Descendants of
William Henry
and
Elizabeth Ann (Simmons)
GREGORY
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A Memorial to the countless and intrepid pioneer families who settled Webster County.

These include, among others: The Hamricks, Gregorys, Rigglemans, Doogills, Crammills, Millers, and Clgars.
GRAVE SITE — Elias Clark Gregory at the grave rock of his Great-Great-Grandfather, Elias Chapman Gregory. The grave is located in the Cedarville (West Virginia) Cemetery in Gilmer County.
Introduction

This history includes individuals who are direct ancestors of my children, and some who are not. Many of those listed here, who are not direct ancestors of my children, are the result of the research and information given by others. I have not directly verified many listings that are not my children's ancestors. I tried to include as many as possible but I did not have everyone's information. If you have any names you would like to add, please send them so that they can be included in any updates.

GATHERING AT Perkins, Gilmer County, West Virginia — Front row: third from left, Mergie Moss. Seated, Middle row (left to right): George Alltop, Elias Chapman Gregory, William L. Beckett, Isabelle (Alltop) Gregory, Mary “Bob” Alltop, Julia C. (Alltop) Beckett, Mary Elizabeth (Gregory) Pritt (wife of Lewis Pritt). Back row (left to right): First five are unidentified (although their last names are thought to be Collins), Jasper Newton Gregory, Mr. Dobbins, Mrs. Maple (Pritt) Dobbins, Alda (Gregory) Pritt (Maple's mother), four unidentified.
William Henry Gregory was born December 25, 1832, and died July 25, 1907, according to the Gregory family Bible passed down from Cena “Cenie” (Hawkins) and Elias Delbert “Dell” Gregory. So far, everything in this record has checked out to be correct. However, I have not been able to find any other documentation of these dates.

William Henry Gregory married Elizabeth “Betty” Ann Simmons. The Bible record shows that she died in 1914, but I have not been able to verify that. They had eight children that I know of. The children were:

1wh) Mary E., born in 1850.

2wh) Elias Chapman “E.C.” was the second child, born September 9, 1853 in Upshur County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He married Isabelle Alltop on January 20, 1876, in Gilmer County, West Virginia. Isabelle was a daughter of Benjamin and Roanna (Norman) of Gilmer County. Elias Chapman, “E.C.” was a singer who led singing in area churches. He died on September 16, 1876, and is buried in the Cedarville, West Virginia, Cemetery.

The children of E.C. and Isabelle Gregory were:

1ec) Zeruah May “Ruie May,” who was born on May 8, 1876. She died at age 98 in Elkins, West Virginia, on January 12, 1974. She had one daughter, Hattie Louverna, born January 28, 1893 at Normantown, who married a Turner. Hattie had a daughter, Geraldine, who married Eugene Bennett.

2ec) Worthy Evan was born December 26, 1877, in Peachtree, Gilmer County. He married Minnie Lynn Jones on April
12, 1903, in Gilmer County, according to the records of Evelyn Crofoot. They had three children.

1we) Mamie Ruth was born on February 26, 1906 at Normantown, Gilmer County, and died April 12, 1981 in Barberton, Ohio. She was married to John Reed and Harry Frances Stephens.
2we) Ruby Mable born February 25, 1908 at Leatherbark, and married Mack Lattea.

3we) Leo Alda born August 20, 1910 in Braxton County, West Virginia, and died March 23, 1983 in Washington County, Ohio. Married Sam Caplinger.
4we) Charles Evan was born November 7, 1924 at Sand Run in Randolph County, West Virginia, and died on September 14, 1967 in Barberton, Ohio. He was never married.

5we) Ila Belle was born on February 16, 1925 at Sand Run, and died on April 7, 1983 in Parkersburg. She married Virgil F. Hall of Marietta, Ohio in Washington County, Ohio on October 15, 1940.

6we) Edgar Lee was born June 11, 1927 at Sand Run and married Imogene Louise Fern on April 16, 1955 in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

7we) Shirley Eugene was born on March 29, 1929 at Sand Run and died January 19, 1983. He married Reetha Marie Enoch on October 8, 1947 in Wirt County, West Virginia.

8we) Sherman was born April 19, 1931 in Sand Run and died December 28, 1974 in Barberton, Ohio. He was married to Violet Lee Caplinger on October 5, 1951 in Summit County, Ohio.

9we) George Harlen was born February 22, 1934 at Sand Run and died November 28, 1982 in Parkersburg. He was married to Barbara Lucille Hall on March 10, 1959 in Parkersburg.

10we) Loren Ann was born on May 3, 1938 at Sand Run and married William Thomas Woodson on June 15, 1957 in Harrison County, West Virginia.

11we) Arilla Freida was born December 6, 1942 and married Lucy Arlon Meadows on January 16, 1970 in North Carolina.
3ec) Jasper Newton "Newt" was the third child of E.C. and Isabelle. He was born August 9, 1879 in Gilmer County and died on May 5, 1962. He married Lula Maude Marks on July 12, 1900. Her parents were Perry G. and Indiana (Hubbard) Marks. She was born on April 28, 1883 and died on May 12, 1983. They lived in a little (by today's standards) house that is still standing on Paulser's Fork, where they raised 15 children. Lula lived to be 100 years old. They are buried in the Cedarville Cemetery. The children of Newt and Lula Gregory are:

1) Ada Pearl born December 9, 1900 in Gilmer County, and died September 8, 1970 in Harrison County. She was married about 1920. She married a Carder.
Lula Maude (Marks) Gregory and Children.
2) **Ernest Chapman** was born October 3, 1902 in Cedarville, and died May 19, 1943 in Harrison County. He never married.

3) **Hale Gregory** was born November 16, 1902 in Cedarville, and died February 1, 1982 in Wood County. He never married.

4) **Floda Blanch** was born August 16, 1905 at Leatherbark, and was married in Gilmer County on August 5, 1934.

5) **Orville Green** was born May 28, 1907 at Leatherbark, and died February 13, 1980 in **Calhoun County**, West Virginia. He married **Evalee Carter**. Their children were **Delores Lee** born August 5, 1939 in Gilmer County; **Janice Louise** born May 6, 1941 at Normantown; **Raymond Hayward** was born August 7, 1943 in Glenville; **Orval Leon, Jr.**, born 12, 1946 and died April 21, 1983 in a trailer fire.


**Allen Newton** is also the child of Orval and Evalee and is named in honor of Jasper Newton. He was born February 18, 1952 in Gilmer County and married **Diana R. Wilson** on October 14, 1972. Diana is the daughter of **Robert “Ray” and June Wilson**. Allen and Diana have two children: **Beverly Michelle**, born June 30, 1976 in Elyria, Ohio and **Brett Allen**, born December 13, 1982 in Elyria.

6jn) **Cleo “June”** was born June 24, 1909 at Leatherbark, and married **Harold “Clyde” Packer**.


The eighth child born to Newt and Lula Gregory was 8jn)
Freddie Harold born October 21, 1912 at Leatherbark, and died July 15, 1974 at Parkersburg of respiratory failure. He is buried at the Butternut Ridge Cemetery in Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio. He married Georgia Evelyn Stephens October 24, 1936 at Anmoore in Harrison County. Her parents were Thomas Monroe and Lottie Maneva (Dailey) Stephens. Georgia is a Baptist who was born on June 12, 1919 and she lives in Vermilion, Ohio. Freddie was a Methodist and he was a construction worker. He was discharged from the armed forces on December 13, 1945.

Their children are:

1) Evelyn Virginia, born June 7, 1937 at Anmoore, West Virginia. She married Lewis Jefferson Smith on May 9, 1953. The children of Evelyn and Lewis Smith are: 1) Roger Leroy and 2) Rodney Lee (twins) born April 10, 1954 at Weston, Lewis County, West Virginia. Roger Leroy died April 21 and Rodney Lee died April 23 of 1954. They are buried at Cedarville Cemetery. 3) Paul Brent was born December 3, 1956 at Cedarville. 4) Joyce Lynn was born August 20, 1958 at Cedarville. She married Rexford Dale Chaffin on April 26, 1976. 5) Steven Blair was born April 15, 1961 at Cedarville. He married Sheral Arlene Harper on October 3, 1981. 6) Charles Allen was born September 7, 1962 at Cedarville. He married Roberta Ann Boles on February 28, 1981.

Evelyn later married Jerry Bernard Crofoot on August 10, 1972. They live in Lorain, Ohio.

Second child of Freddie and Georgia Gregory is Freddie Harold, Jr., who was born September 2, 1938 at Cedarville, West Virginia. He married Linda Lou Baisden on September 12, 1959.
at Normantown. Shana is a child of Linda and Fred who married John Ray on August 9, 1986 at the Lowell Street Baptist Church. John was born March 18, 1965 and his parents are Ann Carr and John Ray, Sr. John Ray, Jr. and Shona have one child, Sarah Jo, born December 13, 1987.

Another child of Linda and Fred Gregory is Stacie, who married Arthur A. Fitz on June 17, 1989. Arthur was born in Cleveland, Ohio and is the son of Al and Becky Fitz. Stacie and Arthur have one child, Garrett L.A. Fitz, born July 17, 1991 in Elyria.

Aleathia is a child of Fred and Linda Gregory who married Kit Milks in Elyria in 1979. Their children are: Cheryl, Tabitha, and Rebecca Sue.

Another child of Fred, Jr. and Linda is (Tonya) Tammy born January 3, 1964. She married Jerry Davis. He was born March 21, 1964 and his parents are David and Susi Davis and Jerry Crofoot. Tammy and Jerry Davis were married on September 10, 1983 at the Lowell Street Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio. Their children are Branden James born July 27, 1983, Levi Adam born October 5, 1984, and Morgan Leonard born August 24, 1986. The Davis family lives in Elyria.

3fs) Betty Jane is the third child of Freddie, Sr. and Georgia. She was born on March 16, 1940 at Cedarville and married Donald Eugene Clark on August 13, 1962 at Oberlin, Ohio.

4fs) Earl Monroe was born fourth to Freddie, Sr. and Georgia. He was born October 5, 1941 in LaGrange, Ohio and he married Jean Louise Thomas on September 14, 1963 in Oberlin, Ohio. He later married Brenda Kay Deal.
5fs) Fifth child of Freddie, Sr. and Georgia is Philip Ralph, who was born May 9, 1943. He married Jacquelyn Ann Byczynski on July 31, 1964 at Normantown, WV. He later married Katherine Joyce (Henson Muckum).

6fs) Joyce Marie is the sixth child of Freddie, Sr. and Georgia. She was born November 19, 1944 at Normantown and married John Elkin on July 16, 1963 in Oberlin, Ohio.

7fs) Seventh child born to Freddie, Sr. and Georgia is Peggy Ann. She was born November 28, 1948 in Bristol, Harrison County, West Virginia. Peggy married William Charles Elkin July 29, 1966 in Cedarville, WV.

8fs) Thomas Lee is the eighth child of Georgia and Freddie, Sr. He was born on February 19, 1949 in Bristol, WV and married Colleen Sword on November 13, 1965 in Oberlin, Ohio.

9fs) Ninth born to Georgia and Freddie, Sr. is James Eugene, born March 9, 1952 in Oberlin, Lorain County, Ohio. He married Joy Louise Franklin on May 22, 1971 in Lorain, Ohio.

10fs) Katherine Louise is the tenth child of Freddie, Sr. She was born February 2, 1953 in Amherst, Lorain County, Ohio. She married Aulvon Brooks Franklin, Jr. on July 29, 1968 in Lorain, Ohio.

11fs) Number eleven born to Freddie, Sr. and Georgia is David Boyd, born October 7, 1955 in Oberlin, Ohio. He married Deborah Kay Parker on April 12, 1974 in Sheffield Lake, Ohio. Deborah was born on April 10, 1957. David and Deborah have purchased property in Berlin Heights, Ohio where they are building a new home. Deborah says it is interesting to note that four
people from the Gregory family married four people from the Franklin family who hail from Mississippi. As a result David’s brother and sister are also his aunt and uncle by marriage and his niece is also his cousin by marriage. Children of David are Denise Marie born March 23, 1973, Diana Jane born November 6, 1977, David Boyd, Jr. born November 18, 1978 and Daniel Edward born October 7, 1979.

12fs) Larry Wayne is the twelfth child of Freddie, Sr. and Georgia. He was born February 27, 1957 in Oberlin, Ohio and he married Melvonia Farley on October 6, 1973 in Lorain, Ohio.

Newt and Lula’s 9jn) Woodrow Wilson was born August 28, 1914 at Lick Fork in Gilmer County. He married Bertha Virginia Snyder on July 27, 1938. 10jn) Hattie Oleva was born on September 9, 1916 at Lick Fork, and married William John Fogg. 11jn) Nellie Marie was born on August 9, 1918 at Lick Fork, and married Lawrence Harold Snyder on May 12, 1943. 12jn) (Baby boy) was born March 1, 1920 at Lick Fork, and died on June 1 of the same year. 13jn) Hazel Louise was born April 21, 1922 at Lick Fork, and married Alvin Roy Blake on June 8, 1940 in Pomroy, Ohio. 14jn) Leeman H. was born October 25, 1923 at Lick Fork, and died May 28, 1952 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was never married but he was discharged from the armed forces in January 6, 1946.

15jn) Fifteenth child of Newt and Lula 15) Freda Mae was born July 24, 1927 at Lick Fork, and died at Oberlin, Ohio on March 25, 1968. She married Fred Rymer Miller on December 23, 1944. One of their children is Freddie Keith. He was born March 21, 1948 in Parkersburg, West Virginia and married Sherry Rogers in Oakland, Maryland on December 18, 1967. She is the daughter of Clyde and Pearl Rogers. Their children are: 1)

Fourth child of E.C. and Isabelle was 4) Sarah G. “Ellen,” who was born on April 8, 1882. She died at about age 18. 5) Bertha Ann was born on August 15, 1884 in Gilmer County, and died on July 27, 1922. She married Warder Pritt in 1905.

Gilmer County records show the birth of Lela Gregory born to E.C. and Isabelle on May 27, 1886 which was only three months before Elias Delbert was actually born. There is much false information in the Gilmer County records where I got much of my data.

Child number six of E.C. and Isabelle was 6) Elias Delbert “Dell,” born July 19, 1886 at Peachtree, Gilmer County, and died at Calhoun General Hospital on August 29, 1976. Dell was buried September 1 at the Cedarville Cemetery. He married Cena “Cenie” Hawkins on April 18, 1908 at J.H. Burke house in Cedarville. Her parents were Nancy (Swiger) and John Adams Hawkins and she was born at Center Point in Doddridge County, West Virginia. Cena’s father died while she was a young girl in Doddridge County. He was shot by George Washington Ice while they were killing hogs. Mr. Ice missed the hog and shot his neighbor. Cenie died November 26, 1972 at home in Cedarville and was buried at the Cedarville Cemetery on November 29. Their children are:

1) Albert Leon born on April 1, 1909 at Leatherbark. He died on August 23, 1976, and was married to Erma Clara Marks
on June 7, 1931. Children of Albert and "Ermie" are:

![CENA GREGORY (left), with her uncle, Ulysses Grant Prunty (married to John Adams Hawkins' sister, Mary C.), and Lena Beckner.](image)

1a) Lucy "Marie" born May 28, 1932 at Leatherbark. She married Delbert Wilfong on February 26, 1951 in Oakland, Maryland. Delbert's parents are Clarence "Bill" and Tacy Mae (Rhoades) Wilfong. Children of Delbert and Marie are 1) Linda Kay born May 17, 1951. She married Lawrence Stump. Their children are Danny Ray and Wendy Lynn. 2) Gary Lee was born October 15, 1952. He married Judy Ann Samples. Their children are Gary Lee, Jr., Candy Ann, and Christopher Michael. 3) Wilbert Vernon born June 23, 1954. He married Clara Gay Tomey and they had a son Derrick Shane. Wilbert then married Bridgett Bietel. 4) Arelene Marie was born January 3, 1956. She
married Matthew Korzan and their children are Melissa Ann and David. Arlene later married Gary Clemons and their child is Trista Nicole. 5) Rita Lavonne was born May 18, 1959. Rita was married to Rick Peggs and their children are Lisa Ann and Todd Richard. 6) Marsha Dianne was born August 20, 1961 and married Rick Belknap. 7) Sharon Denise was born October 12, 1965 and married Mark David Keesecker.


4al) Charley Junior Gregory is a son of Albert and Erma. He was born June 21, 1944 in Cedarville and married Carolyn
Elaine Rogers on June 11, 1965 in LaGrange, Ohio. Carolyn's parents are Carolyn Ruth (Eagle) and Earl Marvin Rogers. Their children are Susan Rebecca, born December 20, 1965 in Columbus, Ohio. She married Joseph Lee Estep on October 14, 1985 in Huntington, West Virginia. Children of Susan and Joseph are Jessica Elizabeth, born July 7, 1986 and Stephanie LeAnn, born July 2, 1988.

Mary Alice is the youngest child of Albert and Erma.
FAMILY REUNION — The children of Elias Delbert Gregory and Cena (Hawkins) Gregory gather with their parents at Cedar Creek State Park, Gilmer County, West Virginia. Front row (left to right): Mary Gregory, Elias Delbert, Cena, Sarah Ellen (Gregory) Stephens. Middle row (left to right): Evelyn Jean (Gregory) McCullough, Carl Gregory, Goldie Virginia (Gregory) Moore and Lena Grace (Gregory) Jones. Back row (left to right): Madge (Gregory) Adams and Albert Leon Gregory.

Second child of Dell and Cenie was 2ed) Lena "Grace," who was born on May 31, 1910 at Cedarville, and married Paul Revere Jones on May 15, 1932. She died on March 20, 1989. Grace was not given the name of Lena at birth. She and her sisters sat down and chose their own additional names when they were older, according to Goldie Gregory Moore. Grace's home was at Anmoore, WV. Paul and Grace had two children: 1) Betty Lee, who lives at Anmoore; and 2) Paul Lee.
LENA GRACE (GREGORY) JONES and her children, Betty Lee (Jones) Kittle and Paul Lee Jones.
Third child of Dell and Cenie was Flora. She was born November 20, 1911 at Cedarville, and died on February 3, 1970. She married Hershal Kenneth Reaser on January 20, 1932. They had one child: Betty. Betty married Alvy E. Tustin on December 25, 1955. His father was Jacob A. Tustin and his mother was a Freeland. The children of Betty and Alvy are: 1ae) David A. born March 30, 1960 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He married Darlene Champ on September 4, 1982. 2ae) Michael K. was born April 14, 1963, also in Clarksburg.

Fourth child of Dell and Cenie was Sarah “Ellen.” She was born on April 25, 1913 at Cedarville, and died July 28, 1974. She married Clair Emerson Stephens on December 25, 1937. Madge was born November 18, 1914 at Cedarville. She married Everett Connly Adams on March 30, 1935, and died in 1983. Maple was born on June 1, 1916, and died on November 25 of the same year. She was buried on the family farm at Paulser’s Fork. Mary was born on October 13, 1917 at

Peachtree, and died on January 3, 1989. She was never married. In her last years, she lived at the Gregory family home at Cedarville.

Eighth child of Dell and Cena is 8ed) Goldie Virginia was born March 22, 1923 in Gilmer County. She married Samuel Thomas Moore on October 9, 1943. Sam was born on January 29, 1917 in Glenville, West Virginia. Sam's parents are Worthy and Ida. Children of Sam and Goldie are: (1) Barbara, born July 30, 1943. She married Bill Butler, son of Jacob and Josie Butler. They had one child, Jeff Moore, born January 4, 1965. He was adopted and spent his childhood with Sam and Goldie after his mother died three days following his birth on January 7, 1965.
Second child born to Sam and Goldie was (2) Sharon, born November 7, 1948. She married Jim Smith and their children are Jim, born December 5, 1971 and Lisa, born June 21, 1974.

THE AIRPLANE ADVENTURE

Goldie Virginia (Gregory) Moore relates this story about an airplane ride many years ago:

Mary Gregory was living in Parkersburg. Goldie and Barbara Moore, Cena Gregory and Carl Gregory went to visit her.

Goldie and Carl wanted to go ride an airplane, but Cena would not babysit Barbara because she did not want them to ride the plane.
They returned to Cedarville without the ride. Then, Goldie left Barbara with Cena. Goldie and Carl returned to Parkersburg and rode the plane with Mary.
MARY GREGORY and Carl Gregory and airplane.
Ninth child of Dell and Cenie was Carl Harrison. He was born November 26, 1925 at Normantown, Gilmer County, and he died on March 9, 1989 at Calhoun General Hospital. He was baptized February 22, 1959 into Cedar Creek Baptist Church and was buried at the Cedarville Cemetery beside his sister, Mary on March 11. Carl received a diploma from RCA in television repair in 1959 and that is the work he did for most of his life, as well as serving on the Gilmer County School Board. Carl married Mary Elizabeth Crook on June 28, 1947 at the church parsonage of W.H. Beal, in Glenville. Mary was born February 25, 1926 at Duck Run, Gilmer County. Her parents were Robert Minter and Fannie Mae (Wilmoth) Crook. They had one child, Ronald "Ron" Joe. Mary was baptized with Carl. She married Leonard W. Moss on August 29, 1978.

FRONT (left to right): Sharon Moore, Ronald Gregory and Barbara Moore. Back (left to right): Mary Gregory, Mary (Crook) Gregory, Cena (Hawkins) Gregory, Goldie Virginia (Gregory) Moore and Carl Harrison Gregory.
Being a frail kid living two miles from school with no school buses, I guess you could say my educational opportunities were limited. I never figured why with so many schools to teach in, the Master (Oren Sumpter) ended up at a one-room school on Steer Run. It took Mr. Sumpter and me, along with three or four more good boys, to keep that school straight.

I had a loving mother, determined to do what was best for me. Sometimes when I was deathly sick, I would ask if I could stay at home. Dell (my dad) was a little tougher. He never could stand to be lied to. He even went so far as to accuse me of not being sick. Mom would say, “Dell, if he’s sick we can’t make him go to school.” That settled it. I was sick in more ways than one. I was physically sick and I was sick of school.

One day a disease hit me in the middle of the day at school. I begged Mr. Sumpter not to make me suffer by having to stay around those rowdy kids. He finally consented for me to go home. As I left I could just feel the warm blanket Mom would wrap me in, and then carry my food to me. In other words, treating me like any sick kid deserved.

Mr. Sumpter had done a marvelous job teaching me right from wrong. There was a road directly down Steer Run, then up Paulsers Fork to the comfort of my home. I had heard that the shortest way was not necessarily always the best so I considered some options. I went to the hollow where Hazel Alltop lives and down on Steer Creek.

Remember my only reason for doing this was that I was oh, so sick and I thought I could outrun the germ and be all right. It was getting late and me being one not to worry Mom, I took a short cut home. I came down the hollow where Mona Curry
lives. I had an accident on the trip as another boy and I were playing ball in a cornfield. Being as sick and weak as I was, our ball came down on my hand and shoved it down on a snag. It went through my hand. The ball was a small pumpkin.

I honestly believe if the accident hadn't happened I would have been a well boy when I got home. Mom bathed and bandaged my poor hand. She shed tears feeling sorry for me. I was going to have to tell her where and how I got injured. It was no fault of mine. The sickness had probably affected my memory. I told I got hurt in Bub Nutter's bottom. I was glad I said that because the bottom just happened to be along the path I would normally travel when I was not sick.

I rested a few days from the torture of education, with meals served in bed. Then recently a nurse in the hospital asked, "Have you ever had your meals served in bed?"

Mom was a sweet, loving mother who understood me. Otherwise my Dad, who was also dear to me, just not as understanding as Mom probably would have wondered if I was telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Ron had two sons, Ronald, Jr. and Jefferson "Jeff" Davis. He later married Betty Clarkston and they have two children: Elias Clark (named for Elias Delbert) born November 28, 1986 and Chay Harrison (named for Carl Harrison) born April 13, 1989. Carl died exactly

PICTURED: Ronald Joe Gregory, Betty (Clark) Gregory, and their sons, Elias Clark Gregory (back) and Chay Harrison Gregory.
five weeks before Chay was born but he knew what Chay’s name would be before he died. Ron has been the Mayor of Glenville, West Virginia and Kanawha County (WV) Administrator.

Tenth child of Dell and Cenie is 10ed) Evelyn “Jean.” She was born on October 18, 1928 on Pulser Fork, Gilmer County, and married Leeman Ole McCullough on May 6, 1947. Leeman was born on November 11, 1923 in Gilmer County, West Virginia. His parents are Bay and Addie McCullough. They live in Grafton, Ohio. Their children are: 1) Darlene K., born April 3, 1948 in Lodi, Ohio, married John W. Taylor on September 1967 in LaGrange, Ohio. Their children are 1 js) John W., Jr. born July 18, 1968 in Elyria. John married Suzanne Sequin in May 1991.

Child number two of Darlene and John, Sr. is 2) Gregory A., born January 24, 1971 in Elyria. Gregory and Kisty Miller
PICTURED (left to right): Samuel T. Moore, Carl Harrison Gregory, Ronald Joe Gregory, Mary Elizabeth (Crook) Gregory, Sharon Moore, Barbara Moore and Goldie Virginia (Gregory) Moore.

IN OHIO — Seated, front: Sharon Moore and Ronald Joe Gregory. Seated, back: Mergie Moss, Goldie Virginia (Gregory) Moore, Mary Elizabeth (Crook) Gregory, and Mary Gregory.
have one child Jamie Kaitlyn Taylor-Miller. Third child of Darlene and John, Sr. 3jt) Shari L., born August 27, 1974; 4jt) Tari L., August 27, 1974.

Second child of Jean and Leeman is 21m) Larry L., born May 15, 1949 in Elyria, Ohio; 3) Deanna L., born October 31, 1951 in Elyria, married Bill Sipes in September 1972 in Indiana Bill was born May 24, 1940. Their children are Gerry, born March 22, 1973 and Shad, born May 19, 1975.

Fourth child of Jean and Leeman 41m) Rick L., born March 23, 1956 in Elyria; 51m) Mark W., born October 9, 1961 in Elyria married Rhonda Hardman.

Seventh child of E.C. and Isabelle, 7ec) Mary Elizabeth was born March 19, 1888 in Gilmer County, and died January 19, 1971. She married Lewis Pritt (a brother of Warder) on August 8, 1906. 8ec) Alda “Aldie” Virginia was born May 20, 1894. She married Doy E. Pritt on April 28, 1913. 9ec) Lelia (Lela, Leeta) O. was born in 1898 in Gilmer County. She died on August 28, 1950 and was married to a McCord. 10ec) Elzada “Zadie” was born in 1882 at Peachtree, and married Charley R. Starrett on October 12, 1902.

3wh) Jaspeh N. was the third child born to William and Elizabeth in 1860.

4wh) John W., born March 7, 1862 in Upshur County, (West) Virginia, and died December 4, 1881.

.5wh) Sarah E., born March 12, 1864 in Upshur County, West Virginia, and died on October 10, 1898. She was married to Isiah Kerns in Gilmer County on June 12, 1889.

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6wh) Ida F., born March 7, 1867, and died June 5, 1884.

The number seven child of William Henry and Elizabeth was 7wh) Jesse Morgan "Morg," who was born on December 12, 1870 in Webster County, West Virginia, according to his son, Homer, who gave the information for his death, but most of those records burned along with the Webster County Courthouse. He was married to Hannah Oneta Bush in Gilmer County on December 1, 1892. He was 22 and she was 21 at the time of their marriage. He was later married to (Nealie) Thompson and she died in 1940, according to a letter Mrs. Homer Gregory of Muncie, Indiana wrote to Evelyn (Gregory) Crofoot. Mrs. Homer Gregory was 81 years of age at the time she wrote the letter dated 1985. Jesse Morgan died of cancer on June 27, 1943, and is buried at the Macpelah Cemetery in Weston, Lewis County, West Virginia but there is no stone. However, there is a map of the cemetery which shows where he purchased two plots there. Gilmer County records show Mahalia Jane Chapman Gregory, who was a housewife, died on May 11, 1943 of diabetes at age 85 years, 2 months, 6 days with Jesse Morgan as her consort. Guy Stalnaker was listed as the medical doctor. I still do not know where Mahalia Jane Chapman Gregory fits into the scheme of the family.

According to the 1900 Census of Gilmer County, Jesse M. could read and write and did own land at Alice. He was a farmer and a carpenter.

Mrs. Lena (Homer) Gregory listed as Jesse M. Gregory and Hannah O. Bush’s children (the Gilmer County records verify them):

1jm) Bessie was born March 15, 1894 and married William
Cayton. She had one daughter, Blanche Marie Brown, who had a daughter, Janice. Bessie “married several times” and died on December 5, 1867.

2jm) Blanche was born October 6, 1895 and married Kenny Price. They had one son, Edgar. Mrs. (McWhorter) Gregory. Mrs. Homer Gregory believed Blanche and Kenny died in the early part of the 1970s, and were buried in Arizona.

3jm) Homer was born in Gilmer County on July 12, 1902 and married Lena Jessie McWhorter on July 14, 1923. Their children were: 1e) Shirley June born September 12, 1931; 2e) Harold Dean born November 12, 1938; and 3e) Linda Lee born May 30, 1941.

3jm) The Gilmer County records show a girl (Sissy Gregory) born July 27, 1904 at Alice. She died in 1909 of membrain croop at the age of four years, six months and 18 days.

4jm) Ola “Ollie” was born October 12, 1906 and married Bertha Vhdhad. They had one son 1f) Ola, Jr. and a daughter, 2f) Dorthea. Ola died of cancer in June 1984.

5jm) Alinzo Ernest “Lonnie” was born March 23, 1922 and married Margaret Bates. He died May 23, 1984.

6jm) Myron was born April 16, 1909 at Alice in Gilmer County and died in 1924 at age 16.

7jm) Earl Theodore was also the son of Jesse M. and Hannah. He was born on October 12, 1900.

8jm) Thelma Gregory was born in July 27, 1904 and died
on February 14, 1909.

9wh) The last child born to William and Elizabeth Gregory was a male who did not have a name of record, born on March 12, 1856 in Upshur County.

During the War Between the States, in Upshur County, there was a William Gregory listed in the 133rd Militia, Company A for the Union Army. Since the William Henry we are dealing with was living there at that time, according to the children’s birth and census records, I believe this is the same one.

William H. and Elizabeth A. Simmons were listed in the 1860 and 1870 censuses in Upshur County. In 1880 they were listed in the Gilmer County Census. They bought and sold property in Gilmer County, according to records there. William was evidently able to sign his name on the deeds, but Elias Chapman signed for his mother, probably because women did not learn to read and write at that time. The last record I have of the whereabouts of William and Elizabeth is in a deed entered into record in Gilmer County on February 12, 1895. I have searched many West Virginia state and county records with no luck so far.

According to Buell Bush, who lives near where the Gregory property was located, he can recall the property being known as the Morg Gregory place. It is across from Payne Station along Alice Road, where Mr. Bush said there was a house across the creek.

The Gregory Reunion is held each year on the last Sunday in July at the Indian Hollow Reservation (Sheldon Park) in LaGrange, Ohio. It usually lasts from about 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. LeRoy Blake has been the President for the past few years and his address is: P.O. Box 26; Little Hocking, OH 45742.

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