI IL Texas
Ruth Young daughter 8 US US US
Frank Vitau ? single Greece Greece Greece waiter restaurant speaks Greek
Pete Kalamastais ? single US US US
Esther Nodin single US US US
Peter Kelfos single US US US
John Fosdick single US US US
Ed McCarron single 40 Iowa Iowa Iowa carpenter public works
Nin Johnneoch single US US US

Called Uncle Mac and Ed by our family, he roomed and boarded with Susan Albrecht for about 25 years. They were partners and went everywhere together. He was an excellent carpenter and fixed many things around the house. Always had money in a Bull Durham tobacco sack worn around his neck. Gave generously to the Catholic Church and the building fund for the Spaulding gymnasium. When the family went on vacation to
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

California in 1958, he went right along. He was very ill later and spent a lot of time at the Peoria State Hospital in Bartonville, IL and at the VA Hospital at Dwight. Susie went every Sunday to see him at the VA hospital.

obit in the Peoria Journal Star December 1966

Edward T (J) McCarron, 77, of 1121 N. Monroe St., died at 7:50 AM yesterday in St. Francis Hospital, where he was admitted Sunday.
He was born April 2, 1888, in Iowa, a son of William and Margaret Griffin McCarron.
His only survivors are two cousins, Mrs. James Rowan and John Griffin of Clarion, Iowa.
Mr. McCarron, a retired carpenter, belonged to Local 183 Carpenters Union. He was an Army Veteran of World War I and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He was a resident of Peoria 35 years.
Services will be conducted Friday in Linns Funeral Home in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Local visitation will be from 6 to 8 PM at Davison Funeral Home, where the Rosary will be recited at 7 PM.

obit in Iowa Falls newspaper

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Friday at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Iowa Falls, Iowa for Edward J McCarron, 77, a former resident here, who died Tuesday at Peoria, IL.
The Rev. Carl E. Kurt will conduct the services. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Geneva. Linn's Funeral home is in charge.
Mr. McCarron was born April 1, 1889 in Emmetsburg, the son of William and Margaret Grifin McCarron. A veteran of World War I, he was a carpenter and had lived in Iowa Falls until moving to Peoria 25 years ago. He was a member of the Catholic Church.
There are no immediate survivors but relatives in this area include Mrs. Margaret Robbins of Iowa Falls, and J.E. Butterwick of Ackley.
He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

He is buried next to his mother Margaret McCarron.
born 1868 died December 6, 1918

More About EDWARD J. MCCARRON:
Burial: Lindenwood Cemetery, Geneva, Iowa

Children of SUSAN BELL and PHILLIP O'HARE are:

i. ARTHUR THOMAS O'HARE, b. July 01, 1911, Green Oak IL; d. January 21, 1914, Green Oak, IL.
Notes for ARTHUR THOMAS O'HARE:
The story is that he died of pneumonia. He was sitting in a warm tub of water in a breeze.
He was mischievous. One time he accidently killed a bunch of baby chickens and put them in his little apron.
He thought he hugged them and they went to sleep.
More About ARTHUR THOMAS O'HARE:
Burial: St Mary's Cemetery, Lee county, IL

ii. LUCILLE VERONICA O'HARE, b. November 03, 1912, Green Oak, IL; d. October 06, 1982, Louisville, KY; m. EDWARD J. SCHEPKE, July 08, 1933, Peoria, IL; b. May 26, 1911, Peoria, IL; d. September 13, 1975, Louisville, KY.
Notes for LUCILLE VERONICA O'HARE:
Lucille was always old for her age and tried to help run the house and watch the younger children for her mother. She was a hard worker all her life.
As an adult she was a bookkeeper and a realtor. She never had children. They always had a small dog and a couple of parakeets. She would spend a lot of time teaching them to talk. She loved the dogwood trees in Kentucky and had a lovely home with the best she could afford. Later, she learned a lot about coins and antiques.

obit in Peoria Journal Star died October 6, 1982
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

Mrs. Lucille Shepke, 69, of Louisville, KY, formerly of Peoria, died in Highland Baptist Hospital, Louisville. Born November 3, 1912 in Green Oak, a daughter of Philip J. and Susan E. Bell O'Hare, she married Edward J. Shepke July 8, 1933 in Peoria. He died September 13, 1975, in Louisville. One brother also preceded her. She was formerly a cashier at Toastmaster Bakery where she worked for 15 years. Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Susan Albrecht of Peoria; one sister, Mrs. Leslie (Phyllis) Bodley of Peoria; and one brother, Glen O'Hare of Mapleton. Services will be at 10 AM tomorrow at Wright and Salmon Mortuary, where visitation will be one hour earlier. The Rev. Walter Buche will officiate and burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

More About LUCILLE VERONICA O'HARE:
Burial: St Joseph Cemetery, West Peoria, IL

Notes for EDWARD J. SCHEPKE:
1930 census Peoria, IL District 76
household #424

Edward J. Shepke, 64 of Louisville, KY and formerly of Peoria, died at 8:45 PM Saturday in St. Anthony Hospital in Louisville. Mr. Shepke was a supervisor in the bakery department of the A & P store chain, retiring seven years ago because of failing health. Born in Peoria May 26, 1911, a son of John L. and Anna Kamin Schepke, he married Lucille O'Hare in Peoria July 8, 1933. Surviving are his wife, two sisters Mrs. Mary Williams and Miss Clare Schepke, both of Peoria. He was preceded in death by three brothers. Services will be held at 8:30 AM Wednesday at Peoria Davidson Funeral Home and at 9 at St. Boniface Catholic Church. The Rev. James Fitzpatrick, OFM, will officiate and burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may all at the funeral home from 6 to 9 PM tomorrow. A Scripture service will be conducted there at 8.

More About EDWARD J. SCHEPKE:
Burial: St Joseph Cemetery, West Peoria, IL

32. iii. PHILLIP GLEN O'HARE, b. July 15, 1915, Green Oak, IL; d. June 21, 1998, St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, IL.
33. iv. PHYLLIS CLARA O'HARE, b. September 23, 1917, Ohio, IL; d. November 05, 2000, Peoria, IL.

17. ROBERT BELL (JOHN M., WILLIAM H., JASON) was born March 15, 1888 in KY, and died in IL. He married MINNIE Abt. 1919 in IL. She was born Abt. 1896 in IL.

Notes for ROBERT BELL:
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

1920 census Bureau county, Berlin township, IL

Robert Bell head age 31 married 1 year KY KY KY laborer section
Minnie wife 24 born IL parents born IL
Robert son 2 IL KY IL
Mabel daughter 9/12 IL KY IL

Children of ROBERT BELL and MINNIE are:
  i. ROBERT5 BELL, b. Abt. 1918, IL.
  ii. MABEL BELL, b. Abt. 1920, IL.

Generation No. 4

18. EARL STRATHER5 BELL (GEORGE EMMETT4, GEORGE A.3, WILLIAM H.2, JASON1) was born March 27, 1897 in Buffalo, LaRue county, KY, and died May 08, 1961 in Mt Tabor, LaRue county, KY. He married BESSIE ELLEN UNDERWOOD November 25, 1915 in Larue co, KY, daughter of SAMUEL UNDERWOOD and RACHEL JUDD. She was born March 07, 1898 in KY, and died December 06, 1989 in KY.

Notes for EARL STRATHER BELL:
Strather Bell was raised by his uncle Ed Cundiff after the death of his mother

More About EARL STRATHER BELL:
Burial: Mt Tabor Baptist Cemetery, Mt. Tabor, Larue co, KY

More About BESSIE ELLEN UNDERWOOD:
Burial: Mt Tabor Baptist Cemetery, Mt. Tabor, Larue co, KY

Children of EARL BELL and BESSIE UNDERWOOD are:
  i. HARVEY THOMAS6 BELL, b. LaRue county, Kentucky.
  ii. CARL MITCHELL BELL, b. September 12, 1919, LaRue county, Kentucky; m. GENEVA UNDERWOOD, December 19, 1946, KY; b. Abt. 1923, KY.
  iii. LEONA BELL, b. Abt. 1921, LaRue county, Kentucky.
  iv. PAULINE BELL, b. Abt. 1921, LaRue county, Kentucky.
  v. OPAL VIRGINIA BELL10, b. November 13, 1925, LaRue county, Kentucky; d. August 27, 1926, Atitilla, LaRue county, KY.

Notes for OPAL VIRGINIA BELL:
died of whooping cough at the age of 9 months, 4 days

More About OPAL VIRGINIA BELL:
Burial: Otter Creek Cemetery, LaRue county, KY
Cause of Death: whooping cough

vi. CALVIN L. BELL, b. Abt. 1928, LaRue county, Kentucky.

19. BERTHA PEARL5 BELL (ROBERT HERSCHEL4, GEORGE A.3, WILLIAM H.2, JASON1) was born May 26, 1906 in Louisville, KY, and died January 29, 1998 in Sterling, IL. She married (1) FRANS BERNHARD LUND12 December 24, 1925 in Tiskilwa, IL, son of JOHAN LUND and ANNA MARIA. He was born April 05, 1892 in Fristla, Sweden, and died December 19, 1952 in Amboy, IL. She married (2) EVERETT SHORTY WHITEHEAD Abt. 1947 in IL. He was born Abt. 1910 in unknown, and died Abt. 1967 in Iowa City, Iowa.

Notes for BERTHA PEARL BELL:
obit in the Sterling, IL paper died January 29, 1998

Bertha P. Whitehead, 91 or 1610 Reno Rd died Thursday, January 29, 1998. Funeral service will be at 11 A.M.
Monday, February 2, 1998 at Schilling Funeral Home in Sterling with Chuck Funderberg and Maggey Bradshaw co-officiating. Burial will be at Oak Knoll Memorial Park in Sterling. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Sunday at the funeral home. A memorial has been established.

Mrs. Whitehead was born May 26, 1906 in Louisville, KY the daughter of Robert and Sue Akins Bell. She married Everett Whitehead. He preceded her in death in 1967. She worked for Tri-County from 1970-1977. She was a charter member of Zion Full Gospel Church in Prairieville. She is survived by one daughter, Elsie (Gale) Bradley of Sterling, one son, Paul (Michie) Lund of Sterling; one brother, Leslie (Marlene) Bell of Harlingen, Texas; five grandchildren, Gwen Molitor, Diana (Tim) Lauff, Rhonda Knowles Lucas, DeAnne (Stephen) Cotthoff, and Lynette (Pete) Benson, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

More About BERtha PEARL BELL:
Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Sterling, IL

More About Everett Shorty Whitehead:
Burial: Creston, Iowa

Children of Bertha Bell and Frans Lund are:
   i. ELSIE MARIE LUND, b. September 13, 1926, Tiskilwa, IL; m. (1) FRANK LUCAS, Abt. 1945, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin; b. Missouri; m. (2) GALE R. BRADLEY, February 14, 1960, Sterling, IL; b. January 20, 1939, Sesser, IL.

      Notes for Elsie Marie Lund:
      Elsie was nicknamed Woots

   ii. PAUL LESLIE LUND, b. December 03, 1932, Sterling, IL; m. DEMETRA ANN MULLINS, March 21, 1959, Milan, Tennessee; b. January 30, 1937, Moores Chapel, Gibson county, Tennessee.

      Notes for Paul Leslie Lund:
      His grandfather Cricket called him Johnnie.

      Notes for Demetra Ann Mullins:
      She is called Michie

20. LESLIE\textsuperscript{5} BELL (ROBERT HERSCHEL\textsuperscript{4}, GEORGE A\textsuperscript{3}, WILLIAM H\textsuperscript{2}, JASON\textsuperscript{1}) was born May 18, 1911 in Louisville, KY. He married (1) LAURA LOU ADAMS\textsuperscript{48} September 22, 1935 in Dixon, IL, daughter of WILLIAM ADAMS and JESSIE STEWART. She was born March 10, 1913 in Palmer, Merrick county, Nebraska. He married (2) MARLENE DYKEMAN\textsuperscript{49} July 26, 1969 in Rock Falls, IL, daughter of BERT DYKEMAN and IDA CORNING. She was born February 13, 1921 in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Children of Leslie Bell and Laura Adams are:
   i. DOLLIE ANN BELL, b. April 26, 1936, Malden, IL; m. (1) ED CUTTER; m. (2) TOM LUCAS.

   ii. CAROL SUE BELL, b. September 19, 1940, Sterling, IL; m. DICK AKRIDGE.

   iii. LESLEE TWINKLE BELL, b. May 20, 1942, Sterling, IL; m. (1) DENNIS VAN DAMM; m. (2) JIM FUNDERBERG; m. (3) SKIPPER; m. (4) RICHARD CATLETT.

      More About Dennis Van Damm:
      Cause of Death: car accident

      More About Jim Funderberg:
      Cause of Death: heart ailment

      Notes for Richard Catlett:
      Goes by the name of Curley

21. GEORGE ROBERT\textsuperscript{5} CUNDIFF (LAURA ELLEN\textsuperscript{4} BELL, GEORGE A\textsuperscript{3}, WILLIAM H\textsuperscript{2}, JASON\textsuperscript{1}) was born May 17, 1907 in Ladd, IL, and died September 05, 1990 in Pekin, IL. He married FLORENCE P. MCMANAHAN April 02, 1939 in
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

Peoria, IL.

Notes for GEORGE ROBERT CUNDIFF:
He was also known as Buzz and Buster

obit Peoria (IL) Journal Star

George R. Cundiff, 83, of 221 Burr Oak Dr, Morton, died at 9:23 am Wednesday (Sept 5, 1990) at Pekin Memorial Hospital.
Born May 17, 1907, in Ladd (IL) to George Thomas and Laura Ellen Bell Cundiff, he married Florence P. McMahen on April 2, 1939 in Peoria. She survives.
Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Leroy (Rachel) Welch of Pasadena, Texas and Mrs. Guss (Sally) Errion of Peoria; one brother Jack (Jesse) of Glasford; five step grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 10 step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers.
A laborer for Local 165 for fifty years, he retired in 1977.
Services will be at 10 am Saturday at Davison-Fulton Western Chapel. The Rev. Virgil Graham will officiate. 
Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM Friday at the chapel. Burial will be in Walnut Cemetery in Banner. 
Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Leukemia Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

More About GEORGE ROBERT CUNDIFF:
Burial: Walnut Cemetery, Banner, IL

Children of GEORGE CUNDIFF and FLORENCE MCMAHAN are:
i. RACHEL6 CUNDIFF.
ii. SALLY CUNDIFF.

22. JESSE3 CUNDIFF (LAURA ELLEN2 BELL, GEORGE A. 1 W, WILLIAM H. 2, JASON1) was born September 22, 1922 in Peoria, IL. He married JUNE LAWSON Unknown in Peoria, IL.

Notes for JESSE CUNDIFF:
Went by the name of Jack Cundiff
He worked for a meat packer for many years

Child of JESSE CUNDIFF and JUNE LAWSON is:
i. JOHN6 CUNDIFF, b. Abt. 1948.

23. AUDREY MAE5 SKAGGS (JAMES4 BELL, GEORGE A.3 W, WILLIAM H.2, JASON1) was born July 04, 1912 in Green county, KY. She married OSCAR A. JONES.

Notes for AUDREY MAE SKAGGS:
Audrey Skaggs raised by Jim Bell and Mary Jefferson Johnson Bell

born July 4, 1912
Green county, KY

father
Moody Skaggs

mother
Myrtle Lamb

obit LaRue County Herald News dated Au. 24, 1961

Moody Skaggs, age eighty-three years, a retired Green county farmer, died Friday morning at his home near Mt. Sherman. He had been in declining health for several months, but his death was not expected.
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nola Skaggs; five sons, Carl Skaggs of this city, Kenneth and Boyce Skaggs of Louisville; Athel Skaggs of Indianapolis, and Quay Skaggs of Mt. Sherman; four daughters, Mrs Audrey Jones, Princeton, IL, Mrs Eloise Moore, Coal City, IL, Mrs. Virgie Boston and Mrs. Willodean Casey both of Louisville; 23 grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and two brothers, Jeff Skaggs of Hodgenville and Luther Skaggs of Mt. Sherman.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Sunday at Liberty Baptist Church with burial in Buffalo Cemetery.

1870 census Taylor county, KY precinct 1
household #154
Hezekiah Skaggs head 33 cannot read or write born KY farmer
Ruth wife 23 cannot read or write KY keeping house
Arabells 6 daughter KY
Rheda? 5 daughter KY
John 3 son KY
baby 1 daughter KY

Notes for OSCAR A. JONES:

It has been said Oscar was a horse trader

Children of AUDREY SKAGGS and OSCAR JONES are:
   i. DOROTHY MAE JONES, b. July 10, 1934, Larue county, KY; m. (1) GENE ATHERTON; m. (2) JAMES HINDERLITER.
   ii. VORAS PAUL JONES, b. November 04, 1937, La Moille, Bureau county, IL; m. (1) VALMA CLAPP; m. (2) PAT GOFF.
   iii. WILLIAM W JONES, b. September 07, 1939, La Moille, Bureau county, IL; m. (1) JOYCE A., March 15, 1958; m. (2) JUDY M. July 1989; b. 1941.

24. HOWARD CECIL5 BELL (ALEXANDER4, GEORGE A3, WILLIAM H2, JASON1) was born October 15, 1908 in Amboy, IL, and died December 25, 1975 in Peoria, IL. He married (1) ANNA EVELYN LAYCOX June 12, 1931 in Indiana. She was born in IL, and died February 05, 1970 in Peoria, IL. He married (2) MARY MCVEY April 19, 1973 in Peoria, IL.

Notes for HOWARD CECIL BELL:

When Howard was a young boy he bet his dad he could build a radio from a cereal box. His dad bet him five dollars he couldn't do it. He won the money. He was always making things. Howard was gifted with inborn knowledge of radios and televisions and how they worked. He was nicknamed Bullet because he was so slow.

obit Peoria IL Journal Star died Dec. 25, 1975

Howard C. Bell 67, of 1409 Fairview, a retired Caterpillar Tractor Co employee, died at 1:35 P.M. Wednesday in Methodist Medical Center. A resident of the above address for three years and a resident of Peoria Heights for many years he was a timekeeper at Caterpillar before retiring in 1972. He was a member and past master of Grand View Lodge 1112, AF & AM. Born Oct. 15, 1908 in Amboy, a son of Alex and Lennie Bell, he married Anna Evelyn Laycox June 12, 1931 in Indiana. She died in Peoria Feb. 5, 1970. He married Mary McVey in Peoria, April 19, 1973, and she survives, along with one stepson, George Cooley of Peoria, and two daughters, Mrs. Roger (Patricia) Sipple of Midlothian and Mrs. John (Peggy) Dietz of Peoria. Also surviving are four brothers, Willard in Oklahoma, John of Edwardsville, Clarence of Rock Falls, and Kenneth of Hobard, In. Five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers. Services will be at 11 A.M. tomorrow at Cumerford-Endsley Memorial Home, the Rev. Coy Leach officiating. Visitation will be until 8 P.M. today and Masonic services will be conducted at 8 at the memorial home. Burial will be in Swan Lake Memory Gardens.
More About HOWARD CECIL BELL:
Burial: Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Peoria, IL.
Cause of Death: radiation poisoning/cancer

More About ANNA EVELYN LAYCOX:
Burial: Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Peoria, IL.

Children of HOWARD BELL and ANNA LAYCOX are:

i. BETTY CORDELIA BELL, b. 1932, IL; d. January 09, 1933, LaMoille township, IL.

More About BETTY CORDELIA BELL:
Burial: Maiden cemetery, Maiden, IL NE corner lot 33
Cause of Death: spinal bifida

ii. PEGGY BELL, b. IL; m. JOHN DIETZ.

iii. PATRICIA BELL, b. IL; m. ROGER SIPPLE.

25. WILLARD RAY BELL (ALEXANDER, GEORGE A, WILLIAM H, JASON) was born June 16, 1916 in Ohio, IL. He married (1) MARY ELIZABETH STEVENSON 1936 in Shawneetown, IL. She was born 1913 in French Village, IL. He married (2) VERA WEBB June 14, 1949 in McLeansboro, IL. She was born November 22, 1917 in Hamilton county, IL, and died November 18, 2002 in Mt. Vernon, IL.

Notes for WILLARD RAY BELL:
Willard has been a tremendous help in recalling family history. He was present in the home when his grandfather Thompson was raided by the Revenue agents and hid under the house, surrounded by full barrels of moonshine. He and Mark Grant hit a horse with a touring car and broke the windshield. Near Seatonville around 1930. He didn’t say what the damage was to the horse.

Another story he told:
A guy in Hodgenville, KY lived about a block from the town square. He decided to buy the lot behind his home to use as a garden. He tore down a fence and hired an old black fellow with a mule team to plow it up and hit a big jar of about 20 double eagle gold coins. He told the man not to tell anyone, but a few days later the government men showed up. The thought was that someone buried the coins during the Civil War and never made it back to get them. This was probably in the 1920s or 1930s.

Pete Albrecht got him and his brother Howard a job at Butternut Bakery, where Pete was working as a mechanic.

More About VERA WEBB:
Burial: McLeansboro, IL.

Children of WILLARD BELL and MARY STEVENSON are:

i. STEVEN MARION BELL, b. 1938, East Chicago, IL.

Notes for STEVEN MARION BELL:
The Reverend Steven Bell started his own church in Texas.

ii. SAUNDRA KAY BELL, b. June 30, 1946, McLeansboro, IL.

iii. ALESIA RHEA BELL, b. 1957, Eldorado, IL.


Notes for JOSEPH STANLEY GRANT:
Castle Dale—Joseph Stanley Grant, aged 66, died December 5, 1980 in a Price hospital. Born March 28, 1914 in Limerick, Bureau county, IL, to Michael Joseph and Nettie Bell Grant, he married Arlene Jeffs December 26, 1950. He was a member of the Catholic Church, UMWA and was a steel worker in both Illinois and Utah. Survivors are his wife, sons Joseph Jeff Grant, Green River, Brent K. Grant, Castle Dale, four grandchildren: brothers Bill, Harold, Everett, and a sister, Geneva Bennett, all Illinois. Funeral services will be Monday, December 8, at 1 P.M. in the Castle Dale First Ward. Friends may call at Fausett Mortuary in Castle Dale from 6 to 8 P.M. on Sunday evening, and one hour prior to services. Burial will be in the Castle Dale Cemetery.

More About JOSEPH STANLEY GRANT:
Burial: Castle Dale Cemetery, Castle Dale, Utah
Cause of Death: cancer

Notes for ARLENE CHASITY JEFFS:
"Before J.J. was born back in Illinois I had been quite ill and was worrying if something should happen to me I didn’t want to be buried in Illinois, and I didn’t want anyone but my family taking care of J.J. Only my folks, and I wanted to make sure he was brought up in the Church. It really worried me and I was crying one night in bed and worrying. All of a sudden Joe’s mother (Nettie), who had been dead for several years appeared and came and sat on the bed. She told me everything would be all right and not to worry. Now, I had never seen her. I had never even seen a picture of her. Immediately I woke Joe up after she left and told him that she had been there. Now, Joe and his sister were Catholic, not believing in the Mormon religion too much. They couldn’t imagine what had happened. The next morning, bright and early he got up and went over to his sisters and brought her back and we talked about it. He told me how his mother had looked, and it was just like my visitor. Well, it was his mother, that was all there was to it. I knew it. Right then, his sister couldn’t hardly imagine and believe it had happened to me, and it hadn’t happened to any of them. After she had visited, my whole life changed, and I didn’t worry over J.J., having him or anything else. That was very comforting because I knew then that everything would be all right."

Children of JOSEPH GRANT and ARLENE JEFFS are:
   i. JEFFERY JOSEPH GRANT, b. September 14, 1952, Sterling, IL; m. CYNTHIA GRAHAM, July 01, 1972, Manti, Utah.
   ii. BRENT KAY GRANT, b. July 01, 1961, Price, Utah; m. KIMBERLY ANN OTTERER, June 06, 1981, Castle Dale, Utah.

27. EARL WALTER GRANT (NETTIE GREEN BELL, GEORGE A 3, WILLIAM H 2, JASON) was born December 10, 1916 in Ohio, IL, and died November 20, 1967 in IL. He married BORGIA WETZEL October 30, 1939. She was born October 16, 1914 in KY, and died January 07, 1992 in Princeton, IL.

Notes for EARL WALTER GRANT:
He fell off a corn crib and was in a coma before he died.

More About EARL WALTER GRANT:
Burial: St Patrick’s Cemetery, Sheffield, IL
Cause of Death: fall from corn crib

More About BORGIA WETZEL:
Burial: St Patrick’s Cemetery, Sheffield, IL

Children of EARL GRANT and BORGIA WETZEL are:
   i. JOYCE GRANT, b. May 16, 1946, Bureau county, IL; m. LARRY VAUGHN, August 17, 1968, Tiskilwa, IL.
ii. PAULA JEAN GRANT, b. February 26, 1948, Bureau county, IL; d. December 07, 1978, Peoria, IL; m. GREG HEINZ, June 29, 1969. Tiskilwa, IL.

More About PAULA JEAN GRANT:
Burial: St Patrick's Cemetery, Sheffield, IL
Cause of Death: leukemia

28. EVERETT LEE GRANT (NETTIE GREEN BELL, GEORGE A.3, WILLIAM H.2, JASON1) was born February 26, 1921 in Amboy, IL, and died September 11, 2003 in Rockford Memorial Hospital, Rockford, IL. He married JOANNE A. PLOWMAN September 11, 1954 in Polo, IL, daughter of JOSEPH PLOWMAN and OLGA BEHN. She was born May 29, 1937 in Belvidere, IL.

Notes for EVERETT LEE GRANT:
Also known as Turk and Delbert. He might have been called Turk because of being chased by turkeys as a boy
obit in Polo IL paper

Everett L. 'Turk' Grant 82, of Polo died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003 at Rockford Memorial Hospital.
Mr. Grant was born Feb. 26, 1921, in Amboy, the son of Michael and Nettie Bell Grant. He married Joanne A. Plowman on Sept. 11, 1954 in Polo. He was employed by E.D. Etnyr, Oregon for 15 years, and later retired from Raynor Manufacturing, Dixon.
Survivors include his wife Joanne Grant of Polo, one son, Donald Grant of Dixon, five daughters, Connie (Mark) Stahler of Polo, Bonnie (John) Volz of Rockford, Vickie (James) Schultheis of Polo, Sally (Mark) Douglas of Coleta and Patricia (Michael) Schaefer of Dixon, one brother, Orville Grant of Shullsburg, Wis. and eight grandchildren, Allison and Andrea Stahler, Joseph Grant, Jacob Volz, Indy and Stacy Douglas and Bryce and Brett Schaefer. He was preceded by his parents, three sisters and five brothers.
The funeral is at 11 A.M. Tuesday, Sept. 16 at Benson Funeral Home, Polo, with Father Kevin Fane officiating. Burial is at Fairmont Cemetery, Polo. Visitation with the family present is from 5 - 7 P.M. is Monday, Sept. 15, 2003 at Benson Funeral Home, Polo.

More About EVERETT LEE GRANT:
Burial: Fairmont Cemetery, Polo, IL

Children of EVERETT GRANT and JOANNE PLOWMAN are:
   i. CONNIE KATHLEEN6 GRANT, b. May 07, 1956, Dixon, IL; m. MARK STAHLER, October 02, 1977, Polo, IL.
   ii. DONALD EUGENE GRANT, b. May 11, 1958, Dixon, IL; m. (1) KATHLEEN DAVIS, October 20, 1985, Polo, IL; m. (2) PATRICIA A. WORRELL, December 21, 1996, Las Vegas, Nevada.
   iii. BONNIE CHRISTENE GRANT, b. Abt. September 08, 1959, Dixon, IL; m. JOHN VOLZ, July 26, 1980, Polo, IL.
   iv. VICKIE LYNN GRANT, b. December 26, 1961, Dixon, IL; m. (1) NELSON BROEGE, July 26, 1980, Polo, IL; m. (2) JAMES SCHULTHEIS, June 22, 1991, Polo, IL.
   v. SALLY JOSEPHINE GRANT, b. July 15, 1964, Dixon, IL; m. (1) RANDY SENN, June 21, 1985, Dixon, IL; m. (2) MARK ALLEN DOUGLAS, September 07, 1991, Polo, IL.
   vi. PATRICIA JOLENE GRANT, b. November 10, 1972, Freeport, IL; m. MICHAEL SCHAEFER, April 28, 1985, IL.

29. MILDRED MARIE GRANT (NETTIE GREEN4 BELL, GEORGE A.3, WILLIAM H.2, JASON1) was born April 18, 1922 in Bureau county, IL. She married (1) PETE POWELL. She married (2) HARRY REAVER.

Notes for MILDRED MARIE GRANT:
Nicknamed Johnny

Children of MILDRED GRANT and PETE POWELL are:
   i. JIMMIE5 POWELL.
   ii. SANDY MARGARET POWELL.
30. ORVILLE CHARLES\(^5\) GRANT (NETTIE GREEN\(^4\) BELL, GEORGE A.\(^3\), WILLIAM H.\(^2\), JASON\(^1\)) was born March 08, 1925 in IL. He married (1) CAROLINE CRAFTON. She was born August 10, 1941. He married (2) LOIS NEVENS. He married (3) SHIRLEY FAIRBANKS SCHULTZ. He married (4) LOIS NEVENS. He married (5) CAROLINE CRAFTON Abt. 1958. He married (6) BELVA EDWARDS Abt. 1947. He married (7) ARLIE DAVIS Abt. 1953. He married (8) LORIE ANN GLEASON July 12, 1986 in Nashua, Wisconsin.

Notes for ORVILLE CHARLES GRANT:
Nicknamed Bill. Was a long-haul trucker and a Teamster

Children of ORVILLE GRANT and CAROLINE CRAFTON are:
  i. SHARON LYNN\(^6\) GRANT, b. September 25, 1959, Dixon, IL.
  ii. KAREN SUE GRANT, b. April 29, 1961, Dixon, IL; m. DAVID RUTT, May 08, 1982. Dixon, IL.

Child of ORVILLE GRANT and BELVA EDWARDS is:
  iii. PAMELA ROSE\(^6\) GRANT, b. 1948.

Child of ORVILLE GRANT and ARLIE DAVIS is:
  iv. ROGER\(^6\) GRANT, b. December 17, 1955, Sterling, IL.

31. HAROLD JR.\(^5\) GRANT (NETTIE GREEN\(^4\) BELL, GEORGE A.\(^3\), WILLIAM H.\(^2\), JASON\(^1\)) was born April 25, 1927 in IL, and died January 21, 1995 in Rockford, IL. He married BEATRICE EILEEN RINARD May 04, 1947 in Freeport, IL. She was born September 15, 1928 in Shannon, IL.

Notes for HAROLD JR. GRANT:
Nicknamed Kite, but his brother Joe called him Tike

More About HAROLD JR. GRANT:
Burial: Polo, IL.

Children of HAROLD GRANT and BEATRICE RINARD are:
  i. LINDA LEE\(^6\) GRANT, b. December 12, 1947, Dixon, IL.
  ii. MICHAEL EARL GRANT, b. January 17, 1949, Dixon, IL; m. KAY PHILLIPS, November 25, 1967, Milledgeville, IL.
  iii. EDWARD JOHN GRANT, b. January 07, 1950, Dixon, IL; m. JOYCE ENGLEKENS EMERSON, May 23, 1970, Lanark, IL.
  iv. KENNETH GENE GRANT, b. August 31, 1952, Freeport, IL.

32. PHILLIP GLEN\(^5\) O'HARE (SUSAN EMILY\(^4\) BELL, GEORGE A.\(^3\), WILLIAM H.\(^2\), JASON\(^1\)) was born July 15, 1915 in Green Oak, IL, and died June 21, 1998 in St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, IL. He married DOROTHY JANE ASTLE May 09, 1939 in Mapleton, IL, daughter of THOMAS ASTLE and OPAL CALHOUN. She was born November 21, 1920 in Timber Township, Peoria county, IL, and died November 02, 2002 in Methodist Hospital, Peoria, IL.

Notes for PHILLIP GLEN O'HARE:
He was quiet, but could be outgoing and friendly. When he was a boy, he tried to help a squirrel drowning in a rain barrel. It scratched him up pretty badly. He spent a lot of time at Jim and Mary Bells' where he learned to hunt and fish. Glen also liked to duck hunt in the fall. He always had a big vegetable garden. At one time he was a square dance caller.

obit Peoria Journal Star died June 21, 1998

Mapleton -- Phillip Glen O'Hare, 82, of 7721 W. First St, died at 12:55, June 21, 1998 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.
Born July 15, 1915 in Green Oak to Phillip and Susan E. Bell O'Hare, he married Dorothy J. Astle on April 9, 1939 in Mapleton. She survives.
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

Also surviving are one son, Jim of Peoria; one daughter, Carol Ann O’Hare of Morris; one sister, Phyllis Bodley of Peoria, and four grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

A World War II Marine Corps veteran, he was a member of Bartonville American Legion Post 979, 40 et 8 Voiture Local 529 and Bartonville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3883.

He worked at Caterpillar, Inc. for 36 years and retired in 1977 as a buyer in the purchasing department in Morton.

He was a member of Pekin Elks Lodge 1271, Old Sleepy Eye Collectors Club and the Caterpillar Retirees Club.

He was a former trustee of Timber-Hollis Fire Protection District and a former school board member of Timber Township High School.

Services will be at 2 PM Wednesday at Woolsey Funeral Home, Pekin. The Rev. Paul Oedewaldt will officiate.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 tonight at the funeral home. Burial will be in Maple Ridge Cemetery, Mapleton, where military rights will be accorded.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or his American Legion post.

He actually died in the car on the way to the Dr.’s office, then was taken to the hospital for treatment.

More About PHILLIP GLEN O’HARE:

Burial: Maple Ridge Cemetery, Mapleton, IL

Cause of Death: conjestive heart failure

Notes for DOROTHY JANE ASTLE:

1920 census Peoria, IL Hollis township ED #53 taken January 27, 1920

Mary Jane Astle widow 56 England England England
William H. son 29 single IL England England operator telegraph
Emma M. daughter 29 single IL England England
Thomas son 27 single IL England England coal miner
Frank son 26 single IL England England coal miner

1930 census Peoria, IL Hollis township ED #53 taken April 19, 1930

Thomas Calhoun 63 born in IL IL IL coal miner
Inez daughter 21 single IL IL IL clerk in grocery store
Clive son 40 single IL IL IL laborer

W. H. Astle 40 IL England England railroad telegraph agent
Irma L. wife 35 IL IL IL
Etta Jane 9 IL IL IL

Jacob Walker head 73 IL US Ohio farmer
Mary Alida daughter 52 single IL TN IL
Frank Astle son in law 37 IL England England common laborer
Grace Astle daughter 38 IL TN IL
Ruth Julia Astle granddaughter 3 IL IL IL
She was outgoing and friendly. She and her husband Glen built their own home.
As a girl, she liked to play baseball with her cousins. She lived in Mapleton, IL most of her life.
One time, she and her cousin Etta Jane Astle were riding a sled and it went right under a passing truck and out the other side. She decided one day that a cord on a clock didn't suit her, so she drilled a hole in the wall and wired the clock to the outlet instead. She could fix anything.
She always had a big garden. Just before she died she and her cousin Etta Jane made a trip to Ireland.

obit Peoria Journal Star died November 2, 2002

Mapleton – Dorothy J. O’Hare, 81 of Mapleton died at 9:20 AM Saturday, November 2, at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria.
Born November 21,1920, in Mapleton to Thomas and Opal Calhoun Astle, she married Phillip G. O’Hare on April 9, 1939, in Mapleton. He died June 21,1998 in Peoria. She also was preceded in death by one brother. Surviving are one daughter, Carol Ann O’Hare of Morris; one son James (and Joan) of Peoria and four grandchildren.
She was a member of the Emblem Club in Pekin, Cotillion Dance Club in Peoria, the Old Sleepy Eye Collectors Club in Monmouth and the Wheeler Schools Mothers Club in Mapleton.
Services will be at 11 AM Wednesday at Woolsey Funeral Home in Pekin. The Rev. Keith Huff will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Maple Ridge Cemetery in Mapleton. Memorials may be made to Hollis Cemetery Restoration Organization.

More About DOROTHY JANE ASTLE:
Burial: Maple Ridge Cemetery, Mapleton, IL
Cause of Death: pancreatic cancer

Children of PHILLIP O’HARE and DOROTHY ASTLE are:
i. JAMES GLEN O’HARE, b. September 22, 1941, Peoria, IL; m. VIRGINIA JOAN SCOTT, June 25, 1970, Macomb, IL; b. November 22, 1942, Macomb, IL.
ii. CAROL ANN O’HARE, b. January 22, 1947, Pekin, IL; m. KEITH THACKREY, June 15, 1974, Morris, IL; b. December 05, 1941, Peoria, IL.

33. PHYLLIS CLARA O’HARE (SUSAN EMILY BELL, GEORGE A.2, WILLIAM H.1, JASON1)56 was born September 23, 1917 in Ohio, IL, and died November 05, 2000 in Peoria, IL. She married LESLIE FRED BODLEY57 March 16, 1935 in Peoria, IL, son of FREDDIE BODLEY and ALTA BILLS. He was born August 20, 1915 in Fairbury, IL, and died June 06, 1994 in Proctor Hospital, Peoria, IL.

Notes for PHYLLIS CLARA O’HARE:
Phyllis was the youngest of the O’Hare children. Her father died just two months before she was born. When about three years of age, she and her brother Glen got into some green fruit and got so sick, the doctor was worried about them. As a child she walked in her sleep and woke up in strange places, sometimes her mother and siblings had to search for her. She liked to compete in sporting events and won a few first places. An excellent seamstress, she could make literally anything. She used to make my clothes. She liked to rescue and raise baby rabbits from the yard and had good success. One time she saved a badly burned pigeon and nursed it back to health. Often she would mention a premonition she had had and they would be true. Sometimes it was several years later. After her sister died she appeared at the foot of Phyllis' bed, pointing and laughing. Her mother also appeared, but only stood there looking sad. She was devoted to her only grandchild.

obit Peoria Journal Star dated November 2000

Two brothers, one sister, one stepbrother and one stepsister (she is still alive!) also preceded her in death. Surviving are one daughter, Mary Anne ( and Jerry) Morsch of Freeport; one grandson, Richard (and Sariah)
Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

Dike of Peoria, four great-grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

Cremation has been accorded. There will be no services or visitation. Burial of ashes will be in Swan Lake Memory Gardens at a later date. Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to a fund for her family in care of CEFCU at Sheridan Village.

She was buried December 19, 2001

More About PHYLLIS CLARA O'HARE:
Burial: December 19, 2001, Swan Lake Cemetery, Peoria, IL Apostles

Notes for LESLIE FRED BODLEY:
He worked hard all his life. He hauled a coal bucket for his uncle when he was about eight years old. As a kid, he and his friends used to put on shows for others. His maternal grandparents (Bills) raised him and his brother for most of their childhoods. He thought he had about four stepmothers, but I can't find proof of marriages, just census reports. His brother pushed him off the back porch on a wagon and hurt his leg. Later, when he was about twelve he was chopping wood and hit the same leg with an axe. The doctor put a metal plate in his shin on the dining room table. He had a fear of doctors and hospitals. A heavy drinker, he never missed a day of work, and had a hair-trigger temper. One time he and a friend were supposed to be cleaning wall paper, instead they were on the porch roof pelting the neighborhood kids with balls of the paper cleaner. He served in World War 2 in the Army. He was a route salesman for Butternut Bread for 29 years, starting to work there while in high school. He loved children and animals. They loved him, too. He would do anything for anyone. Always was picking up stray animals and people. His motto was "If you can look yourself in the face, then you aren't doing too bad."

obit Peoria Journal Star dated June 7, 1994


Also surviving are one daughter, Mary Anne Morsch of Freeport; and one grandson, Richard Dike of Peoria. One brother preceded him in death.

He was a World War 2 Army veteran. He was a member of the American Legion. He was a driver and salesman for the former Interstate Brands in Peoria from 1948 until retiring in 1977. He was a member of the Teamsters Union, serving as a steward.

Services will be at 2 PM Friday at Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel. The Rev. Steven Goddin will officiate. Visitation will be one hour before services at the chapel. Burial will be in Swan Lake Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

More About LESLIE FRED BODLEY:
Burial: Swan Lake Cemetery, Peoria, IL Apostles

Child of PHYLLIS O'HARE and LESLIE BODLEY is:

I. MARY ANNE BODLEY, b. February 16, 1949, Peoria, IL; m. (1) DONALD WAYNE DIKE, July 25, 1970, Bartonville, IL; b. December 11, 1945, Lincoln, IL; m. (2) JARREL PAUL MORSCH, August 19, 1982, Las Vegas, Nevada; b. March 11, 1948, Omaha, Nebraska.

Endnotes

1. information, June Hosier.
2. information, Gene and Russell Perkins.
3. death information Norberg Memorial Home 701 Thompson St. Princeton, IL 61356.
4. dates, Norberg Memorial Home 701 Thompson St. Princeton, IL 61356.
5. death information, Norberg Memorial Home 701 Thompson St. Princeton, IL 61356.
6. information, LaRue Herald News Hodgenville, KY.
7. information, State Archives Center 300 Coffee Tree Road Frankfort, KY 40601.
8. birth year, 1880 Federal Census LaRue County, Kentucky LaRue County Library Hodgenville, Kentucky 42748.

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Descendants of William H. Bell of LaRue County Kentucky

9. birth year, LaRue County Library Hodgenville, KY.
11. burial, Audrey Skagg Jones Sheffield, IL.
12. information, Donald Bell.
13. information, Green County Historical Society Green County Library 116 E Main St Greensburg, KY.
15. marriages, Bureau County Court House 700 S. Main St Princeton, IL.
16. birth date, Gene and Russell Perkins.
18. death information, Norberg Memorial Home 701 Thompson St Princeton, IL Malden Cemetery PO 166 Malden, IL.
19. dates, Norberg Memorial Home Malden Cemetery.
22. Jesse Cundiff.
23. dates, Parkview Cemetery 2001 N. University Peoria, IL.
25. information, LaRue County Court House LaRue County Public Library Norberg Memorial Home Malden Cemetery U.S. Census.
27. information, Audrey Skagg Jones.
28. information, Elm Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery Princeton, IL.
29. information, Willard Bell McLeansboro, IL.
30. information, Mason Memorial Library Main St Buda, IL Sterling Public Library 102 W 3rd St Sterling, IL Schilling Funeral Home Sterling, IL Willard Bell Leslie Wilsey Breit Chris Thompson Groves Ruth Metzen.
31. Vickie Grant Schulheis.
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33. marriage, Bureau County Court House 700 S Main St Princeton, IL.
34. information, Michele Gorman Robbins.
35. marriage, LaSalle County Court House Ottawa, IL.
36. information, Iowa Falls newspaper Iowa Falls, Iowa.
37. information, St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Ohio, IL.
38. dates, Jefferson County Court House Louisville, KY.
39. dates, St. Joseph's Cemetery 2105 W Heading Ave West Peoria, IL.
40. information, Mrs Geneva Underwood Bell.
41. death information, Mt. Tabor Baptist Cemetery Records Mt. Tabor, KY book by Charles Benningfield.
42. marriage, Larue County Public Library Hodgenville, KY.
43. dates, Mrs Geneva Underwood Bell.
44. information, Paul Lund.
45. dates, Elsie Lund Bradley.
46. information, Elsie Lund Bradley.
47. information, Leslie Bell.
48. dates, Laura Lou Adams Bell.
49. information, Marlene Dykeman Bell.
50. information, William W. Jones.
51. information, Swan Lake Memory Garden 4601 Rt 150 Peoria, IL.
52. information, Malden Cemetery PO Box 166 Malden, IL.
53. information, Willard Bell.
54. dates, Jim O'Hare.
55. dates, Carol O'Hare.
56. dates, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Ohio, IL.
57. dates, Livingston County Court House Pontiac, IL.
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History from Interview with
Joseph Stanley Grant
May 12, 1977
Compiled by Cynthia Grant

I was born in Limrick, Illinois, Bureau County. That was about 15 or 20 miles from where the delayed birth certificate has my birth listed. Things were lost in the fire when the Courthouse burned down. My folks told me I was born in Limrick, 1914, the 28th of March.

My father and mother was awful nice. My dad farmed all his life. Mark, Margaret, me, Earl, then Geneva, and Turk and Tikes. Turk’s name is Everett. Bill is after Geneva, I forgot about him. Then there was one born dead, the youngest one. Mildred is another sister comes in ahead of Turk. We lived on one place for 16 years. That’s the longest. We moved about every year or two. We rented them farms so we didn’t know we could stay for very long. We farmed grain.

When we were little we would play ball, run around. We didn’t have what they had today. If you wanted a sled you made it. Mark was always a rounder, he never stayed home much after he got about 16. Margaret died from appendicitis when she was in high school. She got gangrene in it. They cut the drain tube off too short, and they had to open her up again and she had gangrene.

You went to Country schools for eight years and then you graduate out of there and went to high school, I didn’t go to high school. I ain’t got no education. I graduated from the one room country school. I only went fo school in the winter time. Stayed home and worked in the summer time. Quit when I was 16 years old. I started when I was eight, they didn’t have kindergarten. I learned mine (education) on the road. I used to like to travel. I started about ’41 or ’42. I got married the first time about 1930 (1938 family records show) Celestine Buckman. Met her at a dance. She was Catholic, and so am I. We got married in the Church. I was married to her about 10 years and didn’t have any kids.
We got a divorce because we just didn’t get along.

I worked in the steel mills in Sterling, Illinois while I was married. I lost what I had in 1935 and '6. I had a milk route. The truck was owned by another guy. Well, it never started snowing that year 35 and '6 winter until Christmas Day. My dad was still plowing the day before Christmas. When it quit snowing it was clear up to the top of the telephone poles. I was living at home part of the time during the depression, trucking. We lost them (trucks) through that big snow storm. We kept trying to get em on the road and tore em up. I went into Northwestern Wire Co. They didn’t have no steel mill then. I went up there and had Mark working there. There’d be 2,000 guys or more standing on the sidewalk every morning for work. Mark got the boss down there, and I got on. 17 1/4 cents an hour was top wages, and I was glad to get it. 6 cents a bushel for oats and 8 cents a bushel for corn. 3/4 of a cent for hogs. We’d half the crop and pay cash money for the hay ground and pastures to the owner of the land. This was when I was living at home and what my Dad did afterwards. He done that all his life and fed out cattle and hogs.

I went up when I was working in the Wire mill, and I was living with another guy board and room and I’d help him out in between times after work. I was working 40 hours and help him out afterwards for room and board. That’s how I got by out there. I was one of the family. He only had one girl. Then I was plowing rocks and things when I was out there staying with Fritz and sent me up to plow the rock for a preacher up there. Their house had burnt down, and they were living in a garage him and his daughter. Francis, she’d pack my lunch for me and along come some kids when I was getting ready to eat dinner. They was standing around looking at me because they were hungry. I couldn’t eat it so I give it to em. They was standing around looking at me because they were hungry. I could’t eat it so I give it to em. They was living in an old house with no doors and windows and there was 14 kids in that family. A 48 pound sack of flour was the biggest sack of flour you got. So they’d go down to the bakers shop and they got em in bigger sacks. They’d get the sacks and cut them right through the middle and take and cut a corner out each corner and put that on the kids, and that’s all they had to wear, no shoes or nothing, even in the winter. I seen kids there going to school barefooted in the snow. People lived in old car bodies along ditches and such. They started coming out of the depression about 40. Those people used to go around to butcher shops and get dog meat they’d call it. Bones and things you threwed and that old meat that you couldn’t see, and they’d get that and that’s what they ate. I was never out of work, a lot of times I didn’t have no money, paid the grocery bill twice a year. I was lucky. 20 and 25 dollars a month was all Mary and them got for working on the farm. They got their eggs and milk and meat.

I got my education traveling picking up jobs different places. Sometimes I wouldn’t stay a place very long, maybe a month. I worked for Stoner Gray drove truck for them and hung signs in Ioway. Left there and went to Arizona. Went in the hard rock copper mining. That was underground. That was the first that I had mined. I come back and went up on the continental divide up in Wyoming. I did mechanic, cutting and welding, layout man, Everything for the hard rock mine. We put in a new crusher and building and stuff up there working for Linkbelt Chicago. I worked for the guy that owned the mine. The Great Western Sugar Company. They’d use a certain sandrock in order to clean the sugar beets and stuff and they had to quarry that. I didn’t do the mining. I was on the outside. I went back to Illinois and worked, barbed wire and steel company. From there I went into Chicago and worked for Shlossburgs, biggest aluminum brokers in the world. They’re “aluminum” brokers, biggest aluminum brokers in the world. They bought all the airplanes everything from the government after the war and knock them down and sort out every piece of metal in them. In that motor that main bearing in there, there was only one in there. All the rest of the rods hook onto that one rod. That bearing was partner all nickel. Boy, you hit one of them with a torch would they squeak!
I wasn’t in the war. I was rejected. I went to Chicago for an examination. They (didn’t let) us in. My lungs. I’d been in the steel mill too long that’s where I got the sinus. I left them and came back out to Wyoming and mined coal for U.P., Union Pacific, Rock Springs. I worked there in the winter time and went on construction dams in the summer time. I done the cement work and form work for em. I first come out to Utah in 1947 after Wyoming. When I first came to Utah I coal mined in Kennelworth up above Helper.

That’s when my mother died. That was in 1948. I went back to the funeral and then come back. The marrow in her bones dried up. She had been sick before. She had asthma so bad she’d sit up in a chair. She couldn’t go to bed at night and lay down. Then the war broke out. She said she was going over to the powder plant and work. Boy, they all raised the devil about it because of her asthma. She went over there and had an old Chevy car and she’d drive that thing all winter. Sometimes she wouldn’t have no window in it. That one door kept breaking the window out. As long as she worked in that powder plant she never had asthma. They made powder for them bombs and shells and stuff. The powder was round. They’d cut holes through the middle and boil that. You could throw that in the stove, and it would burn just like wood and coal. The bigger the shell was the bigger the pieces of powder they put in it. It was solid in a stick form, and it was round.

After I came back after the funeral I worked until my birthday in 49, then went home and stayed with my dad for a year. I decided to do that just to be with him. I cam back and couldn’t get back on at Kennelworth and went to work for old B. G. Powell, a guy that had a coal mine over at Wellington. I don’t like it back East after being out here, the climate. Powell had a coal mine up on Coal Creek above Wellington. Me and Pat Campbell put in the portal and the bins and put in the sub-station.

Grampa Jeffs would sometimes work in the mine in the winter. I met him in 1950. I was in the mine part of the time. I had him and Earl and Morris working up there. That’s where I met Arlene. For dates we’d go down to Price over to the Canyon Club out dating around. Arlene was really thin. She was sick all the time. She was sick after we got married too. We eloped. Arlene and me was riding around and just took off. In the summertime there wasn’t no business for coal so they only had one little track that would haul coal every day out of there. So I told Rocky Stone that I might as well pull out and go hunt for a job so I went back up into Wyoming. We got married in December. I went up there alone after I was married see if I could find one. They was putting in the Big Sandy Dam. I went up there and I got on with them guys on the dam. When I got some money I come down and got Arlene. We stayed up there until we froze out. The weather got so bad we couldn’t pour cement or nothing. I said to Arlene, “Let’s go back home.” We went to Illinois. We stayed there back there 1½ or two years. So we turned around and come back here.

We came back here just before Thanksgiving. I went over to Dog Valley Mine after J.J. was born. We decided to elope. For our honeymoon we went to Yellowstone Park. I got a ticket for picking lilies, they didn’t fine me, but they sure give me a raking over. If they’d a fined me they could have fined me $500 and six months in jail. One of the rangers was coming down there and other people seen him. I was walking out on a log out in the pond. They said, “Here come the cops! Here come the cops!” So I ditched a lily. They took me down to the ranger station. It didn’t scare me because I figured if I got caught I got caught.

I was real excited about getting my first baby. I didn’t know what to think with all that red hair. Boy, was it red! After J.J. was born we came back to Utah. Went to work at Dog Valley Mine over there in Sanpete County. Arlene was in the hospital. She had one of those spells. She’d get headaches so bad she’d just sit and tear her hair.
J.J. was just a little scheister. He was just starting to talk. We'd just redecorated the whole house back in Illinois. I just got it all redecorated and she was up in the hospital, so me and him was sitting there eating supper. I stood up to do the dishes and things, and I didn't take the butter dish off the table. He was up there on a chair and got some butter on his hands. What'd he do? Down the wall he come with it. I got after him about it. Gave him the devil. I didn't spank him. Never spanked him. I chewed him out good for it. Why, later I was in setting in the big chair in there watching television. Next thing I knew why here he come after a while after he calmed down a little bit. He went to the refrigerator and got a can of beer. On the way in he fell down. The beer can rolled across the floor, and I didn't think nothing of it. He said, "Here Daddy, have a beer." He was just starting to talk. I was setting there watching television didn't pay any attention to it. He brought me a can opener and opened and when I hit that can of beer and it went through it went up all over the ceiling. And he just stood there and laughed. I was telling Arlene about it. So when she come home from the hospital he took Arlene in and said, "mommy, mommy, look what Daddy done!"

I never had no trouble with J.J. Another thing across the road from me was a neighbor over there with a boy the same age as J.J. So he'd come over there and play and he'd come over and play with J.J. Right after Christmas time he'd bought his boy a pair of them guns revolvers and a belt. There was a double holster one on each side. He let J.J. have one and he had one and they was running around the house. J.J. took that gun and hid it. He hid that gun come place in the other guy's house and they never did find that gun. We all looked for it. Him and his wife and they never did find it. J.J. didn't tell them. Never did find that gun.

I worked at Moab when Brent was born. That was a good job. They tried to get me for three months to come back and I wouldn't come back. I had to stay down there all week and come home on weekends. It was too far to drive. I drove the truck my old pick up, into the river twice, that old 51 Ford. That was a bad road. That Western Harrison (semi trucks) come down through there wide open. The road wasn't wide enough and I pulled over too far and off in the river I went. I wasn't the only one. Rogers sent the cherry picker down and got it once. The next time I figured it was too far out so I got a wrecker from Moab. They only brought a 3/4 ton wrecker. Unless they put some guys on the front end it wouldn't bring her up. Tried to hold her down and they was standing on the front bumper and broke the frame. So they went back and got the double boom wrecker and brought her up. At Moab I was a powder monkey. I had six crews of men working for me outside. It was a potash mine. We had to level that ground all off those hills and hollow and things.

After Moab I went out worked for Aldo's at the oil station, pumping gas and mechanic. Went up to the Church terminal for a while and mechanicked up there, and I was in the shop up there. Then they called me up to Peabody's, and I was there ever since. I went to work for Peabody in 1970. Before I worked for the Church mine I was sheriff. I worked one summer out there in Colorado in a shop out there on a ranch and was mechanic in a shop out there for em right after I quit the city.

We never had no trouble with J.J. or Brent either. My kids can do what they want to do when they grow up. If you try and make a kid do what he don't want to do, he might be no good at it. If he's got something in his mind he wants to do he's better off. Me and J.J. used to go all over hunting and fishing. But I haven't had much time to get around with Brent, been working 6-7 days a week.

That old 51 Ford I had, why J.J. took and cut it down and made a dune buggy and welded a hitch on the front end, too. He was working down there at the oil station. He'd pull that up in the mountains or down in
the desert so he could run it around. It was sitting out in the yard one day. I said, “Brent, I'm going to move that thing down in the back lot and set that thing down from the house a ways.” When I did, I got it going. Brent was eyeing it down. He got to looking at it and looking at it. He didn't say anything but I knew what he wanted so I said, “Get in and take off.” He got in it and put it in low gear and took off. I was standing in the yard. When he took off he really took off. He thought he had his foot on the brake, and he had it on the gas. The way that gas meter is on the old house, I thought there goes the gas meter. He started swinging it. When he did he just missed the gas meter on the corner of the porch. That hind tire caught it on the corner of the porch. He hit that tree in front of the door and drove that thing in there clear up as far as it could go. He was traveling when he hit it. It took me about 2 hours to chisel that out. He wasn't very old, he was just a little punk, maybe eight.

My religion is Catholic. I feel all right about my Church. It's a good Church, I just believe in it. I never had problems living around the Mormon Church in Castle Dale. What my kids belong to, that was settled when me and Arlene got married. Either way they wanted to go. I've made it a point I've been in every Church a going. I don't think there's been a Church or religion or any kind I haven't been in. I've worked with every nationality or creed going. I was just born and raised Catholic. That's what my folks were. Kite changed over to Methodist because Bea was. The rest of my family was Catholic. My mother was real religious. What was it? I think she was a Baptist until she was married to Dad, and then she changed over to Catholic. Part of the Catholic meeting was in Latin and part in English. I didn't understand the Latin Part. I lived there in a Belgian settlement for 16 years. Boy, talk about somebody talking now. When they get together it's just like a bunch of geese. They talk so fast I couldn't keep up with them. They talked German and Belgium both.

I don't know how they met. They never talked about it. I knew Grandma Bell. I don't remember if Grampa was still alive. They lived in Illinois in Malden, Illinois. I don't know anything about my dad's folks. I can remember when my grampa died. I was just a little punk of a kid. They lived in Ohio, Illinois.

Wherever my Dad went I was following him. You bet I liked him. He was never too busy when he was working on a piece of machinery to sit down and explain it to a kid. You'd show him twice and then he was on his own. He always run a steam engine my dad did. I was raised on a coal box and water tender. I used to go with him. The thrash machine, corn sheller, he liked a simple steam engine not a compound engine. Dad would never say a word to discipline us. We knew better than to do anything out of the way. If we had why that'd been it. He probably would have gotten mad at us. I never remember him getting mad at me. I saw him get after some of the rest of us but I never had no trouble with my dad. He'd buy broncs from out here in the west and take em and break em every spring. He was a great horseman. I got another brother, Earl. He was married and had two girls. Scaffold broke on him. Dad was just a nice guy to be around. You bet he worked hard. He always bought a bunch of broncs and break em and sell em and get another bunch. My mother was a nice woman. As far as disciplining us she'd get pretty riled up. She canned a lot of stuff. I'd help her do the canning. It was the stuff we grew up on the farm. They'd go up in the timbers and pick up blackberries. When she couldn't cook then I'd do the cooking. She went to work at the powder plant to help out. We done all our own canning and stuff. She worked at the powder plant till they shut it down, must have been a couple years. I remember when she got asthma. She died of a bone disease, she got hardening of the arteries. She died in December '48. We never talked about our grandparents. In the winter time when we had the crops all up. We'd go from one corn house to another and have square dances. We'd all take something to eat and be
there until daylight the next morning. That’s about all we done. We’d go from one house to another quilting and one thing or another. The women was by themselves and the men would just sit around and talk. Sometimes the men would go and sometimes they wouldn’t. They was always a working. On the farm that’s seven days a week long hours too.

Q: If you had anything to do different about your life what would you do different?

A: I don’t know what I would. Well, I wouldn’t take a good deal for what I learned on the road. If I knew then what I know now it would be different. But I didn’t know any better at that time. I didn’t know anything about different jobs and one things and another, which one to pick. When I was on the bum, I bummed for quite a while that’s how I got into so many states, hitchhike. I’d move around from one place to another. If I knew then what I know now it would have been different.

I would have gone into a shop. I’d a never went into the mines. I was broke that’s how I got into the mines. I enjoy mining even when I’m underground. That doesn’t bother me. The water was the reason I had to get out of the mine. I was getting arthritis so bad. Never went to a doctor until I fell and had my spleen rupture in 1970. I was walking home in the dark and didn’t see it and fell over it. Where the limbs had been cut off why I hit me right in the stomach smashed it all to pieces. They had to take my insides all out and wash me out and clean me up. They said that was the worse accident they’d ever seen. I’ve never felt real good since. Every once in a while I blow and get sick and weak and sometimes get so I couldn’t walk. I broke my shoulder the tenth day of December 1976. Slipped out of the truck and my feet went out from under me and I guess I had my arm under the dash and hooked on something. It happened so quick I don’t know what it hooked on. I was working on something under the dash. I must have hit on my elbow when I hit the ground. It drove the bone together just like two pieces of pipe. They didn’t have to set it nothing. I rebroke it again. I plan on going back to work. I figure on going up there this morning. I’m weak but it doesn’t bother me. I’d be up there working. I went over to Aldo’s and put some times on for me. So when he got done with the truck, I’d got sick and think I was going to die. Same ting would sometimes happen up at the bathhouse.

Don’t know what I’d like my grandkids to remember about me. Never thought about it much before. I just want them to remember me.

Dying doesn’t scare me. They’ll just dig a hole and bury you and put you in it. I don’t know about believing in a life after death. I can’t get it through my head that I do. Just like cattle and hogs and one thing and another. When you’re dead, you’re dead. I believe in Christ. (In response to comment that Christ came back from dead.) I never will. (In response to asking him if after he died if J.J. or Brent wanted to do temple work and baptize him a Mormon) I don’t care. It would be up to him. I haven’t any objections.
Family Group Sheet

Husband: James Moses Andrew Aikin
Born: January 15, 1807
in: Stanford, Lincoln county, KY
Died: November 29, 1885
in: KY
Relationship with Father: James Aikin - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Mary Murphy - Natural

Medical

Notes
Also called Moses, he was a locally famous preacher. He was kicked out of the church for living with both of the McCubbin sisters at the same time.

1850 Green County, KY census
household #407
Moses Aiken age 43
Martha 44
nine children lived with them
Mary 21
James 19
Elizabeth 16
Dewitt 15
William 13
Martha 11
Sarah 9
Moses 7
Thomas 4

next door lived
Lydia McCubbin aged 29
Columbus McCubbin 1
Catherine Raffety 3

Martha and Lydia McCubbins were daughters of Nicholas McCubbins and Betsy Boyd

1860 Green County, KY census
household #154
Moses Aikin aged 53
Martha 53

household #155
W.B. Aikin 23
Mary 20

household #156
Lydia McCubbins age 39 weaver
Columbus McCubbins 11
Americus McCubbins 9 (married Louisa Ford in LaRue co. KY December 30, 1869)
Melvina McCubbins 8
children of Elder Moses and Lydla also
the children of Moses and her sister Martha
Elizabeth J. Aikin 27 seamstress (married F.M. Arrington in Green co. KY August 16, 1867)
Martha E. Aikin 20
Sarah F. Aikin 18
Mose W. Aikin 16
The Rev. Moses Aikin, chaplain of a rebel regiment, was recently captured and brought to this city where he has been examined and held to bail in the amount of ten thousand dollars, which he doesn't seem to have a very fair chance of obtaining. The reverend rebel, like the shell of a clam or oyster, is a pretty hard case. He was formerly a preacher near Greensburg in this State, where, about two years ago, he seduced a young woman, and was suspended by his church. He seemed deeply penitent, and after a little time, was restored to the ministry. Very soon, however, he seduced another woman, and despairing of a second restoration, he concluded, instead of going into a second repentance, to go off and take holy service in the rebel Confederacy.

We understand that two or three very respectable gentlemen are trying to get him off from his imprisonment. One of them, who knows him personally, pleads to a city functionary in his behalf that "he is as good a man above the waistband and any in the world." But there's no doubt that in Akin there is as much rebellion against the laws above the waistband as below.

Moses Aikin
Louisville Military Prison

Wednesday May 7, 1862

The Rev. Moses Aikin is in trouble, and, rebel though he is, we should be sorry to be too hard upon him. He says we have done him injustice, but we guess we haven't. We don't know exactly what he means to deny. Perhaps it is that he seduced 'two young ladies.' Well, if they were old, that makes the case no better for him: it only discredits his taste without relieving his morals. Possibly he means that his interesting pair of feats were not performed 'within the last two years.' Ah, well, the precise time isn't a matter of much consequence: the feats were preformed, and he was suspended from the ministry for the first of them.

One Godless man of God needn't take this thing quite so much to heart. His sin with the young, middle-aged, or old women wasn't half so bad as his crime in enlisting as a chaplain in the rebel Confederacy to preach and pray rebellion, exhorting men and boys to strike against their country's life and beseeching Heaven to give strength to the blow. He had better reconcile himself to his lot and thank God he doesn't serve that it is no worse.

We yesterday saw the Rev. Moses Aikin, who had just been discharged from Camp Chase, where he was for some months in confinement. He was arrested on the charge of having acted as a Chaplain in the rebel army, but he denies earnestly that he ever did so, and nothing has been proved against him. We have reason to believe that certain public statements as to Mr. A., made after his arrest, were founded upon misinformation. He seems to us to be a kind-hearted, frank man, and he avows his determination to devote the rest of his life, if permitted, to the quiet discharge of his duties as a citizen and a Christian. Mr. Aikin states that at Camp Chase he was treated with much kindness by the military officers and by the Governor.
Family Group Sheet

1870 Green County, KY census
household #271
Moses Aikin age 62
Martha 62
Alice V. 18 (married Aurelius Green Marcum Oct 18, 1871)
Thomas M. 23 farmer
Mary E. 19 (Mary E. Marcum married Thomas Akin March 13, 1868, LaRue county)
Moses 1 son of Thomas and Mary E?

1870 Green County KY census
household #272
Lyddy McCubbin age 49 keeps house
Christopher C. 20
Americus V. 19
Louisa 16

household #273
Moses Whitfield Aikin 1/2 brother to the above

1880 census Green county, KY district 58
A. V. Aikin head 30 born KY laborer parents born KY
Louisa wife 25 KY keeping house KY KY
William son 7 KY at home KY KY
Mary S. daughter 5 KY at home KY KY
Burnetta daughter 2 KY KY KY

from the Green County Kentucky Review January 1979
Rev. Moses Aiken 1807-1885
noted Evangelist of his day.

The old saying that where there is much smoke there is some fire, is true in many ways. The vivid memory of Moses Akin, the evangelist, in the minds of such a large number of people, forty years after his death, and the continual quoting from his store of natural wit is proof conclusion that he towered above most men of his time whose names are never heard or known of half of forty years after death. His father came from Virginia and settled in Green County in the days when historic old Greensburg seemed destined to be the state capital, losing the honor by only three votes in the legislature when Frankfort was designated. Green county in those days received the cream of Virginia emigration because of its being an old settlement with chances of a great future and also on account of the great number of fine springs which was a great inducement in those days. Moses Akin's father was said to be one of the most brilliant men of his day and although not a professional man, his brilliant mind was often the subject of conversation and when he spoke those about him gave rapt attention as there was something out of the ordinary in the logical discussion of ordinary matters, although he was uneducated. Moses Akin, the subject of this sketch, was born to the right of Allendale, on the south side of Big Brush Creek, in Green County, KY. The place of his birth was opposite the residence where Dr. Elijah Graham was born and lived many years. He was born January 15, 1807 and died in the winter 1885. He was buried near his farm where Big Brush Creek empties into Green river, not far from Gresham Church, near Eve.

His opportunity for an education was very meager but his efforts show what progress a man can make by himself if he has the desire. He was a school teacher at an early age, and read law, but never practiced. His education was acquired altogether by self-study, with a little assistance from the log school houses of his day. He had a powerful memory and was a great historian. He admired Napoleon above all warriors and was well read in Roman and Grecian history, astronomy, botany, and other subjects. What he read he retained and his reading covered a wide field. Rev. Moses was a fine student of human nature and his discourses were filled with material that held the mind spellbound. He was not so much given to illustration or story telling, but his telling blows were more of a direct statement of fact style. He said in his series of meetings that it was his plan to begin with a moderate sermon
Family Group Sheet

James Moses Andrew Aikin

Delivered in a moderate voice and increase the weight and intensity with each sermon until the close of the meeting, leaving the people most interested and most unwilling to quit when the series of sermons closed. His crowds grew larger and larger, with his sermons and his fame spread wider as the days passed.

He did not begin preaching until about the age of thirty. He has often been called the moonshine preacher because he engaged for awhile in the moonshine game, but this connection of business did not exist as preacher and moonshiner. He preached awhile and then was out of the church many years and while out engaged in a common custom of the world about him at that time, moonshining. Later, he reformed his daily walks and re-entered the ministry, but no account was ever given of his engaging in both at the same time in this section of the state, at least. In this connection it is well to remember that the custom of any one time largely makes the standard of right and wrong, and not far behind Moses Aikin's day, ministers, deacons and strict church members had their own stills and made their own family whiskey with as little thought of wrong attached as do those who now make grape juice or pickles. He was out of the ministry for twenty years and during this time his misconduct, if any there was, was widely circulated because he had been in the ministry.

In 1845 he conducted a series of meetings at South Fork and also at Three Forks of Bacon Creek (Hammonville), assisted by Rev. Billie Brown of Virginia. He preached at Union Band, Mt. Tabor, Rolling Fork Church of Nelson County, Glasgow, Old Brush Creek and many other places, making trips over western Kentucky and into Illinois, Tennessee and covered a wide territory for his day, considering the mode of travel.

He was pastor of the Baptist Church at Glasgow, and in one of his first revivals, baptized 500 people at the conclusion of one of his meetings. When we consider the sparse population of those days the baptizing of 500 persons show the distance at which his influence ranged on those occasions. The Glasgow Church employed him for several years in one contract and gave him a seven thousand dollar farm for his services, which was a thousand dollars a year, a large sum for that time.

It was during his seven years at Glasgow that his downfall began and rumors whether true or false, became numerous about Mose and his sister-in-law, Miss Lydia McCubbin, his wife being before marriage Rebecca McCubbin. He was turned out of the church at Glasgow after a wrangle that shook the community.

During the Civil War he was a Southern sympathizer, was arrested and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio for several months. The authorities were only trying two or three men a day. At that rate the imprisoned would never get out until the war was over. Tom Marshall, T.A. Fisher and other men of note were confined there with Mose. Marshall asked Mose if the scripture doesn't say where two or three assemble and ask in His name, the same shall be granted, and suggested that the three, Akin, Marshall and Fisher, unite in a series of prayers for deliverance. The idea was quickly seized by Mose and he began a series of night meetings and prayer by the prison fence, preaching to the crowds that assembled on the outside to hear this remarkable man with so much magnetism and magic as to cause many to call him the most wonderful speaker ever heard. The crowds grew nightly to monstrous size and Mose had every man among the hundreds on the inside helping him in the services in song and prayer. A large part of the nightly theme was for early trial and deliverance from prison, he had the hearty help in services of men who never attended services in their lives. Mose made a great camp meeting out of the thousands on the outside. Soon the authorities began to try about 40 men per day and Mose said the release of the men was a direct answer to his prayers. As soon as out of prison, he returned to his home near Holly Creek, began farming and making moonshine whiskey. He operated a still a long time near Wild-cat in Green County.

On one occasion the revenue officers pursued him, as he was a man weighing 325 pounds, he did not make much speed. The officer followed his tracks up the hollow and soon overtook him. Mose lay on the ground flat on his back and appeared to be completely exhausted. He told the officer he could not walk another step and after trying to help Mose up for some time without success, he went for a team to haul Mose in. When he returned to the spot, Mose had fled and could not be found.

While the Civil War was in progress he had a load of whiskey on his way to Louisville in a covered wagon. Soldiers suspecting whiskey and anxious to get at it hailed him and asked what was in the wagon. With tears he told them that his brother had died with small pox and none of his neighbors would help bury him. The soldiers fled in every direction.

Another time, near the Alex LaRue place, one of his horses balked in the wagon which was loaded with whiskey. One John Scott came along and Mose traded the balky horse to him. Scott knew the importance of Mose delivering his load and charged him a large price in the swap of horses. Mose paid and moved on, not seeing Scott for quite a time afterwards. Several years afterward when Mose re-entered preaching, he was holding services at Mt. Sherman and Scott came in. Mose said in the middle of the sermon "Here comes John Scott, the man who made me pay too much in a horse trade."

He was in Federal prison in Louisville waiting trial on a charge of moonshining and when brought to court he was
sarcasm, as well as in a frame of mind to care little what they thought of him or what he had to say.
The first question, "Where do you live?"
He said, "I live in Green County 10 miles from Green River, 10 miles from Greensburg, 6 miles from Rooster Bristle, 4 miles from Hardscratch 200 yards from Clinch E. Snobo's where there is a stick whittled to a keen point with a cockle burr on the end." Most of these statements were correct as to the exact place he lived except for the sharp stick and burr.

He journeyed to Illinois during these days and sold medicine and preached. His medicine consisted of pure whiskey with a few roots in it to give it a pretended medicinal value. When shipping liquor to Illinois he used a scheme to get it consigned that few would have thought of. He used a hollow alder, fastened up at the lower end that just fit tight in the bung hole of the barrel down inside. He filled this alder barrel with apple vinegar and labeled it vinegar. When it was sampled, the vinegar poured of the the alder and it passed inspection.

He owned two farms, one near Holly Grove on which lived his sister-in-law. He lived with his wife on the other farm near Green River, often dividing his time between the two farms. His children by his wife, Rebecca, were Wesley, Clint, Whit, Tom and William and several daughters. His sister-in-law, Lydia McCubbin had two children which bore the names of Columbus and Mus Aikin. Mose was apparently much attached to Columbus and Mus. Columbus went West, studied law and became a distinguished circuit court judge in Missouri. Mus Aikin remained in Green County.

We must remember that the first 38 years of the life of Rev. Moses Aikin was one of teaching school, successful revivals and far reaching influence for good. Now after nearly twenty years of waywardness and backsliding in the ways of the world, a burning desire to reform and preach again possessed him. Although outlawed by his church he came back into the game to preach on his own responsibility regardless of proper credentials from the governing authority of the Baptist Association. In May 1870 he made himself an appointment to Old Brush Creek Church to preach. The deacons locked him out of the church. Columbus Akin wanted to knock the door down and go in, but Mose forbade and said, "I wanted to get hold of that old Bible once more inside of the old church and read a chapter, but I will read it without the book." He then proceeded to quote the 13th chapter of John from memory as fully as if he had read it from the book. He took his text from it and preached from the steps to a large crowd. He said, "I am 63 and my gray hairs admonish me that I won't be here long. I am going to begin here and preach through Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas and Texas."

In 1871 a committee was appointed at Pleasant Valley Church to investigate and reinstate him to the ministry if they saw fit. Tom Miller of the Rolling Fork Section was the only member of the committee present at the time and place designated. The committee never made any report, or even attended the investigation.

During the time he was out of the ministry, he ran for the Legislature in Green County on the Democratic ticket against a Whig and by a series of joint debates he soon ran his opponent off the track. The party authorities met at Greensburg and put out a new man against him who defeated him by 120 votes in a hard fought series of joint debates. Opponent No. 2 spoke of unpleasant things in Mose's career and when Mose spoke he said, "I have run one man off the track and now they have met and sent a polecat down here to stink me out of the race."

Again, in 1874, one who heard his sermon from the steps of Old Brush Creek Church, heard him at South Fork. At his first appearance he took as his text, 'Faith Hope and Charity, and the greatest of these is Charity.' He preached one and a half hours. On the Sunday following he preached in the big sink hole just south of the church at South Fork, he standing in the bottom and the sides all around lined with people who could see him, and hear him plainly. He took as his text Titus 3rd-5th. Rev. J.P. Bryant did the baptizing at the conclusion as Mose had no authority from his church. He then held a meeting at Oak Hill, LaRue County, where Rev. Bryant was pastor for many years and 100 were baptized at the end of the meeting. Shortly afterward, the Baptist Association was being held at Rolling Springs in Hart County, and at the same time Mose was holding a meeting at Hammonville, six miles away. He had a larger crowd to hear him than they had at the association. The ministers, delegates and others sent to the association nearly broke it up by stealing away to hear Mose. On the last night of his meeting nearly all the people in that section north of Green River went out to hear him. Shortly thereafter he left for Texas and preached there for two years. He got off the train at Denizen, Texas, where a Green County colony from Kentucky had settled. They flocked about Mose, knowing something of him from hearsay of kinsfolk back home and gave him royal treatment. He began a meeting at Denizen and when he preached two weeks he was given $200 and was offered another $100 to remain a week longer. William Scott of Green County, Kentucky led the work for Mose among the Kentucky Texans. He soon came back to Kentucky for a short rest, then left for Tennessee where he held great meetings at places where he had preached as a young man in other days.
On Saturday, July 20, 1874, he preached at Magnolia in the woods. The Cumberland Presbyterians had begun a meeting of their own and wouldn't let him have the church. George Bayne took him home with him and he preached forty-two sermons at South Fork, LaRue County. On one occasion he gathered several of his friends and waited upon a family in the community that was the subject of much unpleasant talk. They tied the man and whipped him. They were indicted at Greensburg on a felony charge and he narrowly escaped the penitentiary.

During his preaching in Kentucky, Rev. Nat Terry of Hart County got him to fill an appointment for him at Elizabethtown. Mose was then holding a meeting at Younger's Creek in Hardin County and consented to substitute for Terry's appointment. He rode horseback to Elizabethtown and having never preached there he was unacquainted with the town's churches. As he rode around he saw a large crowd waiting about a church and so hitched his horse and strode rapidly inside, the crowd quickly followed him, supposing he was their new circuit rider and their Methodist pastor. Mose did not know he was in the wrong church. He began at once after a very short apology for being late. Just at this time in came the new Methodist pastor and seeing a man preaching, he dropped down in the back set to prevent undue notice and disturbance. Mose gave the Methodist congregation one of the greatest sermons of their lives and no one knew the difference until the new pastor congratulated him and inquired the name and the whole mistake was discovered. Eight dollars had been taken in by Mose when the hats were passed.

In his last days he had sold his property after the death of his wife and was preparing to move to Missouri. His last sermon was concerning Moses going upon the Mount to die and compared himself with the other Moses, finishing a busy life. His farewell address was powerful and touching and his audience was greatly affected by his pathetic eloquence on the occasion. He went to Rolling Fork Church where he took sick and was hauled to the McDougall farm, LaRue County, on his way to his Green County home. He died at his Holly Grove farm in the spring of 1885. He had sold but not given possession. His last illness was somewhat clouded in mystery and he believed he had been poisoned.

He left no will and had intended going to Missouri to live with or near his son, Columbus Akin, whom he had placed on the Missouri land, bought with the money earned in Texas preaching.

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Marriage Notes
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- Died: November 29, 1885
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- Mother: Mary Murphy
- Other Partners: Lydia McCubbin

Wife: Martha Rebecca McCubbin

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Wife: Louisa Ford

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1880 census Magnolia, Larue county, KY

George Milby head 46 KY farming father NC mother KY
M.E. wife 27 keeping house KY KY KY
L.J. daughter 20 KY KY KY
J.R. son 17 KY KY KY
J.H. son 14 KY KY KY
D.S. son 12 KY KY KY
L.D. daughter 9 KY KY KY

Also known as J.R. and Johnnie Bob

the LaRue County Herald, Hodgenville, KY
died Thursday May 3, 1900
item under MT. Sherman news

Mr. J.R. Milby, son of Mr. George Milby met with a horrible death on last Friday. He, with his father and two brothers was clearing some new ground and they were felling trees when a limb from one tree fell and struck J.R. Milby on the head, crushing his skull and sinking the left parietal bone and tearing the frontal bone, along with all the skin and flesh, down to the left eye, exposing and lacerating the brain over a space more than four inches in circumference and breaking the cheek bone, but with all these injuries, he lived some three or four hours. He remained unconscious, without speaking a word, until 4 o'clock when he died without a struggle. The lifeless body was carried to the place which only a few hours before been his peaceful home, followed by his family and sorrowing friends who had gathered to render what assistance they could to the dying man.
The remains were buried in the Mt. Sherman Cemetery on the following day. Mr. Milby was a quiet, honest gentleman, and commanded the respect of all who knew him. He leaves a wife and three small children, besides a host of friends who mourn his sad fate, for in his death, a loving husband, kind father, and a good neighbor has gone from among us, but such are the ways of all wise and kind Providence who knows the best and who death all things well. From this sad circumstance, all learn to live daily prepared, for we all have no lease on our lives and if death, which is sure, should come suddenly, we will be ready for the summons.

**Marriage Information**

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household #233

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Robert son 9 KY KY KY
Howard son 6 KY KY KY

1930 census Bureau county, IL Concord township

Emmett Warren age 39 farmer married at 19 can't read can write KY KY KY
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Colona, Whiteside county, IL

Frank Lund head 34 age at marriage 30 Sweden can't read or write can speak
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Marriage Notes
MOONSHINERS" IN ARMS
Marshall's Party Repulsed by Illicit Distillers —
Capture of Bug Hash
Attack and Repulse

Last Thursday morning, Captain W. M. Adair, United States Deputy Marshall, accompanied by John Wyatt, special bailiff; one Clark of Hardin County, whose house was recently burned by illicit distillers, also a special bailiff; J. E. Hetherington, of Washington City, special agent of the Revenue Department; and James W. Jones, General Storekeeper of this district, started from this place, on horseback, for a raid on the illicit distillers in the northwestern portion of Taylor County. About one o'clock that afternoon they reached the premises of Mrs. Sallie Bell, twelve miles northwest of Campbellsville, near the head of Pitman's Creek, whose son, John and Curt Bell, were suspected of running an illicit or "moonshine" distillery. The country about Mrs. Bell's is very wild and rough. They soon found the illicit distillery, in a deep hollow in a corn field, about three hundred yards from Mrs. Bell's house. There was no one at the distillery and the still had recently been removed, but all the other apparatus for distilling was there, together with forty or fifty bushels of meal.

Capt. Adair and Mr. Jones remained to watch the distillery, while the remainder of the party went up to the house of Mrs. Bell. They soon discovered a barrel or large keg of whiskey locked up in a smoke-house. On asking for the key they were informed that Mrs. Bell had taken it away with her. Wyatt and Hetherington then left Clark to guard the smoke-house and returned to the distillery.

Immediately after the departure of Wyatt and Hetherington a girl left the house and went across a field to the woods beyond. Directly after she entered the woods, a party of men armed with bright looking guns, emerged from the woods and began making their way towards the house. Clark saw three men but thinks there was a much larger number in the party. Finding that they intended to attack him he began to fall back, when he was ordered to halt. He did not obey command, but getting the house between himself and the advancing party succeeded in getting into the woods and lost no time in rejoining his companions. The Marshal party then took shelter in the woods and waited for the approach of the moonshiners, but they failed to make their appearance. A consultation then took place as to what was best to be done. Capt. Adair and his assistants were armed only with pistols, while their adversaries, who probably outnumbered them, had guns and all the advantage of position. Under these circumstances it was thought best to fall back, and the party remounted their horses and returned to Lebanon. Ha, chickens! Better Luck Next Time.

Saturday evening, Capt. Adair, with Wyatt, Hetherington, Clark and others, armed with guns, started upon another expedition to the same section. They experienced some difficulty in making their way through the country, for the want of competent guides, but by daylight Sunday morning they reached the residence of Berry Hash, alias "Bug" Hash, some four miles from the scene of Thursday's failure. The Federal Authorities have been wanting "Bug" for some time, there being an indictment against him in the Federal Court at Louisville for illicit distilling. One of the party knocked at the door several times, demanding admission, but elicited no response. The door was then broken open. The party entered, but found no one within but Mrs. Hash and a man named Skaggs. A portion of the floor however, gave evidence of having been disturbed, and a short search led to the discovery that Hash was concealed underneath. He was wedged into a corner where the floor was not more than fifteen inches from the ground. He declined to come out, so an axe was obtained, a hole cut in the floor, and he was pulled out. The party arrived here Sunday evening, and Hash was lodged in the Lebanon jail, where he still remains.

Hash is a brother-in-law of Curt and John Bell, and is said to have been one of the party that was about to attack the officers on Thursday. Capt. Adair, on the second expedition, was informed that there were about twenty men in the Bell party on Thursday; that the "moonshiners" in the neighborhood were well organized and armed and bent on resistance.
The Lebanon Standard and Times

September 8, 1866 page 3 Col. 3

Homicide in Taylor

At Zion Church in the northwestern part of Taylor County last Sunday morning, Bailey Dewitt stabbed to death Kirk Bell with a pocket knife.

A protracted meeting had been in progress at the church. There had been prayer meeting in the morning and the regular morning services had not begun. Dewitt was at the spring when, according to the account of the affair that had reached us, Bell came up and told Dewitt that he had been wanting to whip him for a long time, but had had no chance, and that he was afraid to let that opportunity pass lest he should have another. He then knocked Dewitt down and jumped on him, when the latter drew a pocket knife and cut Bell on the arm and in the side penetrating the heart. Bell fell over dead, and Dewitt made his escape. The tragedy broke up the meeting for the day. Bell was a man forty years of age, or over, while Dewitt was quite a young man, scarcely more than a boy.

Public sentiment appears to justify the killing.

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The Larue County Herald

Thursday, June 25, 1891 page 1 col. 4

CYCLONE

Passes Through Green County and does Great Damage Destroying Crops, Leveling Houses But No Lives Lost

Dewitt, Ky., June 22, 1891

A cyclone passed through the northern part of Green County last Saturday about 5 o'clock, p.m., which did considerable damage. It gathered near the Hart county line and moved eastward. It seemed to travel by intervals, and was tolerably regular in its course but very irregular in its speed. It was of the usual shape and at the bottom seemed to be but a few steps wide. It first struck M. T. Bell's wheat field near the residence of Dock Elkins house uncovering Mr. Elkins house and sweeping nearly all the wheat from Mr. Bell's field and scattered it over the surrounding country. Next it struck the tenements of Elijah Ford, destroying his shop, wagon, large barn and killing some stock. Next it struck the dwelling of John Holes which it destroyed without hesitation. As it passed through a field near George Riggs, it caught Archie and Milton Skaggs, the boys being large and athletic, weighing about 185 pounds each. They lay down and took hold of a shrub to which they held during the storm but, notwithstanding their great weight and strength, it raised the boys and jerked them against the ground in rapid succession as though they were ribbons or fodder blades, until their shoes and clothes were nearly worn out. The next place it struck was the farms of R. L. Despain and J. P. Etherton where great damage was done to crops, fences and timber, completely blocking the Campbellsville road for the rest of this week. Then it fell mercilessly upon the property of Lewis Despain Jr., where the greatest destruction of the entire line was done. Lewis seeing it coming, believing it would strike his house, he with his family, stepped aside and watched the destruction of his new buildings. First that went was his store house which was torn up; next went his dwelling with all his household goods then his barn, farm implements, corn, hay, etc. all of which were totally ruined. Some of the goods and pieces of the house were found three miles away in Taylor county. The storm did but little damage after it crossed the Taylor county line. The territory through which it passed, was principally heavily timbered which it virtually destroyed. When it would strike the ground it would cut out large ditches for several feet. Immediately following was a heavy rain which did the crops a great deal of good.

Steven L. Wright

Cyclone, Green County

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James Bell and Thomas Druin took in the barbecue at Buffalo last Saturday. Mr. Bell will go back again soon. We heard a girl make some nice music on the organ.

Pete

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Carrington Simpson and the White murders.

From Allen’s History of Kentucky, pgs. 401-411.

“The trite saying, that “murder will out,” was fully verified in the case of Carrington Simpson, of Green County, who was a particeps criminis in one of the most diabolical deeds of murder that was ever perpetrated in this, or, perhaps, any other country. A history of the affair, and of the man who was the principal actor in that tragic scene, will now be given, as far as my memory serves me, being greatly assisted by extensive notes taken at the time by General Samuel A. Spencer, who was one of the attorneys for the defense on the trial of the case in the Green Circuit Court.

In the month of July, 1838, Lucinda White, a widow lady of about forty-five years of age, and her two sons, Lewis Charner and John Quincy, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Matilda White, some twenty-two years of age, and her infant son, William Franklin, about two years of age, were all foully murdered, and their bodies deposited in an old potatoe-hole in a dilapidated cabin, situated in an unenclosed waste old field on the farm of Carrington Simpson, on the south side of Green River, about seven miles from Greensburg, and about one mile from the place the murdered persons lived. The bodies were slightly covered, principally with rotten tobacco stalks, the house having been used some years previously as a tobacco barn.

When the bodies were exhumed, they were found in the hole, or grave, in the following order, viz: The son, Lewis Charner, on top; next to him, Lucinda, the mother; next, the son, John Quincy, and the infant, William Franklin; and at the bottom, Matilda, the daughter-in-law. Although in a high state of putrefaction, the bodies were all identified and recognized by those who had known them well; one by the comb in her head and the ring upon her finger; another by her teeth and the color of her hair; another by the peculiarity of his teeth, &c. It seems that all of them were stript of their clothing before interment, except Matilda, the daughter-in-law – her clothing appeared to have been pulled up and tied over her head; she had also a rope about her body and arms, as though she had been tied. The skull of each one was broken, apparently, and, in the opinion of the physician present at the exhumation, with the same instrument, except that the head of the child was mashed and severed from the body. The coroner having held his inquest and made out his report, old Daniel Kesler, the father of young Mrs. White, collected the remains of his daughter (Matilda) and her child and placed them in one coffin, and those of Lucinda and her two sons, which he placed in another coffin, and deposited both coffins in the same grave on his farm, not far distant from the scene of the direful atrocity.

Carrington Simpson was an intemperate man in the use of liquor, petulant and fearless, especially when under its influence, had a great many quarrels and fights, and, in short, a general wrong­doer, and a terror to the neighborhood in which he lived. Some eighteen months had elapsed from the time of the murder to the discovery of the bodies spoken of, and during that whole period there was not even a suspicion that a murder had been committed; but the universal belief in the neighborhood was, that this family had moved clandestinely to the State of Alabama. The facts which influenced this general belief were, that Lucinda White had a brother and other relations living in that State, who were anxious for the removal of her family thither; she was anxious to go, and often spoke of going; her eldest son, the husband of Matilda, had gone there some months previously, with the view of securing a home for the family by the time they might arrive; the husband of Matilda, who had gone, was by no means in good odor with his father-in-law, old Daniel Kesler, but on the other hand was regarded by him as a very sorry chance, and who consequently opposed vehemently the going of his daughter to Alabama: but she was determined to accompany her mother-in-law, Lucinda, whenever she went, at all hazards, and it was agreed among the family that Matilda should go to her father’s (old Daniel Kesler’s) to spend the day, and while there collect some articles of clothing belonging to her, and bring them away; in the meantime give her father’s family to understand that she had abandoned all idea of going to Alabama. The arrangement was further made, however, with Carrington Simpson, who was
present at the time, that he was to remove them five days' journey with his ox team, and that they were to start at a late hour that night. Lewis Charner, the eldest of the murdered sons, had been started off a day or two previous to the contemplated movement of the rest of the family, on an old worn-out gray horse, which they feared would not be able to hold out, and that he possibly might have to return before he had traveled very far, which the sequel will show was the case.

The night appointed for the removal was the first Saturday in July, 1838. Jason Bell, who lived about six miles from Greensburg, and three or four miles from Simpson's, on the same side of the river, had a still-house of very low character, where rowdies frequently met to carouse. Carrington Simpson was one of the most frequent attendants. On the Thursday before the murder, Simpson went to this still-house. Pleasant Sadler was there also, who was the step-son of Bell. Simpson's account of that meeting, as related in his testimony on the trial of Bell and Sadler, was that after talking awhile on other matters he remarked to them that Lucinda White wanted someone to remove her to Alabama. Sadler remarked that she had a purse of money as long as his arm. Bell then said, that would be a pretty good haul. Sadler then proposed to him and Bell, that they should kill old Lucinda and all the family, throw them into the river, and get her long purse of money. Bell agreed to the killing, but objected to throwing them into the river, as it might lead to their discovery, and inquired of Simpson if he did not know of some deep hole in which they could throw the bodies. Simpson mentioned as a very suitable place, near by, an old potatoe-hole, in a falling in waste-house, in an old field of his. It was then agreed that Simpson should go to Lucinda's on Friday, and tell her that Bell and Sadler would move her five days' journey for ten dollars; that she must be ready to start by Saturday night; that they would all be there with a cart and ox team by dark, prepared to start on the trip.

They were at the place by the time appointed, with the cart and ox team, but had previously murdered Matilda and the child in the old field in which the waste-house was situated. They had met her on her return from her father's. Lucinda and her son John Quincy were murdered at her house after their arrival there with the cart, and their bodies taken to the old waste-house and thrown into the same hole with Matilda and her child. The cart was then loaded up with Lucinda's plunder, which was carried off to Simpson's house, where the division of spoils took place.

The next day, Lewis Charner, who had started off beforehand on the old gray horse, returned, alleging that the horse was about to give out, that he was satisfied it could never perform the trip, and that he had concluded to leave the old horse and travel with the rest of the family. Arriving at Lucinda's house he found it vacated, and supposing they had started on their trip and that he had missed them on the way, he hunted up Sadler, who prevailed upon him to conceal himself (under the pretext, not now remember) in an old barn until night, when he was inveigled into the old field, murdered, and deposited in the same hole with the rest, there to remain until time and circumstances should reveal to public observation the whole affair.

I should have mentioned that the poor old gray horse was also taken to the old field and killed near the waste-house, so that any disagreeable effluvia which might arise from the decomposing human bodies would be attributed to the carcass of the dead horse.

After the night of Saturday, the 7th of July, 1838, the whole of this family were known to be missing; yet nearly eighteen months had elapsed before even the faintest suspicion had been aroused in the neighborhood that they had been foully dealt with, because it was generally understood in the neighborhood that they intended to move to Alabama. Many months afterward, however, the anxiety of old Mr. Kesler in regard to his daughter Matilda induced him to write to Alabama to ascertain where they had settled, how they were doing, &c. After waiting a long time and receiving no reply, he wrote again, and again, with no better success. About this time various articles of clothing, such as ladies' dresses, children's clothes, bed clothing, &c., were seen worn and used by Simpson's family, which were recognized by the neighbors as having been worn and used by Lucinda and Matilda; but still their suspicions were slight, from the fact that Simpson had repeatedly stated openly that he had received his pay for moving them in such articles, they having no money to spare for that purpose. About this time the suspicions of the neighbors began
to gather strength, daily, from new discoveries of articles worn by the Simpsons, articles which it was unreasonable to suppose those persons would have parted with, such under-dresses, flannels, shirts, shoes, children's clothing, and new calico dresses which these people were seen making a few days before they started. These suspicions and circumstances led to the arrest of Simpson, in March, 1840, under a warrant obtained by Daniel Kesler, the father of Matilda, and he was brought before Justices J. D. Mottley and Isaac Gibbons, who, after hearing the evidence and duly deliberating thereon, committed him to jail, to be held for trial at the ensuing circuit court for the murder of the five persons before mentioned.

Some few days after his commitment, a number of persons of the neighborhood in which the murder was supposed to have been committed assembled, divided themselves into different parties or companies, intending to search the neighborhood thoroughly, in every direction, for the bodies supposed to be murdered. One of the companies having with them a grubbing-hoe, without the expectation of making any discoveries, made two licks with his hoe, in quick succession, into the loose looking tobacco stalks which covered the hole. The second lick brought up the rib of a human body. The rubbish being cleared away, several human forms were discoverable, but they were not disturbed until the arrival of the coroner. An inquest being held, the remains were disposed of as heretofore stated. Before his arrest, Simpson's statements in regard to what had become of this family were very contradictory. In regard to their manner of leaving he was generally consistent. At one time he said he did not know where they had gone, at another, that he did know, but would not tell; and at another, that he could go to them in three hours, and that but one person besides himself knew anything about them. He said that some of them left on Saturday night, and the rest on Sunday night; that the reason they left separately and in the night was that old man Kesler, the father of Matilda, intended to stop her from going, and this plan had been adopted to escape him. These evasive answers went far to strengthen the suspicions already afloat.

On the evening of the day on which the dead bodies were found, Simpson was visited at the jail by several persons, who communicated to him the fact of their discovery, and all the circumstances which conducted to prove him, beyond all reasonable doubt, a guilty participant at least. He, however, denied, as he had uniformly done before, any participation in the affair. One of the visitors, upon leaving the jail, addressing himself to Simpson said, "As regards you, Simpson, your guilt is conclusive, and your doom is fixed, but I have no doubt there were others connected with you in the affair, for no one man could have accomplished so tragic an act unaided and alone, and you had as well come out fully and tell all about it." To these remarks Simpson made no reply. Early next morning, however, he gave information that Jason Bell and Pleasant Sadler were his accomplices in the affair, and that Sadler, a stout young man, had done the killing in each instance.

Some months previous to this time Bell and Sadler had removed from the neighborhood in which they had lived to the head waters of Brush Creek, in Green County, some twelve or fifteen miles distant; but a warrant was forthwith obtained, and an officer immediately dispatched from their arrest. They were soon brought to town, delivered over to the justices, an investigation had, mainly upon the testimony of Simpson, who made a full confession of his guilt and of their participation, which resulted in their commitment also for further trial, without bail. At a subsequent circuit court, they were all tried, condemned, and sentenced to be capitally executed. Soon after the sentence Bell became sick, and in a few days afterward was found dead in the cell. His illness was not thought to be dangerous, and he and Sadler being confined in a room together, separate from Simpson, it was generally believed that Sadler, his step-son, had smothered him to death. A short time after this, Sadler made a rope out of his bedclothing and hung himself, fastening one end of the rope around his neck and the other to the grating of a small window in the dungeon some seven or eight feet high from the floor. Simpson abided his time, and was hung in the suburbs of Greensburg on the 21st of September, 1841. Bell and Sadler were to have been
hung on the 27th of the same month. The throng of people who attended the hanging of Simpson was tremendous. I would say there were present on that occasion ten thousand persons at least.

There follows about 4 pages of the life and history of Carrington Simpson. I did not include it here, because I am unsure of your interest in Carrington and in order to keep the size of this attachment smaller.

Allen ends his story with these two paragraphs:

To show the mischievousness and cruelty of his disposition, I will relate an incident which occurred a while before his arrest for the murder of the White family. Being at the still-house of Bell and Sadler, on a certain occasion, at night, with some others, he proposed to a young man who was there (G.B.), a somewhat verdant youth, but of respectable family, to initiate him into the secrets of Masonry. The confiding young man agreed to the proposal, suffered himself to be denuded of his clothes, then tied, and soaped all over with soft soap. He was then taken to a deep water trough, where they dipped and washed him till he was thoroughly cleansed, after which the final ceremony was performed by branding him with a hot iron. This operation was carried on nearly the whole night; but a while before day he was released and permitted to go home, satisfied with his own concupiscence, and desiring no further light in Masonry. Bell was present on the occasion, but had no participation in the operation.

Bell and Sadler were willing strikers for Simpson, who was shrewder than they, and under his plans and directions rendered him essential service in diabolical deeds of his planning, such as slaughtering neighbor’s cattle and hogs, curing the meat at home, and always making a liberal division with Simpson. A rehearsal of all the deeds of infamy charged against these men would occupy more space than we are willing to allow; let it suffice that three worse men than Simpson, Bell, and Sadler never lived, perhaps, in any country; but they have passed from earth, and must appear at the bar of God, to be judged according to their deeds.
Jailer's Expenses for Bell, Symson & Sadler

The Commonwealth of Kentucky to Henry R. Calfe as Jailer of Green County

To keeping & boarding John Williams in jail from the 28th of Novr 1840 until 3rd of Decr 1841, after the sd Williams had been sentenced by this Court to be sent to the Penitentiary .......................................................... 51—88
For keeping & boarding Carrington Symson indicted for murder from 28th Novr 1840 'till 2nd June 1841 .......................................................... 69—75
For keeping & boarding Jason Bell indicted for murder from 28th Novr 1840 till 2nd June 1841 .......................................................... 69—75
To keeping Pleasant Sadler & boarding indicted for murder from 28th Novr 1840 till 2nd June 1841 .................................................. 69—75
To ironing & confining Jason Bell a prisoner charged with murder as follows
April 7th 1841 1 pair Hand Cuffs ........................................ 1.75
2 Lap Rings ........................................................................ 25
1 Steeple ........................................................................ 13
1 Ring ........................................................................... 12
1 Chain ........................................................................... 75
for putting on Same ................................................................ 25
3 Blankets furnished for prisoner Bell & torn up by him .......... 4.50
1 Chamber pot & 2 plates broken by him ............................ 50
15 days attnd Court May term 1841 ................................... 15.00
$235.13

The above named Jason Bell Supposed to be deranged. Bell supposed to be deranged.

June 3rd 1841 H. R. Calfe, Jailer
Husband: Dick Akridge

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Wife: Carol Sue Bell

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Husband: Jim Funderberg

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Wife: Leslee Twinkle Bell

| Born: May 20, 1942 | Died: | Burial: | Father: Leslie Bell | Mother: Laura Lou Adams | Other Spouses: Jim Funderberg, Skipper, Richard Catlett |

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Brewer Family


Bernetta Gravatt b: Aug 1879 d: 1911 m: William R. Allen. Murdered by Alfred Brewer (b: 1887) brother of Andy Brewer who killed Walter Caulk. After the murder, Brewer went home and told what had happened, then he left; his family never heard from him again. Peggy Ray, another descendant of Florence Gravatt Underwood heard the story this way: Bernetta married William Allen, but pretty much lived her life the way she wanted, and she was having an affair with a much younger guy, named Alfred Brewer, in his late teens and she in her early 30s or late 20s. He wanted her to get a divorce and marry him, and he told her he "wanted her to be with him only." To which she replied, "I guess I'll be with whoever I want," and he shot her. Story Grandma Nannie told me: Bernetta was in love with a man who didn't love her - she put a spell on him to where he could see her hands on his shoulders all the time. When she refused to take off the spell, the man shot her dead.

-oral family history passed down to Leslie Willsey Breit and Peggy Ray, descendants of Florence Gravatt Underwood

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Walter Bennett Caulk Shot to Death

Mr. Caulk was sitting on the bank of Otter Creek, near "Big Rock", playing cards with some friends, when his nephew, Andy Brewer, came up and shot him, possibly over a bootleg whiskey deal. Ten year old, Miles sat alone all night with his father's body while others went for help.

(Walter, 49, was the father of 3 yr old Ruby Caulk who grew up to marry John Herbert Underwood)

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### Husband: Peter M. Brewer

- Born: Abt. 1818  
  - Birthplace: Marion county, KY
- Married: August 09, 1848  
  - Marriage Place: LaRue county, KY
- Died:  
- Burial:  
  - Burial Place: KY
- Father: Michael Brewer
- Mother: Martha Mellender
- Other Spouses:

### Wife: Milly Ann Carter

- Born: October 25, 1832  
  - Birthplace: Nelson county, Kentucky
- Died:  
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- Father:  
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J. W. Cundiff left home on the 27 day of April and was found dead in a barn Monday, June 5.

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Campbellsville New's-Journal
October 26, 1910
DISASTROUS FIRE
About 3:30 Tuesday morning, fire broke out at the feed stable of Mr. Sam Shipp & Son, on College Street, before assistance could be rendered, the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to check it. The stable contained about $600 worth of hay, 12 horses, and about 2 carloads of buggies, belonging to the Buchanan-Lyon Co. Mr. Shipp lost 2 mules, 1 horse, 1 surrey, 1 buggy, $600 worth of hay, and the stable. Carried $600 insurance.
Mr. Bob Parrott of Cane Valley lost 4 horses and harness. Mr. Geo. Cundiff lost 2 mules and harness. Mr. Rogers of Adair County lost 1 horse and wagon.
Mr. Gibson of Casey County, lost 2 mules and wagon. One old grey mule belonging to Geo. Cundiff, was saved from the fire. Mr. Cundiff claims that the grey mule was in fire three different times.
This fire shows very plainly the need of water works.

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| **Wife:** Matilda Jane Stillwell | | |
| Born: Abt. August 1838 | in: KY | in: LaRue county, Kentucky |
| Died: November 14, 1880 | | |
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Husband: Elisha B. Cundiff
Born: Abt. January 15, 1869
Married: July 03, 1889
Died: March 01, 1919
Burial: in: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Larue county, KY
Father: Elisha Cundiff
Mother: Matilda Jane Stillwell
Other Spouses: Sallie Perkins Hoover, Minnie Frances Huber

Wife: Louisa Florence Shipp
Born: March 1856
Died:
Burial: in: Mt Tabor Cemetery, Larue county, KY not proven
Father:
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           | Born: March 1892
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           | Died: |
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| 3        | Name: Luther Cundiff
           | Born: Abt. 1893
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| 4        | Name: Charles A. Cundiff
           | Born: February 1894
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           | Died: |
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| 5        | Name: Sidney B. Cundiff
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### Husband: Edward Cundiff

- **Born:** April 13, 1877  
  - in: LaRue county, Kentucky
- **Married:** Abt. 1900  
  - in: KY
- **Died:** May 25, 1948  
  - in: KY
- **Burial:**  
  - in: Pleasant Ridge Baptist Cemetery, LaRue county, KY
- **Father:** Elisha Cundiff
- **Mother:** Matilda Jane Stillwell
- **Other Spouses:**

### Wife: Viola

- **Born:** July 13, 1877  
  - in: KY
- **Died:** October 15, 1956  
  - in: KY
- **Burial:**  
  - in: Pleasant Ridge Baptist Cemetery, LaRue county, KY
- **Father:**  
- **Mother:**
- **Other Spouses:**

### CHILDREN

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   - **Born:** Abt. 1902  
     - in: LaRue county, Kentucky
   - **Married:**  
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2. **Name:** Malcolm Lee Cundiff  
   - **Born:** July 13, 1908  
     - in: Otter Creek, LaRue county, KY
   - **Died:** October 15, 1980  
     - in: KY
   - **Burial:**  
     - in: Pleasant Ridge Baptist Cemetery, LaRue county, KY #311
   - **Married:**  
   - **Spouse:** Larie Carter
3. **Name:** Edward Cundiff  
   - **Born:** Abt. 1909  
     - in: LaRue county, Kentucky
   - **Married:**  
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**Husband: George Robert Cundiff**
- Born: May 17, 1907  
- Married: April 02, 1939  
- Died: September 05, 1990  
- Father: George Thomas Cundiff  
- Mother: Laura Ellen Bell  
- Burial: in: Walnut Cemetery, Banner, IL

**Wife: Florence P. McMahan**
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**Spouse:**
Skaggs Arrested for Moonshining

The Lebanon Standard & Times  
Wednesday, May 30, 1883, page 1 col 6

THE FESTIVE MOONSHINERS
The Festive Moonshiners, Tracked to Their Lair, Find Means to Render Themselves Disagreeable.

Last Friday, D. H. Howard, Esp., of this place, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue and Mr. R. C. Roney, also of the revenue service left Lebanon for Green county, in quest of some illicit distilleries that were believed to exist there. They picked up a guide along the route and made their way cautiously to the headwaters of Brush Creek, about sixteen miles north of Greensburg, near the Larue county line. It was about two o'clock in the morning when they reached the neighborhood of the distillery. To reach it they had to pass the dwellings of two men named Skaggs, both of whom were supposed to know something of the "moonshine" institution, and to entertain a prejudice against revenue officers. A consultation was held and the question discussed whether it would not be better to dismount and walk quietly past these houses, to avoid exciting the suspicion of the inmates. As the hour was so late and the officers all tired, they decided to take the risk incident to riding. When they passed one of the houses they were surprised to see several persons moving about. Nothing daunted, they rode on a short distance and dismounted. Fearing that their horses might be turned loose, Mr. Howard remained to guard them, while the two others went up a ravine to search for the distillery. They failed to find it after a long search, and returned. Mr. Roney and the guide then started up another small ravine that came down from the neighboring hills. They had not gone far before they saw the distillery and were hastening forward to enter it when a volley was fired at them by a party of men sheltered behind the trees nearby. They returned the fire. The engagement was at very short range, the combatants being only a few paces apart. Finding themselves outnumbered, Roney and the guide fell back, on the way meeting Mr. Howard, who was coming to reinforce them. After a hasty conference they came to the conclusion that the enemy was too strong for them, so they mounted their horses and rode away. They had not gone far before another volley was fired at them from the side of the hill. One shot struck Mr. Howard's horse, passing through the fleshy part of the neck; another passed through a fore leg of the horse rode by Mr. Roney. The officers themselves were not hit, but had a narrow escape.

- Steven L. Wright, publ in Green County Review

William L. Skaggs
William L. Skaggs' sons: William Anderson "Anse" Skaggs (Maybe the one known as William S.)
Beverly Skaggs
William L. Skaggs' brother-in-law: Hilary "Pud" Johnson
Moonshiners in Hoc. - Capt. W. D. Ray, of Russellville, United States Deputy Marshal, and D. H. Howard, Esq., of Lebanon, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, with a party of some fifteen men, visited the northern part of Green County Friday night in quest of violators of the revenue laws. They discovered a moonshine distillery, and arrested the following persons for illicit distilling: Bill Skaggs alias Dezarn, Bill Skaggs Jr., alias Dezarn, Bill Skaggs, Cud Skaggs, Beverly Skaggs and Hilary Johnson.

The prisoners were brought here Saturday and lodged in jail. On Monday their examination began before T. Lewis Edelen, Esq., U. S. Commissioner. Cud Skaggs was the first examined, and he was held to answer in the United States Court at Louisville, his bond being fixed at $500. He thinks he will (be) able to give the bond.

Beverly Skaggs had an examination yesterday and was held in $400 bail to answer a charge of resisting United States officers near his home last May, when Mr. D. H. Howard and others were fired upon by a party of moonshiners.

Sept 19, Wed

The examining trials of the six moonshiners brought here from Green county ten days ago are not yet over, having been delayed by the difficulty experienced in procuring the attendance of witnesses. Since our last report Wm. S. Skaggs waived an examination, and been held in $500 to answer a charge of illicit distilling. Yesterday Wm. L. Skaggs had an examination, and was held in $400 to answer for resisting United States officers. Two prisoners are yet to be examined. All are still in jail.

Oct 17, Wed

The Skaggs' family of Green Co., Ky., five in number, charged with resisting a Federal Officer in the discharge of duty, and violating the Revenue Laws by illicit distilling were tried in Louisville last week. Three of them were acquitted and two plead guilty. The Court, Jury and Prosecuting Attorney, all got badly mixed up in determining who was who, all of the defendants answering to the name of Wm. Skaggs.
The LaRue County Herald  
Thursday, August 1, 1912  page 10 col 3

Murder Committed Near Gravel Point  

Mr. Chas. Creal, county attorney received a telephone message this morning at ten o'clock that Luther Skaggs killed Lewis Price by cutting with a knife. The killing occurred last night near Gravel Point, this county near the Marion and Taylor county lines.  

The Message was telephoned by T. J. Shomer and but few facts could be learned through it stated that the parties were at the time of the killing in a big drunk. The coroner, county attorney and deputy sheriff left for the scene of the killing just as the Herald went to press.  

Lewis Price, the victim, was implicated in the killing of his cousin, George Price a few years ago.  

From two books by Ben Jones, one The Crooked Sourwood:  

Then about this same year (1910) Louis Price was killed within a mile of where he and his brother Johnson Price had the gun battle that killed their cousin George Price II. Yes, again I'll blame the blood and tears on whiskey for Louis was an alcoholic. I was seventeen and I had a close pal, Henry Hoard, who lived with his grandmother Katherine Price who was Louis Price's mother. Henry was special to his grandmother. He'd had rheumatic fever and she wanted him where she could see he did not exercise too much. She bought a spotted pony for him to ride. He and I were the same age. We rode together a lot.  

One bright June morning Henry came for me real early before breakfast and said, "Luther Skaggs has killed my uncle Louis in bed with his wife. Grandmother insists I go and stay with him until they bring him home. I can't go alone please go with me." We went by where Henry lived with Katherine Price. She was out in the yard crying bitterly and said, "Henry, my baby is down there alone." Louis was about thirty-five, but still her baby.  

The cabin was down in a little valley at the spring that was the source of Little Pitman Creek. I expected to see a lot of people, but not a soul was in sight. There was a little grove of trees up the hill always and I felt sure that there were people watching that didn't want to be there when the sheriff and coroner got there and be questioned. It was a little mud chinked one room log cabin with a little lean-to kitchen. The yard was raked and clean and two little rock bordered flower beds with wild violets in one and red pinks in the other. The door was closed. I didn't want to go in. Henry said, "You go first." I could hear his heart condition and the heart beats were visible in his neck veins. My mind's eye told me what a horrible picture I'd be exposed to. I was scared to death. My hands shook when I pushed that shabby barn door in. [The room was 15 x 15]. My eyes sought the one bed on the right side of the room. It was neat and had not been slept in. I felt better and I called, "Come in Henry. There has been a mistake. Nobody has been killed in this bed." I saw blood - nothing but blood. The floor was blood covered with two blood soaked pillows and an over turned chair, but Louis wasn't in there, but there was a blood trail that went through the little kitchen and out the back door and there lay Louis in the little garden of onions and peas. He was soaked in blood. His short curly hair was a bloody mop and the green flies were coming in swarms. Henry was in a shock. I said, "Look he has his clothes on." I went to find something to cover him with. I didn't see a bureau or anything where a blanket or sheet would be, but there was a little pine box at the foot of the bed. I removed the top and there was a white sheet and pillow case. I took the sheet and went out and tucked it around the body.  

Then I saw them coming - three men on horses. I knew Dr. William and one had a badge - the sheriff. The other man I guess was the coroner. That office is usually a political job and they probably wouldn't even know how many [are] bones in the human body. The doctor had to tell them how he died and how long ago. Then the whole yard was full of men. The doctor had them carry the body outside the garden onto some grass and instructed the other two men to take his shirt off. It was in strips. Dr. William ignored the crowd. The coroner had a pad and wrote down what Dr. William told him. He said, "He has been dead about four hours and was killed with a long bladed knife. The blow that killed him was struck from behind over the right shoulder and penetrated his heart. He died instantly. Wipe his torso and let me see how many times he was stabbed. Seventeen times, but only one was a fatal wound." Then George Skaggs, Luther's brother, said, "Luther is up there at my mother's house and wants to give himself up." Somebody said...
gone for Johnny Thompson the handy man who acted as undertaker before the embalming law was
revised. The men covered Louis over with the bloody sheet and left.

Now I'd have to wait with Henry until Johnny Thompson came and got the body to prepare it for
burial and as hot as it was he'd have to be buried the next day. Henry was the one that was mostly
shook up. He had been near death himself and had it all settled with the Lord. The doctors had told him
he was liable to die at anytime. (He did die less than two years later.) He was very upset that Uncle
Louis had sunk his soul.

I'd always wanted to be a reporter or detective. I'd heard many murder stories. I'd always heard
old soldiers tell of the bloody battles of Shiloh and Gettysburg. My dad couldn't read and he sure loved
detective and western stories. My mother was the best reader in the world. I loved them too. While we
waited I took stock. There was one cup on the table half full of cold coffee and one plate with a half of a
biscuit. She wasn't expecting company or there would have been two cups and the bed was neatly
made. Well I was on Lizzy's side. She had covered the log walls with newspapers to hide the mud
chinks. She didn't have a cow or a chicken. I'd never liked Luther Skaggs. His first wife had lived a
short and deprived life with two boys. They always looked depressed at school. If Luther ever had a
steady job I hadn't heard of it. Liz was the fourth daughter of Jesse Despain and the prettiest of the six
girls. She had a bronze red head of short curls. She had worked for her board for as little as fifty cents a
week since she had been big enough to stand on a chair and wash dishes. Luther was twenty years her
senior. [He was insanely jealous]. Louis was more her age although he was married and had two kids
Ettie, six, and Leonard, five. They said Liz would drink, well, I imagine you would too under the same
circumstances.

[The wagon arrived, pulled by Louis' little grey mule and a black one, and driven by Johnny
Thompson. Johnny was the quiet boy at Gravel Point School. He was a Godsend to people from Zion
and Bethel communities when a man died. There was an old straw mattress in the wagon. He wrapped
Louis in a tarp. The flies were after him.]

Louis lived just down the hill from his mother and when Thompson drove by to take him to Louis'
house to dress him Katherine screamed, "Bring him here where it's home." [or "No, no, bring him in
here where he was born."] Thompson said, "Just as soon as I clean him up and dress him." If you
haven't seen a mother weep when her son has been brought home dead and bloody you haven't seen tears
yet. Ettie was crying and trying to console her little brother. Their mother wasn't around any place.

Luther received a short sentence. then moved to Owensboro. Kentucky.

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Thompson's Saw Mill

c. 1918

LaRue County, Kentucky

Left to right: Elijah Thompson, William Thompson, John Ford, Mayton "Mate" Thompson, Alfred DeSpain, George Thompson and Carl Wathen on Case steam tractor.

Elijah Thompson (b: 1879) was the father of George (b: 1908) and Mayton (b: 1910), and probably William. He was the husband of Rosa Lee DeSpain, the son of Thomas Jonathan Thompson & Mary Ann Warren.
Richard and Jense Skaggs were the parents of Elias Skaggs who was convicted of the murder of Henry Simpson in 1857. He committed suicide in the Greensburg jail.

Guerrilla's Revenge Attack This is a day long to be remembered on a cold day. The Greensburg Yankees, killed the Guerrilla George Wright, on the day he fought them (poss Nov 6, 1864), until he fell mortally wounded. He died with in two hours after he fell.

Having never been any Rebel Guerrillas thru here since that memorable day until Feb 16, 1865. Guerrilla Capt. Marion, with 14 men robbed old Mr. Dick (Richard and Jense) Skaggs, (their son,) Jerry Skaggs and Daniel Estes, Daniel Williams and set fire to John Walkers house because he would not give money. They put it out themselves.

They met Louis Bloyd in the road and robbed him of $30.00 and robbed John Bloyd, they robbed Mr. Hagans store of $100.00 worth of goods. He had three lady's hats they put them on and walked out and said "This is the way, we gay Guerrillas go."

Then they came on to James A. Howell and took some whiskey from him, they met Charlie Mat Buckner and robbed him, they came to James A Scott and took from him a horse and broke his musket and told his family, If was at home they would kill him for he had often reported to them as a Home Guard.

Next they came to Gabe Warrens and combed his head with their pistols and took his money.

They went out to Dr. Hazelwoods, there they stayed all night there from Dr. Hazelwood, they took one pair of boots and one pistol.

From the Drs they went to Jim Edwards. Jim was not a home, they beat Mat and robbed him of his money and boots, took his hat, left lady's hat, in the place of one. They told the children to tell Jim, that if he would go to John Bloyd and surrender his arms to him and take the oath, they would never pester him any more.

From Edwards, they went to Bill Lee's and gave Henry a whipping. And took a quarter from old Mr. Lee. Inquired for Bill Lee, said they intended to kill him. Mrs. Lee told them he had gone to Munfordsville, From Lees they went to George Drewens, they beat him and said they intended to kill him, then ask his name. He answered George Drewen. The Capt. immediately ordered his men out of the house. They all went out and then came to the back door and ask his pardon, for treating him so said they were mistaken, they was at the wrong house.

They then left him and went to William C. Thompsons, they killed him. They shot him three times. They also killed one of their own men, for begging for Curly's life. The man was on his knees with one hand lifted towards heaven praying for Curly, when they shot him and killed him. They burned up the house and everything in it.

Shot Curlys two horses. The place where the guerrilla was shot is about two miles south of Wards, Ky or about three miles south of Pleasant Ridge Church.

- Diary entry of William Bloyd?, written as he wrote it

Curley Bill Thompson -
Born about 1808, he was 67 at the time of his death. William "Curley Bill" Thompson possibly buried in cemetery near Malt, Larue Co., KY

Curley Bill seems to have fathered 30+ children by five different women -

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THE
HENRY SYMPSON
MURDER
27 May 1857

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The Henry Sympson Murder
27 May 1857

Henry Sympson, 57, Murdered During the Night

Henry Sympson was a well-to-do farmer of Taylor county, and resided on a farm on Pitman Creek, about one and one-half miles north of Pitman postoffice, close to the Lexington and Nashville Road, a major thoroughfare.

The family, which included 15 children lived in a beautiful L-shaped brick home near a spring. Bricks for the home had been made in Henry Sympson's own brick kiln. There were several barns, a weaving house, and slave cabins.

It was generally known by the people in the community that he was in independent circumstances, and it was believed by many citizens of the county that he had accumulated a surplus, and it was the prevalent opinion that he kept his money about his place of residence.

Sympson's wife (Eleanor Barbee) has been visiting relatives near Buffalo, Larue county, Ky. (It is said he and his wife have not been living together.) The only persons at the house besides Henry Sympson was his son, Edwin, who is partially deaf and sleeps in another area of the house, and one negro servant name Joe.

Son Discovers Body

Sympson's son awoke, went into his father's room (by candle light) and found him lying on the bed all bespattered with blood, his hand and face bruised and cut almost beyond recognition.

One of Sympson's Slaves Sent to Inform Coroner John A. Marshall of the Murder

“Swan” Despain and Bill Sol Thompson (brother of Sarah A. Thompson, future wife of Rev. Samuel Underwood) were two of the first persons at the murder scene. “Swan” volunteered to go to (Hodgensville) Larue county after Sympson's wife.

Coroner John A. Marshall Arrives

Numerous friends, neighbors, and relatives of the dead man are already there.

Coroner Marshall and Dr. Lively Examine Sympson

Henry Sympson was lying across the foot of his bed. Blood covered the bed, walls, and floor. There were two gaping wounds above his left eye, apparently made with an axe or a hoe. It appeared that Henry Sympson had been sitting up near the foot of his bed when he was struck. Two chairs sat in the middle of the room, flanking Sympson's money drawer. Papers and documents littered the floor. Sympson's money drawer key, which he kept on a string attached to his underclothes, was in the lock.

The news of the murder of Henry Sympson spread rapidly, even reaching adjoining counties. The people came to the scene in large numbers from every direction, and before nightfall, a large crowd had assembled at the residence.

Investigation

After an examination of the premises it was discovered that the murderers had, after completing the horrible deed, proceeded to the drawer in which Sympson kept his money, and had taken away with them nearly all his money and other valuables.

It was evident, too, that more than one man had committed this terrible deed. It was almost the universal opinion that four or five, and probably more, had conspired together for the purpose of murdering Sympson and taking his money. The more the matter was discussed, the more intense the excitement became. There were other men in the community who, it was thought, kept their surplus money about their premises, and it was feared that this band of robbers and murderers would take advantage of the occasion when the neighbors were at Sympson's and make a raid upon other houses in the community, and rob and murder the inmates. Hence as the day drew to a close the excitement became more intense. People came pouring in from adjoining neighborhoods, armed guards were placed around the dwellings of every man in the neighborhood who was ever known to have any money. (One of the oldest citizens later said, “It was suppressed excitement. The whole community seemed paralyzed. There was dread and fear depicted upon every face.”)

The question “What will happen next?” seemed to be the greeting on all sides.
Who will be the next man robbed and murdered by this band of murderers and robbers, was discussed in every group of excited men.

As soon as "Swan" Despain returned with Mrs. Sympson (and her son John), the Coroner, Mr. J. A. Marshall noticed blood on Despain's pants. He was unable to give a satisfactory explanation of how the blood came to be on his pants. It was also noticed that Despain and Bill Sol Thompson held several private conversations, and had acted otherwise suspiciously, so they were both arrested on suspicion.

Inquest Sherif R. P. Sanders had the two men well guarded while the inquest was held (the evening after the murder).

(Most of the information that we give was obtained from Mr. J. A. Marshall, who was Coroner at that time and took an active part in ferreting out the case).

The Body Is Washed and Dressed for Burial

Court of Inquiry A court of Inquiry, or an Examining Court, was began on the day of Sympson's burial (usually held on the 2nd day), conducted by Magistrates Durham Sanders and Thomas E. Cowherd (Justices of the Peace).

Sworn in at the murder scene:
- Samuel M. Durham
- Thomas G. Thompson
- Richard A. Webster
- Richard Skaggs (father of Elias, Henry and Jeremiah "Jerry")
- Richard Cowherd
- Holliday Morris
- William Kirtley
- Thomas Underwood
- Bartholomew Gaddie
- John Gaddie
- George Haselwood
- John Underwood

Search warrants were issued and parties armed with authority, went to various places in the community to see if anything could be found that would lead to the arrest of the murderers.

Information was received after Despain and Thompson had been arrested, that these two, in company with one Elias Skaggs (owner of tavern and distillery in Sympson's neighborhood) and George Hunter had stopped on the evening after the murder at the house of one Rebecca Blevins, who lived in that community, and, who it was said, was very intimate with Sympson, and asked Mrs. Blevins about Sympson's condition, whether he was drunk or sober, and on being told by Mrs. Blevins that he was not by any means sober, they all left together. As it was nothing unusual for these men to be seen together, no importance was attached to this fact that they asked about Sympson's condition caused them to be suspicioned by the authorities.

From the cuts on the murdered man's face it was evident that the terrible deed had been done with an ax, and this weapon's whereabouts would add much toward ferreting out the murder. Consequently, searching parties were sent in every direction, and Hunter's house was among the first to be searched.

Weapon Found While Sympson Funeral Was Going On Captain R. A. Webster and Mr. James Durrett went to Hunter's house on the day of the burial, while Hunter was at the residence of Sympson and asked the permission of Hunter's wife to search the house, and the potato hole cellar under the house, the access to which was by lifting out a part of the floor, directly in front of the fireplace. Hunter's wife, after taking her seat on that part of the floor which covered the entrance to the cellar, refused to permit the house and cellar to be searched. The fact of her refusal caused the searching party to be very suspicious, and they took the chair in which Mrs. Hunter was sitting and removed it with Mrs. Hunter still in it, from over the entrance, and removing a part of the floor, two axes were found. Both axes had rust or blood on them, and the shorter handled one had gray hairs on it.

The searching party left at once for Sympson's with the ax. Sympson was at this time being buried. They arrived as the body was being lowered into the grave. Mr. Hunter was in the grave, placing the planks over the vault. Sherif R. P. Sanders was shown the ax found under Hunter's house, and he at once proceeded to the grave, and.
after Mr. Hunter had finished covering the planks with dirt, the Sheriff extended his hand to assist him out of the grave, and Hunter with no idea that he was about to be made a prisoner, reached out his hand to the Sheriff, and he was lifted from the grave only to be made a prisoner, charged with the murder of the man he helped to bury. It is said that he turned pale and almost collapsed, when he was informed that he was a prisoner. It was found out upon further investigation that the murderers had gone in the direction of the homes of the suspected men, all of whom lived in a southwestern direction from the residence of Symson. The axe had been wiped on the grass, and cut in the ground in several places in the direction of the homes of those suspected.

Symson, at the time he was murdered, had a bull dog that would tear to pieces any person who came on the premises, and Zeke, the negro servant, and Hunter, it is said, were the only persons who could handle the dog. Hunter had worked for Symson a good deal, and the dog knew him. The dog was not killed or harmed in any way, and a great many believed that somebody the dog knew was connected with the murder, and this caused Hunter to be all the more suspicioned, and also caused so much suspicion to be placed upon Zeke, that he was afterward arrested.

Louisville Daily Courier
May 30, 1857
HORRIBLE MURDER

We learn from a gentleman from Taylor County, Ky., that Henry Symson, a wealthy farmer of that county, living about twelve miles from Greensburg, was cruelly murdered in his own house last Thursday night. Mr. Symson, it was known, had about $2,000 in money in his possession, of his own, in addition to $1,000 which had been sent to him for safe-keeping by Mr. Roberts, an aged man, of the same county. All of the white persons of the family were absent at the time. Three white men who live in the neighborhood are suspected of perpetrating the horrible crime. As intense excitement prevailed, it is not unlikely, we are informed, that the citizens of the county will take justice into their own hands, and gibbet the scoundrels.

The investigation did not cease here. Large crowds came every day to Symson’s at which place the Court of Inquiry was being held. During the investigation it was decided best that Symson’s body should be taken up, so that the hair on his head could be compared with the hair on the axe, found under Hunter’s house. Captain R. A. Webster went down into the grave and clipped a lock of hair from Symson’s head, the body was not taken out at all. It is said that a comparison of the hair was unfavorable to Mr. Hunter, and he, Despain and Thompson were well guarded night and day.

It developed during the investigation that Zeke, the negro servant, had gone a short time after the murder and deposited, for safe keeping, $100 in gold, with Jesse Morris, a well-to-do citizen, who lived a few miles north of Symson’s. Several days after this deposit was made, Zeke was questioned about where he got the five $20 gold pieces he had deposited with Jesse Morris, and Zeke, after some hesitation, said the money was given him by one Elias Skagg.

Skagg was not considered a moneyed man by any means, and it was believed by the authorities, that the fact that Skagg was with Hunter, Despain and Thompson, all of whom were then under arrest, when they were asking about Symson’s condition on the eve before the murder, and further fact that Skagg had given the negro Zeke $100 in gold was sufficient at least to lead to his arrest. So while on his return home from Mr. Durham’s store, about half way between where Mr. John W. Estes now lives, and the Lexington and Nashville dirt road, he was arrested by Captain R. A. Webster.

After his arrest he produced a $20 gold piece, and said to Mr. Webster: “this piece of money will convict me, but I am innocent of the murder, and I came by this money honestly.”

By the time Skagg was arrested, other circumstantial evidence was at hand that tended strongly to show that these men under arrest were guilty of the murder, and
they were placed in jail to await the action of the grand jury.
(Note: Elias Skaggs' brothers, Henry and Jerry were also arrested, as was John Underwood.)

At the time these arrests were made Elias Skaggs was living on the road between Pitman and Beech Valley School house. George Hunter was living on the farm known as the Skaggs place. Swan Despain and Will Sol Thompson lived near Sand Lick Church. Despain where Sam Nelson now lives and Thompson on the hill opposite from where Despain lived.

John Barbee, son-in-law of Symson's, who then lived close by, and negro Zeke, were arrested on a charge of murder, but were acquitted.

Each and every one arrested denied that they had anything to do with the murder, and as the evidence, though some of it very strong, was all circumstantial. There was a difference of opinion then as to which one was guilty, a great many people believed that some of these men were innocent of the murder.

Murder Charges Dropped Against the Three Skaggs' Brothers and John Underwood. County Attorney Adair say there is a lack of evidence against the men.

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**June 1, Tues**

**Louisville Daily Journal**

Friday, June 5, 1857

**ARREST OF MURDERERS**

We have already noticed the atrocious murder in Taylor Comity, of a wealthy farmer. Nine arrests have been made—six white men and three negroes and several others have been implicated. One of the clan, named Hunter, has made a full confession, and a part of the money ($780) had been recovered. It is supposed that some $3,000 was taken. The people are greatly enraged and apprehensions exist that a mob will ensue, and the parties be hanged without a trial. Symson was the father-in-law of William Howell, Esq., late a State Senator.

Mr. Howell is prosecuting the accused. The examination has been going on for several days and is still in progress. The names of the accused are—white men, three Skagg's, Despain, Thompson and Hunter; the negroes belong to Lloyd Thurman, Roberts and one of Symson's own negroes.

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**June 12, 1857**

**Louisville Daily Journal**

June 12, 1857

**THE TAYLOR COUNTY MURDER**

The Elizabethtown Intelligence is informed that the rumor of Hunter's confession, and the finding of $780 of the money stolen, is incorrect. All the parties accused have been acquitted, except three—Hunter, Despain and Thompson—who are undergoing examination, and will doubtless be sent on for further trial.

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**June 19**

**Louisville Daily Journal**

June 19, 1857

A letter from Hodgenville says: The court of inquiry closed their proceedings in the Symson Murder case on last Thursday—the result of which was to commit Hunter, Despain and Thompson to jail to await a final trial for the murder of Henry Symson. There seems but little doubt on the minds of those who witnessed the trial as to their guilt, though the proof seems to be of a circumstantial character.

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**June 26**

**Louisville Daily Journal**
Green County and locked in the Greensburg Jail.

Sympson's Slave, Zeke, Returned to Taylor County Jail in Campbellsville.

**Green County**

**Jurors:**
- David E. Moss
- James B. Montgomery
- John Montgomery
- Arther Gupton
- John Marcum
- Henry Mayes
- Joseph A. Moss
- John E. Sherrill
- John A. Spilman
- James Phillips
- B. F. Biggs
- Hiram Moore

**Sept 3, Fri**

Will Sol Thompson Found Guilty  At the August term 1858 of the Green County Circuit Court Will Sol Thompson was tried. The evidence, though all circumstantial, was very strong and after a hard fight both on the part of the Commonwealth and the defendant, the case was given to the jury, who, after a time returned into Court a verdict of guilty, and fixed his punishment at death.

Thompson was sentenced to be hung October 15, 1858.

The attorneys for the defendant at once took the case to the Kentucky Court of Appeals...

**Court of Appeals Reversed the Judgment of the Green Co. Court**

Said the court erred in not permitting Hunter's wife to testify in behalf of Skaggs and Skaggs wife to testify in behalf of Hunter. The case was sent back to the Green Circuit Court to be tried again in conformity to the opinions rendered by the Court of Appeals.

**Citizens In An Uproar**

The news that the Court of Appeals had reversed the judgment of the Circuit Court was received by the people soon afterward. The excitement which was at its highest pitch for several days after the murder had about subsided and the people were waiting anxiously for the accused to be punished by law. Nearly every one seemed to be of the opinion that a strong case had been made out by the Commonwealth, and were not prepared for the news that the Court of Appeals had reversed the judgment of the lower Court. The excitement, like a smouldering fire, ready to be fanned into a blaze by the fiercest wind, needed only the news of a reversal of the judgment to raise it again to its highest pitch.

The Courts rulings were discussed in every crowd; a great many people thought that the accused would never be punished by the Courts. Several months had passed since this horrible murder had been committed, and those accused of the crime were still in jail and no nearer conviction than when first arrested. One or two witnesses for the Commonwealth had died, and the memory of some of the others were not so good as at first, and these facts in connection with the rulings of Court of Appeals, caused a great many to think that the accused would finally escape punishment entirely. "They are trying to wear the case out," was heard on all sides. "I believe they are guilty, but will come clear," was another expression that was used quite frequently in every excited crowd. The rulings of the Court of Appeals were magnified as often as it was told, until it appeared to the excited people as some "huge monster" standing in the way of justice and right. The more the matter was discussed, the greater the excitement.

Cool and conservative men tried to counsel and advise the excited people and begged them to do no violence, but to let the law handle the accused, and everything would be well. But in vain. Death must be meted out to Henry Symson's murderers. The people were satisfied in their own minds that Thompson, Despain, Skaggs and Hunter were guilty of this most horrible murder, and determined that these men should die by the rope.

The excitement, like a might prairie fire, widened and gather forced. Those who for a time were cool and conservative no longer counseled peace; they were taken
THE LATE MURDER IN TAYLOR COUNTY

We have already published several accounts concerning the murder of Henry Sympon, a wealthy farmer of Taylor County. It appears upon further investigation that four white men charged with the crime (Elias, Henry and Jerry Skaggs, John Underwood, Jr.) have been acquitted of all connection with the terrible offense. They were examined fully before a Magistrate’s court and liberated from custody. In addition the Commonwealth’s Attorney, and a number of the most respected men in the community gave a written certificate, stating that the parties charged have been wrongfully arrested and were innocent of any guilt in the matter.

The report published concerning the confession of Hunter and the recovery of seven hundred and eighty dollars, is altogether false.

Nov 11

Indictment Brought by the Grand Jury - Charged with murder or the coercion of others to murder Henry Sympon.

Nov 12

Defendants Arraigned Before Judge George W. Kavanaugh of Lebanon.

The Court Granted a Continuance, but Refused to Set Bail

Mordecai R. Hardin - Commonwealth Attorney, pro tem, in absence of Andy Barnett who was sick.

Ward and Goaldar - Defense Attorneys

Defendants Were Taken Into Custody by John Spurling, Jailer.

Trial Moved To Green County - These four men and Zeke were all indicted by the Grand Jury of Taylor County for the murder of Sympon. The defendants employed the best legal talent obtainable, and after a time a change of venue was granted and the defendants were taken to Green County for trial.

Taylor Circuit Court Commenced


Witnesses: Commonwealth called 25, Defense called 9

Mar 16, Tues

Jury Retires To Their Room

Mar 19, Fri

No Verdict, Judge Kavanaugh Discharges the Jury

June

Taylor Circuit Court Convenes

Judge Kavanaugh Allows Separate Trials

Judge Kavanaugh Allows Change of Venue for the White Defendants - Trials to be held in Green Co.

Hunter, Despain, Skaggs, and Thompson Taken Into Custody by Jailer of
in as if by a mighty current, and were among the boiling, seething multitude, who were clamoring for the lives of these four unfortunate men. The people were wrought to such a pitch as that they would no longer listen to appeals of law and order. "These men," said they, "had murdered Henry Simpson, and they must be hanged, and that too by a mob!"

The day was fixed for the mob to assemble. Some wanted to go by night and break open the jail and take them out, but the feeling had become too intense and so universal that few wanted to do the work at night. Broad open daylight was the time to do the work.

The weather was good. The word had gone out that the mob would assemble. It was unlike most mobs which assembled to do such work; there was no secrets among them, their acts were all public. The leaders sent word to adjoining counties, and early in the morning the mob began to assemble. They came by twos, by threes, by twenties, some on foot and some bareback. Some from Marion county, some for Larue county, some from Adair county and some from Green county, while nearly the entire county of Taylor turned out, either to take part in the mob or to witness the hanging.

The March to Greensburg The march was started. The unfortunate men were imprisoned in the jail at Greensburg, and as the mob proceeded toward Greensburg, it became larger as it approached the town. Recruits were received at every cross roads, and when they reached the town hundreds of men made up the mob. They were orderly, they were quiet. These men wore no masks; they tried to conceal nothing. They had gone to Greensburg with the determination of hanging the murderers of Henry Simpson, and they did not care who saw them or who knew them.

They entered the town, which had been apprised of their coming. The windows and doors of the entire town were filled with men, women and children, who watched silently the hundreds of determined men as they marched down the street to the jail.

The civil authorities pleaded with the mob not to do violence to the poor, unfortunate men, but in vain.

The jail was reached and with but little difficulty they entered. The authorities were unable to protect the prisoners. The numbers of the mob was so great, and the feeling was so intense that for the authorities to resist would have been the height of folly.

When the door was broken open, there stood the prisoners. They knew what it meant; they knew they must die, and they knew too, the time was not far off. Their fear was indescribable.

**Elias Skaggs Kills Himself** Elias Skaggs had secured a razor in some way, and when he heard the mob coming, and knowing their purpose, he doubtless chose to die in the jail rather than be hanged by a mob. He chose to die by the razor rather than by the rope. When the mob entered the jail, Skaggs was found lying on the floor, all covered in blood, and his head almost severed from his shoulders. The razor that did the work was lying on the floor near by its victim.

- Family of Elias Skaggs:
  - Wife, Lucy Ann Despain, 38
  - Sarah A., about 11
  - Richard, about 9
  - Caroline, 6
  - Martha Jane, 4, born Sept 27, 1855 Taylor Co.
  - Jersey Jane, 3
  - Parents: Richard Skaggs & Jerzy Jane Martin
  - (Descendants of Busell Skaggs: Thomas, James, Jacob, William, David, Richard, and several other ways)

Skaggs was dead and, doubtless, the other unfortunate men wished they were in Skaggs' condition. The prisoners wrung their hands and pleaded for their lives. They declared their innocence, but all to no purpose. They were soon hustled from the jail.

**Greensburg City Officials Address the Mob** The march to the place of execution was commenced, but before they left the town, the authorities and some of the citizens made speeches to the mob begging and beseeching them to return the prisoners to the jail, and let the law deal with them. They were - authorities that they were - g murder themselves. These - amounted to nothing. The mob was determined.

Hunter, Despain and Thompson must die. So awful was the spectacle that women and
children hid when the mob went by in the street.

March Back to Campbellsville

It was decided by the mob to hang the accused in
Campbellsville, and to this place the mob started, followed by hundreds of Green
County people who were anxious to witness the hanging, and some of them wanted to
take part in the affair.

At different times on the road the accused were asked to "tell all" about the
murder of Henry Sympson, but on each and every occasion they declared their
innocence.

The Green County authorities went with the mob to the line between Green
and Taylor Counties, and time and again they begged the mob to return the prisoners,
but their appeals were unheeded. The mob went on. It is said that some of those who
advised the mob in Green County not to hang the accused men afterwards became
parties to the mob.

As the mob approached Campbellsville, the accused became all the more
frightened and nervous. To be sure they had enough to make them nervous. They knew
that their time on earth was almost up, and that soon they were to go before the Great
Creator, and there render an account for the terrible crime with which they were
charged. One more opportunity was to be given them to tell what they knew of the
murder of Henry Sympson.

Thompson and DeSpain Hung

The suburbs of Campbellsville had been
reached, and the elm tree near the public school building (situated on the old
Greensburg Road—now Broadway) was the tree selected on which these men were to
die.

Campbellsville and vicinity turned out in large numbers to witness the
hanging. The crowd was no longer to be numbered by the hundreds, but by the
thousands.

Ropes were secured and the accused men were brought under the elm tree and
they were again asked to make a confession of the crime with which they were charged.
Thompson and DeSpain, right on the verge of eternity, again declared they were
innocent men, and knew nothing of the murder. Despite their earnest appeals and
despite the fact that they almost in the presence of their God had declared their
innocence, the ropes were adjusted around their necks and DeSpain and Thompson,
whether guilty or innocent, prepared or unprepared, were swung into eternity.

William Solomon "Bill Sol" Thompson, 24
Wife of two years, Pernia DeSpain, 23
Parents, King Solomon and Millie Bell Thompson

Swanson "Swan" DeSpain was the brother of both Bill Sol Thompson and Elias Skagg.

Hunter Promises to Confess

Hunter's time had now come. At the last moment,
when the rope was about to be adjusted around his neck, then he was promised not to be
hung by the mob if he confessed, and he declared he knew all about the murder of
Henry Sympson, and promised a statement of facts about the murder, and the mob, in
accordance with their promise, turned him over to the authorities, and to them he made
a confession, saying in part that he, Skagg, Thompson and DeSpain did murder Henry
Sympson, and that they murdered him for his money. He told the authorities the
particulars of the whole affair, and his confession of facts was in line with the
circumstantial evidence heretofore given in this connection.

Hunter was taken back to the Greensburg jail and there awaited his trial by
the court.

The mob dispersed. They had accomplished what they thought was their
mission, and everything became quiet.

Louisville Daily Journal

November 12, 1858

A MOB IN GREENSBURG AND CAMPBELLSVILLE
A JAIL BROKEN OPEN

A Prisoner Cuts His Throat To Escape The Fury Of The Mob
Two Prisoners Hung By The Mob

Campbellsville, Nov., 1858

Gentlemen: You will recollect a short time since I gave you
an account of the assembling of a mob at Greensburg, for the
purpose of hanging four men confined in the jail there, who
stood charged with the murder of Esquire Henry Simpson, of this county. At that time the mob was, with difficulty, broken up, many of its members threatening to return soon to hang the prisoners. Some injudicious remarks, said to have been made by a few men at Greensburg, hastened the denouement. This morning, according to a previous understanding, men from this place, and at an early hour took up their march to Greensburg, meeting with accessions at different points along the road until the crowd numbered two or three hundred men, including a considerable number of spectators. The mob proceeded to the jail, which is built of stone and very strong, and found the doors locked and the jailer gone. A number of men immediately seized a large piece of heavy timber, and with several tremendous blows, bustled the door from its hinges. An inner door was speedily broken with crow-bars and sledge hammers, and a portion of the mob stood in the debtor's room, fronting the cells in which the miserable men were confined. The locks of the cell doors were soon broken and the doors pried open, when a most horrible and sickening and revolting sight met the gaze of those present. Of the men, Elias Skaggs, a man weighing 200 pounds, was found weltering in a large pool of blood in the last agonies of death, the blood spurting in large jets from a ghastly and self-inflicted wound in the neck, having with a razor cut his throat from ear to ear. His body convulsed in death, was dragged into the debtor's room, and from thence down a flight of steps on the street paving. The remaining three men, namely, Will Sol Thompson, Swan Despain, and George Hunter, were then brought from the jail, bound and mounted behind men on horseback, when the crowd, in double-file amid throngs of spectators, took up their return march to this place, a distance of 12 miles. During which, two of the miserable men displayed considerable firmness asserting their innocence in the most positive terms--Thompson wept and prayed audibly a good part of the way, calling on all to witness his innocence. The crowd having arrived at the place, determined to lynch Zeke, also, a negro, belonging to the murdered man, who had been implicated by Skaggs as the real murderer. At this juncture, amid the yellings and howling of the crowd, the expostulations of the sheriff and our excellent jailer, and "amid confusion worse confounded," Robert Colvin, Esq., a prominent and influential citizen, having succeeded in gaining an elevated position and in catching the ear of the crowd, addressed it in a short speech, which for point, appropriateness, and good sense, I have hardly ever heard excelled; and it was effectual as it was sensible, for after an unsuccessful effort of one or two inexperienced orators, the mob left the negro in jail and conducted the three men a short distance to an elm tree, and began making preparations to hang them. At Thompson's request a prayer was offered in their behalf, he praying and weeping aloud during the time. He was then mounted on a horse, and after again asserting his innocence for the last time, a rope was put about his neck, the end thrown over a limb, the horse driven from under, and Thompson was launched into Eternity. He seemed to die easy--one or two spasmed jerking of the limbs, a shudder, and all was over. Despain soon shared a similar fate, dying much harder. At this stage Hunter gave evidence of making a clean breast, which after some delay and a good deal of reluctance, he did, confessing to the guilt of Skaggs, Thompson and Hunter, and implicating five others as being concerned in the murder. Their names are as follows: Henry Skaggs, Jerry Skaggs, Lloyd McDaniel, John
Underwood, and a son-in-law of Sympton's, the latter is under arrest, but is, I believe generally considered innocent. The Sheriff, with a posse, is out tonight to arrest the others. Zeke was also implicated by Hunter, and brought forth, and the two confronted: nothing of importance was elicited and they were both taken to jail—both of them making a narrow escape. But for the timely interference of Mr. Colvin, the negro would, in all probability, be now dead. Mr. Colvin merits the thanks of the whole community for his courageous and telling speech. He is by unanimous consent voted a "trump".

I sincerely hope there will not be another outbreak. While the community feel shocked at the enactment of such a tragedy and deplore its necessity, yet it meets with general approbation. The murder of Henry Sympton was a most foul and atrocious one—the murderers doing the deed at the dark hour of night, and robbing his house, according to the confession of Hunter, of $5,000 or $6,000.

It is right, however, to say that but few of the citizens of this place participated in the tragedy, and are opposed to mob on principle. But I have already extended this communication too far. I hope, Messrs. Editors, that you will excuse any inaccuracies in style, as I have written in haste. I have endeavored to be correct in the particulars. More anon. Truly yours, C.

Hunter's Trial Hunter was tried at the next term of the Green Circuit Court, and though he had employed some of the most learned and able lawyers, and though he with uplifted hand, on the witness stand, declared under oath, that he knew nothing of the murder of Henry Sympton, and that his confession was made to save his life from the mob, and that the detailed facts therein were given by him after he had learned all the circumstantial evidence, and his confession was simply a statement from him that he knew the circumstantial evidence to be true, and this he did for no other purpose than to save his life.

Jury Finds Hunter Guilty The jury, after having heard all the evidence in the case, the instructions of the Court, and the argument of the counsel, retired to their room, and after a time brought into Court the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of the charge of murder, and fix the penalty at death." Hunter's doom is sealed. He must die.

Sentence was soon passed upon him and the day of the execution was fixed.

Hunter Hung The day rolled around, and the Sheriff led him from the jail to the scaffold, and once more he was permitted to make a statement as to his guilt or innocence. He declared again that he knew nothing of the murder of Henry Sympton.

The rope was tied, the black cap was pulled down over his face, the trap was sprung, and Hunter went before his God.

It is said all of these men were excessive drinkers.
### Husband: Thomas Jonathan Thompson

- **Born:** February 18, 1842
- **Married:** October 26, 1862
- **Died:** September 09, 1904
- **Father:** William Curly Thompson
- **Mother:** Lydia Wood
- **Burial:** Green county, KY

### Wife: Mary Ann Warren

- **Born:** December 1842
- **Died:** March 12, 1931
- **Father:** William B. Warren
- **Mother:** Elizabeth Salsman

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Spouse: Brown  
Married: December 25, 1908  
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| **2** Name: Barsel B. Thompson  
Born: June 29, 1892  
Died: December 12, 1993  
Burial: in: Scottsburg, IN  
Spouse: Zora Clark  
Spouse: Ophie Bell  
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| **3** Name: Berton Thompson  
Born: October 1894  
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Born: Abt. 1897  
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Born: Abt. 1900  
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   Born: May 07, 1901  
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   Born: July 04, 1904  
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10 Name: Mary Eliza Thompson  
   Born: February 20, 1908  
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   Married: Unknown  
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11 Name: William Gilbert Thompson  
   Born: April 07, 1913  
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   Born: Abt. 1915  
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Husband: Peter Albrecht

- Born: February 02, 1877 in: Ohio, IL
- Married: Abt. 1914
- Died: January 01, 1948 in: Peoria, IL
- Burial: in: Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, IL
- Father: Joseph Albrecht
- Mother: Emma Knuth
- Other Spouses: Susan Emily Bell

Wife: Bessie Shannon

- Born: January 16, 1889 in: PA
- Died: in:
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- Father: [Other Spouses:]
- Mother: [Other Spouses:]

### Wife: Elsie Marie Lund
- Born: September 13, 1926 [in Tiskilwa, IL]
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- Father: Frans Bernhard Lund
- Mother: Bertha Pearl Bell
- Other Spouses: Gale R. Bradley

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Mother: Bertha Pearl Bell
Other Spouses:

Wife: Demetra Ann Mullins
Born: January 30, 1937 in: Moores Chapel, Gibson county, Tennessee
Died: in:
Burial: in:
Father: Kenneth Van Mullins
Mother: Anne Gwendolyn Rogers
Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1 Name: De Anne Lund
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   Married: July 14, 1985 in: Hopkinsville, KY
   Spouse: Stephen Ashley Cotthoff

2 Name: Lynette Kay Lund
   Born: February 25, 1961 in: Sterling, IL
   Died: in:
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   Spouse: Peter Merrill Benson

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Mother: Mary Anne Bodley
Other Spouses: Sariah Lynn Wallace

Wife: Monica Curley

Died:
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CHILDREN

1. Name: Aaron Leslie Dike
   Born: June 25, 1996 in: Peoria, IL
   Married:
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**Husband: Richard Aaron Dike**

- Born: November 07, 1971 in Peoria, IL
- Married: August 19, 2000 in Peoria, IL
- Died: in
- Father: Donald Wayne Dike
- Mother: Mary Anne Bodley
- Other Spouses: Monica Curley

**Wife: Sariah Lynn Wallace**

- Born: September 20, 1978 in Pekin, IL
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- Other Spouses: Rodney Smith

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|   | Married: August 19, 1982 in: Las Vegas, Nevada |
|   | Spouse: Mary Anne Bodley |

|   | Name: Lauren Lois Morsch  
|   | Born: June 17, 1949 in: Omaha, Nebraska |
| F | Died:                   |
|   | Burial:                 |
|   | Married: Abt. February 13, 1984 in: Las Vegas, Nevada |
|   | Spouse: Robert Flaugher  |
|   | Married: February 14, 2004 in: Bloomington, IL |
|   | Spouse: Steven Evans     |

|   | Name: Howell Adrain Morsch  
|   | Born: September 20, 1952 in: Omaha, Nebraska |
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|   | Married: July 03, 1982 in: Des Moines, Iowa |
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|   | Married: June 06, 1987 in: Des Moines, IA |
|   | Spouse: Lynn Holzer     |

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Mother: Bethia Martin  
Other Spouses:  

Wife: Mary Bostick  
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in: Buckingham county, Virginia |
| 2 | Name: George Bell  
Born: Abt. 1727  
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Spouse: Rebecca Moore |  | in: St Paul's Parish, Hanover county, Virginia  
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Wife: Frances Beasley

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